

# Grantee: Vermont

## Grant: B-13-DS-50-0001

### July 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2021 Performance

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| <b>Grant Number:</b><br>B-13-DS-50-0001            | <b>Obligation Date:</b>                 | <b>Award Date:</b>                             |
| <b>Grantee Name:</b><br>Vermont                    | <b>Contract End Date:</b><br>09/30/2025 | <b>Review by HUD:</b><br>Reviewed and Approved |
| <b>Grant Award Amount:</b><br>\$17,932,000.00      | <b>Grant Status:</b><br>Active          | <b>QPR Contact:</b><br>No QPR Contact Found    |
| <b>LOCCS Authorized Amount:</b><br>\$17,932,000.00 | <b>Estimated PI/RL Funds:</b>           |  |
| <b>Total Budget:</b><br>\$17,932,000.00            |   |  |

### Disasters:

#### Declaration Number

FEMA-1995-VT  
FEMA-4022-VT  
FEMA-4043-VT  
FEMA-4066-VT

### Narratives

#### Disaster Damage:

Tropical Storm Irene and the other flooding events of 2011 and 2012 had an unprecedented impact on Vermont. Nothing since the Great Flood of 1927 so devastated the state. Damage was severe and widespread. Six Vermonters lost their lives. Fifty thousand homes lost power. More than 3500 homes were damaged or destroyed displacing 1500 families. Transportation and public infrastructure were decimated. Of Vermont's 251 cities and town, 225 reported damage to their municipal infrastructure. In excess of 300 businesses sustained losses and the agricultural impacts included 20,000 acres of flooded farmland, lost crops and livestock. The largest state office complex was overrun by flood waters forcing the evacuation of state employees and clients of Vermont State Hospital. Several state agencies and 1500 workers were displaced. Nonetheless, more work remains to be done. FEMA and SBA data were the primary sources for identifying unmet needs to be addressed by the state's first allocation. At this point in the recovery of Vermont's individuals, households, businesses and communities, much more specific information is available on the remaining needs that are eligible for CDBG-DR funding and cannot be met by other sources. The proposed uses of the second allocation are based on the following:

- More than 60 letters of interest from eligible entities for proposed projects.
  - A public hearing and public comment.
  - DHCD's experience administering CDBG-DR I
  - Ongoing communication with and reports from state agencies, the Irene Recovery Office, disaster case managers, municipalities, long term recovery committees, regional planning commissions, regional development corporations, and housing nonprofits.
  - Need to use and build local capacity to apply and administer CDBG-DR funds in compliance with HUD requirements.
- To this information the State applied the overarching goals of meeting the most pressing needs, maximizing benefits, leveraging other sources and rebuilding stronger and safer. This Action Plan also proposes uses that meet HUD's requirement that the funds be directed to the most impacted counties - Washington, Windsor and Windham. It outlines activities that ensure the primary beneficiaries are low and moderate income populations and can be completed within the required two year timeframe.

#### Recovery Needs:

The Agency asked HUD to obligate only \$13,232,000 or approximately 74% of the total \$17,932,000 in CDBG-DR2 funds allocated to Vermont at this time. As projects get underway, the Agency will amend this Partial Action Plan and request that HUD obligate the additional funds, thus starting a new two year expenditure timeline for the additional funds requested. This plan proposes activities and a method of distribution based on the following assessment of unmet needs in the areas of housing, economic recovery and infrastructure. The analysis focuses on the needs of low and moderate income persons in the most severely impacted counties. (CDBG-DR II funds may be used to address disaster needs in any county that received

