

# Executive Summary

## ES-05 Executive Summary – 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

### 1. Introduction

The City of Mount Vernon receives the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for community development and affordable housing needs. The City is an entitlement community that has received CDBG funds since 2004. CDBG entitlement communities are those that receive direct allocations from HUD by a formula considering factors such as total population, poverty levels, and housing conditions. Periodically, 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, or strategic plan covering a three- or five-year timeframe. The Consolidated Plan outlines the City's goals and objectives for the CDBG program. The City of Mount Vernon Five-Year Consolidated Plan covers the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.

The Plan establishes a strategic course of action for housing and community development in the City of Mt. Vernon. Using the latest available data, this five-year planning document identifies priority housing, homelessness, special populations, public housing, and community development needs. The plan also considers market conditions for a range of housing characteristics, including the number of available housing units, cost and condition of housing, homeless facilities and services, special needs facilities and services, and barriers to affordable housing. The plan establishes general strategies for addressing those needs, and integrates the application, planning, and citizen participation requirements for CDBG.

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 help achieve the following National Objectives:

#### CDBG Objectives

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

#### National Objectives

- Benefit low-income\* persons

- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Meet a need having a particular urgency

*\*For the purposes of the Strategic Plan , the term “low-/ moderate income” includes those households with income at or below 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for household size, as published annually by HUD.*

## **2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview**

The five-year plan goals include (A) increasing the supply of affordable housing (B) maintaining existing affordable housing stock, (C) supporting public facilities for neighborhood revitalization, (D) increasing the supply of affordable owner-occupied housing through direct financial assistance to low-income homebuyers, (E) supporting efforts to reduce poverty, and (F) general planning and administration of the City's CDBG program.

## **3. Evaluation of past performance**

The annual Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports identified the goals and accomplishments for the previous years against the outcomes expected in the 2018-2022 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 the homeless and to provide effective support services to priority low-income and homeless populations by conducting a balance of projects. The projects were selected based on consultation with local agencies and in response to the area’s countywide Continuum of Care Plan. Along these lines, funds were allocated to public services provided to city residents by Community Action of Skagit County.

In addition, 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. A third focus for the City is the need for land acquisition for new, additional rental housing that can provide supportive housing for people who have experienced homelessness chronically.

## **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

**PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS:** The first public hearing on the Consolidated Plan was held Feburay 8, 2023, following a public notice in the Skagit Valley Herald 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 non-housing community development needs of the City before the draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan and 2023 Action Plan were prepared.

The draft Consolidated Plan was made available for review and comment by the public between April 11, 2023, and May 11, 2023. The City Council held a second public hearing May 10, 2023 at City Hall. The notice for the public hearing was published April 26, 2023 in a newspaper of general circulation The draft Plan prior to taking Council. The public was given the opportunity comment on the Consolidated Plan. As a result, the City received over 20 letters/emails expressing support for the City CDBG program and calling for CDBG to be used to support agencies serving the homeless. There was overwhelming support for a dayshelter in Mount Veron.

In addition the City Consulted with agencies through regular participation in HOME consoritum meetings and other regional initiatives related to affordable housing, homelessness and other regional needs. The City also rviewed existing studies and recent planning resports to obtain additional information and feedback to inform the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan.

## **5. Summary of public comments**

The City received over 20 letters/emails expressing support for the City CDBG program and calling for the City to consider using CDBG funds for continued support for agencies serving the homeless. There was overwhelming support for a day shelter in Mount Vernon.

In addition, the City relied on feedback from other planning and community initiatives as well as feedback from community partners. The City will continue to use CDBG funding to support public facilities, infrastructure improvements, public services, affordable housing and program administration.

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

All feedback was accepted.

## **7. Summary**

The City of Mount Vernon's Strategic Plan outlines the housing and community development goals and strategies to meet the priority needs with available resources. This Strategic Plan covers Program Years 2023-2027, the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.

**PRIORITIES:** The level of need in a community typically exceeds the limited resources available to help meet those needs. The City uses these priorities and goals as a basis for determining the types of housing and community development programs the City will fund over the next five years with CDBG funds. The City has identified the following general priorities (not in order) for the use of CDBG funding.

**Priority 1. Homelessness:** The Washington State Legislature required all Counties to develop a ten-year plan to reduce homelessness. The City follows, by reference, Skagit County's Homeless Plan, including its goals and strategies. CDBG funds for public services can be used to address these needs.

**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 who are struggling with a severe housing cost burden, putting their future tenancy at risk. The City of Mount Vernon participated in the Skagit County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee process that generated a set of strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing, and the City has been part of the Skagit County Home Consortium since 2015. The City's CDBG program is part of the larger strategy as it relates to housing within 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 will require infrastructure upgrades or the development of new infrastructure (e.g. pedestrian mobility improvements, utilities, flood hazard mitigation facilities, etc.).

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

**Priority 5. Assist special needs populations:** Public services are needed to help individuals and families with special needs obtain help with basic needs, food, housing, employment, health, and other 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 over the next five years:

- Maintain affordable housing stock
- Support public facilities for revitalization
- Increase supply of affordable owner-occupied housing
- Supportive efforts to reduce poverty
- Administration and planning

## The Process

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

**1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source**

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	City of Mount Vernon Mayor's Office
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

**Table 1– Responsible Agencies**

### Narrative

The CDBG program is administered through the City of Mt. Vernon Mayor’s Office, with oversight and Management from the City Special Project Manager.

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## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(l) and 91.315(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

As part of this Consolidated Plan development, the City of Mount Vernon, Skagit County, and participating jurisdictions undertook an extensive outreach program to consult and coordinate with nonprofit agencies, affordable housing providers, and government agencies, and other entities. The outreach program is summarized in the Executive Summary and Citizen Participation sections of this Consolidated 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)).**

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the City and County Consortium consulted municipal officials, non-profit agencies, public housing agencies, community housing development organizations, governmental agencies, and the Continuum of Care in all three Consortium counties. The Consortium held two public hearings during the development of the Plan to identify needs and priorities, made the draft of the Plan available for a public review period, and held an additional public hearing during the public review period to review the draft findings and priorities. The City conducted Public Hearings to gain public input for the City’s Plan that is incorporated into the Consortium’s Plan. The Consortium also reviewed several community and regional plans (e.g. 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness; County and City Comprehensive Plans, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan ).

**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 and Consortium have incorporated into its Strategic Plan, elements of the local Continuum of Care plans to end homelessness which comprise framework for prioritizing the use of CDBG and HOME funds toward the goals of ending homelessness in the Consortium region. The City also reviewed and incorporated feedback from the Skagit/Island/ Whatcom Consortium HOME ARP Allocation Plan- This special plan was developed through a comprehensive planning process involving critical stakeholders, to establish needs and goals for populations experiencing homelessness or populations at risk of becoming homeless. The process involved direct outreach, surveys, and evaluation of data relative to specific HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. In addition to gaining input from non-profit stakeholders serving qualified populations (homeless, at risk of homeless, domestic violence, stalking, or human trafficking survivors, other populations at risk of housing instability including veterans) , outreach was made to housing providers, housing authorities, fair housing providers, and organizations serving persons with disabilities.

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

The City and Consortium coordinated with Skagit County Public Health Department, the Skagit County Skagit County Coalition to End Homelessness, and Community Action of Skagit County; Whatcom County Health Department and Whatcom Coalition to End Homelessness, Opportunity Council; and Island County Human Services are the organizations most responsible for using ESG funds and for administering HMIS for service providers who operate in the Consortium region. The Consortium incorporated their goals, strategies, activities, and outcomes in the Consolidated Plan.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2– Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Action of Skagit County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Meetings with staff and multi-agency meetings. Participated in committees where input was provided. The City of Mount Vernon will continue to use CDBG funding to support public services and affordable housing, to the extent that funding permits, during the FY 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan period.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SKAGIT COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Other government - County

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Economic Development Market Analysis
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Meetings with senior staff and multi-agency meetings. Increased coordination relative to housing and homeless project, particularly due to the application for special HOME funds that became available through the American Rescue Plan. It could result in additional housing units and opportunities in Mount Vernon
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Home Trust of Skagit
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participation in HOME Consortium Advisory Committee. Meeting staff and board members, and multi-agency meetings. Mt. Vernon will continue to use CDBG funds to support affordable housing initiatives, to the extent funding permits, during the FY 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan period.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Housing Authority of Skagit County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Farmworker Housing
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Participated in HOME Consortium Meetings. Mount Vernon will continue coordination through the HOME Consortium to further additional affordable housing opportunities.

5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Catholic Housing Services of Western Washington
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation through participation with the HOME Consortium. The City will continue to support affordable housing initiatives, to the extent funding permits, during the FY 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan Period.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Friendship House/First Steps
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation through meetings with Staff. The City of Mount Vernon will use CDBG funds to support public facilities that serve the homeless, to the extent funding permits, during the FY 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan Period.

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

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Skagit County	The plan calls for the reduction of homelessness within a 10-year period. The City will continue to support organizations and activities that serve the homeless.
Building a Skagit Housing Affordability Strategy	Skagit County Public Health Department	long-term strategy for building a better, coordinated strategy for LMI-affordable homes and related issues
Mount Vernon Downtown Development Strategy	Mount Vernon	This report updates the downtown redevelopment strategy. The City will continue to use CDBG funds to support large infrastructure project through the Section 108 program.
Skagit County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan	Skagit/Island/Whatcom Consortium	The HOME ARP Allocation plan Identifies the need for affordable housing in Skagit County. It also identifies the need for shelter and services for HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Domestic Violence, Stalking, Human Trafficking Survivors, Other Populations at Risk of Housing Instability. QPs also include Veterans
Downtown and Waterfront Development Master Plan	Mount Vernon	The Strategic Plan identifies Downtown Mount Vernon as a target area for revitalization and incorporates the major goals of public facilities (infrastructure) improvements.
Low Income Needs Assessment	Community Action of Skagit County	Assessment identified critical needs and concerns regarding poverty within Skagit County. The largest share of participants in the assessment were from Mt. Vernon. The results will help guide the use of CDBG funds for public services.

**Table 3– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))**

The City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County coordinated efforts to host public hearings for this planning process with the other two counties in the Consortium and with the participating CDBG entitlement jurisdictions, Mount Vernon, and Anacortes. The development of the Consortium required Skagit County to develop and enter an Interlocal Agreement with all 19 participating jurisdictions as signatories. The local public housing authorities provided input for the Consolidated Plan and will, with continuation of their programs, address some of the identified housing needs in the Consortium area. In addition,

member counties, towns and cities of the Consortium shared information and documents to support the planning process (e.g., Comprehensive Plan Housing Elements). Mt. Vernon partners with Skagit County whenever possible to share data, studies, and other relevant resources to ensure a seamless flow of information and services to low- and moderate-income persons in need. There is a recognition of the importance of regional coordination and approaches to addressing complex issues such as affordable housing, homelessness and large-scale infrastructure improvement projects.

### **Narrative**

Consultation is a critical part of the Consolidated Plan Process. The City of Mount Vernon and surrounding communities coordinate regularly, often addressing critical issues relative to affordable housing, homelessness, transportation, economic development and other issues from a collaborative regional perspective. This coordination and collaborative approach is most effective to ensure the best possible outcomes for all communities within the region.

