CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

265 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051

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Welcome!

All persons planning to address the Council, please sign-in at the back of the room. When invited to provide comment regarding items not on tonight's agenda, please raise your hand to be recognized, walk to the podium in the front of the room to the right, and state your name only. You are not required to give your address when speaking to the City Council. If you wish to address a specific item on the agenda, you should make your request known to the Mayor as soon as possible before the item comes up. The Council has the authority to grant or deny your request. Agenda times and order of items are estimated and are subject to change without notice.

1. **6:45 P.M. - Open Public Hearing**

2. **Topic**

   2.A. Community Development Block Grant Application for COVID-19 Emergency Services (Public Services) Grant
   CDBG info sheet.pdf

3. **Close Public Hearing**

Zoom Meeting Options -

https://zoom.us/j/95584116206
Meeting ID: 955 8411 6206
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Community Development Block Grant Application for COVID-19 Emergency Services (Public Services) Grant
This is a joint project seeking a Public Services Grant for Columbia County, for COVID-19 Response in the amount of $50,000. The objective is to use these funds for county-wide purchase and distribution of equipment, supplies and materials to support public services.

Background:
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Business Oregon has made funds available to meet community needs. The City of St. Helens is eligible to apply for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funding dedicated to public services is $1,750,000 statewide.

The City of St. Helens will be the applicant for the joint project for 2020 Community Development Block Grants from Business Oregon. This is a joint project seeking a **Public Services Grant for Columbia County for COVID-19 Community Response for $50,000**.

Partnership:
The City of St. Helens will be the lead applicant and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbia County to form a regional public service program. Jointly, we will partner with local public service nonprofit(s) who will deliver the services. Our application is for equipment, supplies and materials necessary to carry out vital public services.

Program description:
Thanks to the work of Columbia County Emergency Management Department and Columbia County Public Health, personal protective equipment (PPE) needs for medical, municipal, law enforcement, first responders, and health-related agencies have been met county-wide and adequate supplies exist for continued response. There are outstanding PPE needs for community-based public service agencies. Supplies and materials stocks need to be replenished and maintained if vital community services are to be available to the individuals and families that we serve. CDBG COVID-19 Emergency Assistance funds will make PPE available to public service agencies county-wide through an agreement between the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, and local community based nonprofit partner(s).

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