

**Cumberland County 2013 Projects
Program Year #7**

2013 CDBG Funding Allocation	\$1,534,022
Re-programmed Prior Year CDBG Funds (County)	\$ 85,209
Re-programmed Prior Year CDBG Funds (Bridgton)	\$ 162,500
South Portland "Old" Entitlement CDBG Funds	\$ 65,245
South Portland "Old" Entitlement CDBG Program Income	\$ 25,275
Total Funds	\$1,872,251

County Program Administration - \$142,000

County Grants \$ 860,073

Regional Projects \$ 213,133
Community Projects \$ 586,940
Planning \$ 60,000

Funding by project type:

Housing Rehabilitation \$ 208,133
Public Improvements \$ 480,000
Social Service \$ 111,940
Planning \$ 60,000

General Program Funding Awards

1. Alpha One—Critical Access Ramp Program \$50,000

Alpha One will construct handicap access ramps at the homes of persons with mobility disabilities. The ramps are modular and can be removed and reinstalled at other locations when no longer needed. The program will install 8 to 10 ramps over a 2-year period.

2. Domestic Violence Response \$56,507
Cape Elizabeth, Gorham, Gray, Naples, Scarborough, Standish, Raymond, Casco

Family Crisis Services (FCS) will use CDBG funding to continue their Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) program. A similar program is also in operation in Portland, South Portland, and Westbrook. EPIC is a collaborative effort between FCS and local police departments. FCS staff accompany police on follow-up calls to victims of domestic abuse help victims secure advocacy services and emergency shelter.

3. Elder Services \$35,433
Gorham, Standish

A social worker from The Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA) will work one day per week in both Gorham and Standish. The staff member will provide information and resource services to people 60+ and to disabled adults. Two volunteers will be trained by the social worker to provide continued Medicare and benefits counseling in each community after the end of the project. This activity has been funded for the past two years: Windham and Westbrook (PY 2011); Westbrook and Gorham (PY 2012).

4. Freeport Elder Association "Bus": \$15,000

Funds will be used to purchase a new 15 passenger handicap accessible van/bus to transport seniors to activities. The Elder Association raised \$49,900 in matching funds to contribute towards the purchase.

5. Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP) \$158,133
Opportunity Alliance

This program involves corrections of malfunctioning heating systems in income qualified households by privately employed Maine Oil and Solid Fuel Board licensed technicians. Technicians will also conduct a HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection to determine if other life safety and code repairs need to be completed. An estimated 35 households will be assisted.

6. Therapeutic Recreation \$5,000
Center for Therapeutic Recreation

The program will provide recreation and social activities to 12-16 adults with developmental disabilities. The funds will support a sliding scale fee structure, enabling those with the least financial resources to participate in aquatic recreation programs.

7. Wescott Community Center Electrical Improvements \$150,000
Westbrook

The current electrical feed to the Wescott Community Center is routed through a switch shared with the adjacent elementary school. This antiquated system is inadequate to serve current energy demands at the facility. This project is one step of an ongoing multi-stage improvement process of the facility by the City. The Community Center houses a food pantry and recreation facilities, and provides programming for low-income residents, including children and seniors.

8. Westbrook Downtown Streetscape Improvements \$330,000

This project consists of an array of streetscape, pedestrian, parking, and lighting improvements in conjunction with the reconstruction of the Bridge Street Bridge in downtown Westbrook.

CDBG Planning Grant Funding Recommendations

1. Town of Gorham—Village Master Plan \$21,000

This project is an updated study of Gorham Village which will focus on issues such as parking and pedestrian safety.

2. Opportunity Alliance—Assessment of Homeless Services \$14,000

This study will analyze existing data on the Cumberland County homeless population.

3. City of Westbrook – Planning for Riverwalk Trail \$25,000

The project will survey & analyze land along the north side of the Presumpscot River to determine the most suitable path for completing the Riverwalk trail.

Bridgton & South Portland Programs

The programs 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 application competition, their projects, activities, funds, planning, administration and regulatory compliance are all part of the County's program.

Town of Bridgton

2013 Set-Aside Allocation	\$191,532
Bridgton Re-allocation	\$162,500
Total	\$354,032

<u>Program Administration</u>	\$38,355
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Building and sustaining administrative capacity in Bridgton is an important component of their long-term Downtown Revitalization and Community Development program.

<u>Public Infrastructure</u>	\$215,177
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This allocation of Depot Street sidewalk re-construction will be coupled with \$19,500 allocated for the project in 2012.

Sidewalk & curbing on Depot Street - \$97,677
Main Street sewer line extension - \$80,000
New septic/leach field - \$37,500

Public Facilities \$65,000

The Rufus Porter Museum exterior renovation project is the second phase of a multi-year activity.

Bridgton Community Center, new windows - \$20,000
Rufus Porter Museum renovations - \$45,000

Public Services \$15,500

Bridgton Food Pantry - \$1,500
Emergency Fuel Assistance – \$5,000
Community Meals Program - \$2,000
Cancer Patient Support – \$5,000
Community HELP - \$2,000

Downtown Façade Improvements \$20,000

City of South Portland

2013 CDBG Set-Aside Allocation	\$425,626
“Old” CDBG Entitlement Funds	\$ 65,245
“Old” Entitlement Program Income	<u>\$ 25,275</u>
Total	\$516,146

The City of South Portland and its Community Development staff continue to operate their CDBG program, much as they did prior to relinquishing HUD Entitlement status. Coordination between South Portland and the County, particularly on administrative matters occurs on a regular and on-going basis.

Program Administration \$58,648

The funds pay salaries, benefits and basic office supplies, phone and technology required for the activities of South Portland’s Community Development Office.

Housing Rehabilitation \$11,278

Emergency housing rehabilitation for income-qualified homeowners.

Public Infrastructure \$380,520

South Portland will rehabilitate sidewalks in target areas of the City, construct a park on a vacant lot in the struggling Redbank neighborhood, provide a new half-court basketball court in the Brick Hill neighborhood, and complete the exterior rehabilitation of a blighted building in 2013.

Public Services

\$65,700

Funds will be provided to 8 programs: Domestic Violence Services (Family Crisis Center), Community Counseling Center; Skillin Elementary School Food Program; Bus Passes; Emergency Heating Assistance; Recreation Scholarships; Redbank Resource Hub Personnel; and Elder Services (S.M.A.A.)

HOME Program Consortium

All the communities of Cumberland County including Portland, Brunswick and the 25 members of our Community Development program have formed the City of Portland/Cumberland County HOME Consortium. The City of Portland serves as the lead entity of the Consortium.

The non-Portland members of the Consortium will receive an allocation of \$350,937. Unlike CDBG, HOME funds can only be used for housing activities, primarily housing rehabilitation, home ownership assistance and new construction of rental housing. The non-Portland Consortium members' budget is more balance between ownership and rehabilitation than in past years.

Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 202,447
Homeownership Assistance	\$ 90,000
CHDO (new construction rental/ownership housing)	\$ 58,490