

Cumberland County Community Development Program – 2013

Summary of Applications Received – February 1, 2013

General CDBG Program Applications

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 looks to install 8 to 10 ramps over a 2-year period.

2. Domestic Violence Prevention \$56,507
Cape Elizabeth (Lead), Casco, Gorham, Gray, Naples, Raymond, Scarborough,
Standish

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 abuse to provide safety planning, support and referrals.

3. Freeport - Elder Association "Bus" \$ 15,000
Freeport (Lead), Pownal

Funds will be used to purchase a new 15 passenger handicap accessible van/bus to transport seniors to activities. Applicant is contributing \$49,900 in matching funds. Community has filed several unsuccessful applications for this activity in past years. This year's application provides much increased matching funds.

4. Elder Services \$35,433
Gorham (Lead), Standish

A social worker from Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA) will provide Medicare benefits counseling in Gorham and Standish one day a week, in each community. The staff member is a trained Medicare Benefits Coordinator and will provide information and resource services to people 60+ or disabled adults. Two volunteers from each town will be trained to provide Medicare and benefits counseling in each community. This activity has been funded for the past two years: Program year 2011 Windham & Westbrook; Program year 2012 Westbrook & Gorham.

5. Gray - Pedestrian Improvements \$55,200

The project entails the installation of a crosswalk, pedestrian activated flashing beacon, curbing and a handicap accessible ramp to improve a crossing on Rt. 26 (Shaker Road) in Gray Village.

6. Harpwell – Pier Cell Demolition \$40,000
- The project would remove gangways and remote cells adjacent to the piers at the end of the Mitchell Field property. These structures have collapsed and pose a public safety hazard.
7. Opportunity Alliance – Heating Improvement Program \$150,000
- Since 2007 Cumberland County Community Development has provided funds to PROP (now Opportunity Alliance) 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’s anticipated that 35 households will be assisted.
8. Opportunity Alliance – Homelessness Prevention \$ 93,428
- The Opportunity Alliance (OA, formerly PROP) seeks funds to continue providing case management services assisting individuals and families facing imminent homelessness. In addition OA would train municipal General Assistance administrators to better understand housing services to assist homeless and potentially homeless clients.
9. Therapeutic Recreation Center for Therapeutic Recreation \$5,000
- The program will serve between 12-16 adults with developmental disabilities providing recreation and social activities. The funds will support a sliding scale fee structure enabling those with the least financial resources to participate in aquatic recreation programs.
10. Westbrook – Wescott Community Center Electrical Improvements \$150,000
- The current electrical feed to the Wescott Community Center is routed through a switch shared with the adjacent elementary school. This is an antiquated system inadequate to serve current conditions. The City continues to improve the Community Center facility and this represents the next step in an ongoing multi-stage process.
11. Westbrook – Downtown Streetscape Improvements \$330,000
- The 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.
12. Temporary Emergency Shelter \$ 6,750
Westbrook (Lead), Gorham, Windham
- Funds would be use by Westbrook, Gorham and Windham public safety departments to provide temporary emergency housing in cases of homelessness, domestic violence, mental health emergencies and no heat/cooling emergencies.

13. Yarmouth – Bartlett Circle Window Replacement Project \$ 55,000

Bartlett Circle is a 28-unit low-income senior housing complex dating from the mid-1970s. Over the past 5 years the non-profit owner has engaged in a comprehensive rehabilitation and modernization program. The project will replace 143 windows to achieve both safety and energy efficiency improvements. Renovation and expansion of the community center at Bartlett Circle was partially funded by a 2010 Cumberland County CDBG grant.

CDBG Planning Grant Applications

1. Harpswell – Update of Marine Resources Plan \$36,000

The Town seeks funds to update its 1995 Marine Resources Plan and re-evaluate Harpswell's shellfish resources and recommend protection measures.

2. Town of Gorham – Village Master Plan \$21,000

Update study of Gorham Village particularly issues such as parking, pedestrian safety.

3. Opportunity Alliance - \$14,000

Analyze existing data on the Cumberland County homeless population

4. Westbrook – Riverwalk North Plan \$25,000

Create topographic survey of land along north side of the Presumpscot River as an initial step to the development of a walking path.