

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
& HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT (HOME)**



**HUD GRANT PROGRAMS
2015 PROGRESS REPORT**

VENTURA'S GRANT PROGRAMS – CDBG & HOME

The City of San Buenaventura (Ventura) is located in coastal southern California. Home to one of the original 21 California Missions and bordered by miles of sandy beaches and rolling foothills, Ventura is rich with history, natural resources, and diversity.

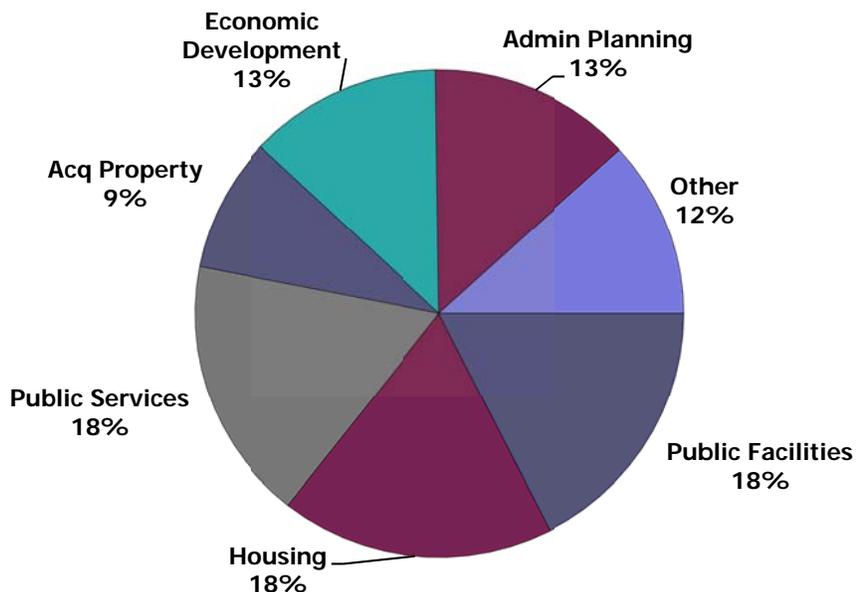
Ventura receives funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs.

The combined purpose of the CDBG and HOME programs is to provide housing, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, and community development opportunities primarily to the community's low- to moderate-income residents. As a long term recipient of CDBG funds (as an Entitlement Community), Ventura became eligible for HOME funds as a Participating Jurisdiction in 2004. Prior to that date, Ventura participated in the County-wide HOME Consortium.

Over the years, Ventura has utilized its CDBG and HOME funding for a range of activities including **affordable housing, public services, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, economic development, and community development.**

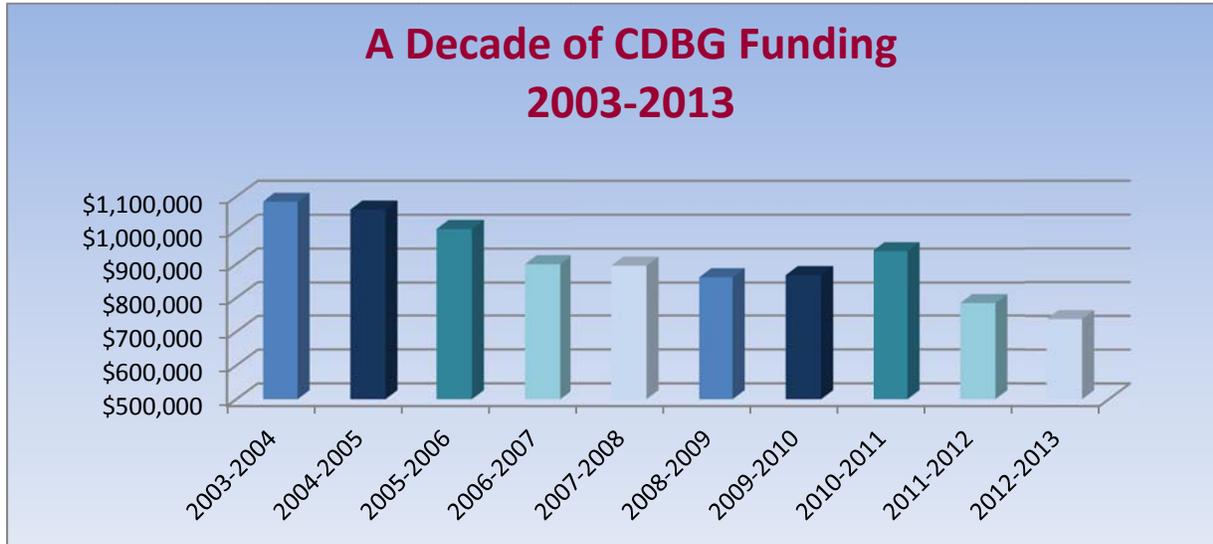
From 2003-2013, the City was awarded nearly \$11,000,000 in CDBG funding and allocated to the various activity categories, as illustrated below.

2003 - 2013 CDBG Activities Categories

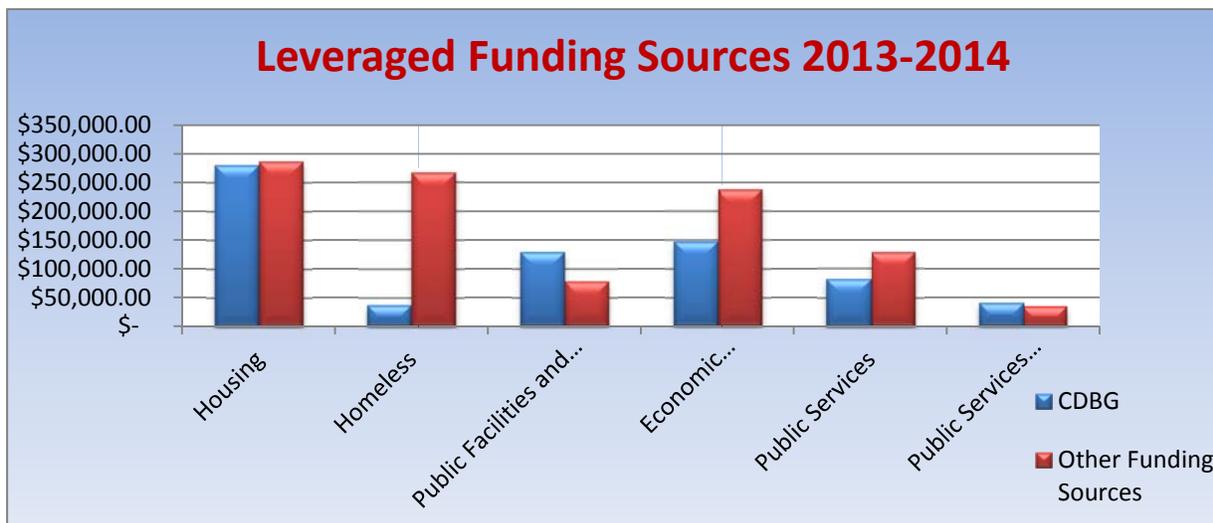


HUD PROGRAMS – FUNDING

Funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program over the last eight years has steadily declined from over \$1 million in 2005 to \$738,810 in 2013, an overall decrease in funding of approximately 26%. Although CDBG funding has declined rather steadily, the City received additional funds in 2010-2011 through ARRA (CDBG-R) funding. The HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program has seen a sharper decline, dropping from \$562,385 in 2005 to \$309,339 in 2013, an overall decrease in funding of approximately 45%.



In Program Year 2013, the City used HUD funding to leverage additional investment in its grant activities. As illustrated in the chart below, over \$1.75 million was invested into CDBG projects during the 2013-2014 Program Year; roughly sixty percent (59%) of that amount was funded by leveraged, non-CDBG funds.



