

### **FY2014 Great Barrington CDBG Grant**

The towns of Great Barrington and Sheffield are the recipients of an FY2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Governor Deval Patrick made the announcement of the award of \$803,100 in CDBG funds during a visit to Housatonic Village on July 18, 2014. This represented the first regional grant of its kind ever awarded in Berkshire County.

Approximately \$575,000 of the grant will be used to perform housing rehabilitation on low to moderate income, owner occupied dwellings in the target area of Housatonic Village in Great Barrington, and in the Town of Sheffield.

In addition, Great Barrington will receive funding for engineering design of infrastructure improvements in Housatonic Village, and Sheffield will receive funding for architectural designs to eliminate accessibility barriers in the Sheffield Town Hall.

Developing the grant application was a cooperative effort, with Senior BRPC Planner Patricia Mullins and Planner Jaclyn Pacejo coordinating with Great Barrington's Town Planner, Chris Rembold, and Sheffield Select Board member Rene Wood and Sheffield resident Martin Mitsoff, all working together for several months to develop the application.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission continues to assist the towns by serving as Grant Administrators in implementing the grant, and by managing the Housing Rehabilitation Program.