

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2016 HOME Program (Longview & Kelso) 2016 Document Recording Fee Program

Community Development Block Grant

This program was created to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, create a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Project activities must principally benefit **Longview** residents. Funded through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

2016 CDBG projects will be limited to:

- **Main Entitlement \$184,842** *Streetscape and/or streetlight improvements in Downtown to encourage economic revitalization.*
- **Public Services \$42,655** *Stabilization and revitalization activities—e.g., food bank expansion, legal services to low-income families and veterans, senior services, childcare, Fair Housing training, crime reduction program development in the Highlands, Olympic West, and Broadway neighborhoods. Emphasis on activities addressing the needs of seniors and families with children.*
- **Planning Funding \$14,218** *Plans for agencies, projects, or new programs to benefit low-income families and individuals.*

Projects are selected on a locally competitive basis. Projects must:

- *Principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons; or*
- *Prevent or eliminate slums or blight*

Proposals for CDBG must be submitted by April 19, 2016

HOME Program for Affordable Housing

Longview & Kelso - This program provides funding to agencies, developers, and businesses to increase and maintain affordable housing in Longview and Kelso. Housing projects must target persons with incomes less than 80% of the Cowlitz County Median Income based on family size. Funded the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

2016 HOME projects will be limited to:

- **Longview funding will be approximately \$127,743.53.** *Rental unit rehabilitation and/or homeowner unit rehabilitation in the Highlands, Downtown, Olympic West and Broadway neighborhoods and; Tenant Based Rent Assistance.*
- **Community Development Organization set-aside 42,655.95.** *Affordable housing activities to be undertaken by a private nonprofit, community-based or service organization.*
- **Kelso funding will be approximately \$42,581.** *Renter or homeowner rehabilitation*

Document Recording Fee

This **Longview** program provides for a variety of housing projects for persons with incomes at or below 30% of the Median Income for Cowlitz County based on family size. Operation and maintenance of Housing Trust Fund projects and shelters are also eligible under this program. **Approximately \$28,000 is available for funding in Longview.** Projects must be consistent with the Longview-Kelso HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan and the Cowlitz County ten year plan to end homelessness. Funded by the Cowlitz County Document Recording Fee Surcharge.

**Proposals for HOME & Document Recording Fee projects
Must be submitted by April 28, 2016**

Kelso City Council HOME
Public Hearing/Project Selection
TBD

Longview City Council HOME & DRF
Public Hearing/Project Selection –
Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM

All projects will be available for public review one week prior to their public hearing.

For more information, technical assistance and Project Design Form
Contact Adam Trimble, 360.442.5092, 7 AM – 6 PM, Monday through Thursday.

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See the following link for the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan: <http://www.mylongview.com/cdbg>

