

CITY MANAGER

COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRANT

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was enacted by Congress in 1974. From 1977 through FY 2014, the City has secured in excess of \$19,156,000 in CDBG funds which supported a variety of projects. Originally administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the program is currently administered by the NH Community Development Finance Authority (NHCDFA).

Each year, the NHCDFA holds two “regular” application rounds – typically in January and July - for housing and public facilities 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 in recent years. Since 2010, New Hampshire’s annual allocation of funds has been reduced from \$10 million to approximately \$7 million. As a result, securing these funds has become an even more competitive process.

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 pertaining to wage rates and purchasing requirements, 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>2012</u>	Actual <u>2013</u>	Estimated <u>2014</u>	Projected <u>2015</u>
1. Number of CDBG Grants Applied For	1	3	4	1
2. Number of CDBG Grants Awarded	1	3	3	1
3. CDBG Funding Applied For	\$500,000	\$1,012,000	\$655,000	\$500,000
4. CDBG Funding Awarded	\$500,000	\$1,012,000	\$390,000	\$500,000

2015 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.

2014 GOALS STATUS

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.
9-Month Status: As of March 31, 2014, the City had submitted four (4) applications for Community Development Block Grant funds. Applications were as follows: Children's Place (\$200,000, awarded), Belknap-Merrimack County Community Action Program Head Start (\$190,000, awarded), Women's Club of Concord (\$110,000, withdrawn), AND National Alliance on Mental Illness NH (\$155,000, pending).

BUDGET DETAIL **CITY MANAGER
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	2011 ACTUAL	2012 ACTUAL	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGETED	2014 ESTIMATED	2015 BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS						
OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$25	\$3,750	\$475	\$4,400
SUPPLIES	\$0	\$0	\$33	\$500	\$500	\$500
Total	\$0	\$0	\$58	\$4,250	\$975	\$4,900

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FUNDING IMPACT

This budget contains no significant funding changes.