

CITY MANAGER COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRANT

The Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program was enacted by Congress in 1974. From 1977 through 2011, the City has secured in excess of \$17,754,000 in CDBG funds which supported a variety projects. Originally administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the program is currently administered by the NH Community Development Finance Authority.

Each year, the NHCDFA holds two “regular” application rounds – typically in January and July - for CDBG funds to support planning and feasibility projects which benefit low and moderate income individuals and households. The maximum grant amount is \$500,000 for these “regular” grant rounds. In addition, emergency and economic development grants are available on a year-round basis, as funds allow, on a “first come - first served” basis in an amount up to \$500,000 per municipality annually. The NHCDFA also offers CDBG Feasibility / Planning Grants in an amount up to \$12,000 per municipality annually.

Funding for the CDBG Program has been reduced by the Federal Government approximately 33% over the past two years. Since 2010, the State’s allocation has been reduced from \$10 million to roughly \$7 million. As a result, securing these funds has become that much more competitive in recent years.

A portion of each grant is retained by the City to defray the cost of administering the grant funds. Administration activities typically include monitoring compliance with Federal rules and regulations, special financial audits, and similar activities. The City relies upon a combination of in-house staff and consultants to assist with administration of CDBG projects.

The City’s Community Development Advisory Committee (“CDAC”) assists the City Administration with selection of projects for which CDBG funds are sought.

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<u>SERVICE INDICATORS</u>	Actual <u>2010</u>	Actual <u>2011</u>	Estimated <u>2012</u>	Projected <u>2013</u>
1. Number of CDBG Grants Applied For	2	1	1	1
2. Number of CDBG Grants Awarded	2	1	1	1
3. CDBG Funding Applied For	\$462,000	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
4. CDBG Funding Awarded	\$462,000	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

2013 GOALS

1. Apply for the maximum funding possible for housing and economic development related projects under the Community Development Block Grant Program as administered by the NH Community Development Finance Authority.

2012 GOALS STATUS

1. Apply for the maximum funding possible for housing and economic development related projects under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) as administered by the NH Community Development Finance Authority.
9-Month Status: As of March 30, 2012, the City had applied for one Community Development Block Grant, totaling \$500,000, to assist with development of the new Friendly Kitchen facility at 2 South Commercial Street. The application is expected to be awarded on April 19, 2012, with funds becoming available around July 1, 2013. In addition, on March 28, 2012, the Community Development Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the City Council seek \$500,000 in CDBG funds to support expansion and renovation of the Concord Boys & Girls Club at 55 Bradley Street. An application will be filed during the next grant round, which closes in late July 2012.
2. Continue to maintain appropriate procedures in order to incur no negative CDBG findings.
9-Month Status: An independent audit of current CDBG projects by the City's outside auditing firm, completed in February 2012, contained no negative findings.

BUDGET DETAIL

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	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGETED	2012 ESTIMATED	2013 FISCAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS						
OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500
SUPPLIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000

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FUNDING IMPACT

This budget contains no significant funding changes.