

CITY OF RENTON
RENTON CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed use of Community Development Block Grant-(CDBG) Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that per the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation 20-28, the City of Renton is prohibited from holding in-person meetings at this time. Therefore, a virtual/telephonic **Public Hearing** will be held by the Renton City Council on October 19, 2020 at 7 p.m. by means of a Zoom video-conference web application. For those wishing to attend by Zoom, please (1) click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87006639675> (or copy the URL and paste into a web browser) or (2) call-in to the Zoom meeting by dialing 253-215-8782 and entering 870 0663 9675, or (3) call 425-430-6501 by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting to request an invite with a link to the meeting. The meeting can also be viewed on Renton’s Channel 21, or streaming live at rentonwa.gov/streaming.

The Renton City Council will consider the following: Proposed use of 2021 CDBG funds.

The City will receive an estimated \$713,229 in 2021 CDBG funds. After contractual set asides covering King County administration and human services program costs, the amount available is estimated to be \$413,673 which the city is proposing to allocate as follows:

- 1) Planning and Administration: \$71,323 or the maximum amount allowable to plan and administer the CDBG program at 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057; and
- 2) Public Facilities and Improvements Program: The estimated balance of \$342,350 is proposed for public facilities and improvements:

The Public Facilities and Improvements Program for Downtown/South Renton (the “Downtown Streetscape Improvements”) will augment improvements already begun through the Downtown’s one-way conversion at Wells, Williams and Main Avenues. Intersection improvements and sidewalk replacement have begun and will continue along S 3rd Street between Burnett and Main; Wells Avenue S between S 2nd and 5th streets; Williams Avenue S between S 3rd and 5th streets; and Main Avenue S between S 2nd and 3rd streets. The proposed improvements will continue and expand the improvements from the intersections-to the section of street between the intersections. These projects will include new and/or modified sidewalks, crosswalks, bike racks, bollards, newspaper racks, benches, alternative seating, receptacles, lighting, plantings, and signage. Wells Avenue is currently under construction utilizing the 2020 funds. The 2021 funds will be used to complete the engineering and installation of Gateway monument signs per the wayfinding plan and complete the engineering phase of the “Downtown Streetscape Improvements”. This will include the engineering of Williams Avenue streetscape as well as engineering for additional phases of the streetscape

project. More than 51% of the service area's residents are low and moderate income. The service area is primarily residential and includes Block Group 3, Census tract 253.01, and Block Groups 1-3, Census tract 253.02.

2021 Contingency Plan: Should Renton's allocation increase, after funding planning and administration to the maximum allowable amount, any increases in entitlement will go to the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project. Any decreases in entitlement will decrease the amount allocated to the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project. CDBG Program Income and any recaptured funds will be allocated to the Healthy Housing Program, including any Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project funds not under contract by December 31, 2021.

For approximately every \$15,000 in funding, Healthy Housing is proposing to replace the roof and add/or improve ventilation to minimize moisture/mold issues for one household. Healthy Housing clients will be selected from active Housing Repair Clients.

If you wish to attend the virtual meeting please provide your name and email address to Julia Medzegian, Council Liaison, at jmedzegian@rentonwa.gov or by calling 425-430-6501 so that the videoconference information can be provided to you prior to the start of the meeting. Those who wish to testify for this public hearing will be provided 5 minutes each speaker unless an exception is granted by the Council. Attendees will be muted and not audible to the Council except during times they are designated to speak. Advance instructions for how to address the Council will provided to those who sign up in advance to speak and again during the meeting. Alternatively, written comments on this topic can be submitted to cityclerk@rentonwa.gov by 5:00 p.m., October 19, 2020. Although it is anticipated an updated order from the Governor will prohibit physical attendance at the meeting, if such order is not issued, a space will be made available at Renton City Hall, 1055 S. Grady way, WA 98057, for the public to attend.



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