

The City of Cincinnati

2017 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Cincinnati's 2017 Annual Action Plan presents a series of initiatives to be accomplished between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, which corresponds to the City's Fiscal Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017) and Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017). The purpose of the Action Plan is to ensure that public services, economic development, and housing services are delivered in an efficient and effective manner. The Annual Action Plan identifies various programs administered and subsidized with the use of federal funds. Most importantly, the Annual Action Plan is a reflection of the annual goals and objectives set-forth in the Five-Year 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan.

The Annual Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and constitutes an application for funds under the following federal entitlement grants:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive plan that identifies key initiatives that will significantly improve the quality of life and/or financial stability of Cincinnati residents. The plan is derived from the goals established in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and is formulated in a collaborative manner with the assistance of Cincinnati staff across various departments. In

addition, the plan is integrated with contributions from public forums and the Community Development Advisory Board discussions.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan – *This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.*

The City's Five Year Goals, Objectives and Related Outcomes are outlined in 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan and were based on grant funding at 2014 levels initially. Both the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan documents are adjusted as the annual entitlement grants are awarded.

These goals, objectives and outcomes were selected based on community priorities, prior years' performance evaluation, the needs assessment, the housing market analysis and **Plan Cincinnati**, which is the City's comprehensive plan adopted in 2012. Top priorities for each grant are highlighted below:

- CDBG programs:
 - Neighborhood business district development
 - Reducing poverty through employment training programs
 - Housing redevelopment projects
 - Housing repairs for low to moderate income homeowners
- HOME programs:
 - Development of affordable multi-family housing
 - Strategic investment by neighborhood for rental and homeownership programs
 - Operating support for non-profits creating affordable housing
- Both ESG and HOPWA programs are evaluated by cooperative processes managed by the Continuum of Care, Strategies to End Homelessness (STEh). A consortium meets to review programs and services and recommend funding levels for each respective Annual Action Plan as well.
 - ESG Programs:
 - \$550,000 is set aside for shelter and related supportive services and operation
 - Homeless prevention services receive the balance of the funding
 - Street outreach is conducted by three local organizations – Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, Lighthouse Youth Services, and Downtown Cincinnati Incorporated – and is funded through other sources
 - Priorities for HOPWA-funded programs:

- Operating support for housing facilities for persons with HIV/AIDS
- Housing assistance through Short-Term Rent Mortgage and Utility (STRMU) payments, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and permanent housing placement
- Supportive services including case management
- Emergency shelter and medical care for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS

The Consolidated Plan priorities factored in the following items: Citizen Ranking, Community Development Advisory Board Input, staff input, Needs Analysis, Market Analysis, effectiveness of programs, leverage of funds, and City Council policy direction.

3. Evaluation of past performance – *This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.*

Accomplishment data for Calendar Year 2016 of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan’s goals and objectives were reported in the 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which was submitted to HUD on March 30, 2017.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process – *Summary from citizen participation section of plan.*

The City of Cincinnati’s Department of Community and Economic Development manages the development of the plan for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs and provides guidance to all City departments and subrecipients receiving project funding. By October, departments submit requests for resources to the Department of Community and Economic Development. The City’s Community Development Advisory Board provides program priorities for funding and a general public citizen participation event collected priority community needs. Requests were compiled and provided for public review.

The City Manager submits a Recommended Annual Action Plan to City Council’s Budget and Finance Committee for deliberation. The draft Annual Action Plan budget was passed by Cincinnati Council on December 21, 2016. The City Council approval process includes another opportunity for public input. After the entitlement grants are awarded, a reconciliation budget was distributed to the departments and subrecipients for input before final Council approval. The reconciliation budget was passed by Council on August 2, 2017.

5. Summary of public comments – *This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.*

A public participation event was held on September 20, 2016, at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The public was provided comment cards to select the top community

needs. Information regarding each program in CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA was provided. City staff attended the event to answer questions from the public as well as provide information regarding specific programs.

The City's advisory board for the Consolidated Plan / Annual Action Plan process, the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB), held public meetings on August 2, 2016 and October 6, 2016 to discuss the 2017 funding priority recommendations. The CDAB consists of a 17-member volunteer group appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval consisting of 13 diverse community leaders and 4 City representatives. The following is the diverse community leader composition of the CDAB according to Cincinnati Municipal Code: community council members (3), lending institutions (1), small business advocate (1), human services (1), trades / labor representation (1), low income advocate (1), housing authority (1), real estate community (1), developer (1), corporate community (1), and community development corporation representative (1).

The City's recommended CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA budgets were presented before the City of Cincinnati's Budget and Finance Committee on December 19, 2016. The funding recommendations were based on a three tiered approach based on CDAB and citizen priorities. Cincinnati Council passed the entitlement ordinances on December 21, 2016 and the reconciliation ordinance on August 2, 2017.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

The City of Cincinnati implemented the majority of the public and staff comments received while determining the funding for the programs. A comment not implemented was in regards to funding the HOME Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program. While the specific PSH program was not funded in the HOME budget, eligible PSH projects may be funded under the Affordable Multi Family Rental Program. Another comment not accepted was feedback regarding the City's TBRA program for our disabled population. The TBRA was administered by Hamilton County Community Development who decided to cancel administering the program. The City of Cincinnati's Department of Community and Economic Development worked with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority to replace the assistance with housing vouchers.

7. Summary

City Council made final appropriation decisions for the 2017 Annual Action Plan Budget and took the public comments into consideration. The citizen participation process included engagement from a variety of residents and community leaders. The comments provided were thoroughly analyzed and considered in the development of this Annual Action Plan. A summary of the comments received is included as an attachment to the Action Plan.

PR-05 Lead and Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan –
Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	City of Cincinnati	Department of Community and Economic Development
HOME Administrator	City of Cincinnati	Department of Community and Economic Development
ESG Administrator	City of Cincinnati	Department of Community and Economic Development
HOPWA-C Administrator	City of Cincinnati	Department of Community and Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Cincinnati Department of Community and Economic Development administers the Consolidated Plan entitlement grants and the majority of the individual projects. A few projects are administered by three other city departments, including the City of Cincinnati Department of Buildings and Inspections Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Division, Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and the Cincinnati Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

The City of Cincinnati contracts with Strategies to End Homelessness (STEh) as a subrecipient to facilitate the administration, implementation, and monitoring of programs related to the Continuum of Care for the Homeless, the Emergency Solutions Grant program and Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Cincinnati worked with a wide array of organizations and existing networks to develop the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan. Each year, relationships are maintained and fostered with these organizations to establish the Annual Action Plans and to coordinate services.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

- The City works with the United Way of Greater Cincinnati to award human services funds to outside agencies. These services are funded by the City's General Operating Fund at approximately \$1.5 million per year.
- The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), Hamilton County, and the City of Cincinnati worked collaboratively on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing for the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan.
- The City partners with its Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) to enhance coordination of the Annual Action Plans and citizen participation. This volunteer citizen group provides Consolidated Plan funding recommendations to the City Manager and the members represent the following sectors: community councils, human services agencies, organized labor, low-income advocates, small business, corporate entities, lenders, developers, real estate, Community Development Corporations (CDCs), and City Administration.
- The local Continuum of Care collaborative applicant, Strategies to End Homelessness (STEh), coordinates the efforts of organizations which provide services to the homeless and other special populations for ESG programs and coordinates groups that serve the HIV/AIDS population with HOPWA funding.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Strategies to End Homelessness (STEh) serves as our local Continuum of Care (OH-500) and is under contract with the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County as a subrecipient to facilitate the work of the community related to homelessness, including:

- Shelter diversion
- Street outreach
- Emergency shelter programs for singles and families
- Transitional housing programs
- Permanent housing, including
 - Rapid Re-housing programs
 - Service-enriched permanent supportive housing programs, including legacy Shelter Plus Care programs
- Specialized services-only programs.

The local Continuum of Care (CoC) process involves all agencies and programs who receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and completes the following:

- Assesses capacity and identifies gaps
- Evaluates outcomes achieved by funded programs, in comparison to both local and national benchmarks
- Proactively develops improvements and solutions to systemic issues
- Works to implement HUD priorities, so as to increase the likelihood of the community continuing to receive funds
- Facilitates the allocation of funding to these agencies
- Serves as an inclusive vehicle to promote best practices
- Facilitates access to mainstream resources and services for the homeless
- Works to develop policies and procedures to assist homeless persons directly.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

STEH facilitates the annual “Prince of Peace” process to allocate ESG shelter operation funding, an allocation based upon program performance. Higher performing projects, as determined by HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) data, are recommended for a higher level of funding than poorer performers. The allocation process is based on established performance measures developed in collaboration with the ESG recipients and sub recipients. The process includes baseline funding for each agency that has submitted an application for the funding, based on each facility’s outcome data in comparison to the other local facilities. Then, during

the annual Price of Peace meeting, each agency provides a brief program description and requests changes to the proposed allocation based on facility needs in the coming year. A consensus is reached regarding the final allocation for each agency and the allocation is submitted to the City and County for inclusion in their respective Annual Action Plans. If issues arise with any ESG funded emergency shelter, issues are brought to the attention of Strategies to End Homelessness, and the Homeless Clearinghouse, the CoC Board.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

1	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Community Development Advisory Board</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Public Housing Authority</p> <p>Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS</p> <p>Services-homeless</p> <p>Other government - Local</p> <p>Business Leaders</p> <p>Civic Leaders</p> <p>Community Councils</p> <p>Neighborhood Organization</p> <p>Private Sector Banking / Financing</p> <p>Annual Action Plan</p> <p>The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) is a group of citizens appointed by the Mayor with Cincinnati Council approval to provide the City with feedback and recommendation on the CDBG and HOME programs. Specifically, the CDAB provides guidance to the City on how resources should be allocated as part of the Annual Action Plan and throughout the year. In making appointments to the CDAB, the City attempts to attract a broad base of representatives from banking, real estate, housing, economic development, social services providers, and citizens at large.</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	

2	<div>Agency/Group/Organization</div> <div>Agency/Group/Organization Type</div> <div>Cincinnati – Hamilton County Continuum of Care</div> <div> Housing PHA Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County Other government - Local Business Leaders Foundation Private Sector Banking / Financing </div>
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<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Action Plan</p>
<p>Briefly describe Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>As described above, STEH is the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Continuum of Care that provides guidance on homeless programs, including ESG.</p>

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City of Cincinnati consults a variety of agencies in the Annual Action Plan process.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Plan Cincinnati	City of Cincinnati Department of City Planning	The 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan was prepared in part by building on the data, needs analysis, community engagement and strategies in the City’s most recent comprehensive plan called Plan Cincinnati (November 2012).
The Homeless to Homes Plan	Strategies to End Homelessness (Continuum of Care)	The Homeless to Homes Plan (February 2010) was developed with input from non-profit organizations, the business community, faith-based organizations, local government, funders, and non-profit organizations. Then, the homeless population goals and objectives were developed with input from The Homeless to Homes Plan and the City of Cincinnati Administration. The Hamilton County Commission, as well as the County’s Department of Community Development, was also consulted during the development of the recommendations in order to ensure that a consistent plan is being implemented across both jurisdictions.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City re-established the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) in 2011. The CDBG and HOME program requests were reviewed by the CDAB members. The CDAB members provided the City Administration with feedback on the level of priority that should be given to each program.

The following priorities and values were determined by the CDAB to be taken into consideration with the 2017 funding of programs within the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME).

Priorities of the CDAB:

- Decent Housing
 - Access to affordable Housing
 - Fair Housing
- Suitable Living Environment
 - Eliminating Slum and Blight
 - Enhance of Quality of Life
 - Transformative Community Change
- Expanded Economic Opportunity
 - Aided the Underserved
 - Workforce Development

CDAB's Essential Values:

- Larger Impact
 - Fund fewer programs at a higher level
- Leverage City's CDBG and HOME Funding
 - Programs should have a diverse funding base
- Non Duplication of Programs / Services
- Competitive Process
- Collaboration
- Measurable Results/Results Driven
 - Program Evaluation

Each project receiving CDBG and HOME funds submitted to one-page request with the annual funding request and a 250-word limit response on how the program aligns with CDAB priorities and how the program supports the CDAB values. City staff provided input to CDAB by ranking all programs. CDAB was able to utilize the information from the programs and City staff before providing the final recommendations.

A public hearing hosted by the City of Cincinnati was held at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, an accessible facility, on September 20, 2016 to receive public comments regarding the Recommended 2017 Annual Action Plan Budget. Other accommodations for sight or hearing-impaired persons and for non-English speaking persons were available upon request. Notice of this Public Hearing was widely distributed. Paid advertisement was published in the Cincinnati Enquirer on September 4, 2016, a newspaper of general circulation. Additionally, the notice was posted on the City's website, in the City Bulletin on September 6, 2016, and via social media on Facebook and Twitter. Finally, notice of the public hearing was provided to a wide array of community and nonprofit organizations via e-mail.

In finalizing its 2017 Annual Action Plan Budget, the City accepted comments received from citizens at the public hearing and in writing 30 days after the publication of the 2017 Annual Action Plan budget. The City's recommended CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA budgets were presented before the City of Cincinnati's Budget and Finance Committee on December 19, 2016. The funding recommendations were based on a tiered reduction approach based on CDAB and citizen priorities. Cincinnati Council passed the entitlement ordinances on December 21, 2016 and the reconciliation ordinances on August 9, 2017.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
CDAB Meetings	Public Hearing	Community Development Advisory Board	August 2, 2016 Meeting: 8 / 17 CDAB members, 13 City staff October 6, 2016 Meeting: 8 / 17 CDAB members, 5 City staff	CDAB provided consensus on the CDBG's funding priorities	CDAB provided recommendations regarding each program's priority for the community
Public Participation Event	Public Hearing	Non-targeted / broad community	September 20, 2016 – comment cards available for the public to submit to the City – a total of 124 cards were received	Support was provided for the Hand Up Initiative, Homelessness Prevention, and affordable housing programs	Input was provided on implementing the Home Energy Scoring system into federally funded development projects – at this time it is recommended by the City but not mandatory. Also, feedback regarding assistance for low income disabled population was presented. Also, comments were received against the City for defunding the TBRA program.

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
City Council Meetings – Budget and Finance Committee Meetings	Public Hearing	Non-targeted / broad community	December 19, 2016 and July 31, 2017	Recommendations were made to increase funding in Summer Youth Employment Program, Housing Repair Services, Operating Support for CDCs, Tenant Representation and Emergency Mortgage Assistance	
Newspaper Ad	Publication	Non-targeted / broad community	September 4, 2016		
Social Media	Publication	Non-targeted / broad community	September 4, 2016		
Departmental Meetings	Meetings	City staff	Several throughout the year	All program funding requests were taken into consideration	All programs requests were in amounts lower than the 2016 allocations

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

The CDAB determined the following program priorities (with 1 as the highest funding priority):

Project Title	CDAB Priority
Neighborhood Business District Program	1
Hand Up Initiative	2
CoreFour Strategic Housing	3
Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE)	4
Housing Repair Services	6
Concentrated Code Enforcement	7
Operating Support for Community Development Corporations	8
Lead Poisoning Hazard Testing Program	9
Urban Homesteading	10
Code Enforcement Relocation	11
Historic Stabilization of Structures	12
Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment Program	13
Hazard Abatement Program	14
Small Business Services	15
Vacant Lot Reutilization	16
Findlay Market Capacity Building	17
Groundwork Cincinnati – Mill Creek Restoration	18

Public Services Programs	CDAB Priority
Summer Youth Employment Program	1
Fair Housing Services	2
Emergency Mortgage Assistance	3
Blueprint For Success	4
Tenant Representation	5
Housing Choice Mobility Program	6

The public participation event showed the following top community priorities from the 124 responses. The comment cards requested optional information, including age, race, gender, whether the individual was a renter or a home owner, and zip code. Of those who completed this optional request, 34.4% identified as Caucasian, 58% African American, 2.1% Asian, and 5.5% Other; 76% renters and 29% home owners; 42% male and 58% female.

- Employment training programs for underemployed
- Homelessness prevention and assistance
- Youth job training programs
- Rehab, new construction of affordable housing
- Safe housing
- Low concentrations of poverty in areas
- Downpayment assistance for 1st time home buyers
- Housing for persons with mental illness
- Small business assistance
- Fair Housing services
- Assistance for the elderly and/or disabled
- Lead poisoning prevention
- Improving neighborhood business districts
- Non-profit capacity building and assistance
- Legal assistance for tenants
- Homeowner repair assistance
- Mortgage payment assistance
- Demolishing vacant buildings
- Vacant building temporary improvements
- Mill Creek watershed improvement
- Building code violation enforcement
- Environmental remediation of contaminated sites
- Commercial and industrial development
- Historic building preservation
- Findlay Market assistance and expansion
- Financial literacy training

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

The City of Cincinnati's 2017 Entitlement Awards and program income amounts are listed below. HOME Investment Partnerships Program budgets CY 2017 allocation with CY 2016 program income to determine the total project amount available. CDBG budgeted with CY 2016 entitlement allocation and utilized an adjusted CY 2016 and CY 2017 program income to determine the total project budget available and to take into consideration the actual CY 2017 allocation. At the end of the calendar year, CDBG will be reconciled with the actual CY 2017 program income received in order to carry projects and activities through the first part of the next calendar year in order to avoid a disruption of services provided.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Amount Available Year 3			Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$
CDBG	Federal	Acquisition, Admin and Planning, Economic and Housing Development, Public Improvements, Public Services	\$10,667,344	\$987,380	\$0	\$11,654,724
						\$0

HOME	Federal	Acquisition, Homebuyer assistance, Homeowner rehab, Multifamily rental new construction, Multifamily rental rehab, New construction for ownership, TBRA	\$2,045,580	\$266,253	\$0	\$2,311,833	\$0
ESG	Federal	Permanent housing in facilities, Permanent housing placement, STRMU, Short term or transitional housing facilities, Supportive services, TBRA	\$968,189	\$0	\$0	\$968,189	\$0
HOPWA	Federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing, Financial Assistance, Overnight shelter, Rapid re-housing (rental assistance), Rental Assistance, Services, Transitional housing	\$791,673	\$0	\$0	\$791,673	\$0

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG funds are used to leverage other public and private funds. The programs which leverage funds are the Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP); Core 4 Strategic Housing Program; Operating Support for Community Development Corporations (CDCs); Affordable Multi Family Rental Program; Small Business Services; Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment; Historic Stabilization of Structures; Groundwork Cincinnati – Millcreek Restoration; and Corporation for Findlay Market – Nonprofit Capacity Building. Construction projects are funded as gap financing and are not the only source of funding for these projects.

HOME funds are also utilized to leverage other public and private funds, and generate matching funds as required by HUD. These programs include: Affordable Multi-Family Rental Program; Single Family Homeownership Development; Core 4 Strategic Housing Program; Operating Support for Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs); CHDO Development Projects; Permanent Supportive Housing; and the Downpayment Assistance Initiative Program. All eligible projects receive the City's Community Reinvestment Area Residential or Commercial Tax Abatement. The City of Cincinnati offers a residential and commercial tax abatement program for new properties and renovations. The abatement allows the owners to pay property taxes primarily on the pre-improvement value. The abatement can last 10 to 15 years, depending on the type of project. The savings from the tax abatement is utilized as the City's local match requirement.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City of Cincinnati owns vacant buildings and vacant lots in most of its fifty-two neighborhoods. Two new programs included in the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan to address the use of publicly owned land – the Urban Homesteading Program and the Vacant Lot Reutilization Program. Both will be considered for funding from 2016 to 2019. The City has implemented an internal working team to compile an inventory on the City owned parcels and discuss ways to work together to connect programs and development. The City has strategically assembled land in some neighborhoods, such as Madisonville and College Hill, for large redevelopment projects. Redevelopment projects will be selected using participatory and competitive processes.

Discussion

The City of Cincinnati operates a program titled Cincinnati Land Reutilization Program (CLRP) to address non-productive publically owned land or property. The purpose of the CLRP is to

return the non-productive property into productive uses, including homeownership, multi-income housing development, commercial and industrial redevelopment, parks and recreation, institutional or public use, infrastructure, community gardens, urban agriculture, and side-lot / vacant lot purchase. This program utilizes City funds and these properties may be eligible for federally funded redevelopment.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

#	Goal Name	Programs	Grant	Amount	Unit of Measure	Expected 2017
1	Promote Homeowner Housing	Urban Homesteading	CDBG	\$21,000	Household Housing Unit	1
		Core 4 Strategic Housing Program	CDBG	\$201,000	Household Housing Unit	4
		CHDO Development Projects	HOME	\$200,000	Household Housing Unit	3
		Core 4 Strategic Housing Program	HOME	\$310,000	Household Housing Unit	1
		Downpayment Assistance Initiative	HOME	\$100,000	Households Assisted	25
		Single Family Homeownership Development	HOME	\$0	Household Housing Unit	1
2	Provide Supportive Services for Homeowners	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly	CDBG	\$143,000	Household Housing Unit	12
		Emergency Mortgage Assistance	CDBG	\$85,000	Households Assisted	125
		Homeowner Rehab Loan Program	CDBG	\$30,000	Households Assisted	300
		Housing Repair Services	CDBG	\$1,541,000	Household Housing Unit	1,100
3	Rehab Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing	Affordable Multi Family Rental	CDBG	\$90,000	Household Housing Unit	

		Core 4 Strategic Housing Program	CDBG	\$200,000	Household Housing Unit	4
		Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund	CDBG	\$1,500,000	Household Housing Unit	10
		Affordable Multi Family Rental	HOME	\$951,534	Household Housing Unit	25
		CHDO Development Projects	HOME	\$106,837	Household Housing Unit	5
		Core 4 Strategic Housing Program	HOME	\$310,000	Household Housing Unit	1
4	Provide Supportive Services for Renters	Housing Choice Mobility Program	CDBG	\$20,000	Households Assisted	1
		Tenant Representation	CDBG	\$122,000	Households Assisted	200
		Tenant Based Rental Assistance	HOME	\$0	Households Assisted	70
5	Promote Fair Housing	Fair Housing Services	CDBG	\$126,000	Households Assisted	1,000
6	Promote Commercial and Industrial Development	Commercial and Industrial Development	CDBG	\$165,000	Businesses Assisted	2
7	Promote Business Development	Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program	CDBG	\$836,000	Business Building Rehab	40
		Small Business Services	CDBG	\$170,000	Businesses Assisted	20
8	Increase Economic Opportunities Through Public Services	Blueprint for Success	CDBG	\$78,000	Persons Assisted	25

