

## 2026 Coordinated Grant Application Kitsap County Block Grant Program Department of Human Services CDBG Public Service Application Summaries

Agency / Project / Description		2026 Request	Recommendations
Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound South Kitsap After School Program Service Area: South Kitsap	30 Individuals	CDBG: \$27,500	CDBG: \$27,500

Funds will be used to support its South Kitsap After-School Program at Cedar Heights Middle School. The program provides academic support, leadership development, healthy activities, and enrichment opportunities for low-income and underserved youth, with a goal of serving 30 students after school and reaching up to 250 through lunchtime activities. Funding will cover staffing costs for a Regional Manager, Senior Site Coordinator, and Youth Development Professionals to maintain safe, structured, and inclusive programming. This project addresses food insecurity, academic gaps, and social-emotional needs while fostering long-term community impact through youth development.

Helpline House			
Food Bank Operations 2026	3,000 Individuals	CDBG: \$30,000	CDBG: \$30,000
Service Area: Bainbridge Island			

Funds will be used to support a portion of the Food Bank Manager's salary. The program provides nutritious food to about 3,000 individuals annually, three-quarters of whom rely on the food bank for half their food supply. In addition to food distribution, the program connects clients with social services, SNAP, WIC, and other resources while following best practices like client choice, cultural sensitivity, and community partnerships. The funds will help sustain operations in response to rising local need and limited storage/transport capacity.

South Kitsap Helpline			
Food Bank Operations	11,914 Individuals	CDBG: \$30,000	CDBG: \$30,000
Service Area: South Kitsap School District			

Funds will be used to support a portion of its Executive Director's salary, ensuring effective oversight of its food bank and related programs during a major transition into a new, larger facility. SKH is the leading hunger relief organization in South Kitsap County, distributing over 1 million pounds of food annually and serving nearly 10,000 unduplicated guests, most of whom live below the poverty line. The new facility will allow SKH to expand services by 15 percent, including launching a culinary training program, community café, and food processing initiatives to improve community food security. This funding will strengthen organizational sustainability, helping SKH continue to reduce hunger, improve health, and connect vulnerable residents to resources that build long-term stability.

YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties Child Care Scholarships	15 Individuals	CDBG: \$28,000	CDBG: \$28,000
Service Area: Central Kitsap School District			. ,

Funds will be used to provide at least 15 scholarships to enable children, ages 5 - 12, from low-income families to attend the YMCA's before and after school childcare program at school locations in Central Kitsap School District. The program nurtures the development of children by providing a safe place to learn foundational skills, develop healthy and trusting relationships, and build self-reliance. Scholarships are typically a 30 to 50 percent discount off posted rates, with qualifying McKinney-Vento participants (families experiencing homelessness) receiving a 100 percent discount often representing as much as a \$600 monthly discount. Families served are below 50% Area Median Income.