

**KITSAP COUNTY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**  
***NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS***

**PLAN FOR THE USE OF FUNDS**

The Kitsap County and City of Bremerton Block Grant Programs ran a Request for Proposal from February 6 – February 27, 2009, inviting organizations to apply for up to \$638,158 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds for projects that acquired and redeveloped foreclosed properties in Port Orchard (98366 zip code) and Bremerton (98312 zip code).

The purpose of the NSP program is to provide emergency assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) provides grants to every state and certain local communities to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. Kitsap County received an allocation of funds in the amount of \$671,745 of which \$33,587 can be used for administrative costs.

Proposals selected for funding must be an eligible use for NSP funds, meet a CDBG eligible activity, meet a national objective to principally benefit low and middle-income persons, meet the priority needs and objectives identified in the Homeless Housing Plan and 2006 – 2010 Consolidated Plan, and be ready to proceed. At least 25 percent of the award must benefit individuals or families at or below 50 percent of area median income. 100 percent of the project funds must benefit individuals and families at or below 120 percent of area median income.

By the close of the RFP process, applications were received from Kitsap Community Resources and the City of Port Orchard.

Kitsap Community Resources requested funds to purchase and rehabilitate 2 to 4 bank-owned properties in Port Orchard and Bremerton using 2 units to provide transitional housing and 1 to 2 units for permanent affordable housing.

The City of Port Orchard requested funds to acquire and complete subdivision developments in Port Orchard that have been abandoned

and will partner with agencies to provide a percentage of lots for sweat equity programs.

Using the evaluation criteria set forth in the NSP application packet, the total amount of project funds is awarded to Kitsap Community Resources.

**Public Comments** - Written comments on the Plan for NSP funds can be mailed between March 13, 2009 and March 27, 2009 to: Block Grant Administration, Kitsap County Department of Administrative Services, 345 6<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 400, Bremerton WA 98337 or e-mail [btufts@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:btufts@co.kitsap.wa.us). If you have questions regarding the NSP program, please call (360) 337-4606.

The final plan for the use of NSP funds will be submitted to the State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development by April 1, 2009.