

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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OVERVIEW

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Department of Community Development
Planning • Building • Development Engineering • Permit Center
Economic Development • Community Services • Code Enforcement

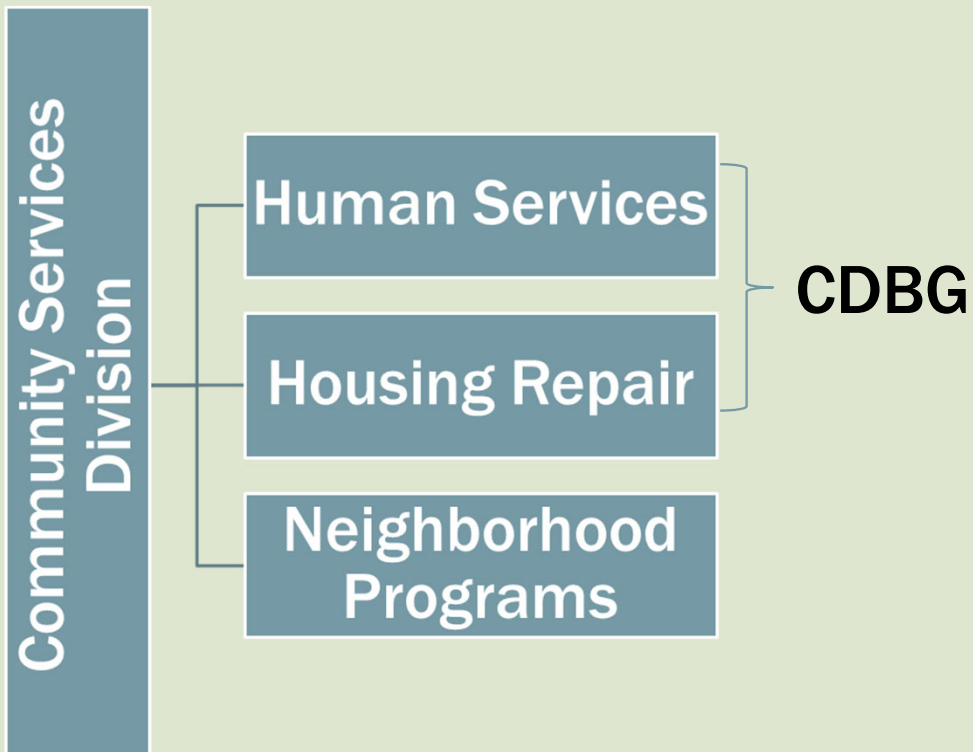
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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

■ Four main program areas:

- Community Development Block Grant
- Housing Repair
- Human Services
- Neighborhood Programs



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GENERAL FUND VS CDBG



■ General Fund Human Services dollars

- \$680,000
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- Guided by Human Services Funding Priorities set by Council
- Approved by City Council every other year during budget process

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- \$651,632*
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The CDBG Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities to develop viable urban communities.

Projects must:

- Align with HUD's National Objectives
- Be eligible under HUD's guidelines
- Benefit low and moderate income persons

CDBG ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- **Five Year Consolidated Plan**
 - **Needs Assessment**
- **Eligibility Reviews**
- **Annual Action Plans**
- **Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)**
- **Annual Subrecipient Monitoring**
- **Financial Management**
- **Project Management**
 - **Environmental Reviews**
 - **Procurement Procedure**
 - **Lead Mitigation**

EXAMPLES OF
ELIGIBLE
ACTIVITIES FOR
CBDG FUNDS

- **Acquisition of Real Property**
- **Public Facility ADA improvements**
- **Site Preparation**
- **Public Services (up to 15% of annual allocation)**
- **Home Rehabilitation**
- **Economic Development Activities**
- **Job Creation for Low-Income Individuals**
- **Microenterprise Assistance**
- **Homeownership Assistance**
- **Planning and Capacity Building**
- **Program Admin Costs (up to 20% of annual allocation)**

CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOALS

- **Affordable Housing** – Ensure access to healthy, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households throughout the region and advance fair housing to end discrimination and overcome historic patterns of segregation.
- **Ending Homelessness** – Make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time and eliminate racial disparities.
- **Community and Economic Development** – Establish and maintain healthy, integrated, and vibrant communities by improving the well-being and mobility of low- and moderate-income residents, and focusing on communities with historic disparities in health, income, and quality of life.

2022 CDBG TIMELINE



WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2022

- **CAPER Presentation April 11**
- **2023 Annual Action Plan process**
 - Public Hearings
 - Presentation of draft plan
 - Resolution to approve final plan in November
- **Budget request reflective of upcoming Needs Assessment requirement**

HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM

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HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM

To qualify applicants must:

- Live inside Auburn city limits
- Own home needing repairs
- Have lived there at least one year & plan to stay at least one year after repairs are done
- Meet low to moderate income guidelines
 - 30% King County median income = up to \$XXXXX/year for one person
 - 50% King County median income = up to \$XXXXX/year for one person
- Once approved can access funds for up to 3 years

2021 FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of Households helped: 53

Number of Residents Served: 98

Number of Children in Households Served: 20

Extremely Low-Income Households: 29

Low-Income Households: 25

Age 60+ Households: 40

Households with Disability: 25

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2022

- Housing Repair accomplishment highlights in 2021 CAPER Presentation (April)
- Monthly data points in “weekly update” email
- Program budget for 2023 included in CDBG Annual Action Plan in 4th Quarter

