

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Mount Vernon receives an annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for community development and affordable housing needs. The City has received CDBG funds since 2004. Every five years, as a condition of receiving this federal financial assistance, the City is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare a "Consolidated Plan." The Consolidated plan consists of a Strategic Plan covering a five-year period, and an annual action plan during each of those five years. The 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan guides the annual action plans and can be amended, if needed, after appropriate public notice and citizen participatoin.

The Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan brings needs and resources together in a coordinated strategy to meet housing, community development, and non-urgent needs. Developed at the commencement of each Consolidated Plan term, the Strategic Plan serves as a guide for developing the annual Action Plans.

The Strategic Plan is designed to achieve the following CDBG and National Objectives:

CDBG Objectives

- Provide decent housing
- Create suitable living environments
- Expand economic opportunities

National Objectives

- Benefit persons with low-income*
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Meet a need having a particular urgency

**For the purposes of the Strategic Plan Section, the term "low-income" will include those households with income at or below 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted by HUD for household size*

The basic elements of the Consolidated Plan include:

- Public and Stakeholder Input

- Needs Assessment
- Housing Market Analysis
- Strategic Plan, and
- First-Year Action Plan

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Mount Vernon’s five-year plan goals include (A) increasing the supply of affordable rental housing, (B) maintaining existing affordable housing stock, (C) supporting public facilities for neighborhood revitalization including using Section 108 funding for new facilities in downtown Mount Vernon, (D) increasing the supply of affordable owner-occupied housing through direct financial assistance for low-income homebuyers, and (E) supporting efforts to reduce poverty. In 2020, a Consolidated Plan amendment added an additional goal to the five-year plan, (F) assisting microenterprises with technical and financial assistance.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The 2020 and prior Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPER) identified the goals and accomplishments for the previous years against the outcomes expected in the Consolidated Plan. In reviewing activities accomplished with its federal funding the last fiscal year, the City of Mount Vernon advanced its goals of increasing the capacity of housing and human service organizations to serve people experiencing poverty or low-income and to provide effective support services. The funded projects were selected based on consultation with local agencies and in response to the area’s countywide Continuum of Care Plan. For example, funds were allocated to Community Action of Skagit County for public services provided to city residents.

In addition, during the prior Consolidated Plan and continuing in the current Conplan, the City chose to focus attention and resources on the revitalization of one of its highest concentration low-income neighborhoods – the downtown area (Census Tract 9525, especially block group 3). Funds were allocated to implementing a flood hazard mitigation project to protect the neighborhood from catastrophic flooding from the adjacent Skagit River. The City uses a portion of its annual CDBG grant to repay HUD for a Section 108 loan that was used for construction.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

To prepare the Consolidated Plan and annual action plans, the City consults with appropriate public and private agencies and conducts two public hearings to obtain citizen input. This assures that the Consolidated Plan and annual action plans documents are comprehensive. A draft action plan for the program year beginning July 1, 2022, was made available for review and comment by the public between March 29, 2022 and April 27, 2022. A summary of citizen comments is in the General section of this document under Citizen Participation.

The City consulted with key stakeholder groups and organizations in the process of developing the Consolidated Plan. The City consulted with the following community groups during the preparation of the plan:

- Community Action of Skagit County
- Skagit County Public Health
- Housing Authority of Skagit County
- Mount Vernon Downtown Association
- Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County
- Home Trust of Skagit
- Friendship House
- Skagit Habitat for Humanity
- Helping Hands Food Bank
- Volunteers of America Western Washington
- City of Mount Vernon elected officials and staff

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS: The City Council Public Hearing on the Annual Action Plan was held on February 9, 2022, following a public notice that was published in English and Spanish. The purpose of the hearing was to obtain the views of citizens and other interested parties on the housing and nonhousing community development needs of the City before the 2022 Annual Action Plan was prepared. On April 27th, the City Council held a second Public Hearing and discussion of the draft plan prior to taking Council action to approve the plan.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

A document containing all public comments received is attached along with the Legal Notices about the two Public Hearings.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments were considered during the development of the annual action plan.

7. Summary

The City of Mount Vernon's Strategic Plan outlines the housing and community development goals and strategies to meet priority needs with available resources. This Strategic Plan covers the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.

PRIORITIES: The level of need in a community is always greater than the resources available to meet those needs. The City uses priorities and goals to form the basis for determining what types of housing and community development programs they will fund over the next five years. The City has identified the following general priorities (not in priority order) for the use of CDBG funding.

Priority 1. Homelessness: The Washington State Legislature required all Counties to develop a plan to reduce homelessness. The City adopts, by reference, Skagit County's Homeless Plan, including its goals and strategies.

Priority 2. Increase affordable housing supply: The cost of rental and homeowner housing is beyond the reach of many Mount Vernon households who are homeless or struggling with a severe housing cost burden, putting their future tenancy at risk. The City's CDBG program is part of a larger strategy as it relates to housing within the City of Mount Vernon.

Priority 3. Public facilities to support revitalization: The opportunities for Downtown Mount Vernon revitalization are many, and they promise to increase safety and create economic development opportunities that will increase employment and housing for LMI area residents. Some of the revitalization activities include construction of the Library Commons project, possibly with Section 108 funding, and other improvements will require upgrades to, or construction of new infrastructure (e.g. pedestrian mobility improvements, utilities, flood hazard mitigation facilities, etc.).

Priority 4. Preservation: Preservation strategies are needed to maintain the stock of existing affordable housing resources.

Priority 5. Supportive efforts to reduce the impacts of poverty: Public services are needed to help individuals and families with low income and/or special needs obtain basic needs, food, housing, employment, health, and other important services.

Priority 6. Administration and planning: Implementation of this consolidated plan requires certain administrative and planning activities including the development of the plan, environmental review of projects, subrecipient monitoring, development of fair housing information, and other activities required by law.

GOALS: Based on the needs, housing market analysis and priorities, the Strategic Plan proposes the following goals during the five year plan:

- Increase supply of affordable rental homes
- Support public facilities for revitalization
- Supportive efforts to reduce the impacts of poverty
- Maintain affordable housing stock
- Increase supply of affordable owner-occupied homes
- Assist microenterprises with technical and financial assistance
- Administration and planning

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	MOUNT VERNON	
CDBG Administrator	MOUNT VERNON	Special Projects Manager
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Mount Vernon CDBG program is managed by the City Special Projects Manager who is located in the Mayor's Office.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

As part of its Consolidated Plan development, the City undertook an outreach program to consult and coordinate efforts by nonprofit agencies, affordable housing providers, and government agencies. The outreach program has been summarized in the Executive Summary and Citizen Participation sections of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

Public and low-income housing providers, as well as governmental planning, health, mental health and service agencies, have close working relationships in Mount Vernon and Skagit County. Skagit County Public Health is the lead agency for homeless housing and behavioral health activities in the community. The City consults regularly with the local Continuum of Care (Skagit County Coalition to End Homelessness). The City also consults regularly with the Housing Authority of Skagit County and other agencies and advocates involved in housing affordability.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City has incorporated into the Strategic Plan, the local Continuum of Care plan to end homelessness, which is the blueprint for prioritizing the use of CDBG and other funds toward the goals of ending homelessness in the City.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction’s area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City has coordinated with Skagit County Public Housing, the Skagit County Coalition to End Homelessness, and Community Action of Skagit County, the organizations most responsible for using ESG funds and for administering HMIS for service providers who operate in the City. The City has incorporated their goals, strategies, activities, and outcomes in its Consolidated Plan.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Action of Skagit County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	One-on-one meetings with senior staff and multi-agency meetings. Participated in various committees in which they provided input to the groups. Anticipate continued coordination of public services activities and increased coordination of homeless activities.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	SKAGIT COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	One-on-one meetings with senior staff and multi-agency meetings. Anticipate increased coordination of homeless activities and other CDBG-eligible and HOME-eligible activities as part of the Skagit County Consortium processes.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Skagit Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Sweat equity and volunteer homebuilding
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	One-on-one meetings with senior staff and board members, and multi-agency meetings. Anticipate continued coordination of homeownership activities.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Skagit County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	One-on-one meetings with senior staff. HA staff have met with local agencies to discuss possible opportunities to connect housing projects to HOME and CDBG funding, emphasized the need to increase affordable housing stock.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Home Trust of Skagit
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Permanently affordable homeownership
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participation in meetings with senior staff and board members, and multi-agency meetings. Home Trust successfully used CDBG for homeownership assistance activities. Note also the Home Trust of Skagit is a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

There is no Community-Based Development Organization (CBDO) or Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Agency (NRSA) currently.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Community Action of Skagit County	The Strategic Plan (in section SP-60) has adopted the major strategies of the 10-year Plan
Skagit County Consortium Consolidated Plan	Skagti County Public Health	Mount Vernon's Annual Action Plan is compatible with the Consortium's plans.
Skagit County Housing Affordability Strategy	Skagti County Public Health	Building a better, coordinated strategy for LMI-affordable homes and related issues
WA Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plans	Skagit County and towns and cities in Skagit County	GMA requires plans that result in the: "availability of housing affordable to all economic segments..."

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Citizen participation efforts included direct outreach to organizations and stakeholder groups, public notices, including notices published in Spanish to accommodate the high percentage of Mount Vernon residents who do not speak English very well or at all. The impact on goal setting was particularly strong for the planned efforts and priorities for homeless strategies, affordable housing, and Downtown Mount Vernon redevelopment efforts.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No responses directly to the ad, which was a public notice for the public hearing	See comments of February 9th and April 27th public hearings	Not applicable	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>City of Mount Vernon Council Public Hearings were accessible and attended by members of the community</p>	<p>See attached comments from Public Hearings</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	
3	One-on-one discussions	<p>Public and private agencies</p>	<p>Most agencies quite interested in sharing their perspective on priorities</p>	<p>Wide variety of perspectives, general agreement about housing as a top priority along with public services and microenterprise assistance using CDBG</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City anticipated annual CDBG grant funds of approximately \$400,000 per year during the five-year Consolidated Plan and will receive \$359,983 for the 2022-2023 program year. Approximately \$110,000 of each year’s CDBG grant will be used to repay the floodwall Section 108 loan principal, plus accrued interest. The balance of the 2022-2023 budget will be used for for public services, for affordable housing, and for general administration and planning. The City will publish notices and solicit comments for any substantial amendments that equal 10% or more of the annual CDBG grant amount.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	359,983	0	0	359,983	0	Funds used for public facilities, public services, affordable housing, and admin/planning

