

**WHATCOM COUNTY/OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) COVID-19**  
**Utility/Rent/Mortgage Subsistence Payment Program**

Contract Summary Report: CDBG Public Services Grant#19-62210-015

February 2021

**BACKGROUND:**

WA Department of Commerce has provided counties with emergency COVID 19 Response funding and has utilized the current CDBG public services contract as a vehicle to quickly and efficiently provide the emergency funding. This current CDBG public services grant serves the tri-county areas of Whatcom, Island and San Juan.

The amended contract provides emergency funds to be used specifically for housing assistance for qualifying families impacted by COVID-19 to prevent loss of housing. A total of \$154,946 was funded to serve Whatcom, Island and San Juan counties.

**CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR COVID-19 HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

**2020-21 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES GRANT AMENDMENT BUDGET**

TOTAL to each county (Whatcom, Island, San Juan)	\$ 51,648.67
Direct service/housing assistance	\$ 46,114.88
Indirect	5,533.79
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$154,946.00</b>

**PRIMARY USE OF FUNDS:** Housing assistance for households economically impacted by COVID 19.

**SERVICES PROVIDED** by end of month/close of contract:

- WHATCOM COUNTY – Served 10 households, anticipate serving 5 additional households this month.
- SAN JUAN COUNTY -- Served 20 households
- ISLAND COUNTY -- Served 14 households; anticipate serving 5 additional households this month.

TOTAL: 54 households receive housing assistance, including emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families to prevent loss of housing.