## **PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(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 have limited English Proficiency. In addition, direct contact was made community stakeholders and public services providers. The planned strategies and priorities for the consolidated plan included homeless strategies, affordable housing, and Downtown Mount Vernon redevelopment efforts. The strategies were established through the review of existing plans and public participation efforts, coordination with stakeholders along with the Consolidated Plan participation process.

**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	Public Meeting	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Persons with disabilities  Non-targeted/broad community  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Public hearings were held February 8, 2023, and May 10,2023 at City Hall. The purpose of the hearings was to obtain feedback from the public regarding the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. The public was given the opportunity to comment before the City Council took any action on the plans	The City received over 20 letters/emails supporting the City CDBG program and calling for the use of CDBG funds to be used to support the homeless. The letters expressed support for a day shelter in Mount Vernon	All comments were accepted	

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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Persons with disabilities  Non-targeted/broad community  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Public notices were published in the Skagit Valley Herald, a newspaper of general circulation to advise the public about the Consolidated Plan process, associated hearings and request comments from the public. The notices were published January 25, 2023, and April 26,2023	No Comments were received	No Comments were received	

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)
3	Internet Outreach	<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>	Public notices and draft Consolidated Plan and Action Plan documents were posted on the City of Mount Vernon website	No Comments were received	No Comments were received	

Table 4– Citizen Participation Outreach

# Needs Assessment

## NA-05 Overview

### Needs Assessment Overview

The housing needs assessment overview is based on data from HUD, the US Census Bureau, Skagit County's Homeless Coalition and the annual Point-in-Time Homeless Census, Skagit County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, Skagit County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, and University of Washington's Real Estate Research Center.

One of the primary risk factors of homelessness and housing instability is severe housing cost burden, which is defined as a household having to pay 50% or more of total household income for housing costs. According to the HUD CHAS 2015-2019 data Mount Vernon has 3,095 low- to moderate-income (LMI) renter households are cost burdened, devoting more than 30 percent of their income toward housing costs. There are 1,015 severely burdened renters. Of the 1,285 LMI cost burdened owner households, 90 have a severe cost burden. Increased housing costs cause additional strain for lower income households, as they often must choose between housing and other necessities

Altogether, 87% of LMI renters and 72% of LMI owners report having one or more of these severe housing problems: (1) lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, (2) severe overcrowding (>1.5 people per room), or (3) severe cost burden.

Skagit County's annual homeless census identified 321 people who were literally homeless, meaning they were living unsheltered (137) or sheltered in emergency shelter or transitional housing (184); six families with children were unsheltered during this time. A significant number of chronically homeless persons (78) were identified as part of this homeless population, with 73 of them living unsheltered.

Farm workers represent a special housing needs group in Mount Vernon. Farm labor continues to be an important component of the local and regional economy. However, farm workers continue to have a difficult time obtaining adequate and affordable housing due to low-income levels, language barriers, seasonal nature of their work and larger family size.

According the 2021 American Community Survey estimates, approximately 17% of the population in Mount Vernon is age 65 or older. As the population ages it may impact their housing and service needs to ensure they have a good quality of life. In addition to the elderly population, Mount Vernon has a poverty rate of 16.5% percent. The largest share of persons experiencing poverty are children under the age of 18, representing roughly 30% of the persons in poverty.

The Community is recovering from the Pandemic that occurred in 2020. The pandemic highlighted the services needs for the elderly, youth, and homeless persons.

**If the PJ will establish a preference for a HOME TBRA activity for persons with a specific category of disabilities (e.g., persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness), describe their unmet need for housing and services needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2) (ii))**

## **NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:**

Public facility needs – as they relate to the priorities of the Consolidated Plan – are described in detail in the City's Downtown and Waterfront Master Plan. Topping the list of necessary public facilities is the Library Commons Improvement Project. Other public facilities needed include pedestrian and circulation improvements, streetscape improvements, and public restrooms. The City also seeks to support community organizations with the acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of public facilities with consideration given for those serving the homeless.

### **How were these needs determined?**

The Master Plan was developed to guide the redevelopment that is anticipated after the flood protection measures identified in the Flood Protection Alternatives Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Master Planning work also includes a transportation analysis, market analysis, financial feasibility analysis and economic impact study.

This planning process has resulted in the preparation of a coordinated implementation and funding strategy to guide the investment of public and private resources over the next twenty years and will serve as a catalyst for a series of redevelopment activities in the downtown area.

Input from the community has been a key part of the process, and opportunities for public involvement were provided. The waterfront redevelopment and downtown master plan project create a significant opportunity for the City to recreate a vibrant, attractive riverfront and remove a major barrier to investment in the downtown area. A key element of the master planning process was the creation of a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) comprised of downtown business leaders, property owners, and other local stakeholders. In addition to CAG meetings, the public involvement process included four public meeting/open houses and seven City Council briefings.

The City produced a Downtown Development Strategy to leverage the investments from the Flood Protection Project and to continue work from prior plans and studies, to assess development opportunities in downtown, identify key catalyst sites, and craft a strategy and implementation plan begin development and redevelopment initiatives.

In addition, the City received over 20 letters/email calling for the City to consider using CDBG to support agencies serving the homeless in Mount Vernon.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:**

- Adequate parking and potentially a downtown structured parking facility(ies)
- Streetscape and sidewalk improvements
- Public art
- River activities
- Public restrooms
- Public dock
- Improvements of Public facilities to support community agencies

### **How were these needs determined?**

The needs were the result of the Downtown Development Strategy . The Downtown Strategy identified infrastructure improvements as a high priority need. The City of Mt. Vernon has historically used HUD 108 Loans for larger scale infrastructure projects. The City anticipates using a portion of its CDBG funds to repay the most recently received HUD 108 loan. Feedback was also received from the public.

### **Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Services:**

The City needs to continue providing public services to benefit low to moderate income persons in Mount Vernon, particularly populations with special needs, including the homeless. The City will fund public services during the FY 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan period.

### **How were these needs determined?**

The needs have been determined through the process of stakeholder consultation, Citizen Participation, and public comment.

### **Based on the needs analysis above, describe the State's needs in Colonias**

# Housing Market Analysis

## MA-05 Overview

### Housing Market Analysis Overview:



## MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

### Introduction

Housing preferences are fulfilled by a household's ability to meet the financial needs of owning or renting their desired housing unit. The economic health of a community has a large impact on that ability through the job market, business activity, and the household's relative place in the economy determined by their level of education and employment status. The data below provide a look at where jobs and economic activity in Mount Vernon provide employment opportunities and some descriptive consideration of education and employment levels.

### Economic Development Market Analysis

#### Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	0	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0
Education and Health Care Services	0	0	0	0	0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	0	0	0	0	0
Information	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	0	0	0	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	0	0	0	0	0
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation and Warehousing	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale Trade	0	0	100	0	-100
Total	0	0	--	--	--

Table 5 - Business Activity

Data Source Comments:

**Labor Force**

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	0
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	0
Unemployment Rate	0.00
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	0.00
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	0.00

**Table 6 - Labor Force**

Data Source Comments:

Occupations by Sector		Number of People
Management, business and financial	0	
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	0	
Service	0	
Sales and office	0	
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	0	
Production, transportation and material moving	0	

**Table 7 – Occupations by Sector**

Data Source Comments:

**Travel Time**

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	0	0%
30-59 Minutes	0	0%

<b>Travel Time</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
60 or More Minutes	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>

**Table 8 - Travel Time**

Data Source Comments:

**Education:**

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>In Labor Force</b>		<b>Not in Labor Force</b>
	<b>Civilian Employed</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	
Less than high school graduate	0	0	0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	0	0	0
Some college or Associate's degree	0	0	0
Bachelor's degree or higher	0	0	0

**Table 9 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status**

Data Source Comments:

Educational Attainment by Age

	<b>Age</b>				
	<b>18–24 yrs</b>	<b>25–34 yrs</b>	<b>35–44 yrs</b>	<b>45–65 yrs</b>	<b>65+ yrs</b>
Less than 9th grade	0	0	0	0	0
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	0	0	0	0	0
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	0	0	0	0	0
Some college, no degree	0	0	0	0	0
Associate's degree	0	0	0	0	0
Bachelor's degree	0	0	0	0	0
Graduate or professional degree	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 10 - Educational Attainment by Age**

Data Source Comments:

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	0
Some college or Associate's degree	0
Bachelor's degree	0
Graduate or professional degree	0

Table 11 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source Comments:

**Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?**

**Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:**

**Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.**

**How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?**

**Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.**

**Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?**

Yes

**If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.**

**Discussion**

## **MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion**

### **Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

Census Tract 9523 (NE part of City bounded on the south by East Division Street and on the west, primarily, by North Laventure Road) has 43% renter households and 45% have one or more severe housing problems (compared to 35% for the City as a whole); 29% of renter households here have >50% housing cost burden (compared to 23% for the City as a whole). "Concentrated" is defined as 51% or higher. The area of this census tract cataloged as 9523.01 is 67.7% LMI households.

### **Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

Census Tract 9525 that primarily includes the Downtown neighborhood and bounded on the west by the Skagit River, the south by West Blackburn Road, the north by West Fir Street, and the east by North 8th Street (for the northern part of the tract), South 9th Street (for the central part of the tract), and South 4th Street (for the southern part of the tract). This area has a high concentration of LMI households and the highest concentration of persons over 5 years old who do not speak English at all (15%, compared to only 7% for the City as a whole). This census tract is 57.5% LMI households.

Census Tracts 9522 (NW part of city bounded on the south by East Fir Street and on the east by North Laventure Road) has the highest concentration of persons living below the poverty threshold (22.4% compared to 16.5% for the City as a whole). "Concentrated" is defined as having a higher proportion than the City as a whole. This census tract is 59.6%, the area with the second highest concentration of LMI households.

### **What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?**

Census Tract 9522 has the highest proportion of renter households (62% compared to only 40% for the whole City), and 48% of households have a housing cost burden. In Census Tract 9525 50% are renter households and 21% of renters have a severe housing cost burden.

### **Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?**

Low-income, subsidized housing developments are concentrated in Census Tracts 9522 and 9523, providing some relief for low-income families who may otherwise experience severe housing cost burden. Skagit Valley College's main campus is also located in this region of the City.

Census Tract 9525 includes the Downtown neighborhood, a focal point for local commerce, employment, recreation, and an area that has great potential to draw more visitors due to Skagit River waterfront and plans for redevelopment. This neighborhood is also home to several special needs and

low-income housing, including Compass Health’s permanent supportive housing for people with mental illness, the Housing Authority of Skagit County’s President Apartments, and Friendship House’s homeless shelters.

**Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**

The Downtown Mount Vernon redevelopment master plan presents many strategic opportunities that are outlined in the master plan document. It summarizes the technical assistance team’s findings and suggests an array of strategies and tools that will help the City achieve its Downtown redevelopment goals.

The areas in the northern part of the city also offer strategic opportunities to increase the supply of high-quality farmworker housing, as demonstrated recently by Catholic Housing Services.

Partnerships with Skagit Valley College offer strategic opportunities for workforce development programs and for jail and prison re-entry programs that result in reduced recidivism and improved housing stability for ex-offenders.

## **MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)**

### **Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.**

According to the Federal Communications Commission data, the top 10 fixed broadband providers serving Skagit County are Hughes Network Systems, Space Exploration Technologies, Viasat Inc., Northwest Fiber, T-Mobile, Declarations Network Group, Comcast Corporation, Radiate Holdings, Sound Internet Service and Verizon Communications.

