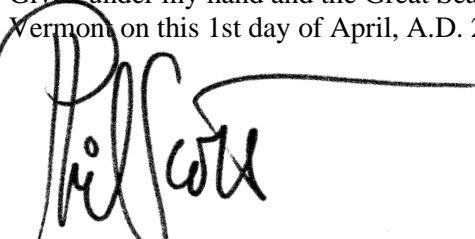


**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Community Development Block Grant Program is celebrating 50 years of operation since its start in 1974 to serve local governments and their partners with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low-and-moderate income persons; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) within the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, has administered the state's portion of Community Development Block Grant funding since 1983 to address urgent and important economic development, social services and housing needs in Vermont communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to improve the quality of life for low-and-moderate income Vermonters and grow local economies; and
- WHEREAS,** the Community Development Block Grant Program has spent \$367,908,437 in funding to provide the state of Vermont with decent housing, public infrastructure improvements, services, and economic development over the last 50 years; and
- WHEREAS,** during the past year the VCDP has provided \$7.4 million of grant funding to towns, villages, and cities, leveraging over \$83 million in other investment throughout Vermont communities, which benefited over 8,000 people; and
- WHEREAS,** Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the vital projects that rely on its funds for support; and
- WHEREAS,** the month of April 2024 has been reserved for recognition and appreciation of the Community Development Block Grant Program and its 50th anniversary.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2024 as

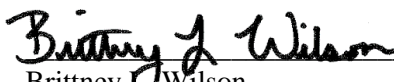
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of April, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs