

Grantee: Vermont

Grant: B-12-DT-50-0001

April 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2019 Performance Report



Grant Number:

B-12-DT-50-0001

Obligation Date:**Award Date:****Grantee Name:**

Vermont

Contract End Date:**Review by HUD:**

Submitted - Await for Review

Grant Award Amount:

\$21,660,211.00

Grant Status:

Active

QPR Contact:

No QPR Contact Found

LOCCS Authorized Amount:

\$21,660,211.00

Estimated PI/RL Funds:**Total Budget:**

\$21,660,211.00

Disasters:**Declaration Number**

FEMA-1995-VT

FEMA-4001-VT

FEMA-4022-VT

Narratives**Disaster Damage:**

The State of Vermont has published an Action Plan for Disaster Recovery that describes the proposed use of \$21,660,211 of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding associated with the Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-55, approved November 18, 2011). The Act provides for disaster relief for unmet needs, long term recovery and restoration of housing, economic revitalization, and infrastructure resulting from severe damaging storms that occurred in the State between April 23 and September 2, 2011; specifically, for FEMA Disaster Declaration 1995 (April 23-May 9, 2011 flood), FEMA Disaster Declaration 4001 (May 26-27, 2011 flood), and FEMA Disaster Declaration 4022 (August 27- September 2, 2011 Tropical Storm Irene) that the President declared major disasters under Title IV of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). The HUD guidance for the funding was published April 16, 2012 with an effective date of April 23, 2012 in the Federal Register as Docket Number FR-5628-N-01. Tropical Storm Irene was an exceptional event in the history of our small state. Nothing since the Great Flood of 1927 has so devastated Vermont. The state sustained extraordinary damage on August 28th, when record rainfall resulted in catastrophic flooding. Some areas received ten inches of rain and were battered by winds of 50 miles per hour during an eight hour period. Rivers across the state crested at levels not seen for generations, some exceeding historic records established during the flood of 1927. The damage was severe and widespread. Six Vermonters lost their lives. Fifty thousand households lost power, affecting 74,000 people. Over 3,500 homes were damaged or destroyed, displacing 1,500 families; more than 500 of the impacted homes were mobile homes. Transportation and public infrastructure were decimated. Of Vermont's 251 towns and cities, 225 suffered damage to municipal infrastructure. In the immediate aftermath, over 500 miles of state roads were damaged, more than 200 miles of state-owned rail made impassable, over 200 bridges damaged, and 34 state bridges closed. Thirteen communities were completely cut off for days, as National Guard units were mobilized to deliver emergency supplies to these towns by air. More than 300 businesses sustained losses or were destroyed. Agricultural impacts include the flooding of 20,000 acres of farmland, and the loss of over 400 acres of crops as well as many herds of livestock for Vermont's family farms. The largest state office complex was completely flooded, forcing the evacuation of state employees and clients of the Vermont State Hospital (an acute mental health facility), displacing 1,500 state workers indefinitely. Even the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was flooded, necessitating its relocation to the FEMA Joint Field Office. Sixteen public schools could not open for weeks. Vermonters mustered every possible resource to respond. National Guard troops from seven different states were deployed as the storm unfolded. Communities instituted their emergency management plans and heroically rose to the challenges facing them. As the floods receded, Vermonters volunteered their time and resources cleaning homes and businesses and feeding, clothing, and housing fellow Vermont

Disaster Damage:

ers who had lost everything. Vermonters continue to volunteer to rebuild homes, clear debris, collect donations, and raise disaster relief funds. State government has redeployed staff to continue to support the ongoing needs of the disaster response. However, the resources of this small rural state cannot cover the extraordinary extent of the damages from this devastating event. The localized impact of this disaster has placed many Vermont communities under severe fiscal stress.



Recovery Needs:

