

## **CDBG CARES ACT Funding (CDBG-CV)**

The State of Vermont received \$4,256,840 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV1) funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal CARES Act which is administered by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Housing and Community Development - Vermont Community Development Program. 70% of the CDBG-CV funding is required to serve low- and moderate-income persons.

VCDP will use nearly \$730,000 of CDBG-CV funds to assist municipal public service programs that serve low and moderate individuals- throughout the state of Vermont, except those located in the City of Burlington that only serve Burlington residents (Burlington is an Entitlement community that receives a direct allocation). If a public service program in Burlington serves residents outside of the City, they should contact VCDP staff for eligibility for additional assistance through the State CDBG-CV Municipal Public Service Program.

### **Municipal Public Service Program**

The Municipal Public Service Program is designed to assist communities and non-profits with grants for public service projects that are in need due to COVID19 (such as addressing physical health needs of the residents in the community for social distancing and food shelves or meals on wheels for supplies, and materials necessary to continue to carry-out their public service, etc). Funding will be on a first come first serve basis and will be through a competitive application process. Public service projects serving 70% low- and moderate-income individuals is a priority which may require surveying the population served unless the project serves a population in an area-wide low- and moderate-income community.

This program will provide grants that range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

#### **➤ Where and How Do I apply?**

Municipalities will submit a VCDP 2020 Implementation Grant application through the GEARS system. This application is currently available and can be submitted at any time. Municipalities and non-profits will be required to provide a duplication of benefit affidavit to document unmet needs.

VCDP staff will review applications submitted and will make recommendations for project funding to the Vermont Community Development Board at their regularly scheduled board meetings scheduled for November 5, 2020, April 1, 2021, and June 10, 2021 or until all funding has been awarded. The application target dates for submission can be found on the departments website here: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp/board>

➤ **Who Do I Contact for Assistance?**

- Julia Connell, Community Development Specialist at [Julia.Connell@vermont.gov](mailto:Julia.Connell@vermont.gov) or call 828-5215 for projects in Addison, Lamoille, Washington, Orange counties.
- Nathan Cleveland, Community Development Specialist at [Nathan.Cleveland@vermont.gov](mailto:Nathan.Cleveland@vermont.gov) or call 585-5659 for projects in Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Windham, Windsor counties.
- Patrick Scheld, Community Development Specialist at [Patrick.Scheld@vermont.gov](mailto:Patrick.Scheld@vermont.gov) or call 828-1365 for projects in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Rutland counties.
- Cindy Blondin, Grants Management Analyst at [Cindy.Blondin@vermont.gov](mailto:Cindy.Blondin@vermont.gov) or call 828-5219 for assistance with the GEARS system.