

**Cumberland County Community Development Program
2024 Pre-Application**

Due December 14, 2023

Email completed Pre-Application to styles@cumberlandcounty.org

Application Type: General Public Service

Project Name: Project HOME

Lead Community: Freeport

Additional Communities: Westbrook

Subrecipient Organization: *(e.g. non-profit social service agency)* Quality Housing Coalition

Project Location (Address): Freeport and Westbrook

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Provide a clear, concise description of the project

The scope of work for the project should be outlined. Depending on the nature of the project/activity include in your response: What will be built? What will be provided? Who will be served? Where will the project occur?

Funding from the County CDBG Program will support implementation of QHC's Project HOME approach in Freeport and Westbrook. Project HOME is a collaborative program that unlocks access to Maine's existing housing stock for historically marginalized low-income tenants. Project HOME expands access to affordable housing through landlord partnerships and ensures families and individuals remain housed by providing wraparound support. The program provides robust housing stabilization services using a housing navigation approach. This approach is powered by partnerships with landlords and nonprofit housing providers, housing readiness programs, prospective tenants, current tenants, community volunteers, schools, municipalities, and government agencies.

County CDBG funding will support Project HOME personnel costs enabling a Housing Navigator to focus half their time exclusively on working with people experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity in Freeport and Westbrook. In collaboration with municipal officials in Freeport and Westbrook, QHC will recruit 10 new partner landlords in Freeport and Westbrook and successfully place 20 Project HOME households. QHC will provide eviction prevention support to 50 households.

Project Goal: Affordable Housing Public Facility Improvement Public Infrastructure Improvements
 Public Service Economic Development

Total Clients Served (unduplicated): 2,470 Percentage LMI: 100

Funding: CDBG Request: \$ 40,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 550,000

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