Consultation with the local broadband providers was unsuccessful therefore the city used Broadband Data from the FCC to address availability of Broadband.

The Federal Communications Commission data revealed that there is 100% broadband coverage available in Mount Vernon through fixed and mobile broadband services. While the services are available, it is important to point out that access to broadband services may still be challenging for low- and moderate-income households in the community due to cost. To ensure increased access the City should consider having free wi-fi and other resources available at City facilities and community sites. The City should also encourage the provision of access to broadband for affordable housing developments. Area Summary - Fixed | FCC National Broadband Map

### **Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.**

Competition of service providers allows for increased options for consumers and reduction in costs in many cases. The Federal Commission data shows there are 10 different broadband service providers serving Skagit County, this also includes the City of Mt. Vernon. Broadband service fixed and mobile is still needed in the rural portions of the County.

## **MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.**

The City of Mt. Vernon is especially susceptible to flooding events due to its location within Flood zones. Significant redevelopment has occurred in Downtown Mt. Vernon to shore up buildings and other resources located downtown. The City must remain vigilant to continue addressing flood and other natural hazard risks. Low- and moderate-income households, especially vulnerable groups, such as the elderly and disabled need specialized services and care. These populations may encounter challenges associated with mobility, transportation, health care, as well as challenges with stocking up and preparing for various storms and severe weather events. The City may need to consider increasing coordination with the County and other regional partners to provide necessary emergency shelter or medical facilities in a flood or storm event.

### **Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.**

The City must remain vigilant to continue addressing flood and other natural hazard risks. Low- and moderate-income households, especially vulnerable groups, such as the elderly and disabled need specialized services and care. These populations may encounter challenges associated with mobility, transportation, health care, as well as challenges with stocking up and preparing for various storms and severe weather events. The City may need to consider increasing coordination with the County and other regional partners to provide necessary emergency shelter or medical facilities in a flood or storm event.



# Strategic Plan

## SP-05 Overview

### Strategic Plan Overview

The City of Mount Vernon's Strategic Plan outlines the housing and community development goals and strategies to meet the priority needs with available resources. This Strategic Plan covers the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.

The City anticipates receiving an annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through HUD during this five-year period.

This Strategic Plan is written to meet the requirements of HUD that provides most of the financial resources to implement the plan. The plan is also designed to align with other, local strategic priorities as set out in the Skagit County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, and county-wide plans to increase the supply of affordable housing (based on the Skagit County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee recommendations) and increase the supply of farmworker housing as described in the Skagit Valley Farmworker Housing Trust Advisory Council's 2010 – 2015 Strategic Plan. In addition, the 2022 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan calls for the increase of affordable housing to benefit HOME-ARP Qualified Populations including the homeless, persons at risk of homelessness, person fleeing domestic violence and other populations at great risk of housing instability.

This Strategic Plan builds upon the City's prior community development efforts focused on protecting the low-income downtown neighborhood from the threat of Skagit River flooding. Flood protection improves the suitability of the downtown area for housing and employment opportunities.

#### *HUD Goals*

HUD funding sources must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons in accordance with three HUD goals:

**Provide Decent Housing** – assisting homeless persons obtain affordable housing; assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless; retaining the affordable housing stock; increasing the availability of affordable permanent housing, particularly to members of disadvantaged minorities; increasing the supply of supportive housing; and providing affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities.

**Provide a Suitable Living Environment** – improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; eliminating blighting influences and the deterioration of property and facilities; increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services; reducing the isolation of income groups within areas through spatial deconcentrating of housing opportunities for lower income persons and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods; restoring and preserving properties of special historic,

architectural, or aesthetic value; and conserving energy resources and use of renewable energy resources.

**Expand Economic Opportunities** – job creation and retention; establishment, stabilization and expansion of small businesses (including micro-businesses); the provision of public services concerned with employment; the provision of jobs to low-income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities, or jobs resulting from carrying out activities under programs covered by the plan; availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices; access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing and public housing.

## SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

### Geographic Area

Table 12 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	<b>Area Name:</b>	Census Tract 9522
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Comprehensive
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	
	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	
	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	
2	<b>Area Name:</b>	Census Tract 9523
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Comprehensive
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	
	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	

	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Area Name:</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Comprehensive
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	
	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	
	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	
	<b>4</b>	<b>Area Name:</b>
<b>Area Type:</b>		Strategy area
<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>		
<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>		7/25/2005
<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>		
<b>Revital Type:</b>		Comprehensive
<b>Other Revital Description:</b>		
<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>		
<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>		
<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>		
<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>		
<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>		
<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>		

## **General Allocation Priorities**

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

The City of Mt. Vernon participates in the HUD Section 108 program to maximize its CDBG funding by using the loan to fund large scale improvement projects primarily in the Downtown area of Mount Vernon. During the last Consolidated Plan period (2018-2022) the City completed improvements to the floodwall. The City seeks to continue infrastructure improvements to the Library Commons during the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan through the same HUD Section 108 program, using roughly half of its annual allocation to repay the HUD loan for this purpose. The remainder of the City CDBG program funds are slated to be used Citywide for eligible activities.

## SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

### Priority Needs

Table 13 – Priority Needs Summary

1	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Support public facilities for revitalization Supportive efforts to reduce poverty
	<b>Description</b>	The Washington State Legislature required all Counties to develop a ten-year plan to reduce homelessness by 50%. Skagit County's plan was last updated in 2012. The City adopts, by reference, Skagit County's Homeless Plan, including its goals and strategies.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	People who are homeless are among the most vulnerable of the City's LMI population. Reducing the number of people who are experiencing homelessness is an urgent priority.
2	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Increase Supply of Affordable Housing
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly Frail Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Maintain Affordable Housing Stock Increase supply of affordable housing
	<b>Description</b>	The cost of rental and homeowner housing is beyond the reach of many Mount Vernon households who are homeless or who are struggling with a severe housing cost burden, putting their future tenancy at risk. The City of Mount Vernon participated in the Skagit County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee process that generated a set of strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing. The City's CDBG program is part of that larger strategy as it relates to housing within the City of Mount Vernon.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Housing affordability is a major problem for many City residents who have a severe housing cost burden. Also, very few units of housing affordable to LMI households have been developed in recent years, making the problem even worse.
<b>3</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Facilities to support Revitalization
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Support public facilities for revitalization
	<b>Description</b>	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 will require upgrades to, or new infrastructure (e.g. pedestrian mobility improvements, utilities, flood hazard mitigation facilities, etc.). Funds will also be used to support the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of public facilities in Mt. Vernon, with consideration for those facilities serving the homeless.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	The primary public facility project for which CDBG funding will be invested is the Library Commons Project. Funds will also be used to support the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of public facilities. Consideration will be made for public facilities serving the homeless.
<b>4</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Assistance for Special Needs Populations
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Supportive efforts to reduce poverty
	<b>Description</b>	Public services are needed to help individuals and families with special needs obtain help with basic needs, food, housing, employment, health, and other important services.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Many individuals and families in Mount Vernon need help accessing basic needs, which are often emergency needs when people are seeking assistance.
5	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Administration and planningImplementation of this
	<b>Priority Level</b>	Low
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Administration and Planning

<b>Description</b>	Implementation of this consolidated plan requires 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.
<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	CDBG is an administratively intense grant program. The City considers it a high priority to ensure regulatory compliance and to deliver CDBG-funded projects in a cost-effective manner.

**Narrative (Optional)**

The level of need in a community is always greater than the limited CDBG resources available to help meet those needs. In earlier sections of this Consolidated Plan, information has been presented that helps compare the types and levels of need within our community to support setting priorities, goals and strategies.

The City uses these priorities and goals to form the basis for determining what types of housing and community development programs the City will fund with CDBG over the next five years. The City has identified the following general priorities (not in order) amongst different activities and needs.

**Priority 1. Homelessness**

The Washington State Legislature required all Counties to develop a ten-year plan to reduce homelessness by 50%. 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 who are struggling with a severe housing cost burden, putting their future tenancy at risk. The City of Mount Vernon participated in the Skagit County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee process that generated a set of strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing. The City's CDBG program is part of that 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 will require upgrades to, or new infrastructure (e.g. pedestrian mobility improvements, utilities, flood hazard mitigation facilities, etc.). Funds may also

be used for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of public facilities. Consideration will be given for public facilities serving the homeless.

**Priority 4. Preservation**

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

**Priority 5. Assist special needs populations**

Public services are needed to help individuals and families with special needs obtain help with basic needs, food, housing, employment, health, and other important services.

**Priority 6. Administration and planning**

Implementation of this consolidated plan requires 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.

**SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)**

**Introduction**

The City anticipates annual CDBG grant funds of approximately \$332,365 per year. Approximately \$100,000 of each year’s CDBG grant will be used to repay the Section 108 loan principal, plus additional payment for accrued interest. If appropriations are greater or less than anticipated, the following activities are proposed as contingencies: Public Facilities, Homeownership Assistance, Housing Rehabilitation. The City will publish notices and solicit comments for 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	332,365	0	0	332,365	1,329,460	Funds used for acquisition, admin/planning, housing, public facilities, public services

**Table 14 - Anticipated Resources**

**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, new multi-family housing will be funded primarily through low-income housing tax credit program and the WA State Housing Trust Fund, with relatively small local investment of CDBG dollars. The City owns land that was recently used to complete the flood hazard control project in the Downtown neighborhood, and most of the \$30,000,000 floodwall project came from non-CDBG sources.

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

Not applicable.

**Discussion**

## SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Mount Vernon	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Community Action of Skagit County	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Planning Rental public services	Region
Housing Authority of Skagit County	PHA	Homelessness Planning Public Housing Rental	Jurisdiction
SKAGIT COUNTY	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	

**Table 15 - Institutional Delivery Structure  
Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System**

The institutional delivery system for housing and community development needs is very strong. Partner agencies have a strong track record in providing excellent services that are well coordinated. Gaps are less related to the delivery system than to resources to meet the needs in the community.

As more resources become available for LMI affordable housing development, the agencies that provide housing and services will likely face the challenge of locating suitable building sites over time. It will impact the region as communities continue to develop and become more urbanized.

**Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services**

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics	X	X	
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	
<b>Supportive Services</b>			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
<b>Other</b>			

**Table 16 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary**

**Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)**

The Housing Resource Center, a program of Community Action of Skagit County, operates a centralized and coordinated entry homeless housing service center that serves the homeless population in the City

of Mount Vernon. This Center serves as a hub for all homeless housing related activity in the community, including intake and assessment of all homeless households, the coordination of homeless housing service providers. The Center also maintains the local homeless management information system (HMIS) by operating a single-point of entry.

Counseling and advocacy—People who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless enter the housing system and are assigned case management from an array of partnering, non-profit housing and shelter agencies. Housing counseling and advocacy become a significant part of the case management support provided. More general counseling and advocacy services are also available to low-income people at the Housing Resource Center of Community Action of Skagit County which offers information and referral services to help people seeking a variety of services in addition to housing services.

Legal Assistance—If legal issues are barriers to obtaining or sustaining housing, then case management support addresses these as part of each assisted household’s case plan. Additionally, case managers refer legal assistance to Community Action of Skagit County’s Volunteer Lawyer Program, which is staffed by a panel of local attorneys who volunteer their time to provide free or low-cost civil legal help. *Interpreter services are available. Northwest Justice Project (NJP)*, Washington’s publicly funded legal aid program, has an office in Bellingham. NJP is a not-for-profit statewide law firm that provides free civil legal assistance and representation to low-income people and communities throughout Washington. They are called upon to provide advocacy and support for homeless people and service providers.

