

City of Burlington / 2013 CDBG Application Form

Project Name: **Burlington Housing Initiatives Program**

Project Location / Address: **Citywide**

Applicant Organization / Agency: **Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)**

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CDBG Funding Request: \$ 46,107

1. Type of Organization

Local Government

For-Profit Organization

Faith-Based Organization

Non-Profit Organization (please provide copy of your
IRS 501(c)(3) tax exemption letter)

Institution of Higher Education

2. Conflict of Interest: NA Please complete and sign attached form.

3. List of Board of Directors: X Please attach.

Certification

To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this proposal are true and correct.

I have been duly authorized to apply for this funding on behalf of this agency.

I understand that this grant funding is conditioned upon compliance with federal CDBG regulations.

I further certify that no contracts have been awarded, funds committed or construction begun on the proposed program, and that none will be prior to issuance of a Release of Funds by the Program Administrator.



Signature of Authorized Official

Peter Owens

Name of Authorized Official

Title

CEDO Director

Date

1/14/13

I. Demonstrated Need

1. Project Narrative: Provide a description of the project/program to be funded with CDBG. (Refer to NOFA for required information in this section.)

While we are seeking CDBG funds for specific housing activities, this application uses the term “Housing Initiatives Program” (HIP) as a catchall for the various housing programs administered by CEDO (HOME, CDBG, Housing Trust Fund, and the Burlington Lead Program (BLP)). HIP provides grants, loans and technical assistance to preserve existing housing, produce new affordable housing, protect vulnerable residents and promote homeownership. CDBG specifically pays for access modifications, emergency repairs, free paint grants, emergency shelter and transitional housing property improvements, rental housing rehab and support for program delivery. The program, which uses the Consolidated Plan and Census data to inform program design, only serves low-income Burlington residents and targets some programs to the City’s Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA).

This project provides the following services:

Free Exterior Paint

Funds are available each painting season to provide exterior paint to improve properties in targeted neighborhoods. The property owner or 51% of tenant households must meet CDBG income limits.

Rehabilitation Loans

Low-interest loans are available to owner occupants of properties in targeted neighborhoods whose households meet CDBG income limits. Funds can be used to bring a property up to Code Enforcement standards and to repair or replace major systems such as electric, plumbing or heating, as well as for addressing structural problems.

Burlington RePAIRs Apartment Buildings

CEDO offers the Rehabilitation Program for Assisting Investment Rentals (RePAIR) where owners can finance quality and safety improvements to buildings that house low to moderate-income families. CEDO staff helps applicants develop a scope of work, handle permit issues, and coordinate with other programs to maximize rehabilitation dollars. Financing, grants, and/or free technical advice are available from partner organizations including: Burlington Electric Department, VT Gas, Champlain Valley Weatherization, Burlington Lead Program, and Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

Access Modification Grants

Funds are available to assist with the installation of ramps, track systems, chair lifts, and bathroom modifications. Either owners or tenants can receive assistance with design and costs of projects if income meets household limits.

Special Needs Housing Grants

Grants are provided to assist special needs housing providers with repairs or improvements needed to serve the hardest to house populations.

HIP addresses the need for safe, decent, affordable and accessible housing. The opening line of the 2008 Consolidated Plan states that, “Affordable housing continues to be the city’s highest overall priority under this Consolidated Plan.” The Con Plan further states, “Affordable housing is a balance to economic development. In boom times, affordable housing ensures that there is housing for workers and that rising prices do not displace residents. In a troubled economy, affordable housing development is an economic engine and its subsidies ensure that low-income residents are not made homeless. Finally, the use of affordable housing to redevelop distressed neighborhoods prevents the loss of value of the surrounding properties and encourages long-term investment by other property owners.”

