

City of Manchester, NH

NCDA 2017 John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award Submission

In an effort to celebrate National Community Development Week and to emphasize the importance of Entitlement funding, the City of Manchester produced a 15 minute video. The video featured several projects and programs funded with LHRD, CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars. Projects and programs included the following:

1. City of Manchester Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program
2. City of Manchester Harriman Park Improvement Project
3. City Year Whole School Whole Child Program
4. Families In Transition 267 Wilson Street Second and Third Floor Renovation Project
5. Hope for NH Recovery 267 Wilson Street First Floor Renovation Project
6. Manchester Community Resource Center Community Based Development Organization Activities
7. Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority 168 South Main Street Apartments
8. New Horizons Shelter Operations & Housing First Program

As a part of the video, the Mayor participated in the production and proclaimed the week of April 17-22 as National Community Development Week in Manchester.

The video was aired multiple times on Manchester Public Television Station Channel 16 during National Community Development week and there is a link to the video on the City's web page. In addition, the link to the video was also tweeted on the Planning Department's twitter feed. A link to the video was also provided to each member of the City's Board of Mayor and Alderman. While there is no way to determine how many individuals viewed the video, it was accessible to 110,000 plus people in the greater Manchester area.

A copy of the video and a link to the video was also provided to each member of New Hampshire's Congressional Delegation. The letter to each delegation member also included a fact sheet on the City's Entitlement funded projects and programs.

The video can be accessed via the following link: <https://vimeo.com/212756330> and the City web page where the video is also featured can be found here: <http://www.manchesternh.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Comm-Dev/Community-Improvement-Program> . For your review, I have included copies of: the Mayor's Proclamation; letters to Congressional Delegation members and the fact sheet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks for your consideration.



City of Manchester

A Resolution

I, Theodore L. Gatsas, MAYOR OF MANCHESTER, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 17-22, 2017** as National Community Development Week in Manchester, New Hampshire.

And that this resolution be duly signed by the Mayor of Manchester;



Theodore Gatsas

Theodore L. Gatsas, Mayor

Attested to by:

Matthew P. Normand

Matthew P. Normand, City Clerk

Presented on:

April 17, 2017



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April 13, 2017

Senator Jeanne Shaheen
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: National Community Development Week

Dear Senator Shaheen,

In observance of National Community Development Week the City of Manchester has produced a fifteen minute video which features a cross-section of Community Development activities funded with HUD entitlement dollars on an annual basis. The video can be accessed from the following Manchester Public Television Station Vimeo link <https://vimeo.com/212756330> . I would appreciate it if you or one of your staff members would watch the video to see how HUD Entitlement dollars are making a difference in Manchester.

The City of Manchester receives an average of \$2.3 million annually from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to primarily serve low-to-moderate income individuals and families. The CDBG, ESG and HOME funds received are essential for the City to develop workforce housing options, improve public facilities, provide public services for community members including after-school educational programming for youth, and to provide services and activities related to homelessness prevention and emergency shelter operations. During the upcoming program year, the City will utilize its Entitlement funding to assist 27 nonprofit agencies and 4 city departments with the implementation of 48 projects.

With the entitlement dollars provided in 2016: 27 work force housing units were developed; 7,500 rental housing units were inspected to ensure a safe living environment; Emergency shelter was provided to 1,200 homeless individuals; 130 individuals benefitted from homeless prevention services; comprehensive infrastructure improvements were made in 3 to 5 neighborhoods; youth programming and services were provided to 3,000 children and young adults; and public service operating support was provided to various social service agencies resulting in benefit to 2,200 individuals.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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Senator Margaret Hassan
330 Hart Senate Office Building
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Representative Ann McLane Kuster
1530 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: National Community Development Week

Dear Representative Kuster,

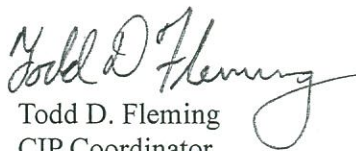
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Representative Carol Shea-Porter
1530 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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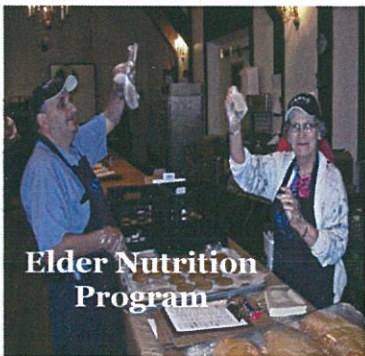
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How did the City of Manchester spend its entitlement funding over the last five years?

The City of Manchester received an entitlement of \$9.61 million for programs during 2006-2010, plus an additional \$550,831 in 2010 through the CDBG-R Program. Those funds were competitively awarded and distributed for a wide variety of projects and programs benefitting low and moderate income residents, including:

Public Improvements: \$3,877,607

Public improvement projects in target neighborhoods such as public facilities development and improvements, street and sidewalk restoration, water and sewer improvements, renovation of schools, senior centers and child care facilities, and the development of parks and recreational facilities, among others:

- Martineau Park
- School Sidewalk Program
- Inner City Street Reconstruction
- Boys and Girls Club Capital Campaign Project

Housing: \$538,701

Housing activities such as construction, rehabilitation, lead-based paint testing and abatement, concentrated code enforcement, and energy efficiency programs, among others:

- Housing Rehabilitation/Lead Paint Hazard Reduction—125 units
- Energy Efficiency Program—221 units
- Concentrated Code Enforcement

Public Services: \$3,976,590

Funding to assist an average of 35 nonprofit agencies that provide a wide variety of services to low and moderate income residents, 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:

- YMCA Youth Opportunities Unlimited After School Program
- Manchester Community Resource Center Workforce Development
- VNA Child Care Center
- Manchester Community Health Center Pharmaceutical Program

Economic Development: \$468,000

Loan programs to assist businesses to create or retain jobs, direct financial assistance to businesses, and commercial and industrial improvements, including façade improvement programs, among others:

- Manchester MicroEnterprise Program
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Economic Strategies Implementation

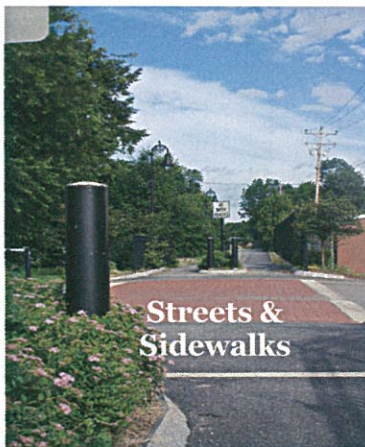
327 jobs were created or retained in the past five years

57,741 persons were assisted with direct benefits through the CDBG program

19 CDBG projects benefitted the Citywide population of 110,000

For every one dollar of CDBG funding another \$7.64 in private and public funding was leveraged, for a total of **\$67,668,745** in leveraged funds





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Mayor Theodore L. Gatsas

Department of Planning and Community Development

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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 the City of Manchester benefit?

The City of Manchester received a 2010 allocation of \$2.067 million in CDBG funding to provide resources to a variety of community projects and initiatives. The City has received millions of 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 impact 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 Manchester.

