

Community Development Block Grant



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NEIGHBORHOOD CDBG MEETING: District 1

7:00 Wednesday September 21, 2011

Merrill Rehearsal Hall,
20 Myrtle Street

- Introductions
- Focus for this evening
- Slide show describing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program
- Overview of projects funded and completed in your neighborhood with the CDBG
- Possible projects for this funding year
- Your thoughts, ideas, feedback
- Questions?

CDBG: Federal Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons.

The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations.

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/>

CDBG: PURPOSE

The CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses.

CDBG is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities.

The CDBG program has made a difference in the lives of millions of people and their communities across the Nation.

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/>

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- HUD provides grants on a formula basis to 1180 cities and counties throughout the country.
- Grantees carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward **revitalizing neighborhoods**, **economic development**, **creating suitable living environments**, **providing decent housing**, and **improving community facilities and services**.

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Project or program's must meet one of three broad goals:

1. **Benefit low and moderate income persons**
2. **Prevent or eliminate slum or blighted areas**
3. **Address an urgent or emergency community need**

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Eligible Activities include but not limited to:

- **Public improvements**
 - Streets, Sidewalks, Parks, Sewers, etc
- **Public facilities**
 - Neighborhood centers, non-profit centers, and school building conversions for eligible purposes
- **Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential buildings**
 - Housing Rehabilitation or Non-profit Rehabilitation
- **Energy conservation and renewable energy resources**
- **Economic development and job-creation/ retention activities**
- **Acquisition of land or real property to be used for eligible purposes**
 - Housing/ Community Land Trust to provide affordable housing
- **Public Services**
- **Planning and Administration**

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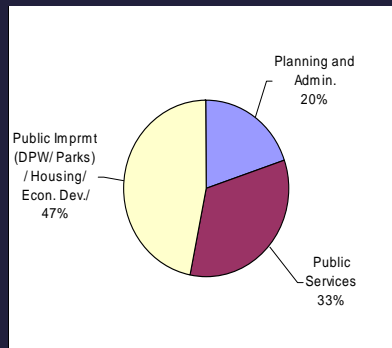
Traditionally funds have been allocated:

20% Planning and Administration (cap enforced by HUD)

33% Public Services (cap enforced by HUD)

47% Development Activities

(sidewalks, streets, parks, sewers, housing, economic development, facades, rehabilitation of public structures, etc.)



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For 2011-2012...

\$ 414,008 Planning & Administration

\$ 670,674 Public Services

\$ 1,130,806 Development Activities including:

- \$ 161,010 Housing Rehabilitation Program
- \$ 519,525 Streetscape Improvement/Connections
- \$ 65,488 Handicap Access/Trees
- \$ 169,307 Non-Profit Rehab/Expansion
- \$116,101 Healthy Living Healthy City/ Code Enf.
- \$ 99,375 Job Creation

\$ 2,215,488 Total CDBG Funding for 2009-2010

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Public Services

Child care



Elder programs



Youth job training



Soup kitchens

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Housing Program: PLANNING Department

- Housing Rehabilitation
- Energy Audits
- Down payment assistance



Community Development Block Grant Public Improvements

Playgrounds

- Peppermint Park
- East End Playground & Grounds
- Adams Street Playground
- Cliff Island Playground
- Fox Street / Bayside Park
- Taylor Street
- Deering Oaks Playground
Deering Oaks Fountain
- Tate/ Tyng
- Clark Street
- Reiche Playground, Phase 1,2 & 3: basketball courts, soccer field, playground, field, fence



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Handicap Accessibility

Sidewalk Reconstruction

- Cumberland Avenue
- Eastern Promenade
- Greenleaf Street
- Madison Street
- Everett Street
- Chestnut Street
- Grant Street
- Brackett Street
- State Street
- Mellen Street
- Neal Street
- Burnham Street
- Congress Street from Lowell to Marston
- Lowell Street
- Sewell Street



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Public Improvements: Parks Projects Funded/ Completed

Newer Projects

- Bayside Trail lighting
- North Boyd Street Trail Connection
- Elm Street Connections to the Bayside Trail
- Park Avenue sidewalk and lighting

Street Reconstruction

- Madison Street

Streetscape Improvement

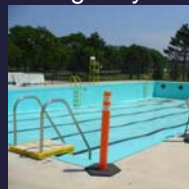
- St John Street Streetscape Improvement
- Valley Street Streetscape Improvement
- Fox and Anderson Streetscape Improvement
- Libbytown Streetscape Safety

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Public Improvements: Funded/ Completed

Other Projects

- Boyd Street Community Garden
- North Street Community Gardens
- Eastern Prom Master Plan
- Fox Street Athletic Field
- Tree Planting
- Reiche Community Center Internal Improvements
- Valley Street Community Garden Fence
- Western Prom walkways
- Western cemetery
- Deering Oaks Castle & Fountain
- Kiwanis Pool Rehab
- East End Basketball Courts
- Dougherty Field



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Federal update:

The City received a 16.5% cut in CDBG funds last year. It's expected that another cut is imminent, although the depth of the cut is unknown. The importance of focusing resources is vital, however the need is great.

What are the most pressing needs in your neighborhood?