The following local data demonstrates the need:

- The rental vacancy rate (Burlington and Winooski) reported in December 2012 Allen & Brooks Report is 1.3% - a balanced rental market has a 5% vacancy rate. Low vacancy causes rents to escalate and housing conditions to deteriorate.
- According to the VHFA Housing & Wages Study, 47% of renters and 38% of owners with mortgages pay more than 30% of income for housing costs. This ranks Vermont as the 17th worst state in the nation for cost burdened households.
- Average rent for 2-BR units (tenant-paid utilities) is \$1,054, over \$350 more than the average wage earner can afford.
- 2012 apartment rent inflation was 2.8% - exceeding consumer price inflation despite a prolonged recession.
- VT has the 7th oldest housing stock in the nation, and Burlington is second only to Winooski with the highest percentage of pre-1950 housing in the County; maintenance and heating costs along with lead paint hazards are comparatively high.
- BHA’s Section 8 waiting list currently has nearly 2,100 households, double the number several years ago. The length of wait for Section 8 assistance is now 5-10 years!

2. Innovation

a. What new programs and/or services will be provided as a result of CDBG assistance?

HIP will expand existing programs and services in the following ways: the Free Paint Program will be resumed after a year of suspension; properties enrolled in the Lead Program will receive priority for CDBG assistance to make repairs that are a prerequisite for lead hazard control; and HIP will provide rehab assistance to Champlain Housing Trust homeowners whose homes were identified as needing moderate/substantial rehab.

b. How will existing programs and/or services be expanded as a result of CDBG assistance? Use actual numbers to demonstrate expansion.

HIP will expand services by increasing the number of projects in this manner: complete 8 Free Paint Projects compared to 0 for 2012-2013; complete 4 home improvement projects linked to lead hazard control projects compared with 0; complete 5 accessibility modification projects compared with 2; rehab on up to 3 CHT homes.

c. Are there other programs in the community that address similar issues? Yes No

If yes, how is this proposal different?

Only HIP provides financial and technical assistance to rehab the homes of low-income Burlington residents.

II. Proposed Outcomes

1. How will this project/program impact individuals and contribute to the City's anti-poverty strategy?

The program helps low-income homeowners make repairs that allow them to improve and retain their housing, and helps make homes of low-income tenants and homeowners accessible. Homeownership is the single best way for low and moderate-income households to build family wealth, maintain economic independence and move out of poverty. Providing deferred loans for rehab allows low-income families to spend their money on other essential needs. The overall impact of our program extends far beyond the house to improve the overall health and stability of low-income households and neighborhoods. With affordable and stable housing costs, people living in poverty are better able to meet their basic needs, achieve their self-sufficiency goals while improving their credit ratings and enjoying a better standard of living.

HIP also benefits low-income tenants living in substandard conditions by offering landlords technical assistance and favorable rehab loans combined with federally funded lead paint and weatherization programs. Consequently, tenants are assured safe and decent housing, as well as lower utility bills and rent stabilization, making room for other essential needs.

We favor long-term residents/owners in our loan and grant programs. Because some borrowers make monthly payments based on their income, funds recycle back into the program for future applicants. With the exception of forgivable portions of loans for lead hazard reduction projects, all loans are repayable if the homeowner moves or sells the property.

2. List your goals/objectives, activities to implement and expected outcomes (# of units, # of individuals, etc.)

Goal/Objective	Activity Funded	Outcomes
Decent Housing for Low or Moderate Income Families	Access Modification Grants	Project funding, program management, and technical assistance to allow long term accessibility for: 5 disabled households
Decent Housing for Low or Moderate Income Families	Emergency and Small Rehabilitation Loans	Project funding, program management, and technical assistance correct life safety deficiencies for: 7 households
Decent Housing for Low or Moderate Income Families	Free Exterior Paint Grants	Project funding, program management, and technical assistance to reduce the lead based paint hazards for: 8 households
Decent Housing for Low or Moderate Income Families	Grants for special need housing	Project funding, program management, and technical assistance to provide decent special needs housing for: 10 persons

Decent Housing for Low or Moderate Income Families	Rehabilitation assistance for landlords/investment properties	Project funding, program management, and technical assistance to provide lasting benefit by rehabilitating substandard rental housing for: 7 households
Decent Housing for Low or Moderate Income Families	Information and referral to landlords and tenants re: resources, rights, and responsibilities	Technical assistance and key referrals providing lasting improvements in landlord and tenant relationships for: 23 households

III. Experience / Organizational Capacity

1. What is your agency’s mission, and how do the proposed activities fit with your mission?

The Community and Economic Development Office is a department of the City of Burlington. We work with the community to: foster economic vitality; preserve and enhance neighborhoods, quality of life and the environment; and promote equity and opportunity for all residents of Burlington. In support of its mission, CEDO works in partnership with citizens, the public and private sector, and other city departments to: strengthen the quality of life in Burlington's neighborhoods; preserve and develop decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities; maintain and improve the vitality of Downtown, the Pine Street area and neighborhood business districts; encourage a thriving small business sector; foster job growth and employment opportunities; increase civic engagement and citizen participation; support the delivery of human services; and revitalize Burlington's waterfront.

CEDO is funded through Federal and State grants, and through the Housing Trust Fund. CEDO has four divisions: Housing, Economic Development, Community Development and the Community Justice Center. In addition, CEDO has administrative and special projects staff. CEDO's Development staff works closely with other divisions on a variety of development activities throughout the City but principally focuses in downtown, the Old North End, the waterfront and in the Enterprise Zone in the South End. CEDO uses a variety of tools in supporting development. CEDO administers: Brownfield program, Tax Increment Financing, Renewal Community tax credits, Burlington Community Development Corporation, Downtown Program, and transportation funding. Major redevelopment projects such as new housing, public facilities, offices, hotels, retail and industrial expansion are all supported.

2. How long has your agency been in operation?

CEDO was created in 1983 by City Council Resolution. HIP has operated successfully since 1983, administering a variety of housing programs and ordinances as well as coordinating the nonprofit housing delivery system.

3. What programs and services do you offer?

CEDO offers programs and services in the areas of housing, economic development, Brownfield remediation, community and restorative justice.

Under the city's Charter, CEDO is responsible for:

- Developing and implementing a comprehensive community and economic development strategy, as well as projects, for the city.
- Working on behalf of the city to stimulate investment, and to attract, retain, and encourage the development of both existing and new economic enterprises.
- Developing, coordinating, implementing, and administering a comprehensive program to address the city's housing needs.
- Recommending to the City Council, and to solicit on behalf of the City Council, grants-in-aid funds for the city.
- Developing, coordinating, implementing, and administering waterfront development activities other than those activities which the Planning Commission and the City Council must exercise under the Vermont Planning and Development Act.
- Administering Community Development Block Grants and Urban Development Action Grants.
- Coordinating and facilitating citizen participation in economic and community development with community organizations, city commissions, and the Neighborhood Planning Assemblies.

4. If you plan to pay for staff with CDBG funding, describe what they do in relation to the specific service(s) / activity(ies) in your Project Narrative.

Specific Service / Activity	Position/Title	Work Related to CDBG-Funded Activity	# of Hours/Week on this Service/Activity	% of Hrs/Week on this Service/ Activity to be paid with CDBG
Affordable Housing Pre-Construction/Rehab	Program Coordinator	TA; federal compliance; design; project development; financial management; customer service;	12	30%
Affordable Housing—Construction/Rehab	Program Coordinator	TA; federal compliance; design; project management; financial management; customer service;	8	20%
Affordable Housing—Post-Construction/Rehab	Program Coordinator	Refinancing and TA; federal compliance; financial management; customer service;	4	10%

5. Explain how your agency has the capacity to carry out the proposed activity (i.e., staff qualifications and years of experience related to this type of activity, etc.)

CEDO has 29 years of experience successfully implementing complex community, housing and economic development projects and programs. The department administers several HUD and EPA programs, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Lead Hazard Reduction and Brownfields programs. CEDO has always met or exceeded timely expenditure standards and program delivery benchmarks and has been recognized for several best practices.

6. Have you received Federal or State grant funds in the past three years? Yes No

7. Were the activities funded by these sources successfully completed? Yes No
If No, please explain:

IV. Proposed Low & Moderate Income Beneficiaries / Commitment to Diversity

1. Will the program target any specific group of people? (check one below):

Abused Children Elderly (62 years +) People with AIDS
 Battered Spouses Homeless Persons Illiterate Adults
 People with Severe Disabilities

2. For your proposed project, please estimate how the Burlington residents will break out into the following income categories. Use the Income Table at <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/cedo/cdbg/2012-HUD-Income-Limits>.

