

Community Development Block Grants

The purpose of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) is to assist in developing viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

The Utah program utilized a three prong approach to help local communities by focusing on: Housing, community development and economic development.

In 2010 over 7.5 million dollars were distributed to rural communities (population less than 50,000 thanks to the state small cities CDBG program. The program has benefited Utahans for nearly 30 years and continues to benefit low-income citizens throughout the state.

In Utah the program is unique in that project prioritization for distribution of funds is made at the regional level by locally elected officials with input from local citizens and approved by the state. The funds were distributed as follows; the number of projects in that region is in parenthesis:

Bear River Association of Governments	(9)	\$779,405
Five County Association of Governments	(7)	\$856,333
Mountainland Association of Governments	(10)	\$1,727,179
Six County Association of Governments	(7)	\$963,565
Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments	(3)	\$660,000
Uintah Basin Association of Governments	(7)	\$674,153
Wasatch Front Association of Governments	(12)	\$2,146,275
Total	projects	\$7,806,910

In addition to the above community development and housing grant efforts, CDBG also supports economic development. Economic development is supported through direct grants, revolving loan fund programs, and a state float loan program.

From culinary water projects to housing the homeless, CDBG is making a big difference to lower income persons in the state. Additionally, the economic multiplier of infusing nearly \$7 million in housing, public facilities and infrastructure contributes significantly to the state's economy.