



City of St. Helens

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING

The City of St. Helens intends to apply for a Business Oregon Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for funding critical sanitary sewer capacity improvements in St. Helens. Community Development Block Grants are federally-funded grants administered by the state. The City of St. Helens is eligible for up to \$2,500,000 in funding for Public Works Water and Wastewater Improvements and meets applicable requirements.

The City's existing sanitary sewer collection system has insufficient capacity and the majority of the City's sewer mains are currently operating at or above capacity. The inadequacy of the sewer system comes with an increased risk of potential sanitary sewer overflows in the collection system, and to continue to provide safe and effective sewer service, and protect public health and streams, the City needs to perform capacity upgrades to the existing sewer system. The Sanitary Sewer Capacity Improvements Project will focus on the most critical sanitary sewer basins and the project will include design and construction, and will replace the existing sewer trunklines with larger sized pipes, as noted in the City's Wastewater Master Plan.

This project is essential for the City to continue to maintain safe, compliant, and effective sewer services for the growing community of St. Helens. Without this project, new connections to these sewer mains may have to be denied and the future growth of the City will be compromised. In addition to this, without these upgrades, the City will continue to remain at risk of sanitary sewer overflows.

A public hearing will be held by the St. Helens City Council at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 265 Strand Street, St. Helens, plaza entrance. The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about the proposed sewer capacity upgrade project that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by March 1, 2023, at City of St. Helens, 265 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the St. Helens City Council in deciding whether to apply. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Kathy Payne, City Recorder, at 503.366.8217 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

Notice of Public Hearing

The City is eligible for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2023. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$2.5 million for Public Works projects.

The City is preparing an application for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for design and engineering of a sanitary sewer improvement project. It is estimated that the project will benefit at least 14,250 persons of whom 51.65% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at St. Helens City Council Chambers in City Hall located at 265 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply.

The location of hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact City Hall at (503) 397-6272 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at City Hall 265 Strand Street, St. Helens, Oregon 97051 during regular business hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please contact City Hall at (503) 397-6272 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result of the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

Aviso Público y Noticia de Audiencia Pública

La City es elegible para aplicar a un Subsidio en 2023 del Community Development Block Grant que a su vez viene del Business Oregon.

Los Subsidios del Community Development Block Grant (Bloque Subsidiario para el Desarrollo Comunitario) vienen desde el U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos). Los subsidios pueden ser usados para instalaciones públicas y remodelación de casas, primariamente por personas con ingresos moderados o bajos.

Aproximadamente \$12 millones serán otorgados en 2023 a ciudades y condados no-metropolitanos de Oregon. El máximo de subsidios que la ciudad o el condado puede recibir es \$2.5 million.

La City está preparando una aplicación en 2023 para el subsidio del Community Development Block Grant que viene del Business Oregon for design and engineering of a sanitary sewer improvement project. Está estimado que el proyecto propuesto beneficiará a por lo menos 14,250 personas, de los cuales 51.65% serán de ingresos moderados o bajos.

Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo por el City Council a las 6:46 p.m. del March 1, 2023 en la St. Helens City Council Chambers in City Hall located at 265 Strand Street St. Helens, OR 97051.

El propósito de esta audiencia es para que el City Council obtenga puntos de vista de los ciudadanos y para responder preguntas acerca de: Desarrollo comunitario y necesidades de vivienda, especialmente las necesidades de personas con ingresos moderados y bajos, así como también otras necesidades en la comunidad que podrían ser asistidas con un subsidio del proyecto Community Development Block Grant; and El proyecto propuesto.

Los comentarios escritos son también bienvenidos y deben ser recibidos el March 1, 2023. Ambos comentarios, escritos y orales serán considerados por el City Council en decidir si aplican.

La ubicación de la audiencia es accesible para personas con incapacidades. Por favor dejar (503) 397-6272 para saber si usted necesitará cualquier tipo de acomodaciones especiales para asistir o participar en la reunión.

Más información sobre el Oregon Community Development Block Grants, el proyecto propuesto y los pasados registros sobre la City en el uso de los subsidios del Community Development Block Grant están disponibles para la revisión pública en la City Hall 265 Strand Street, St. Helens, Oregon 97051 durante las horas regulares de oficina. Se requiere del aviso anticipado. Si las acomodaciones especiales son necesitadas, por favor notifíquelo (503) 397-6272 de modo que la asistencia apropiada pueda proveerse.

La desalojamiento involuntaria permanente de personas o negocios no es esperada como un resultado del proyecto propuesto. Si la desalojamiento llegara a ser necesaria, serán examinadas alternativas para minimizar la desalojamiento y proveer beneficios requeridos/razonables para aquellos removidos. Calquier casa de ingreso moderado y bajo la cual sea demolida o convertida en otro uso será reemplazada.