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funds the City receives through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) are used to leverage other federal, state, local and private resources to meet housing and community development needs. While matching funds are not currently required for the City's CDBG program, the City anticipates that most major projects will be funded primarily through non-CDBG resources. For example, the recently funded multi-family supportive housing project will be funded primarily through the low-income housing tax credit program and the WA State Housing Trust Fund, with a relatively small local investment of CDBG dollars. The City owns land that was used to complete the flood hazard control project in the Downtown neighborhood, and most of the \$30,000,000 floodwall project has come from non-CDBG sources.

In the 2022 Annual Action Plan, the City anticipates using a CDBG Section 108 loan as a component of the Mount Vernon Library Commons project. The amendment does not require any of the \$359,983 in 2022 CDBG funding during the 2022 Action Plan.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not applicable

Discussion

The draft Annual Action Plan that was circulated for public review was based on an estimated grant of \$380,000. The AAP has been updated to reflect the actual amount awarded, \$359,983 by adjusting the amount for public services to keep within the 15 percent limit, by maintaining the amount needed for Section 108 loan repayment, and by adjusting the amount for other projects.

The City's Section 108 loan application will be reviewed by HUD as a separate document that is anticipated in the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Increase supply of affordable rental housing	2018	2022	Affordable Housing	City of Mount Vernon	Increase affordable housing supply	CDBG: \$131,986	Other: 1 Other
2	Support public facilities for revitalization	2018	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON	Public facilities to support revitalization	CDBG: \$110,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Households Assisted
3	Supportive efforts to reduce poverty	2018	2022	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Mount Vernon	Assist special needs populations	CDBG: \$53,997	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1200 Households Assisted
6	Administration and planning	2018	2022	Administration and Planning	City of Mount Vernon	Administration and planning	CDBG: \$64,000	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Increase supply of affordable rental housing
	Goal Description	CDBG will assist Friendship House with the renovation of their residence that provides affordable rental housing for people with low income who have experienced homelessness
2	Goal Name	Support public facilities for revitalization
	Goal Description	Repayment of HUD Section 108 loan used for floodwall construction project and application for a new Section 108 loan for the Library Commons project.
3	Goal Name	Supportive efforts to reduce poverty
	Goal Description	Ten percent of \$359,983 will be used by Community Action for public services and five percent will be used by Volunteers of America.
6	Goal Name	Administration and planning
	Goal Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

This year, the \$359,983 CDBG will be used for:

Public services – 15.0%

Public facilities – 30.6%

Affordable rental housing preservation - 36.7%

Administration – 17.8%

In addition, the City anticipates applying for a Section 108 loan for the Library Commons project.

#	Project Name

Table 7 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation priorities are based on the needs and market analysis identified in the Consolidated Plan, along with requests from housing and nonprofit agencies for funding assistance.

The 2022 Action Plan includes funding to address public facility improvements in Downtown Mount Vernon as part of the City's Downtown revitalization strategy. Approximately 31% of the 2022 CDBG allocation will be used to make one annual payment (including interest) on the City's Section 108 Loan (the total loan amount was \$1,000,000) that was used to fund the remaining work on the flood wall that will protect Downtown Mount Vernon residents and businesses, and create a suitable environment for substantial private investment.

The public (human) service funding was based on priorities set forth in previous years. The City's allowable allocation is, by law, only 15% of the grant funds, amounting to only \$53,997, which supports Community Action of Skagit County's Housing Resource Center and the Volunteers of America Mount Vernon project.

The City will invest 37% of CDBG funding in 2022 in the preservation of affordable rental housing, with priority for the proposed renovation of the Friendship House project.

The City will address any obstacles to underserved needs as follows:

- The City will work with other funding agencies, including Skagit County, United Way, and private

foundations, to coordinate funding to more effectively meet the needs of the community.

- The City will seek opportunities to increase funding available for affordable housing.
- The City will work to inform lenders and households regarding Fair Housing laws, and in particular, to encourage greater participation by minorities and ethnic groups disproportionately represented in homeownership. The City will also update its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Approximately 30.6% of 2022 CDBG funds will be directed to public facility improvements in Downtown Mount Vernon. The remaining funds, 69.4%, will not be directed to any special target area.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON	31
City of Mount Vernon	69
Census Tract 9523	
Census Tract 9522	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The floodwall project that targeted the downtown neighborhoods reflects the priority to encourage more economic development activities to locate where they are most effective and efficient, in the downtown area with infrastructure and public facilities are already in place.