Rental assistance—The Housing Resource Center (HRC) administers rental subsidies (using a variety of federal, state and local grants) to homeless and at-risk households and matches the subsidy with case management support provided by one of several partnering, nonprofit housing agencies, including Community Action’s housing staff. Families with children, youth, and veteran households are among the populations that are supported by rental subsidies and case management. Additionally, the HRC administers Supportive Housing Program (SHP) subsidies to people who are chronically homeless. HRC also operates the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program that offers temporary financial assistance and case management to homeless and at-risk veteran households.

The Housing Authority of Skagit County subsidizes low-income households through the Housing Choice Voucher programs. The Housing Authority also administers HUD-VASH vouchers for eligible, chronically homeless veterans, identified by the HRC.

**Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above**

Strengths Service Delivery:

- Centralized, coordination of providers and their services

- Strong collaborative partnerships across systems of care through the local homeless coalition (COC), Shelter Provider’s Network, and other collaboratives
- Increasing capacity to manage and report comprehensive data (especially HMIS), including outcomes data that attract and leverage funds.
- Many services readily available at a single location through Community Action’s Community Resource, and Housing Resource Centers
- Affordable and comprehensive primary health care and wrap-around services
- Continuum of care and care coordination (primary care, hospital, supportive services organizations)
- Strong client support/advocacy organization

Gaps of Service Delivery:

- Lack of subsidized and affordable housing units, rental subsidy, case management support, especially for extremely low-income families, seniors, and people with behavioral health and physical disabilities.
- There is an acute need for more project-based, harm reduction housing for people who are chronically homeless.
- As is the case nationally, strategies to end youth homelessness are challenging. There is a need to define youth subpopulations more clearly for h specific, evidence-based, or promising practices will be effective housing retention strategies.
- A small, but significant proportion of the veteran households are not eligible for veteran-specific services due to discharge status.
- It is hard to identify homeless and at-risk youth.
- Additional outreach is needed for people who are chronically homeless.
- Better coordination between health care systems and housing is needed to respond more quickly to people who are homeless and medically fragile, or who are frequent users of emergency health services. The implementation of new Affordable Care Act provisions may present opportunities to improve care coordination.
- There is a severe shortage of adult dental services for people who are uninsured, poor, and/or homeless.
- Employment services should be more closely integrated with housing assistance.

**Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs**

- Develop a new source of local revenue dedicated to filling the housing gaps identified above. This will be used to leverage new state, federal and private sector investment in low-income housing.

- Improve coordination of services between healthcare, behavioral health, and housing systems, starting at State level, and including the development of a local accountable care organization (ACO).
- Develop an approach to better identifying and serving the homeless and at-risk youth population, to include youth outreach workers.
- Create more affordable housing units, including set asides for permanent supportive housing units that are operated with housing-first or harm reduction principles.
- Continue to improve and refine data HMIS data management and reporting capabilities to monitor progress toward becoming a high performing community as defined by HUD's HEARTH Act regulations.
- Expand nutrition services for those living with HIV.
- Build a peer support program/network for those living with HIV to provide mentoring opportunities for employment readiness, system navigation, etc.

## SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Support public facilities for revitalization	2023	2027	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON	Homelessness Public Facilities to support Revitalization	CDBG: \$830,186	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Persons Assisted
2	Supportive efforts to reduce poverty	2023	2027	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Mount Vernon	Homelessness Assistance for Special Needs Populations	CDBG: \$249,274	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
3	Maintain Affordable Housing Stock	2023	2027	Affordable Housing	DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON City of Mount Vernon Census Tract 9523 Census Tract 9522	Increase Supply of Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$50,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Increase supply of affordable housing	2023	2027	Affordable Housing	DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON City of Mount Vernon Census Tract 9523 Census Tract 9522	Increase Supply of Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$200,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted
5	Administration and Planning	2023	2027	Administration	City of Mount Vernon	Administration and planningImplementation of this	CDBG: \$332,365	Other: 5 Other

Table 17 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Support public facilities for revitalization
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Invest CDBG funds in public facility projects to revitalize Downtown Mount Vernon, including flood hazard mitigation, pedestrian and utility improvements, and other public facilities that will enhance the living environment of the neighborhood and attract the kinds of development envisioned by the Downtown redevelopment master plan. Funds may also be used to improve or acquire property for public facilities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Supportive efforts to reduce poverty
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Public Services for low to moderate income persons

3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Maintain Affordable Housing Stock
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Support projects that rehabilitate affordable housing
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Increase supply of affordable housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Support projects and programs that develop or convert housing for LMI homebuyers, including programs that ensure long-term affordability, such as community land trusts.
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Program Administration and Planning Activities

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)**

A total of affordable housing units are estimated for the five-year period of this Strategic Plan. The housing would be provided to the following income targets:

- Extremely low-income ( units)
- Very Low-income (units)
- Low-income (units)

During the FY 2023-2027 period, The City of Mt. Vernon anticipates assisting approximately ten (10) low-income homeowners by supporting housing soft costs or providing direct financing assistance for homeownership . In addition, it is estimated that approximately five (5) affordable rental units will be preserved or constructed. All assisted households will have incomes at or below 80% of the area median. The City has traditionally partnered with affordable housing non-profits with a direct mission to serve low-income households. This is often achieved through specialized financing or self-help construction models, combined with special financing. The strategy is available in the Mt. Vernon Consolidated Plan and Action plan, should an eligible project become available.



## **SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)**

### **Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards**

The City will continue to implement federal and state rules regarding lead-based paint hazards. All renovation or rehabilitation work for structures built before 1978 will include the required evaluations and/or risk assessments to determine the extent of the lead-based paint hazard. Known, or suspected hazards, will be controlled or abated as required by federal and state regulations.

### **How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?**

Washington State implemented the Renovation Repair and Repainting rule on March 16, 2011, regarding lead-based paint. For more information, go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=365-230&full=true>. These state rules, in addition to the CDBG and HOME program rules, ensure that the actions the city takes regarding lead-based paint hazards are integrated into the city's housing policies and procedures.

## **SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)**

### **Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing 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.

### **How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan**

As with all the listed goals, programs and policies in this Plan, the City continues to coordinate with all jurisdictional, regional and statewide organizations and agencies through a regular communication process.

Expanding and preserving affordable housing opportunities will reduce the housing cost burden of households living in poverty. Therefore, a portion of the disposable income may be used to pursue other educational or career goals, as well as for other daily necessities.

## **SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230**

**Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

The City's CDBG program is audited by HUD and the State under the Single Audit Act on an as-needed basis based on risk assessments. This audit verifies that the City meets all statutory requirements and that information reported is correct and complete.

The City's Project Development Manager or designee is responsible for monitoring CDBG program sub-recipients. The City staff monitors sub-recipients as needed to ensure all regulatory requirements are met and that the information reported is complete and accurate. The City has adopted subrecipient monitoring standards and procedures as described in *Managing CDBG: A Guidebook for Grantees on Subrecipient Oversight*.

Sub-recipients are also monitored semi-annually from written reports submitted by the sub-recipient to the City. Monitoring of the CDBG program is consistent with program regulations. Monitoring consists of both desk and on-site reviews.

The City also conducts monitoring of its CDBG activities. CDBG monitoring depends on the activity. Construction or acquisition projects will be monitored as they progress to ensure compliance with specific federal requirements, including Davis-Bacon, Section 3, NEPA, and Uniform Relocation and Acquisition requirements.

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The City anticipates annual CDBG grant funds of approximately \$332,365 per year. Approximately \$100,000 of each year’s CDBG grant will be used to repay the Section 108 loan principal, plus additional payment for accrued interest. If appropriations are greater or less than anticipated, the following activities are proposed as contingencies: Public Facilities, Homeownership Assistance, Housing Rehabilitation. The City will publish notices and solicit comments for 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	332,365	0	0	332,365	1,329,460	Funds used for acquisition, admin/planning, housing, public facilities, public services

**Table 18 - 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, new multi-family housing will be funded primarily through low-income housing tax credit program and the WA State Housing Trust Fund, with relatively small local investment of CDBG dollars. The City owns land that was recently used to complete the flood hazard control project in the Downtown neighborhood, and most of the \$30,000,000 floodwall project came from non-CDBG sources.

**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**

## 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	Support public facilities for revitalization	2023	2027	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON City of Mount Vernon Census Tract 9523 Census Tract 9522	Homelessness Public Facilities to support Revitalization	CDBG: \$216,038	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Persons Assisted
2	Supportive efforts to reduce poverty	2023	2027	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Mount Vernon	Homelessness Assistance for Special Needs Populations	CDBG: \$49,854	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Maintain Affordable Housing Stock	2023	2027	Affordable Housing	DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON City of Mount Vernon Census Tract 9523 Census Tract 9522	Increase Supply of Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0	Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit
4	Increase supply of affordable housing	2023	2027	Affordable Housing	City of Mount Vernon	Increase Supply of Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 0 Households Assisted
5	Administration and Planning	2023	2027	Administration	City of Mount Vernon	Administration and planningImplementation of this	CDBG: \$66,473	Other: 1 Other

**Table 19 – Goals Summary**

### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Support public facilities for revitalization
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>Pay the annual payments on the City's Section 108 Loan used to finish the flood hazard mitigation project as a necessary component of the Downtown revitalization strategy.</p> <p>Funds will also be used to support the acquisition of one public facility for the Friendship House to house the homeless and improvement of two (2) public facilities for the benefit of low- and moderate-income people in Mt. Vernon (Gleaners &amp; Community Action Agency).</p>

2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Supportive efforts to reduce poverty
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Public Services for low to moderate income persons
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Maintain Affordable Housing Stock
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Rehabilitation of low-income rental housing and special needs housing.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Increase supply of affordable housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homebuyer Assistance
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Administration and Planning

## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The City of Mount Vernon intends to use FY 2023-2024 CDBG funds for public facility improvements, public services, and program administration. The breakdown of the grant by category and percentage are as follows:

- Public services - 15%
- Public facilities - 65%
- Administration - 20%

#	Project Name
1	Public Facility: Library Commons Improvements
2	Public Services: ASC Basic Needs Services for People Experiencing Homelessness
3	Public Facility : Gleaners Public Facility Improvements
4	Public Facility :Friendship House - Property Acquisition
5	Public Facility : Community Action Public Facility Improvements
6	Administration and Planning
7	Alternate Projects : Affordable Housing

**Table 20 – Project Information**

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

The projects listed above were selected from the total of project proposals received in accordance with their consistency with the priorities established through the Consolidated Plan forums and community survey process. These projects meet needs enumerated in the Needs Assessment and prioritization process to the extent that funding was available. Organizational competencies were also considered when selecting one project over another, leaning toward those organizations with long-standing histories of successful project management. In addition, community input was strongly considered regarding the service agencies that were selected for funding.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facility: Library Commons Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support public facilities for revitalization
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness Public Facilities to support Revitalization
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$109,037
	<b>Description</b>	Support Completion of Mt. Vernon Library Commons Repayment of 108 Loan and Interest
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Repayment of 108 Loan and Interest
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Services: ASC Basic Needs Services for People Experiencing Homelessness
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Supportive efforts to reduce poverty
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness Assistance for Special Needs Populations
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$49,854

	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide public services to low income residents of Mount Vernon.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Public Services for Low to moderate income persons in Mount Vernon.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facility : Gleaners Public Facility Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support public facilities for revitalization
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities to support Revitalization
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$37,001
	<b>Description</b>	Public Facility: Gleaners Public Facility Improvements
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used to improve a public facility benefiting low- and moderate-income persons in Mt. Vernon
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facility :Friendship House - Property Acquisition
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support public facilities for revitalization
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness Public Facilities to support Revitalization

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be used to acquire a property that will be used as a public facility for persons experiencing homelessness
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Public Facility : Friendship House – Property Acquisition
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facility : Community Action Public Facility Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support public facilities for revitalization
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities to support Revitalization
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be used to make improvements to a public facility for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used to make improvements to a public facility for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Mount Vernon

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Administration and planningImplementation of this
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$66,473
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be used for program administration and planning
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used for program administration and planning
7	<b>Project Name</b>	Alternate Projects : Affordable Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Mount Vernon
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Maintain Affordable Housing Stock Increase supply of affordable housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase Supply of Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Alternate Projects to address affordable housing needs- to be used as alternate in the event of a project cancellation or completion of project below budget.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Alternate Projects to address affordable housing needs- to be used as alternate in the event of a project cancellation or completion of project below budget.