CDBG & HOME PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing Rehabilitation and Home Buyer Assistance

- **Mobile Home Rehabilitation:** Grants allow owner-occupants to make repairs necessary to ensure their mobile homes are safe and secure. Since 2005, approximately 125 grants have been issued.
- **Home Buyer Assistance Program (HBAP):** Loans provided to income-eligible homebuyers to assist in the purchase of a home. From 2005 to 2010 CDBG-funded HBAP loans totaling \$2 million helped 26 families purchase and move into a home of their own. Currently, the HBAP is on hold pending the availability of funds.
- **Housing Preservation:** \$110,000 in CDBG funds were used to preserve four affordable rental housing units for low-income households.

PARTNER for programs listed above: [Ventura Housing Authority](#)

- **Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program:** Housing rehabilitation assistance is provided to low-income homeowner-occupants, for home repairs and improvements under the Neighborhood Preservation Program provided by Habitat for Humanity and the Westside Community Development Corporation (a HUD Community Based Development Organization (CBDO)). In PY 2013-2014, three homes owned and occupied by low-income families were rehabilitated, in an effort to stabilize and maintain the City's housing inventory.

PARTNERS: [Habitat for Humanity](#) and [Rebuilding Together](#).



Affordable Housing Development

Acquisition & Rehabilitation:

- **Vince Street Housing** – Ten SRO units of transitional housing for homeless/mentally ill veterans; \$300,000 in HOME and \$100,000 in CDBG (to be completed in 2015). **PARTNER:** [The Turning Point Foundation](#)
- **Alice’s House** provided five supportive housing units for young adults transitioning from the foster care system to independence; \$100,000 in CDBG funding (2011-2014). **PARTNER:** [Kids & Families Together](#)
- **El Patio Hotel** provides 41 SRO rental units for very low-income residents; \$400,000 in HOME funding (completed 2011). **PARTNER:** [Peoples’ Self-Help Housing](#).



New Construction:

- **Snapdragon Place Phase I** – Acquisition of site for construction of 28 apartments, 13 for extremely- and very-low income households; \$300,000 in CDBG funding (to be completed in 2015). **PARTNER:** [Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation](#)
- **Soho Apartments** provides 12 affordable apartment units for extremely low- and very low-income residents; \$450,000 in HOME funding (completed 2011). **PARTNER:** [Ventura Housing Authority](#)
- **Azahar Place** provides 60 townhouse units of farm worker housing for extremely low- to low-income residents; \$1,300,000 in HOME funding (completed 2012). **PARTNER:** [Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation](#)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CDBG-funded **Economic Development** activities generated approximately **\$12 million in economic impacts** and **created 377 jobs for low- and moderate-income residents** in the last 11 years.

The **Business Assistance Program** provides business loans and technical assistance to help people start or expand small businesses. The CDBG-funded micro-loan is a job creation program; for every \$25,000 loaned to business, a minimum of one FTE must be created and made available to low-income employees. From 2001, EDC-VC committed over \$2 million in loans to Ventura businesses, generating approximately 54 jobs, and creating an economic impact of \$10,920,000. Funding assisted in the creation of 312 jobs, each at \$14,524 invested per job created. CDBG requires 1 job created per every \$35,000 loaned, and the City of Ventura requires 1 job per \$25,000 loaned. **PARTNER:** [Economic Development Collaborative – Ventura County \(EDC-VC\)](#).



The **Self Employment Training (SET) Program** provides technical assistance to help entrepreneurs develop business plans and learn skills necessary to start and/or expand their own businesses. **PARTNER:** [Women’s Economic Ventures \(WEV\)](#)

WOMEN’S ECONOMIC VENTURES SELF-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (SET) PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2012-2014

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Business Performance – New Businesses & Increased Sales

Within two years of entering WEV’s SET program:

- ✓ **The percentage of clients operating a business increased** nearly 50% – from 49% at intake **to 73%** at time of the survey.
- ✓ Annual sales of business increased by an average of **61% to \$141,673** and owner’s draw increased by **76% to \$18,742**.

Increased Household Income & Movement Out of Poverty

- ✓ Within two years, WEV clients experienced an average **increase of 10% in annual household income**, from \$31,700 at intake to \$35,000 at the time of the survey.
- ✓ On average, **80%** of WEV clients who are in poverty at intake **move out of poverty within one year** of receiving services.