Discussion

Downtown Mount Vernon is the only single neighborhood target area. Census Tract 9522 has a high proportion of LMI residents. There are a wide variety of other needs and priorities throughout the City.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The City of Mount Vernon has prioritized the use of CDBG for property renovation to preserve affordable rental housing for people who have experiencing homelessness and may need supportive housing. In prior years, CDBG was earmarked for property acquisition for a permanent supportive housing project being developed by Catholic Housing Services. In 2019 and 2020, CDBG was earmarked for property acquisition for an acquisition project proposed by Friendship House; in 2022 the acquisition funding will be redirected to Friendship House renovation.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Not applicable

Discussion

The property acquisition by Friendship House did not occur during the 2021 Program Year as anticipated. Friendship House requested that the City allow the CDBG for allocated for acquisition to be redirected to renovation and preservation of Friendship House's residential property.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Because the City of Mount Vernon's annual CDBG grant is relatively small, it is difficult to use CDBG for many other purposes than those already identified. However, the City does intend to invest other resources and effort toward the following actions below.

In 2022, the City is intending to apply for a Section 108 loan for use during the 2022 AAP.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will notify the public about Fair Housing laws. The City updated its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, and developed an action plan for fair housing activities based on that analysis.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will work in partnership with Skagit County and other agencies to attempt to secure the resources necessary to foster and maintain affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All housing rehabilitation efforts on homes that were built before 1978 will include lead-based paint hazard evaluations. All hazards will be addressed, either through abatement or interim controls to minimize the hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Poverty is a function of income, which is related to education, job training, and employment. Annually the City provides CDBG funds to public service agencies to assist households below the poverty level with services. Major economic development programs in support of business development and job creation are being undertaken, including efforts to revitalize the Downtown neighborhood. The City continues to have three major priorities for expanding the range of economic development opportunities available to low- and moderate-income residents:

- Develop new businesses and create new jobs in the target areas,
- Improve access to employment opportunities within the target areas, and
- Help residents acquire the skills required for success in today's job market.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City is working in partnership with adjacent and regional jurisdictions to implement a regional

HOME Consortium. A regional HOME Consortium has enhanced the resource base for developing more affordable housing, and for addressing institutional barriers to creating more affordable housing.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City will support the efforts of the Coalition to End Homelessness and participate more regularly in their multi-agency meetings. More active participation in the Coalition will improve the coordination of the City's Consolidated Plan goals and the Coalition's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The 2022 Action Plan continues the programs and projects that the City has implemented in the past, including public (human) services, property renovation for affordable rental housing, flood hazard mitigation in Downtown Mount Vernon, and general planning and administration.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

Discussion

All of MV's CDBG activities and projects aim to benefit persons with low and moderate income, either as a direct benefit, or in the case of the downtown floodwall Section 108 repayment, as an area benefit for a area with a majority of residents who are persons with low and moderate income

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Mount Vernon Consolidated Plan: 2022 Action Plan

The City of Mount Vernon is undertaking the planning process for submission of its Consolidated Plan 2022 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan is the planning and application requirement for City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Consolidated Plan includes a five-year Strategic Plan and, each year, a one-year Action Plan that describes how the City's CDBG will be used to carry out the City's Strategic Plan to meet housing and community development needs.

The 2022 CDBG funding allocation is estimated to be \$380,000. The purpose of this notice is to announce the time and location of the first of two public hearings for this planning process.

The purpose of the first hearing is to obtain the views of citizens and other interested parties on the housing and non-housing community development needs of the City before a draft Action Plan is prepared, following which, a second public hearing will be held.

1st Public Hearing

The City Council will hold the first public hearing on **Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Pl, Mount Vernon, WA.** Topics for discussion: Description of planning process, anticipated funding, allowable activities, and solicitation of public comment on needs and priorities.

Written comments may also be submitted to the City of Mount Vernon Project Development Manager, 910 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 or by email to mvmayor@mountvernonwa.gov prior to the hearing.

The City considers the view of all citizens, public agencies, and other interested groups in preparing the final Action Plan. A summary of the comments or views received in writing or orally at the public hearings will be listed as an appendix in the final Action Plan.

The City of Mount Vernon encourages people with disabilities and language barriers to participate in public meetings. If special accommodations are needed to participate in the hearing, please contact the City Project Development Manager at least three days prior to the hearing date at the email or address above.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Mount Vernon
Consolidated Plan: 2022
Action Plan

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
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The City of Mount Vernon is undertaking the planning process for submission of its Consolidated Plan 2022 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan is the planning and application requirement for City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Consolidated Plan includes a five-year Strategic Plan and, each year, a one-year Action Plan that describes how the City's CDBG will be used to carry out the City's Strategic Plan to meet housing and community development needs.

The 2022 CDBG funding allocation is estimated to be \$380,000. The purpose of this notice is to announce the time and location of the first of two public hearings for the planning process.

The purpose of the first hearing is to obtain the views of citizens and other interested parties on the housing and non-housing community development needs of the City before a draft Action Plan is prepared, following which, a second public hearing will be held.

1st Public Hearing

The City Council will hold the first public hearing on **Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Pl, Mount Vernon, WA. Topics for discussion: Description of planning process, anticipated funding, allowable activities, and solicitation of public comment on needs and priorities.

