



**Substantial Amendment to 2020 One Year Action Plan
Notice of 5-Day Public Comment Period and Public Hearing
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV-1 and CV-3
Funding Recommendations**

Notice

Pierce County Human Services is making a substantial amendment to their 2020 One Year Action Plan and is making available the CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3 funding recommendations for public review and comment for 5-days from May 27 through June 2, 2021. To view the funding recommendations in their entirety, please see the next page in this document.

About the CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3 Funds

HUD has released a special allocation of CDBG-CV1 funds in the amount of \$1,868,635 and CDBG-CV3 funds in the amount of \$2,555,708 to Pierce County to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Pierce County released a Notice of Funding Availability in February 2021 for these funds to be allocated within the Pierce County Consortium.

Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

A 5-day public comment period for review of the substantial amendment to the 2020 One Year Action Plan and funding recommendations begins May 27 and closes on June 2, 2021. The Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) will hold a public hearing on this document at their June 2, 2021 virtual board meeting at 6 pm. The link to the virtual meeting will be posted by May 28, 2021 at:

<https://piercecountywa.gov/HSCAB>. To submit written comments on the CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3 funding recommendations, and for any questions, please contact Stephanie Bray, Community Development Supervisor by email stephanie.bray@piercecountywa.gov, or phone (253) 798-6917. For questions about accessibility or to request a translator, contact Stephanie: stephanie.bray@piercecountywa.gov, (253) 798-6917 (TDD/Voice (800) 833-6388) five business days prior to the CAB meeting.

Any comments received during the 5-day public comment period or public hearing, will be written here. There were no comments received during the public comment period or during the public hearing.



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services CDBG-CV1 Funding Recommendations

CDBG - CV1 Funds

HUD released a special allocation of CDBG-CV1 funds in the amount of **\$1,868,635** (20% of this amount, \$373,727 is set aside for administration costs) to Pierce County to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136.

A NOFA was released in the amount of **\$1,494,908** on February 17, 2021 for agencies to apply for a wide range of activities that must be directly associated with COVID-19 prevention or response and serve Pierce County Consortium residents. Activities include (this is not an all-inclusive list): case management services, housing counseling, childcare, mortgage assistance, shelters and services for homeless persons, health services, and food banks.

CDBG - CV1 Funding Recommendations

The Review Panel met on April 22, 2021 to make their funding recommendations. The scoring criteria included items such as need and program meets purpose of responding to COVID, clearly describing how the agency will prevent duplication of benefit, as well as a systematic approach for tracking funds to ensure they serve PC Consortium residents, number of clients served is appropriate for funds requested, program reaches out to and addresses needs of persons with disabilities, persons with limited English capabilities and person of cultural/ethnic minority, the proposed level of staffing appears reasonable, and a program budget.

For CDBG-CV1, the total amount requested is \$2,582,248 and far exceeds the \$1,494,908 of available funds. The CDBG-CV3 NOFA had the opposite occur; the total amount requested of \$1,111,682 was far short of the \$2,044,567 of available funds. This allowed the Review Panel to use \$805,257 of the CDBG-CV3 funds to fill the funding shortfall in CDBG-CV1 projects. With this additional funding, the Review Panel was able to recommend \$2,300,165 of funding for the programs below. The following agencies are in ranked order based on the scoring of their applications, from highest to lowest ranking.

CDBG-CV1 Review Panel

John Barbee, Human Services
Benji Bittle, TPCHD
Susan Johnson, Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) member
Sherry Martin, CAB member

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Stephanie Bray, Supervisor
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 - Town of Steilacoom
 - City of University Place
 - Town of Wilkeson

Agency Name	Program Name and Description	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Pierce County Parks	Adventure within Reach Program provides socialization, education, and physical activity to improve the mental health and social engagement of adults living with cognitive and developmental disabilities. With the use of these funds the program will increase access to services within resident's home community to address the health and well-being of this low-income, vulnerable population.	\$60,000	\$60,000

