



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution and Public Hearing regarding support for a Community Development Block Grant funding application

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Whatcom County Council in the Council Chambers, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons residing in Whatcom County. \$129,122 is proposed to be available annually to Whatcom, Skagit and Island Counties, through the Opportunity Council, to fund public services that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Comments on the county's and Opportunity Council's past performance and use of their 2018 CDBG Public Services Grant will also be received. A Resolution will be reviewed, which would authorize the County Executive to submit an application to the State of Washington for this funding. The draft grant application, including an overview of the proposed public services, will be available for review at the Whatcom County Executive's office, Suite 108, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, after April 5, 2019. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the Whatcom County Council until the public hearing has been closed.

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### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
03/12/2019	Council	INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING	Council

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03/26/2019 Council

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**Attachments:** Memo-CDBG grant details, Resolution CDBG app Mar2019, Hearing notice 3.26.pdf

**Final Action:** 03/26/2019  
**Enactment Date:** 03/26/2019  
**Enactment #:** RES 2019-016

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 3/12/19

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-016

APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

WHEREAS, Whatcom County is authorized to apply to the state Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County has identified a community development and housing priority need for which to seek CDBG funding and is preparing to submit an application to the State Department of Commerce for funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that certain conditions be met to receive CDBG funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Whatcom County authorizes submission of the following application to the state Department of Commerce: a request for up to \$129,122 and any amended amounts to fund public service activities in coordination with the Opportunity Council, and certifies that, if funded, it:

Will comply with applicable provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and other applicable state and federal laws;

Has provided and will provide opportunities for citizen participation that satisfy the CDBG requirements of 24 CFR 570.486;

Will not use assessments against properties owned and occupied by low- and moderate-income persons or charge user fees to recover the capital costs of CDBG-funded public improvements from low- and moderate-income owner-occupants;

Has established or will establish a plan to minimize displacement as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds; and assist persons actually displaced as a result of such activities, as provided in the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended;

Has provided technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of low- and moderate-income persons that request assistance in developing proposals;

Will provide opportunities for citizens to review and comment on proposed changes in the funded project and program performance;

Will conduct and administer its program in conformance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act, will affirmatively further fair housing (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968); and

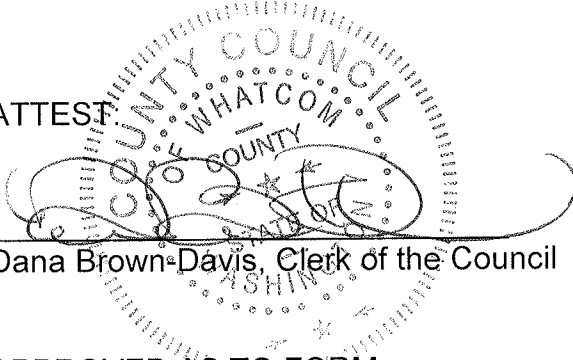
Has adopted and enforces a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and has adopted (or will adopt) and implement a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction, in accordance with Section 104(1) of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act or 1974, as amended;

Certifies to meeting the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through a determination the CDBG-funded public services will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes and are exempt under 24 CFR 58.34(a), and are not applicable to the other requirements under 24 CFR 58.6; and are categorically exempt under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) per WAC 197-11-305 (2); and

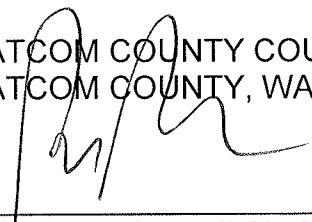
Whatcom County designates Jack Louws, County Executive, as the authorized Chief Administrative Official and authorized representative to act in all official matters in connection with this application and Whatcom County's participation in the Washington State CDBG Program.

APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:

A circular seal for the Whatcom County Council. The outer ring contains the text "WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL" at the top and "WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON" at the bottom. The center features a star and the words "WHATCOM COUNTY". A signature is written across the seal.  
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Rud Browne, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor