

## Cumberland County Community Development – 2016 Program Year

### “Cumberland County CDBG”

*“Cumberland County” are the group of 23 communities that compete for funds. It does not include the set-aside communities of South Portland and Bridgton.*

**CDBG funds awarded: \$671,958**

2016 Program Funds	\$648,617
Re-allocated Funds	\$ 23,341

### Regional vs. community projects:

Regional projects:	\$ 371,953
Community projects:	\$ 300,005

### Funding by project type:

Public Service	\$ 118,592
Public Facilities	\$ 163,505
Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 340,000
Infrastructure for Housing	\$ 49,861

**County Administration \$ 142,000**

### Project & Funding Recommendations

#### CDBG General Program Grants

##### Public Service

Standish (Lead) – Domestic Violence Prevention, Rural Outreach Request - \$27,000  
**Award - \$27,000**

Family Crisis Services proposes enhancing domestic violence prevention outreach efforts in five rural communities: Casco, Naples, Raymond, Standish and Windham. Services would include assistance filing protective orders, safety planning, court and individual advocacy, support groups, public awareness events, and referrals to service providers.

Opportunity Alliance – Homelessness Prevention Request - \$40,005  
**Award - \$30,005**

Case management and one-time financial assistance to support clients who are at-risk of homelessness or are experiencing homelessness

Port Resources – Clinical Staff Training Request - \$ 40,000  
**Award - \$ 20,000**

This social service agency seeks grant funds to increase clinical capacity to provide outpatient services for individuals with dual diagnosis of developmental disabilities and mental health disorders.

Westbrook – Community Policing Coordinator

Request - \$30,000

**Award - \$30,000**

A civilian coordinator will facilitate crime prevention, host neighborhood meetings, coordinate youth activities and provide a liaison to the Police Department. The program is centered in the Frenchtown/Brown Street neighborhood. The city will contribute 46% of the cost of the coordinator.

Windham (Lead) – Lake Region Explorer Bus Fare Subsidy

Request – \$ 15,000

**Award - \$ 11,587**

The towns of Windham, Raymond, Casco and Naples will use CDBG funds to provide free bus passes on the Lakes Region Explorer. The Explorer provides bus service up/down Rt. 302 from Bridgton to Portland. Passes will be provided to an estimated 300-400 low-income residents, seniors and disabled adults.

**Housing**

The Opportunity Alliance – Heating Improvement Program

Request - \$200,000

**Award - \$200,000**

Since 2007, Cumberland County Community Development has provided funds to Opportunity Alliance (formerly PROP) to operate a housing rehabilitation program. This year's application would direct funds primarily to the repair and replacement of malfunctioning heating systems and secondarily to address serious safety and code violations. It is anticipated that 25 households will be assisted. County-sponsored application.

AlphaOne – Critical Access Ramps

Request - \$ 50,000

**Award - \$ 50,000**

The program will provide between 8-10 home access ramps for individuals with mobility disabilities. A similar program was funded in 2008, 2010 and 2013.

Windham – Robinson Mill Redevelopment

Request - \$319,000

**Award - \$ 49,861**

The project will support the redevelopment of the Robinson Mill complex into 45 housing units, 23 of which will be designated affordable housing units. Funds be used to provide utilities to the site.

Yarmouth – Bartlett Circle Renovations

Request \$ 90,000

**Award \$90,000**

Bartlett Circle is a 28-unit low-income independent living facility for seniors. CDBG will be used towards the renovation of the complex matching over \$500,000 in local funds and resources from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston.

## **Public Facilities**

### Long Island – Community Building Elevator

Request - \$ 50,150  
**Award - \$ 50,150**

The community seeks to install a handicap accessible elevator at the Long Island Learning Center to permit utilization of the basement area as an emergency shelter and multi-purpose facility. The grant would be used to purchase the elevator equipment.

### Westbrook – My Place for Teens – Renovations

Request - \$113,357  
**Award - \$ 113,355**

Funds to be used to purchase materials to renovate this teen center on Main Street, Westbrook. 600 youths per year participate in the teen centers program & activities. The request will be matched by over \$200,000 in private grant funds.

## **Bridgton & South Portland Programs**

The program and activities conducted in the two set-aside communities of Bridgton and South Portland are integral components of the Cumberland County Community Development program. While not participants in the County application competition, their projects, activities, funds, planning, administration and regulatory compliance are integral components of the County's program.

### **Town of Bridgton:**

2016 Set-Aside Allocation	\$185,415
Reprogrammed Funds	<u>\$ 9,145</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$194,571</b>
<u>Program Administration</u>	\$ 35,500
<u>Public Facilities</u>	<b>\$131,259</b>
Downtown Infrastructure Development	\$ 30,000
Community Center Electrical Improvements	\$ 11,000
Salmon Point Beach Bathrooms	\$ 15,259
Town Hall Rec Center Renovations	\$ 75,000
<u>Public Services</u>	<b>\$ 27,812</b>
Emergency Fuel Assistance	\$ 4,344
Community Kettle Dinners Program	\$ 2,000
Community Center Navigator Program	\$ 6,100
Youth Recreation Scholarships	\$ 5,122
School Backpack Food Program	\$ 4,566
St. Peter's Dinner Program	\$ 1,200
Food Pantry Assistance	\$ 2,988
Family Crisis Services	\$ 1,500



Affordable housing development	14%	\$ 46,585
Required CHDO set-aside	16%	\$ 53,415

The CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) set-aside is a special requirement of the program. Funds must be distributed to specialized non-profit organizations to develop or rehabilitate rental or ownership housing. In 2015 the HOME Consortium provided \$122,000 to a partnership of Yarmouth Senior Housing and Avesta Housing as part of a \$6 million financing package for Bartlett Woods, a 28 unit 3-story senior housing development.