Agency Name	Program Name and Description	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Habitat for Humanity	Housing Counseling & Mortgage Assistance Agency's HUD-approved Housing Counseling program will provide counseling services and mortgage assistance to low-income homeowners who have lost income due to COVID-19.	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
YMCA	Child Care Scholarships Funds will be used to provide childcare scholarships to qualifying low-income parents who have experienced unemployment due to COVID-19 and/or are unable to work from home and are considered "essential" employees and must work to support their children.	\$40,000	\$40,000
New Phoebe House	Phoebe Family Recovery, Reunification & Resiliency Program Provides housing, case management, behavioral health treatment services to low-income mothers with children under age 7 who are fleeing domestic violence, dealing with disruptions to health, employment, and housing due to COVID-19.	\$82,500	\$82,500
PC2	PC2's Secure Home Program The program will provide mortgage assistance funds and foreclosure mitigation counseling to qualified low-income individuals.	\$610,583	\$610,583
Harbor Hope Center	Expanded Case Management Services Increase student outreach and intake during COVID. Services will be expanded to include food delivery and distance mentoring/learning to mitigate risks and improve community health.	\$75,000	\$75,000
Our Sisters' House	Sister's Seeking Change Program addresses needs of African American women impacted by DV and need mental health services. Because of the disparities, discrimination and lack of equity Blacks suffer from COVID, the CDBG-CV1 funds will address these disparities, provide needed case management, and mental health counseling.	\$50,000	\$50,000
Metropolitan Development Council	HUB Engagement Site The HUB site will provide a strategic location and opportunity to engage individuals experiencing homelessness to come to the site for services and amenities, including connecting people to COVID testing and COVID vaccinations.	\$564,165	\$282,082
Total		\$2,582,248	\$2,300,165



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Eviction Mitigation & Legal Assistance CDBG-CV3 Funding Recommendations

CDBG – CV3 Funds

HUD released a special allocation of CDBG-CV3 funds in the amount of **\$2,555,708** (20% of this amount, \$511,141, is set aside for administration costs) to Pierce County to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136.

A NOFA was released in the amount of **\$2,044,567** on February 17, 2021 for agencies to apply for a wide range of activities that must be directly associated with COVID-19 prevention or response and serve Pierce County Consortium residents. This NOFA was targeted to fund eviction mitigation and legal assistance programs.

CDBG – CV3 Funding Recommendations

The Review Panel met on April 22, 2021 to make their funding recommendations. Applications were scored on criteria such as: program meets purpose of responding to COVID, agency has experience providing rental assistance, clearly describes how the agency will prevent duplication of benefits, a systematic approach for tracking funds to ensure they serve PC Consortium residents, agency has ability to distribute checks within 1-3 business days, number of clients served is appropriate for funds requested, program reaches out to and addresses needs of persons with disabilities, persons with limited English capabilities and person of cultural/ethnic minority, and the proposed level of staffing appears reasonable.

For CDBG-CV3, the total amount requested is \$1,111,682 and falls short of the \$2,044,567 of available funds. Below are the Review Panel recommendations which total \$1,239,310 and include an additional amount for the highest rated applicant. The Review Panel recommends using the remaining \$805,257 of CDBG-CV3 funds to partially fill the funding gap in CDBG-CV1 activities. The CDBG-CV3 NOFA included a provision that excess CDBG-CV3 funds could be used to fund eligible activities in the CDBG-CV1 NOFA.

The following agencies are in ranked order based on the scoring of their applications, from highest to lowest ranking.

