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

County Administration \$ 142,000

### **Project & Funding Recommendations**

CDBG General Program Grants
Public Service

<u>Standish (Lead) – Domestic Violence Prevention, Rural Outreach</u> 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.

<u>Opportunity Alliance – Homelessness Prevention</u> 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

<u>Port Resources – Clinical Staff Training</u> 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.

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

# **City of South Portland:**

2016 Set-Aside Allocation \$412,033

The City of South Portland continues to operate their CDBG program much as they did prior to relinquishing HUD Entitlement status in 2007. Coordination between South Portland and the County, particularly on administrative matters occurs on a regular and on-going basis. Maeve Pistrang serves as the Community Development Coordinator in both Cumberland County and South Portland. South Portland finalized its selection of CDBG funded programs, projects and activities at a City Council meeting on April 4, 2016.

<u>Housing</u> \$ 38,013

South Portland anticipates completing between 8-10 weatherization and housing rehabilitation activities in the coming year.

## Public Facilities/Infrastructure

\$232,215

South Portland will provide funds for five activities: Redbank Community Center addition; new sidewalks and greenbelt improvements in Ferry Village; pedestrian crosswalk improvements; and renovations to the Boys & Girls Club.

Public Services \$ 61,805

Funds will be provided to 8 programs: Family Crisis Services; Bus Passes; Emergency Heating Assistance; Recreation Scholarships; Redbank Resource Hub Personnel; Meals-on-Wheels; South Portland Food Cupboard; and a new program for The Opportunity Alliance working with 1<sup>st</sup> time youth offenders.

### Program Administration

\$ 65,000

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

#### **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. Portland serves as the lead entity for the Consortium. All administrative and program delivery services are conducted by the City

The non-Portland members of the Consortium will receive an allocation of funds of \$320,000 plus \$5,000 collected in program income for a total of \$357,236. Unlike CDBG, HOME funds can only be used for four housing activities, housing rehabilitation, home ownership assistance, tenant based rental assistance and new construction of rental or ownership housing.

Proposed allocations	<u>%</u>	<u>\$325,000</u>
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Housing rehabilitation 70% \$225,000

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.