



Legislation Text

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PUBLIC HEARING TO COLLECT COMMENTS AND ALLOCATE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Preserve and enhance neighborhoods

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This public hearing will be held to review and consider 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project designs submitted to the City, to hear public comment and make funding allocations.

A total of five CDBG project designs have been received: one project for Main Entitlement funding, and one project for Public Services and three Planning projects were received. Public Review of projects is available on the City's CDBG webpage <http://www.mylongview.com/CDBG>.

Funding for 2016 CDBG is at \$284,373.00, funded through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG projects and funding amounts between 2007 and 2016 are listed on the attached document.

A summary of submitted projects by category is as follows:

Main Entitlement

Amount Available: \$184,842 Amount Requested: \$200,000

Downtown Corridor Improvement Phase III - Provide streetscape improvement on Commerce Ave. between Hudson St. and Hemlock St. **\$200,000**

Public Service

Amount Available: \$42,655 Amount Requested: \$42,655

Help Warehouse - Distribute food and USDA commodities to persons in need and deliver food to Senior/Low income apartments...Lower Columbia Community Action Program **\$42,655.**

Planning

Amount Available: \$14,218 Amount Requested: \$31,818

Lower Columbia Community Action Program- Longview Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Assessment of low-income geographic areas within the City of Longview to identify and prioritize specific distressed and blighted areas which have the potential for neighborhood transformation. **\$14,218**

Cowlitz Wahkiakum Legal Aid- Planning for Open Door Program. Twelve legal clinics will be held with residents of Longview who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to determine legal barriers to stability and use the data to plan for increased capacity within the agency. **\$3,600**

Lifeworks- The Future of Affordable Housing with Support Services for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities in Longview. A study of the Longview area for affordable housing for children and

adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Assess needs for more housing in the next 5+ years and evaluate ability of community to fulfill the needs of this population. **\$14,000**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to allocate \$184,842 to Downtown Corridor Improvement project and \$42,655 to the Help Warehouse and to retain the funds available for Planning projects for administration costs.

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