a disaster declaration but HUD requires that no less than 80% of the allocation be used in Washington, Windsor and Windham.) It also considers HUD requirements regarding eligible activities and the two year expenditure period. Sources relied upon for this assessment include more than 60 project proposals submitted to DHCD in response to a request for letters of interest based on remaining needs and CDBG-DR eligibility criteria. This request was distributed widely to municipalities, state and local officials and organizations engaged in recovery efforts, DHCD’s partner agencies, and through the Department’s distribution lists for its ongoing CDBG program, the Vermont Community Development Program. DHCD received indications of interest for approximately \$43 million in projects, - more than twice the \$17.9 million available. CDBG-DR II will be used for longer term recovery and resilience efforts. As noted earlier, existing sources are insufficient to meet the remaining need to relocate and redevelop impacted affordable housing out of floodplains. The most urgent of these projects is a public housing authority property in Brattleboro, which provides 80 units of affordable housing for the elderly and disabled. It was severely damaged by Irene and remains in harm’s way. It is a high priority for the Brattleboro Housing Authority, the community and the State to address this life and safety issue by redeveloping the units outside of the flood hazard area. This plan includes substantial funding (\$5 million) for this critical project. The State was very fortunate in that the other Public Housing Authorities did not suffer any damage as a result of Tropical Storm Irene or the other Storms listed in the Federal Register for this allocation. Based on data collected by its disaster recovery coordinator, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture estimates remaining needs related to agricultural impacts at approximately \$2 million. This Action Plan proposes dedicating \$3 million for business assistance which will include grants for farms.

| Overall                                     | This Report Period | To Date          |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| Total Projected Budget from All Sources     | \$0.00             | \$35,595,348.00  |
| Total Budget                                | \$0.00             | \$17,931,999.00  |
| Total Obligated                             | \$0.00             | \$17,931,999.00  |
| Total Funds Drawdown                        | \$0.00             | \$17,931,999.00  |
| Program Funds Drawdown                      | \$0.00             | \$17,931,999.00  |
| Program Income Drawdown                     | \$0.00             | \$0.00           |
| Program Income Received                     | \$0.00             | \$0.00           |
| Total Funds Expended                        | \$0.00             | \$17,930,612.00  |
| HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed | \$0.00             | \$0.00           |
| Other Funds                                 | \$ 0.00            | \$ 17,663,349.00 |
| Match Funds                                 | \$ 0.00            | \$ 17,663,349.00 |
| Non-Match Funds                             | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00          |

Funds Expended

| Overall                                      | This Period | To Date         |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Agency of Commerce and Community Development | \$ 0.00     | \$ 596,600.00   |
| Town of Barnard                              | \$ 0.00     | \$ 20,170.00    |
| Town of Brandon                              | \$ 0.00     | \$ 479,830.00   |
| Town of Cambridge                            | \$ 0.00     | \$ 329,192.00   |
| Town of Hancock                              | \$ 0.00     | \$ 462,788.00   |
| Town of Northfield                           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 271,905.00   |
| Town of Readsboro                            | \$ 0.00     | \$ 319,497.00   |
| Town of Rochester                            | \$ 0.00     | \$ 187,766.00   |
| Town of Springfield                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 388,000.00   |
| Town of Stockbridge                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 258,297.00   |
| Town of Waitsfield                           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 96,759.00    |
| Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,184,796.00 |
| Town of Warren                               | \$ 0.00     | \$ 186,792.00   |
| Town of West Windsor                         | \$ 0.00     | \$ 891,547.00   |
| Town of Whitingham                           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 12,207.00    |
| Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 2,298,613.00 |
| Waitsfield United Church of Christ           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 297,861.00   |
| Capstone Community Action                    | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,545,000.00 |
| City of Montpelier                           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 850,000.00   |
| Ladd Hall Limited Partnership                | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,000,000.00 |

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| Red Clover Commons Limited Partnership          | \$ 0.00 | \$ 5,579,499.00 |
| Red Clover Commons Partnership, LLC             | \$ 0.00 | \$ 119,278.00   |
| State of Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community | \$ 0.00 | \$ 554,215.00   |
| Town of Athens                                  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00         |

## Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

| Requirement                  | Target          | Projected       | Actual          |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Overall Benefit Percentage   | 50.00%          | 66.24%          | 66.24%          |
| Minimum Non Federal Match    | \$ .00          | \$ .00          | \$17,663,349.00 |
| Overall Benefit Amount       | \$8,517,700.00  | \$11,338,008.30 | \$11,284,133.50 |
| Limit on Public Services     | \$2,689,800.00  | \$ .00          | \$ .00          |
| Limit on Admin/Planning      | \$3,586,400.00  | \$896,600.00    | \$896,600.00    |
| Limit on Admin               | \$896,600.00    | \$896,600.00    | \$896,600.00    |
| Most Impacted and Distressed | \$14,345,600.00 | \$15,084,981.50 | \$ .00          |

## Overall Progress Narrative:

There is no activity to report. Submitting report to prepare for Close out.

