

Community Action Empowering Communities Transformative Impact of Community Development Block Grant Funding



Community Impact

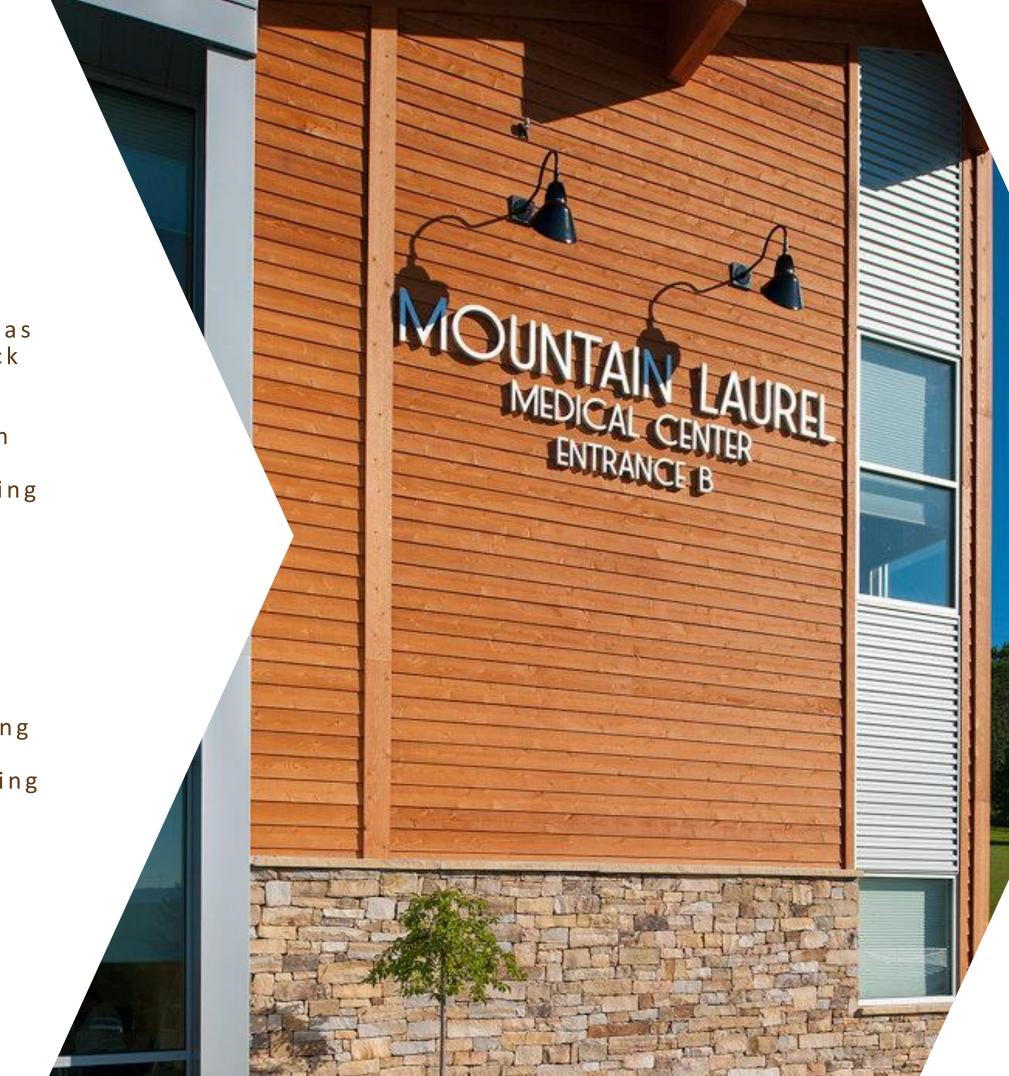
Adventure Sports Center International One Million Dollar Boost to Economy

Adventure Sports Center International, an internationally acclaimed white-water venue, stands as a prime example of the Community Development Block Grant's transformative power. CDBG contributed one million dollars to this 21-million-dollar project, bridging the financial gap. The collaboration between local community stakeholders, the State Office, and Garrett County Community Action was crucial in making this project a reality.

Mountain Laurel Medical Center Elevating Healthcare Accessibility

CDBG played a pivotal role in propelling Mountain Laurel Medical Center's growth. The funding enabled the center to expand its services and facilities, serving over 7,000 enrolled patients. This success story highlights how CDBG can be a game changer, addressing critical needs and impacting community well-being.





Advanced Housing Opportunities

Preserving Rental Housing

Maximizing Impact Through Collaboration

In pursuing income-restricted affordable housing, CDBG funding became a crucial resource. Collaboration between GCCAC and local development teams paved the way for creating 600 out of 700 rental units, contributing to community wellness. CDBG's gap financing was vital in maintaining affordable rents and fostering family stability.

Empowering Home Ownership Eliminating Substandard Housing

CDBG took an active role in transforming housing quality, eliminating substandard conditions such as outdoor privies. By focusing on installing indoor plumbing and supporting down payment assistance and site development, CDBG empowers low-income individuals to become homeowners. This strategy aligns with Garrett County's economic development goals, fostering job growth and enhancing household income.









Enhancing Service Infrastructure

Creating Accessible Services

Building Head Start & Senior Centers

CDBG's role in constructing community facilities has enhanced service accessibility. Through collaborations with GCCAC, four Head Start Centers and three Senior Centers were established, enriching the lives of community members and promoting a higher quality of life.

Adaptive Reuse

Transforming Vacated Schools

CDBG's flexible resources were instrumental in repurposing vacated schools for multi-service centers and affordable housing. This adaptive reuse approach further demonstrates CDBG's capacity to impact various aspects of community development positively.



Filling Service Gaps and Enhancing Local Capacity

Temporary Solutions for Service Gaps CDBG's Short-Term Support

Unlike Entitlement communities, CDBG plays a role as a short-term gap filler. When essential services faced disruption, CDBG stepped in to ensure continuity until new funding sources were secured. This flexibility underscores CDBG's commitment to community wellbeing.

Boosting Local Capacity Circuit Rider Program

Through programs like the Circuit Rider Program, CDBG provides financial support to local communities and fosters strategic planning, revitalization, and grant writing. This collaborative effort empowers smaller towns and drives comprehensive development initiatives.





Broad Scope of CDBG

Beyond Boundries Exploring CDBG Initiatives

The State Community Development Office's extensive role in our community goes beyond what we can cover here. There are initiatives related to water and sewer, industrial park development, micro-business loans, flood mitigation, and disaster response, among others. These efforts remind us of the wide-reaching influence of CDBG funding.

Economic Growth Fostering Local Prosperity

Our journey through these diverse projects demonstrates the incredible versatility and impact of Community Development Block Grant funding. By fostering partnerships, addressing critical needs, and driving community development, CDBG has been a catalyst for positive change in our community. As we move forward, we remain committed to leveraging CDBG's resources to shape a brighter future for Garrett County and its residents.



































