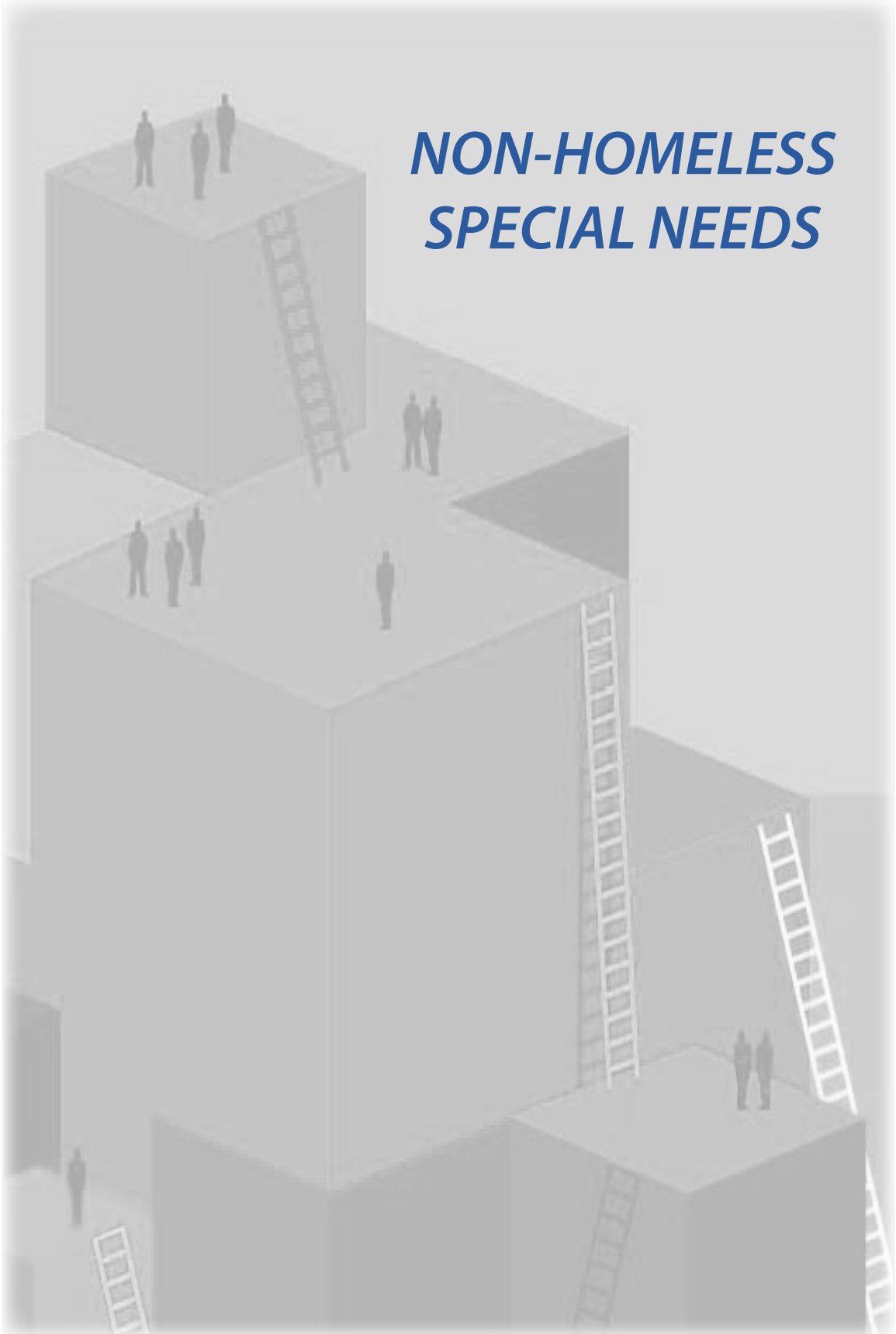


***NON-HOMELESS
SPECIAL NEEDS***



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NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS **(91.220 (c) and (e))**

***Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.**

- 1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.**
- 2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.**

Response to questions:

The priority for households with special needs is third behind assisting those that are homeless and low-income families and individuals as indicated below:

PRIORITY 1. HOMELESS AND THOSE AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS **(See Homeless Section)**

PRIORITY 2. LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS **(See Housing Section)**

PRIORITY 3. LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- Elderly/Frail elderly
- Chronically mentally ill
- Physically and developmentally disabled
- Persons with co-occurring disorders
- Persons with alcohol or drug addictions
- Victims of domestic violence
- Pregnant and parenting women

The City of Bellingham will support and encourage supportive services and affordable housing for those with special needs listed above. Most of 2010 activities that support households with special needs will be funded with general funds or other private community funds, such as United Way. The following goal, strategy, and objective for special needs households is what the City hope to achieve in 2010 with CDBG funds:

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS (NHS)

GOAL 1 - Enhance the delivery of effective support services to priority low-income and homeless populations by providing funding and technical assistance to human service agencies.

