

City of Gresham
Community Revitalization Program

CDBG GRANT PROGRAM

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS FOR 2012-2013

Adapt-A-Home Rehab, Unlimited Choices, Inc. - Provision to adapt renter or owner occupied homes (up to \$4,000 per unit) to make homes permanently accessible to persons with disabilities who earn below 80% MFI and most are below 30% MFI. The intent is to keep people with disabilities as independent as possible and out of institutions. Grant funds would be used to rehab up to 25 units and pay for administration of project. Project receives donations, in-kind and volunteer services. Location: Citywide. Recommended amount: \$100,000

Mend-A-Home, Unlimited Choices, Inc. – Provision of emergency home repair to approximately 24 low income (below 50% MFI) homeowners, with a majority being extremely low income (below 30% MFI). A deferred payment, 0% loan of up to \$5,000 is provided for home repair or a grant of up to \$3,000 is provided for mobile home repairs. Location: Citywide. Recommended amount: \$72,000

Rental Assistance, Home Forward - Provision of administration costs for tenant-based rental assistance costs to manage a program that provides one-time assistance, such as non-refundable deposits or an on-going rent supplement (up to 6 months with ability to extend) to homeless families or families at risk of becoming homeless with the goal of stabilizing and making permanent their housing situation. Location: Citywide. Recommended amount: \$6,658

Rental Assistance, Human Solutions, Inc. - Provision of administration costs for rent assistance to prevent homelessness by providing 125 very low and low-income Gresham households either short-term (1-month) or long-term (up to 4 months) tenant based rent assistance. (Eviction prevention) Singles, couples, families and seniors will be eligible. Each month, names are drawn randomly and served after eligibility determination in the order their names are drawn, without preference or discrimination Location: Citywide. Recommended amount: \$32,000

Blight Abatement Program, City of Gresham- Funds for two full-time employees to remove graffiti, overgrown vegetation (vegetation growing into and over the streets and sidewalks) and vegetation that is obscuring sight in the clear vision triangle and of traffic signs -- all specific conditions of blight that are a threat to public health and safety. This work will be done on private property, which is the responsibility of the adjacent private property owner where proper notice has been given and the owner either can't or won't do the work. This may also include work on a spot blight basis for public property if necessary. Activities will be tracked separately and listed using different IDIS activities for property type and combinations of CDBG eligibility and national objective. Location: Citywide, primarily in qualified census tracts Recommended Amount: \$75,000

Living Solutions, East County Solutions, Inc. – Provision of job placement and follow-up coaching as well as life skills and job training for 75 very low-income Gresham residents. Program graduates will be able to secure and retain living wage employment, become self-sufficient, and contribute to the economic well-being of Gresham. The program will increase the pool of skilled, reliable workers available to Gresham employers, and decrease employer training and turnover costs. Location: Citywide Recommended amount: \$220,000

Storefront Improvement, City of Gresham - Project will continue a downtown storefront improvement program, which will provide architectural assistance to property and business owners to improve storefront facades. Location: Downtown Gresham Recommended amount: \$5,000

Fountain Interest, City of Gresham – Provision of repayment of Section 108 loan interest for the Children’s Fountain. Location: Recommended amount: \$10,000

Sidewalk Infill & Replacement, City of Gresham - Provision of sidewalk construction. Depending on remaining resources, other high priority replacement projects would be considered within the Urban Renewal area, including instances where a Notice of Violation has been issued but the property owner is not financially able to complete the replacements. Location: East side of SE 182nd from stark to the Portland Lutheran School. Recommended amount: \$58,000

PAL Youth Center Rehabilitation, Police Action League of Portland- Provision to replace the roof on the northern section of the Youth Center. This section of roofing has not been fully replaced since the school building was built – certain portions were repaired previously, but not replaced. Location: 424 NE 172nd Recommended amount: \$38,488

El Programa Hispano, Catholic Community Services - Provision of emergency services and life skills to assist 5,000 Latinos in Gresham to overcome short-term crises and to gain the knowledge and skills they need to become more self-sufficient. The service model of the project envisions two crucial services: Immediate help to clients in crisis and informational workshops and life skills classes to clients so that they become more self-sufficient and avoid crises in the future. Location: Citywide Recommended amount: \$44,530

Foster Grandparents, Metro Family Services – Improve the lives of 36 low-income vulnerable young children and older adults through maintaining the evidence-based Experience Corps mentoring program. Program matches skilled and caring seniors with children who face multiple barriers to success – yielding immediate and long term gains for all involved. Location: Citywide Recommended amount: \$15,000

Transitional Housing, Human Solutions, Inc. – Provision of transitional housing with supportive services to 72 Gresham extremely low-income homeless family members that face significant barriers to permanent housing and have a greater chance for success with a deeper period of support. Additionally, this project provides educational groups for 45 low and extremely low-income Gresham residents on topics that help them gain self-sufficiency and permanent housing stability such as money management, housing readiness, employment readiness and computer skill building. These educational groups include free on-site childcare. Location: 311 NE Division Recommended amount: \$48,068

Administration, City of Gresham/City of Portland – Funds will be used for staff costs and to fund audit testing for fair housing and a fair housing training workshop. Funds will also be used to prepare a Consolidated Plan Update and support the countywide Housing and Federal Funding Oversight Committee. Funded award: \$173,440