Housing Needs - Efforts are now focused on families and individuals that have not found permanent housing or repaired or replaced their existing housing. The vast majority of homes damaged or destroyed by the spring flooding and Irene was single family homes, including mobile homes. CDBG-DR funds will be used, through the Housing Recovery Program, for the repairs and rehabilitation as well as downpayment assistance for survivors whose homes were destroyed. The program is designed to complement assistance that is available from other sources such as FEMA, SBA and the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund. To address the remaining needs of those who lost mobile homes, CDBG-DR will help launch a mobile home financing program to facilitate the purchase of new homes. This, too, will supplement assistance already provided or currently available. According to FEMA, less than 100 units of rental housing were damaged. Nonetheless, the Housing Recovery Program will also include assistance for the owners of multi-family properties. In addition to being the sole source of revenue for some owners, these units provide critical housing options in communities such as Waterbury, which was experiencing a shortage of affordable housing prior to Irene. Replacement housing is needed in the most heavily impacted areas. Funding is available on a competitive basis for the development of new housing in communities that lost units that were affordable to low and moderate income households. In addition, planning funds are available to assist in the redesign and site selection for relocating affordable housing in flood-prone areas, such as Brattleboro Housing Authority's Melrose Terrace and Hayes Court properties. The Long Term Recovery Committees and disaster case manager have followed up with every household that registered with FEMA to determine any remaining unmet needs. CDBG-DR funds will be directed to the unmet needs of those households. The LTRCs are currently working with approximately 800 households with needs ranging from a few final repairs to needing complete new homes. This support is being made available by the state and voluntary agencies in coordination with the Homeownership Centers to ensure the transitional and permanent housing needs of survivors are met and they do not become homeless, particularly those with children. The state is not aware of any transitional housing or emergency shelter facilities impacted by the disasters and shelters report that disaster survivors are not turning to them. Unfortunately, some survivors continue to live in substandard housing situations. Those that are willing to accept help are being served by disaster case managers. Difficult cases are elevated to the state's Irene Recovery Office and resolved by an interagency team. In response to the flooding and closure of the Vermont State Hospital, the state is developing a new mental health hospital and three new regional acute-care mental health facilities. In addition, it has created a new housing subsidy and services support program. These will help meet the needs of survivors with special needs that are or are at-risk of becoming homeless. Affordable Housing - Very littusing, as defined as mode states adherenlood-prone areas. A major exception was Melrose Terrace in Brattleboro, the 80

Recovery Needs:

-unit public housing complex which suffered significant flooding. The units have been repairs and reoccupied but housing authority needs assistance for planning and implementation to relocate the property out of the flood hazard area. It is important to note that much of the housing destroyed or damaged by flooding was owned by lower income households and was affordable to them by virtue of modest cost to purchase or rent, without government assistance. This is especially the case

Public Comment:

Citizen Participation (77FR22587 and 77FR222587)

Outreach and citizen participation efforts started within days of Tropical Storm Irene. In the days immediately following the storm, agency staff reached out to over 255 affected businesses and gathered valuable information to prepare an appropriate response for immediate assistance to the business community. The state also established a 211 call center to assist individuals with housing and other emergency needs. DEHCD led one of the states most comprehensive and effective efforts to understand the needs of communities most impacted by the disasters. Dubbed the Community Recovery Partnership, the team-oriented initiative engaged community members, state agencies, and local leaders in a collaborative effort to think about long-term planning and implementation of recovery efforts. Thirteen regional Community Recovery Partnership meetings, reaching 45 of the hardest hit communities, were held throughout the state. This effort helped to identify and shape both the short and long term recovery needs that will allow the state to emerge from this disaster safer, smarter, and stronger. It greatly informed the development of the Action Plan.

In an effort to better understand the comprehensive recovery needs and help prepare the Draft Action Plan, DEHCD also consulted with regional development and planning organizations, affordable housing developers and providers, disaster case-managers, Long Term Recovery Committees, FEMA, SBA, EDA, and other state agencies. In addition DEHCD solicited and/or partnered in a number of surveys to assess the needs of municipalities, farmers, businesses, and disaster victims.

The Draft Action Plan was distributed and made available on May 29, 2012 for public comments. The DEHDC solicited public comment for 30 days. Staff conducted three public hearings: June 5 in Brattleboro (Windham county); June 7 in White River Junction (Windsor county), and June 12 in Montpelier (Washington county) to present the draft Action Plan and seek input.

A total of 84 individuals attended the three public hearings and 29 written comments were received that have provided valuable feedback and input to help finalize the State's Action Plan. The comments have been summarized and responded to appropriately. See Appendix B - Public Comments and Responses written document http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/funding/cdbgdr

Staff have been providing one-on-one technical assistance on a daily basis to discuss projects, eligible activities, the application process. To expand capacity, a specific training session was held for our regional partners, regional planning commissions, regional development corporations, and consultants to provide them with thorough information regarding the CDBG-DR federal requirements, the State's Action Plan, Method of Distribution and application process to provide them with the opportunity to assist municipalities, for profits, non-profits, and developers to access the CDBG-DR funding for recovery projects as outlined in the Action Plan under the \$8M allocated to Economic Recovery, Housing Recovery, Infrastructure repairs and Planning Activities through a competitive process. Further, staff have been conducting application workshops in Williamsville September 1

Public Comment:

3, 2012 with 75 attendees representing municipalities, businesses and nonprofits and September 20, 2012 in Waterbury with 35 attendees to provide as much direct technical assistance and exposure of the availability of the CDBG-DR funding as possible. More workshops will be conducted over the coming weeks, along with continued one-on-one meetings and project site visits.



Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$21,660,211.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$21,660,211.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$21,660,211.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$21,660,211.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$21,660,211.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$21,660,211.00
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$4,418,107.01

Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

Requirement	Target	Actual
Overall Benefit Percentage (Projected)		55.90%
Overall Benefit Percentage (Actual)		56.19%
Minimum Non-Federal Match	\$0.00	\$4,418,107.01
Limit on Public Services	\$3,249,031.65	\$0.00
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$1,083,010.55	\$2,266,629.00
Limit on Admin	\$4,332,042.20	\$1,083,011.00
Most Impacted and Distressed Threshold (Projected)	\$13,862,535.04	\$16,372,113.65

Overall Progress Narrative:

There is no new activity to report. We are working with Grantees to complete Single Audits for final close out. Pending monitoring visit with HUD Field Office at end of July.

Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report Period	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
Competitive Economic Recovery, Competitive Economic	\$0.00	\$3,124,294.00	\$3,124,294.00
Competitive Grants Housing Recovery, Competitive Grants	\$0.00	\$129,966.00	\$129,966.00
Competitive Grants Municipal Infrastructure, Competitive	\$0.00	\$9,252,162.22	\$9,252,162.22
Competitive Grants Planning, Competitive Grants Planning	\$0.00	\$706,378.00	\$706,378.00
Economic Recovery Planning, State Direct Economic Recovery	\$0.00	\$503,340.00	\$503,340.00
Housing Recovery Program, State Direct Housing Recovery	\$0.00	\$718,528.84	\$718,528.84
Property Buy Outs, State Direct Property Buy Outs	\$0.00	\$6,142,530.94	\$6,142,530.94
State Administration, State Administration	\$0.00	\$1,083,011.00	\$1,083,011.00



Activities

Project # / Title: Competitive Grants Municipal Infrastructure / Competitive

Grantee Activity Number: Town of Windsor IG-00052

Activity Title: Windsor Dam Safety Repairs

Activity Category:

Dike/dam/stream-river bank repairs

Project Number:

Competitive Grants Municipal Infrastructure

Projected Start Date:

09/11/2014

Benefit Type:

Area ()

National Objective:

Low/Mod

Activity Status:

Completed

Project Title:

Competitive Grants Municipal Infrastructure

Projected End Date:

12/31/2018

Completed Activity Actual End Date:

Responsible Organization:

Town of Windsor

Overall

Total Projected Budget from All Sources

Apr 1 thru Jun 30, 2019

N/A

To Date

\$1,166,814.22

Total Budget

\$0.00

\$1,166,814.22

Total Obligated

\$0.00

\$1,166,814.22

Total Funds Drawdown

\$0.00

\$1,166,814.22

Program Funds Drawdown

\$0.00

\$1,166,814.22

Program Income Drawdown

\$0.00

\$0.00

Program Income Received

\$0.00

\$0.00

Total Funds Expended

\$0.00

\$1,166,814.22

Most Impacted and Distressed Expended

\$0.00

\$0.00

Match Contributed

\$0.00

\$0.00

Activity Description:

Complete structural repairs to the historical Windsor Upper Mill Pond Dam. additional erosion and deformation from high sustained flows that occurred during the storm include new erosion and deterioration of primary spillways, new cracking and widening of existing cracks on auxiliary spillways and new erosion, deformation, and additional loss of stones from the buttress shell.

