Cumberland County Community Development Program – 2012

Summary of Applications Received – February 3, 2012

General CDBG Program Applications

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

   Family Crisis Services (FCS) will use CDBG funding to expand their Enhanced Police Intervention Collaboration (EPIC) program. Cape Elizabeth is the lead applicant. EPIC is a collaborative effort between FCS and local police departments. FCS staff accompany police on follow-up calls to victims of domestic abuse to provide safety planning, support and referrals.

2. **Freeport - Elder Association “Bus”** $32,000
   Freeport, Pownal

   Funds will be used to purchase a new 15 passenger handicap accessible van/bus to transport seniors to activities. Applicant is contributing $33,000 in matching funds.

3. **Freeport - Affordable Housing Infrastructure** $143,000

   The grant request will help cover Habitat-for-Humanity’s costs for site clearance & preparation, road construction, storm drainage and site utilities to create a subdivision for 8 new homes. The homes will be sold to 8 low-income and very low-income families.

4. **Elder Services** $34,739
   Gorham, Westbrook

   A social worker from Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA) will provide Medicare benefits counseling in Gorham and Westbrook one day a week, in each community. The staff member is a trained Medicare Benefits Coordinator and will provide information and resource services to people 60+ or disabled adults. Two volunteers will be trained by the social worker to provide Medicare and benefits counseling in each community.

5. **Gray - Downtown Traffic & Pedestrian Improvements** $130,000

   The project would upgrade three aspects of the Durgin Corner intersection (Rts 100, 115 &202 in Gray Village. The improvements will better channel traffic and improve pedestrian safety. A second project would install a mid-block crossing with highly visible crosswalk markings and pedestrian activated signal. This crossing would be located on Rt. 100/202 across from the new Pennell Municipal Building & recreation area.
6. **Harpwell - Building Demolition** $30,000

   The project would remove three structures from the former site of a Navy fuel depot known as Mitchell Field. The town of Harpswell currently owns the parcel. The project would improve the area and prepare the property for new business and housing opportunities. $6,000 match contribution.

7. **New Gloucester - Water Line** $375,000

   The project entails the construction of a public water system in the Upper Village neighborhood to address the contamination of private wells. Total project cost of $2.8 million will be financed from a DEP grant and a grant/loan combination from Rural Development. The CDBG funds will be used to purchase and install the gravity feed water tank.

8. **Cumberland County Home Share Program** $16,298

   The project would develop and deliver an educational program for future home sharers.

9. **Opportunity Alliance – Heating Improvement Program** $150,000

   Since 2007 Cumberland County Community Development has provided funds to PROP (now Opportunity Alliance) to operate a housing rehabilitation program. Initially the program provided general housing rehabilitation but in the past two years has focused on emergency repairs and rehabilitation to support weatherization efforts. This year’s application would direct funds to the repair and replacement of malfunctioning heating systems. It’s anticipated that 38 households will be assisted.

10. **Opportunity Alliance – Homelessness Prevention** $65,000

    PROP (now Opportunity Alliance) seeks funds to provide case management services to assist individuals and families facing imminent homelessness. This activity has been funded by the HUD Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing program grant that is expiring in June 2012 and no longer available.

11. **Scarborough – Affordable Housing Infrastructure** $80,000

    CDBG funds would provide partial funding for public sewer infrastructure to facilitate an affordable housing development on town-owned land.

12. **Standish - Grant for Business** $48,778

    The Town of Standish is requesting funds on behalf of Roadway Utility Trailers, a spin-off enterprise of Standish Trailer Sales, an existing business located on Northeast Rd in Standish. Funds would be used to purchase machinery and equipment for the fabrication of steel components used in the production of trailers.

13. **Therapeutic Recreation** $6,000  
   Center for Therapeutic Recreation  
   
   The program will serve between 12-18 adults with developmental disabilities providing recreation and social activities. The funds will support a sliding scale fee structure enabling those with the least financial resources to participate in aquatic recreation programs.

14. **Westbrook – Wescott Community Center Improvements** $174,000  
   
   This project would remove asbestos tiles and install new floor tiles and a new gym floor at the Wescott Community Center.

**CDBG Planning Grant Applications**

1. **Harpwell – Economic Development Plan** $10,000  
   
   The planning project would engage the community to develop an economic development strategy.

2. **Gray – Hancock Block Master Plan** $5,000  
   
   The planning project would access the constraints and opportunities for redevelopment and preservation of the properties in this pivotal location in Gray Village.

3. **Naples – Public Water Supply Capacity Development Study** $15,000  
   
   The project would study locations for an adequate public water sources, pumping station needs, storage capacity and pressure.