

Program Overview

Annual Summary of Activities for Program Year 2025
(7/1/2024-6/30/2025)

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 affordable housing continue to be VCDP's top priority 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: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp>

2025 CDBG Program Accomplishments

The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$7,461,397. This past year VCDP was able to award over \$8 million to 27 projects, which leveraged over \$51.3 million dollars. Program income from previous grants, other returned funds from prior grants, and a forward commitment of next year's allocation made it possible to fund all the projects below. All the CDBG funds for this program year have been obligated. The funds were awarded to housing, economic development, public facility, public service and planning projects. A breakdown of awards made this year, by project types, follows on page 2. Ten previously funded projects were enhanced to continue their services or to ensure project completion due to increased project costs.

The VCDP awarded 9 housing grants totalling \$4,427,405 in CDBG funding and leveraged nearly \$40 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 187 units of affordable housing and will make a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing shortage. An additional \$208,000 of public service funds will be used by the five Homeownership Centers (HOC) below to provide first time homeowner educational training and financial counseling to income eligible homeowners in need of home repair. The HOC's anticipate serving 415 households.

The VCDP continues to see a decline in economic development grant requests, but this year one grant request was received and awarded, which will assist in the creation of 31 jobs of which 16 will serve low and moderate income individuals.

CDBG By the Numbers [2025]



27 projects
awarded/
enhanced



24 communities
served



\$8 m
CDBG funds
awarded



\$51.3 m
leveraged with
CDBG funds



187
Housing Units
to be created/
rehabbed



31 jobs to
be retained/
created



1368 persons
to be served by
public facilities/
services



ST. JOHNSBURY
CALEDONIA FOOD CO-OP

The VCDP awarded five and enhanced three previous public facility grants totalling \$2,320,856 and leveraged over \$3.1 million in other resources.

The VCDP awarded one public service grant request this past year for \$114,612 which will serve three individuals.

The VCDP awarded seven planning grants (PG) and enhanced one totalling \$420,942. 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.

CDBG 2025 Awards and Enhancements

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Award Amount	Project Title	Grant Type	Jobs, Units, person served	County
Town of St. Johnsbury	\$600,000	Caledonia Food Cooperative Project	Economic Development	31	Caledonia
Town of Randolph	\$750,000	Hedding-Church-Forest Phase 1	Housing	32	Orange
Town of Fairlee	\$500,000	Bridge and Main	Housing	19	Orange
Town of Hinesburg	\$850,000	Riggs Meadow	Housing	36	Chittenden
Town of Brattleboro	\$478,105	Windham/Windsor Housing Trust Homeownership Services	Housing	24	Brattleboro
Town of Lyndon	\$400,000	Northeast Kingdom Home Repair Program	Housing	20	Caledonia
City of St. Albans	\$607,300	Champlain Housing Trust Home Repair Loan Program	Housing	21	Franklin
Town of West Rutland	\$700,000	Comprehensive HOME/RENTAL Repair 2022	Housing	35	Rutland
Town of Bennington	\$250,000	Benn High Redevelopment	Housing		Bennington
Town of Pittsford	\$100,000	Pittsford Village Farm Adaptive Reuse	Housing		Rutland
Town of Bennington	\$60,000	Shires Housing Merger	PG- Housing		Bennington
Town of Fair Haven	\$60,000	Fair Haven Housing Production	PG - Housing		Rutland
Town of Hancock	\$60,000	Taylor Mdw Housing Feasibility Study	PG - Housing		Addison
Town of Stowe	\$60,000	Downstreet + LHP M&A	PG - Housing		Lamoille
Town of West Rutland	\$60,000	Merger HTRC/NWWVT/Shires	PG - Housing		Rutland
Town of Granville	\$942	Granville Town Hall Accessibility	PG - Public Facility		Addison
Town of Marshfield	\$60,000	Marshfield Old Schoolhouse Common	PG - Public Facility		Washington
Village of Swanton	\$60,000	SV Hydro Facility Capital Assessment	PG - Public Facility		Franklin
Town of Braintree	\$750,000	Orange County Parent Child Center Rand	Public Facility	88	Orange
Village of Swanton	\$413,051	Abenaki Food Pantry Facility	Public Facility	500	Franklin
Town of Corinth	\$150,000	Corinth Town Hall Access Project	Public Facility	205	Orange
Town of Salisbury	\$150,000	Salisbury Town Hall and Library	Public Facility	151	Addison
Town of Bennington	\$444,805	612 Gage Street Recovery Housing	Public Facility	9	Bennington
City of Barre	\$300,000	Turning Point Center	Public Facility		Washington
Village of Swanton	\$13,000	Abenaki Food Pantry Facility	Public Facility		Franklin
Town of Milton	\$100,000	Milton Mobile Home Community Water/Sewer	Public Facility		Chittenden
Town of Hardwick	\$114,612	Heartbeet Lifesharing Service Expansion	Public Service	3	Caledonia
Total Awards & Enhancements	\$8,091,815				

CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program Overview

The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will receive \$67,845,000 million from US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds in response to Vermont's July 2023 floods FEMA Disaster Declaration 4720. DHCD - Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) administers funding from the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program.

