



Legislation Text

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**PUBLIC HEARING: 2017 HOME PROJECT ALLOCATIONS**

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Preserve and enhance neighborhoods

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

This public hearing is to allocate 2017 HOME Investment Partnership Program funding, and Document Recording Fee project funding. The Public Hearing will be held to review and consider affordable housing projects submitted for funding and receive public comment for allocations.

Three (3) HOME projects and three (3) Document Recording Fee projects have been received. All project designs have been made available for Council review. Public Review has been made available at the Community Development Office and on the City's HOME Website.

Funding for 2017 for the Longview-Kelso HOME is estimated at \$244,413 of which Longview's portion is \$128,435.48

2017 Document Recording Fee funding from Cowlitz County totaling \$30,6200 will be available. 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.

The HOME projects are:

**2016 Longview HOME Project Summaries**

**Amount Available: \$128,435.48 (estimated)**

**Amount Requested: \$265,709.00**

**Rehabilitation of Low-Income Homes-** Rehabilitate 4 homes for low and moderate income households to a standard of eligibility for separately funded weatherization assistance. Lower Columbia Community Action Program **\$115,590**

**Foundation For the Challenged HOMES XI** - Rehabilitate one home for 4 extremely low-income individuals with a developmental disability to receive 24/7 support services. Foundation for the Challenged **\$55,000**

**Neighborhood Revitalization (Highlands; Olympic West & Broadway Neighborhoods with priority in Highlands and Broadway)** Construct one or two single family homes in a target neighborhood to create save, affordable housing.

**Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity 1 home \$39,000 2 homes \$78,000**

Each year, 5% of the HOME program funds are set aside for operating costs for a community housing development organization:

**Consortium Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Designation and Funding**  
**CHDO 5% Operating Costs**

The Lower Columbia Community Action Program has applied to be the consortium's Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). If designated, Lower Columbia CAP will receive funds for operating and capacity building costs including salaries and benefits, training, department pro-rated cost allocations (rent, phone, etc.), equipment, materials, supplies and tools. The amount will be 5% of the 2017 HOME allocation.

**Lower Columbia Community Action Program \$12,231.95**

Requires approval from Consortium Partners (Longview and Kelso City Councils)

The Document Recording Projects are:

**2017 Longview Document Recording Fee**

**Amount Available: \$30,620                      Amount Requested: \$47,723.00**

**Continued Operation Funding for Community House on Broadway** - Operational support for the area's homeless rehabilitation center. Community House on Broadway **\$23,000**

**Domestic Violence Shelter Program** - Provide shelter and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and other crimes. This project supports operating costs for the shelter. Emergency Support Shelter **\$12,000**

**Cowlitz Youth Outreach Center Operations**- provide services and housing to homeless youth in Cowlitz County.

Housing Opportunities Of SW Washington, and Janus Youth Services **\$12,723.00**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION(s)**

- 1) Motion to award 2017 HOME program funds as follows: **Lower Columbia Community Action Program \$128,435 for a minimum of 4 homes.**
- 2) Motion to award 2017 Document Recording Fees projects to the Emergency Support Shelter for \$10,000 and the Community House on Broadway for \$20,620.
- 3) Motion to approve Lower Columbia Community Action Program as the recipient of the Consortium Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside and operating costs funds for 2017 and designated CHDO.