Service / Activity	Unduplicated Total # of Burlington HH / Persons to be Served	# Extremely Low-Income	# Low-Income	# Moderate-Income	# Above Moderate-Income
Access Modification	10 people	6	4	0	0
Rehab Loans	12 people	0	8	4	0
Free Paint	16 people	3	6	7	0
Special Needs Housing	10 people	10	0	0	0
Rental Rehab	14 people	4	6	4	0
Technical Assistance, I&R	46 people	12	14	15	5

3. Explain how the target population is selected, qualified and monitored.

HIP staff ensures that its program beneficiaries are low or moderate-income in two ways. First, with rental rehab programs, HIP staff confirms that tenants living in the units have Section 8 vouchers and, thus, meet low-income thresholds. In other HIP programs, tenants and owners must show low or moderate-income level through tax returns or other third party documentation before loans and/or grants are awarded.

All recipients of HIP funds are required to follow federal income and rent restrictions for tenants during the affordability period (determined by amount of loan). HIP staff monitors income and rent compliance, and units are inspected for compliance with federal and local housing quality standards every one to three years. Another measurement of the programs' effectiveness is comparing the number of households assisted against our benchmark. The HOME Program and the Burlington Lead Program are reviewed quarterly for program benchmarks. HIP has received high ratings during this period.

4. How do you ensure that your programs are accessible to all, inclusive and culturally appropriate?

HIP information is available in French, Vietnamese, Serbo-Croatian, Nepalese and in hard copy and online (w/ a link to an online translation site for additional languages/information). We arrange for interpretation services with advance notice and indicate that on our outreach materials. The City has a long-standing equal opportunity personnel policy. The City has completed an equal opportunity workforce analysis, which it uses to shape ongoing hiring, retention and promotion efforts. The City continues to expand its recruitment and job posting sources to encourage continuing diversity in its workforce. CEDO advertises nationally for certain professional positions to increase the diversity of its recruitment pool; and has included questions about cultural competency in the hiring process. Many CEDO staff members have participated in several diversity/racism trainings, including an all-staff meeting on January 9, 2013. We include an EO statement in our outreach materials. CEDO's offices are accessible

5. What steps has your organization/board taken in the past year to become more culturally competent?

We have an 8-member team who oversee our department's efforts to be more culturally competent. The We All Belong committee completed a 3-part retreat process for the entire staff focusing on our cultural competency and how we do our work and relate to each other, the community and program participants. The three half-day retreats were led by consultants, with specific expertise in diversity and inclusion, building strong staff relationships, and engaging all staff members in difficult conversations.

In addition, in order to increase staff cohesion and build the foundation necessary for authentic change and increased cultural competence, the team has restructured our monthly staff meetings. Now the meetings allow for more group interaction, small core group work and ongoing conversation on cultural competency. Staff members who interact with clients and program participants have expanded their outreach to include information and awareness gleaned from the retreats. Additionally staff has been involved with key community initiatives that address bias. In particular, a number of CEDO staff and contractors have been involved with/provided leadership to the Uncommon Alliance. On January 9, 2013, the CEDO staff meeting was a retreat at the ECHO Center, with a tour of an exhibit on Race, and facilitated discussions.

V. Budget / Financial Feasibility

1. Project Budget

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>2013 CDBG</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Access Modification grants		\$25,000	\$25,000
Emergency Repair loans		\$22,000	\$22,000
Free Paint grants		\$5,000	\$5,000
Special homeless projects / seed grants		\$10,000	\$10,000
Lead Hazard Reduction (HUD Lead grant)		\$420,000	\$420,000
Private landlord rehab loans (Section 108)		\$50,000	\$50,000
Nonprofit rehab/development (HOME & HTF)		\$240,713	\$240,713
Downpayment assistance (HOME & EDI)		\$20,000	\$20,000

Homeowner rehab loans (CDBG & HOME)		\$50,000	\$50,000
Organizational capacity grants (HOME & HTF)		\$90,000	\$90,000
Program support (fiscal and customer service)		\$49,840	\$49,840
Rehab project/program mgmt.	\$18,000	\$30,000	\$48,000
Lead Hazard Reduction project/program management		\$298,100	\$298,100
Access & Paint project/program management	\$18,000		\$18,000
Fringe Benefits	\$10,100	\$53,300	\$63,400
Training		\$5,000	\$5,000
Equipment		\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$46,107	\$1,370,453	\$1,416,560

