



Five Year Report 2016-2020

Kitsap County Block Grant Program

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WHAT IS THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM?

Funding Source

Kitsap County receives a direct allocation of funds annually from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address affordable housing and community development needs for low income people and communities. Money comes through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs, as well as through special allocations such as CDBG-CV funds from the CARES Act which provided funding to communities to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding Uses and Priorities

Funding uses are determined by HUD regulations and prioritized within eligible categories through the Consolidated Plan. Every 5 years the County updates the plan and determines goals and priorities for the use of funds. Each year the County, through a competitive application process, awards grants to programs and projects which address the Consolidated Plan goals. These are included in the annual Action Plan and submitted to HUD. This 5-year report is a review of the programs and projects funded during the 2016-2020 plan period.

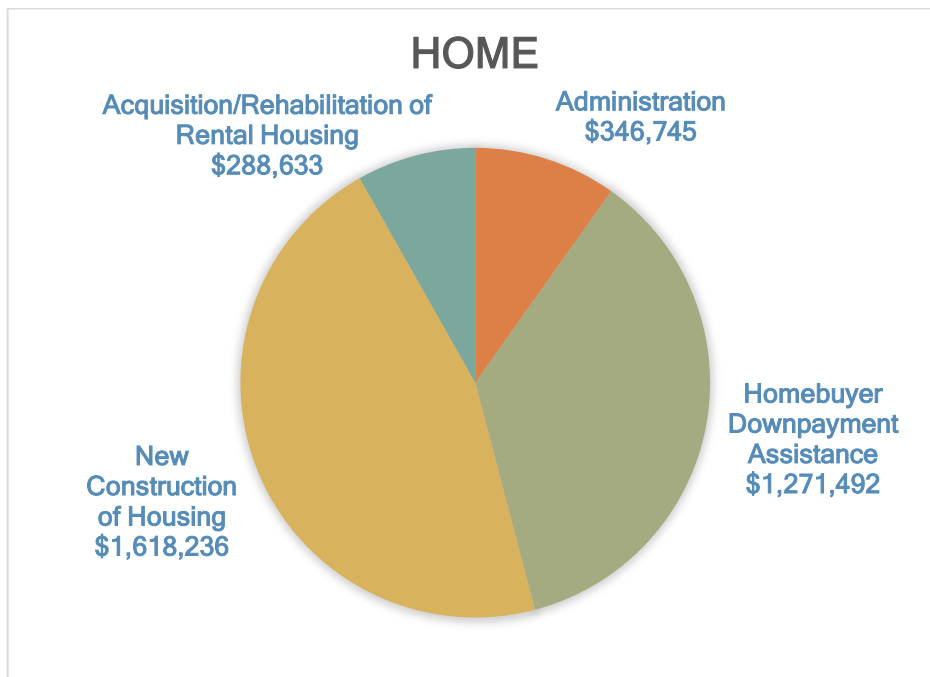
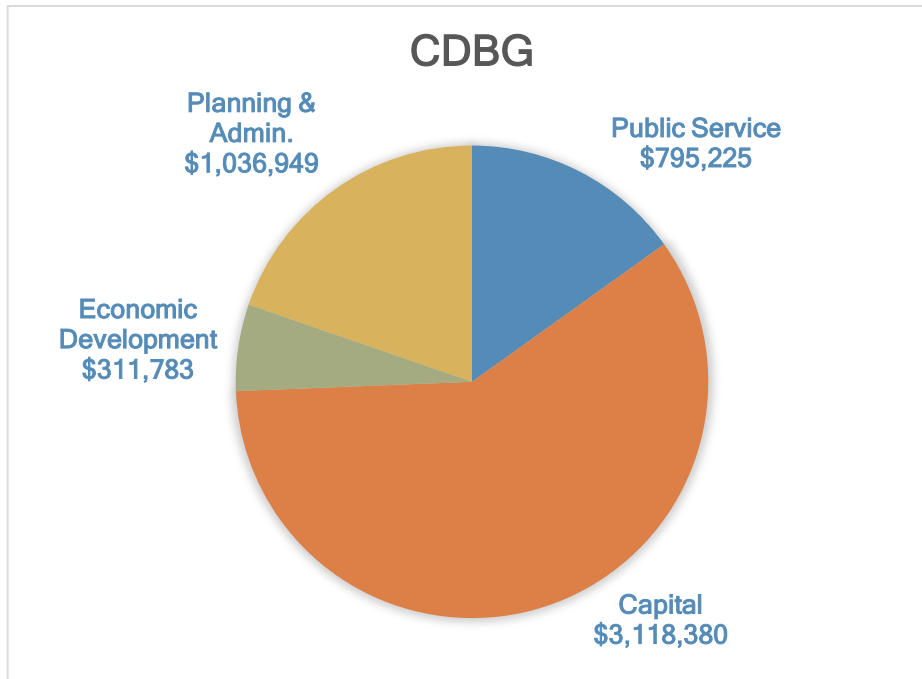
Kitsap County has invested over \$9.5 million in our community from 2016-2020.