Community Economic Impact

- ✓ WEV-client businesses created and sustained an estimated **247 jobs**, including **145 new jobs**.
- ✓ WEV-client businesses generated an estimated **\$923,035 in tax revenues** for the state and local economy.



HOMELESSNESS

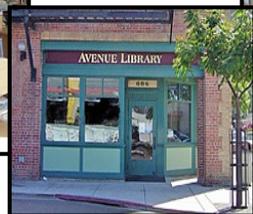
- **Winter Warming Shelter:** Collaborating with other cities, Ventura CDBG funds a seasonal shelter providing services in the coldest months of the year for residents experiencing homeless situations. Approximately 450 West Ventura County residents were served, 119 who reported to be residents of Ventura. Average CDBG funding per year is \$45,000. **PARTNER:** [The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul](#)
- **Supportive Housing:** SHORE (Supportive Housing Opportunities in a Residential Environment) – 15 units of permanent supportive housing. **PARTNERS:** [Project Understanding](#).



- **Homelessness Prevention:** Alice's House provided housing and supportive services for adult youth transitioning out of foster care into independence. Alice's House provided housing to 5 women from 2011-2014. **PARTNER:** [Kids & Families Together](#).

PUBLIC SERVICES

- **The Ventura Avenue Library:** Each year, over 10,000 Westside residents receive library services, including approximately 1,300 library cards issued, 65,450 materials checked out, 2,425 homework center visits, 20 students in the English instruction program, and 2,900 students in the after-school program. **PARTNER:** [Ventura County Library](#).



- **Westside Neighborhood Revitalization Program:** The Westside Community Development Organization, a HUD Community Based Development Organization (CBDO), provides revitalization services and programs to the Westside Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). Activities include outreach for the housing preservation program, a Bicycle HUB providing bicycle repairs training and general maintenance services, and an annual community clean-up event. **PARTNERS:** [WCDC](#) and [VCCOOL](#).

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Ventura CDBG funds have made visible differences to public infrastructure and facilities throughout the City, primarily in the Westside community. Since 2005 these funds have achieved the following.



E. P. Foster Tunnel Abandonment – Removal of 2 blighted and dangerous chain-link enclosures that covered entrances to an underground tunnel. In addition to eliminating the above ground hazard, the project provided wider, safe, and more accessible sidewalks adjacent to an elementary school.



Ventura Avenue Improvements – Stanley Avenue to Shoshone Street

Phase 1 – Stanley Avenue to De Anza Drive

- Completed in 2012.
- Located at the entrance of an elementary school, middle school, residential neighborhood, and City park.
- Project included:
 - ❖ Removal of broken asphalt walkways and inaccessible curbing.
 - ❖ Construction of new concrete sidewalks, accessible curb cuts.
 - ❖ Improved access and safety for cars, pedestrians, & bicyclists.

Phase 2 – De Anza Drive to Shoshone Street

- Anticipated completion date: Summer/Fall 2015.
- Continuation of Phase 1 of the project.



PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Westpark Community Center – CDBG-funded renovations at Westpark since 2009 have resulted in a substantial overhaul of the facility, including:



- A state-of-the-art **Computer and Learning Center** with 30 student work stations, instructor stations, and audio-visual presentation equipment. Homework assistance and instructional services are provided daily to area schoolchildren.
- An updated **Arts and Ceramics Room** with new pottery wheels, kiln, sink & counter, and flooring & paint.
- A **Multipurpose Room** with new windows, flooring, paint, and lockers.
- **ADA Restroom Improvements** including new tile, stalls, plumbing, tankless water heater, and faucets and basins, providing accessibility for patrons and visitors.
- A **Music Studio** fashioned from a shower room, providing space for music activities.
- **Westpark Site Improvements** reconfigured the circulation and expanded the accessibility to and around the facility with new sidewalks, curb cuts, ADA-compliant parking, safety lighting, fencing, drainage improvements, and parking lot surfacing.



- **Ventura Avenue Adult Center** – Site improvements to provide increased functionality of outdoor facilities, and to remove unsightly conditions that attracted vagrants.



The City of Ventura's CDBG and HOME programs are administered by the Community Development Department.

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