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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF KENT
Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services
Human Services Division**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE CITY OF KENT 2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105, notice is hereby given that the City of Kent will hold a public hearing on October 15, 2009 to receive comments regarding the City's 2010 Annual Action Plan. Comments will be received by the Kent Human Services Commission. The Annual Action Plan outlines the City's proposed use of 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, known as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN-USE OF 2010 CDBG FUNDS

The City of Kent Human Services Commission has set preliminary recommendations on the use of 2010 federal funds awarded to the City by HUD. These recommendations will guide the use of an estimated \$787,000 in CDBG funds.

The City is proposing to allocate 2010 CDBG funds to the following projects:

\$10,000 for Catholic Community Services-Katherine's House (confidential location), Kent: CDBG funds will be used to provide shelter and case management services for one homeless woman.

\$157,400 for City of Kent, CDBG Program Administration, 220 4th Ave. South, Kent: CDBG funds will be used to administer the City of Kent's CDBG projects.

\$429,050 for the City of Kent Home Repair Program (operating citywide at various locations): CDBG funds will be used to provide rehabilitation assistance and health and safety repairs to 80 unduplicated low/moderate-income Kent households.

\$10,000 for the City of Kent Fire Department Fall Prevention Program (operating citywide at various locations): CDBG funds will be used to install handicap accessibility items in Kent area households.

\$10,000 for HealthPoint Healthcare for the Homeless, 403 East Meeker Street, #300, Kent: CDBG funds will be used to provide nursing visits to 19 homeless individuals in transitional shelters and at the Kent clinic.

\$56,000 for the Multi-Service Center Housing Stability Program, 515 W. Harrison St., Kent: CDBG funds will be used to provide 49 grants to 49 unduplicated low/moderate-income households to prevent eviction or to assist with move-in costs.

\$50,000 for a Public Facilities Improvement Project or Down Payment Assistance to First Time Homebuyers Project (organization to be determined), Kent location: CDBG funds will be used to improve a public facility or to provide down payment assistance to first time homebuyers.

\$17,050 for Refugee Women's Alliance-Systems Navigation & Access Project, 232 2nd Ave. South, Suite 107, Kent: CDBG funds will be used to connect 174 immigrants/refugees to linguistically and culturally appropriate information and services.

\$22,500 for Washington CASH-Kent Micro-enterprise Initiative Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. North, Kent: CDBG funds will be used to provide assistance for the development of micro-enterprise businesses; 20 individuals will be served.

\$25,000 for YWCA Transitional Housing, (confidential location): CDBG funds will be used to provide transitional housing and case management services to homeless domestic violence survivors and their children; 12 households will be served.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

Increase in CDBG Public Service Funds

- In the event of an **increase** in public service funds above the preliminary estimate, additional funds will be proportionately divided between the funded programs.

Decrease in CDBG Public Service Funds

- In the event of a **decrease in CDBG public service funds**, the decrease will be proportionately distributed among the funded agencies with the exception of MSC Continuum Services, with no agency receiving less than \$10,000 in funding.

Increase in CDBG Capital Funds

- In the event additional capital funds are received or recaptured, the additional funds will be allocated between the City of Kent Home Repair Program and the Public Facilities Improvement Project or Down Payment Assistance for First Time Homebuyers Project.

Decrease in CDBG Capital Funds

- If there is a **decrease in CDBG capital funds**, projects will be cut in the following order:
 1. Washington CASH
 2. Public Facilities and Improvements/Down Payment Assistance for First Time Homebuyers
 3. City of Kent Home Repair Program

PURPOSE OF CDBG PROGRAM

The purpose of the CDBG Program is to assist in the development of vibrant communities via three national objectives. The national objectives support activities that: (1) benefit low/moderate-income persons; (2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or (3) meet community development needs that have a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources do not exist to meet such needs. The City prioritizes projects that benefit low/moderate-income persons. In addition to supporting national objectives, CDBG activities seek outcomes which are accomplished by:

- Providing a suitable living environment
- Providing decent housing
- Providing economic opportunities

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

All interested persons are invited to comment on the 2010 Annual Action Plan at the public hearing and during the 30-day comment period. A public hearing will be held on:

DATE/TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, October 15, 2009, 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE: 4th Floor, Centennial Center, Mountain View Conference Room,
Suite 401, 400 W. Gowe St., Kent, WA 98032**

Written comments will be accepted and may be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to:

Dinah Wilson, CDBG Program Coordinator
City of Kent, 220 4th Ave. South, Kent, WA 98032
E-mail: drwilson@ci.kent.wa.us
Fax: 253-856-6070

A draft copy of the 2010 Annual Action Plan, as well as additional information about the public hearing can be found on the City's web site at the following address: <http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/humanservices/> . In addition the Annual Action Plan may be examined at the following locations:

- Kent Clerk's Office, 220 4th Ave. South, Kent, WA 98032, 1st Floor
- Kent Human Services Division, Kent City Hall Building, 220 4th Ave. South, Kent, WA 98032, 3rd Floor

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Jeff Watling, Director
Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services

Signature

Date