

Summary of 2026 CDBG Applications

Public Infrastructure/Facilities

Westbrook **Riverwalk South Pedestrian Security Lighting Enhancement** **\$200,000.00**

The City of Westbrook is seeking CDBG funds to enhance lighting and safety along the city maintained pedestrian pathway which connects the public to downtown businesses, public agencies and services, open spaces and recreational amenities. The majority of this 3/4 mile pedestrian pathway is not directly illuminated and/or relies on stray light escaping from side streets after dark. As more and more people rely on pedestrian pathways to circumnavigate downtown Westbrook, security lighting has become a priority.

Gorham Food Pantry **Walk-In Fridge and Freezer Upgrades** **\$48,000.00**

The Gorham Food Pantry is looking to purchase a walk-in refrigerator and freezer that would be utilized by all who volunteer at the pantry, collect inventory, stock, organize and those who put the food out to the townspeople in need. This project would require groundwork and a concrete slab in order for the new equipment to be installed.

Gorham **Little Falls Community Center ADA Improvements** **\$150,000.00**

The Town of Gorham is seeking funding to complete a series of ADA accessibility and safety upgrades at the Little Falls Activity Center located in the Little Falls Neighborhood. The project will remove longstanding physical barriers and improve safe access for residents of all ages and abilities. The project would include ADA-compliant walkways and ramps, mill and repave the parking lot, correcting grades and improving routes of travel to meet ADA slope standards, create ADA-compliant parking and upgrade exterior lighting to LED dark-sky compliant features.

Harrison **Sports Complex Playground** **\$119,194.61**

Harrison is working towards replacing the playground equipment at the RADR sports complex that would allow them to keep the playground operational. It is currently in disrepair and at risk of being taken down. Throughout the year there are hundreds of children that use the playground.

Cumberland County **Alpha One Critical Ramp Access** **\$85,000.00**

The Critical Access Ramp Program is a fast reliable means of providing a durable, quality ramp that meets ADA standards as well as other local, state, and national requirements and recommendations. Alpha One has been Maine's Center for Independent Living Center (CIL) for people with disabilities for the past 40 years. We have been administering the Critical Access Ramp Program in Cumberland County and throughout Maine since its inception 19 years ago. Within the Critical Access Ramp Program, we will be able to order the aluminum modular ramp components for approximately 11 to 12 ramps for Cumberland County household residents who cannot use stairs.

Cumberland County **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland** **\$165,000.00**

This project is the continuation of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland's existing Critical Home Repair (CHR) program which has received CDBG funding since 2020. Offered throughout Cumberland County (except Brunswick/Harpswell), Habitat partners with homeowners earning less than 80% of area median income (AMI) to make needed health and safety repairs to their homes at an affordable cost. Examples include roof replacement or repair, accessibility modifications (handrails, ramps, widened doorways, etc.), structural repairs, and repairs to unsafe mechanical systems. Qualified applicants must have an income of 80% or less of AMI, have lived in their home for at least three years, and be current on their mortgage. In addition, the property and building must be assessed at less than \$350,000. Data shows that our actual repair clients have an average AMI of 31.5% with 51% being over the age of 65.

Public Services

Furniture Friends **Infrastructure Expansion and Operating Costs** **\$75,000.00**

Furniture Friends project will implement critical warehouse infrastructure to modernize Southern Maine's only furniture bank. The funding would be fore upgrading our 7,700 square-foot facility in Westbrook with industrial warehouse racking that would allow the furniture inventory capacity increase by 40%, effectively expanding the usable footprint to the equivalent of 10,000 square-feet. The funding would also support staff expanded personnel labor required to manage the increased volume.

Gray/New Gloucester **Recreation Scholarships** **\$20,000.00**

GNG Recreation is seeking funding to provide financial assistance to families who meet the criteria for low/mod income based. There are residents in both towns that struggle to afford the core services such as Summer Camo and Before/After School Care. This funding would help GNG Rec advertise that scholarships are available and help more families access services.

Cumberland **Through These Doors - DV Outreach Advocacy Services** **\$32,685.00**

Through These Doors (TTD), Cumberland County's only domestic violence resource center, is requesting funding for the Domestic Violence Outreach Advocacy Services program. The funds would support a .5FTE advocate position to provide advocacy and support services to individuals and their families who are experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sex trafficking, and/or stalking within their intimate partner relationships. This program would extend support services to all communities in Cumberland County (except for Bridgton, Brunswick, Portland, and South Portland). Through These Doors would offer free and confidential advocacy and support services such as access to support groups (online and in-person), 24-hr helpline, residential services, assistance navigating the civil and criminal justice system including helping filing protection from abuse orders, safety planning, and warm referrals to other community resources. An additional priority would be to assist survivors and their children stay safely housed by working with other community resources, housing assistance programs, and other grant/foundation resources. All these services provided by advocates would help individuals build the supportive resources needed in creating a safe, suitable livable environment.

County Wide **TOA- Homeless Prevention** **\$75,000.00**

Cumberland County Homeless Prevention Program (CCHPP) operates as a prevention program addressing the urgent needs of the growing homeless population by providing comprehensive and adaptive supports to those at risk of housing instability or homelessness. CCHPP assists families in finding, securing and/or maintaining housing by providing connections with other resources in the community. CCHPP works collaboratively in a proactive approach supporting families by reducing barriers that impact their ability to maintain stable housing.

The program goals are accomplished through several strategies; (1) access to client funds addressing an immediate crisis putting clients at risk for homelessness; (2) short-term housing case management services coordinating necessary resources, supports and networks required to obtain permanent housing; and (3) financial counseling and educational supports which provide the necessary tools and skills needed to promote ongoing economic self-sufficiency.

Westbrook **Intercultural Community Center - Family CARES Plus** **\$60,000.00**

Westbrook ICC needs funding for the "Language Support and Beyond" project that will provide essential education, safety, and basic-needs support for low/mod adults in Westbrook. The project directly address foundational barriers to stability by offering three core measurable services which is Enhanced English Language Learning, Essential Skills Workshops and Essential Water Safety Initiative.

Cumberland County **Project HOME - Housing Stabilization** **\$50,000.00**

Project HOME is seeking funding to partial fund staff for their program. Project HOME is an integrated housing and stability model that helps low and extremely low-income adults and children experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness secure stable and affordable housing within 30-60 days and move from crisis to self-sufficient within two years.

Naple Bridgton Sebago **Crosswalk Community Outreach Center - Lease and Program Expenses** **\$30,000.00**

CCO in Naples offers a self-choice Food Basket program, emergency food boxes, hot meals, Community Clothing Closet, and resource navigation services to food-insecure residents in Naples, Casco, Bridgton, Sebago and Harrison. CDBG funds would support the lease of the new larger building space and operational expenses.

Raymond **Recreation Scholarships** **\$19,168.00**

Raymond Parks and Rec is requesting CDBG funding to support a scholarship assistance program that will assist low- and moderate income families in Raymond with access to affordable, high quality childcare and youth enrichment opportunities. Financial barriers currently prevent some families from participating in these programs, despite the availability of established and well-run childcare options within the community.

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