

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

NO. 2005-412

<b>CLEARANCES</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date Received in Council Office</b>	<b>Agenda Date</b>	<b>Assigned to:</b>
Originator:	SM	10-25-05	DISTRIBUTED TO  OCT 18 2005  ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	October 25, 2005	Introduction
Division Head:				Nov. 9, 2005	Public Hearing
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	PR	10-18-05			

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:** *Public Hearing and Resolution regarding Community Development Block Grant application.*

**ATTACHMENTS:** *Resolution, Grant Concept Fact Sheet, Public Hearing Handout*

SEPA review required?	( ) Yes	( X ) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing ? ( X ) Yes ( ) NO Requested Date:
SEPA review completed?	( ) Yes	( X ) NO	

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:** *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

*Required public hearing and Resolution in support of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds to be applied to capital costs for the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center.*

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

10/25/05: Introduced  
11/9/2005: Approved 7-0, Res. #2005-065

**Related County Contract #:**

**Related File Numbers:**

**Ordinance or Resolution**

**Number:**

Res. #2005-065

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SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 10/25/05

RESOLUTION NO. ~~2005~~-065

APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

WHEREAS, Whatcom County is applying to the State Office of Community Development for funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that certain conditions be met as part of the application requirements; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Pete Kremen is authorized to submit this application to the State of Washington on behalf of Whatcom County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council authorizes submission of this application to the state Office of Community Development to request \$1,000,000 from the CDBG General Purposes Grant Program for capital costs of the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center in Whatcom County, and certifies that if funded, it:

Will comply with applicable provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and other applicable state and federal laws; and

Has provided opportunities for citizen participation comparable to the state's requirements (those described in Section 104(a)(2)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended); has complied with all public hearing requirements and provided citizens, especially low and moderate-income persons, with reasonable advance notice of, and the opportunity to present their views during the assessment of community development and housing needs, during the review of available funding and eligible activities, and on the proposed activities; and

Has provided technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of low and moderate income persons that request assistance in developing proposals; and

Will provide opportunities for citizens to review and comment on proposed changes in the funded project and program performance; and

Will not use assessments against properties owned and occupied by low and moderate income persons or charge user fees to recover the capital costs of CDBG-funded public improvements from low and moderate income owner-occupants; and

Will establish a plan to minimize displacement as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds; and assist persons actually displaced as a result of such activities, as provided in the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended; and

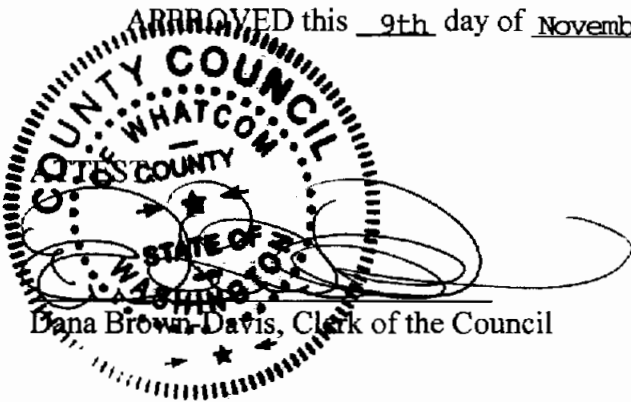
Will conduct and administer its program in conformance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act, and will affirmatively further fair housing, (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968); and

Has adopted (or will adopt) and enforce a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and has adopted (or will adopt) and implement a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstration within its jurisdiction, in accordance with Section 104(1) of the Title I of the Housing and Community development Act of 1974, as amended; and

Will provide, upon request, and prior to any obligation of funds being made, a complete and accurate CDBG Federal Funds Disclosure Report detailing the required applicant / grantee information, and as appropriate other government assistance provided or applied for, interested parties and expected sources, and uses of funds.

Whatcom County designates Pete Kremen, County Executive, as the authorized Chief Administrative Official and authorized representative to act in all official matters in connection with this application and Whatcom County's participation in the Washington State CDBG Program.

APPROVED this 9th day of November, 2005.



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

*L. Caskey-Shreiber*  
Laurie Caskey-Shreiber, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Karen A. Frank*  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

## Grant Concept FactSheet

### East Whatcom Regional Resource Center

- Grant program:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Purpose Grant Program, a state-wide competition using federal CDBG funds
- Grantor:** State of Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development
- Maximum grant:** Up to \$1,000,000 per municipality per application round
- Grant restrictions:** Projects must principally benefit low- to moderate-income and special needs populations. *Low- and moderate-income* (LMI) is defined by US HUD as annual income at or below 80% of the area median income adjusted for family size.
- Eligible applicants:** Counties and cities that do not receive an annual CDBG allocation from HUD. Nonprofits may propose projects but must apply through an eligible applicant.
- CDBG application process:** Applications must be submitted by November 17, 2005, if authorized by a County Council Resolution to be adopted after a Public Hearing. Grant awards will be announced in early 2006.
- Proposed project:** Construction of the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center.
- Project Overview:** The East Whatcom Regional Resource Center would provide economic development, family support and health services to a fast growing, but geographically isolated area. This proposed project will revitalize a high poverty area of the county. It is the County's highest priority for coordinated technical and financial assistance focused on community development, economic diversification, and job creation/retention.
- Economic development, health and social service agencies are committed to providing expanded services for people in the area if the facility is created, including sharing the operating costs of the facility. These agencies have been inhibited by the lack of local facilities available from which to work.
- Upon completion of the resource facility, agencies are committed to funding the services:
- Economic and workforce development: Small business technical assistance, English as a second language (ESL), adult basic education and GED, job skills training
  - Vital services for healthy families: Early childhood learning and child care, parenting, health and dental care, library services, dispute resolution, food and energy assistance
  - Committed agency partners: The Opportunity Council, Northwest Workforce Development Council, Interfaith Community Health Center, Head Start, Whatcom County Library System, Mt. Baker School District, North Fork Community Resource Center Association, Whatcom Literacy Council, Whatcom Community College and Bellingham