

## Cumberland County Community Development Program

### Projects Selected for Funding - 2009

**Total CDBG Funds - \$1,476,134**

**County Program Administration - \$136,512**

\$118,800 for 3rd year admin; \$17,801 for reimbursement of ¼, pre-award development costs. This is the final payment of pre-award costs.

**County Program Grants - 626,324**

Regional Projects	\$162,000
Community Projects	\$464,324

#### Funding by project type:

Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 160,000
Public Improvements	\$ 199,324
Downtown Revitalization	\$ 200,000
Social Service	\$ 12,000
Planning	\$ 55,000

#### **Project & Funding Recommendations**

Casco - Community Center \$ 43,639 + \$3,763 (2007 reallocation)

The Casco Community Center is undergoing renovations after closure in 2005 due to mold and structural problems. These funds will be used to install a new kitchen to serve the facility. With the closing of elementary schools in Casco the Community Center will serve as the focal point of community activities and gatherings. Total grant = \$47,402

Casco - Regional Services Planning \$ 15,000

The planning grant will examine the regionalization of public safety services for the towns of Casco, Gray, Naples & Raymond. The communities will provide significant matching funds and hire a qualified consultant to complete the study. The goal is to maximize efficiencies of equipment, people and resources.

Freeport - Handicap Access Planning \$ 15,000

The planning project will study the feasibility of creating handicap access to the historic Harrington House, 45 Main Street, Freeport, home of the Freeport

Historical Society. The result will be the development of preliminary plans for a building addition to accommodate handicap access.

Gray - Downtown Revitalization \$ 200,000

This is the second phase of the Clark Block revitalization project begun in 2008. This phase will facilitate improved vehicle access, expand parking and consolidate septic systems that serve the commercial block.

Harpswell - Weatherization Program \$ 10,000

The grant will provide supplies to volunteer home weatherization teams to seal heat leaks and install storm windows. The program targets households receiving home heating assistance to make the homes as energy conserving as possible.

Harpswell - Road Construction \$ 40,000

Project will complete paving, ditching, loaming and seeding associated with a new road at the affordable housing sub-division being developed by the Greater Brunswick Housing Corporation.

Harpswell - Mitchell Field Planning \$ 25,000

This planning project will develop zoning and performance standards for a portion of the Mitchell Field property, the former location of the Navy Fuel Depot Facility. The 9 acre portion of the entire 118 acre site will become a marine business zone.

Long Island - Community Center \$ 19,200

Renovations and rehabilitation of the community center on Long Island is a large community endeavor. Grant funds will support two critical components - updating the existing electrical system and installing a sprinkler system.

PROP - Regional Housing Rehabilitation \$150,000

PROP will target these funds to homes receiving weatherization services. PROP's Dept. of Energy Weatherization Funds may not be used for ancillary housing rehabilitation, often required prior to installing insulation or replacing heating systems. These repairs would include roof replacement, replacing faulty wiring, repairing plumbing leaks & removing friable asbestos.

Sebago - Food/Clothing/Warming Facility \$ 36,575

The project entails renovations to a modular building that will house the Sebago Food Pantry, Clothing Bank, and storage area needed by the community Warming "Hut" program. The program is a partnership between the Town, four area churches, civic groups and interested residents.

Standish - Park Improvements \$ 59,910

This project will develop a public park in Steep Falls with swings, play systems, a basketball court, small skate park, benches, picnic tables and bicycle rack. An ice skating rink and parking already exists at the site at the heart of Steep Falls Village.

Wayside Food Rescue - Regional Food Distribution \$ 12,000

Funds will be used to expand the distribution of fresh and commodity foods to food pantries in Bridgton, Casco, Raymond, Windham, Standish, Steep Falls, Falmouth, Freeport, Scarborough and South Portland.

### **Bridgton & South Portland Programs**

The programs 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 application competition, their projects, activities, funds, planning, administration and regulatory compliance are all part of the County's program.

**Town of Bridgton** \$221,368

Wayside and Ball Field Sewer Leach Field Reconstruction \$186,368

The reconstruction and expansion of the Wayside Sewer/Leach Field and the Ball Field Sewer/Leach Field is a component of Bridgton's ongoing Downtown Revitalization initiative. The septic fields have deteriorated extensively and must be reconstructed to retain sanitary sewer service in the downtown neighborhood. The Wayside and Ball Field systems serve the low/moderate income downtown community development target area. This is Phase II of a multi-year plan to improve sanitary sewer service in Bridgton's Downtown. No construction occurred during 2007. Construction began in the late fall 2008 and will continue through the spring, summer and fall of 2009.

Program Administration \$35,000

Building and sustaining administrative capacity in Bridgton is an important component of their long-term Downtown Revitalization and Community Development program.

**City of South Portland**     \$491,930

The City of South Portland and its new Community Development Director Erik Carson continue to operate their CDBG program, much as they did prior to relinquishing HUD Entitlement status. Coordination between South Portland and the County, particularly on administrative matters occurs on a regular and on-going basis.

Housing Programs             \$ -0-

South Portland will not allocate CDBG funds to housing activities but expects to utilize approximately \$60,000 from the new Portland/Cumberland County HUD HOME Consortium for housing rehabilitation.

Public Facilities/Infrastructure     \$361,567

South Portland will complete facilities/infrastructure projects including: Mill Creek Park Benches; Pleasantdale Sidewalks; High/Sawyer St. Park; Mill Creek Transit Hub; Redbank Streetscape Improvements; Redbank Community Policing and Service Center, Redbank Park Equipment; Pedestrian Crossing Improvements; Broadway Sidewalk Improvements.

Public Services                 \$62,660

In 2009 funds will be provided to six programs that received funds in 2008: English as a Second Language (ESL); Recreation Scholarships; Boys & Girls Club Equipment; Bus Passes; PROP Senior Companion; Center for Therapeutic Recreation. One new program will be added this year - staff at the Redbank Service Hub.

Program Administration     \$67,703

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