Written comments may also be submitted to the

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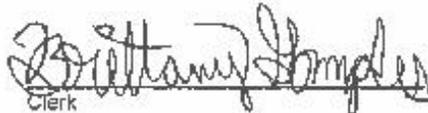
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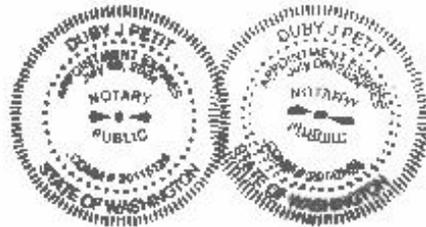
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**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:0 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Carias, Hudson, Hulst, Molenaar, and Morales

Staff Present: Finance Director Volesky, City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Project Development Manager Donovan, Human Resources Director Keator, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, IS Director Kleppe, Development Services Director Phillips, Engineering Manager Chesterfield, Capital Programs Manager Bullock, Code Enforcement Officer Marker, and Librarian Alaniz

Citizens Present: 4

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of January 26, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of February 5, 2022 payroll checks numbered 111147 - 111170, direct deposit checks numbered 86281 - 86522, and wire transfers numbered 1060 - 1064 in the amount of \$1,034,177.18
- C. Approval of February 9, 2022 Claims numbered 16499 - 16502, 16509 and 16517-16637 in the amount of \$700,961.26
- D. Approval of Dark Fiber Lease agreement with NoaNet

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-D Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committees
 - 1. Public Works and Library – see committee minutes for details.
 - 2. Public Safety – see committee minutes for details.
- B. Department
 - 1. Library Update – Ms. Alaniz provided an update of library programs and activities.
- C. Public Comments - Email
 - Public Comments sent via email to council@mountvernonwa.gov were read aloud by Mr. Donovan.
 - Larry Hillard, Mount Vernon resident, addressed growth management and affordable housing.
- D. Public Comments
 - none
- E. Councilmember Comments
 - none
- F. Mayor's Report
 - Mayor Boudreau invited citizens to attend the Stormwater Management Program meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March, 9, 2022.
 - Mayor Boudreau thanked the 40th and 10th District Legislators for their support of the Library Commons Project and encouraged citizens to contact them affirming their support of the project.
- G. Committee Agenda Requests
 - none

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022-2023 Action Plan: Mr. Donovan reviewed the 2022-2023 CDBG Action Plan and outlined the process for plan development. The grant funds can be used for community development and housing needs. The open record public hearing is to allow the views of citizens and other interested parties on the housing and non-housing needs within the city.

Mayor Boudreau opened the public hearing.

- Melissa Self, Community Action of Skagit County, spoke about the resources and services offered to Skagit County residents in need that are funded in part by the CDBG grant.

- Rachel Kingsley, Housing Authority of Skagit County, spoke about the need for home repair funding for low-income residents in entitlement areas that do not qualify for CDBG funding.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

- B. Authorization to Purchase Cyber Security Services: Mr. Kleppe requested authorization to purchase cyber security services from Critical Insight.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the purchase of cyber security services from Critical Insight in the amount of \$40,105.61. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Approval of Agreement with PH Consulting: Mr. Bullock requested approval of Amendment No. 2 to agreement #3624 with PH Consulting to provide additional services to finalize the N. 4th Street/Riverside Drive Railroad Crossing Improvements Project. The amendment is necessary to accommodate the design changes and delays due to COVID-19.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into Amendment No. 2 to Agreement #3624 with PH Consulting for the N. 4th/Riverside Drive Railroad Crossing Improvements Project in the amount of \$49,200. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Approval of Agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology: Mr. Bullock requested approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the FY2021-2023 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant.

Councilmember Hudson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Washington State Department of Ecology for the FY2021-2023 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$50,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carias. Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Approval of with Transpo Group: Mr. Chesterfield requested approval of Amendment No. 1 to agreement #4081 for Right of Way services on the Hoag/LaVenture Intersection Improvements Project. The amendment is necessary to cover additional work required to complete the right of way acquisition process.

Councilmember Hulst moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into Amendment No. 1 to agreement #4081 with Transpo Group in the amount of \$47,629. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was convened into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters on matters relating to enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation to which the City, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency and to discuss matters concerning collective bargaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approve: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor



February 9, 2022

The Honorable Jill Boudreau &
Mount Vernon City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
320 Broadway
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Mayor Boudreau & Members of Mount Vernon City Council:

Please consider this letter an expression of our intent to apply for 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, specifically your 15% human service set aside, as in the past.

Community Action appreciates the long partnership we have enjoyed with the City of Mount Vernon serving low income community members. The funds received from CDBG will support the services we provide through the Resource Center which includes the first point of entry for homeless persons in Skagit County (Housing Resource Center) and also provides referral and direct assistance for stability services.

During July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021, 690 households met Housing and Urban Development qualifiers for homelessness and were entered in the Housing Interest Pool. Homeless defined by HUD includes literally homeless or unsheltered, at imminent risk of becoming homeless (less than 14 days), or fleeing domestic violence. Couch surfing, doubled up, staying with family or friends, or facing eviction (more than 14 days) are not considered homeless by HUD, and are not included in these figures. HUD defines all homeless individuals as presumed beneficiaries under CDBG and does not require certification of city residence.

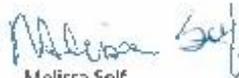
The Housing Resource Center at Community Action is the official designated coordinated point of entry or first stop for persons experiencing homelessness. We work to coordinate the most appropriate service with all Skagit County homeless providers. And in addition Community Action works in partnership with The Salvation Army, Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund, local faith communities, other municipalities and The Mountain of Hope to provide basic needs that are not met through any other resource. We also partner with Skagit Transit to provide bus passes to those who have no other means of transportation and lack the ability to purchase tickets.

