

Summary of the 2019 Action Plan Amendment for CDBG-CV Funds

Kitsap County will receive \$641,438 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), signed into law on March 27, 2020, to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. Affordable housing, including rental assistance, has continually been a top priority and rental assistance has become even more urgent due to the increased number of households unable to work due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners at their work study session on April 15, 2020, directed all funding to rental assistance. The projects awarded CDBG-CV funds are included in the 2019 Action Plan Amendment and summarized below.

- Kitsap County supports the single point of entry for housing assistance operated through Kitsap Community Resources' Housing Solutions Center which includes staffing at various offices throughout the County. Therefore, it was determined that Kitsap Community Resources should manage the countywide rental assistance program with the CDBG-CV funds. The details are as follows:

Kitsap Community Resources **\$391,438**
Countywide COVID Rental Assistance Program

Funds will be used to administer a Countywide COVID Rental Assistance Program to households not currently receiving any federal, state, or local subsidy. The program will:

- Provide short-term rental assistance, maximum of 3 months
 - meet the critical needs of renters between 30 – 80% Area Median Income
 - assist households affected by COVID
 - serve households throughout the County, outside the Bremerton City Limits
- Kitsap County recognizes the number of housing units owned by Housing Kitsap, as well as the number of tenants considered high risk during this critical time. It is also recognized that tenants will reach out first to Housing Kitsap for assistance. Therefore, it was determined that Housing Kitsap should manage funds that will provide direct assistance to their tenants. The details are as follows:

HOUSING KITSAP **\$250,000**
Housing Kitsap COVID Rental Assistance Program

Funds will be used to administer a COVID Rental Assistance Program directed toward the 309 high risk tenants in Housing Kitsap units, not currently receiving any federal, state, or local subsidy. The program will:

- provide short-term rental assistance, maximum of 3 months,
- meet the critical needs of renters below 80% Area Median Income,
- assist households affected by COVID,
- serve tenants living in Housing Kitsap units

A portion of the funds may be used by each agency for administrative costs associated with administering the rental assistance programs.

A narrative of these projects are identified as projects 23 and 24 in the project summary within the full 2019 Action Plan document.