



Strengthening the resiliency and vibrancy of New Hampshire's communities

LAUNCHING THE COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM



CDFA was [awarded a \\$2.5 million grant](#) from the U.S. Small Business Administration to launch the Community Navigator Pilot Program in New Hampshire. The program is designed to reduce barriers to accessing critical resources for small businesses. CDFA is one of fifty-one grantees selected from more than 700 submissions nationwide.

The program provides New Hampshire a significant opportunity to better support underserved people and communities by strengthening capacity and coordination within our community economic development ecosystem. It builds on dedicated work by small business technical assistance providers statewide and an investment of more than \$2.6 million federal Community Development Block Grant resources in the past two years. www.nhcommunitynavigator.org.

*“The financial fallout from the pandemic decimated New Hampshire’s small business community, with those in rural and underserved areas particularly hard hit. Empowering local entrepreneurs must be a top priority as we turn the page on this crisis, and that’s precisely what the Community Navigator Pilot Program does,” said **Senator Shaheen**. “I’m so pleased that New Hampshire’s Community Development Finance Authority has been selected to receive \$2.5 million to continue its important work on the frontlines delivering aid to struggling businesses. I’m committed to securing the resources our business community needs to drive our economic recovery across the Granite State.”*

*“New Hampshire small businesses are the backbone and jobs engine of our economy, representing 99% of businesses and employing half of our private workforce,” said **Governor Chris Sununu**. “This \$2.5M grant will expand access to support for our small business owners across the state — a win for everyone.”*

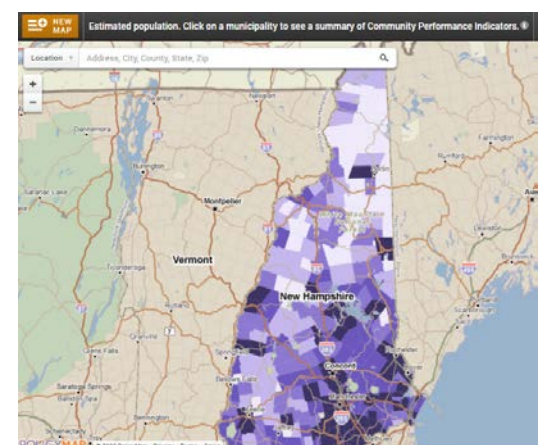
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AWARDS

Awarded \$3.75 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to nine projects in New Hampshire communities. These critical resources will support housing, public facility and economic development projects in communities throughout the state. More information on the community awards can be [found here](#).

STATEWIDE INTERACTIVE DATA TOOL NOW AVAILABLE

Launched a data-visualization tool to provide access to up-to-date data and information about community-level needs, issues, strengths, and challenges across New Hampshire. CDFA engaged with the [New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute](#) and a fellow from the [Carsey School of Public Policy](#) at the University of New Hampshire to develop the Community Progress Indicators, now displayed on an interactive map of New Hampshire, that measure socioeconomic well-being and community need at the municipal level.

The tool is [featured on CDFA’s website](#) and builds on our commitment to improve data collection, analysis and visualization capacities to better support New Hampshire communities.



COUNCIL ON HOUSING STABILITY RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT

The [Council on Housing Stability](#) submitted its [2021 Annual Report](#) in November 2021 to provide an update on statewide progress to address housing stability. In less than six months since its Strategic Plan was released, the Council has made significant progress addressing housing and homelessness challenges across the Granite State. [More information here](#).

On the recommendation of the Council, the first [New Hampshire Housing Caucus](#) was established within the state legislature to educate and inform lawmakers about the necessary steps to increase housing availability and stability for New Hampshire citizens, businesses, and communities. The bicameral, bipartisan caucus is composed of sixteen state senators and representatives that represent a diverse range of geographic areas and committees.

QUICK LINKS

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