CDBG-CV3 Review Panel

- John Barbee, Human Services
- Benji Bittle, TPCHD
- Susan Johnson, Citizens’ Advisory Board (CAB) member
- Sherry Martin, CAB member

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- Town of Ruston
- Town of South Prairie
- City of Sumner
- Town of Steilacoom
- City of University Place
- Town of Wilkeson

Agency Name	Program Name and Description	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Associated Ministries	Eviction Mitigation Program Program will provide supportive services, case management, housing/rental counseling, landlord relationships, rental assistance, and housing navigation to community members who are at-risk of losing their rental housing due to impacts of COVID-19.	\$416,682	*\$544,310

Agency Name	Program Name and Description	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Tacomaprobono	Tacomaprobono’s Housing Justice Project CDBG-CV3 funds will be used to prevent homelessness for BIPOC and low-income residents of Pierce County facing eviction as a result of COVID-19 by providing free direct legal representation, outreach, and education.	\$495,000	\$495,000
Center for Dialog & Resolution	Eviction Resolution Project Funding will provide renters and landlords the opportunity to mediate repayment plan, avoid litigation, and reduce the numbers of evictions in Pierce County.	\$200,000	\$200,000
Total		\$1,111,682	\$1,239,310

*Since there were additional funds left, the review panel wanted to provide the highest ranked program with \$127,628 more than they requested. Staff will talk with Associated Ministries to see if they have the capacity to take these additional funds. If they decline, the review panel suggested talking to Habitat for Humanity and New Phoebe House (both applied for CDBG-CV1 funds) to see if they have the capacity for additional funding.

29	Project Name	CDBG-CV1&CV3 - Habitat for Humanity/Housing Counseling & Mortgage Assistance
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV1: \$294,743 CDBG-CV3: \$805,257
	Description	Agency's HUD-approved Housing Counseling program will provide counseling services and mortgage assistance to low-income homeowners who have lost income due to COVID-19.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	160 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	4824 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409.
	Planned Activities	Agency's HUD-approved Housing Counseling program will provide counseling services and mortgage assistance to low-income homeowners who have lost income due to COVID-19.
30	Project Name	CDBG-CV1 - Harbor Hope Center/Expanded Case Management Services
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV1: \$75,000
	Description	Increase student outreach and intake during COVID. Services will be expanded to include food delivery and distance mentoring/learning to mitigate risks and improve community health.
	Target Date	12/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	112 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	3781 Rosedale St Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

	Planned Activities	Increase student outreach and intake during COVID. Services will be expanded to include food delivery and distance mentoring/learning to mitigate risks and improve community health.
31	Project Name	CDBG-CV1 - Metropolitan Development Council - HUB Engagement Site
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	ESG-CV1: \$282,082
	Description	The HUB site will provide a strategic location and opportunity to engage individuals experiencing homelessness to come to the site for services and amenities, including connecting people to COVID testing and COVID vaccinations.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	945 Fawcett Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402
	Planned Activities	The HUB site will provide a strategic location and opportunity to engage individuals experiencing homelessness to come to the site for services and amenities, including connecting people to COVID testing and COVID vaccinations.
32	Project Name	CDBG-CV1 - New Phoebe House/Phoebe Family Recovery, Reunification & Resiliency Program
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV1: \$82,500
	Description	Provides housing, case management, behavioral health treatment services to low-income mothers with children under age 7 who are fleeing domestic violence, dealing with disruptions to health, employment, and housing due to COVID-19.
	Target Date	12/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	21 individuals will be served by this program.
	Location Description	P.O. Box 5245 Tacoma, WA 98415.
	Planned Activities	Provides housing, case management, behavioral health treatment services to low-income mothers with children under age 7 who are fleeing domestic violence, dealing with disruptions to health, employment, and housing due to COVID-19.
33	Project Name	CDBG-CV1 - Our Sisters' House/Sister's Seeking Change
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV1: \$50,000
	Description	Program addresses needs of African American women impacted by DV and need mental health services. Because of the lack of disparities, discrimination and lack of equity Blacks suffer from COVID, the funds will address these disparities, provide needed case management, and mental health counseling.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	2714 N. 21st Street #3 Tacoma, WA 98406.
	Planned Activities	Program addresses needs of African American women impacted by DV and need mental health services. Because of the lack of disparities, discrimination and lack of equity Blacks suffer from COVID, the funds will address these disparities, provide needed case management, and mental health counseling.
34	Project Name	CDBG-CV1 - PC2/PC2 Secure Home Program
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services