## **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**

Thirty-two 32% of 2023 CDBG funds was directed to public facility improvements in Downtown Mount Vernon; The remainder will be used Citywide.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON	32
City of Mount Vernon	68
Census Tract 9523	
Census Tract 9522	

**Table 21 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The City of Mount Vernon devotes 1/3 of its allocation to repay a HUD Section 108 loan for the continued revitalization of the downtown area. The remainder of the funding is available for use for eligible activities Citywide.

### **Discussion**

Downtown Mount Vernon is the only single neighborhood target area. Census Tract 9522 and 9532 have a high proportion of LMI residents. There are a wide variety of other needs and priorities throughout the City.

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

### **Introduction**

#### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The City will conduct outreach to various community sectors to inform lenders, property managers, and the public about Fair Housing laws; The City will also continue coordination with the HOME Consortium, Skagit County and other community partners to support unmet needs in the Area.

#### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The City will work in partnership with the Housing Authority of Skagit County to secure the resources necessary to provide affordable housing in Mt. Vernon. The City has alternate projects in its 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan to provide affordable housing for rent or homeownership.

#### **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. The City will also provide information to partners regarding projects that may be impacted by Lead Based Paint requirements based on the age of the buildings.

#### **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 will continue participation in the HOME Consortium and other regional groups for continued information sharing and coordination. The City will also use CDBG funds to support affordable housing initiatives, to the extent funding permits, during the FY 2023-2027 consolidated plan period.

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

The City plans to continue coordination with the Continuum of Care to support the goals of their plan to reduce homelessness through their 10 year plan and newer initiatives as they occur. The City also intends to continue active participation with community organizations that serve the residents of Mount vernon through CDBG funding, when available, and other (non-financial) supports.

## **Discussion**

# Program Specific Requirements

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

### Introduction

The 2023 Action Plan continues some of the programs and one project that the City has implemented in the past, including rental housing development, homebuyer assistance, public (human) services, and flood hazard mitigation in Downtown Mount Vernon.

### 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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.	75.00%

## Discussion

## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA  
May 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**  
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place

**To virtually attend the meeting, the public may:**

1. **Watch the meeting live on TV10:** Comcast/Xfinity Channel 10
2. **Watch the meeting live, online:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUob\\_hcQUmd4S93YkletdrA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUob_hcQUmd4S93YkletdrA)

**I. OPENING CEREMONIES**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call of Councilmembers

**II. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

1. Review of Emails from the Public  
(Public comments may be sent via email to [communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov). The comments will be read aloud into the record during the public comment portion of the agenda. Please limit your comments to be read in three minutes or less. Email comments must be received by 4 p.m. on May 10, 2023.)
2. Public Comments  
(This is an opportunity for Mount Vernon residents to address their City Council. Please limit comments to three minutes or less. Under normal circumstances, the Mayor and Council will not respond immediately to Community Comments. If you would like someone to follow up with you regarding the topic of your comments, please leave your name and contact information on the form at the entrance of the Council Chambers. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to make your comments via Zoom, please submit a request to speak via email to [communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov) or by telephone at 360-336-6211. Requests must be received by 4 p.m. on May 10, 2023.)

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of April 26, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of May 5, 2023, payroll checks numbered 111979 - 112001, direct deposit checks numbered 93768 - 94023, and wire transfers numbered 1210 - 1214 in the amount of \$1,167,808.35
- C. Approval of May 10, 2023, AP Claims numbered 21557 – 21711 in the amount of \$3,377,995.30

**IV. REPORTS**

- A. Committees
  - 1. Public Works and Library
  - 2. Public Safety
- B. Councilmember Comments
- C. Mayor's Report
- D. Committee Agenda Requests

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Public Hearing – 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and 5-Year Consolidated Plan  
(This is an open record public hearing to obtain views of citizens and other interested parties on the draft CDBG 2023-24 Action Plan and 5-Year Consolidated Plan.)  
*(required action – motion)*  
*(staff contact – Peter Donovan)*
- B. Public Hearing – Mount Vernon School District Updated Capital Facilities Plan and Updated School Impact Fees  
(This is an open record public hearing for the adoption of the Mount Vernon School District Updated Capital Facilities Plan and Updated School Impact Fees for Chapter 3.36 of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code.)  
*(required action – ordinance)*  
*(staff contact – Darren Groth)*
- C. Approval of Agreement – International Code Council  
(Staff is requesting approval of an agreement with International Code Council to provide plan review services for building permit applications.)  
*(required action – motion)*  
*(staff contact – Darren Groth)*
- D. Approval of Street Closure Request – N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Block Party  
(Staff is requesting approval of a street closure request for the 2023 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Block Party.)  
*(required action – motion)*  
*(staff contact – Jennifer Berner)*
- E. Approval of Street Closure Request – Mount Vernon High School (MVHS)  
(Staff is requesting approval a street closure request for the 2023 MVHS Graduation Parade.)  
*(required action – motion)*  
*(staff contact – Jennifer Berner)*

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

Public Works and Library                      6:00 p.m.

Next Ordinance                                      3870  
Next Resolution                                      1029



**DATE:** May 10, 2023  
**TO:** Mayor Boudreau and City Council  
**FROM:** Peter Donovan, Special Projects Manager  
**SUBJECT:** OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023-24 CDBG ACTION PLAN & CONSOLIDATED PLAN

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

- This is an Open Record Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens and other interested parties on the draft Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023 Action Plan; as well as the 2023-27 Consolidated Plan.
- HUD has designated \$332,365 to the City's CDBG program for the 2023-24 program year.

**FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS:**

The proposed Annual Action Plan identifies the approximate amounts for the following goals:

- Public Services \$49,855
  - Community Action: \$33,237 (10%)
  - Welcome Home Skagit \$16,618 (5%)
- Admin & Planning \$66,473
- Increase Supply of Affordable Housing \$50,000
- Improvement of Facilities & Revitalization \$166,037

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Following a public hearing, a Council motion to approve the 2023-2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan, and the 5-year Consolidated Plan

**ATTACHED:**

2023-2027 Consolidated Plan

2023-24 Draft Action Plan (imbedded within the Con Plan)

2nd Public Hearing Notice

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Sarah Vogt <sarahvogt@welcomehomeskagit.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 4:23 PM  
**To:** Community Comments; Peter Donovan  
**Subject:** Public comment- draft plan for 2023-2027 and 2023 action plan regarding CDBG funds.  
**Attachments:** PUBLIC COMMENT rhhg- 2023-2027 draft.pdf; SRH Letter of Support for Welcome Home Skagit.pdf; Retired County, Nancy Brown letter.pdf; Pastor Terry Rude Letter.pdf; MVPD center letter.pdf; Dear Commission LETTER on Shelter.pdf  
**Follow Up Flag:** follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Caution: External Message**

Please consider supporting the Mount Vernon day shelter program by allocating some of the available CDBG funding towards this program.  
Please review the following documents.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Vogt  
Welcome Home Skagit  
Homeless Intervention & Prevention  
Director of Homeless Support Services  
360-330-0392  
[Support This Program By Donating Today!](#)



February 21, 2023

Re: Welcome Home Skagit

To Whom It May Concern:

We'd like to emphasize how important we think the Daytime Shelter run by Welcome Home Skagit has been to our community this winter. We have seen so much positive impact for people who have been able to more easily get help of all kinds, including seeking some medical care.

We have a group of physicians who have worked with staff and volunteers from Welcome Home Skagit for the last couple years in their Hope Village program, and this year in the Daytime Shelter. We have always enjoyed working with them and have learned a lot about our community and the challenges faced by the people experiencing homelessness here.

Our physicians have gone to the Daytime Shelter at least one day every week this winter and we've met so many fellow community members there. We have seen around 8-10 people per week who asked for medical care and wouldn't otherwise have had easy access to physicians. We have made connections, listened to what people need, learned a lot, provided basic medical care and first aid on site. We educated people about their own health and medical resources in the community. We have been able to make connections for some people for appointments with one of our physicians at our Family Medicine Residency Clinic. This has been a great way to facilitate building trusting relationships with some people who now have a primary care physician and a medical home with us.

We support this organization and would love to see them have a permanent home for the Daytime Shelter in our community.

Sincerely,

Julie Mernam, D.O.  
Family Medicine Residency Director  
Skagit Regional Health

Connie Davis, M.D., MHA  
Regional Vice President and Chief Medical Officer  
Skagit Regional Health



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February 9, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the Integrated Outreach Services (IOS) Supervisor at the Mount Vernon Police Department. We help people within the city who are experiencing homelessness access services, provide resources and help them develop their resiliency. So many times, we make some progress with a person, maybe obtain a much-needed medical appointment for someone, only to watch the date pass by because we are unable to locate them in time. Another challenge that we frequently encounter involves contacting a person who has no where to sit and has gotten the attention of a community member who wants them "moved along." There are very few (an optimistic estimate) places in our community that will welcome our most vulnerable community members who are unhoused to allow them to rest and take care of their own appointments and obligations. Thus, more missed appointments, court dates and no chance of connections with people who care. The inception of the Day Center at the First United Methodist Church has been a very welcome addition to our community for many reasons. There have been many times that our IOS staff have engaged in conversations with people and have been able to offer a ride to the Day Center for respite from the weather and unhealthy situations. I was just interrupted while writing this letter by an elderly man who has some very challenging habits who came to ask for clothes and a ride to the Day Center. Taking him there gave us the opportunity to discuss his unhealthy relationship with his grandson and begin to try to see if there is a healthier way for him to live. Entering the Center, I've seen many people relaxing and enjoying a warm meal and speaking with the staff there. We have also increased our support system by networking with the staff at the Center. The staff there contact us for specific needs, and we ask them to watch out for various people with whom with work.

The impact of having a Day Center for these people is felt every day by the people who utilize it and all the first responders and social service workers who care for our community members. This is a vital option for our community to move towards a more robust continuum of care that can help solve the devastating effects of homelessness and lack of behavioral health services. Please continue the funding for the Day Center.

