



Trips for kids



Harbor House Daycare



Streets & Sidewalks



Facade Program



Senior Art Therapy

City of New Bedford, Massachusetts

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Community Development Block Grant Program

What is it?

The Community Development Block Grant program [CDBG] is the nation's eighth largest federal domestic program that provides funding for a wide variety of activities in over 1,168 communities across the country. Since 1974 CDBG funding has been the means through which communities have been able to provide services and facilities to benefit low and moderate-income persons and families that would otherwise be unable to access such support.

For 36 years the CDBG program has been providing a critical revenue source that opens the door to assist City residents through programs and projects that are beyond the City budget by providing safe, decent and sanitary housing, suitable living environments and necessary public services.

How does New Bedford benefit?

The City of New Bedford receives an annual allocation of approximately \$3.1 million in CDBG funding to provide resources to a variety of community projects and initiatives. The City has received over \$134 million dollars over the life of this highly successful program and has leveraged hundreds of millions of dollars from the private and public sector making precious CDBG dollars stretch even further.

Whether it's the rehabilitation of housing units, programs to spur economic development and create jobs, public services that serve our community or construction projects that improve our streets, sidewalks, create community gardens, improve public buildings and neighborhood parks, CDBG funding has had a far reaching effect in supporting the growing and changing needs of our City.

Why is CDBG such a successful program?

The CDBG program's success is derived from its adaptability to meet the needs of individual communities. Born from community input and support, the CDBG program is based on local choices and local decisions. Public input is not only encouraged it is required to ensure that the community has input on how these federal dollars are spent in New Bedford.

FACT SHEET: CDBG Accomplishments in FY2010



How did the City of New Bedford spend its entitlement funding during fiscal year 2010?

The City of New Bedford received an entitlement of \$3,010,541 for programs during FY2010. Those funds were competitively awarded and distributed for a wide variety of projects and programs benefiting low and moderate income residents, including:



Street and Sidewalk Restoration: \$450,000

Repaving of Streets and Sidewalks in target neighborhoods

Public Facilities Improvements: \$300,231

Closed Circuit Camera installation in targeted neighborhoods
Kennedy Donovan Building restoration
Andre McCoy Community Center Renovations
Hazelwood Park – Congdon House Preservation



Housing: \$325,075

Homeownership Initiatives supporting First Time Homebuyers
Rehabilitation Assistance to Homeowners, Owner occupied rehabilitation and tenants through a variety of housing programs including Lead Paint Abatement and Handicap Accessibility programs. **TOTAL of 71 units of Housing Rehabilitated**

Public Services: \$468,406

Programs that provide a wide variety of services to low-income residents:

Summer Youth Employment – Camp Kennedy
Senior Programs – Downtown and Neighborhood Senior Centers,
Recreation Programs, Legal Advocacy Assistance
Immigrants Assistance Programs, Services supporting developmentally and/or physically disabled individuals and

Public Services provided 26,186 units of service to 12,117 individuals



Park Improvements:

Ashley Park Basketball Courts/Playground
State Street Community Gardens
Hazelwood Park Playground

Economic Development: \$391,000

Loan programs to assist business to create jobs – **41 jobs**
Coalition of Buzzards Bay Corporate Headquarters
Commercial Façade Programs – **24 storefronts rehabilitated**