Funding Types

CDBG is primarily for capital projects, however HUD allows the County to set-aside up to 15% for services. Capital projects include housing rehabilitation, public facilities and infrastructure and economic development.

HOME funds are used to provide affordable housing through acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and homebuyer assistance.

Funding Levels



CDBG-CV Funds

In 2020 Kitsap County received \$641,438 through the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds were allocated to Kitsap Community Resources and Housing Kitsap to provide emergency short-term rental and mortgage assistance for low-income households experiencing hardship due to COVID-19. 143 households were provided assistance in 2020.



Together the CDBG and HOME programs provide our community with resources to address a wide range of community development and housing needs. Funds are used to support projects benefitting low income individuals, families and special need households.

SERVICES

CDBG funds are used to provide support for community food banks, childcare and youth programs, dental care for children, meals for the elderly, legal advocacy for victims of domestic violence and services for abused children.

- 75,937 individuals were provided food
- 2,008 children & youth were provided before and after school care
- 3,221 children received free or reduced-price dental care
- 270 home bound elderly individuals were provided nutritious meals
- 1,565 victims of domestic violence were provided legal advocacy and support
- 266 children experiencing sexual abuse were provided services



Agencies providing services to children:

- YMCA Childcare
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Lindquist Dental
- Kitsap Sexual Assault Center

Agencies Providing Food:

- Bremerton Foodline
- CK Food Bank
- Helpline House Bainbridge
- South Kitsap Helpline
- Meals on Wheels Kitsap



HOUSING PROJECTS

CDBG and HOME funds are used to provide affordable housing for households with incomes below 80% of area median income including construction, rehabilitation and acquisition of rental and homeowner housing.

Rental Housing

- 89 new units created
- 204 units rehabilitated

Homeownership Housing

- 16 new units created
- 184 units rehabilitated or weatherized
- 26 homebuyers assisted with down-payment assistance



YWCA Morrow Manor - 8 new units of rental housing for survivors of domestic violence and their families.



Conifer Ridge Apartments - 40 units of rental housing rehabilitated for senior adults.

The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan prioritized affordable housing - a total of \$6,938,179 was invested.



Foundation for the Challenged - acquisition and rehabilitation of a 3-bedroom home for adults with developmental disabilities.

Fernclyff Village Townhomes -
Construction of 16 homeownership
units in a Community Land Trust.
When the homes are sold to future
homebuyers, they will remain
affordable for the long term.



Rehab. & Weatherization

Rehabilitation and Weatherization programs preserve existing housing by:

- improving energy efficiency and repairing major systems such as roofs, heating systems, and insulation.
- making repairs to old or damaged doors, windows, flooring, plumbing and electrical systems.
- Completing accessibility improvements such as wheel-chair ramps or installing grab bars in bathrooms.



Down-payment Assistance

Down-payment assistance programs open homeownership to households that might not typically be able to afford homeownership.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Microenterprise

CDBG funds are used to provide support for the Business, Education, Support and Training (BE\$T) Program which provides business training and on-going support to low-income individuals starting or expanding their own micro-enterprise business. A micro-enterprise is a business with five or fewer employees.



175 County residents have been assisted through the BE\$T program.

Community Input

Funding is allocated by formula each year by HUD to the County. Through interlocal agreements the County and Cities allocate funding through a competitive grant application process to local non-profit and government agencies. The County and each City appoint volunteer members to serve on the Grant Recommendation Committees (GRCs) to make funding recommendations. Citizen comment is sought twice a year with a public notice in the spring to solicit input on the policies for the use of funds and in the fall for comments on funding recommendations. Final funding recommendations are approved by the Board of County Commissioners and sent to HUD.

Community input shaped the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan Goals of:

- Preservation of existing affordable housing and construction or acquisition of new housing
- Increased economic opportunities
- Provision of critical services for basic needs and to promote long-term self-sufficiency

Many Thanks to our Community Partners!

Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound
 Bremerton Foodline
 Bremerton Housing Authority
 Community Frameworks
 Central Kitsap Food Bank
 Foundation for the Challenged
 Habitat for Humanity
 Helpline House Bainbridge
 Housing Kitsap
 Housing Resources Bainbridge
 Kitsap Community Resources
 Kitsap Sexual Assault
 Kitsap Mental Health Services
 Lindquist Dental
 Martha & Mary
 Meals on Wheels Kitsap
 Shelter America Group
 South Kitsap Helpline
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