

Community Action Awarded \$150,000 For Home Rehabs

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development announced Friday that the Garrett County Community Action Committee has been awarded a \$150,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The funds will be used by the agency to continue its countywide housing rehabilitation program, which will benefit 35 low- and moderate-income households.

The Hogan administration recently allocated more than \$5.6 million in CDBG funds to 13 Maryland municipalities and counties. The funds will support projects that provide housing and infrastructure improvements and support economic development for Maryland communities.

Awardees also include rehabilitation of low-income housing in Dorchester County and Pocomoke City, several infrastructure improvement projects, and funding for a water tank, pump station, and service lines that is critical to the retention of 800 jobs at the Verso Paper Mill in Allegany County.

CDBG is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to help Maryland communities meet a wide range of economic, social, and physical environment needs.

According to DHCD, the program has been a vital and versatile source of revenue to help communities across the nation fight deterioration in lower-income neighborhoods and communities and maintain public infrastructure. Maryland has awarded over \$242 million since 1987 to over 850 awardees.