

Longview–Kelso HOME Consortium & Longview Community Development Block Grant Program Invites You to Review Our Draft 2011 Annual Action Plan



**Public Review and Comment Period
May 14 - June 12, 2011**



What is the HOME/CDBG Annual Plan?

This document is required in order to plan housing, community facilities, public facilities, economic development projects, and public services and priorities for Program Year 2011. \$335,238 (HUD estimate) is available to the Longview–Kelso Consortium for HOME Program projects. \$329,445 (HUD estimate) is available for Longview Community Development Block Grant projects which include a 2011 Pre-Award for Main Entitlement Projects of \$226,348. Funding for program administration and the Lower Columbia Community Action acting as the Consortium's Community Housing Development (CHDO) are included in above amount. Both Programs are funded by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Final HUD allocation may slightly increase or decrease project funding.

2011 CDBG Annual Plan Projects – Selected by the Longview City Council

- **Highlands Neighborhood Trail Phase 3, Segment 1** – Provide illumination, landscaping and pedestrian amenities to the 10-foot wide paved recreational trail funded through the 2009 CDBG Program. This section of trail is 5,250 lineal feet long and is located along the north side of Consolidated Diking Improvement District Ditch No.3, from Oregon Way to Beech Street. City of Longview Public Works Department \$350,000 (Includes 2010 funding. Pre-Award 2011 CDBG Main Entitlement funding is **\$226,348** and will include Program Income)
- **HELP Warehouse** – Provide support to food bank services and distribution of USDA Surplus commodities to Longview residents. Lower Columbia Community Action Program **\$54,495 or up to 15% of final HUD allocation.**
- **Increased Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities** – Research vocational opportunities and attract businesses to employ persons with disabilities and community residents. A 5-year business plan will be developed. Life Works **\$12,000**
- **Veterans' Service Center Plan** – Research and develop a plan for a regional veterans' service center for housing referrals, employment and social services in Longview. Longview Housing Authority Funded at remaining planning amount of final allocation estimated at **\$4,472.**

2011 HOME Annual Plan Projects - Selected by Longview and Kelso City Councils respectively

Longview

- **Blighted Property Redevelopment** – Demolish home at 207 20th Ave., and construct 2 single-family attached homes for new homeownership with down payment assistance. Longview Housing Authority \$80,000 **Funded at \$12,412 plus \$67,588 in 2007/8 HOME funding from the SHARE program for a total of \$80,000.**
- **Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity 2011-2012** - Acquire two properties for construction of new single family homes. Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity **\$100,000**
- **33rd Ave Supportive/Transitional Housing** – Construct one single-family home with 6 bedrooms at 965 33rd Ave. to use as a group home for supportive/transitional housing. Lower Columbia Community Action Program **\$112,000**

Kelso

- **Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity 2011-2012 Project Kelso** - Acquire one or more properties for construction of new single family homes. Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity \$45,000 **Funded at \$62,857 or full 2011 CDBG allocation.**

CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization)

Set-Aside (15% of Grant) to develop, sponsor, or own low-income housing projects.

- Lower Columbia Community Action Council - **\$50,285**

Who benefits from the Plan?

The CDBG and HOME programs must principally benefit low and moderate income individuals under 80% of the Cowlitz County Median Income based upon family size as published by HUD annually, and the CDBG Program may also prevent or eliminate slums or blight, and be used for economic development.

Where is the plan?

The 2011 HOME and CDBG Annual Plan is available for review at the following locations beginning May 14th:

- City of Longview Community Development Department, 1525 Broadway, Longview;
- Longview Public Library Reference Desk, 1600 Louisiana St., Longview;
- Longview Housing Authority, 1207 Commerce Ave., Longview
- City of Kelso, City Manager's Office, 203 S. Pacific, Suite 217, Kelso;
- Kelso Public Library, 314 Academy St. Kelso;
- Kelso Housing Authority, 1415 S. 10th Ave., Kelso;
- Lower Columbia Community Action Program, 1526 Commerce Ave., Longview.
- **On the web: <http://www.mylongview.com/communitydev/cdbg.html>**

All comments must be received by June 12, 2011.

Complete Project Designs are available for review at the Longview Community Development Department. Please direct all written comments to **Julie Hourcle', Community Development, Longview City Hall, PO Box 128/1525 Broadway, Longview, Washington, 98632-7080. E-mail: julie.hourcle@mylongview.com.**

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