

Program Overview

Annual Summary of Activities for Program Year 2017 (7/1/2016-6/30/2017)

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>

2017 CDBG Program Accomplishments

The CDBG allocation for the last program year was \$6,418,987. This past year VCDP awarded \$7 million to 25 projects, which leveraged over \$87 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. Five 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 small forward commitment of next year’s allocation made it possible to fund all the projects below. HUD encourages forward committing CDBG funds to projects to prevent them from sitting idle at the US Treasury. HUD recognizes these projects take considerable time to complete and it’s not uncommon for some projects not to move forward.

By the Numbers [2017]

317

affordable housing units

269

jobs

\$7

million awarded

25

projects

7627

persons served by public facilities

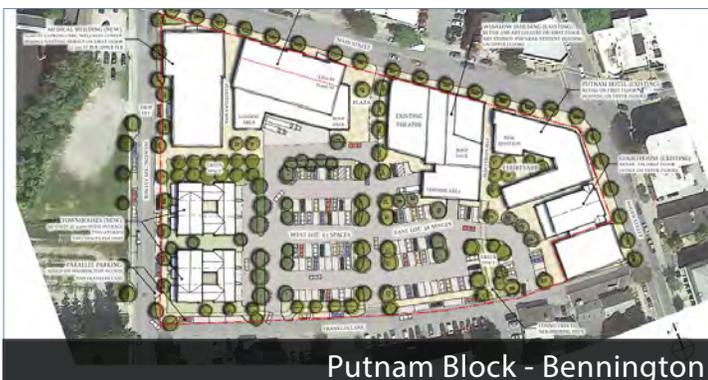
\$87

million leveraged

Economic Development Grants

The VCDP awarded economic development grants that totalled a little over \$1.6 million and leveraged over \$40 million in other resources. The following economic development projects will create and retain at least 269 jobs.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Jobs
Town of Bennington	Putnam Block	145
Town of Rockingham	Chroma Technology Expansion	124



Putnam Block - Bennington



Chroma Technology Expansion - Rockingham

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McKnight Lane (Net Zero Community) - Waltham

The VCDP awarded housing projects that totalled nearly \$4.37 million in CDBG funding and leveraged nearly \$45 million in local, private and other federal and state resources. This collaborative effort will create or preserve 317 units of affordable housing and makes a significant contribution in addressing the affordable housing crisis.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Units
City of Montpelier	French Block	18
City of Rutland	Hickory Street Phase III	22
City of South Burlington	Allard Square	39
Town of Brattleboro	Brattleboro Permanent Supportive Housing	22
Town of Brattleboro	5 County Homeownership Services Program	47
Town of Brattleboro	Windham Windsor Housing Trust Revolving Loan Fund	39
Town of Castleton	Windy Hollow Mobile Home Park	44
Town of Lyndon	Northeast Kingdom Revolving Loan Fund	45
Town of Marshfield	Hollister Hill Apartments Redevelopment	16
Town of Putney	Putney Landing	25



French Block - Montpelier



48 Depot Road - Putney



Hollister Hill - Marshfield

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. Six awards for planning grants totalling \$174,476 were provided to communities throughout Vermont.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title
City of Newport	Newport City Feasibility Study
City of Rutland	Evelyn Street Redevelopment Study
Town of Brattleboro	Tri-Park Cooperative Master Plan
Town of Bristol	Bristol Family Housing Feasibility
Town of Guilford	Community Collaborative For Guilford
Town of Milton	Milton Mobile Home Park Infrastructure Study



Newport City Feasibility Study

Public Facility Grants

The VCDP awarded public facility grants that totalled \$613,926 and leveraged over \$1.6 million in other resources. The following community facility projects will help The City of Winooski provide public infrastructure that will also provide the potential for 150 new jobs for the area, Town of Lincoln to provide handicap access to their Town Hall and the Town of Randolph to assist the Clara Martin Center rehabilitate thier office so they can continue to provides mental health services as well as create 4 new units of housing that will serve individuals that are homeless and have mental illness.

Municipality/Lead Grantee	Project Title	Persons Served
City fo Winooski	The Strand Public Infrastructure	741
Town of Lincoln	Burnham Hall Handicap Accessibility	122
Town of Randolph	28 South Main Street	95

2017 CDBG Disaster Recovery

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 nonprofit organizations can apply for funding through a competitive grant application process.

During the 2017 Program Year, \$925,532 of CDBG-DR funds were allocated for enhancements to 10 previously funded grants to ensure project completion.

Program staff conducted technical assistance to many CDBG-DR grantees for their projects during this year. The following is a summary of enhancements to previously funded competitive and state direct CDBG-DR grants awarded during the 2017 Program Year.

CDBG-DR Enhancement & State Direct Grant Enhancement

Grant Identifier	Project Title	Award Amount
DR-IG-2012-HMCC-00023	Hunger Mountain Children's Center	\$91,008
DR-IG-2014-Red Clover-00005	Red Clover Commons Limited Partnership	\$239,299
DR-IG-2012-Barnard-00075	Mount Hunger Road Bank Stabilization	\$204,958
DR-IG-2014-Hancock-00009	Churchville Culvert Replacement	\$5,000
DR-IG-2012-Moretown-00026	Moretown Town Office Relocation	\$49,997
DR-IG-2012-Stockbridge-00074	Taggart Hill Road South Relocation	\$5,000
DR-IG-2012-Waitsfield-00024	Town Office	\$25,500
DR-IG-2012-Windsor-00052	Windsor Dam	\$250,000
DR-IG-2014-WUCC-00012	Renovation of Village Meeting House	\$49,900
DR-IG-2012-Woodstock Village-00059	Woodstock Village Snow Dump	\$4,870



Red Clover Commons - Brattleboro



Hunger Mountain Childrens Center - Waitsfield