Sincerely,

  
Erin von Femppe, LICSW, CPRP  
MVPD IOS Supervisor

*Safe and Enjoyable Community Living*

TO: Sara Vogt  
FROM: Terry Rude  
RE: Welcome Home

To whom it may concern

I am the Pastor at The Father's House church in Burlington, Washington. I have been in ministry for approximately 40 years.

At the end of last summer the Lord spoke to my heart about reaching out to the homeless and those that were living on the streets. After a couple of months ministering to those in need, I heard about a day shelter that was being run by the Welcome Home ministry.

I went there for the first time in November and continue to go every Wednesday for the better part of the day. I connect with those that are there. I build relationships with them and look for ways we can help them move their lives forward.

I took one man to his doctor appointment and was an advocate for him receiving physical therapy after suffering a stroke. I help find vehicles for those that need one. I drove one young man to the DMV and helped him get his driver's permit. I then let him use my vehicle to receive driving experience with me in the passenger's seat.

I see the genuine love and real caring hearts that Sara and the entire Welcome Home team have for each and every person that walks through the doors. That makes ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

Sara and her team have devoted their lives to unconditionally loving these people and are helping them live better lives. I'm inspired to go every Wednesday because of Sara and her team.

I'm encouraging everyone I can to provide funds, give of their time and love on these people. I'm asking you to provide the finances to see this AMAZING ministry continue here in Mount Vernon.

Thank You for your consideration in funding the Welcome Home ministry.

Terry Rude

Pastor

The Father's House



February 18, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I worked in the following roles for 30 years in Skagit and Snohomish Counties: Counselor & Unit Supervisor in a mens' minimum security prison, Vocational Counselor & Supervisor in the State Vocational Rehabilitation Department, Skagit County, Juvenile Probation Officer and Director of Skagit County Department of Youth & Family Services overseeing a large Intervention/Prevention program (ARIS) & all of the County's Juvenile Justice programs.

For the last 5 years, I have worked as a volunteer to learn more about the causal factors of Skagit County's homelessness crisis and to find ways to provide resources to Skagit County residents without housing. A part of my focus was to find ways to provide food to homeless people in need in Skagit County.

I am willing to support the dire need for a Day Shelter in Skagit County. Obviously, there is a need for a 24/7, 12 month/year Shelter that could be defined as available every day on the day that there is that need. There have been many good efforts to get started on this goal. However, there are hundreds of Skagit County residents who still do not have the means to get into a safe, accessible, well-supervised, temperature appropriate setting all year when they have that need. It cannot be said that the County is meeting sheltering needs if people have to be on a waitlist to get that sheltering which is often the case in Skagit County.

A Day Shelter is a start at beginning to meet that need. I have witnessed & spoken with many people over the years that I have been providing resources to the temporary Day & Overnight Shelters. When they are in a sheltered setting, I have seen people obtain crucial medical care, dry & clean clothing, food, water, counseling, resource connections, dry bedding, transportation, phone access, help getting on the many waitlists for services such as housing, support from positive staff & guests, protection from predators who access them on the streets, far less contact with those dealing heroin, fentanyl & meth, assistance into treatment programs, a sense of community and a sense of belonging. This is all provided to them in a temperature appropriate setting. Without that sheltering, I know of many people living in Skagit County under buildings, under trees, close to a river with flooding potential, in cars, in a tree, in fields, in private citizen's backyards and in doorways of businesses and churches.

I have also witnessed and spoken with numerous people without homes who suffer from very disabling conditions. Those conditions include Neurological Disorders, stroke symptoms, Major Mental Health disorders, alcoholism, drug addiction, Diabetes, Cancer, amputated limbs, broken limbs and numerous other serious conditions. When sheltered, these people can get help accessing treatment options instead of having to depend upon and tax the Emergency Room or the mobile services of Emergency Responders. They are also in a setting in which supportive staff and other guests can assist them with their needs dealing with these challenging conditions.

Please find a way to support Day Shelters in Skagit County.

Sincerely,  
  
Nancy Brown  
Retired Director of Skagit County Youth and Family Services

Dear Commission,

I wanted to share a Success Story last Tuesday, but time did permit me to stay very long. I wanted to share the success story of the Day Shelter operated by Welcome Home Skagit and hosted at our church, Mount Vernon First United Methodist Church on E Division Street. Skagit County Public Health has also been a vital partner.

Six days a week, 25-30 people find shelter, respite and services at the Day Shelter. Most of them come from sheltering overnight at the Friendship House. Others come from off the street. Still others are referred to the shelter by Mount Vernon Police Department's Integrated Outreach Services. People at the shelter have found housing, secured employment, worked on their recovery and utilized mental health services provided. Outreach workers from Compass Mental Health make regular stops at the shelter to serve the guests.

Additionally, Welcome Home Skagit has utilized their resources wisely. The staff are well trained to serve the guests, respond to emergencies and provide the services the guests need. I have seen them in action and can testify to their compassion and skill. Many of the staffers have their own experience living on the streets, and I have learned that peer-to-peer service is a very powerful tool to help people in need.

I want you to imagine the impact on the community if we did not operate a shelter. Most of these folks would be on the streets. Some would be sheltering in their cars in the cold. In any case, this simple remedy has gone a long way to not only help individual lives, it has had a significant impact on the overall well-being of the community.

You and I know that the topic of homelessness is complex. And the issue is plaguing the entirety of the west coast. But I believe that both governments and church ought to be involved in creating solutions to this problem. I hope that you will see the value of this partnership. I believe it is a wise model for future solutions. When it comes time to fund solutions, think of the Day Shelter and the cumulative benefit it has brought to the community.

Thank you for hosting a time for Success Stories. I hope that you will consider this a Success Story of which you are a vital part. If you have further questions about the Day Shelter, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Rev. Christopher Gudger-Raines  
Mount Vernon First United Methodist Church



April 27, 2023

Dear Mr. Peter Donovan and the City of Mount Vernon, WA,

I am writing to submit a public comment on your draft plan for the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and 2023 Annual Action plan regarding the CDBG funding award. In reviewing the draft plan, we acknowledge this funding is limited. We see that Mount Vernon has listed the number 1 priority is to address the needs of homelessness. The crisis people are facing in our community is getting worse and we need to strengthen the resources for the most critically vulnerable and chronically homeless which is also in alignment with North Stars vital conditions and guiding principles for our County.

Welcome Home Skagit was recently awarded funding from the Skagit County Homelessness Crisis NOFA, however the funding awarded was about half of what need to run a successful year-round day shelter program. Our agency has long term goals of increasing shelter overnight as well as transitional housing for mentally ill and medically vulnerable community members. We are currently working on the long-term goals as well as the immediate. Investing in Welcome Home Skagit is important to help to increasing quality services and capacity to support some of the most vulnerable community members.

The day shelter will benefit many other agencies in our community in addition to the people we will serve. For some examples, Skagit Regional Hospital, law enforcement and their social workers, and other street outreach teams will have an option to offer to people to come inside, connect with peer advocates and available resources where it is safe and basic needs are met. We know the coordinated entry system is being re-envisioned and the community is working on County wide system improvements- the day shelter will be a critical resource to that improvement as well.

We are asking that you consider supporting the Mount Vernon day shelter program with allocating some of the available CDBG funding towards our program. This is a new program, and we want it to be successful and truly be able to meet the needs of our community. The day shelter will be the only drop in resources available to all, a low barrier trauma informed safe place led by people with lived experience who know best how to serve the unique needs of the most vulnerable.

We realize this may take time for your planning team to re-evaluate the draft budget and plan and we thank you for your consideration. We are also happy to discuss more in person together.

Thank you,

Sarah Vogt

Director of Homeless Support Services

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Mary Ruth Holder <mruthholder@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 3:52 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Support for block grant funding for Welcome Home

**Caution: External Message**

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to ask for your action to designate \$16,000 of a block grant for Welcome Home, the group that has been organizing Safe Parking and the church day shelters. This money is much needed for the safety and health of our homeless population. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ruth Holder  
Mount Vernon

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** office@mvfumc.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:43 AM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Support for the Day Care Center

**Caution External Message**

I am pleased to comment in support of the Winter Day Care Center that the First United Methodist Church hosted this past winter.

The leaders and volunteers were very dedicated to providing support and shelter for the homeless of our community and surrounding area. The shelter provided a place where their clients could receive access to showers, meals, water, computers, clean rest rooms, resources such as all of the Outreach Service providers like Community Action, Welcome Home, Mount Vernon P.D.'s Intensive Outreach Services (I.O.S.), Mental Health Professionals, Substance Use Services, supportive staff, medical staff from the Residency Program once weekly instead of the Emergency Room, and a sense of belonging somewhere with community and companionship.

The shelter was well managed and the clients were held accountable for their behavior.

Thank you,

Sue Erickson, Administrative Assistant



Mount Vernon First United Methodist Church  
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 [Facebook.com/MVFUMC](https://www.facebook.com/MVFUMC)

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Carolyn Gregg <cgregg@valleyint.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 4:26 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Day Shelter

Caution External Message

I urge you to approve the appropriation for a Day Shelter in Mount Vernon. The shelter was located in our church, First United Methodist from November into March this past winter. My volunteer duties brought me to church weekly for a couple of hours during the days the shelter operated. I had a few direct interactions with the shelter clients and many opportunities to observe the program in action. It seemed well attended and managed. Clients were polite and respected the building and grounds. It was apparent that these people were vulnerable and in great need of care. There seemed to be providers of social services arriving frequently. Let's continue this valuable service to the most needy of our neighbors.

Carolyn K Gregg

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Teresa Rindal <teresarindal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:36 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** CBDG Funding

Caution External Message

To Whom It May Concern,

Please award CBDG funding to the Welcome Home Skagit year-round day shelter to meet the needs of our homeless community. We have an office building that was broken into this winter by people seeking shelter. The City Council must work with the rest of the community to improve physical and mental health services for people in need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa Rindal

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** SUSAN DURHAM <susan.chuck@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9:23 PM  
**To:** Community Comments; Luis Primentel  
**Subject:** Welcome Home Skagit Vote

Caution: External Message

Please approve cbdg funding for Welcome Home Skagit year-round day shelter at EBC.

Chuck Durham

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Craig Olson <is40.col3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 10:21 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** May 10 Council meeting agenda item: Funding for year-round day shelter run by Welcome Home Skagit

**Caution External Message**

Dear MV City Council members,

Thank you for taking on the service of leadership for Mount Vernon and for your dedication to making wise decisions for our community.

My letter is in support of the funding request for a year-round day shelter run by Welcome Home Skagit.

We're all aware that there are still too many unsheltered people needing a variety of forms of help in our community, ranging from what individuals can do, up through organizations and all the levels of government. This is one of those opportunities where those multiple levels working together can magnify the effectiveness of the money spent.

Appreciatively,  
Craig Olson  
4212 Klowa Dr.  
Mount Vernon

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Jeff McGrew <jmcgrew@sos.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 8:37 AM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** City council members.... a YES vote to approve funding to WELCOME HOME SKAGIT for funding for a year round day shelter

**Importance:** High

**Caution External Message**

**Council members**

As a 30+ year resident, and active member of the voting public, I would hope very much that you would vote to approve full time funding to the Welcome Home Skagit group, for the creation and management, for a year round day shelter for our quickly growing homeless community. Homelessness is obviously a National crisis and Skagit county should be a proactive leader in the State of WA to professionally start dealing with this heart breaking issue. Welcome Home Skagit is the perfect partner to organize this necessary function. It is especially necessary in the months November thru April as our harsh NW environment takes a humanity toll.

