

City of Mount Vernon

Community Development Block Grant  
Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2021  
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Public Comment Draft

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## Executive Summary

This Summary presents the principal recommendations concerning funding, priorities, and related policy matters covered in the body of the submittals that the City of Mount Vernon will submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to describe how the City proposes to use HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocation for the upcoming Program Year. At this time, the City does not anticipate receiving any additional CARES Act CDBG for the 2021 program year; earlier CARES Act CDBG allocations are included in amendments to the Annual Action Plan for the 2019 Program Year (July 2019-June 2020) during which the Covid-19 pandemic was declared a national emergency.

This Summary is provided for the convenience of individuals who wish to review the Public Comment Draft and will not be included in this format in the final document submitted to the HUD.

### Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2021

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development notified the City of Mount Vernon on February 25, 2021, that the City has been offered an allocation of CDBG funding, \$369,122, for use during the 2021 Program Year beginning July 1, 2021. The City proposes allocating this CDBG-CV \$369,122 allocation as follows, consistent with the City's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan that was previously reviewed and approved by HUD.

2021 Annual Action Plan Program Areas and Projects	Program Areas		Projects
Support public facilities for revitalization	29.8%	\$110,000	
Mount Vernon floodwall project loan repayment			\$110,000
Support public facilities for revitalization	10.8%	\$40,000	
Food bank distribution facility improvements			\$40,000
Increase supply of affordable owner-occupied housing	27.1%	\$100,000	
Skagit Habitat for Humanity homebuyer assistance			\$100,000
Supportive efforts to reduce poverty	15.0%	\$55,368	
Community Action of Skagit County public services			\$55,368
Administration and planning	17.3%	\$63,754	
City of Mount Vernon administrative costs			\$63,754
<b>Total allocation for Program Year 2020</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$369,122</b>	<b>\$369,122</b>

## **2021 Annual Action Plan Program Areas and Project Descriptions:**

1. **Support public facilities for revitalization:** The City of Mount Vernon used a CDBG Section 108 loan from HUD for a portion of the construction costs of the Skagit River floodway project, and the City is making annual payments to repay the loan.
2. **Support public facilities for revitalization:** The City of Mount Vernon residents are the majority of Helping Hands Food Bank's clientele at a public facility that provides a direct benefit to a limited clientele who can be presumed to have low-incomes.
3. **Increase supply of affordable owner-occupied housing:** Skagit Habitat for Humanity will use CDBG for homeownership assistance activities, using CDBG as a direct benefit for CDBG-eligible homebuyers who need downpayment assistance to afford the purchase of a home.
4. **Supportive efforts to reduce poverty:** Community Action of Skagit County will use CDBG to provide CDBG-eligible public services for people with low-income through activities at Community Action's housing resource center.
5. **Administration and planning:** The City of Mount Vernon will use CDBG funding for planning and administration to implement the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and the 2021 Annual Action Plan, and to comply with applicable regulations.