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Executive Director

**PROGRAMS:**

- Basic Food Card (Food Stamps)
- Child Care Resource & Referral
- Community Jobs
- Emergency Services
- Employment Assistance
- Energy Assistance
- Family Asset Building
- Job Training
- *My Favorite Place* Thrift Store
- Help Warehouse
- In-Home Care Services
- Home Care Equipment Bank
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Individual Development (Savings) Accounts
- Long Term Care Ombudsman (Advocacy)
- Meals on Wheels
- Medicaid Rides
- Rental Housing
- Respite Care
- RSVP/Volunteer Services
- RUOK? – Daily check-in service
- Rural Public Transit – Daily 1-5 Van Service
- Self-Help Housing
- Senior Community Lunches
- Senior Rides
- Statewide Health Insurance Benefit Advisors (SHIBA)
- Transitional Housing
- USDA Surplus Commodities
- Weatherization
- WorkSource

February 28, 2013

Community Development Department  
Longview City Hall  
1525 Broadway  
Longview, WA

Dear Longview City Council,

In accordance with the regulations governing HOME, specifically section 92.208, *Eligible Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating Expenses and Capacity Building Costs*, Lower Columbia CAP is eligible to be allocated 5% of the fiscal year's HOME allocation to cover CHDO operating expenses and capacity building costs. I respectfully request that you make that allocation, this year estimated to be approximately \$13,000.00.

The CHDO funding CAP currently receives from the HOME allocation is limited to support of a specific project, which excludes reasonable and necessary costs of the day-to-day operations of our Housing Department, such as training, equipment, material, and supplies. Allocating 5% of HOME to cover CHDO operating expenses would go a long way to address this gap, and help the City of Longview efficiently utilize its HOME allocation as allowed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

I also urge you to incorporate this CHDO allocation in the 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ilona Kerby".

Ilona Kerby  
Executive Director