The last two years during the COVID pandemic and record flooding have created increased hardships for the citizens in our community. 4,081 unique participants enrolled in a basic needs program from Jan 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. 1,330 of those were residents of Mount Vernon.

We request your consideration of our application for funding from the 2022-23 CDBG allocation to assist us in continuing these efforts. Community Action works to leverage all funding sources to maximize services for Mount Vernon residents. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely,


William B. Henkel
Executive Director


Melissa Self
Deputy Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

City of Mount Vernon Consolidated Plan: 2022/2023 Action Plan

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The City may amend the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan to incorporate the possibility of a HUD Section 108 loan as a component of the Mount Vernon Library Commons project.

30-Day Public Comment Period

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POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA que la ciudad de Mount Vernon llevará a cabo un período de comentarios públicos y celebrará una segunda audiencia pública para el Plan de acción anual de la CDBG correspondiente al año del programa 2022/2023.

El Plan consolidado contiene los requisitos para la planeación y solicitud del Subsidio en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés) de la ciudad, un programa administrado por el Departamento de vivienda y desarrollo urbano (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés) de Estados Unidos. Asimismo, el Plan consolidado incluye un Plan de acción de un año que describe cómo se utilizarán los recursos del CDBG para llevar a cabo el Plan estratégico de la ciudad a fin de satisfacer las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario.

El borrador del Plan de acción correspondiente al año programático 2022/2023 está disponible para revisión. Los fondos del CDBG asignados para 2022/2023 ascienden aproximadamente a \$380,000.

El Plan de acción para el año programático 2022 podría enmendar el Plan de acción para el año programático 2018 y asignar \$100,000 al proyecto propuesto de Friendship House (Casa de la Amistad), así como el Plan de acción para el año programático 2020 y asignar \$23,950 al proyecto propuesto de Friendship House (Casa de la Amistad).

La ciudad podría enmendar el Plan Consolidado 2018-2022 para incorporar la posibilidad de un préstamo de la Sección 108 del HUD como un componente del proyecto Library Commons de Mount Vernon.

Período de 30 días para comentarios públicos

El período para comentarios públicos de 30 días para el borrador del Plan de acción y sus enmiendas comenzará el 29 de marzo de 2022 y concluirá el 27 de abril de 2022. Puede obtener una copia gratuita del borrador del Plan de acción en la Alcaldía de la ciudad de Mount Vernon, ubicada en 910 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 o bien, solicitar la copia por teléfono (360) 336-6211. De igual manera, el borrador se publicará en la página web de la ciudad: www.mountvernonwa.gov.

Se invita al público y a las personas interesadas a revisar el borrador del Plan de acción y enviar sus comentarios por escrito. Los comentarios por escrito sobre el borrador del Plan de acción deberán recibirse a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 27 de abril de 2022 y podrán enviarse al director de desarrollo de proyectos de la ciudad de Mount Vernon a la dirección postal 910 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon WA 98273 o por correo electrónico a mvmayor@mountvernonwa.gov.

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Washington In and For Skagit County*

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Caren Stewart
Clerk

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Plan consolidado de la ciudad de Mount Vernon: Plan de acción 2022/2023

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
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POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA que la ciudad de Mount Vernon llevará a cabo un periodo de comentarios públicos y celebrará una segunda audiencia pública para el Plan de acción anual de la CDBG correspondiente al año del programa 2022/2023.

El Plan consolidado contiene los requisitos para la planeación y solicitud del Subsidio en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés) de la ciudad, un programa administrado por el Departamento de vivienda y desarrollo urbano (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés) de Estados Unidos. Asimismo, el Plan consolidado incluye un Plan de acción de un año que describe cómo se utilizarán los recursos del CDBG para llevar a cabo el Plan estratégico de la ciudad a fin de satisfacer las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario.

El borrador del Plan de acción correspondiente al año programático 2022/2023 está disponible para revisión. Los fondos del CDBG asignados para 2022/2023 ascenden aproximadamente a \$350,000.

El Plan de acción para el año programático 2022 podría entender el Plan de acción para el año programático 2018 y asignar \$100,000 al proyecto propuesto de Friendship House (Casa de la Amistad), así como el Plan de acción para el año programático 2020 y asignar \$23,950 al proyecto propuesto de Friendship House (Casa de la Amistad).

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La ciudad podría enmendar el Plan Consolidado 2018-2022 para incorporar la posibilidad de un préstamo de la Sección 108 del HUD como un componente del proyecto Library Commons de Mount Vernon.

Periodo de 30 días para comentarios públicos

El periodo para comentarios públicos de 30 días para el borrador del Plan de acción y sus enmiendas comenzará el 29 de marzo de 2022 y concluirá el 27 de abril de 2022. Puede obtener una copia gratuita del borrador del Plan de acción en la Alcaldía de la ciudad de Mount Vernon, ubicada en 510 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 o bien, solicitar la copia por teléfono (360) 338-6211. De igual manera, el borrador se publicará en la página web de la ciudad, www.mountvernon-wa.gov.

