

Memorandum

Date: May 8, 2020
To: Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive
From: Greg Winter, Opportunity Council Executive Director
Re: Community Development Block Grant funding for home repairs in three counties

Opportunity Council respectfully requests Whatcom County's assistance and support for a grant application for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Washington Department of Commerce for Opportunity Council's ongoing Home Repair Program.

If awarded these WA CDBG funds, Opportunity Council will use the funding over a three-year period to provide deferred loans and grants for the costs of health and safety repairs for approximately 30 homeowners with low-income living in Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties who cannot otherwise afford the cost of home repairs.

The Opportunity Council's role is to work with homeowners to confirm their income eligibility and then to develop the scope of work for the repairs, to solicit bids from private contractors, to coordinate the construction project, and to ensure quality in accordance with good practices and established guidelines of the funding.

The Opportunity Council has successfully delivered this Home Repair Program in the past and is currently finishing up a three-year project funded by a WA CDBG awarded in 2017 for similar purposes. These funds help ensure preservation and durability of homes and the health and safety of families in our community.

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Thank you for consideration of this request.

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