

City of Renton

Notice of Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

Proposed Use of 2018 Funds, Modification of 2017 Contingency Plan and 2016 Action Plan.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Renton City Council has fixed the 2nd day of October, 2017 at 7:00 pm as the date and time for a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Renton City Hall, Seventh Floor, 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057, to provide an opportunity for public comment on the allocation of CDBG funds. Public comment is requested on the proposed 2018 CDBG allocations, and modifications to the 2017 CDBG Contingency Plan and the 2016 Action Plan regarding the service area for the Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation and Façade Improvement Loan Program, C16753.

2018 Funds

The City will receive an estimated \$626,537 in 2018 CDBG funds. After contractual set asides covering the King County administration and human service program costs, the amount available is estimated to be \$394,718, which the City is proposing to allocate as follows:

- 1) Planning and Administration: \$62,654 or the maximum amount allowable to plan and administer the CDBG program at 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057; and
- 2) Public Facilities and Improvements Program: The estimated balance of \$332,064 is proposed for public facilities and improvements.

The Public Facilities and Improvements Program will replace deteriorated or substandard sidewalks, widen sidewalks, and/or fill in missing sidewalk gaps or sections in selected areas of the combined Downtown and South Renton subareas of the City Center community and the Sunset area, to improve accessibility and safety for pedestrians in areas where improvements are made, as well as bring sidewalks and associated infrastructure up to current City standards.

Boundaries for the combined Downtown and South Renton subareas are generally S. Tobin Street and the Cedar River on the North, I-405 on the East, S. 7th Street and S. Grady way on the South, and Shattuck Ave S/Rainier Avenue S/ Lake Ave S on the West. The Sunset area is generally bounded by NE 21st Street on the North, Monroe Avenue NE on the East, NE 7th Street on the South, and Edmonds Ave NE on the West.

2018 Contingency Plan. Should Renton's allocation increase, after funding planning and administration to the maximum allowable amount, any increases in entitlement or recaptured funds will go to the Public Improvements Program. Any decreases in entitlement will decrease the amount allocated to the Public Improvements Program.

CDBG Program Income will be allocated to the Healthy Housing Program. Any Public Improvements Program funds not under contract by December 31, 2018, will be recaptured and reallocated to the Healthy Housing Program.

For approximately every \$15,000 in funding, Healthy Housing is proposing to replace the roof and add/improve ventilation to minimize moisture/mold issues for one household. Healthy Housing clients will be selected from current Housing Repair Clients. Funds will be targeted to the Housing Repair Clients residing in the Sunset area. If there are not enough households identified for Healthy Housing services in that area after appropriate outreach is completed, then Housing Repair clients citywide will be eligible for Healthy Housing services.

Modification of the 2017 CDBG Contingency Plan to allocate an increase in funds of \$26,752 from unallocated 2016 funds not needed for the Renton Senior Activity Center ADA/Barrier Removal Project to provide \$2,000 for C16454/Senior Activity Center project contingency; \$9,057 for C16753/Façade Improvement Loan Program, and \$15,695 for C17152/Microbusiness Enterprise Training for the 2018 program.

Modification of the 2016 Action plan to include the Sunset low-moderate income area as eligible to participate in the Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation and Façade Improvement Loan Program.

For more information on the proposed uses of 2018 funds, such as a range of projects and opportunity locations that have been identified, or maps of the two areas, please contact John Collum, Community Development Project Manager, City of Renton at 425-430-6589, or jcollum@rentonwa.gov.

This notice is available in alternate formats upon request for individuals with disabilities. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present written or oral comments regarding the proposal. Renton City Hall is compliant with the American Disabilities Act, and interpretive services for the hearing impaired will be provided upon prior notice. Call (425) 430-6510 for additional information.

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