



KitsapCounty

Human Services

Housing and Community Development 2027 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)



CDBG Program

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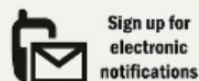
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NOFA & Program Updates

Any information or updates regarding this NOFA will be posted on the County website, and notifications will be sent to any agency or organization signed up to receive Coordinated Grant Application Process electronic notifications.

To sign up go to: [Kitsap County](#)

The link will take you to the Kitsap County Electronic Notification System where you can sign up. You can also sign up to receive updates for the County Block Grant Program or any of the other grant programs associated with the Coordinated Grant Application Process.



[Subscribe to the County's Electronic Notification System](#)

Applicants pursuing a new capital project should meet with County staff to discuss the project, covering program eligibility, rules, and regulations.

2027 CDBG Application Schedule

April	
Draft Policy Plan published	4/20
Policy Plan comment period	4/20 – 5/5
May	
Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing - Action Plan priorities & Policy Plan	5/11
HCD RFP and NOFA published to website	5/14
HCD applicants meet with County staff	5/18 – 6/12
June	
Grant application technical training	6/17 @ 10a-Noon
2027 Grant applications open	6/17 @ Noon
Ongoing application technical assistance	6/17 – 7/17
July	
2027 Grant applications due	7/17 @ Noon
August	
Application Review & Scoring	8/1 – 9/3
September	
Staff presentations and Capital GRC discussion	9/2 – 9/3
Staff and GRC Deliberations	9/10
October	
Draft 2027 Funding Recommendations and Action Plan released for 30-day comment period	9/21
Board of County Commissioners Work Study • Action Plan & GRC Funding Recommendations	10/19
Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing • Action Plan & GRC Funding Recommendations	10/26
Bremerton City Council Study Session Action Plan & Funding Recommendations	10/28
Bremerton City Council Public Hearing • Action Plan & Funding Recommendations • Takes action on Bremerton HOME funds	11/4
November	
Submission of 2027 Action Plan to HUD	11/15

Summary of NOFA

Kitsap County is releasing this competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for projects in unincorporated Kitsap County, Port Orchard, Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island.

The City of Bremerton conducts a separate application and review process for their CDBG funding. Additional information can be found at: [Federal Grants - Community Development Block Grant | Bremerton, WA - Official Website \(bremertonwa.gov\)](https://www.bremertonwa.gov/federal-grants-community-development-block-grant).

The CDBG program is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, administered by Kitsap County. The CDBG program is authorized by Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974 to provide communities with funding to address a wide range of unique community development needs to benefit low- and moderate-income people.

All guidelines and policies for the funds below are not included in this RFP but are detailed in the **2027 HCD Policy Plan** posted on the Coordinated Grant Application page of the website [Coordinated Grant Application Process \(kitsapgov.com\)](https://www.kitsapgov.com/coordinated-grant-application-process). It is the applicant's responsibility to read and understand the funding requirements and restrictions.

Funds Available

The amount of funding available each year is determined by HUD after the Federal Budget is finalized and approved by Congress. This typically occurs after the County's program year has begun; therefore, the CDBG funding announced in the NOFA is an estimate of funds.

- **The total amount of CDBG capital funding made available for the 2027 program year is estimated to be \$1,171,498.**

CDBG Public Service funds were awarded during the 2026 application cycle and will operate on an auto-renewal basis. There will be no public service applications for 2027.

Eligible Applicants

Those organizations eligible to receive CDBG funds are:

- Nonprofit Agencies
- Units of Government
- Housing Authorities
- Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partnership, Joint Venture, or Limited Partnership
 - This must ultimately be controlled by a nonprofit or public corporation to obtain a tax credit or another housing or service-related objective.

- Faith-based organizations
- Private profit organizations for microenterprise activities

Program Priorities

For the 2027 program year, CDBG has the following priorities, in rank order:

1. Rehabilitation of affordable housing (rental and homeownership)
2. Preservation of affordable housing (acquisition of housing to create or preserve units of affordable housing)
3. Infrastructure related to affordable housing projects:
4. Offsite sewer/water extension and sidewalks required for affordable housing projects.
5. Economic Development Microenterprise

Population Served

All projects must meet a CDBG National Objective and demonstrate benefit to individuals or households at or below 80% area median income (AMI).

