

PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT – OLYMPIA CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2021

Overview: Staff recommend a *Substantial Amendment* to the current Program Year 2021 (9/1/21 – 8/31/22) CDBG Annual Action Plan to **reallocate CDBG-CV funding**. The City proposes a total of \$21,602.27 in unspent CDBG-CV federal funds to be allocated towards a new Public Service activity.

Project: Friendly Faces Program Funds would provide for a temporary expansion of the Familiar Faces Program. One temporary peer specialist position would be created, and the position would serve low-income individuals who are street dependent or experiencing homelessness in downtown Olympia. The funds expand the ability of the City to provide a compassionate and effective trauma-informed response to needs and impacts related to homelessness and street dependency in downtown, an important part of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The project is designed to test the concept of expanding the Familiar Faces program to provide a dedicated resource for non-threatening but more time-consuming individuals in the downtown core.

Proposed Substantial Amendment: This proposed Substantial Amendment must go through our “CDBG Citizen Participation Plan” with 30 days for public comment. This public process can run concurrent to the Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan public process. This meets the definition of a Significant Amendment to the Annual Action Plan because of the following:

- A change in allocation priorities, which is considered a change of federal funds awarded to a project of greater than 30 percent or \$30,000, whichever is greater;
- A major change in the scope of an activity;
- The addition or deletion of a specific activity;
- A change in the beneficiaries of an activities; or

CDBG Eligibility: Rental Rehabilitation is eligible for CDBG funding and meets the national objective of Low-Moderate-Income Limited Clientele Activity:

Other Public Services Not Listed in 03T and 05A-05Y 24 CFR 570.201(e)

DRAFT AMENDMENT OF PROGRAM YEAR 2021 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Highlighted in yellow is the proposed amendment to the Olympia PY 2021 Plan, to be funded by re-allocated funds from prior CDBG years:

Recipient	Project	HUD Goal(s)	HUD Objectives	Proposed Funding
City of Olympia	Friendly Faces	Public Services	LMC – Low/Moderate Income Limited Clientele	21,602.27
Olympia Community Solar	Housing	Energy Efficiency Rehabilitation	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$186,488.60

Catholic Community Services	Housing	Homeless Facilities Rehabilitation	LMC – Low/Moderate Limited Clientele	\$90,000
Rebuilding Together South Sound	Housing	Rental Rehabilitation	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$100,000
Northwest Coop Development Center	Business Training and Technical Assistance	Economic Development	LMJ – Low/Moderate Jobs	\$50,000
Housing Authority Thurston County	Housing	Rental Rehabilitation	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$50,000
Homes First	Housing	Housing Administration	LMH – Low/Moderate Housing	\$50,000
City of Olympia	Olympia Downtown Ambassadors	Public Services	LMC – Low/Moderate Income – Limited Clientele	\$50,000
City of Olympia	Program Administration	N/A	N/A	\$91,548
		PY 2021	ALLOCATIONS	\$709,638.87

PUBLIC COMMENT

The 30-Day public comment period runs from **July 18, 2022 – August 19, 2022**, offering the following options:

- **Written comments:** Olympia City Council, 601 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501 ATTN: CDBG
- **Emails:** cdbg@ci.olympia.wa.us,
- **Phone calls:** 360.233.6197
- **Public hearing:** August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Council
- **Council Approval:** August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Council

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