These funds are intended to 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 (MID) areas receiving major disaster declarations for CDBG-DR eligible activities outlined in the the CDBG-DR Action plan that was submitted to HUD June 2025. Seventy percent (70 %) of CDBG-DR funding must address the national objective of benefitting low and moderate income people, leaving a small percentage to be able to address an urgent need. The Federal Register mandates \$54,276,000 must be used to serve communities in HUD-Identified MID areas which is Lamoille and Washington counties. The remaining \$13,569,000 may be used to address unmet needs in the State-Identified MID areas (Caledonia, Orleans, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor Counties).

During this program year a Notice Of Funding Opportunity was sent out and ACCD provided technical assistance for prospective Disaster Recovery projects located within the HUD- or State-Identified MID areas. Program Areas are: Housing, Infrastructure, Mitigation and Planning.

All eligible projects MUST have an unmet need with a direct tie-back to Vermont's July 2023 flooding events, except for projects funded under the mitigation program which do not require a tieback to FEMA Disaster Declaration 4720. All projects must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) households and individuals.

For more information about the CDBG-DR funds can be found on DHCD's website: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/disaster-recovery>



CITY OF MONTPELIER - JULY 2023 FLOODING

CARES Act CDBG-CV Program Overview

Due to the COVID19 coronavirus pandemic the CDBG program received three allocations totalling \$8.8 million of CDBG-CV Cares Act funding in 2020. The funds were awarded to housing, economic development, public facility, and public service projects to prevent, prepare for and respond to the spread of the coronavirus. The state received 7% of the funds to administer the program.

Twenty-five projects were awarded CDBG-CV funds. Some grants served specific communities and some grants provided funds to entities who were our feet on the ground that provided direct assistance to individuals and businesses throughout the state struggling due to the pandemic. A complete list of all the projects can be found on DHCD's website: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp/cdbg-cv>

This program is complete and all the funding has been awarded and expended. VCDP staff will be working with HUD to closeout this program.

CDBG-CV By the Numbers

[2020-2025]



25 projects awarded



17 entities served



\$8.2 m CDBG-CV funds awarded



26 Housing Units rehabbed



278 Sole Proprietor Businesses retained



169 Business provided Technical Assistance



81,323 persons served by public facilities/services

Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Overview

Due to the State of Vermont’s continued opioid death rate, the VCDP program has received allocations for FY20- FY25 totalling \$5,528,149 from HUD’s Support Act funding, Recovery Housing Program a five year pilot program to help individuals in recovery from substance use disorders (SUD) become safely housed. This funding is to support the creation of transitional housing for Vermonters suffering from SUD and safely house them for up to 2 years. VCDP staff continue to work with various stakeholders and the Agency of Human Services on this pilot Recovery Housing Program to assure these funds are creating safe housing for Vermonters in recovery.

This past year, there were no RHP awards made from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. An award was made in September 2025 to the City of St. Albans for their Hope Grove Recovery House project. To date over \$3.1 million has been awarded to six projects, and leveraged nearly \$6 million in other resources. At the completion of all the projects listed below, there will be 70 beds available in 18 housing units for transitional recovery housing.

The program currently has \$1.9 million remaining to allocate to additional eligible recovery housing program projects. VCDP collaborates with staff from the Agency of Human Service Department of Substance Use and Department of Corrections on projects received for the program. VCDP intends on preparing a NOFA regarding the remaining funds.

The following projects have completed and are serving individuals: Jenna’s Sober Living and Barre Recovery Residence now known as Foundation House.

Gage Street, Essex and Squires projects are currently serving individuals in recovery and are in the process to be completed in 2026.

Website: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp/recovery-housing-program>

RHP By the Numbers [2021-2025]



6 projects awarded



5 communities served



\$3.1 m RHP funds awarded



\$6.7m leveraged with RHP funds



70 beds to be created with RHP funds



18 Housing Units to be rehabbed

RHP Projects

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Award Amount	Project Title
City of Barre	\$500,000	Barre Recovery Residence
Town of Johnson	\$200,000	Jenna’s Sober Living
Town of Bennington	\$1,000,000	Gage Street Recovery Housing
Town of Essex	\$460,540	VFOR Essex Recovery Housing
Town of Bennington	\$500,000	Squire Recovery Housing
City of St. Albans	\$770,760	Hope Grove Recovery House
Total Awards	\$3,186,495	