2. Funding Sources

	Project		Agency	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
CDBG	\$ 48,000	\$ 46,107	\$ 626,689	\$ 576,554
State	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 613,601	\$ 613,601
Federal	\$ 1,165,710	\$ 1,138,453	\$ 1,201,710	\$ 1,344,453
Program Income	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 33,600
Other	\$ 266,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 940,350	\$ 842,350
Total	\$ 1,489,710	\$ 1,416,560	\$ 3,446,350	\$ 3,410,558

3. Of the total project cost, what percentage will be financed with CDBG?

$$\frac{\$ 46,107}{\text{CDBG Funding}} \div \frac{\$ 1,416,560}{\text{Total Project Cost}} = \underline{3} \% \text{ Percentage}$$

4. Of the total project cost, what would be the total cost per person?

$$\frac{\$ 46,107}{\text{CDBG Funding}} \div \frac{108}{\# \text{ Proposed Beneficiaries}} = \underline{\$ 427.00} \text{ Cost Per Person}$$

5. Why should CDBG resources, as opposed to other sources of funding, be used for this project?

CDBG is the only source for this project because other funds are not eligible for the activities for which we are seeking CDBG funds. When a low-income tenant or homeowner needs assistance with their housing, HIP staff frequently rely on CDBG to fill the gaps that cannot be covered by other sources of funds; as long as the beneficiary is income eligible, CDBG rules allow broad flexibility. HIP has been a mainstay of Burlington's CDBG program since the City began receiving CDBG funds directly in the early 1980's – without sufficient CDBG funding, we will be unable to make homes accessible to people with disabilities, constrained in our ability to rehab older housing, and unable to tailor our assistance to meet the unique needs of each situation.

6. Describe your use of community resources. Include any resources not listed in your budget.

HIP makes extensive use of resources from throughout the community and beyond. For every \$1 of CDBG, HIP leverages \$30 from other programs. A typical project may involve: Mortgage financing from a local lender, Vermont Housing Finance Agency or the Federal Home Loan Bank; Low Income Housing Tax Credit equity; grants and/or loans from Champlain Valley Weatherization Program, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, the Burlington Lead Program, Vermont Gas, Burlington Electric, Vermont Center for Independent Living; homeowner savings and "sweat equity" labor..

7. Has your organization experienced any significant changes in funding levels during the past year? Yes No
If Yes, please explain.

Yes. There has been a steady decline in award amounts from our Federal and State funders. CDBG and HOME has decreased by 40% over the last 2 years. We anticipate another 8% reduction in CDBG and HOME for FY2014. Declining revenue will erode our capacity and limit our ability to provide services.

8. What cost-cutting measures has your organization implemented?

In the past year, CEDO has eliminated a fulltime position in the Housing Division due to decreased CDBG and HOME funding. In addition, we have curtailed outside expenditures to the greatest extent possible. This includes sponsorships for events, travel to meetings and conferences, community outreach, attendance at workshops and webinars, and other expenses. We no longer have the funding to contribute to the cost of studies critical to the City's community and economic development. Most of CEDO's office equipment was obtained from the castaways of others. Some staff must use antiquated computers with upgrades only allowed when funding permits. Staff have also eliminated expenditures on professional development and training. While necessary to meet budgetary constraints, these cost-cutting measures have reduced CEDO's capacity to serve the community, and limited both our ability to grow professionally and to network with colleagues in Vermont and nationally.

VI. Community Support / Participation

1. What other organizations or key individuals (if any) have given support to this project?

HIP leverages a significant amount of assistance from other programs. Due to the lengthy process required for all CDBG-funded projects, HIP staff often works with eligible households to access other resources to begin the work on their property in advance of CDBG funds coming available. Key organizations include: HOME, BLP, VCIL, CVOEO Weatherization, Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, YouthBuild and CHT.

2. How are the community or program participants involved in decision-making and/or identifying the program need, design and/or evaluation?

HIP has evolved over the last 29 years through the continuing involvement of citizens and the nonprofit housing sector. The 2008 Consolidated Plan and the annual Grantee Performance Report offer the opportunity for the community and program participants to evaluate both the performance of the program and its future direction.

HIP staff convenes periodic meetings with the leaders of the nonprofit housing developers and advocates: Champlain Housing Trust, Burlington Housing Authority, Cathedral Square Corporation, Vermont Tenants Inc., Housing Vermont, and the Committee on Temporary Shelter. These are the City's key housing partners, and their input is essential to our success.

VII. Readiness to Implement

1. Is the project ready to begin on July 1, 2013 and be completed by June 30, 2014?

Yes No

If not, what are the expected start and completion dates?

2. List any conditions (i.e., obtaining permits, availability of other funding, etc.) that may affect your ability to begin or complete this project.

NA.

VIII. Impact / Evaluation

1. Describe how this project will effectively measure outcomes.

HIP is successful when more low-income Burlington residents have homes that are safe, affordable, accessible and energy efficient. Fewer residents will live in unsafe or substandard housing, fewer residents will be paying more than 30% of their income for housing and more residents will enjoy the security of tenure traditionally afforded only to homeowners. HIP defines success in many ways: number of housing units created, preserved, rehabilitated, made accessible and made lead-safe; number of homeowners created or retained.

Progress is measured using several tools. All recipients of HIP funds are required to follow federal income and rent restrictions for tenants during the affordability period (determined by amount of grant/loan). HIP staff monitors income and rent compliance, and units are inspected for compliance with federal and local housing quality standards every one to three years. Another measurement of the programs' effectiveness is comparing the number of households assisted against our benchmarks.

Every year the HIP staff is required to submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD measuring our progress meeting the housing goals outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan.

2. What strategies will you implement to collect the data necessary to analyze your results?

In addition to collecting and analyzing the data to meet program requirements, HIP will attempt to collect qualitative data from clients to measure the impact that CDBG-funded assistance has on the quality of their lives. We will implement this strategy by conducting exit interviews with clients after CDBG-funded projects have been completed.

3. How are clients better off as a result of your program?

The program helps existing low-income homeowners make repairs that allow them to improve and retain their housing, and helps low-income families buy and repair their first home. Homeownership is the single best way for low and moderate-income households to build family wealth, maintain economic independence and move out of poverty. Providing below-market rate loans for homeownership and rehab allows families to spend their money on other essential needs like food, health care, prescription drugs, childcare, education, transportation, and other life necessities. The overall impact of our program extends far beyond the house to improve the overall health and stability of low-income households and neighborhoods. With affordable and stable housing costs, people in poverty are better able to achieve their self-sufficiency goals while improving their credit ratings and enjoying a decent standard of living.

HIP also benefits low-income tenants living in substandard conditions by offering landlords technical assistance and favorable rehab loans combined with federally funded lead paint and weatherization programs. Consequently, tenants are assured safe and decent housing, as well as lower utility bills and rent stabilization, enabling them to afford life's other essential needs.

IX. Sustainability

1. How will this project have a long-term benefit to the City of Burlington? If this project ends, will that benefit continue?

All HIP projects are designed to have long-term benefit. A small CDBG-funded project might focus on the replacement of an entire failed system in a building--a long-term improvement rather than a quick-fix repair. For example, an elderly homeowner with disabilities contacted CEDO in the summer of 2012 when her hot water heater no longer worked. Upon inspection, HIP determined that the entire heating system was about to fail as well. As a result, CDBG funds were instrumental in replacing the boiler and the homeowner was able to keep both herself and her disabled relative in their home. Most HIP funded projects increase the value of the subject property -- that is permanent growth in the tax base that benefits both our community and the property for the long-term.

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2. Provide evidence of long-term support for this project.

HIP has won CDBG support every year since the City became a CDBG Entitlement Community in 1983.

3. If CDBG funding ends, will the project be able to continue?

With continued CDBG funding reductions at the federal level and decreased awards from the annual review process, CEDO has reduced the HIP grant request by about 50% compared with 2011. HIP has already been forced to reduce staff and eliminate key programs. Any further CDBG reduction would cause CEDO to limit the housing efforts to HOME-funded, nonprofit sponsored projects and lead hazard reduction, eliminating the only source of rehab assistance for low-income homeowners and renters.



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