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HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

- Allocates funding through a competitive application process to nonprofit agencies to provide direct services to community members.
- Currently manages contracts for 50 programs (General Fund and CDBG)
 - Contract management includes:
 - Oversight of agency reports and invoicing
 - Regular monitoring of contracted agencies
 - Support for agencies to identify and overcome barriers to service provision

HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

- Supports coordination, collaboration, and capacity building for nonprofit agencies
 - Facilitates monthly SKC Forum on Homelessness meeting
 - Facilitates monthly rental assistance providers roundtable
- Staff work closely with regional partners to better assess need and advocate for the Auburn and South King County community
- Auburn participates in Share1App, a common Human Services application process shared by 16 King County cities
- Agencies have the opportunity to submit funding applications every two years for programs that meet the City's priority service areas.

2022 FUNDED PROGRAMS

Types of Programs



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Chapter 2.36 Auburn City Code)

Makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on the allocation of and application for grant funds to be used for community development. The Committee assists the Mayor and City Council in identifying local social service needs and recommends priorities to meet those needs.

- 9 member volunteer Committee that brings a wealth of expertise and experience in human services to staff and council decision making
- Currently meets monthly, with extended meetings and additional review time during application years
- Staffed by Human Services Program Coordinator and Community Services Manager

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2022


- **Application year!**
- **Stories from Human Services agencies included in weekly update emails**
- **Updates on agency accomplishments at June Study Session meeting**
- **Presentation on expected agency funding October 10**
- **Annual Joint meeting with Human Services Committee, likely in December**

NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS

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WHAT DOES NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS (NP) DO?

- **Vision:** Auburn is a healthy, inclusive and engaged community where all residents have a love of place, a sense of belonging, and an ability to influence the future of the community.
- **Mission:** NP will build community by providing investments and programming that promote inclusive engagement, increase accessibility of local gov't, and enhance community wellness.
- **3-pronged approach focused on connecting:**
 - Community <-> Community (National Night Out)
 - Community <-> City (Civics Academy, Community Outreach)
 - City <-> Community (Matching Grant, Community Fund, Community Outreach)

NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS

The City of Auburn's Neighborhood Program is about residents, neighborhoods, community connections, and development.

- National Night Out
- Civics Academy
- Community Outreach
- Community Matching Grants
- Community Fund



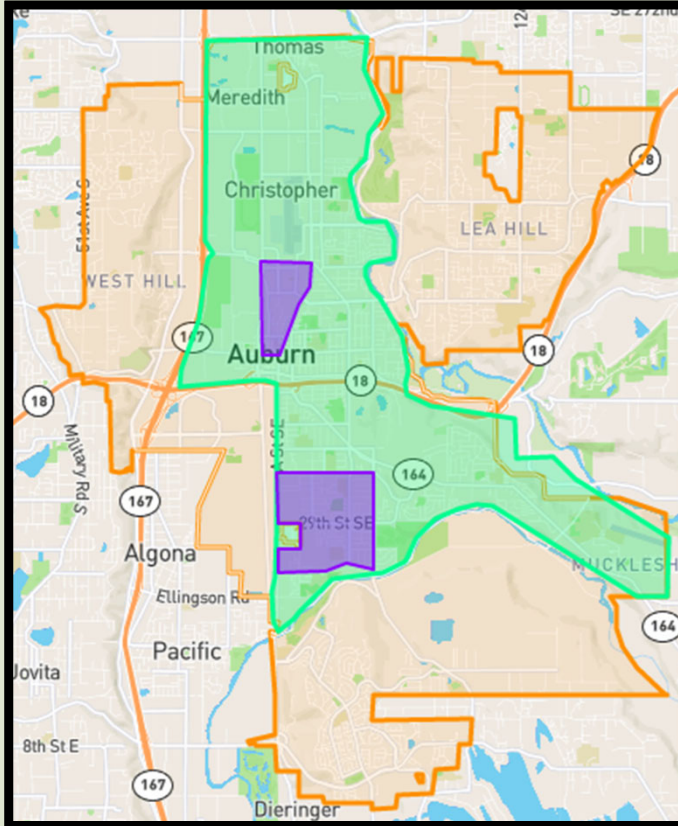
COMMUNITY MATCHING GRANT EXAMPLES

- Art projects like murals, utility box wraps, etc.
- Graffiti clean-up
- Beautification/clean-up activities
- Disaster preparedness kits
- Community garden
- School programming
- Memorial bench
- Little Free Libraries
- Cultural events, workshops, block parties
- Rainworks



[Matching Grants](#)

COMMUNITY FUND



Focus Areas for Fund

- Goal is to have a community-led initiative that promotes inclusivity and enhances community wellness
- Ideas from those who live, work, and/or study in the City
- Community selects the project based on ideas submitted
- \$25,000 each calendar year
- No maximum – could be 1 big project, or multiple smaller projects
- Neighborhood Programs Coordinator is Project Manager

COMMUNITY FUND EXAMPLES



Community Fund

- Art projects
- Beautification/clean-up activities
- Disaster preparedness kits
- Community garden
- Civic engagement
- Little Free Library
- Rainworks
- And more...

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2022

- **Community Fund projects move forward**
- **National Night Out**
- **Civics Academy**
- **December 12 program update at Council Study Session**

QUESTIONS?

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