



CITY OF ASTORIA

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NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, you may participate in the Public Hearing remotely by computer or telephone. You will be able to hear and/or view the proceedings and fully participate remotely. Please access the following URL to reach the options: https://www.astoria.or.us/LIVE_STREAM.aspx

Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Astoria is eligible to apply for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2020. Funding available for Business Assistance is \$2 million. Funding dedicated to public services is \$1,750,000.

The City of Astoria is preparing an application for two 2020 Community Development Block Grants from Business Oregon. Project number one will be an **Emergency Small Business and Microenterprise Assistance Grant, serving Clatsop County, for COVID-19 Community Response for \$150,000**. The maximum grant a City or County can receive for a project of this type is \$150,000. It is estimated that the project will benefit 60 to 100 business owners and their employees, of whom 100% will be low- or moderate-income.

Project number two is a **Public Services Grant for Clatsop County, for COVID-19 Community Response for \$50,000**. The maximum grant that a City or County can receive is \$50,000 for a project of this type. It is estimated that the proposed projects will benefit at least 5000 persons, of whom 41.53% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the Astoria City Council at 7:00 PM on May 18, 2020 at the Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane Street, Astoria, OR 97103. The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 5:00 PM on May 18, 2020 at jbenoit@astoria.or.us or to City Hall, C/O Jennifer Benoit, 1095 Duane Street, Astoria, OR 97103. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact the City Manager's Office at 503-325-5824 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City of Astoria's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review digitally upon request by emailing jbenoit@astoria.or.us. Advance notice is requested.



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If special accommodations are needed, please notify the City Manager's Office at 503-325-5824 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

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Jennifer Benoit, Executive Assistant

City Manager's Office