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## VERNON RECEIVES \$400,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

**(VERNON)** Mayor George F. Apel announced today that Vernon has been awarded \$400,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The funds, provided by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), are available to towns and cities with populations of less than 50,000.

*"There are many communities participating in the CDBG competitive application process and funding dollars are increasingly harder to come by" said Mayor Apel. "I am pleased that Vernon will have the opportunity to reach more homeowners, and continue the good work made possible by DECD's funding of \$300,000 in 2012. I thank Governor Malloy and the Department of Economic and Community Development for their assistance in making these funds available for qualifying Vernon residents."*

Last year, Vernon received 60 inquiries for housing rehabilitation funds, and nine housing rehabilitation projects are currently ongoing. The application process is still open, and interested residents can visit <http://www.vernon-ct.gov/social-services> for more information, or contact Marina Rodriguez, Director of Social Services at 860-870-3661.

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