

Overview

The Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) administering funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. 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 \$6,339,221 and was enhanced with \$300,000 of Program Income receipts from a share of municipal loan repayments associated with VCDP funded economic development projects.

Program Accomplishments

During this past year, VCDP was able to fund a total of 25 projects and which leveraged over \$60 million dollars. The majority of 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 fund all of the projects below.

Housing

The VCDP awarded grants to 10 municipalities for housing projects that totaled over \$6.9 million in CDBG funding and leveraged over \$59 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 501 units of affordable housing and makes a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing crisis.

| Municipality | Project Title | Units |
|-----------------------------|--|-------|
| City of Barre-Enhancement | Green Mountain Loan Fund | 14 |
| Town of Bennington | Monument View Apartments (Apple Ridge) | 24 |
| Town of Bennington | Bennington Historic Rehab Project-BHRP | 26 |
| Town of Brattleboro | Portfolio Enhancement Phase III | 29 |
| Town of Colchester | Winchester Place | 148 |
| Town of Hinesburg | Kelley's Field | 24 |
| Town of Hinesburg | Green Street Village Apartments | 23 |
| Town of Lyndon | Darling Inn | 28 |
| Town of Lyndon -Enhancement | Northeast Kingdom Housing Rehab RLF | 38 |
| Town of Milton | Milton Senior Housing | 30 |
| Town of Randolph | Armstrong MHP Acquisition & Rehab | 18 |
| Town of West Rutland | Scattered Site Rehab Program | 85 |
| Town of Williston | 95 North Avenue | 14 |



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Accessibility Modification Grants

The VCDP awarded one accessibility modification grants that totaled \$75,000 and leveraged over \$297,433 in other resources. The following community facility project will help provide handicapped accessibility and historic preservation in one municipally-owned buildings.

| Municipality | Project Title | People Served |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Town of Washington | Calef Memorial Library | 89 |

Public Facilities Grants

The VCDP awarded public facility grants that totaled \$885,000 and leveraged over \$872,858 in other resources. The following community facility projects will help Brattleboro address failing infrastructure, allow for a new, flood safe and expanded childcare center in Tunbridge and assist with the clean-up and remediation of an economic driver in downtown Proctor.

| Municipality | Project Title | People Served |
|---------------------|--|---------------|
| Town of Brattleboro | Green Street Retaining Wall Project | 2001 |
| Town of Proctor | Vermont Marble Museum - Blight Remediation | 5000 |
| Town of Tunbridge | Orange County Parent Child Center | 405 |

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. Eight awards for planning grants totaling \$197,330 were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

| Municipality | Project Title |
|-------------------|---|
| City of Barre | Granite City Grocery |
| Town of Bradford | Bradford Public Library ADA |
| Town of Bristol | Stoney Hill Business Feasibility Study |
| Town of Hartford | Green Mountain Economic Development Corp. Commerce Park |
| Town of Highgate | Municipal Office ADA Accessibility Study |
| Town of Milton | Milton Senior Housing |
| Town of Randolph | Randolph House Expansion Feasibility |
| Town of Rochester | Rochester Park House |

Vermont Marble Museum - Proctor



Orange County Parent Child Center - Tunbridge



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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 2015 Program Year, \$5,620,038 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. \$1,337,292 of CDBG-DR funds were allocated for enhancements to six previously funded grants to ensure project completion. Also, \$5,540,200 was allocated to Red Clover Commons Limited Partnership, creating 55 units of affordable senior housing.

Program staff conducted technical assistance to many CDBG-DR grantees for their projects during this year. The following is a summary of competitive and state direct CDBG-DR grants awarded during the 2015 Program Year and enhancements to previously funded grants.

CDBG-DR Competitive Grants

| Municipality/Lead Grantee | Project Title | Award Amount |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| DR-IG-2012-Barre City-00049 | Downtown Barre Resiliency Program | \$1,000,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Barnard-00075 | Mount Hunger Road Bank Stabilization | \$98,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Brandon-00068 | Brandon Town Office | \$500,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Cabot Town-00063 | Town Garage Removal and Reconstruction | \$700,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Chester-00062 | Cavendish Road Culvert | \$108,000 |
| DR-PG-2012-Ludlow-00033 | Ludlow Economic Resiliency Plan | \$35,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Readsboro-00042 | Riverbank Stabilization | \$348,720 |
| DR-IG-2012-Roxbury-00072 | Cram and Thurston Culvert Upgrades | \$202,741 |
| DR-IG-2012-Royalton-00057 | Gilman Road Project | \$445,151 |
| DR-IG-2012-Springfield-00051 | Meadow Drive Stormwater Improvements | \$300,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Waitsfield-00069 | Waitsfield Pocket Park | \$179,976 |
| DR-IG-2012-Warren-00066 | Warren Village Main Street Improvement | \$275,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Whitingham-00045 | Whitingham Bridge #47 Deck Replacement | \$16,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Windsor-00052 | Windsor Dam Safety Repairs | \$995,000 |
| DR-PG-2012-TRORC-00032 | Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission Culvert Resiliency Inventory | \$99,900 |
| DR-IG-2012-Woodstock Village-00059 | Woodstock Village Snow Dump | \$175,000 |
| DR-IG-2014-Westgate Housing-00003 | Westgate Housing | \$141,550 |
| Total | | \$5,620,038 |

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CDBG-DR State Direct Grants

| Municipality/Lead Grantee | Project Title | Award Amount |
|----------------------------|--|--------------|
| DR-IG-2014-RedClover-00005 | Red Clover Commons Limited Partnership | \$5,540,200 |
| Total | | \$5,540,200 |

CDBG-DR Grant Enhancements

| Municipality/Lead Grantee | Project Title | Award Amount |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| DR-IG-2012-HMCC-00023 | Hunger Mountain Children's Center | \$480,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Rochester-00050 | Bean's Bridge Road Improvement | \$14,434 |
| DR-IG-2012-Barre City-00049 | Downtown Barre Resiliency Program | \$300,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Royalton-00057 | Gilman Road Project | \$331,558 |
| DR-IG-2012-Springfield-00051 | Meadow Drive Stormwater Improvements | \$88,000 |
| DR-IG-2012-Waitsfield-00024 | Waitsfield Town Hall | \$123,300 |
| Total | | \$1,337,292 |

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| Total CDBG-DR Funds Awarded | \$12,497,530 |
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Cavendish Road Culvert - Chester



Hunger Mountain Children's Center - Waterbury

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