

Overview

The Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) administering 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. The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$6,339,221 and was enhanced with \$300,000 of Program Income receipts from a share of municipal loan repayments associated with VCDP funded economic development projects.

Program Accomplishments

During this past year, VCDP was able to fund a total of 25 projects and which leveraged over \$60 million dollars. The majority of funds were awarded to housing, accessibility modifications and planning projects. A breakdown of awards made this year, by project types follows. Program income from previous grants, other returned funds from prior years, and a small forward commitment of next year's allocation made it possible fund all of the projects below.

Housing

The VCDP awarded grants to 10 municipalities for housing projects that totaled over \$6.9 million in CDBG funding and leveraged over \$59 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 501 units of affordable housing and makes a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing crisis.

Municipality	Project Title	Units
City of Barre-Enhancement	Green Mountain Loan Fund	14
Town of Bennington	Monument View Apartments (Apple Ridge)	24
Town of Bennington	Bennington Historic Rehab Project-BHRP	26
Town of Brattleboro	Portfolio Enhancement Phase III	29
Town of Colchester	Winchester Place	148
Town of Hinesburg	Kelley's Field	24
Town of Hinesburg	Green Street Village Apartments	23
Town of Lyndon	Darling Inn	28
Town of Lyndon -Enhancement	Northeast Kingdom Housing Rehab RLF	38
Town of Milton	Milton Senior Housing	30
Town of Randolph	Armstrong MHP Acquisition & Rehab	18
Town of West Rutland	Scattered Site Rehab Program	85
Town of Williston	95 North Avenue	14



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Accessibility Modification Grants

The VCDP awarded one accessibility modification grants that totaled \$75,000 and leveraged over \$297,433 in other resources. The following community facility project will help provide handicapped accessibility and historic preservation in one municipally-owned buildings.

Municipality	Project Title	People Served
Town of Washington	Calef Memorial Library	89

Public Facilities Grants

The VCDP awarded public facility grants that totaled \$885,000 and leveraged over \$872,858 in other resources. The following community facility projects will help Brattleboro address failing infrastructure, allow for a new, flood safe and expanded childcare center in Tunbridge and assist with the clean-up and remediation of an economic driver in downtown Proctor.

Municipality	Project Title	People Served
Town of Brattleboro	Green Street Retaining Wall Project	2001
Town of Proctor	Vermont Marble Museum - Blight Remediation	5000
Town of Tunbridge	Orange County Parent Child Center	405

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. Eight awards for planning grants totaling \$197,330 were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

Municipality	Project Title
City of Barre	Granite City Grocery
Town of Bradford	Bradford Public Library ADA
Town of Bristol	Stoney Hill Business Feasibility Study
Town of Hartford	Green Mountain Economic Development Corp. Commerce Park
Town of Highgate	Municipal Office ADA Accessibility Study
Town of Milton	Milton Senior Housing
Town of Randolph	Randolph House Expansion Feasibility
Town of Rochester	Rochester Park House

Vermont Marble Museum - Proctor



Orange County Parent Child Center - Tunbridge



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CDBG-DR Overview

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 non-profit organizations can apply for funding through a competitive grant application process.

During the 2015 Program Year, \$5,620,038 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. \$1,337,292 of CDBG-DR funds were allocated for enhancements to six previously funded grants to ensure project completion. Also, \$5,540,200 was allocated to Red Clover Commons Limited Partnership, creating 55 units of affordable senior housing.

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 2015 Program Year and enhancements to previously funded grants.

CDBG-DR Competitive Grants

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Award Amount
DR-IG-2012-Barre City-00049	Downtown Barre Resiliency Program	\$1,000,000
DR-IG-2012-Barnard-00075	Mount Hunger Road Bank Stabilization	\$98,000
DR-IG-2012-Brandon-00068	Brandon Town Office	\$500,000
DR-IG-2012-Cabot Town-00063	Town Garage Removal and Reconstruction	\$700,000
DR-IG-2012-Chester-00062	Cavendish Road Culvert	\$108,000
DR-PG-2012-Ludlow-00033	Ludlow Economic Resiliency Plan	\$35,000
DR-IG-2012-Readsboro-00042	Riverbank Stabilization	\$348,720
DR-IG-2012-Roxbury-00072	Cram and Thurston Culvert Upgrades	\$202,741
DR-IG-2012-Royalton-00057	Gilman Road Project	\$445,151
DR-IG-2012-Springfield-00051	Meadow Drive Stormwater Improvements	\$300,000
DR-IG-2012-Waitsfield-00069	Waitsfield Pocket Park	\$179,976
DR-IG-2012-Warren-00066	Warren Village Main Street Improvement	\$275,000
DR-IG-2012-Whitingham-00045	Whitingham Bridge #47 Deck Replacement	\$16,000
DR-IG-2012-Windsor-00052	Windsor Dam Safety Repairs	\$995,000
DR-PG-2012-TRORC-00032	Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission Culvert Resiliency Inventory	\$99,900
DR-IG-2012-Woodstock Village-00059	Woodstock Village Snow Dump	\$175,000
DR-IG-2014-Westgate Housing-00003	Westgate Housing	\$141,550
Total		\$5,620,038

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Community Development Block Grants Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

FY 2015

CDBG-DR State Direct Grants

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Award Amount
DR-IG-2014-RedClover-00005	Red Clover Commons Limited Partnership	\$5,540,200
Total		\$5,540,200

CDBG-DR Grant Enhancements

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Award Amount
DR-IG-2012-HMCC-00023	Hunger Mountain Children's Center	\$480,000
DR-IG-2012-Rochester-00050	Bean's Bridge Road Improvement	\$14,434
DR-IG-2012-Barre City-00049	Downtown Barre Resiliency Program	\$300,000
DR-IG-2012-Royalton-00057	Gilman Road Project	\$331,558
DR-IG-2012-Springfield-00051	Meadow Drive Stormwater Improvements	\$88,000
DR-IG-2012-Waitsfield-00024	Waitsfield Town Hall	\$123,300
Total		\$1,337,292

Total CDBG-DR Funds Awarded \$12,497,530



Cavendish Road Culvert - Chester



Hunger Mountain Children's Center - Waterbury

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