

Program Overview

Annual Summary of Activities for Program Year 2019 (7/1/2018-6/30/2019)

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>

2019 CDBG Program Accomplishments

The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$6,892,861. This past year VCDP awarded nearly \$8 million to 31 projects, which leveraged nearly \$58 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. Four 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 forward commitment of next year's allocation made it possible to fund all the projects below.

By the Numbers [2019]

143

affordable housing units created/retained

53

jobs created/retained

\$7.6

million awarded

31

projects

11,481

persons served by public facilities

\$58

million leveraged

Economic Development Grants

The VCDP awarded two economic development grants totaling nearly \$1.2 million and leveraging almost \$1.2 million in other resources. The following economic development projects will create/retain 53 jobs. The Village at White River Junction will not only create jobs but will provide seniors that need assisted living and memory care a residence.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Jobs
Town of Bolton	Bolton Infrastructure and Development	13
Town of Hartford	The Village at White River Junction Jobs Creation	40



The Village at White River Junction - Hartford



Bolton Infrastructure & Development - Bolton

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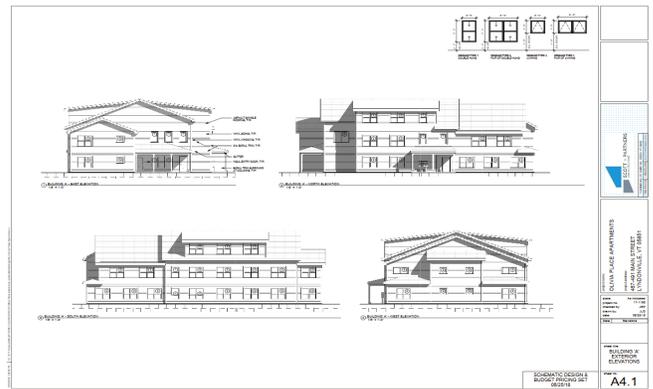
Housing

The VCDP awarded seven and enhanced two grants to housing projects that totalling \$3,525,000 in CDBG funding and leveraged nearly \$33 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 143 units of affordable housing and makes a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing crisis.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Units
City of Montpelier	Montpelier ADU Program	10
City of St. Albans	Maiden Lane Housing	30
City of Vergennes	Vergennes Community Housing	24
Town of Bennington	219 Pleasant St	10
Town of Brattleboro	Red Clover Commons 2	18
Town of Brattleboro	5-County Homeownership Services Prgrm (enhancement)	9
Town of Lyndon	Olivia Place	20
Town of Shaftsbury	Lake Paran Village	22
Town of Springfield	Woolson Block (enhancement)	



Maiden Lane - St. Albans



Olivia Place - Lyndon

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. The VCDP awarded nine grants for planning projects totalling \$334,371 that were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title
City of Rutland	A Strategic Plan for Downtown Rutland
City of St. Albans	Almond Blossoms Schoolhouse
Town of Alburgh	Alburgh Community Child Care Facility
Town of Bradford	Old Church Theater Restoration
Town of Bridgewater	Bridgewater Area Community Center
Town of Guilford	Guilford Free Library Expansion Study
Town of Highgate	Industrial Development Waterline Ext.
Town of Rochester	Rochester Velomont Trail
Town of Waterbury	Community Center Feasibility Study

Public Facility Grants

The VCDP awarded eleven and enhanced two public facility grants that totaled over \$2.6 Million and leveraged nearly \$23 million in other resources. This year the demand for public facility funds went up 30% since last year. To accommodate the demand the program increased the percentage of program funds for that goal in this years Consolidated Plan. The following projects will help communities enhance their; recreation assets, improve handicap access to three municipal buildings, renovate a foodbank to be more efficient, build a homeless shelter, make housing counselling available to more families, create a childcare facility, rehabilitate two community centers, improve water and sewer infrastructure, and expand a job training services program.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Persons Served
City of Montpelier	Kellogg Hubbard Library Elevator	885
City of Newport	Gardner Memorial Park Improvements	4,000
Town of Barre	Vermont Foodbank Facility Renovation	1,700
Town of Bolton	Bolton Infrastructure and Development	166
Town of Brattleboro	54/60 South Main Street, Groundworks	345
Town of Brattleboro	5-County Homeownership Services Prgrm	511
Town of Castleton	Castleton University Childcare Center	45
Town of Fair Haven	Fair Haven Community Center Project	2,785
Town of Highgate - enhancement	ADA Modifications to Municipal Offices	
Town of Milton	Milton MH Community WaterSewer Project	99
Town of Weathersfield - enhancement	ADA Ramp at Perkinsville Schoolhouse	
Town of Williston	Old North End Community Center	750
Town of Williston	Realizing ReSOURCE	225



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Groundworks -Brattleboro



Realizing ReSource- Williston