



**Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment  
Proposed Substantial Amendment  
Snohomish County Housing and Community Development  
2019 Annual Action Plan**

Snohomish County (County), as lead agency of the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium, seeks public review and comment on a proposed substantial amendment to the Consortium's 2019 Annual Action Plan to add the third phase of supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV3) funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.

The Annual Action Plan describes how certain grant funds will be used during the year to help meet the five-year goals set forth in the Consortium's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The sources of grant funds include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The funds are used to provide support affordable housing and community development projects which benefit low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods within the county. The Annual Action Plan includes funding allocations to specific activities.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, made available supplemental CDBG funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (CDBG-CV). The CDBG-CV3 grant funds must be added to the Consortium's most recent CDBG Annual Action Plan through the same process used for the Consortiums' entitlement CDBG funds. The CDBG-CV3 funds will be added to our existing 2019 Annual Action Plan by way of our Citizen Participation Plan and substantial amendment process, in accordance with our existing requirements and flexibilities in the CARES Act.

**Summary of Proposed Amendment**

Snohomish County is making the proposed substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan available for a five-day public review and comment period from Monday July 19, 2021, through July 23, 2021.

Snohomish County will allocate \$3,095,878 in CDBG-CV3 funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus and proposes to allocate 40% of the CDBG-CV3 funds for public services; 20% for economic development; 20% for public facilities and infrastructure, and 20% for planning and administrative costs. The CDBG-CV3 funds are proposed to be allocated to the following projects and programs:

**1. Public Services**

A total of \$1,238,351 in CDBG-CV3 funds will be used for the "Employment Support Services Program." In response to the pandemic, the program will provide outreach and individualized employment

services to engage, connect and support individuals and families who are experiencing housing instability or homelessness to obtain and maintain employment stability. At least 51% of the those served with the funds will be low- and moderate-income, who reside in Snohomish County, outside the cities of Everett and Marysville.

The following agencies will be allocated CDBG-CV3 funds to carry out an Employment Support Services Program:

- a. \$206,391: Cares of Washington;
- b. \$206,391: Housing Hope;
- c. \$206,391: Orion Industries;
- d. \$206,395: Refugee and Immigrant Services NW;
- e. \$206,391: Seattle Goodwill Industries; and
- f. \$206,391: TRAC Associates.

## **2. Economic Development**

A total of \$619,176 will be used to provide grants to small businesses (microenterprises of five or fewer employees, including the owner(s)) to establish, stabilize, or expand new or existing microenterprises through the following program:

Workforce Snohomish - Snohomish County Small Business Relief, Recovery, and Resiliency Program.

## **3. Public Facilities and Infrastructure**

A total of \$619,176 will be used to fund public facilities and infrastructure projects that are carried out to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. Specific projects will be determined. A Notice of Funding Availability will be published inviting applications for public facility and infrastructure projects. Types of eligible projects include:

- **Infrastructure:** Acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements such as: sewer projects, flood drainage facilities, solid waste disposal facilities, neighborhood parks, recreation, open space, streets, sidewalks and walkways, and removal of architectural barriers.
- **Public Facilities:** Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of community facilities, such as food banks, senior centers, community centers.

## **4. Administration Costs**

A total of \$619,175 will be used by Snohomish County, the grant recipient and lead agency of the Snohomish County Consortium, to undertake required CDBG-CV3 grant planning and administration activities.

### **Public Review and Comment:**

All interested persons are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed substantial amendment.

- **A copy of the full text of the proposed amendment is available at the following locations:**

- on-line at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2892/Consolidated-Plan-for-2015-2019>

- By requesting a copy (contact information listed below).
- **Written comments must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on July 23, 2021.** Comments may be submitted via e-mail or mail. Comments received will be taken into consideration before final action on the proposed amendment.
- **Reasonable accommodations** will be made upon request for persons with disabilities to provide the amendment information in an alternate format or to submit a comment in other formats (contact information listed below).

**For additional information, or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Debra May** by email at [debra.may@snoco.org](mailto:debra.may@snoco.org), by phone at 425-388-3264, by TTY at 711, or by mail at: Snohomish County Human Services Department – OHCD M/S 305, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.