

Program Overview

Annual Summary of Activities for Program Year 2016 (7/1/2015-6/30/2016)

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. 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.

Website: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

2016 CDBG Program Accomplishments

The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$6,339,221. This past year VCDP awarded \$6.7 million to 24 projects, which leveraged nearly \$60 million dollars. The funds were awarded to housing, economic development, public facility and planning projects. A breakdown of awards made this year, by project types follows. Three previously funded projects were enhanced to continue their services or to ensure project completion due to increased project costs. Program income from previous grants, other returned funds from prior grants, and a small forward commitment of next year's allocation made it possible to fund all the projects below. HUD encourages forward committing CDBG funds to projects to prevent them from sitting idle at the US Treasury. HUD recognizes these projects take considerable time to complete and it's not uncommon for some projects not to move forward.

By the Numbers [2016]

251

affordable housing units

51

jobs

\$6.7

million awarded

24

projects

3,794

persons served by public facilities

\$60

million leveraged

Economic Development Grants

The VCDP awarded economic development grants that totalled a little over \$2 million and leveraged over \$22 million in other resources. The following economic development projects will create and retain 51 jobs, with the potential of creating more due to remediation of a blighted property in Richmond.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Jobs
Town of Brattleboro	Exit One Expansion Project	30
Town of Lunenburg	Kingdom Pellets	21
Town of Richmond	Richmond Creamery Redevelopment Project	



Exit One Expansion Project - Brattleboro



Richmond Creamery Redevelopment

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McKnight Lane (Net Zero Community) - Waltham

The VCDP awarded housing projects that totalled nearly \$3.7 million in CDBG funding and leveraged nearly \$35 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 251 units of affordable housing and makes a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing crisis.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Units
Town of Arlington	Battenkill North	22
City of Barre	Green Mountain Loan Fund	13
Town of Bennington	Applegate Biomass Energy Rehab	104
Town of Bennington	Bennington Rental Rehab Pilot Program	20
Town of Bradford	Colonial Village Apartments	21
Town of Brattleboro	Bradley House	35
Town of Hardwick	Evergreen Manor Mobile Home Park	13
Town of Hartford	Bridge and Main Housing	17
Town of Rochester	Community Elder Housing at Park House	14
Town of Waltham	McKnight Lane	14



Bennington Historic Rehabilitation



Bradley House - Brattleboro



Colonial Village - Bradford

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. Five awards for planning grants totalling \$139,535 were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title
Town of Brattleboro	Groundworks Housing Support Center
Town of Salisbury	Salisbury Town Hall Feasibility Study
Town of St. Johnsbury	St. Johnsbury Housing Assessment
City of Vergennes	Vergennes Children's Center
Town of Wheelock	Wheelock Town Hall



Wheelock Town Hall



Salisbury Town Hall

Public Facility Grants

The VCDP awarded public facility grants that totalled \$657,000 and leveraged over \$1.8 million in other resources. The following community facility projects will help Rutland expand their Parent Child Center's programs and provide access to Southern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) to better serve their elderly population needs, and provide handicapped access to the Montessori School of Central Vermont which will allow their Pre-K Children's program to grow.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Persons Served
City of Rutland	Rutland County Parent Child Center Renovation	1,610
City of Rutland	143 Maple Street SVCOA Renovation	2,096
Town of Barre	Access Mods to Montessori School of Central VT	88

2016 CDBG Disaster Recovery

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 nonprofit organizations can apply for funding through a competitive grant application process.

During the 2016 Program Year, \$2,287,304 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. \$625,000 of CDBG-DR funds were allocated for enhancements to two previously funded grants to ensure project completion.

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 2016 Program Year and enhancements to previously funded grants.

CDBG-DR Competitive Grants

Grant Identifier	Project Title	Award Amount
DR-IG-2012-Stockbridge-00074	Taggart Hill Road South Relocation	\$326,900
DR-IG-2012-Northfield-0073	Water Street River Park	\$295,500
DR-PG-2014-Waitsfield-00001	Joslin Memorial Library	\$54,000
DR-IG-2014-Cambridge-00011	Cambridge Flood Resiliency Project	\$329,192
DR-PG-2014-Waterbury-00005	Waterbury Home Elevation Planning	\$53,300
DR-IG-2014-Hancock-00009	Churchville Culvert Replacement	\$358,250
DR-IG-2014-Montpelier City-00013	1 Taylor St. River Wall Reconstruction	\$850,000
DR-IG-2014-WUCC-00012	Renovation of Village Meeting House	\$264,182
DR-PG-2014-South Royalton School-00007	SoRo Flood-Free Plan	\$55,980

CDBG-DR Enhancement & State Direct Grant Enhancement

Grant Identifier	Project Title	Award Amount
DR-IG-2012-HMCC-00023	Hunger Mountain Children's Center	\$325,000
DR-IG-2012-TRORC-00036	Two-Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission Buyout Program	\$300,000



Water Street River Park - Northfield



Churchville Culvert Replacement - Hancock

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