

Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Public Defender

Suppl ID # 3295 Fund 1 Cost Center 2673 Originator: Julie Wiles

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 1 2021 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: OPD Limited funds for BLAKE representation

X  9/24/21
 Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4334.0124	Public Defense	(\$41,506)
	6120	Extra Help	\$2,980
	6230	Social Security	\$228
	6255	Other H&W Benefits	\$4
	6259	Worker's Comp-Interfund	\$60
	6269	Unemployment-Interfund	\$8
	6510	Tools & Equip	\$11,207
	Request Total		(\$27,019)

1a. Description of request:

The Whatcom County Public Defender's Office has received grant funding from the Washington State Office of Public Defense in the amount of \$41,506.00 for the purpose of representing individuals seeking to obtain orders to vacate felony convictions or have felony resentencing pursuant to State v. Blake, 481 P.3d 521 (2021). We have two attorneys and at least one legal assistant as well as temp extra help working on the Blake cases. We plan to bill for three of the staff members who are already budgeted for this year and we would like to have budget authority to bill for a couple months of temp extra help and to also purchase computer equipment for the express purpose of working on Blake matters. We will be creating salary savings that we will be able to use for purchasing other office equipment.

1b. Primary customers:

Individuals seeking to obtain orders to vacate felony convictions or have felony resentencing pursuant to State v. Blake.

2. Problem to be solved:

This plan will allow our department to help pay for temp extra help already working on Blake matters and to purchase needed equipment for staff members working on Blake related matters.

3a. Options / Advantages:

OPD has already granted this funding. We only require permission to use these funds. We are overloaded with Blake case related tasks, understaffed, and need to purchase computer equipment.

3b. Cost savings:

The cost savings for the County could come to \$41,506.00.

4a. Outcomes:

With this additional funding, the Public Defender's Office will create salary savings and allow the department to purchase equipment that will help us process cases more efficiently.

4b. Measures:

Granting this supplemental request will allow our department to attempt to stay within State Standards of Public Defense and contribute to better staff retention and morale.

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5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Granting this request will support adequate staffing to timely process Blake cases.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

None

6. Funding Source:

The Washington State Office of Public Defense is the sole source of the funding for this request.

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Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 3498 Fund 1 Cost Center 4296 Originator: Suzanne Mildner

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 1 2021 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: OppCo CV2 CDBG Grant

X  9/27/21
Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4333.1422	HUD-CDBG	(\$385,466)
	6610	Contractual Services	\$385,466
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

This request is for additional funding (CV2) to an existing CDBG contract (CV1) which supports activities to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus in partnership with Opportunity Council for the CV1/CV2 consortium area (Whatcom County and all its cities). These funds will result in public services, microenterprise assistance, and housing planning for the Whatcom service area in order to stabilize eligible households and microenterprises impacted by COVID-19 and create economic opportunities.

1b. Primary customers:

CDBG-eligible households and businesses in Whatcom County

2. Problem to be solved:

This grant funding is accessed through the local government in partnership with our subrecipient Opportunity Council, who will oversee the delivery of services through both their public services program as well as the microenterprise assistance program. This additional funding also provides for planning activities related to LMI housing in the Ferndale area.

3a. Options / Advantages:

N/A

3b. Cost savings:

N/A

4a. Outcomes:

Eligible public services will benefit approximately 260 persons as well as approximately 16 microenterprise businesses. Planning-only CDBG CV funds will benefit approximately 250 people based upon an estimated 100 units of housing affordable to LMI households to be produced by the plan. This will occur over the course of the contract period which ends 1/31/23.

4b. Measures:

Grant reports and planning reports will be submitted through the course of the grant period.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Opportunity Council

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Greg Winter, Opportunity Council Executive Director; David Webster, Director of Early Learning and Family Services

6. Funding Source:

Federal funding from HUD through the Washington State Department of Commerce's CDBG Program.

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Suppl ID # 3421 Fund 1 Cost Center 4025 Originator: Tawni Helms

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 1 2021 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: Indigent Burial budget increase

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6630	Professional Services	\$12,000
	Request Total		\$12,000

1a. Description of request:

As per Whatcom County Code 2.06.120 the medical examiner, after accepting jurisdiction for indigent unclaimed human remains, shall arrange for the transportation and cremation of such remains at the county expense. This budget supplemental will cover the current shortfall and provide enough budget authority based on the this years number of claims submitted..

1b. Primary customers:

2. Problem to be solved:

The cost for this service fluctuates from year to year. This year we have seen a marked increase in the number claims for indigent burial as higher than projected claims have been submitted. This budget supplemental will cover the current shortfall and provide enough budget authority based on the annual projections.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Whatcom County is obligated to cover this cost per county code 2.06.120

3b. Cost savings:

n/a

4a. Outcomes:

Whatcom County can pay the claims submitted and approved for indigent cremation.

4b. Measures:

Claims will be paid.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Medical Examiners Office

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Medical Examiner

6. Funding Source:

General Fund