## Project Summary

| Project #, Project Title                                  | This Report            | To Date                |                        |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|   | Program Funds Drawdown | Project Funds Budgeted | Program Funds Drawdown |
| 9999, Restricted Balance                                  | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 |
| RD-1 Brattleboro Housing Authority, RD-1 Brattleboro      | \$0.00                 | \$1,523,009.00         | \$1,523,009.00         |
| RD-1 Buyouts- HMGP Match and non-eligible FEMA, RD-1      | \$0.00                 | \$342,798.00           | \$342,798.00           |
| RD-1 E2 Brattleboro Housing Authority, RD-1 E2            | \$0.00                 | \$76,647.00            | \$76,647.00            |
| RD-1 E2 Buyout-HMGP Match and non-eligible FEMA E2,       | \$0.00                 | \$820,769.00           | \$820,769.00           |
| RD-1 E3 Buyout HMGP Match and non-eligible FEMA E3,       | \$0.00                 | \$318,842.00           | \$318,842.00           |
| RD-1 Economic Recovery, Flood Impacted Biz 2, RD-1        | \$0.00                 | \$1,184,796.00         | \$1,184,796.00         |
| RD-1 Economic Recovery, Flood Impacted Businesses, RD-    | \$0.00                 | \$1,545,000.00         | \$1,545,000.00         |
| RD-1 Ladd Hall Limited Partnership, DR2RD-1-2012-CVCLT-   | \$0.00                 | \$1,000,000.00         | \$1,000,000.00         |
| RD-1 Municipal Infrastructure Recovery and Repair, RD-1   | \$0.00                 | \$950,783.00           | \$950,783.00           |
| RD-1 State Administration, RD- 1 State Administration     | \$0.00                 | \$596,600.00           | \$596,600.00           |
| RD-1-E Brattleboro Housing Authority Extended, RD-1-E     | \$0.00                 | \$3,940,544.00         | \$3,940,544.00         |
| RD-1-E Buyouts HMGP Match & non-eligible FEMA, RD-1-E     | \$0.00                 | \$517,591.00           | \$517,591.00           |
| RD-1-E Municipal Infrastructure Recovery & Repair, RD-1-E | \$0.00                 | \$414,621.00           | \$414,621.00           |
| RD-2 Brattleboro Housing Authority CONTINUATION, RD-2     | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 |
| RD-2 E2 Buyouts HMGP Match non-eligible FEMA E2, RD-2     | \$0.00                 | \$275,256.00           | \$275,256.00           |
| RD-2 Muni Infrastructure Recovery & Repair, RD-2 Muni     | \$0.00                 | \$3,373,927.00         | \$3,373,927.00         |
| RD-2 State Administration, RD-2 State Administration      | \$0.00                 | \$232,656.49           | \$232,656.49           |
| RD-2-E BHA Red Clover, RD-2-E BHA Red Clover              | \$0.00                 | \$39,299.00            | \$39,299.00            |
| RD-2-E Buyouts HMGP Match and non-eligible FEMA, RD-2-    | \$0.00                 | \$24,744.00            | \$24,744.00            |
| RD-2-E Municipal Infrastructure Extended, RD-2-E          | \$0.00                 | \$567,496.00           | \$567,495.00           |
| RD-2-E State Administration, RD-2-E State Administration  | \$0.00                 | \$67,343.51            | \$67,343.51            |
| RD-2-E2 BHA Red Clover E2, RD-2-E2- BHA Red Clover E2     | \$0.00                 | \$119,278.00           | \$119,278.00           |

## Monitoring, Audit, and Technical Assistance

| Event Type | This Report Period | To Date |
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| Monitoring, Audits, and Technical Assistance | 0 | 40 |
| Monitoring Visits                            | 0 | 0  |
| Audit Visits                                 | 0 | 0  |
| Technical Assistance Visits                  | 0 | 25 |
| Monitoring/Technical Assistance Visits       | 0 | 15 |
| Report/Letter Issued                         | 0 | 11 |

