

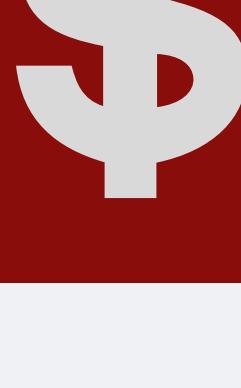
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2019

WHAT IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK?

This week is Community Development Week! We will be celebrating the impact of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME projects. CDBG is used for improvements to parks and playgrounds, supports public services and economic development activities. HOME and CDBG both support quality, affordable housing through programs such as homeowner rehabilitation, down payment assistance, and the removal of lead. Check back throughout the week for more information on how CDBG and HOME have helped the City of Fitchburg! #CDWeek2019 #CDBGImpact

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the last 5 years, the City of Fitchburg has leveraged its \$6.47M of CDBG and HOME funding to acquire an additional \$59M in funding for City projects.

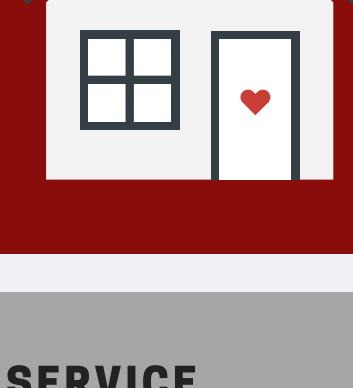


PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Fitchburg loves its parks! CDBG funds were used to installed pathways, benches, fences, rain gardens, a basketball court, and a picnic table at First and Railroad Park, as well as to preserve and improve Crocker Field, including rehabilitating the fencing, field house, grandstands, and more! This historic facility is open to the public and will be enjoyed for years to come!

HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION

HOME's Homeowner Rehab program helps low-income homeowners bring the properties up to code or improve handicap accessibility supports. The program includes repairs to heating and electrical systems, structural integrity, the removal of lead, energy efficiency, and more.



PUBLIC SERVICE

A variety of public services are supported through CDBG funds, including the Montachusett YMCA, MOC, Inc., the

Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network, Our Father's

House, and the Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and

Leominster. These funds support programming for youth and

those experiencing homelessness. These programs support

our neighbors and help make our community stronger.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CDBG funds help support local small businesses through technical assistance and coaching. Both NewVue Community and the Fitchburg State IdeaLab provide services for our local entrepreneurs and help our City's economy thrive.

