

City of St. Helens City Council

Public Hearing Minutes

May 20, 2020

This meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

Members Present: Rick Scholl, Mayor
Doug Morten, Council President
Keith Locke, Councilor
Ginny Carlson, Councilor
Stephen R. Topaz, Councilor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Assistant City Administrator
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Rachael Barry, Government Affairs & Project Support Specialist

Others: Mary McArthur, Col-Pac Lucie Polvogt
Katelyn Leonard Olivia Fantus
Giovanna Anderson

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

Government Affairs & Project Support Specialist Rachael Barry reviewed the grant. Mary McArthur reported on the complexities of the grant application.

Councilor Locke asked why Community Action Team is not applying. Mary explained how it is being done in other counties but is applied for by cities. This will help fund equipment, delivery, and meals.

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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Public Comments – No public comments received.

3) **Close Public Hearing**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor