

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Impact on St. Louis County Communities



About CDBG

The CDBG program began under Title I of the U.S. Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Act consolidated

eight categorical grant programs. CDBG program objectives are to develop viable communities that provide **decent, safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities** primarily for persons of low and moderate income.

The city of Duluth qualified for CDBG entitlement funds as a metropolitan community. In 1992, St. Louis County qualified as an urban county entitlement for the remainder of the county. This entitlement status significantly changed the level of CDBG funding available to St. Louis County communities. Prior to this, communities competed on a state-wide basis for project funding with limited success.

St. Louis County's entitlement status also made it eligible to receive and access other Housing & Urban Development (HUD) programs for communities and nonprofit agencies including the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency

Solutions Grant (ESG) and HUD Homeless Assistance Programs.

St. Louis County awards CDBG funding to eligible communities and nonprofits through a competitive application process with funding recommendations from a citizen advisory committee. St. Louis County has consistently met and exceeded its required expenditure rate as required by HUD. St. Louis County CDBG funds have been used for projects in these major program areas:

- Community Facilities and Public Infrastructure
- Housing
- Public Services
- Economic Development
- Planning

Ninety percent (90%) of St. Louis County CDBG funds assist low and moderate income residents.

The CDBG program has considerable flexibility allowing communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique housing and community development needs. It represents an important partnership among federal, state and local governments, business and the nonprofit sector in carrying out activities which improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families.

CDBG Funding by Year (1993-2018)



Source: St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department

CDBG Facts

Total: \$67.27 Million

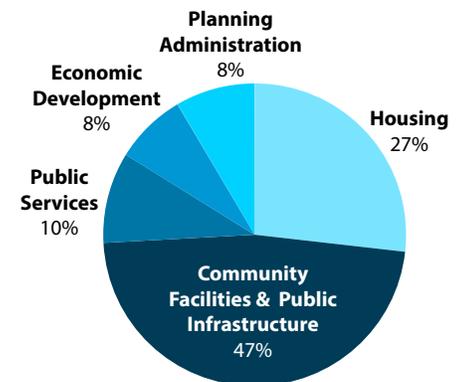
1993-2018 HUD Allocation to St. Louis County (excluding Duluth)

\$296.6 Million

Leveraged from Private & Public Investment

CDBG Allocation by Activity (1993-2018)

(1993-2018)



Accomplishments from 1993-2018

- **3,436** residents received business training
- **709** housing units improved
- **776** rental units improved
- **5,892** first time home buyers educated, resulting in the purchase of **1,443** single family homes
- **203** infrastructure improvements
- **92** accessibility improvements to public facilities
- **14,000** average persons served annually through funding to community nonprofit service providers

▶ **Approximately \$4 are leveraged for every \$1 of CDBG funds invested**



Community Facilities & Public Infrastructure

CDBG Facts \$32 Million 1993-2018 County Allocation

Key Projects

Removal of Blighted Property

- **Commercial:** Aurora, Cook, Ely, Floodwood, Eveleth, Hoyt Lakes, Kinney, Proctor, Tower, and Virginia
- **Residential:** Breitung, Buhl, Canosia, Chisholm, Cook, Ely, Embarrass, Eveleth, Hermantown, Hibbing, and Kinney

Infrastructure Improvements

- Aurora- Water/sewer improvements
- Babbitt- Lift Station repair
- Breitung- Sewer replacement
- Buhl-Water/sewer
- Ely- Water tower supply & infrastructure
- Eveleth- Water/sewer
- Gilbert- Wastewater treatment facility
- Hibbing- Sewer infrastructure

- Meadowlands-Water/sewer; water tower demolition
- Mountain Iron-Sewer replacement
- Orr- Reconstruction of water/sewer lines; streets
- Proctor- Replacement of dilapidated water/ sewer lines; inflow and infiltration; streets and sidewalks
- Tower and Breitung- Upgrade to water filtration system; replacement of aging and dilapidated water/sewer lines
- Virginia- Water/sewer line reconstruction
- Winton- Replacement of aging water/sewer lines; water tower

Recreation Improvements

- Ely, Mountain Iron and Townships of Breitung and Toivola- Development of recreation areas in low income areas
- Breitung, Buhl, Ely, Kelly Lake, Kinney, Hibbing Tower- Mesabi Trail development
- Babbitt and Floodwood - Development of recreational trail
- Leonidas, Tower - Community recreation area

- Stebner Park Accessibility Path
- Virginia - Development of recreation area in a very low income neighborhood

Community Facility Improvements

- American Bear Association-accessibility
- Aurora, Cook, Ely, Eveleth, Hermantown, Mountain Iron, Tower, Virginia, Winton and Townships of Albion, Ault, Balkan, Bassett, Biwabik, Breitung, Colvin, Cotton, Ellsburg, Fairbanks, Gnesen, Grand Lake, Kelsey, Lakewood, Midway, Normanna, Pike, Solway, and Vermilion Lake- Handicap accessibility improvements to community centers
- Canosia and Morse Townships- Handicap parking improvements
- Embarrass Region Fair Association-accessibility
- Eveleth, Hibbing and Virginia- Family investment center facilities
- Virginia and Eveleth- Day care centers
- Virginia - Miner's Memorial Building accessibility



Housing

CDBG Facts
\$17.65 Million
1993-2018 County Allocation

Key Projects

- Housing Rehab Programs - County-wide
- First Time Home Buyer Program - County-wide
- Cook HRA-Rental Rehab
- Meadowlands Manor-Family Housing
- Vermilion Housing-Rental Rehab
- Chisholm-Lincoln Square Family Housing
- Virginia-Bill's House Homeless Shelter
- Mt. Iron-Mountain Manor family housing

- Hibbing-Perpich Apartments homeless supportive housing
- Hibbing-Winston Courts accessible housing for persons with disabilities
- Virginia-Youth Foyer homeless supportive housing
- County-wide acquisition/rehab/ resale - Habitat for Humanity, One Roof Community Land Trust, & Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency



Economic Development

CDBG Facts
\$4.89 Million
1993-2018 County Allocation

Key Projects

- Technical assistance and training to entrepreneurs, start up businesses, and workers looking to advance their careers.

- Funding through Northeast Entrepreneur Fund and SOAR.



Public Services

CDBG Facts
\$6.6 Million
1993-2018 County Allocation

Key Projects

- Community Soup Kitchens
- Emergency Shelter Support
- Child Day Care Projects
- Homeless Services
- Persons with Disabilities

- Domestic Violence Programs
- Career training/counseling program
- Housing counseling-County-wide
- Youth Outreach Services
- Community Food Shelves