

Bellevue Human Services Commission 2020 CDBG Funding Recommendations

Public Services	Requests	Recommended
Public Services *	\$143,871	\$143,871
Subtotal	\$143,871	\$143,871
Capital, Admin. & Planning	Requests	Recommended
Capital	\$628,914	\$628,914
Administration, Planning	\$143,877	\$143,877
Subtotal	\$772,791	\$772,791
Total:	\$916,662	\$916,662

*JFS received a two-year award for CDBG public services during the funding deliberations in 2019. Their 2020 CDBG funding was awarded at that time.

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Public Service	Jewish Family Service - Refugee & Immigrant Service Centers	\$143,871	\$143,871	\$143,871*	Provides resettlement services for refugees and immigrants, assessment and case management, vocational ESL, employment services, acculturation and citizenship services, and legal services. Provided 850 employment contacts, 3 placements in unsubsidized employment, 8,806 class hours, and 102 contacts for referral to an immigration attorney in 2018 (*JFS received a two-year award for CDBG public services during the funding deliberations in 2019. Their 2020 CDBG funding was awarded at that time).
Admin., Planning	City of Bellevue - CDBG Administration	\$45,021	\$75,263	\$75,263	Provides for staff and other costs associated with the administration of the CDBG program (24 CFR 570.206), including program monitoring and required reporting to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and ensuring that human services are available to vulnerable populations. The increase over 2019 funding more accurately reflects the time spent by the CDBG Coordinator to administer the program. HUD caps the maximum amount that can be expended on Administration and Planning at 20% of entitlement amount and 20% of the current year program income.

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Admin., Planning	City of Bellevue - CDBG Planning	\$137,444	\$68,614	\$68,614	CDBG Planning supports planning and research activities regarding human service needs of Bellevue residents and HUD required planning activities (24 CFR 570.205). The funding amount in 2019 was higher due to the development of the biennial Human Services Needs Update that year. HUD caps the maximum amount that can be expended on Administration and Planning at 20% of entitlement amount and 20% of the current year program income.
Capital	Ventures - Microenterprise Assistance	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	Ventures will provide two 8-week Business Basics Courses (one in English and one in Spanish) to low-income Bellevue residents. Courses will be held weeknight evenings at Hopelink's Bellevue location. Students receive 24 hours of business education, including topics such as marketing, finances, business plans, operations, licensing, taxes and more. This project is an eligible activity under microenterprise assistance, 24 CFR (570.202(o)(1)(ii-iii)). Ventures has years of experience providing technical assistance and support to microenterprise businesses and they have experience administering CDBG funds (they currently receive CDBG funds from the City of Seattle). They have offered Business Basics courses at Hopelink in Bellevue in the past.
Capital	City of Bellevue - Major Home Repair with King County Housing Authority	\$490,784	\$494,914	\$494,914	Provides low- and moderate-income Bellevue households with zero interest loans and a limited number of grants for major home repairs (24 CFR 570.202) such as roofing, major electrical and plumbing. This fulfills the national objective that the CDBG program benefit mostly low- and moderate-income residents. In 2018, 40 households were served. \$124,914 will pay for administration of the program, and \$370,000 will pay for housing repair projects.
Capital	Sound Generations - Minor Home Repair	\$45,000	\$84,000	\$84,000	The Minor Home Repair Program provides minor repairs such as electrical, plumbing, and carpentry (24 CFR 570.202) to Bellevue's low-income, elderly and/or disabled homeowners. In 2018, 32 households were served. Sound Generations' award in 2019 was purposefully lower because the program did not spend down its 2018 contract until mid-2019. This was due to staff turnover and changes in the program's administration. The program is now stable and on track to spend their \$84,000 request in a timely manner in 2020.