

Program Overview

Annual Summary of Activities for Program Year 2023
(7/1/2022-6/30/2023)

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

2023 CDBG Program Accomplishments

The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$7,294,016. 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 \$7.4 million to 20 projects, which leveraged over \$83 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 page 2. Four previously funded projects were enhanced to continue their services or to ensure project completion due to increased project costs.

The VCDP awarded 13 housing grants totalling \$6,431,540 in CDBG funding and leveraged over \$78 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 278 units of affordable housing and makes a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing crisis. An additional \$225,550 of public service funds will be used by the five 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 891 households.

CDBG By the Numbers [2023]



24 projects awarded/enhanced



17 communities served



\$7.4 m CDBG funds awarded



\$83 m leveraged with CDBG funds



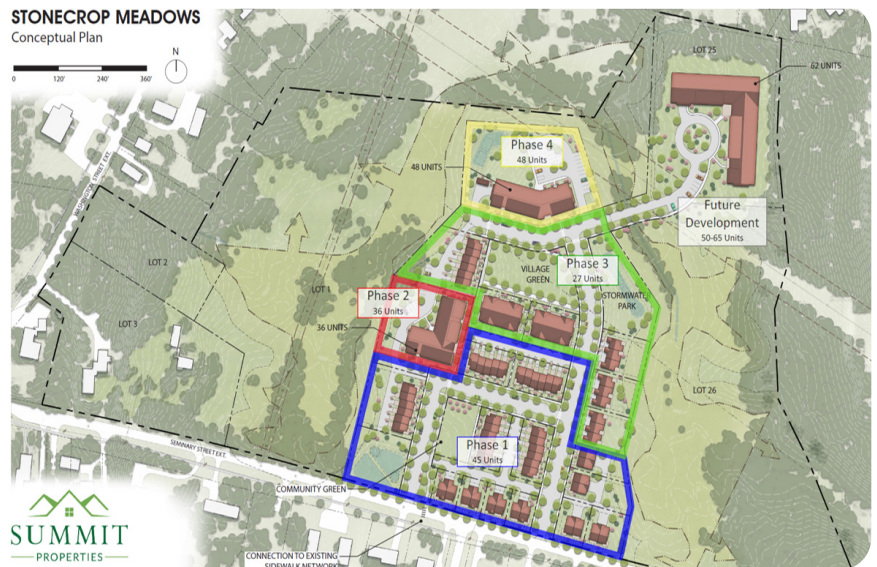
278 Housing Units to be created/rehabbed



0 jobs to be retained/created



8355 persons to be served by public facilities/services



For more information, please contact:
Alex Farrell: Alex.Farrell@vermont.gov
802.828.3211

The past few years VCDP has seen a decline in economic development grant requests, this year again 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 ARPA, COVID19 pandemic, including CDBG-CV Cares Act funding which is outlined below.

The VCDP awarded two public facility grants totalling \$430,000 and leveraged over \$4 million in other resources. The VCDP did not receive any public service grant requests this past year.

The VCDP awarded five and enhanced four planning grants totalling \$341,515. 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 2023 Awards and Enhancements