Location Description:

See attached map

Activity Progress Narrative:



Accomplishments Performance Measures

No Accomplishments Performance Measures

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources

Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found

Total Other Funding Sources



Grantee Activity Number:	Wash&Winds Muni Infrastructure 5 IG-00049
Activity Title:	Barre City Enterprise Alley

Activity Category:

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of a public improvement

Project Number:

Competitive Grants Municipal Infrastructure

Projected Start Date:

07/10/2014

Benefit Type:

Area ()

National Objective:

Low/Mod

Activity Status:

Completed

Project Title:

Competitive Grants Municipal Infrastructure

Projected End Date:

12/31/2017

Completed Activity Actual End Date:

Responsible Organization:

Barre City

Overall	Apr 1 thru Jun 30, 2019	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$1,232,929.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$1,232,929.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$1,232,929.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$1,232,929.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$1,232,929.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$1,232,929.00
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$1,124,430.00

Activity Description:

During Tropical Storm Irene, some areas of the City of Barre were impacted by flood waters. One of those areas, known as Enterprise Alley, was once the location of Howe Dry Cleaners and the soil is known to be contaminated. To prevent the future contamination from any potential flooding of this area, the City of Barre will clean up and redevelop a 1.2 acre area in the center of the City's downtown. The activities will include the environmental clean-up of the former Howe Dry Cleaners site (9 Depot Square), the creation of approximate 85 parking spaces, and the additions of a modest plaza at the front of Railroad Depot, new curbing, sidewalks, crosswalks, integration of a section of the Barre City Bike Path, lighting and way finding signage. This work is the initial and lynch pin phase of re-purposing the larger Merchants Row area, 4 acres, area behind the buildings on the south side of N. Main Street.

Location Description:

The project area for Brownfield clean-up includes the following municipally owned property with street addresses: Enterprise Aly (roadway), 16 Enterprise Aly. 9 Depot Square, and property adjacent to 56 Depot Square, the Railroad Depot (Visitors Center) owned by the Vermont Granite Museum. Private properties adjacent to the Project Area that will benefit the environmental remediation include buildings at 210, 214, 224,240, 248, 260 N.Main Street and 56 Depot Square. All properties are in County Code 023, Census Tract 9552

Activity Progress Narrative:



Accomplishments Performance Measures

No Accomplishments Performance Measures

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources

Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found

Total Other Funding Sources

Project # / Title: Competitive Grants Planning / Competitive Grants Planning

Grantee Activity Number: Planning - Town of Ludlow PG-00033

Activity Title: Ludlow Economic Resiliency Plan

Activity Category:

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of public facilities

Project Number:

Competitive Grants Planning

Projected Start Date:

04/09/2015

Benefit Type:

Area ()

National Objective:

Low/Mod

Activity Status:

Completed

Project Title:

Competitive Grants Planning

Projected End Date:

09/01/2017

Completed Activity Actual End Date:

Responsible Organization:

Town of Ludlow

Overall

Total Projected Budget from All Sources

Apr 1 thru Jun 30, 2019

N/A

To Date

\$26,100.00

Total Budget

\$0.00

\$26,100.00

Total Obligated

\$0.00

\$26,100.00



Total Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$26,100.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$26,100.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$26,100.00
Most Impacted and Distressed Expended	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$3,986.00

Activity Description:

The scope of the work for this project is twofold: The first will be an investment in preliminary engineering and design to expand the infrastructure at the existing Industrial Park in order to allow access to a currently undeveloped 20 acre section of the park. The Dean R. Brown, Jr. Industrial Park is located within the Industrial District, south of the Village of Ludlow. The proposed project for expanding development in the Industrial Park will include two tasks - 1) Industrial Park Water/Sewer Design Work, and 2) Industrial Park Bridge Design. The second phase of this planning effort will seek to identify opportunities to improve the economic climate and ensure the long-term resiliency of Ludlow Village, with a focus on the Ludlow Village Center. This phase of the planning project will begin with coordination of current local industrial, commercial and community programs and organizations and include an assessment of current economic conditions in the Village Center.

Location Description:

The Dean R. Brown, Jr. Industrial Park is located off Pleasant Street Extension. The Ludlow Village Center District comprises the heart of Ludlow's commercial district and runs the length of Main Street (Route 103) on both sides of the Black River and encompasses the entire National Register Historic District, as well as the core portion of the Ludlow Preservation District.

Activity Progress Narrative:

Accomplishments Performance Measures

No Accomplishments Performance Measures

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources	Amount
No Other Funding Sources Found	
Total Other Funding Sources	



Monitoring, Audit, and Technical Assistance

Event Type	This Report Period	To Date
Monitoring, Audits, and Technical Assistance	0	45
Monitoring Visits	0	6
Audit Visits	0	0
Technical Assistance Visits	0	21
Monitoring/Technical Assistance Visits	0	18
Report/Letter Issued	0	17

