

## **Jefferson County Housing Programs**

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#### **HOME Consortium**

The North Country HOME Consortium consists of Jefferson, St. Lawrence, and Lewis Counties. The Consortium operates under authorization established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Consortium was created in order for the counties to qualify as an entitlement community thereby receiving federal funding annually for housing projects. The Planning & Community Development Department has an administrative role in support of Jefferson County's status as the lead county. Since its inception in 1994, the Consortium has distributed \$35,646,097.80 in local housing assistance to local not-for-profit housing providers. This has resulted in the purchase and/or rehabilitation of over 2,000 units in the three county area.

[North Country HOME Consortium Draft Consolidated Plan for 2021-2025](#)

[Draft Update to the Citizen Participation Plan](#)

[Language Assistance Plan](#)

#### **Community Development Block Grant Housing Program (CDBG)**

The Jefferson County Planning & Community Development Department administers the County's CDBG housing program. Staff undertakes program planning, application development, administration, and reporting requirements. Through the NYS Office of Community Renewal, Jefferson County applies annually for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation funds for qualifying low to moderate income home owners. The County works with a consultant to administer the program and with Neighbors of Watertown to process the applications and work with the contractors. The County has received \$13,000,000 and assisted 396 residential units since 2005.

The County currently has open awards from the 2023-2025 funding rounds. Interested individuals should contact Neighbors of Watertown to determine eligibility and availability of funds.