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Award Amount	Project Title	Grant Type	Jobs, Units, person served	County
City of Barre	\$500,000	Granite City Apartments	Housing	27	Washington
Town of Hinesburg	\$300,000	Kelley's Field II	Housing	24	Chittenden
Town of Newport	\$400,000	Newport Crossing	Housing	14	Orleans
City of Rutland	\$650,900	Rutland Housing Initiative	Housing	5	Rutland
Town of Brattleboro	\$360,000	WWHT Homeownership Services	Housing	22	Brattleboro
Town of Lyndon	\$255,200	NEK Home Repair Program	Housing	20	Caledonia
City of Montpelier	\$229,500	Green Mountain Home Repair Downstreet	Housing	18	Washington
City of St. Albans	\$465,000	CHT Home Repair Loan Program	Housing	35	Franklin
Town of West Rutland	\$284,750	Comprehensive HOME/RENTAL Repair 2022	Housing	22	Rutland
Town of Bennington	\$386,190	Benn High Redevelopment	Housing	15	Bennington
Town of Brattleboro	\$450,000	Tri Park Infill-Relocation	Housing	26	Brattleboro
Town of Middlebury	\$1,250,000	Stonecrop Meadows	Housing	28	Addison
City of Rutland	\$900,000	Hospital Heights Rehab	Housing	22	Rutland
Town of Brandon	\$100,000	Brandon Free Public Library Expansion	Public Facility	234	Rutland
Town of St. Johnsbury	\$330,000	Armory Redevelopment Project	Public Facility	7230	Caledonia
Town of Brattleboro	\$45,000	WWHT Homeownership Services	Public Service	351	Brattleboro
Town of Lyndon	\$29,800	NEK Home Repair Program	Public Service	65	Caledonia
City of Montpelier	\$40,500	Green Mountain Home Repair Downstreet	Public Service	235	Washington
City of St. Albans	\$60,000	CHT Home Repair Loan Program	Public Service	155	Franklin
Town of West Rutland	\$50,250	Comprehensive HOME/RENTAL Repair 2022	Public Service	85	Rutland
Town of Craftsbury	\$60,000	Craftsbury Childcare Expansion	Planning - PF		Orleans
Town of Lyndon	\$40,000	Powers Park Development Plan	Planning - PF		Caledonia
Town of Swanton	\$53,500	Abenaki Nation - Missisquoi Comm Ctr	Planning - PF		Franklin
Town of Proctor	\$60,000	Vermont Marble Company Redevelopment	Planning - ED		Rutland
Town of St. Johnsbury	\$60,000	NEKCA Campus Planning 2023	Planning - PF		Caledonia
Town of South Hero (Enhancement)	\$31,275	Old White Meeting House Planning	Planning-PF		Grand Isle
City of Montpelier (Enhancement)	\$10,000	Carbon Negative Housing 102 Northfield	Planning-Housing		Washington
Town of Randolph (Enhancement)	\$10,000	Orange County Parent Child Center	Planning - PF		Orange
Town of Rupert(Enhancement)	\$16,740	Sheldon Store Redevelopment	Planning - ED		Bennington
Total Awards & Enhancements	\$7,428,605				

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.

To date twenty-five projects have been 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 past year VCDP awarded four enhancements totalling \$549,236 in the CDBG-CV funds to four previously awarded projects, due to rising construction costs. A breakdown of the enhancements made this year can be found below.

CDBG-CV 2023 Enhancements

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Award Amount	Project Title
City of St. Albans	\$19,162	Healthy Roots Collaborative
Town of Springfield	\$25,000	Huber Building Ventilation System
Town of Fairfield	\$5,074	Fairfield Community Center Pavilion
Town of Craftsbury	\$500,000	Craftsbury Care Center Renovations
Total Enhancements	\$549,236	

CDBG-CV By the Numbers

[2020-2023]



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



BURLINGTON - LNA PROGRAM



BENNINGTON - FAMILY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

For more information, please contact:
 Alex Farrell: Alex.Farrell@vermont.gov
 802.828.3211

Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Overview

Due to the State of Vermont's opioid death rate the VCDP program received allocations for FY20, FY21, FY22 & FY23 totalling \$3,290,817 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 Vermonter's in recovery.

This past year RHP awarded a \$500,000 enhancement to one existing project that had a funding gap due to rising construction costs. To date over \$2.5 million has been awarded to five projects, and leveraged nearly \$6 million in other resources. At the completion of all the projects listed below, there will be 64 beds available in 17 housing units for transition recovery housing.

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

RHP By the Numbers [2021-2023]



5 projects awarded



4 communities served



\$2.5 m RHP funds awarded



\$6 m leveraged with RHP funds



64 beds to be created with RHP funds



17 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	\$360,540	VFOR Essex Recovery Housing
Town of Bennington	\$500,000	Squire Recovery Housing
Total Awards	\$2,560,540	



JOHNSON - JENNA'S SOBER LIVING



BARRE CITY - BARRE RECOVERY RESIDENCE

For more information, please contact:
 Alex Farrell: Alex.Farrell@vermont.gov
 802.828.3211