

Overview

The Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) administers funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG program celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. Activities that support economic development and affordable housing continue to be VCDP's top priorities for funding. The VCDP assists communities on a competitive basis by providing financial and technical assistance to identify and address local needs in the areas of housing, economic development, public facilities, public services and handicapped accessibility modifications. The program is designed to predominantly benefit persons of low and moderate income. In addition, financial assistance is provided to communities with urgent needs, such as threats to health and safety and removal of slums and blighted properties. The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$6,571,638, which represents a 9% increase from the previous year. The program was able to leverage nearly \$68 million dollars. The CDBG program received 21 applications requesting approximately \$9 million.



Program Accomplishments

During this past year, the majority of CDBG funds were awarded to housing, accessibility modifications and planning projects. A breakdown of awards made this year by project types follows. Program income from previous grants, other returned funds from prior years, and a small forward commitment of next year's allocation made it possible for all the projects below to be awarded.

Planning Grants

Vermont communities are afforded opportunities to undertake community development planning through technical expertise and professional resources for one or more of the VCDP areas of eligibility – housing, economic development, public facilities and public services. Four awards for planning grants totaling \$112,875 were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

Municipality	Project Title
City of Montpelier	Another Way - Renovation Planning
City of Newport	Gardner Park Restoration Project
Town of Bradford	Bradford Public Library ADA
Town of Thetford	East Thetford Senior Housing

Town of Bradford – Public Library



City of Newport – Gardner Park



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Accessibility Modification Grants

The VCDP awarded two accessibility modification grants that totaled \$124,211 and leveraged over \$60,000 in other resources. These two community facility projects will help provide handicapped accessibility and historic preservation in two municipally-owned buildings.

Municipality	Project Title	People Served
Town of Huntington	Increasing Huntington Town Hall Access	41
Town of Waterbury	Town Library -Dr. Janes Building Accessibility	353

Housing

The VCDP awarded grants to 13 municipalities for housing projects that totaled over \$7.6 million in CDBG funding and leveraged over \$68 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 353 units of affordable housing.

Municipality	Project Title	Units
City of Barre	Summer Street Affordable Housing	28
City of Montpelier	Barre Street Apartments	19
City of Rutland	Rutland Neighborhood & Housing Revitalization	7
Town of Bennington	Monument View Apartments (Apple Ridge)	24
Town of Brattleboro	Scattered Site Revolving Loan Fund	60
Town of Hartford	Hartford Scattered Site Affordable Housing Rehab	34
Town of Ludlow	Black River Affordable Housing	22
Town of Lyndon -Enhancement	Northeast Kingdom Housing Rehab Loan Fund	37
Town of Milton	Champlain Housing Loan Fund	50
Town of Putney	Dr. Laura Plantz House Renovation	11
Town of Rockingham -Enhancement	Southeastern Vermont Rehab Loan Fund	26
Town of Wilmington	Laterre House Rehabilitation	7
Town of Woodstock - Enhancement	Safford Commons Affordable Housing	28



Town of Wilmington - Laterre House



Northeast Kingdom Housing Revolving Loan Fund

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CDBG-DR Overview

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) received \$39,592,211 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds with 80% of the funding directed to Washington, Windsor and Windham counties. These funds can help communities with the necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas receiving major disaster declarations. Municipalities and non-profit organizations can apply for funding through a competitive grant application process.

During the 2014 Program Year, \$6,658,269 of the CDBG-DR funds were allocated to communities and nonprofits to help address the unmet and long term recovery needs from Tropical Storm Irene and the other declared major disasters in Vermont in 2011 and 2012. Also, \$573,340 was disbursed in enhancements to four previously funded grants to ensure project completion. Program staff conducted two application workshops in Addison and Windham counties to provide technical assistance to potential applicants. The following is a summary of competitive and state direct CDBG-DR grants awarded during the 2014 Program Year.

CDBG-DR State Direct Grants

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Award Amount
City of Barre	Downtown Barre Resiliency Program	\$1,000,000
Town of Moretown	Moretown Town Office Relocation	\$700,000
Town of Northfield	Northfield EMS Planning Project	\$15,000
Town of Plainfield	Plainfield Village Bridge Analysis	\$29,700
Town of Rochester	Bean's Bridge Road Rehab	\$144,335
Town of Springfield	Meadow Drive Stormwater Improvements	\$300,000
Town of Warren	Plunkton Road Culvert Replacement	\$186,792
Town of West Windsor	Brownsville Wastewater Installation	\$956,400
Town of Whitingham	Whitingham Bridge #47 Deck Replacement	\$16,000
Town of Wilmington	Wilmington Records Digitization	\$157,542
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	TRORC Culvert Resiliency Inventory	\$99,900
WSSU Wilmington School District	Emergency Center/Urgent Needs Study	\$52,600
Total		\$3,658,269

Town of Warren – Plunkton Road before and after



Town of Johnson – Sterling Market opened this program year



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CDBG-DR State Direct Grants

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Award Amount
Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation	Disaster Recovery Business Assistance Program	\$1,500,000
Central Vermont Community Action Council	Disaster Recovery Business Assistance Program	\$1,500,000
Total		\$3,000,000

CDBG-DR Grant Enhancements

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Award Amount
Arnett Muldrow and Associates LTD	Economic Development Downtown Recovery	\$203,340
Central Vermont Community Land Trust	Ladd Hall Replacement Housing Project	\$50,000
Hunger Mountain Children's Center	HMCC Relocation and Renovation	\$70,000
Two-Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission	"Buyout" Matching Funds	\$250,000
Total		\$573,340

Total CDBG-DR Funds Awarded \$7,231,609

Town of Rochester – Buyout before and after of multiple properties on Route 100



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