Se invita al público y a las personas interesadas a revisar el borrador del Plan de acción y enviar sus comentarios por escrito. Los comentarios por escrito sobre el borrador del Plan de acción deberán recibirse a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 27 de abril de 2022 y podrán enviarse al director de desarrollo de proyectos de la ciudad de Mount Vernon a la dirección postal 914 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon WA 98273 o por correo electrónico a mvmayor@mountvernonwa.gov.

Audiencia pública

La ciudad celebrará la segunda de dos audiencias públicas sobre el borrador del Plan de acción el miércoles, 27 de abril de 2022 a las 7:00 p. m. en las instalaciones de la policía o del tribunal ubicadas en 1809 Continental Plaza, Mount Vernon, WA. El objetivo de la audiencia es considerar los comentarios proporcionados antes de enviar el Plan al HUD.

En la elaboración del Plan de acción definitivo, la ciudad tomará en cuenta la opinión de todos los ciudadanos, organizaciones públicas y otros grupos interesados. El Plan de acción final incluirá un anexo con un resumen de los co-

mentarios u opiniones que se reciben de forma verbal o escrita en las audiencias públicas.

Si requiere servicios especiales para participar en la audiencia, comuníquese con el encargado del departamento de desarrollo de proyectos de la ciudad al menos 3 días antes de la audiencia.

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**City of Mount Vernon
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmith, Carías, Hudson, Hulst, Molenaar, and Morales

Staff Present: City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Finance Director Volesky, Project Development Manager Donovan, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Development Services Director Phillips, Fire Chief Brice, Human Resources Director Keator, and Library Director Huffman, Information Services Director Kleppe, IS Implementation Manager Thomas, and Engineering Manager Chesterfield

Citizens Present: 20

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of April 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval April 20, 2022 payroll checks numbered 111361 - 11379 direct deposit checks numbered 87508 - 87752, and wire transfers numbered 1085 - 1089 in the amount of \$1,313,097.75.
- C. Approval of April 27, 2022 Claims numbered 17343 - 17646, 17370, and 17373 - 17511 in the amount of \$1,430,196.19.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

- A. Committees
1. Finance & Parks and Enrichment Services – see committee minutes for details.
 2. Committee of the Whole – see committee minutes for details.
 3. Development Services – report will take place May 11, 2022.
- B. Public Comments - Email
- none.
- C. Public Comments
- Miguel Perry, Arlington resident, and Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke about the training center in Burlington and support of the Library Commons Project.
 - Michael Petrich, Anacortes resident and Carpenters Local 70 Union member spoke about the training center and support of the Library Commons Project.
 - Did not provide name, Mount Vernon resident and Local 70 Carpenters Union member spoke in support of the Library Commons Project.
 - Neil Davis, Skagit County resident, spoke about Leadership Skagit and the Carpenters Union and support of the Library Commons Project.
 - Lisa Marx, Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke about the union training program and support of the Library Commons Project.
 - Robert Villagomez II, Mukilteo resident and Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke about the union and support of the Library Commons Project.
 - Did not provide name, Mount Vernon resident and Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke in support of the Library Commons Project.
 - Loren Huggins, Skagit County resident and Local 70 Carpenters Union member, spoke about the union and support of the Library Commons Project.
- D. Mayor's Report
- Mayor Boudreau thanked the union members for their support of the Library Commons Project.
- E. Councilmember Comments
- Councilmember Morales thanked the union members for their attendance and their comments.
 - Councilmember Carias thanked the union members for supporting the Library Commons Project.
 - Councilmember Hudson expressed appreciation to the public attendees.

- Councilmember Hulst acknowledged the union members and thanked them for their apprenticeship program.
- F. **Committee Agenda Requests**
- Councilmember Carias requested an item on the May 25th committee agenda for Dr. Gary Brown and Alfred Currier to share their art and photos in appreciation of farmworkers working in the tulip fields.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Appointment to Planning Commission:** Mr. Phillips requested approval of the appointment of Kirk Johnson to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the appointment of Kirk Johnson to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. **Appointment to Planning Commission:** Mr. Phillips requested approval of the appointment of Morgan Curry to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the appointment of Morgan Curry to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carias. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Boudreau performed the swearing in of Morgan Curry to the Mount Vernon Planning Commission.

- C. **Skagit Valley YMCA Update:** Ms. Berner introduced Skagit Valley YMCA CEO Dean Snider who provided an update of the YMCA operations, facilities, and membership. He requested an amendment to the current agreement with the City include funding for the Oasis Teen Shelter.

Mayor Boudreau will add to an item to an upcoming committee agenda to discuss amending the current agreement with Skagit Valley YMCA.

- D. **Public Hearing - 2022-23 Community Block Grant (CDBG):** Mr. Donovan stated that this is an open record public hearing to obtain the views of citizens and other interested parties on the draft CDBG 2022-23 Action Plan. Mr. Donovan reviewed the process, goals and objectives, requests for funding, and the proposed action plan. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the allotment and distribution of funds allowed for public services.

Mayor Boudreau opened the Public Hearing.
Hearing no comments, Mayor Boudreau closed the public hearing.

Mr. Donovan read into the record comments received from Community Action of Skagit County regarding the proposed change in funding for 2022-2023.

