

# Q1 SFY 2024

Data from July 1 – December 31, 2023

Strengthening the resiliency and vibrancy of New Hampshire's communities

### **\$4.2M OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS AWARDED**

Awarded \$4.2 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to eight projects in New Hampshire communities. These critical resources will develop affordable housing, increase access to quality child care and community health services. Communities awarded resources for housing include Keene, Woodstock, Wolfeboro and Hillsborough. Communities awarded resources for public facilities include Franklin, Berlin, Somersworth and Northumberland.

### CDFA TO PARTICIPATE IN REGEN VALLEY TECH HUB CONSORTIUM

Named a part of the ReGen Valley Tech Hub Consortium announced in October 2023 by the White House and <u>U.S. Economic Development Administration</u>. CDFA will support the ReGen Valley Tech Hub in advancing place-based economic development strategies in New Hampshire. ReGen Valley was one of 31 designated technology hubs across the United States to help spare innovation and job creation. According to Secretary Gina Raimondo, the program will "...supercharge innovation across the nation by spurring cutting-edge technological investments and creating 21st century job opportunities in people's backyards. Each of these consortia will help us ensure the industries of the future, and their good-paying jobs, start, grow, and remain in the United States." Read more about the Consortium in the Union Leader.



### **COMMUNITY CENTER INVESTMENT PROGRAM FINAL ROUND**

Launched the final round of funding from the <u>Community Center Investment Program</u> to provide American Rescue Plan Act resources to nonprofits and municipalities to improve community spaces across the state. CDFA is coordinating with the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to administer the competitive program to rehabilitate, expand, or build community centers in New Hampshire.

The Community Center Investment Program is an opportunity to make deeper impacts within New Hampshire communities through one-time, strategic investments in community-based infrastructure. Eligible applicants for the competitive program include New Hampshire nonprofits and municipalities. Staff engaged potential applicants in several ways leading up to the November 30, 2023 deadline, totaling more than 200 hours of education, engagement and technical assistance delivered to potential applicants. CDFA received 36 applications requesting more than \$24 million in resources to support community centers across the state. Awardees will be announced in the spring 2024.

CDFA awarded more than \$11.5 million in resources to support sixteen community-based projects in first funding round for the program. First round projects are underway with construction progressing. One project example is a collaboration between the Tamworth Community Nurse Association and the Town of Tamworth. Resources are supporting the development of a new space that will enhance access to the critical services delivered by the Association, as well as the variety of health, wellness and community programs and events currently offered. The center will be open and accessible to the community.





"The building project is more than walls and a roof; it is the focal point of community service and outreach."

Tamworth Community Nurse Association

#### **COUNCIL ON HOUSING STABILITY RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT**

The New Hampshire Council on Housing Stability submitted its 2023 Annual Report and Year in Review, highlighting progress made towards realizing the goals, objectives and implementation activities outlined in its three-year Strategic Plan adopted in June 2021. The Council is advancing its goals through focused workgroup activities, new collaborations, supporting innovative programs, raising policy considerations, creating unique opportunities, and elevating the voices of individuals with lived experience. Read more about the myriad of housing activities happening across New Hampshire that are related to the Council's work.

CDFA also advanced a collaborative application for Pathways to Removing Obstacles Housing funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Awards to be announced.

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