

City of Mount Vernon

Community Development Block Grant  
Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2022

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

With Amendments to Action Plans for  
Program Year 2018 and 2020  
To reallocate unspent CDBG funding

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 (HUD) to describe how the City proposes to use HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocation during the upcoming Program Year which begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

At this time, the City does not anticipate receiving any additional CARES Act CDBG for the 2022 program year; earlier CARES Act CDBG allocations were 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 be included in the online forms that will be submitted to HUD.

### Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2022

HUD notified the City that the City will be offered an allocation of CDBG funding, estimated at \$380,000, for use during the 2022 Program Year beginning July 1, 2022. Consistent with the City's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan that was previously reviewed and approved by HUD, the City proposes allocating this CDBG \$380,000 as follows:

| 2022 Annual Action Plan Program Areas and Projects      | Program Areas |                  | Projects         |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Support public facilities for revitalization            | 28.9%         | \$110,000        |                  |
| Mount Vernon floodwall project loan repayment           |               |                  | \$110,000        |
| Increase supply of affordable rental housing            | 39.2%         | \$149,000        |                  |
| Friendship House renovation/preservation project        |               |                  | \$149,000        |
| Supportive efforts to reduce poverty                    | 15.0%         | \$57,000         |                  |
| Community Action of Skagit County public services (10%) | 10.0%         |                  | \$38,000         |
| Volunteers of America Services for Youth (5%)           | 5.0%          |                  | \$19,000         |
| Administration and planning                             | 16.9%         | \$64,000         |                  |
| City of Mount Vernon administrative costs               |               |                  | \$63,754         |
| <b>Total allocation for Program Year 2020</b>           | <b>100%</b>   | <b>\$380,000</b> | <b>\$369,122</b> |

If the actual HUD allocation is more or less than \$380,000, the numbers above will be adjusted so that 15% of the total will be divided as 10% for Community Action and 5% for Volunteers of America. The funding for the floodwall project and administration and planning can remain unchanged, and any remaining amount will be absorbed by the Friendship House project.

The City may amend the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan to incorporate a new Goal statement that will allow for the possibility of a City application for a HUD Section 108 loan as a component of the Mount Vernon Library Commons project. The amendment does not require any CDBG funding from the City during the 2022 Action Plan

The Action Plan for the 2022 program year may amend the Action Plan for the 2018 program year to re-allocate \$100,000 of unspent funds to the proposed property renovation project of Friendship House, and may amend the Action Plan for the 2020 program year to re-allocate \$23,950 of unspent funds to the proposed renovation project of Friendship House.

### **2022 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 rental housing:** Friendship House will use CDBG for renovation and preservation of its property that provides affordable rental housing.
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. Volunteers of America will use CDBG to provide services to youth through its Youth Diversion Program and related services.
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 2022 Annual Action Plan, and to comply with applicable regulations.