

***Vermont Community Development Program***  
**Annual Summary of Activities for Program Year 2013 (7/1/2012-6/30/2013)**

The **Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP)** is funded through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grants (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 \$6,210,448, which represents an 8% decrease from the previous year. However the program was able to leverage nearly \$53 million dollars. The CDBG program received 27 applications requesting over \$7 million.

**2013 CDBG Program Accomplishments**

During this past year, the majority of CDBG funds were awarded to housing, economic development and public facility projects. See breakdown below of project types funded this past year.

**Housing Grants**

The VCDP awarded grants to 9 municipalities for housing projects that totaled over \$3.5 million and leveraged over \$23 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 218 units of affordable housing.

Municipality	Project Title	Units
City of Barre	Green Mountain Loan Fund	26
City of St. Albans	Rail City Housing	31
Town of Charlotte	Albert's Way Housing Community	5
Town of Hardwick	Maple Street Senior Apartments	16
Town of Ludlow	Tuckerville Mobile Home Park	23
Town of Lyndon	Northeast Kingdom Revolving Loan Fund	38
Town of Middlebury	North Pleasant Street ReDevelopment	22
Town of Morristown	Lamoille View Apartments	25
Town of Swanton	Roy's Mobile Home Park	32



**Lamoille View Apartments**

**Economic Development Grants**

The VCDP was able to provide grants to assist Brattleboro with a landmark downtown revitalization and renovation project and to support infrastructure improvements that will result in the direct creation of 11 new jobs in Randolph. The \$1.2 million in direct VCDP funding was able to leverage over \$22.5 million in private resources.

Municipality	Project Title	Jobs
Town of Randolph	Beanville Road Improvements	11
Town of Brattleboro	Brooks House Redevelopment (indirect jobs)	(91)



**Brattleboro Brooks House**

## Public Facility & Accessibility Modification Grants

The VCDP awarded grants to five communities for public facility projects that totaled \$868,150 and leveraged nearly \$7.5 million in other resources. These five community facility projects will help provide handicapped accessible, energy efficiency and improved access to wide range of services.

Municipality	Project Title	People Served
City of Rutland	Hickory Street Community Center Phase 2	37
Town of Bristol	Addison County Dental Center	1000
Town of Rochester	Rochester Public Library	1171
Town of Thetford	Creative Spirit Children's Center	38
Town of Westfield	Hitchcock Museum and Library	503



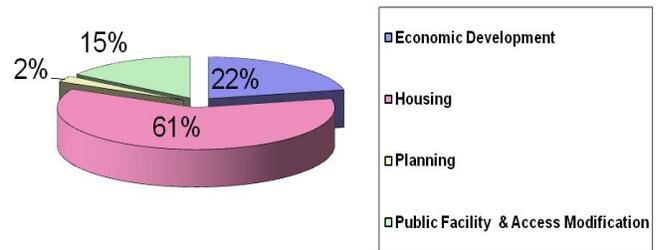
**Rutland Hickory Street Community Center**

## 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. Five awards for planning grants totaling \$135,000 were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

Municipality	Project Title
City of Montpelier	Center for Arts & Learning in Montpelier
City of Rutland	Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy
Town of Burke	Burke Jay Capacity Study
Town of Coventry	Coventry Greenhouse Planning Project
Town of Proctor	Town of Proctor Prosperity Plan

### Grants Awarded in FFY2012



## **2013 CDBG Disaster Recovery**

### **CDBG-DR I**

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) received \$21,660,211 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. In early September 2012 Vermont's CDBG-Disaster Recovery Action Plan was approved and DHCD started accepting applications for funding. During the 2013 Program Year, \$16,772,611 of the CDBG-Disaster Recovery funds were allocated to communities and nonprofits to help address the unmet and long term recovery needs from the declared major disasters in Vermont in 2011 and 2012.

Program staff conducted 3 application workshops in September 2012 throughout the state to provide technical assistance to potential applicants. Program staff worked closely with 3 organizations receiving state direct CDBG-Disaster Recovery grant funds to get their programs up and running, in conjunction with 20 competitive CDBG-Disaster Recovery applications submitted by municipalities and non-profits for review and approval. The following is a summary of competitive and state direct CDBG-DR grants awarded during the 2013 Program Year.

<b>State Direct Grants</b>		
<b>Municipality/Lead Grantee</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Arnett Muldrow and Associates	Downtown Recovery	\$502,000
Rural Edge (formerly Gilman Housing Trust)	Disaster Recovery Housing Rehabilitation	\$3,398,649
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission	Flood-Damaged Property Buyouts	\$5,862,530
<b>Competitive Grants</b>		
<b>Municipality/Lead Grantee</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) and Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC)	Southern Windsor and Windham Counties Business Assistance Program	\$1,500,000
Brattleboro Housing Authority (BHA)	BHA Irene Housing Re-development Study	\$100,000
Central Vermont Community Action Council (CVCAC)	Washington and Windsor Counties Business Assistance Program	\$1,275,000
Central Vermont Community Land Trust	Ladd Hall - Replacement Housing Project	\$950,000
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission	Transportation Flood Resiliency Study	\$100,000
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission	Mad and Winooski Rivers LIDAR	\$62,250
Hunger Mountain Childrens Center (HMCC)	HMCC Relocation and Renovation	\$450,000
Town of Johnson	Reopening of Grocery Store - Sterling Market	\$509,000
Town of Waitsfield	Waitsfield Town Office Relocation	\$750,000
Town of Waterbury	Waterbury Municipal Complex	\$1,000,000
Town of Waterbury	Little River-Village Connector Trail	\$30,000
Town of Waterbury	Municipal Complex Planning	\$100,000
Town of Wilmington	Wilmington Fire and Police Relocation Study	\$68,182
Village of Waterbury	Flood Proof Main W-Water Pump Station	\$115,000

## **CDBG-DR II**

HUD announced on May 29, 2013 that ACCD would be eligible to receive an additional \$17,932,000 from in CDBG-DR funds. The second allocation of HUD CDBG-DR funding was secured through the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Appropriation Act and is in addition to the \$21.6 Million received last year. CDBG-DR funding is available to help address the unmet and long term recovery needs of areas most impacted and distressed as the result of declared major disasters in Vermont in 2011 and 2012. These major disasters include FEMA Disaster Declaration 1995 (April 23-May 9, 2011 flood), FEMA Disaster Declaration 4001 (May 26-27, 2011 flood), FEMA Disaster Declaration 4022 (August 27- September 2, 2011 Tropical Storm Irene), FEMA Disaster Declaration 4043 (May 20, 2011 flooding) and FEMA Disaster Declaration 4066 (June 29, 2012 Tornado and flooding). 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. The state is required to target at least 80 percent of this funding (\$14,345,600) to Washington, Windsor and Windham Counties. The rules governing this new allocation are essentially the same as the first; with a major exception being funds must be spent within two years.

During the 2013 Program Year, ACCD hosted a public hearing on June 27, 2013 to get public comment on the remaining unmet needs. Program staff also solicited Letters of Interest of potential projects that could meet the two year time restriction and to make determinations on how CDBG-DR II funds should be appropriated. Program staff continued researching unmet needs, developed a Method of Distribution and the CDBG-DR II Action Plan for submission to HUD prior to the September 6, 2013 deadline.

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