

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/19/2020

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Whatcom County authorizes submission of this CDBG application to the state Department of Commerce to request \$500,000 to fund housing rehabilitation 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 adopted or will adopt a policy(s) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with RCW 70.235.070 and certifies this project will adhere to this policy(s);

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

Has adopted (or will adopt) and enforce 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 that 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 of 1974, as amended; and

Whatcom County designates Satpal Sidhu, 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 _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Civil Deputy Prosecutor