My entire Family fully support this effort. PLEASE VOTE TO INITIATE THIS

John McGrew

Carla McGrew

Cathryn McGrew

Christina McGrew

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Terry Ogdon <Terry@ebcaw.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:07 AM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Vote on funding for homeless programs

**Caution External Message**

I would like to encourage the Mount Vernon City Council to approve funding for additional services for the area homeless.  
Thank you for serving our community!

Terry Ogdon  
2310 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
Mount Vernon  
360-420-5113

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Cathy <cathypfahl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 11:37 AM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Support for Day Shelter for Homeless

Caution External Message

Please fund a Day Shelter for our homeless neighbors. Our community needs to lead with compassion, not condemnation.

Thank you,

Cathy Pfahl  
21342 Swan Road  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
360.420.2977

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Ellen Anderson <anderson.turner4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 11:37 AM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** support of funding for year round homeless day shelter

**Caution External Message**

Please support funding for a year round homeless day shelter!

Ellen Anderson  
3820 McLaughlin Rd  
Mt Vernon  
702-595-4947

*What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness...*

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** lj\_hilliard@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 12:30 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

**Caution External Message**

Dear City Council Members:

We hope that you will favorably consider funding a day shelter for our unhoused population as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). We understand that last year Welcome Home Skagit provided this service and it provided valuable support to our unhoused population - a safe place out of the weather with individualized wrap around services (to help find housing and other needed support for stability.)

The City of Mount Vernon is doing a good job of providing services for ALL members of our community and we thank you for that.

We appreciate you.

Larry and Patricia Hilliard  
1416 Lindsay Loop  
Mount Vernon

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Elizabeth Turman-Bryant <eturman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 2:15 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of funding for Day Shelter for Unhoused

**Caution External Message**

To whom it is concerned,

I am a resident of Skagit County and writing to urge the Mt Vernon city council to give funding towards the Day Shelter run by Welcome Home Skagit. The day shelter is such an important support for Skagit County's unhoused, offering a warm place out of the weather, a place where people are treated with dignity and respect not to mention wrap-around services. When we support our most vulnerable, it makes a healthier, safer community for all.

Thank you for your consideration!

Elizabeth Turman Bryant  
130 S Anacortes St, Burlington, WA 98233

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Andrew Vander Stoep <andrewthedutch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 3:38 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Welcome home skagit

**Caution: External Message**

Hello Madam Mayor and Mount Vernon city council members,  
My name is Andrew Vander Stoep, and I am writing to urge your support of Welcome Home Skagit and their day shelter with this year's cbdg grants.  
This is an incredible program, run by incredible people, filling a vital role in our community. I will keep my comments short as I am sure you will hear from other community members about this amazing group. Thank you for your consideration,  
Andrew Vander Stoep

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Wyatt Wahlgren <wyattwahlgren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 4:09 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** cbdg funds for Welcome Home Skagit

**Caution: External Message**

Hello, my name is Wyatt Wahlgren, and I am from Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mount Vernon. We allow the Safe parking program to use our parking lot. I approve of funding to be awarded to Welcome Home Skagit. I fully believe in what they are doing.

**Kerri Grechishkin**

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**From:** Linda Swanson <rlswany12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 4:42 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Funding

Caution: External Message

Sent from my iPad. I approve of the cbdg funding to be awarded to welcome home skagit year around day shelter.

**Kerri Grachishkin**

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**From:** Aleita Bailey <aleitabailey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 5:06 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** Welcome home day shelter services

Caution: External Message

I requested funding to help support a year-round day shelter for our unsheltered community. This year-round service will allow our unsheltered friends to receive resources such as medical treatment, Mental Health Services arts and crafts classes, and care coordination. It will also serve as an access point for the valley's resource service providers to connect with their clients.

**I see this as a very valuable resource for our community. And ask that it can be financially supported.**

**Aleita Bailey**

Sent from my iPhone

Kerri Grechishkin

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**From:** Bets <belizetropicals@protonmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 6:25 PM  
**To:** Community Comments  
**Subject:** C,BDG Funding for Welcome Home Skagit

Caution External Message

**Dear Ladies/Sirs: Please approve chdg funding for Welcome Home Skagit year-round day shelter at EBC. Our church has been supporting Operation Safe Parking since it began last year and we see many benefits to providing shelter opportunities for those in need. This could be used as another path to helping those in need to help restore their independence in their lives.**

**Sincerely, Paul & Betsy Sargent**

[www.belizetropicals@protonmail.com](mailto:www.belizetropicals@protonmail.com)

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.



**City of Mount Vernon  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2023  
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place**

Mayor Pro Tempore Hulst called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** Councilmembers Beaton, Brocksmit, Carías, Hulst, Molenaar, and Morales  
**Absent:** Councilmember Hudson (excused)  
**Staff Present:** City Attorney Rogerson, Police Chief Cammock, Finance Director Volesky, Parks and Enrichment Services Director Berner, Special Projects Manager Donovan, Fire Chief Brice, Library Director Huffman, Public Works Director Phillips, City Clerk Jensen, Development Services Director Groth, Assistant Fire Chief Harris, IS Director Thomas, Engineering Manager Chesterfield, and Operations Manager Corcoran

Citizens Present: 5

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Public Comments - Comments sent to Community Comments were read aloud by Mr. Donovan

- David C Prutzman, Samish Bay Real Estate Group, spoke about the recent Development Design Review Report.

Public Comments - In person

- Lynette Brower, representing Neighbors In Need, Spoke about the closure of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of January 25, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of February 3, 2023, payroll checks numbered 111859 – 111880, direct deposit checks numbered 92265 - 92515, direct, and wire transfers numbered 1180 – 1184 in the amount of \$1,133,840.96.
- C. Approval of January 8, 2023, Claims numbered 20560 – 20733 in the amount of \$1,391,859.85.

- D. Approval of agreement – Dowell Consulting, PLLC

**Councilmember Morales moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A-D. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.**

#### **REPORTS**

- A. Committees
1. Public Works and Library – see committee minutes for details.
  2. Public Safety – see committee minutes for details
- B. Councilmember Comments
- Councilmember Brocksmitth thanked the Parks staff and COPPS volunteer group for their help during the Illuminight event and 25<sup>th</sup> Street Park improvements. He also thanked Public Works staff for their assistance with sidewalk programs and Safe Routes to Schools.
- C. Mayor's Report
- None
- D. Committee Agenda Requests
- None

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023 – 2024 Action Plan: This is an open record public hearing to obtain the views of residents and other interested parties on the community development needs of the City prior to preparing a draft CDBG 2023 – 2024 Action Plan.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hulst opened the public hearing.

- Jen Hutchison, Friendship House, spoke via Zoom about recent projects and requested continued support of upcoming projects.
- Melissa Self, Community Action of Skagit County, spoke about the services that are available for those in need in Skagit County.
- Morgan Curry, Skagit Gleaners, spoke about the organization and requested funding for capital improvements at the facility cold storage and additional storage.

- Melanie Corey, Housing Authority of Skagit County, spoke about the Mount Vernon Family Housing Development, thanked the for City their assistance, and encouraged affordable housing priorities.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Pro Tempore Hulst closed the public hearing.

Mr. Donovan provided an overview of the CDBG application, draft plan, and funding process.

- B. 2023 Budget Amendment: Mr. Volesky requested approval of Ordinance 3865 amending the 2023 Budget for additional Parks and Enrichment Services part-time positions and the purchase of a mini excavator for the Wastewater Utility Fund.

**Councilmember Morales moved to adopt Ordinance 3865 amending the 2023 Budget. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.**

- C. Approval of Agreement – Washington Trails Association: Ms. Berner requested approval of an agreement with Washington Trails Association for trail maintenance at Little Mountain Park.

**Councilmember Beaton moved to approve authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Washington Trails Association for trail maintenance at Little Mountain Park. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.**

- D. Approval of Emergency Purchase: Ms. Berner requested approval of an agreement that was executed with Electric West to perform the emergency reduction and installation of light poles at Sherman Anderson Park.

**Councilmember Brocksmith moved to approve the agreement with Electric West for the reduction and installation of light poles at Sherman Anderson Park in the amount of \$26,350. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.**

- E. Approval of Agreement – Madrona Law Group: Mr. Rogerson requested approval of an agreement with Madrona Law Group to provide legal

services for the Development Services Department.

**Councilmember Morales moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Madrona Law Group in the amount of \$50,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Molenaar. Motion carried 6-0.**

- F. Approval of Agreement – Opioid Abatement Council: Mr. Rogerson requested approval of an agreement forming an Opioid Abatement Council to oversee allocation and expenditure of opioid settlement funds.

**Councilmember Beaton moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to form an Opioid Abatement Council. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.**

- G. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Skagit County Children's Advocacy Center (SCCAC): Mr. Rogerson requested approval of an MOU with SCCAC allowing participation in the Multidisciplinary Team.

**Councilmember Brocksmith moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an MOU with SCCAC allowing the City be a member of the Multidisciplinary Team. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carías. Motion carried 6-0.**

- H. Approval of Agreement – CDWG: Ms. Thomas requested approval of an agreement with CDWG for on-call security engineering and consulting services for the Information Services Department.

**Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CDWG in the amount of \$15,000 for on-call engineering and consulting services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Morales. Motion carried 6-0.**

- I. Approval of Agreement – David Evans and Associates, Inc.: Mr. Chesterfield requested approval of an agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. to provide grant writing assistance.

**Councilmember Molenaar moved to authorize the**

**Mayor to enter into an agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for grant writing assistance in the amount of \$37,100. Motion seconded by Councilmember Beaton. Motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Jensen, City Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Boudreau, Mayor



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA  
February 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**  
Police Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place

**To virtually attend the meeting, the public may:**

1. **Watch the meeting live on TV10:** Comcast/Xfinity Channel 10
2. **Watch the meeting live, online:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUob\\_hcQUmd4S93YkletdRA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUob_hcQUmd4S93YkletdRA)

**I. OPENING CEREMONIES**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call of Councilmembers

**II. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

1. Review of Emails from the Public  
(Public comments may be sent via email to [communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov). The comments will be read aloud into the record during the public comment portion of the agenda. Please limit your comments to be read in three minutes or less. Email comments must be received by 4 p.m. on February 8, 2023.)
2. Public Comments  
(This is an opportunity for Mount Vernon residents to address their City Council. Please limit comments to three minutes or less. Under normal circumstances, the Mayor and Council will not respond immediately to Community Comments. If you would like someone to follow-up with you regarding the topic of your comments, please leave your name and contact information on the form at the entrance of the Council Chambers. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to make your comments via Zoom, please submit a request to speak via email to [communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:communitycomments@mountvernonwa.gov) or by telephone at 360-419-3253. Requests must be received by 4 p.m. on February 8, 2023.)

