

## Cumberland County Community Development - 2012

### Projects, Programs & Activities to Be Funded

<b>Total funds to be awarded:</b>	<b>\$921,392</b>
2012 Program Funds	\$734,321
Reallocated Funds	\$187,071

### Regional vs. community projects:

Regional projects:	\$201,450
Community projects:	\$719,942

### Funding by project type:

Social Service	\$136,449
Public Facilities	\$100,000
Public Infrastructure	\$456,165
Housing Rehabilitation	\$150,000
Economic Development	\$ 48,778
Planning	\$ 30,000

### Project & Funding Recommendations

#### CDBG General Program Grants

1. Domestic Violence Prevention \$50,260  
Cape Elizabeth, Gorham, Gray, Naples, Scarborough, Standish, Raymond, Casco

Family Crisis Services (FCS) will use CDBG funding to expand the coverage of their Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC 2) program to the Towns of Gray, Raymond, and Casco; EPIC 2 currently serves Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Gorham, and Naples. 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. During the first half of the 2011 program year, the EPIC 2 advocate has completed 76 follow-up visits with a law enforcement officer.

2. Affordable Housing Infrastructure \$143,000  
Freeport

CDBG funds will be used to help cover Habitat-for-Humanity's cost of site clearance and preparation, road construction, storm drainage, and site utilities to create a subdivision for 8 new homes. The homes (4 duplexes) will be sold to 8 low-income and very low-income families.

3. Elder Services \$34,739  
Gorham, Westbrook

A Social Worker from The Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA) will work one day per week in both Gorham and Westbrook. 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.

4. Water Line \$233,165  
New Gloucester

The project entails the construction of a public water system in the Upper Village neighborhoods to address long term contamination of private wells. Total project cost of \$2.8 million will be financed from a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) grant and a grant/loan combination from Rural Development. The CDBG funds will provide partial funding for the purchase and installation of the gravity feed water tank.

5. Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP) \$150,000  
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 repairs need to be completed. An estimated 38 households will be assisted in this manner with projects ranging from \$2,000 to \$8,000.

6. Homelessness Prevention \$45,450  
Opportunity Alliance

Case management services will be provided to assist individuals and families facing imminent homelessness. Services include education about housing options, information about available resources, assistance with creating a stability plan, budgeting, and on-going support through the process. The focus is on keeping clients stably housed or to be quickly re-housed, ideally in their own communities. This activity has been funded by the HUD Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing program grant that is expiring in June 2012 and that will no longer be available.

7. Grant for Business \$48,778  
Standish

The Town of Standish is requesting funds on behalf of Roadway Utility Trailers, a spin-off enterprise of Standish Trailer Sales; Standish Trailer Sales is an existing business located on Northeast Rd in Standish. Funds will be used to purchase machinery and equipment for the fabrication of steel components used in the production of trailers for personal and commercial use in the Northeast market. Roadway Utility Trailers projects first year employment of 7 new workers.

8. Affordable Housing Infrastructure \$80,000  
Scarborough

CDBG funds will provide partial funding for the extension of existing public sewer infrastructure to facilitate an affordable housing development on town-owned land. The project is a partnership between the Town of Scarborough Housing Alliance and Habitat for Humanity. The concept plan for the project proposes seventeen housing units with a mix of single-family and two-family dwellings.

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

The program will provide recreation and social activities to 12-18 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 for a total of 150 hours.

10. Wescott Community Center Improvements \$100,000  
Westbrook

This project will replace deteriorated and damaged flooring throughout the Community Center including removal and disposal of broken asbestos tiles. The rehabilitation will include replacement of the water damaged and uneven wood gym floor. Over 300 people utilize the Community Center daily.

### **CDBG Planning Grants**

1. Hancock Block Master Plan \$10,000  
Gray

The planning project seeks to assess the constraints and opportunities for redevelopment and preservation of the properties in this pivotal location in Gray Village.

2. Economic Development Plan \$5,000  
Harpwell

A consultant will be hired to engage the community in the development of an economic development strategy.

3. Public Water Supply Capacity Development Study \$15,000  
Naples

This study is to locate adequate public water sources and determine pumping station needs, storage capacity and pressure.



Public Services

\$58,382

Funds will be provided to 9 programs: Family Crisis Center, Community Counseling Center; Skillin Elementary School Food Program; Bus Passes; Emergency Heating Assistance; Recreation Scholarships; Redbank Resource Hub Personnel; English as a Second Language (E.S.L.); and Meals-on-wheels (SMAA).

Program Administration

\$77,843

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. The City of Portland serves as the lead entity of the Consortium.

The non-Portland members of the Consortium will receive an allocation of funds of \$365,313. Unlike CDBG, HOME funds can only be used for housing activities, primarily housing rehabilitation, home ownership assistance and new construction of rental or ownership housing. It is proposed that the non-Portland Consortium budget place more emphasis on Housing Rehabilitation for 2012 than in past years.

Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 204,450
Homeownership Assistance	\$ 100,000
CHDO Requirement (new housing construction)	\$ 60,863