Councilmember Hulst moved to approve the 2022-2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Brocksmith opposed.

- E. Approval of Agreement Amendment - Cowling & Company, LLC: Mr. Chesterfield requested approval of an amendment to agreement 4147 with Cowling & Company, LLC dba Widener & Associates to add BNSF Mainline Railroad Floodwall services.

Councilmember Molenaar moved authorize the Mayor to enter into an amendment to agreement 4147 with Cowling & Company, LLC dba Widener & Associates in the amount of \$105,400 to add BNSF Mainline Railroad Floodwall services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 7-0.

- F. Approval of Ordinance – Mayor Salary: Ms. Keator requested approval of an ordinance establishing the salary schedule for the Mayor.

Councilmember Hudson moved adopt Ordinance 3849 establishing the salary schedule for the Mayor. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brocksmith. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting convened into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. for a period of fifteen minutes to discuss with legal counsel matters relating issues of collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

The meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approve: _____
Jill Boudreau, Mayor

From: Dixie Behn <dbehn@voaww.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:59 AM
To: gillb@mountvernon.gov
Cc: Kirk Pearson <kpearson@voaww.org>; Steve Corsi <scorsi@voaww.org>
Subject: Respectfully Requesting - CORRECTION

March 29, 2022

Mayor Boudreau
910 Cleveland Avenue
City Hall, 2nd Floor
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Mayor Boudreau,

Thank you for allowing Volunteers of America Western WA to participate in your Annual CDBG action plan in our attempt to secure funding. For almost 125 years VOA WW has been providing services for those in need, and we believe that we can best serve your community through two of our outstanding programs. The first appropriation that we seek is for \$217,000 to establish a Community Resource Center or CRC in Mount Vernon.

We currently have CRCs in Arlington, Lake Stevens, and Sultan. What makes our CRCs special is because we administer them as one stop hubs for people who need assistance. CRCs provide food, clothing, referrals, vouchers, and other assistance to bring forth stability to those in crisis. Our model is strongly supported by the City's that we serve. We also respectfully request funding to the amount of \$22,000 to expand our Dispute Resolution program to teens. Dispute Resolution is an alternative justice program that provides mediation and conciliation services as well as comprehensive training. Currently the Skagit County juvenile and Superior Court judicial officers are contacting us for mediation and training resources to support the new teen court program. In closing we thank you for this opportunity to serve your city with our proven services.

We truly appreciate any help you can provide. If we can answer any questions or provide additional information, please contact any one of us at any time.

Sincerely,



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Peter Donovan

From: Bill Henkel <BillH@communityactionskagit.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 11:21 AM
To: Juan Morales; Iris Canas; Mark Hulst; Gary Molenaar; Mary Hudson; Melissa Beaton; Richard Brocksmith
Cc: Peter Donovan; Jill Boudreau
Subject: Mount Vernon CDBG funding

Caution External Message

Dear Mayor Boudreau and Mount Vernon City Council,

We at Community Action of Skagit County have been appreciative of the City of Mount Vernon's long-standing commitment of your city's CDBG human services set aside to support our work in supporting Mount Vernon citizens experiencing or on the verge of homelessness, and were surprised to learn that one-third of the 2022-2023 Mount Vernon CDBG funding is slated to be routed to another entity. Though we of course respect your ability to invest these funds at your discretion for CDBG-eligible activities, please know the loss of this funding will impact Community Action's ability to adequately staff our Housing and Resource Center, the main reception in our Mount Vernon office, and the point of entry for those facing homelessness or needing assistance with a basic need. This funding has also supported our family shelter, the William J. Shuler Family Development Center.

Community Action relies on these funds to fill the gaps where other grants fall short. Last year, 4081 local citizens came to Community Action for help to meet a basic need such as food, clothing or transportation. Of those, 1330 were Mount Vernon residents. The Family Development Center, also located in Mount Vernon, provided temporary shelter to 34 families with children who would have otherwise been unsheltered, providing them with stability while they worked with our case managers to work toward a more permanent housing situation.

We understand the need is great and there is never enough funding to go around, but it is our hope that you will take these comments into consideration when making your final decision on the CDBG funding allocations.

Respectfully,

Bill

Bill Henkel
Executive Director
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* Title: <u>Special Projects Manager</u>		
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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: [1st] [2nd] * b. Program/Project: [2nd]

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: [07/01/2022] * b. End Date: [06/30/2023]

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	309,553.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	309,553.00

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order- 12372 Process for review on: []

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach:

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internal site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: [] * First Name: []

Main Name: []

* Last Name: [Boudreau] []

Suffix: []

* Title: [Mayor] []

* Telephone Number: [3501 316-5201] * Fax Number: []

* Email: [mboudreau@cityvevichrome.gov] []

* Signature of Authorized Representative: [Signature] * Date Signed: [6/14/2022]

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents relating to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 18 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F)
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§1801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1811-1883, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 627 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dc-3 and 290 ea 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a-276f), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(s) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514, (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11888; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Mount Vernon	6/14/22

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

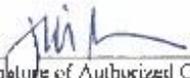
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-111, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

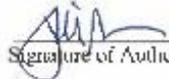
1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.