Kitsap County uses the HOME income limits for all HCD funds. The AMI is determined by household size and is updated annually by HUD for Kitsap County. The latest AMI data can always be found on [HUD User](#). The current AMI for Kitsap County is:

HH Size	30% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI	100% AMI
1	\$ 27,250	\$ 54,480	\$ 72,600	\$ 90,800
2	\$ 31,150	\$ 62,220	\$ 83,000	\$ 103,700
3	\$ 35,050	\$ 70,020	\$ 93,350	\$ 116,700
4	\$ 38,900	\$ 77,760	\$ 103,700	\$ 129,600

Source: [HUD Income Limits; Effective 6/1/2026](#) - The AMI data is typically updated in May/June of each year.

Application Process

There is one application portal for all HCD funds.

All applicants are required to complete two separate applications for this NOFA.

1. Organization Information Application (completed 1 time per organization)
 - This application will ask an agency to provide overall agency information including policies, financial information, and general organizational procedures.

2. Project Specific Application (1 per project)
 - This application provides specific details about the project, including need, population served, timeline, financial sustainability, among other details. There are separate applications for:
 - Rental housing
 - Homeowner housing
 - Public facility, infrastructure, and shelter

Application Access and Submission

The application system is online only, utilizing Survey Monkey Apply.

<https://apply-kitsap.smapply.io>.

The Organization Information applications will be made available on June 1, 2026.

Project specific applications will open June 17, 2026

Applications are due at Noon on July 17, 2026.

Both applications must be completed and submitted by the due date for your application to be considered complete.

Application Assistance

Assistance will be provided through a variety of ways.

1. Applicants should meet with County staff for all new projects. All meetings will be held remotely, via Microsoft Teams.
2. Application Technical Assistance will be provided via Zoom on June 17, 2026 @ 10am. This session is not required, and the recording will be made available.
 - a. Links will be available on County websites.
 - i. [Coordinated Grant County Page](#)
 - ii. [Block Grant Page](#)
 - iii. [CIAH Page](#)
3. General Assistance is available throughout the application process, addressing forms, uploads, submitting the application, and general questions. Applicants may contact County HCD staff via email or phone.

Application Scoring

CDBG applications will be scored based on responses to the project application. Each question within the application will identify a maximum score for that individual response, and the Capital GRC members and County staff will score applications.

Scores assigned to each application are used as a tool in deliberations. A score and any subsequent ranking against other applications does not constitute a guarantee of commitment of any HCD funds. Kitsap County will, in all instances, commit CDBG funds

consistent with sound and reasonable judgment, and consistency with program requirements and adopted policies.

County staff will present the same aspects of each project to the Capital GRC members. The GRC will discuss the merits of each project and formulate funding recommendations.

Some of the evaluation criteria include:

- Project readiness and timeline
- Budget
- Leveraged and committed funds
- Partnerships
- Sustainability
- CDBG project priority

Funding recommendations will be announced on September 21, 2026, and will be presented at a public hearing on October 26, 2026.

[Contracting/Commitment Process](#)

Projects that are awarded CDBG funds must work with staff to move the project through the contracting phase. Project start is generally January 1 in the year immediately following the award announcement but can vary by project and contracts may not be executed until mid-year, depending on approval of the federal budget and when the county receives funds from HUD. All funds are provided on a reimbursement basis, and work cannot start and costs cannot be incurred until an environmental review is complete and a Notice to Proceed is issued.

All projects awarded CDBG funds are required to follow all Federal and County regulations related to the project. Note that this may include federal prevailing wage, Section 3, and Build America Buy America requirements. Please refer to the [2027 HCD Policy Plan](#) and the [CDBG/HOME Guidebook](#) for additional information.