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## **Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant notified of U.S. Housing & Urban Development funds**

Cumberland County, ME – Cumberland County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has been notified from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) of its funding amount for 2017-18.

"These funds will go towards public infrastructure and facility improvements, housing rehabilitation, economic development, planning, and public services throughout many communities of Cumberland County," Maeve Pistrang, Cumberland County CDBG Director said.

Cumberland County will be receiving \$1,390,296 and plans to fund the following projects:

- Bridgton, various public services and public facility/infrastructure improvements - \$180,656
- Casco Memorial Park Ballfield & Concession Stand improvements - \$41,000
- Family Crisis Services, Lakes Region Domestic Violence Services & Outreach - \$28,010
- Freeport Wardtown Park Water Tanks & Community Center - \$44,000
- Harpswell "Aging at Home," Home Repair for Seniors - \$61,950
- Harpswell Orr's & Bailey Island Fire Station Renovations - \$61,828
- Long Island Mariner's Wharf improvements - \$70,000
- Long Island Health Clinic/Telehealth Facility - \$30,000
- Scarborough Police Department's "Operation Hope," substance abuse treatment - \$33,000
- South Portland, various public services and public facility/infrastructure improvements - \$401,457
- Steep Falls Library handicap access - \$150,000
- The Opportunity Alliance, Homelessness Prevention - \$50,000
- The Opportunity Alliance, Regional Housing Rehabilitation - \$150,000
- Windham Building Re-use study - \$12,000

While individual municipalities and states receive these funds – Portland receives their own funds and Brunswick participates in the State program – Cumberland County is the only county in New England that receives CDBG, enabling us to offer a unique and valuable resource to the communities of Greater Portland, the Lakes Region, the islands, and coastal communities in our jurisdiction. Nationwide, the program has been in place since 1974 and Cumberland

County has been participating since 2007. Over those 10 years, Cumberland County has invested over \$15 million of CDBG into the community.

Cumberland County is located in Southern Maine and is comprised of 28 local municipalities encompassing over 283,000 residents over 853 square miles. Cumberland County is committed to providing quality services to all citizens equitably, in a responsive and caring manner. Five Commissioners are the chief elected officials of the County. Their primary role involves setting policy and approval of the county budget. This process allows the commissioners to assess county operations for both efficiency and effectiveness. In 2010, voters in Cumberland County approved a first-ever Charter for the County. The Charter defines how County Government organizes itself, selects officers, officials and employees, and establishes departments, agencies and boards.

For more information, please contact Cumberland County CDBG Director Maeve Pistrang at 207-871-8380 or [pistrang@cumberlandcounty.org](mailto:pistrang@cumberlandcounty.org).

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