Strategy 1 - Maximize CDBG funding for human service agencies serving low-income populations.

NHS Action 1 - Create a Facility for Transitional Residential Services for People with Co-occurring Disorders - \$66,208

Whatcom County Health Department in combination with PeaceHealth will create a facility, using CDBG funds for conversion/rehabilitation, to provide transitional residential services for people with co-occurring disorders (substance abuse and mental health). When completed, the residential facility will provide treatment in a 24/7 clean and sober environment for people in early recovery with co-occurring disorders. *dc*

Description and Timeframe:

The conversion/rehabilitation of the existing building will involve demolition of interiors with creation of residential rooms meeting Department of Health standards to serve 20 individuals at a time. Rehabilitation will involve addition of sprinkler systems, roof and siding repair, replacement of windows, handrails and the creation of ADA accessible bathrooms. It is anticipated that the conversion/rehabilitation will be complete by December 31, 2010.

Performance Measures:

Objectives(s): Providing Decent Affordable Housing

Outcome(s): Availability/Accessibility

Indicator:

- Number: 1 transitional housing facility serving twenty homeless special needs individuals
- Income levels of persons or households: 50% AMI
- Amount of money leveraged: \$376,867

Responsible Agency: City of Bellingham

Location: Within Bellingham city limits

Funding: \$66,208 CDBG

Activities in the *2010 Action Plan* are funded with the 2010 CDBG and HOME allocations, carryover funding, and program income. The amount of funds expected to be available for new activities and to complete ongoing committed activities includes:

CDBG	\$ 900,000
HOME	\$ 686,000
CDBG Program Income/Carryover	\$ 362,234
HOME Program Income/Carryover	\$ 118,967
Section 108 Loan Program*	\$4,500,000

*At the time of this publication, it is unknown if Congress will provide Section 108 funding in 2010.

The City of Bellingham, the Bellingham Housing Authority (BHA), and a variety of human service and housing agencies pursue a diverse list of private, local, state, and federal resources to fund their delivery of services to low-income households in need, especially those with special needs. Among others, the City of Bellingham is particularly supportive of applications to these programs:

- Public Housing Comprehensive Grant
- HUD Grants for Public Housing
- Tax Exempt Bonds
- Taxable Bonds
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits
- FHLB Affordable Housing Program
- WA State Housing Finance Commission Programs
- WA State Housing Trust Fund Programs
- WA State Housing Assistance Program
- Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs/Supportive Housing Program
- Washington Comm. Reinvestment Assoc.
- Washington Community Dev. Fund
- St. Luke's Foundation
- United Way
- Whatcom Community Foundation
- Emergency Shelter Grant
- Public Housing Comprehensive Grant
- Funding provided under SHB 2060/2163
- Safe Havens
- Section 202 Elderly
- Section 811 Handicapped
- Moderate Rehabilitation SRO
- Rental Vouchers
- Rental Certificates
- Public Housing MROP
- Public Housing CIAP
- 2008 Housing Act funding

The Bellingham Housing Authority will have approximately \$9.751 million in Section 8 Assistance available in 2010 to serve low-income households. Developers of housing projects serving low-income households and those with special needs, such as the Bellingham Housing Authority and Catholic Community Services, will also apply for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Discretionary grants from

the federal and state governments for housing, community development, and social services are pursued when and if they become available. Public/private partnerships, where additional funding resources are brought to bear, are sought out and encouraged. These relationships and funding arrangements are difficult, if not impossible, to predict in advance.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

*Please also refer to the HOPWA Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.
2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.
3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.
4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.
5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.
6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.
7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.
8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.
9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

Response to questions:

Not applicable to the City of Bellingham.

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SPECIFIC HOPWA OBJECTIVES

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Response to question:

Not applicable to the City of Bellingham

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