



The City of Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Department of Community Development

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FACT SHEET

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(FY06-10; \$7,742,952)

- 91,353 persons, 5,439 housing units, 55 households, and 31 businesses were assisted through the CDBG program in the past five years.
- CDBG created or retained 132 jobs in the past five years.
- CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,500,304 were spent on **economic development** activities such as direct financial assistance to businesses, commercial and industrial improvements, among others.
- CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,522,763 were spent on **public improvements**, such as the development and improvements of public facilities, street and sidewalk improvements, water and sewer improvements, senior centers and child care facilities, and the development of parks and recreational facilities, among others.
- CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,469,905 were spent on **public services**, such as services for senior and youth projects, health services, employment training, services for abused and neglected children, and services for the disabled, among others.
- CDBG funds in the amount of \$2,628,152 were provided for **housing activities**, such as construction, rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, lead-based paint testing and abatement, among others.
- CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,084,840 were provided to address **neighborhood blight**, to undertake activities such as code enforcement, the demolition of vacant and condemned structures, boarding up vacant buildings, and clean/lien activities.
- For every one dollar of CDBG funding another \$2.00 in private and public funding was leveraged. Approximately \$16,000,000 in leveraged funding was expended along with CDBG dollars to help the City of Pittsfield accomplish its goals over the past five years.