

Cumberland County Community Development Program – 2014 Summary of Applications

General Program Applications

Public Service Applications

Domestic Violence Prevention: Cape Elizabeth (Lead) Request - \$48,000

Family Crisis Services (FCS) will use CDBG funding to continue their Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) program. Cape Elizabeth is the lead applicant. EPIC is a collaborative effort between FCS and local police departments. FCS staff accompanies police on follow-up calls to victims of domestic violence providing safety planning, support and referrals. A total of 17 County towns are involved with the program.

Opportunity Alliance – Homelessness Prevention Request - \$53,428

The Opportunity Alliance (OA, formerly PROP) seeks funds to provide case management services to assist individuals and families facing imminent homelessness. In addition, OA will train municipal General Assistance administrators to better understand housing services to assist homeless and potentially homeless clients. County-sponsored application.

Elder Services: Standish (Lead) Request - \$35,930

A social worker from Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA) will provide Medicare benefits counseling one day per week in Freeport and one day per week in Standish. The staff member is a trained Medicare Benefits Counselor and will provide information and services to people 60+ or disabled adults. The program will also train volunteers from each town to provide Medicare and benefits counseling. This activity has been funded for the past three years: Windham & Westbrook (2011); Westbrook & Gorham (2012), and Gorham & Standish (2013).

Therapeutic Recreation—Center for Therapeutic Recreation Request - \$5,000

The program will provide recreation and social activities for 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. County-sponsored application

Westbrook –Women’s Immigrant Health/Wellness Program Request - \$43,940

The project will provide twice weekly wellness sessions with refugee and immigrant women of all nationalities. The meetings will provide services including: medical monitoring, physical exercise, nutrition education, English language instruction, social interaction and an introduction to medical care and medical professionals. Funds would pay for staff (including nurse, ESL instructor and social worker), childcare and transportation.

Housing Applications

Freeport – Energy Conservation Program

Request - \$17,880

The CDBG funded program will provide a \$200 co-pay to low/moderate income homeowners participating in the Efficiency Maine Home Energy Savings Program. Efficiency Maine provides \$400 toward the total cost of \$600. It is anticipated that 75 housing units would be provided an energy audit coupled with comprehensive air sealing. Average savings per home will be approximately 100 gallons of oil per year (\$370.00 @ \$3.70 per gallon).

Opportunity Alliance – Heating Improvement Program

Request - \$175,000

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.

Public Facilities

Falmouth – Food Pantry Renovations (Lead)

Request - \$40,000

The project encompasses renovation and expansion of the Falmouth Food Pantry from 550 sq. ft. to 880 sq. ft. Improvements to include ADA access, client intake area, waiting area, electrical, ceiling and flooring replacement, paint & installation of appliances. The City of Westbrook is a co-applicant.

Pownal – Handicap Access, Town Hall

Request - \$23,128

The project is to replace the seriously deteriorated handicap access ramp at Mallett Hall, the Pownal Town Office. The existing wooden ramp suffers from extreme rot.

Westbrook – Riverfront Redevelopment

Request - \$40,000

The project consists of engineering and design plans leading to the construction of public, urban whitewater rafting infrastructure.

Public Infrastructure

Gorham – Little Falls Sidewalks

Request - \$237,280

The project will reconstruct two sidewalks in disrepair in the Gorham Little Falls neighborhood. 3,100 feet of sidewalk with ADA compliant ramps will be installed along Gray Road (Rt. #202) and Mosher Street (Rt. #237).

Gray – Monument Square Improvements

Request - \$240,000

The project entails the revitalization of Monument Square, the village center of Gray. The CDBG request represents about 1/3 of the estimated project cost. The CDBG funds will be utilized to demolish the former Post Office and Town Office buildings; construct a new landscaped entry from Shaker Road (Rt. #26) to a lighted parking area; a small pocket park and septic facilities. These activities will support the expansion of commercial and residential development in the area; sidewalk improvements; improvements to the Russell School campus and the re-development of the Douglas Field recreation area.

Standish – Sidewalks and Storm Drainage Improvements

Request - \$307,000

The proposed 2,000 linear feet of sidewalk and storm drainage improvements will be constructed in the Steep Falls neighborhood. The project will occur along Main Street (Rt. #11) from the Saco River to the intersection of the Pequawket Trail (Rt. #113)

Planning Grant Applications

Gorham - South Gorham Plan

Request - \$21,000

The plan for South Gorham would seek to improve the aesthetic appeal of the area, develop a unified streetscape, enhance economic activity, improve pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle safety, provide adequate parking and develop recommendations for regulatory and zoning measures.

Harpswell – EMS Delivery Study

Request - \$3,500

The town wants to review Emergency Medical Service operations and structure and develop recommendations for changing the delivery model to meet future anticipated needs. Addressing the challenge of an aging population coupled with fewer EMS volunteers requires study and planning.

Raymond – Manufacturing Incubator Plan

Request - \$31,200

The town seeks to redevelop the former Chipco International factory on Rt. 320 into a manufacturing business incubator. The planning grant will examine the feasibility of such an endeavor and develop a business plan for the project.