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- D. Approval of Agreement - Dowell Consulting, PLLC

**IV. REPORTS**

- A. Committees
  - 1. Public Works and Library
  - 2. Public Safety
- B. Councilmember Comments
- C. Mayor's Report
- D. Committee Agenda Requests

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023-2024 Action Plan  
(This is an open record public hearing to obtain the views of residents and other interested parties on the community development needs of the City prior to preparing a draft CDBG 2023-2024 Action Plan.)  
(required action – none)  
(staff contact – Peter Donovan)
- B. 2023 Budget Amendment  
(Staff is requesting approval of Ordinance 3865 amending the 2023 Budget.)  
(required action – ordinance)  
(staff contact – Doug Volesky)
- C. Approval of Agreement – Washington Trails Association  
(Staff is requesting approval of an agreement with the Washington Trails Association for trail maintenance at Little Mountain Park.)  
(required action – motion)  
(staff contact – Jennifer Berner)
- D. Approval of Emergency Purchase – Electric West, Inc.  
(Staff is requesting approval of the emergency purchase and installation of light poles at Sherman Anderson Park.)  
(required action – motion)  
(staff contact – Jennifer Berner)
- E. Approval of Agreement – Madrona Law Group  
(Staff is requesting approval of an agreement with Madrona Law Group for legal services in support of the Development Services Department.)  
(required action – motion)  
(staff contact – Kevin Rogerson)
- F. Approval of Agreement – Opioid Abatement Council  
(Staff is requesting approval an agreement forming an Opioid Abatement Council.)  
(required action – motion)  
(staff contact – Kevin Rogerson)
- G. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Skagit County Children's Advocacy Center (SCCAC)  
(Staff is requesting approval of an MOU with SCCAC allowing participation in the Multidisciplinary Team.)  
(required action – motion)  
(staff contact – Kevin Rogerson)

- H. **Approval of Agreement – CDWG**  
(Staff is requesting approval of an agreement with CDWG for security engineering and consulting services.)  
(required action – motion)  
(staff contact – Mary Thomas)
  
- I. **Approval of Agreement – David Evans and Associates, Inc.**  
(Staff is requesting approval of an agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. to provide grant writing assistance.)  
(required action – motion)  
(staff contact – Blaine Chesterfield)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Public Works and Library	6:00 p.m.
Next Ordinance	3865
Next Resolution	1028



**DATE:** February 8, 2023  
**TO:** Mayor Boudreau and City Council  
**FROM:** Peter Donovan, Project Development Manager  
**SUBJECT:** OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN & ACTION PLAN

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

- The City of Mount Vernon is undertaking the planning process for submission of its five-year Strategic Plan in conjunction with the HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

-The Consolidated Plan is the planning and application requirement for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Consolidated Plan is a five-year Strategic Plan (2023-2027).

- The Consolidated Plan includes a one-year Action Plan (2023-24) that describes how CDBG will be used to carry out the City's Strategic Plan to meet housing and community development needs.

- This is an Open Record Public Hearing 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 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023-27 Consolidated Plan, and a one-year 2023-24 Action Plan is prepared.

-The amount of the City's 2023 CDBG allotment has not yet been determined by HUD. In previous years the City's allocations have been:

- 2022: \$359,983
- 2021: \$369,122
- 2020: \$383,000
- 2019: \$390,000
- 2018: \$400,488

**FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None

**ATTACHED:**

Public Notice of Hearing for CDBG 2023-27 Consolidated Plan and 2023-24 Action Plan

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS & OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### City of Mount Vernon 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and 2023 Action Plan

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The Strategic Plan provides the needs analysis and priorities used to guide the development of annual Action Plans. The CDBG funding allocation for HUD program year 2023 is estimated to be approximately \$350,000.

The purpose of this notice is to announce the times and location of the public hearings for the planning process for the five-year Strategic Plan and the 2023 Action Plan and announce the public comment period which begins **April 11, 2023 and ends May 10, 2023**.

**The time and location of the first public hearing is: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 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, programs covered, and solicitation of public comment on needs and priorities.**

**The time and location of the second public hearing is: Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Police/Court Campus, 1805 Continental Pl, Mount Vernon, WA. This meeting will conclude the work begun at the previous meeting.**

Written comments on any of the subjects described above may be submitted to City of Mount Vernon Special Projects Manager Peter Donovan, 910 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, or by email to [mvmayor@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:mvmayor@mountvernonwa.gov) prior to the hearing or during the comment period above stated.

If special accommodations are needed to participate in the hearing, please contact City of Mount Vernon Special Projects Manager at least three days prior to the hearing date at the email or address above.

PUBLISH: January 25, 2023 and April 26, 2023

## AVISO DE INICIO DEL PERIODO DE AUDIENCIAS Y COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS

### Plan consolidado de la ciudad de Mount Vernon 2023-2027 y Plan de acción 2023

La ciudad de Mount Vernon emprenderá el proceso de planeación para presentar su Plan estratégico de cinco años en conjunto con el Plan consolidado del consorcio HOME ante el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés) de los Estados Unidos. El Plan consolidado es el requisito para la planeación y solicitud del Subsidio en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés) de la ciudad e incluye un Plan estratégico de cinco años y un Plan de acción anual para el año programático 2023 del HUD que describe cómo se utilizará la CDBG de la ciudad para llevar a cabo su Plan estratégico a fin de satisfacer las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario.

El Plan estratégico proporciona la necesidad de análisis y prioridades que se utilizan para orientar la elaboración de los Planes de acción anuales. Se calcula que la asignación del financiamiento de la CDBG para el año programático 2023 del HUD sea aproximadamente de \$350,000.

El propósito de este aviso es anunciar la hora y el lugar de las audiencias públicas para el proceso de planeación del Plan estratégico de cinco años y el Plan de acción 2023, así como anunciar el periodo de comentarios públicos, que iniciará el **11 de abril de 2023** y finalizará el **10 de mayo de 2023**.

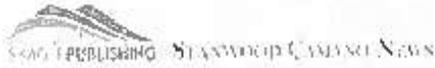
**La primera audiencia pública tendrá lugar el miércoles, 8 de febrero de 2023, a las 7:00 p. m. en las instalaciones de la policía o del tribunal en 1805 Continental Pl, Mount Vernon, WA. Temas de discusión: descripción del proceso de planeación, financiamiento previsto, actividades permitidas y solicitud de retroalimentación ciudadana sobre las necesidades y prioridades.**

**La segunda audiencia pública tendrá lugar el miércoles, 10 de mayo de 2023, a las 7:00 p. m. en las instalaciones de la policía o del tribunal ubicadas en 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA. En esta segunda audiencia se concluirá el trabajo iniciado en la primera audiencia.**

Los comentarios por escrito sobre cualquiera de los temas mencionados anteriormente deberán enviarse a Peter Donovan, director de proyectos especiales de la ciudad de Mount Vernon, a la siguiente dirección postal: 910 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon WA 98273, o por correo electrónico a [mvmayor@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:mvmayor@mountvernonwa.gov) antes de la audiencia o durante el periodo de comentarios que se menciona más arriba.

Si se necesitan adaptaciones especiales para participar en la audiencia, comuníquese con el gerente de desarrollo de proyectos especiales de la ciudad de Mount Vernon al menos tres días antes de la fecha de la audiencia al correo electrónico o la dirección indicados arriba.

FECHA DE PUBLICACIÓN: 25 de enero de 2023 y 26 de abril de 2023



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Plan considerado de la Municipalidad de Montpelier 2023-2025  
El plan municipal de 2023-2025 fue aprobado por el Concejo Municipal el 15 de febrero de 2023.

La ciudad de Montpelier ha sido reconocida por su liderazgo en el desarrollo sostenible y su compromiso con la comunidad. Este plan municipal busca fortalecer estos valores y promover el crecimiento responsable de la ciudad.

El plan municipal de 2023-2025 se centra en tres ejes principales: desarrollo económico, sostenibilidad ambiental y bienestar social. Se establecen metas claras y acciones concretas para lograr estos objetivos.

Este plan municipal es un documento vivo que se revisará y actualizará periódicamente. Se invita a todos los ciudadanos a participar activamente en el proceso de implementación y evaluación.

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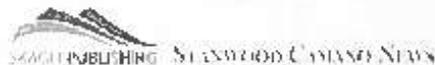
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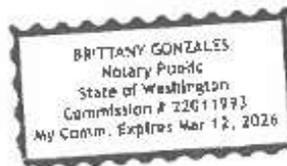
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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="The City of Mount Vernon"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="91-600126-0"/>	* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="WTRC7LDAR7X7"/>	
d. Address:		
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* State: <input type="text" value="WA: Washington"/>	* Postal: <input type="text"/>	
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
* Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Bob"/>	* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Donovan"/>
* Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	* Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="Special Projects Manager"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="360-226-6211"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="pecc@mountvernonwa.gov"/>		

**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;

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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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

5/11/23  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

### 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) 2023-2024 [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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Signature of Authorized Official

5/11/23  
Date

Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
<b>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</b> <input type="text" value="City or Township Government"/>	
<b>Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>* Other (specify):</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</b> <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
<b>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b> <input type="text" value="14.218"/>	
<b>CFDA Title:</b> <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant"/>	
<b>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</b> <input type="text" value="N/A"/>	
<b>* Title:</b> <input type="text" value="N/A"/>	
<b>13. Competition Identification Number:</b> <input type="text" value="N/A"/>	
<b>Title:</b> <input type="text" value="N/A"/>	
<b>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc):</b> <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
<b>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</b> <input type="text" value="FY 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and FY 2022-2024 Action Plan"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

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16. Congressional Districts (C):	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="7"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="2"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed:	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="07/31/2023"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="06/30/2024"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal:	<input type="text" value="332,365.00"/>
* b. Applicant:	<input type="text"/>
* c. State:	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local:	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other:	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income:	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL:	<input type="text" value="332,365.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 18, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an alternate site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Jill"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Henderson"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="360-336-3211"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="jrhenderson@mountvernon.wa.gov"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="5/11/23"/>

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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 related 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. §§1681-1683, 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 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 cc-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 statutes) 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 I 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-1 to 276a-7), 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(z) 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 11988; (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 1965, 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. §170), EO 11583 (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, WA	05/11/2023

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## Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	<b>Data Source Name</b> Housing Authority of Skagit County 2013
	<b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b> Housing Authority of Skagit County
	<b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b> The data provided by PIC (PIH Information Center) is not current. This alternate data is up to date as of April 2013.
	<b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b> More current and accurate.
	<b>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</b> The data covers Skagit County, so it is not specific to Mount Vernon only.
	<b>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</b> The current year 2013.
	<b>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</b> Complete.
	<b>Data Source Name</b> Skagit County Point-in-time Count 2013 - HMIS data
<b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b> Skagit County Community Action Agency and WA State Dept. of Commerce	
<b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b> Annual point in time count survey conducted by Community Action of Skagit County	
<b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b> Required homeless census	
<b>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</b> January 2013	
<b>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</b> Client intercept survey	
<b>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</b> This was a census and not a sample survey	

	<p><b>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</b></p> <p>192 homeless persons</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Data Source Name</b></p> <p>2014 Annual Point in Time Homeless Count</p>
	<p><b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b></p> <p>Skagit County Community Action Agency and WA State Dept. of Commerce</p>
	<p><b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b></p> <p>Annual point in time count survey conducted by Community Action of Skagit County</p>
	<p><b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b></p> <p>Required homeless census</p>
	<p><b>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</b></p> <p>January 2014</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</b></p> <p>Client intercept survey</p>
	<p><b>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</b></p> <p>This was a census and not a sample survey</p>
	<p><b>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</b></p> <p>331 homeless persons</p>
	<b>4</b>
<p><b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b></p>	
<p><b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b></p> <p>Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview from ES-05, Section 2.</p>	
<p><b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b></p>	
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