

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Funding Source Overview

In 2017, as part of the implementation of a new enterprise-wide financial management system, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund (17810) was dissolved and budget was distributed to various other funds in alignment with the direct fund model. The Human Services Department is the City department which acts as custodian for all grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including CDBG funding. However, CDBG is a relatively flexible funding source and is used by many City departments.

Budget Overview

In the 2020 Adopted Budget, the funds are distributed to departments and projects as detailed on the following page. All projects are subject to federal CDBG eligibility requirements, and, for some projects, final eligibility has not yet been determined.

The City Council took one action impacting CDBG in the Adopted Budget, allocating \$933,000 in previously unspent CDBG funding to support relocation and renovations for the ROOTS youth and young adult shelter in the University District.

Community Development Block Grant - 2020 Adopted Budget

Department	Title	Project Description	2018 Actuals*	2019 Adopted Budget	2020 Endorsed Budget	2020 Adopted Budget	2020 Adopted Budget Changes
HSD	Community Facilities	Community facility capital improvements.	-	1,933,449	217,000	2,933,000	Additional \$2,933,000 CDBG appropriations from unspent prior year awards.
	Homeless Services	Provides emergency shelter, day center / outreach activities, and homelessness prevention services. Note that the City is allocating all CDBG services funding to homelessness shelters and programs.	3,730,628	3,151,628	3,151,628	3,368,628	Entirety of Service Funding in HSD Homelessness Services. In the 2020 Proposed Budget, \$217,000 was reallocated from the Office of Housing.
	Human Services Admin & Planning	Provide internal staffing capacity to adequately and effectively manage and administer all Consolidated Plan funds; ensure programmatic compliance with applicable federal regulations.	790,519	1,122,621	1,122,621	1,122,621	No Change
	Minor Home Repair	Provide minor home repairs to low- and moderate-income homeowners for safety and health-related repairs to their homes.	379,902	449,917	449,917	449,917	No Change
	HSD Total		4,901,049	6,657,615	4,941,166	7,874,166	
OED	Neighborhood Business District - Only In Seattle	Provide grants and services to foster inclusive neighborhood business districts that allow small businesses to thrive.	13,399	679,675	679,675	199,675	Reduce CDBG support to the Only in Seattle program by \$480,000 and reallocate to new Small Business Support programs.
	King Street Station	Provide financial assistance to conduct a feasibility analysis and to begin implementation of projects development of King Street Station as determined by the feasibility analysis and community.	-	262,500	-	-	One-time in 2019.
	Neighborhood Business District Planning, Technical Assistance & Staff Support	Provide staffing, technical assistance, planning and administration to support the Only in Seattle Initiative.	130,000	172,000	172,000	172,000	No Change
	Small Business Support	Provide financial assistance to qualifying small businesses and microenterprises. Delivery of business marketing and technical assistance to existing small business entrepreneurs serving low-income neighborhoods.	259,399	512,000	512,000	992,000	Increase CDBG support by \$480,000 for new Small Business Support programs.
	OED Total		402,798	1,626,175	1,363,675	1,363,675	
OH	Home Repair Program	Provide major home repair financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners. Assisted households typically include seniors and others on low, fixed incomes. The Home Repair Loan Program helps prevent displacement of low-income homeowners by helping them remain safely in their homes.	248,231	350,000	350,000	350,000	No Change
	Home Repair Staffing	Provide administrative and management staff support to the home repair program.	248,122	255,462	255,462	255,462	No Change
	Homebuyer Education and Counseling	Provide education for first-time low- and moderate-income homebuyers.	220,941	217,000	217,000	-	Alternate funding source identified for this program in the Office of Housing, funding moved to HSD to support Homeless Services.
	Office of Housing Admin & Planning	Support OH costs associated with CDBG and HOME program planning, administration, and contracted services.	168,956	160,972	160,972	160,972	No Change
	Rental Housing Preservation and Development	Provide financial assistance for the preservation and development of multifamily rental affordable housing.	630,818	490,278	490,278	490,278	No Change
	OH Total		1,517,070	1,473,712	1,473,712	1,256,712	
OIRA	ESL for Work (Ready to Work)	Provide ESL and job skills training for persons with limited English proficiency.	388,898	400,000	400,000	400,000	No Change
OPCD	Equitable Development Initiative	Provide support for community-based organizations pursuing investment strategies that will mitigate displacement within high-risk neighborhoods.	-	1,430,000	430,000	430,000	No Change
Parks	Seattle Conservation Corp Park Upgrades	Provide funding to the Seattle Conservation Corps for capital improvements and renovation in neighborhood parks serving qualifying low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and ADA Improvements.	716,832	808,000	808,000	1,508,000	Additional \$700,000 one-time added for ADA improvements in Parks.
Total			7,926,647	12,395,502	9,416,553	12,832,553	
							Unspent from prior years (\$2,933,000 appropriated in HSD's Community Facilities for one-time projects and \$300k in Parks for ADA improvements)
							\$ (2,300,000) Program Income (appropriated in the Office of Housing)
							10,132,553 Net CDBG entitlement expectation for 2020

*Note that 2018 Actuals are an estimate based on 2018 year-end data and subject to change based on accounting adjustments and corrections in 2019.