

Program Overview

Annual Summary of Activities for Program Year 2022 (7/1/2021-6/30/2022)

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>

2022 CDBG Program Accomplishments

The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$7,436,844. 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. As a result this past year VCDP was able to award over \$6 million to 23 projects, which leveraged over \$47 million dollars. The funds were awarded to housing, public facility, public service and planning projects. A breakdown of awards made this year, by project types, follows on pages 2 and 3. Nine previously funded projects were enhanced to continue their services or to ensure project completion due to increased project costs.

By the Numbers [CDBG 2022]

234 affordable housing units created/retained	0 jobs created/retained	\$6.1 million awarded
23 projects	11,328 persons served by public facilities/servcies	\$77 million leveraged

2022 CDBG-CV Program Accomplishments

Due to the COVID19 coronavirus pandemic the CDBG program recieved three allocation totalling \$8.8 million of CDBG-CV Cares Act funding. This past year VCDP awarded nearly \$7 million of the CDBG-CV funds to 23 projects. 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. A breakdown of awards made this year, by project types, follows on page 4.

By the Numbers [CDBG-CV 2022]

49 affordable housing units created/retained	30 sole proprietor businesses	\$1.2 million awarded
9 projects	1,615 persons served by public facilities/servcies	\$15 hundreds leveraged

CDBG Economic Development Grants

Over the past couple of years the VCDP has seen a decline in economic development grant requests, this year none were received. We suspect the reasoning for the lack of request is due to the unprecedented other funding sources that became available for economic development projects due to the COVID19 pandemic, including CDBG-CV Cares Act funding which is outlined below.

CDBG Housing Grants

The VCDP awarded four and enhanced six grants to housing projects that totalling \$4,326,979 in CDBG funding and leveraged over \$39 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 234 units of affordable housing and makes a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing crisis. An additional \$206,521 will be used by the three revolving loan fund programs below to provide first time homeowner educational training and financial counseling to income eligible homeowners in need of home repair. The programs anticipate serving 968 households.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Units
City of South Burlington	Summit at O'Brien Farms	94
City of St Albans (Enhancement)	CHT Home Repair Program	25
Town of Brattleboro (2 Enhancements)	5-County Homeownership Services Prgrm	22
Town of Bristol	Firehouse Apartments	20
Town of Bristol (Enhancement)	Firehouse Apartments	
Town of Calais (Enhancement)	East Calais General Store	
Town of Lyndon (Enhancement)	Housing Rehabilitation Program	20
Town of Randolph	Salisbury Square Ph II Infrastructure	12
Town of Stowe	River Bend Apartments	16
Town of West Rutland (Enhancement)	Comprehensive Home Repair SS 2019	25



Firehouse Apartments - Bristol



River Bend Apartments - Stowe

CDBG 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 six and enhanced two grants for planning projects totalling \$303,445 that were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title
City of Montpelier	Carbon Negative Housing 102 Northfield
City of Vergennes	Vergennes All-Access Project
Town of Brattleboro	Winston Prouty Water/Sewer Capacity
Town of Highgate	Village Core Master Plan Phase II
Town of Pittsford	Pittsford Village Farm
Town of Underhill	UCU Affordable Housing Project
Town of Guilford (Enhancement)	Guilford Free Library Expansion Study
Town of Brandon (Enhancement)	Brandon Free Public Library

CDBG Public Facility and Service Grants

The VCDP awarded four and enhanced one public facility grants that totalled \$1,350,000 and leveraged over \$5 million in other resources. The VCDP did not receive any public service grant request this past year. The following community facilities projects will help assist a recovery support services center, a community wellness center, a recovery residence, and bringing a former school building into compliance with life and safety codes for redevelopment.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Persons Served
City of Barre	Barre Turning Point Ctr Renova Project	785
Town of Arlington	The Arlington Common Wellness Project	867
Town of Bennington	Squire Recovery Housing Project	8
Town of Middlebury (Enhancement)	Lindale Mobile Home Park Community Septic	
Town of Springfield	Park Street School Code Improvements	8700

CDBG-CV Economic Development Grants

VCDP reallocated \$90,000 in CDBG-CV funds from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) - Sole Proprietor Stabilization Program to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) - Sole proprietor Stabilization Program to set up a Training and Educational program to support businesses on their path to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Businesses
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	Sole Proprietor Stabilization Program	30

CDBG-CV Housing

The VCDP provided \$500,000 in CDBG-CV funding to provide health and safety improvements to a 60 unit senior housing facility to respond to and prevent the spread of COVID19.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Units
Town of Springfield	Huber Building Ventilation System	49

CDBG-CV Public Facility and Service Grants

The VCDP awarded two and enhanced four public facility and service grants with CDBG-CV funding that totalled \$666,473 to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID19 pandemic. The following two community facilities projects will help provide air quality improvement and HVAC systems to a facility and an accessible outdoor walking track to expand health and welfare programs to a senior center.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Persons Served
Town of Bradford (Enhancement)	The Space On Main COVID HVAC Upgrades	400
City of Burlington (Enhancement)	Health Workforce-LNA Certification	
City of Burlington (Enhancement)	COVID Ventilation Improvement Program	
Town of Craftsbury	Craftsbury Community Care Center Renovations	24
Town of Fairfield (Enhancement)	CDBG-CV Fairfield Community Center Pavilion	
Town of Poultney	Pathway to Fitness and Health	1191
Town of Poultney (Enhancement)	Pathway to Fitness and Health	

2021 Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Accomplishments

Due to the State of Vermont’s opioid death rate the VCDP program received allocations for FY20, FY21 & FY22 totalling \$2,299,711 from HUD’s Support Act funding, Recovery Housing Program a pilot program to help individuals in recovery from substance used 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 RHP awarded a over \$1.2 million to three projects. A breakdown of awards made this year, by project types

By the Numbers [RHP 2021]

13

housing units created/retained

46

Beds Available

\$1.2

million awarded

3

projects

50

persons served by public facilities/servcies

\$4

million leveraged

RHP Recovery Housing Grants

The Recovery Housing Program supported three projects: two projects in the Town of Bennington - one that will provide transitional housing to women and their children and one for men; one project in the Town of Essex for transitional recovery housing to women, and women with children, experiencing substance use disorder.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Persons Served
Town of Bennington	612 Gage Street Recovery Housing	10
Town of Essex	VFOR Essex Recovery Housing	32
Town of Bennington	Squire Recovery Housing Project	6