	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV1: \$610,583
	Description	The program will provide mortgage assistance funds and foreclosure mitigation counseling to qualified low-income individuals.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	3716 Pacific Ave Suite A, Tacoma, WA 98418.
	Planned Activities	The program will provide mortgage assistance funds and foreclosure mitigation counseling to qualified low-income individuals.
35	Project Name	CDBG-CV1 - Pierce County Parks and Recreation/Adventure Within Reach
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV1: \$60,000
	Description	Program provides socialization, education, and physical activity to improve the mental health and social engagement of adults living with cognitive and developmental disabilities. COVID-19 caused significant isolation and degradation of health outcomes for this population and the funds will increase access to services within resident's home community to address their health and well-being.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	700 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	9112 Lakewood Blvd SW Lakewood, WA 98499

	Planned Activities	Program provides socialization, education, and physical activity to improve the mental health and social engagement of adults living with cognitive and developmental disabilities. COVID-19 caused significant isolation and degradation of health outcomes for this population and the funds will increase access to services within resident's home community to address their health and well-being.
36	Project Name	CDBG-CV1 - YMCA/Child Care Scholarships
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV1: \$40,000
	Description	Funds will be used to provide childcare scholarships to low-income parents who have experienced unemployment due to COVID-19 and/or are unable to work from home and are considered "essential" employees and must work to support their children.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	4717 S. 19th Street, Suite 201, Tacoma, WA 98405.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide childcare scholarships to low-income parents who have experienced unemployment due to COVID-19 and/or are unable to work from home and are considered "essential" employees and must work to support their children.
37	Project Name	CDBG-CV3 - Associated Ministries/Eviction Mitigation Program
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV3: \$544,310
	Description	Program will provide supportive services, case management, housing/rental counseling, landlord relationships, rental assistance, and housing navigation to community members who are at-risk of losing their rental housing due to impacts of COVID-19.

	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	901 South 13th Street, Tacoma, WA 98405
	Planned Activities	Program will provide supportive services, case management, housing/rental counseling, landlord relationships, rental assistance, and housing navigation to community members who are at-risk of losing their rental housing due to impacts of COVID-19.
38	Project Name	CDBG-CV3 - Center for Dialog & Resolution/Eviction Resolution Project
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV3: \$200,000
	Description	Funding will provide renters and landlords the opportunity to mediate a repayment plan, avoid litigation, and reduce the numbers of evictions in Pierce County related to COVID-19.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	717 Tacoma Ave South, Tacoma, WA 98402
	Planned Activities	Funding will provide renters and landlords the opportunity to mediate repayment plan, avoid litigation, and reduce the numbers of evictions in Pierce County related to COVID-19.
39	Project Name	CDBG-CV3 - Tacomaprobono/Housing Justice Project
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV3: \$495,000

	Description	Funds will be used to prevent homelessness for BIPOC and low-income residents of Pierce County facing eviction as a result of COVID-19 by providing free direct legal representation, outreach, and education.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	621 Tacoma Ave South, Suite 303, Tacoma, WA 98402.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to prevent homelessness for BIPOC and low-income residents of Pierce County facing eviction as a result of COVID-19 by providing free direct legal representation, outreach, and education.
40	Project Name	CDBG-CV1 Administration
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV1: \$373,727
	Description	Overall program administration, including salaries and wages, and related costs of community development staff engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	3602 Pacific Ave, Suite 200 Tacoma, WA 98418
	Planned Activities	Overall program administration, including salaries and wages, and related costs of community development staff engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation.
41	Project Name	CDBG-CV3 Administration
	Target Area	Pierce County Consortium
	Goals Supported	Provides Basic Needs and Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

Funding	CDBG-CV3: \$511,141
Description	Overall program administration, including salaries and wages, and related costs of community development staff engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
Location Description	3602 Pacific Ave, Suite 200, Tacoma WA 98418
Planned Activities	Overall program administration, including salaries and wages, and related costs of community development staff engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation.