

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Do you have a project idea? Grants & Loans Available  
2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program  
2008 HOME Program (Longview & Kelso)  
2008 Document Recording Fee Program**

**Community Development Block Grant**

This program was created to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, create a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Project activities must principally benefit Longview residents.

- Housing
- Community Facilities
- Public Facilities
- Economic Development
- Local Match
- Public Services
- Planning Activities

**Approximately \$256,070 will be available on a locally competitive basis. Projects must:**

- *Principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons; or*
- *Prevent or eliminate slums or blight*

Additional funding is available for Public Services up to approximately **\$56,414**. Planning funding is also available. Funded through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Proposals for CDBG must be submitted by February 1, 2008.**

**City Council Public Hearing/Project Selection - Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

**HOME Program for Affordable Housing**

This program provides funding to agency and business “partners” to increase and maintain affordable housing in Longview and Kelso. Projects must target persons with incomes less than 80% of the Cowlitz County Median Income based on family size. The City of Longview will focus on homeownership programs but will consider other projects. **Approximately \$203,244 in funding is available in Longview.**

The City of Kelso will target three neighborhoods for revitalization which may include, homeownership, purchasing foreclosures, special needs projects, transitional housing, and tenant based rental assistance. **Approximately \$66,748 in funding is available in Kelso.** Funded through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Document Recording Fee**

This Longview program provides for a variety of housing projects for persons with incomes below 50% of the Median Income for Cowlitz County based on family size. Operation and maintenance of Housing Trust Fund projects and shelters are also eligible under this program. **Approximately \$55,000 is available for funding in Longview.** Funded by the Cowlitz County Document Recording Fee Surcharge.

**Public Hearing Date/Time/Place**

**Longview City Council Public Hearing/Project Selection - Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

**Kelso City Council Public Hearing/Project Selection - Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

**Proposals for HOME & Document Recording Fee projects are due by March 3, 2008.**

All projects will be available for public review one week prior to their public hearing.

**For more information, technical assistance and Project Design Form Contact Julie Hourcle’, 360.442.5081, 8 AM. - 5 PM, Monday through Friday.**

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