

## Program Overview

### Annual Summary of Activities for Program Year 2020 (7/1/2019-6/30/2020)

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>

### 2020 CDBG Program Accomplishments

The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$6,920,250. This past year VCDP awarded nearly \$7 million to 29 projects, which leveraged over \$47 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 [2020]

200

affordable housing units created/retained

84

jobs created/retained

\$6.8

million awarded

29

projects

1,929

persons served by public facilities

\$47

million leveraged

### Economic Development Grants

The VCDP awarded two economic development grants that totaled nearly \$1.9 million and leveraged almost \$13 million in other resources. The following economic development projects will create/retain 84 jobs.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Jobs
Town of Hardwick	Hardwick Yellow Barn	25
Town of Swanton	Leader Evaporator	59



Yellow Barn - Hardwick



Leader Evaporator - Swanton

## Housing

The VCDP awarded eight and enhanced three grants to housing projects that totaled \$3,009,101 in CDBG funding and leveraged over \$31 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 200 units of affordable housing and makes a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing crisis.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Units
City of Montpelier	Supportive Housing and Services	10
Town of St. Johnsbury	New Avenue	40
Town of Hartford	Wentworth Community Housing Phase 2	21
Town of Rockingham	Bellows Falls Garage	26
Town of Brattleboro	Champlain Housing Trust Home Repair Program	25
City of St Albans	5-County Homeownership Services Prgrm (enhancement)	25
Town of Lyndon	Housing Rehabilitation Program	23
Town of West Rutland	Comprehensive Home Repair	30
City of St. Albans	Maiden Lane Housing (enhancement)	
Town of Castleton	Windy Hollow Mobile Home Park (enhancement)	
Town of St. Johnsbury	New Avenue (enhancement)	



New Avenue - St. Johnsbury

## 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 five and enhanced three grants for planning projects totalling \$272,544 that were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title
Town of South Hero	South Hero Senior Housing
Town of Woodstock	Keys to the Valley Initiative
Town of Arlington	Arlington Community Arts and Wellness
Town of Brighton	Island Pond Preliminary Engineering
Town of St. George	SGCC Infrastructure Study
Town of Bradford	Old Church Theater Restoration (enhancement)
Town of Bridgewater	Bridgewater Area Community Center (enhancement)
City of St. Albans	Almond Blossoms Schoolhouse

## Public Facility and Service Grants

The VCDP awarded six and enhanced two public facility grants that totaled over \$1.4 Million and leveraged nearly \$2.3 million in other resources. The VCDP awarded four public service grants that totaled \$191,500 and leveraged nearly \$300,000 in onther resources. The following projects will help enhance their communities; build handicapped access to three municipally owned buildings, build supportive housing and services for the homeless, make housing counselling available to more families, create a childcare facility, and create a sober living facility for people suffering from addiction.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Persons Served
Town of Corinth	Blake Memorial Library	205
Town of Proctor	Renovations to the Proctor Town Office	256
Town of Hardwick	Jeudevine Library Expansion Project	149
City of Montpelier	Supportive Housing and Services	550
Town of Johnson	Jenna's Sober Living Project	20
City of St. Albans	Almond Blossoms Schoolhouse Renovation	60
Town of Brattleboro (enhancement)	54/60 South Main Street, Groundworks	
Town of Corinth (enhancement)	Blake Memorial Library	
Town of Brattleboro	5-County Homeownership Services Program	422
City of St. Albans	Champlain Housing Trust Home Repair Program	155
Town of Lyndon	Housing Rehabilitation Program	37
Town of West Rutland	Comprehensive Home Repair	75



Blake Memorial Library - Corinth



Almond Blossoms Schoolhouse -St. Albans City