

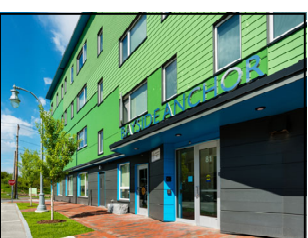
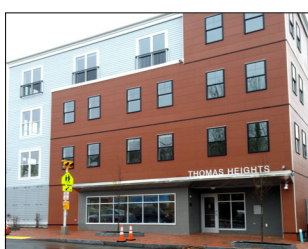
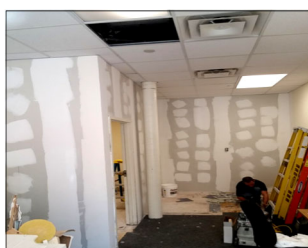


City of Portland
District 4 Annual Meeting

Hosted by Councilor Andrew Zarro

Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Ocean Avenue Elementary School
150 Ocean Avenue, Portland ME 04103

1. Welcome and Introduction (Councilor Zarro, 5 minutes)
2. City Staff Presentations (10 minutes)
 - a. CDBG Grant Information (Mary Davis, Acting Director of Housing & Economic Development)
 - b. City Communications Information (Jessica Grondin, Director of Communications & Digital Services)
3. Community Q&A (Councilor Zarro, 75 Minutes)



Housing and Community Development

City of Portland, Maine

What is CDBG? The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program works to ensure decent affordable housing, provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities.

What is HOME? HOME is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. HOME's flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities.

CDBG funds at work:

Street and Sidewalk Restoration: The 2022-2023 construction season will include, The East Oxford Street Landscape and Accessibility Improvement Project which will provide safe pedestrian accessibility and mobility in the East Bayside neighborhood by repairing or installing eight sidewalk ramps.

Public Facility Improvements: Past projects include Kennedy Park Basketball Courts, Dougherty Field, Fox Street Field, North Street Community Gardens, Fort Allen Park, and Libbytown Community Garden, Bayside Community Garden, and East Bayside Futsal Court.

Non-Profit Rehab: Past projects include LearningWorks, Milestone, IRIS Network, Preble Street Resource Center, Catherine Morrill Day Nursery, Youth and Family Outreach, Abyssinian, Irish Heritage Center, and The YMCA.

Economic Development: Past grant recipients include, CEI's Portland Microenterprise Assistance Program, the City's Business Assistance Program, Living with Peace, CEI, Portland Food Co-op, Creative Portland Corp.

Social Services: Past grant recipients include, Preble Street, Amistad, Wayside Foods, Milestone, Catherine Morrill Day Nursery, Community Policing, The Opportunity Alliance, City of Portland Social Services & Public Health Divisions, and Catholic Charities, Hope Acts, Furniture Friends, Greater Portland Family Promise.

HOME funds at work:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance: \$130,000 - \$140,000 of annual HOME funds are utilized to pay for security deposits and short term rental assistance for individuals and families residing in homeless shelters.

Housing Development: Since 2000, the City of Portland and the Cumberland County HOME Consortium have invested almost \$20 million in federal and local resources to create or renovate 2300 units of affordable rental housing throughout Cumberland County. **Portland projects include:** Thomas Heights, 134 Washington Ave; 409 Cumberland Avenue; 53 Danforth Street; Elm Terrace, 66 High Street; Pearl Place, 180 & 184 Pearl Street; Bayside Anchor; Motherhouse; Deering Place; Front Street, 178 Kennebec Street; 977 Brighton Ave; 58 Boyd St. **County projects include:** Oak Leaf 2 Senior Housing, 24 South Street, Freeport; Sandy Creek Apartments, 41 Sawyer Circle, Bridgton; Steeple Square, Walker and Webb Streets, Westbrook, West End Phase I and II, So. Portland.

For more information about CDBG or HOME call: 207-874-8731

Housing and Community Development Division

Want to receive notifications?

Would you like to receive notifications about meetings and events for CDBG or HOME Programs? Please contact the Housing and Community Development Division at (207)-874-8731 or via email at ryl@portlandmaine.gov. Please indicate if you are interested in a specific program.

Have a project idea?

Do you or your organization have an idea for a CDBG project that would involve the use of City land, staff, or resources? Please contact the Housing and Community Development Division at (207)-874-8731 or via email at ryl@portlandmaine.gov.

Ramp Up for Accessibility this Holiday Season!

Age-Friendly Portland has received an AARP Community Challenge grant to help local businesses improve accessibility for their patrons. Funding will be used to purchase portable ramps that can be stored away when not in use, and wireless doorbells. These items will be donated to the first 12 businesses or non-profit organizations that apply for Age-Friendly designation during the months of October and November.



Participation is easy! Fill out a simple application online at

<https://portlandmaine-portal.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/26709>



A representative of Portland's Age-Friendly Steering Committee will conduct a site visit, assess accessibility needs and take measurements. In addition to receiving FREE accessibility equipment and a certificate of age-friendliness, qualifying businesses and organizations will be featured in Age-Friendly Portland social media posts, on the City's website, be designated as age friendly in Portland's visitor guides, and have access to the Age Friendly Portland logo for use in their own marketing materials.

Portland is one of more than 100 *Age-Friendly Livable Communities* in Maine, each striving to become safer and more inclusive, accessible, and welcoming to residents and visitors of all ages. With the holiday season upon us, there is no better time to think about improving accessibility for all. As the streets of Portland start to bustle with shoppers, diners and revelers, let's make sure that everyone can get in on the fun, no matter their age or ability.

For more information, contact Age-Friendly Portland at 207-541-6620 or agefriendlycommunity@portlandmaine.gov