	Hand Up Initiative	CDBG	\$1,256,000	Persons Assisted	500
	Summer Youth Employment	CDBG	\$910,000	Persons Assisted	450
9	Improve Quality of Life by Eliminating Slum and Blight				
	Concentrated Code Enforcement	CDBG	\$524,000	Household Housing Unit	4,000
	Historic Stabilization of Structures	CDBG	\$157,000	Household Housing Unit	3
	Groundwork Cincinnati - Mill Creek Restoration	CDBG	\$20,850	Persons Assisted	25,000
	Vacant Lot Reutilization	CDBG	\$5,000	Persons Assisted	1
	Hazard Abatement	CDBG	\$691,000	Buildings	250
	Lead Hazard Testing Program	CDBG	\$300,000	Household Housing Unit	200
10	Provide Operating Support for Nonprofits				
	Operating Support for CDCs	CDBG	\$266,000	Other	10
	Operating Support for Corporation for Findlay Market	CDBG	\$125,000	Other	1
	Operating Support for CHDOs	HOME	\$102,279	Other	4
11	Support Homeless Shelters & Other Homeless Housing				
	Emergency Shelters & Supportive Services	ESG	\$550,000	Number of emergency beds	4,900
	Permanent Supportive Housing	HOME	\$0	Household Housing Unit	1
12	Prevent Homelessness	CDBG	\$70,000	Households Assisted	30

	Homeless Prevention	ESG	\$345,575	Persons Assisted	135
13	Provide Operating Support for HIV/AIDS Housing Facilities	HOPWA	\$235,000	Household Housing Unit	2
14	Provide Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS.	HOPWA	\$126,923	Household Housing Unit	125
15	Provide Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS	HOPWA	\$406,000	Household Housing Unit	200
	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	HOPWA		Households Assisted	25

Table 6 – Goals Summary

NOTE: Some programs are included in the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan but are not funded in the 2017 Annual Action Plan. For programs with \$0 in 2017, and no prior resources, output is 1 unit in 2017. For programs with \$0 in 2017, but with prior resources anticipated to be spent in 2017, output is estimated amount of units for 2017.

Goal Descriptions

The 2017 Annual Action Plan includes 39 programs in the four entitlement grant programs – CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA. During 2016, three non-performing programs were removed from CDBG: Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach, Financial and Credit Union Services, and Future Blooms. The City is adding a new program to CDBG titled Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund (CHIF).

The Community Builders, Inc. (TCB) executed a Settlement Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on November 10, 2016. Several of TCB's residential properties receiving HUD Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) were found to have unsatisfactory Real Estate Assessment Center (REACT) scores. REACT scores provide a method of determining whether

housing is in safe and decent conditions. As a result, HUD and TCB reached a settlement agreement to resolve the deficiencies and other actions HUD has imposed on TCB.

TCB is a grant recipient of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2), a competitive grant awarded in 2009 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Settlement Agreement orders TCB to provide the City with \$1,500,000 of their NSP2 funds, naming the program the Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund (CHIF). The agreement specifies that these funds must comply with NSP2 program requirements and be utilized for affordable rental housing with the focus on occupied, blighted subsidized properties.

Eligible use of NSP2 funds includes acquisition and renovation of foreclosed or abandoned residential properties. Of the \$1,500,000, the Settlement Agreement also specifies \$1,000,000 be spent in the neighborhoods of Walnut Hills, Avondale, and Over-the-Rhine on eligible projects. The remaining \$500,000 may be spent citywide on eligible projects. The Agreement also specifies TCB may allow the City to administer these funds and have primary responsibility for administration, monitoring, and compliance.

In order to allow the City to administer these funds without TCB's as the lead administrator, the NSP2 program income can be receipted to CDBG as program income. The funds would then be subject to CDBG rules and regulations, with the caveat that all projects will also be NSP2 eligible. New construction would not be an eligible use of these funds, only renovation activities. The City would be required to report on the CHIF program in all applicable Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports. HUD and TCB have not indicated a timeliness issue with the funds used as CDBG, nor a specific unit production goal. The City is projecting producing at minimum 50 units with this program.

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Promote Homeownership Housing
	Goal Description	This goal promotes the development of new homeownership housing as well as the preservation of existing homeownership housing. The programs that support this goal include: Urban Homesteading, Core 4 Strategic Housing Program, CHDO Development Projects, Down Payment Assistance Program, and Single Family Homeownership Development.
2	Goal Name	Provide Supportive Services for Homeowners
	Goal Description	This goal provides financial assistance to current homeowners. The programs that support this goal are: Housing Repair Services, Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE), Emergency Mortgage Assistance, and Homeowner Rehab Loan Program.
3	Goal Name	Rehab Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing
	Goal Description	This goal promotes the rehabilitation of rental housing for low to moderate income residents. The programs that support this goal are: Affordable Multi Family Rental Program, Core 4 Strategic Housing Program, Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund, and CHDO Development Projects.
4	Goal Name	Provide Supportive Services for Renters
	Goal Description	This goal provides services and financial assistance to renters. The programs that support this goal are: Housing Choice Mobility Program, Tenant Representation, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance.
5	Goal Name	Promote Fair Housing
	Goal Description	This goal promotes and supports fair housing practices in the city. The program that supports this goal is Fair Housing Services.
6	Goal Name	Promote Commercial and Industrial Development
	Goal Description	This goal promotes commercial and industrial development and redevelopment in the city's neighborhoods. The program through which this goal is met is the Commercial and Industrial Development Program.

7	Goal Name	Promote Business Development Opportunities
	Goal Description	This goal promotes the development of businesses and other organizations that improve economic opportunities in the City. The programs that support this goal are: Small Business Services, and Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program.
8	Goal Name	Increase Economic Opportunities Through Public Services
	Goal Description	This goal provides opportunities for low to moderate income individuals to receive job training. The programs that support this goal are: Blueprint for Success, Hand Up Initiative, and the Summer Youth Employment Program.
9	Goal Name	Improving the Quality of Life by Eliminating Slum and Blight
	Goal Description	This goal promotes sustainable neighborhoods by eliminating blighting influences. The programs that support this goal are: Concentrated Code Enforcement, Groundwork Cincinnati – Mill Creek Restoration, Lead Hazard Testing Program, Hazard Abatement Program, Historic Stabilization of Structures, and Vacant Lot Reutilization.
10	Goal Name	Provide Operating Support for Non-profits
	Goal Description	This goal supports housing units developed by area non-profit organizations and Community Development Corporations that will benefit low to moderate income households, as well as promoting and expanding economic opportunities. The programs that support this goal are: Operating Support for CDCs, Operating Support for Corporation for Findlay Market, and Operating Support for CHDOs.
11	Goal Name	Support Homeless Shelters & Other Homeless Housing
	Goal Description	This goal supports emergency shelter operations and essential supportive services for shelter residents, as well as the development of supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals. The programs that support this goal are: ESG Homeless Shelters and Supportive Services, and Permanent Supportive Housing.
12	Goal Name	Prevent Homelessness
	Goal Description	This goal supports a shelter diversion program that will serve individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. The projects that support this goal are: ESG Homelessness Prevention, and Code Enforcement Relocation.

13	Goal Name	Provide Operating Support for HIV/AIDS Housing Facilities
	Goal Description	This goal is accomplished by providing support to the operation of Caracole's housing facility for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS. Caracole is a subrecipient of the HOPWA funds.
14	Goal Name	Provide Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	This goal supports services for homeless HIV/AIDS persons including temporary housing with medical support, outreach services and case management. Funding is provided to the HOPWA subrecipients, Caracole, the Cincinnati Center for Respite Care, and the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District.
15	Goal Name	Provide Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	Assistance is provided in the form of short-term rent/mortgage and utility assistance as well as longer term tenant based rental assistance. Funding is provided to Caracole and the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

The City utilizes HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds for affordable housing projects. Below lists the estimates of the number of individuals by income category the City will provide affordable housing. The estimates are based on the results in the HOME Summary of Accomplishments report in the 2015 and 2016 CAPER.

Income Category	2015 CAPER Accomplishment	2016 CAPER Accomplishment	2017 Goals
0 – 30% AMI	128 (60%)	26 (34%)	77 (46%)
31% - 60% AMI	42 (19%)	26 (34%)	43 (26%)
61% - 80% AMI	46 (21%)	24 (32%)	48 (28%)
TOTAL	216	76	168

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Introduction

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
1	CDBG HOME	Affordable Multi Family Rental (AMFR) Program	CDBG provides funds for pre-development project delivery to administer the Affordable Multi Family Rental (AMFR) Program, such as architect fees, legal fees, relocation consultants, lead assessments and staff time. AMFR utilizes federal HOME funds to provide loans to developers for construction or rehab multifamily units for low and very low-income families. The AMFR provides quality, affordable rental housing for our lowest income families. AMFR focuses on large, multifamily projects and is the primary City funding source for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects. The program's emphasis on larger, focused projects in conjunction with the gap funding underwriting model, allows the City to significantly leverage the HOME funds and capitalize on the diverse funding sources and economies of scale inherent in larger projects. Applicants can apply under the competitive Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) that the department issues at least once a year. Applications must meet underwriting and subsidy layering requirements to be considered, including a minimum of 10 units in the proposed project.
2	CDBG	Blueprint for Success	The Blueprint for Success Program is based on the Youth Build model, assisting ex-offenders and at-risk young adults ages 16-30 in obtaining marketable construction skills while following a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum. Participants will undergo OSHA training, Lead RRP training, and will subsequently be trained in all aspects of residential construction through the rehabilitation of Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE), a CDBG funded program, homes as well as new construction projects, including participation in Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati builds in the region.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
3	CDBG	Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund (CHIF)	The City will receive payment from The Community Builders, Inc. (TCB) in the amount of \$1,500,000 from a HUD Settlement Agreement. The CHIF funds will prioritize funding subsidized blighted housing. These funds will be available through the competitive Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA). At minimum, \$1,000,000 will be only for projects located in the targeted neighborhoods of Avondale, Walnut Hills, and Over-the-Rhine with the remaining funds, at minimum \$500,000, available citywide for eligible projects. At minimum, 51% of all units assisted through the CHIF program must be made available to occupants at or below 80% AMI. This is a new program.
4	CDBG	Code Enforcement Relocation	This project allows the City of Cincinnati to pay the first month's rent or security deposit for persons moving to decent, safe and sanitary housing who have been displaced by code enforcement and/or the hazards of lead-based paint. Staff takes applications and provides vacancy and management company lists to clients.
5	CDBG	Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment Program	The Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment Program facilitates the redevelopment of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized industrial and commercial sites throughout the City. The funds provide environmental assessments, property acquisition, remediate contamination, construct public improvements, and related activities to facilitate redevelopment.
6	CDBG	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE)	The CARE program provides forgivable loans and grants to low income, elderly homeowners to correct code violations issued pursuant to an exterior property condition inspection and code enforcement action. Owner occupants receive financial assistance in correcting emergency exterior code violations such as leaking roofs, dilapidated porches, unsafe stairs, and siding and painting. The program provides the CDBG funded job training program, Blueprint for Success, training for the students.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
7	CDBG	Concentrated Code Enforcement	Inspections of homes and businesses are conducted in low / mod census tracts throughout the city by the City of Cincinnati Department of Buildings and Inspections' code enforcement inspectors. Corrections achieved through Concentrated Code Enforcement (CCE) involve repairing porches, roofs, windows, and siding, painting, and removal of dilapidated garages, fences and sheds. Owners receiving orders are informed of funding availability through the Department of Community and Economic Development to correct violations. The CCE program compliments the City's Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). NEP is a 90-day collaborative effort between City departments, neighborhood residents and community organizations focused on concentrated City service delivery and community redevelopment efforts. Targeted areas are identified through an analysis of building code violations, vacant buildings, disorder and drug calls, drug arrests, as well as incidence of graffiti, junk autos, litter and weeds. Integrated services include: concentrating building code enforcement, identifying crime hot spots, cleaning up streets, sidewalks, and vacant lots, beautifying landscapes, streetscapes and public right of way, and engaging property owners and residents to create and sustain a more livable neighborhood.
8	CDBG HOME	Core 4 Strategic Housing Program	The Core 4 Strategic Housing Program provides for targeted investments in affordable rental and owner-occupied housing projects with a minimum of four units. Core 4 Strategic Housing is an opportunity for the City to spur transformative housing development by leveraging resources to revitalize City neighborhoods, create long-term livability benefits. The funds are available through the City's Housing NOFA process.
9	CDBG	Corporation for Findlay Market	Project funds increase the Corporation for Findlay Market's capacity to carry out revitalization and economic development activities both at the Market and in the surrounding area. Included in this are costs related to supporting market promotion and events to increase the vibrancy of the market. Findlay Market is located in a low to moderate income area in the City's urban core.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
10	CDBG	Emergency Mortgage Assistance	The Emergency Mortgage Assistance program provides in-depth foreclosure prevention counseling, negotiations with mortgage companies, legal assistance and case management to prevent foreclosure. When homeowners are facing temporary financial burdens, the program can provide up to three months of mortgage payments to bring their loans current.
11	CDBG	Fair Housing Services	The City contracts with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.), the area's local fair housing agency, to promote equal housing opportunities for all home seekers regardless of race, sex, color, nationality, religion, handicap, or familial status and to reduce unlawful discrimination in housing and increase integration throughout Cincinnati's neighborhoods. The program does complaint intake, investigation, counseling, and files legal complaints against persons, firms, or organizations suspected of discrimination in housing.
12	CDBG	Groundwork Cincinnati – Millcreek Restoration	The long-range goal of the project is to develop at least 14-18 miles of Greenway Trails along Mill Creek and West Fork Creek to transform blighted properties within the river corridors, to build community capacity, to support revitalization of Mill Creek neighborhoods, to promote healthy living, and to improve the health of natural resources within the Lower Mill Creek Watershed in Cincinnati.
13	CDBG	Hand Up Initiative	The Hand Up Initiative will reduce poverty by providing job readiness and job training to transition 500 Cincinnatians annually out of poverty. The program focuses on residents in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) and the Empowerment Zone.
14	CDBG	Hazard Abatement Program	The mission of the Hazard Abatement Program is to preserve public health, safety, and welfare through demolition, acquisition, barricading, or repair of blighted buildings, and includes site restoration after demolition. The program demolishes or repairs condemned buildings after normal code enforcement activities have been exhausted. The program also secures vacant abandoned buildings against entry by trespassers.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
15	CDBG	Historic Stabilization of Structures	The Historic Stabilization of Structures (SOS) Program abates public nuisance conditions and stabilizes historic properties. Under Ohio Law if there is a historic building that is deemed a public nuisance, the City has the right to take action to abate the public nuisance conditions without taking ownership of the property. The City uses this right to maintain the public health, safety, and welfare while at the same time preserving the historic structures for potential future rehabilitation.
16	CDBG	Homeowner Rehab Loan Servicing	This program provides funding to service past low-interest deferred loans that were given to low and moderate-income homeowners to correct building code violations, improve accessibility, enhance emergency conservation, and stabilize safe, sanitary housing citywide. This program covers the cost of servicing approximately 300 past loans with an outside vendor.
17	CDBG	Housing Choice Mobility Program	The Housing Choice Mobility Program promotes mixed-income neighborhoods, providing Housing Choice Voucher holders living in high poverty areas access to new neighborhoods. The program also provides outreach services to increase landlord participation in lower-poverty areas.
18	CDBG	Housing Repair Services	The Housing Repair Services Program provides grants for emergency and critical repairs to very low-income homeowners. Emergency Services are limited to two emergencies per household per year and have a maximum of \$2,500. Critical repairs are those needed for the safety of the client and have a maximum of \$10,000. This program also provides forgivable loans and grants to low to moderate income homeowners to correct code violations. In addition to addressing housing repairs for homeowners, this program addresses the mobility needs of disabled renters and owner-occupied units. Handicapped-accessible ramps are installed on buildings that are referred to the program by organizations advocating for the needs of the elderly and disabled populations in the community.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
19	CDBG	Lead Hazard Testing Program	The Lead Hazard Testing Program provides lead testing of the homes where lead poisoned children reside and issues orders for the abatement of lead based paint hazards. Lead poisoning reduces IQ, increases tendencies of violence and delinquent behavior, affects a child's ability to learn, and is directly related to lower educational achievement. Children with lead poisoning have reduced lifetime earning potential and are more likely to live in poverty. The program also provides medical case management of lead poisoned children and outreach education for the public with City General funds.
20	CDBG	Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program	The Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program enhances the business environment in 33 of the City's neighborhood business districts (there are 52 City neighborhoods in total) by constructing streetscape public improvements, infrastructure improvements, property acquisition, or other development activities.
21	CDBG	Operating Support for Community Development Corporations (CDCs)	This program provides operating support to build and strengthen capacity of eligible Community Development Corporations (CDCs). CDCs rehabilitate affordable housing units that will benefit low-income and moderate-income households.
22	CDBG	Small Business Services	The Small Business Services Program includes technical assistance for start-ups and growth needs of micro-enterprises and small businesses. Areas of assistance include: capacity development, business education and coaching, entrepreneurial training, incubation and technical assistance, loan packaging, accounting services, legal services, appraisals, environmental assessments, and inventory control audits. It will also include a revolving loan program to fill financing gaps for small to mid-sized businesses that create and/or retain jobs for low and moderate-income people. The program also includes grants for start-up small businesses in pop-up shops.
23	CDBG	Summer Youth Employment Program	The Summer Youth Employment Program trains youth ages 14 to 18 in the areas of work place etiquette and basic work skills by utilizing workshops, presentations, and on the job experiences. The program provides youth with opportunities to explore their interests and career options in public, nonprofit, and private organizations.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
24	CDBG	Tenant Representation	The Tenant Representation Program provides legal representation for low and moderate-income tenants through Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati. The program prevents homelessness by stopping unlawful evictions, corrects illegal lockouts and utility shutoffs, and requires landlords to complete repairs to make rental units decent, safe, and sanitary. The project also prevents retaliation against tenants who contact the City about code violations.
25	CDBG	Urban Homesteading	Funding will be used to research and implement a pilot program to provide the opportunity for low to moderate income families and individuals to become homeowners. The concept is for vacant single and two family homes to be made available for qualified homebuyers and for the City to assist with the necessary rehabilitation prior to occupancy. A 3-year residency requirement is currently being proposed.
26	CDBG	Vacant Lot Reutilization	The Vacant Lot Reutilization program funds the reuse of vacant and blighted lots in eligible census tracts after demolition occurs such as infill housing, urban gardens, and pocket parks.
27	HOME	CHDO Development Projects	HUD requires that at least 15% of the federal HOME grant be used in development projects in partnership with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). These funds will be used for both rental and homeowner projects, new construction and renovations, with certified CHDOs.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
28	HOME	Downpayment Assistance Initiative	The Downpayment Assistance Initiative, named the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) program, funds down payment assistance for the purchase of single family housing by low- to moderate-income owner-occupant occupants who are first-time homebuyers. Eligible project costs include down payment and closing costs as well as costs associated with required homebuyer counseling. By providing home ownership possibilities, this program helps to increase and/or maintain the City's tax base and also leverages a 15:1 private to public investment. ADDI funds are only be used for down payment and closing costs toward a home not to exceed \$5,000 or a range of four - five percent of the purchase price of the home, whichever is less. ADDI funds are awarded as a five-year non-interest bearing deferred loan payment with a five-year residency requirement. All or a portion of the funds will be recaptured in the event a homeowner moves from the residence, sells or transfers ownership during the five-year residency period.
29	HOME	Operating Support for Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs)	HUD requires that at least 5% of the federal HOME grant be used in operating support for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). These funds will be used to cover staff time, rent charges, and any other operating costs of the CHDOs.
30	HOME	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	The Permanent Supportive Housing Program will provide partial financing for the construction or rehabilitation of new transitional housing units and new permanent supportive housing units as outlined in the Homeless to Homes Plan for the City of Cincinnati. The program has not been funded due to the time and availability of PSH projects. PSH projects are eligible for funding through the Core 4 and AMFR programs.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
31	HOME	Single Family Homeownership Development	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati builds and rehabs homes for low-income, working-family, first time homebuyers. The program provides on average \$20,000 per unit as a construction subsidy and up to \$2,000 per unit for homebuyer assistance. Eligible costs include certain infrastructure and construction costs for newly constructed or rehabilitated units, demolition costs, and construction modifications to blend units with existing neighborhood styles or address accessibility issues, and homebuyer assistance. Other eligible expenses include water and sewer tap fees, reimbursement of building permit fees, water permit fees, remote meter fees, a developer fee, and other approved fees under the HOME program related to the construction/rehabilitation of eligible new single-family dwellings.
32	HOME	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	The HOME funded TBRA program was operated by the Hamilton County Department of Community Development and provides rental assistance to households with one or more persons with disabilities. HOME funded TBRA covered a portion of household rent payments over a 12-month period and serviced about 70 households. The County no longer administers this program. All previous assisted residences secured housing choice vouchers.
33	ESG	Emergency Shelters and Supportive Services	This activity funds the operation of emergency shelter facilities as well as essential services for the residences.
34	ESG	Homeless Prevention	This activity includes the funding of a shelter diversion program that will serve individuals and families at risk of homelessness by providing Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services as well as Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).
35	HOPWA	Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS	HOPWA funds will provide housing assistance through Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU), Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and permanent housing placement. HOPWA-funded TBRA services approximately 25 households of individuals with HIV/AIDS that require assistance with rent or mortgage expenses.

#	Grant	Program Name	Project Description
36	HOPWA	Operating Support for Housing Facilities	HOPWA funds will be used to support the operation of Caracole's two transitional living facilities for 30 persons displaced by HIV/AIDS. Costs will include utilities, phone, insurance, regular maintenance, supplies and residential operating staff.
37	HOPWA	Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS	HOPWA funding will be used to support the cost of nursing and personal care, case management, and meals for HIV/AIDS clients. All three providers, Center for Respite Care, Northern Kentucky Health Independent District, and Caracole, provide these services.
38	CDBG	Section 108 Loan Debt Service	This covers debt service on existing CDBG Section 108 loans for Avondale Towne Center, Laurel Homes, Broadway Square, Anna Louise Inn and the Men's Shelter projects. New loans may be included through an Economic Development Loan Pool for catalytic economic development/job creation activities that demonstrate market feasibility but require financing assistance. Projects may include business development or commercial / mixed use development, and preferred uses of funds include real estate acquisition and construction. Housing projects could include rehabilitation of residential rental and / or homeownership units, public facilities and improvements, and construction of new housing as determined eligible by HUD.

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The City allocated resources based upon community needs, the success of a program at addressing those needs, input from citizens through the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) and the public hearing process. The CDAB is a volunteer citizen group appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council. The CDAB advises the City Manager on the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, related resource allocations, and other matters related to the administration of the Consolidated Plan. The major obstacle in addressing the City of Cincinnati needs is a lack of funding. The CDAB, the public, and City staff ranked each project in the CDBG and HOME grant program. All projects were recommended and approved for funding in CY 2017.

A substantial amendment to the City of Cincinnati's Consolidated Plan Budget requires public notice in the City Bulletin and a newspaper of general circulation with a 30-day opportunity to

comment, and a public hearing before the City Council. A substantial amendment is defined to include the following situations: major budget adjustments related to final resources, reallocation of program dollars exceeding 10%, except for the annual sunset process, a proposed change in the allocation or selection criteria for generic programs such as loan programs or competitive development programs, proposed uses of HUD 108 Loan Authority or CDBG Float loans, and addition or removal of any programs.

A public hearing before the City Council will be held, if necessary, to consider the amendment to the Consolidated Plan related to the allocation of final resources. In addition, a public hearing may be held at any other time during the year concerning any substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan.

During 2016, three non-performing programs were removed from CDBG: Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach, Financial and Credit Union Services, and Future Blooms. Also, the City has expanded the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas to include eligible census tracts within the neighborhoods of North and South Fairmount, English Woods, Bond Hill, Roselawn, East Price Hill, West Price Hill, Sedamsville, Riverside, Mt. Airy, Villages at Roll Hill, East End, Linwood, Winton Hills, Spring Grove Village, and Camp Washington. The amendment was approved by City Council on June 22, 2016 through Ordinance 214-2016 and approved by the advisory board on March 15, 2016. Public commentary was sought for at minimum 30-days starting on May 4, 2016. No public comments were received.

The City is adding a new program to CDBG titled Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund (CHIF). Public commentary is currently being sought. These are funds from The Community Builders, Inc. (TCB) to provide the City with \$1,500,000 of their NSP2 program income for this specific program. TCB is currently submitting to HUD a substantial amendment request. Once the amendment is approved for their NSP2 program, the funds will be receipted to CDBG as program income. The funds would then be subject to CDBG rules and regulations, with the caveat that all projects will also be NSP2 eligible. The City is required to report on the CHIF program in all applicable Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports. The City is seeking public comments about adding a new CDBG program starting June 27, 2017 through August 1, 2017. No public comments have been received. Once the funds are allocated to the City, an appropriating ordinance will go before City Council for approval and submitted to HUD.

The City is currently conducting a sunset process for the HOME program. Closed projects with appropriated funds are being transferred to current projects. A total of \$637,199.55 is being transferred to the Strategic Housing Initiatives Program for affordable housing projects and a

total of \$50,000 is being transferred to the Down payment Program. The authorizing City ordinance is included with the Citizen Participation attachments.

The HOME funded TBRA program was previously administered by the Hamilton County Department of Community Development. The County has ended the HOME funded TBRA program and will no longer administer this program on behalf of the City. The City has worked with CMHA to replace the assistance with housing choice vouchers. This program will no longer be funded throughout the remainder of the City of Cincinnati's 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan.

Housing Opportunities Made Equal, the City's local fair housing agency, is the subrecipient to the CDBG funded programs, Fair Housing Services and Housing Choice Mobility Services. Funding for both programs, each subject to the 15% public service cap, has seen dramatic decreases. Housing Opportunities Made Equal was allocated \$20,000 in 2017 to operate the Housing Choice Mobility Services Program. This program was not funded by the City in 2015 or 2016. The Hamilton County Department of Community Development also funded this program out of their CDBG entitlement grant. As of April in 2017, the County no longer funded this program. With these diminished resources, Housing Opportunities Made Equal has requested these funds be redirected to their Fair Housing Services program. The City may make a request to HUD to remove this program from the current Consolidated Plan after soliciting input from the community, the advisory board, and receiving Council approval.

Projects

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1	Project Name	Affordable Multi Family Rental Program '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Rehab Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Rehabilitation of Multi Family Rental Housing Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000 HOME: \$951,534
	Description	CDBG provides funds for pre-development project delivery to administer the Affordable Multi-Family Rental (AMFR) Program, such as architect fees, legal fees, relocation consultants, lead assessments and staff time. AMFR utilizes federal HOME funds to provide loans to developers of multifamily units for the rehab of existing or construction of new units for low and very low-income families.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 housing units rehabbed and 10 units constructed
	Location Description	City-wide

	Planned Activities	The AMFR program provides quality, affordable rental housing for our lowest income families. AMFR focuses on large, multifamily projects and is the primary City funding source for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects. The program's emphasis on larger, focused projects in conjunction with the gap financing underwriting model, allows the City to significantly leverage the HOME funds and capitalize on the diverse funding sources and economies of scale inherent in larger projects. The competitive application process is open to any project that meets minimum program requirements. A minimum of 10 units must be in the proposed project for consideration.
2	Project Name	Blueprint for Success '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities through Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Employment Training and Supportive Services and Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$78,000
	Description	The Blueprint for Success Program is based on the Youth Build model, to assist ex-offenders and at-risk young adults ages 16-30 in obtaining marketable construction skills while following a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 individuals
	Location Description	City-wide

	Planned Activities	Participants will undergo OSHA training, Lead Renovate, Repair, and Painting (RRP) training, and will subsequently be trained in all aspects of residential construction through the rehabilitation of Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE) homes, a CDBG funded program, as well as new construction projects including but not limited to participation in Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati builds in the region.
3	Project Name	Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund
	Target Area	City-wide, Avondale, Walnut Hills, and Over-the-Rhine
	Goals Supported	Rehab Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Rehabilitation of Multi Family Rental Housing Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,500,000
	Description	TCB is providing the City with \$1,500,000 of their NSP2 funds, naming the program the Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund (CHIF). The agreement specifies that these funds must be utilized for affordable rental housing with the focus on occupied, blighted subsidized properties.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 housing units rehabbed
	Location Description	City-wide, Avondale, Walnut Hills, and Over-the-Rhine
	Planned Activities	Eligible use of CHIF funds includes acquisition and renovation of foreclosed or abandoned residential properties. Of the \$1,500,000, \$1,000,000 is set aside for projects in the neighborhoods of Walnut Hills, Avondale, and Over-the-Rhine on eligible projects. The remaining \$500,000 may be spent citywide on eligible projects.
4	Project Name	Code Enforcement Relocation '17

5	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	This project allows the City of Cincinnati to pay the first month's rent or security deposit and eligible moving expenses for persons moving to decent, safe and sanitary housing who have been displaced by code enforcement and/or the hazards of lead-based paint. City staff processes applications and provides vacancy and management company lists to clients.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 households assisted
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Combined efforts and referrals for assistance are conducted with the cooperation of the City of Cincinnati's Department of Buildings and Inspections Division of Property Maintenance Code Enforcement, along with the Cincinnati Health Department inspectors.
	Project Name	Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment Program '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Promote Commercial and Industrial Development
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$165,000
	Description	The Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment Program facilitates the redevelopment of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized industrial and commercial sites throughout the City.

6	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 businesses or 5 acres
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	The funds provide property acquisition, remediate contamination, and construct public improvements, demolition, and related activities to facilitate redevelopment.
	Project Name	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE) '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Services for Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$143,000
	Description	The CARE program provides forgivable loans and grants to low-income, elderly homeowners to correct code violations issued pursuant to an exterior property condition inspection and code enforcement action. Owner occupants receive financial assistance in correcting common exterior code violations such as: leaking roofs, dilapidated porches, unsafe stairs, and siding and painting. The program uses Blueprint for Success students.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 housing units
	Location Description	City-wide

	Planned Activities	Owner occupants receive financial assistance in correcting common exterior code violations such as leaking roofs, dilapidated porches, unsafe stairs, siding and painting, etc. The program provides the CDBG funded job training program, Blueprint for Success, training for the students.
7	Project Name	Concentrated Code Enforcement '17
	Target Area	Strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Improving the Quality of Life by Eliminating Slum and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$524,000
	Description	Inspections of homes and businesses are conducted in low / mod census tracts throughout the city by the City of Cincinnati Department of Buildings and Inspections' code enforcement inspectors. Corrections achieved through Concentrated Code Enforcement involve repairing porches, roofs, windows, and siding, painting, and removal of dilapidated garages, fences, and sheds. Owners receiving orders are informed of funding availability through the Department of Community and Economic Development to correct violations.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
8	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,000 housing units
	Location Description	Low-Mod Census tracts only
	Planned Activities	This program provides for complaint driven inspections in targeted areas.
	Project Name	Core 4 Strategic Housing Program '17
	Target Area	City-wide

9	Goals Supported	Promote Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development Rehabilitation of Multi Family Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$401,000 HOME: \$620,000
	Description	The Core 4 Strategic Housing Program provides for targeted investments in housing projects with a minimum of four units throughout the City's neighborhoods. Core 4 Strategic Housing is an opportunity for the City to spur transformative housing development by leveraging resources to revitalize City neighborhoods, create long-term livability benefits, and optimize economic activity. Core 4 Strategic Housing provides housing opportunities for: affordable rental housing and starter homes.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 housing units renovated, 2 housing units created, 2 rental units renovated, 2 rental units created
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Funds will be advertised for gap financing assistance of rehabilitation and new construction projects of single and multi-family units. Projects are required to have a minimum of 4 housing units to be eligible for funding consideration.
	Project Name	Corporation for Findlay Market '17
	Target Area	Over-the-Rhine neighborhood
	Goals Supported	Provide Support for Nonprofits
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development and Employment Training and Supportive Services

10	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
	Description	Project funds increase the Corporation for Findlay Market's capacity to carry out revitalization and economic development activities.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 business
	Location Description	Empowerment Zone
	Planned Activities	Projects funds increase the Corporation for Findlay Market's capacity to carry out revitalization and economic development activities both at the Market and in the surrounding area. Included in this are costs related to supporting market promotion and events to increase the vibrancy of the market. Findlay Market is located in a low to moderate income area.
	Project Name	Emergency Mortgage Assistance '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Services for Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Employment Training and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,000
	Description	The Emergency Mortgage Assistance program provides in-depth foreclosure prevention counseling, negotiations with mortgage companies, legal assistance, and case management to prevent foreclosure.
	Target Date	12/31/2017

11	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 households
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	When the homeowners are facing temporary financial burdens, the program can provide up to three months of mortgage payments to bring their loans current.
	Project Name	Fair Housing Services '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Promote Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Employment Training and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$126,000
	Description	The City contracts with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.), the local fair housing agency, to promote equal housing opportunities for all home seekers regardless of race, sex, color, nationality, religion, handicap, or familial status, reduce unlawful discrimination in housing, and, increase integration throughout Cincinnati's neighborhoods.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,000 individuals
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	The program does complaint intake, investigation, counseling, and files legal complaints against persons, firms, or organizations suspected of discrimination in housing.

12	Project Name	Groundwork Cincinnati – Mill Creek Restoration ‘17
	Target Area	Strategic areas along Millcreek corridor in eligible census tracts
	Goals Supported	Improving the Quality of Life by Eliminating Slum and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,850
	Description	The long-range goal of the program is to develop at least 14-18 miles of Greenway Trails along Mill Creek and West Fork Creek to transform the blighted area along the river corridors, to build community capacity, to support revitalization of Mill Creek neighborhoods, to promote healthy living, and to improve the health of natural resources within the Lower Mill Creek Watershed in Cincinnati.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
13	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25,000 individuals (area benefit)
	Location Description	Northside, South Cumminsville, Millvale, Spring Grove Village, North and South Fairmount, Lower Price Hill, Camp Washington, Carthage
	Planned Activities	Strategic planning efforts are on-going
	Project Name	Hand Up Initiative ‘17
	Target Area	City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs)
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities through Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Employment Training and Supportive Services and Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,256,000

14	Description	The Hand Up Initiative will reduce poverty by providing job readiness and job training to transition 500 Cincinnatians out of poverty annually. The program will focus on residents in the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) and the Empowerment Zone.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 individuals
	Location Description	Empowerment Zone, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs)
	Planned Activities	Program will provide job readiness, job training, transitional jobs and supportive services for low to moderate residents in NRSAs and the Empowerment Zone. The goal is a 70% placement rate.
	Project Name	Hazard Abatement Program '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Improving the Quality of Life by Eliminating Slum and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$691,000
	Description	The mission of the Hazard Abatement Program is to preserve public health, safety, and welfare through demolition, acquisition, barricading or repair of blighted buildings, and includes site restoration after demolition.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 buildings

	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	The program demolishes or repairs condemned buildings after normal code enforcement activities have been exhausted. The program also secures vacant abandoned buildings against entry by trespassers.
15	Project Name	Historic Stabilization of Structures '17
	Target Area	Strategic historic areas
	Goals Supported	Improving the Quality of Life by Eliminating Slum and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$157,000
	Description	The Historic Stabilization of Structures (SOS) Program abates public nuisance conditions and stabilizes historic properties.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 buildings
	Location Description	Empowerment Zone, Historic Districts
	Planned Activities	Under Ohio Law if there is a historic building that is deemed a public nuisance, the City has the right to take action to abate the public nuisance conditions without taking ownership of the property. The City uses this right under the law to maintain the public health, safety, and welfare, while at the same time, preserve the historic structures for potential future rehabilitation.
16	Project Name	Homeowner Rehab Loan Program '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Services for Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development

17	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	The Homeowner Rehab Loan program (HRLP) services past low-interest deferred loans that were given to low and moderate-income homeowners to correct building code violations, improve accessibility, enhance emergency conservation, and stabilize safe, sanitary housing citywide. The programs that provided these loans and grants are no longer active. This program covers the cost of servicing approximately 300 past loans with an outside vendor.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 households
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Approximately 300 existing loans are serviced through an outside firm. The number of loans serviced will continue to decrease as loans are paid off.
	Project Name	Housing Choice Mobility Program '17
	Target Area	Strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Services for Renters
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	The Housing Choice Mobility Program assists Housing Choice Voucher holders living in highly concentrated poverty areas of the City with suitable housing options in lower concentrated poverty areas of the City. The program also provides outreach services to increase landlord participation in lower-poverty areas. This provides residents with access to neighborhoods with a lower concentration of poverty and related issues.
	Target Date	12/31/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 household
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Housing Opportunities Made Equal, the City's local fair housing agency, administers this program. As of April 2017, the County removed their funds from this program. With the diminished resources, Housing Opportunities Made Equal has requested this program be eliminated as there are not enough funds to properly administer a successful mobility program at this level.
18	Project Name	Housing Repair Services '17
	Target Area	Strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Services for Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,541,000
	Description	Housing Repair Services provides grants for emergency and critical repairs to very low-income homeowners. Emergency Services are limited to two emergencies per household per year and have a maximum of \$2,500. Critical repairs are those needed for the safety of the client and have a maximum of \$10,000. This program also provides forgivable loans and grants to low to moderate income homeowners to correct code violations issued pursuant to Neighborhood Enhancement Program exterior inspections. In addition to addressing housing repairs for homeowners, this program addresses the mobility needs of disabled renters and owner-occupied units. Handicapped-accessible ramps are installed on buildings that are referred to the program by organizations advocating for the needs of the elderly and disabled populations in the community.
	Target Date	12/31/2017

19	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,100 housing units
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Homeowner housing emergency and critical repair services are provided through this program, with a focus on at-risk populations.
	Project Name	Lead Hazard Testing Program '17
	Target Area	Strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities through Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	The program provides lead testing of the homes where lead poisoned children reside and issues orders for the abatement of lead-based paint hazards. Lead poisoning reduces IQ, increases tendencies of violence and delinquent behavior, affects a child's ability to learn, and is directly related to lower educational achievement. Children with lead poisoning have reduced lifetime earning potential and are more likely to live in poverty.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 household housing units
	Location Description	Low-mod census tracts only

	Planned Activities	The Cincinnati Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program provides lead testing of the homes where lead poisoned children reside in eligible census tract areas and issues code orders for abatement of any found hazards. The program also provides case management of lead-poisoned children and outreach materials for public education with the use of City General funds. Grant funds are available for eligible units to receive abatement through the City's HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant programs.
20	Project Name	Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program '17
	Target Area	Strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Promote Business Development
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$836,000
	Description	The Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program enhances the business environment in 33 of the City's 52 neighborhoods by constructing streetscape public improvements, infrastructure improvements, property acquisition, or other development activities. Portions or all of 25 of these districts are in low / mod census tracts.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 businesses
	Location Description	Strategic areas
	Planned Activities	Neighborhoods are selected based on their location in an eligible census tract. Applications are accepted during the spring and are awarded on a competitive basis.
21	Project Name	Operating Support for Community Development Corporations (CDCs) '17
	Target Area	City-wide

	Goals Supported	Provide Support for Nonprofits
	Needs Addressed	Employment Training and Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$266,000
	Description	This program provides operating support to build and strengthen capacity of eligible Community Development Corporations (CDCs).
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 Community Development Corporations
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	CDCs rehabilitate affordable housing that will benefit low-income and moderate-income households.
	Project Name	Small Business Services '17
	Target Area	City-wide
22	Goals Supported	Promote Business Development
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$170,000
	Description	The Small Business Services Program includes technical assistance for start-ups and growth needs of micro-enterprises and small businesses, including: capacity development, business education and coaching, entrepreneurial training, incubation and technical assistance, loan packaging, accounting services, legal services, appraisals, environmental assessments, and inventory control audits. It also includes a revolving MicroCity loan program to fill financing gaps for small to mid-sized businesses that create and/or retain jobs for low and moderate-income people. The program also includes nominal grants for start-up small businesses in pop-up shops.

	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 businesses
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	In addition to the technical assistance provided, the funds also provide loans to small businesses in amounts up to \$35,000. It is used to encourage expansion by providing “gap” debt financing. Funding is available to successful growing or emerging small businesses that meet underwriting requirements and are located within the City of Cincinnati, are for-profit businesses with five or fewer employees that have adequate historic or projected cash flow. Loan proceeds may be used for any legitimate business purpose including permanent working capital, machinery and equipment, tenant improvements, construction/renovations, and acquisition of real estate.
	23	Summer Youth Employment Program ‘17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities through Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Employment Training and Supportive Services and Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$910,000
	Description	The Summer Youth Employment Program trains youth in the areas of work place etiquette and basic work skills by utilizing workshops, presentations, and on the job experiences. The program provides youth with opportunities to explore their interests and career options in public, nonprofit and private organizations.
	Target Date	12/31/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 individuals
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Youth will be employed by City departments, nonprofit organizations through the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, Art Opportunities, and private employers. City departments involved in the Summer Youth Program include the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Cincinnati Park Board, Cincinnati Fire Department, Cincinnati Police, Cincinnati Health Department, and Department of Community and Economic Development. Art Opportunities administers the mural program. Average length of the program is 8 weeks.
24	Project Name	Tenant Representation '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Services for Renters
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$122,000
	Description	The Tenant Representation Program provides legal representation for low and moderate-income tenants in the City through the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati. The program prevents homelessness by stopping unlawful evictions, corrects illegal lockouts and utility shutoffs, and requires landlords to complete repairs to make rental units decent, safe, and sanitary. The project also prevents retaliation against tenants who contact the City about code violations.
	Target Date	12/31/2017

25	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Qualified individuals receive legal representation with regards to tenant concerns.
	Project Name	Urban Homesteading '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Promote Homeowner Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000
	Description	This new program is a pilot to create an Urban Homesteading Program which would provide the opportunity for low to moderate income families and individuals to become homeowners. Urban Homesteading transforms the City's vacant single and two family homes to be made available for qualified homebuyers, and for the City to assist with the necessary rehabilitation prior to occupancy. A 3-year residency requirement is currently being proposed.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 housing unit
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Strategic planning efforts are on-going prior to the implementation of this program to ensure the effectiveness.

26	Project Name	Vacant Lot Reutilization '17
	Target Area	Strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Improving the Quality of Life by Eliminating Slum and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The program transforms vacant lots after demolition occurs into an urban gardens or pocket parks.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 person assisted (area benefit)
	Location Description	Low-mod census tracts only
27	Planned Activities	The program has partnered with the City's Urban Agriculture Farm program to assist vacant and/or blighted lots be transformed into community gardens to address food deserts in the city.
	Project Name	CHDO Development Projects '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Promote Homeowner Housing Rehab Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development Rehabilitation of Multi Family Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$306,837

28	Description	HUD requires that at least 15% of the HOME grant be used in development projects in partnership with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). These funds will be used for both rental and homeowner projects with certified CHDOs.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 household housing units (4 renovations, 4 home ownership)
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	CHDO redevelopment projects will be supported. Applications are received through the City's Housing NOFA issued at minimally once a year.
	Project Name	Down Payment Assistance Initiative '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Promote Homeowner Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	HOME: \$100,000
	Description	The Down Payment Assistance Initiative program funds down payment assistance for the purchase of single family housing by low- to moderate-income owner-occupant families who are first-time homebuyers. Eligible project costs include down payment and closing costs as well as costs associated with homebuyer counseling. By providing home ownership possibilities, this program helps to increase and/or maintain the City's tax base and also leverages a 15:1 private to public investment.
	Target Date	12/31/2017

29	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 households assisted
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Education services are provided to the public and real estate agencies in order to promote the program.
	Project Name	Operating Support for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) '17
	Target Area	Strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Provide Support for Nonprofit Capacity Building
	Needs Addressed	Employment Training and Supportive Services
	Funding	HOME: \$102,279
	Description	HUD requires that at least 5% of the HOME grant be used in operating support for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). These funds will be used to cover staff time, rent charges, and any other operating costs of the CHDOs.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
30	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 CHDOs
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Operating support and outreach will be provided to certified CHDOs. There are currently four certified CHDOs: Working In Neighborhoods, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Price Hill Will, and Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation.
	Project Name	Permanent Supportive Housing

31	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Support Homeless Shelters & Other Homeless Housing
	Needs Addressed	Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	HOME: \$0
	Description	The Permanent Supportive Housing Program provides partial financing for the construction or rehabilitation of new transitional housing units and new permanent supportive housing units as outlined in the Homeless to Homes Plan for the City of Cincinnati.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Because of the sensitivity of these projects and the time it may take to fund a PSH project, eligible projects will be funded under the AMFR program and may apply under the Housing NOFA process.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Support for the planning of new transitional and permanent supportive housing units will continue. These projects are funded under the AMFR Program.
	Project Name	Single Family Homeownership Development
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Promote Homeowner Housing
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	HOME: \$0

32	Description	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati builds and rehabs homes for low income, working-family, first time homebuyers. The program provides on average \$20,000 per unit as a construction subsidy and up to \$2,000 per unit for homebuyer assistance. Eligible costs include: certain infrastructure and construction costs for newly constructed or rehabilitated units, demolition costs, and construction modifications to blend units with existing neighborhood styles or address accessibility issues, and homebuyer assistance. Other eligible expenses include water and sewer tap fees, reimbursement of building permit fees, water permit fees, remote meter fees, a developer fee, and other approved fees under the HOME program related to the construction/rehabilitation of eligible new single family dwellings.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 household housing unit
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati builds and rehabs homes for low income, working-family, first time homebuyers. The project will be utilizing prior year funds for 2017 production.
	Project Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	Strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Services for Renters
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	HOME: \$0
	Description	The HOME funded TBRA program was administered by the Hamilton County Department of Community Development and provided rental assistance to households with one or more persons with disabilities. HOME funded TBRA covered a portion of household rent payments over a 12-month period and currently serviced about 70 households.

33	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 household housing units assisted
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	TBRA covered a portion of household rent payments over a 12-month period. The County will no longer be administering this program. The County transferred eligible TBRA recipients to the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher program. The City has not continued funding for this program.
	Project Name	Emergency Solutions Grants '17
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$968,189
	Description	ESG activities (Homeless Shelters and Other Homeless Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Homelessness Prevention) funds the operation of emergency shelter facilities as well as essential services for the residents. ESG includes the funding of a shelter diversion program that will serve individuals and families at risk of homelessness by providing Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services, as well as Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), as well as management of the ESG fund as a whole.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,900 emergency beds 135 persons assisted beds

	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	The operation of emergency shelter facilities as well as essential services for the residents is supported. Collaborative meetings are convened to address the needs of the residents.
34	Project Name	Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS '17
	Target Area	Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area
	Goals Supported	Provide Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	HOPWA: \$406,000
	Description	HOPWA funds will provide housing assistance through Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance (STRMU), Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and permanent housing placement. HOPWA-funded TBRA services approximately 25 households of individuals with HIV/AIDS that require assistance with rent or mortgage expenses.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	225 individuals
	Location Description	Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area
	Planned Activities	HOPWA funds will provide housing assistance through Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance (STRMU), Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and permanent housing placement for persons with HIV/AIDS.
	Project Name	Operating Support for Housing Facilities '17
	Target Area	Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area
	Goals Supported	Provide Operating Support for HIV/AIDS Housing Facilities
35	Project Name	Operating Support for Housing Facilities '17
	Target Area	Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area
	Goals Supported	Provide Operating Support for HIV/AIDS Housing Facilities

	Needs Addressed	Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	HOPWA: \$235,000
	Description	HOWPA funds will be used to support the operation of Carocole's two transitional living facilities for 30 persons displaced by HIV/AIDS. Costs will include utilities, phone, insurance, regular maintenance, supplies, and residential operating staff.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 facilities
	Location Description	Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area
	Planned Activities	The funds will be used to support the operation of Carocole's two transitional living facilities for 30 persons displaced by HIV/AIDS.
	Project Name	Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS '17
	Target Area	Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS
36	Needs Addressed	Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	HOPWA: \$126,923
	Description	HOPWA funding will be used to support the cost of nursing and personal care, case management, and meals for HIV/AIDS clients.
	Target Date	12/31/2017

37	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 household housing units
	Location Description	Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area
	Planned Activities	All three providers, Center for Respite Care, Northern Kentucky Health Independent District, and Carocole provide these services.
	Project Name	Section 108 Loan Debt Service
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Rehab Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing Promote Business Development
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,183,000
	Description	This covers the CDBG Section 108 debt service on existing loans for Avondale Towne Center, Laurel Homes, Broadway Square, Anna Louise Inn and the Men's Shelter. New loans may be included through an Economic Development Loan Pool for catalytic economic development/job creation activities that demonstrate market feasibility but require financing assistance. Projects may include business development or commercial/mixed use development, and preferred uses of funds include real estate acquisition and construction. Housing projects could include rehabilitation of residential rental and/or homeownership units, public facilities and improvements, and construction of new housing as determined eligible by HUD.
	Target Date	12/31/2017

38	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Debt servicing on previously completed projects
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Debt service is paid to existing loans for Avondale Towne Center, Laurel Homes, Broadway Square, Anna Louise Inn and the Men's Shelter.
	Project Name	Administration and Planning
	Target Area	City-wide and strategic areas
	Goals Supported	Promote Homeowner Housing Provide Supportive Services for Homeowners Rehab Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing Provide Supportive Services for Renters Promote Fair Housing Promote Commercial and Industrial Development Promote Business Development Increase Economic Opportunities Through Public Services Improve Quality of Life by Eliminating Slum and Blight Provide Operating Support for Nonprofits Support Homeless Shelters & Other Homeless Housing Prevent Homelessness Provide Operating Support for HIV/AIDS Housing Facilities Provide Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS Provide Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS

	Needs Addressed	Employment Training and Supportive Services Rehabilitation of Multi Family Rental Housing Prevent Homelessness Neighborhood Focused Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,318,874 HOME: \$231,183 ESG: \$72,614 HOPWA: \$23,750
	Description	Funds used for the managing of CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds. ESG Admin, \$72,614, is included in the ESG project because IDIS only allows one activity for all ESG programs.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	All projects, programs, goals, and objectives are covered.

Table 9 – Project Summary

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

There are two types of neighborhood boundaries that presently exist in the City of Cincinnati: (1) The 52 Neighborhood Boundaries drawn by neighborhood community councils and reflected in the Community Councils' by-laws and (2) The 51 Statistical Neighborhoods Areas (SNAs) which are delineated by census tracts.

Generally CDBG, HOME and ESG programs serve the entire City of Cincinnati in accordance with the program requirements of each grant. The HOPWA program serves the Cincinnati Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA), which covers fifteen counties in the area. Although the three agencies that currently receive HOPWA funding are located in the Greater Cincinnati area, collectively they offer HOPWA assistance to persons throughout the EMSA, southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky, and southeast Indiana. The HOPWA Advisory Committee allocates funding based on statistical information on number of cases of HIV/AIDS by county and state to ensure that each geographic area is receiving funding commensurate with need.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-wide	65
Local Target Area – Tier One Neighborhoods (excluding NRSA neighborhoods)	20
Strategy Areas – Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs)	15

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

For the CDBG program, the City of Cincinnati currently has seventeen active Neighborhood Reinvestment Strategy Areas (NRSA). These are residential portions of the following neighborhoods: Avondale; Bond Hill; Camp Washington; College Hill; East and West Price Hill; Empowerment Zone; English Woods; Lincoln Court and Laurel Homes; Lower Price Hill; Madisonville; Mount Airy; North Fairmount; Roselawn; South Cumminsville / Millvale; South Fairmount; Walnut Hills; and Winton Hills. The Empowerment Zone area encompasses several neighborhoods, including portions of Avondale, Evanston, Corryville, Mt. Auburn, Over-the-Rhine, West End, CUF, Downtown Business District, and Queensgate.

The City of Cincinnati will be submitting for consideration by HUD expanding the NRSA areas to include eligible residential census tracts located within the following neighborhoods: Sedamsville, Riverside, Villages at Roll Hill, East End, Linwood, Spring Grove Village, and Saylor Park.

Of the 15% overall planned percentage of allocation targeted for investment in the NRSAs, the following table outlines the proposed allocation break-down by NRSA. Because there are projects that will have multiple NRSA recipients from different areas, these will be reported in the IDIS activity under Empowerment Zone or City-wide. A thorough break-down of recipients by NRSA will be tracked throughout the calendar year.

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas

NRSA Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Avondale NRSA	20	NRSA approved 1/13/2006
Bond Hill NRSA	10	NRSA approved 11/1/2016
Camp Washington NRSA	1	NRSA approved 8/18/2016
College Hill NRSA	3	NRSA approved 8/31/2004
East and West Price Hill NRSA	5	NRSA approved 8/18/2016
Empowerment Zone	15	NRSA approved 3/1/1997
English Woods NRSA	1	NRSA approved 4/29/2016
Laurel Hills and Lincoln Court	1	NRSA approved 1/30/2002
Lower Price Hill NRSA	1	NRSA approved 5/1/2015
Madisonville NRSA	5	NRSA approved 1/17/2008
Mt. Airy NRSA	2	NRSA approved 8/18/2016
North Fairmount NRSA	1	NRSA approved 4/29/2016
Roselawn NRSA	5	NRSA approved 2/24/2017
South Cumminsville / Millvale NRSA	10	NRSA approved 5/1/2015
South Fairmount NRSA	5	NRSA approved 4/29/2016
Walnut Hills NRSA	10	NRSA approved 8/31/2004
Winton Hills NRSA	5	NRSA approved 2/24/2017

Table 11 - Geographic Distribution - NRSAs

The geographic priorities were determined based on the following initiatives and factors:

- Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation Focus Area
- Place Matters
- HUD Choice Grant
- Focus 52 Neighborhoods

- Community Development Corporations
- Community Learning Centers
- Core 4 Strategic Housing Neighborhoods
- Plan Cincinnati Neighborhood Centers

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

While there are focus neighborhoods and strategy areas, there are HUD programs not allocated to specific areas and serve the entire population of the City. This is due to program design and general need throughout most city neighborhoods.

Based on the neighborhood needs described in the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis sections of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan, the City of Cincinnati has divided neighborhoods into three tiers. The top tier neighborhoods are those that are focus areas in many of the initiatives below and also have the highest level of needs. Top tier neighborhoods will receive highest consideration when funding decisions are made. Lower tier neighborhoods are eligible for funding, but will receive less priority. The Tier 1, 2, and 3 geographic priorities are listed by neighborhood:

Aggregate Geographic Priorities

<u>Tier 1</u> <u>Neighborhoods</u>	<u>Tier 2</u> <u>Neighborhoods</u>	<u>Tier 3</u> <u>Neighborhoods</u>
East Price Hill	Carthage	Camp Washington
Avondale	Corryville	Clifton
West Price Hill	East End	Villages at Roll Hill
Westwood	Hartwell	Hyde Park
Lower Price Hill	Kennedy Hts.	Mt. Lookout
Walnut Hills	Mt. Washington	North Avondale
College Hill	Sayler Park	Paddock Hills
Madisonville	South Fairmount	Roselawn
Bond Hill	CUF	California
Evanston	Northside	Downtown
Over-the-Rhine	Oakley	Columbia Tusculum
South		
Cumminsville/Millvale	Pleasant Ridge	English Woods
West End	Riverside	Linwood
	Sedamsville	Mt. Adams
	Winton Hills	Mt. Airy
		Mt. Auburn
		N. Fairmount

Pendleton
Spring Grove Village
East Walnut Hills
East Westwood
Queensgate

The City has defined the local strategy area “Tier One Neighborhoods” which is comprised of thirteen neighborhoods based on a matrix of initiatives currently underway and/or recently completed and described in detail below. The Tier One Neighborhoods are: East Price Hill (an NRSA), Avondale (which is an NRSA and part of which is in the Empowerment Zone), West Price Hill (an NRSA), Westwood, Lower Price Hill (an NRSA), Walnut Hills (which is an NRSA and part of which is in the Empowerment Zone), College Hill (an NRSA), Madisonville (an NRSA), Bond Hill (an NRSA and part of which is in the Empowerment Zone), Evanston (part of which is in the Empowerment Zone), Over-the-Rhine (part of which is in the Empowerment Zone), Millvale/South Cumminsville (an NRSA), and the West End (part of which is in the Empowerment Zone).

Six of Tier One Neighborhoods are comprised of at least 80% African American residents: Avondale (91%), Bond Hill (94%), Millvale (94%), South Cumminsville (95%), Walnut Hills (81%), and West End (89%).

The City will focus services and programs in the NRSAs, the Empowerment Zone, and Tier One Neighborhoods, to make the greatest impact and to help the City align HUD dollars with existing investment while simultaneously addressing neighborhoods with the most severe needs.

The Core 4 Strategic Housing Initiatives Program will provide priority points for housing development applications received during the bi-annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the City of Cincinnati for a focused neighborhood project in accordance with the following schedule: Fall 2016 Housing NOFA will prioritize the neighborhoods of Evanston, Avondale, West Price Hill and Walnut Hills and the Fall 2017 Housing NOFA will prioritize the neighborhoods of Northside, Madisonville, College Hill, and Westwood. All neighborhoods except one (Northside) are listed as Tier 1 Neighborhoods.

Discussion

The City is requesting that HUD approve the existing Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) including the Empowerment Zone listed in Table 11. Eligible residential census tracts that will be included in forthcoming NRSA requests to HUD include the neighborhoods:

East Westwood, Villages at Roll Hill, Spring Grove Village, Linwood, East End, Saylor Park, Sedamsville, and Riverside.

The Hand Up Initiative is a program that provides job readiness, job training, job transition, and supportive services, such as transportation assistance for eligible recipients. The City will be utilizing the public services cap exemption to implement this program by doing the following: targeting the program to low and moderate income residents in the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) and Empowerment Zone (which qualifies as an NRSA) areas; and are directing the program with an Advisory Board made up of representatives from Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Community Development Corporations (CDCs), other community organizations, and City staff. Expanding the NRSAs has allowed this program to reach as many individuals as possible. The programs offered through the Hand Up Initiative are intended to address the multiple concerns and needs of job seekers and employers. By addressing these concerns and reaching as many individuals as possible, the Hand Up Initiative will eliminate barriers to attaining long-term employment and ultimately lead to economic self-sufficiency while reducing poverty in the City of Cincinnati. The annual goal for this program is training at least 500 individuals with a 70% job placement goal.

This is a new program as of 2015. Funded agencies include Freestore Food Bank (Cincinnati Cooks – food preparation), Cincinnati Works (job readiness), Urban League (SOAR program – job readiness and construction skills), Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) (Commercial Drivers License - CDL), IKRON (job readiness), Mercy Neighborhood Ministries (home health visits), and Easter Seals (addresses work barriers). Organizations were selected through an annual Request for Proposal process. Although the program participants are restricted by their area of residency and income, the organization may be teaching outside this area.

The Hand Up Initiative Steering Committee includes representatives from the following active community based housing and community development organizations and meets monthly to review the program and its progress: Evanston Community Council, Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Partners for a Competitive Workforce, Local Initiatives Support Corporation of Greater Cincinnati, City Link, Up Spring, Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation, and Working In Neighborhoods. City staff from the City of Cincinnati Department of Community and Economic Development and the City of Cincinnati Mayor's Office attend the steering committee meetings also.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Number of homeless to be provided affordable housing units (Homelessness Prevention, Permanent Supportive Housing)	30
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units (Down Payment Assistance, Affordable Multi-Family Rental Program, Core 4 Strategic Housing, CHDO Development Projects, Single Family Homeownership Development)	35
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units (HOPWA Programs)	200
Total	265

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Number of households supported for rental assistance (Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Code Enforcement Relocation, Tenant Representation, Housing Choice Mobility)	290
Number of households supported through the production of new units (Core 4 Strategic Housing, Single Family Homeownership Development)	10
Number of households supported through the rehabilitation of existing units (Housing Repair Services, Affordable Multi-Family Rental Program, CHDO Development, Core 4 Strategic Housing, Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly, Historic Stabilization of Structures)	1,150
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	1,450

Table 13 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City has developed these goals in the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan based on actual outcomes from the 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan, the needs analysis, community surveys, and market analysis. The goals listed are conservative to account for any unforeseen issues with the programs. The City anticipates exceeding all goals listed.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) assists 11,124 families through administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. CMHA also owns and manages a portfolio of 5,400 public housing units with a total budget of approximately \$123 million, which includes both the operating and capital subsidies as well as rental income. There is a current wait list of 1,035 families (1,013 of which are <30% AMI) for Section 8 Vouchers and a wait list of 6,499 families (252 of which are <30% AMI) for public housing availability.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) currently has approximately 2% of its vouchers invested in Project-Based Vouchers throughout Hamilton County. The goal over the next 5 years is to increase that number up to 10%. CMHA will use the conversion of Housing Choice Vouchers to Project-Based Vouchers to meet the housing needs of special-needs populations through financially supporting the collaboration of private and non-profit partnerships that result in specific and comprehensive housing and service provisions.

The additional Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) will provide avenues for partnership with the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County to support the preservation of vital housing communities that are pivotal to the local jurisdictional area and/or the submarket of the community's locality. Further, this transition to PBV's could have a decidedly positive impact on the de-concentration of extremely low-income housing (incomes less than 30% of AMI) in Hamilton County. Such households comprise more than half of housing units in seven City of Cincinnati neighborhoods. The expansion of Project-Based Vouchers will continue to promote the expansion of quality affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate-income families.

CMHA will continue to develop affordable units over the next several years, consistent with: CHMA's strategic goal of developing affordable housing units, cooperation agreements with Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati, CMHA's long term viability assessment of public housing units, and CMHA's strategic plan and the Voluntary Compliance Agreement between CMHA and HUD. In development of the units, CMHA will adhere to the following principles: assessment of quality and condition of units for replacement with new construction to meet housing needs; provision of marketable amenities and encouragement of neighborhood amenities; provision of choice and opportunity; leveraging of resources, tying into community planning and partnerships where possible; provision of comprehensive plan / solution for community / site revitalization which includes people, housing, and neighborhoods and

partners where possible; provision of housing opportunities and choice for income tiers of 0 – 120% AMI for seniors, families, and other populations; and creation of synergistic economic development and economic inclusion with and within communities.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The City's HOME-funded Down Payment Assistance Program is available to all income-qualified residents, including public housing residents, to encourage homeownership.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority is not designated as a troubled PHA.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Strategies to End Homelessness (STEh) is a local non-profit organization that partners with the City of Cincinnati and leads the coordinated community effort to end homelessness in Greater Cincinnati. STEh implemented a Coordinated Entry system in 2016 that prioritizes homeless clients for housing. All homeless people on the streets and in shelter will be assessed to determine which type of housing is most appropriate. Client referrals to Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-housing, and Transitional Housing will be made based on the assessment. This system will also enable the community to see where the housing gaps are and enable STEh and partners to better serve the homeless population. Coordinated entry, matched with the shelter and housing options available, will move the city towards ending homelessness in Cincinnati.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Homeless Outreach Group is a group of street outreach providers who meet monthly to discuss best practices and progress in engaging unsheltered homeless people in services. Representatives from all street outreach programs, other programs that serve unsheltered homeless people, the Cincinnati Police, and the Hamilton County Sheriff's departments attend. Currently there are four agencies administering five programs, providing outreach services to those who are living on the street:

- Lighthouse Youth Services – targets homeless youth
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health's Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Team – targets the homeless suffering from mental illness
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health's PATHs to Recovery Team – targets homeless chronic public inebriates
- Block-by-Block – works specifically with the homeless living in downtown Cincinnati
- Cincinnati Union Bethel's Off the Streets Program – targets women engaged in prostitution.

In addition to the coordinated entry system as described above, the Continuum of Care (CoC), STEh, started two new Permanent Supportive Housing projects in 2015 and applied for additional Permanent Housing units in the FY2015 CoC application. All Permanent Housing

projects follow a “Housing First” model which means there are very few barriers that would exclude someone from being entered into a program as well as a high threshold of intervention prior to terminating a client from a program. The housing first model allows clients to address issues that may have lead to homelessness while they are stably housed instead of trying to correct all of the barriers before entering housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

All of the following actions are being taken to improve services to people currently on the streets and in shelters, particularly the chronically homeless and homeless families.

1. Homeless To Homes Shelter Collaborative (HTHSC): The 2008 Homeless to Homes Plan called for a reconfiguration of shelters beds for homeless individuals in our emergency shelter system. The HTHSC is a group of four shelter providers who collaborated to raise capital funds to build five new facilities and operating funds to provide improved case management and day services. Lighthouse opened the Sheakley Center for Youth to provide 28 beds of emergency shelter to homeless youth ages 18 – 24. Talbert House opened the Parkway Center with 60 beds to serve homeless men with substance abuse barriers. City Gospel Mission increased their capacity to 74 beds in their new building to serve homeless men in a faith based facility. And Shelterhouse (formerly known as the Drop Inn Center) separated their one homeless facility into two facilities, separating the men and women. The final shelter opening happened in October of 2015 and all of the programs provide a vast array of services specific to the homeless population that they serve. The new shelter configuration, paired with Coordinated Entry, should enable the community to see a decline in the length of time clients are residing in emergency shelters.
2. Indigent Care Levy: STEH, on behalf of the HTHSC, submitted a Request For Proposals (RFP) in 2015 to receive an increase in funding for Homeless Medical Healthcare Services via the Hamilton County Indigent Care Levy. Operating funds were awarded to the HTHSC for 2015 – 2017. Levy funding is used to cover costs associated with increase case management and day services, which include substantial changes to the medical services provided in emergency shelters. All of the facilities receiving this funding provide a wide range of medical services including a community health clinic, a full time registered nurse on staff, and a medical kiosk where clients can virtually talk with doctors.
3. Family Homelessness Study: The Solutions for Family Homelessness Plan for Cincinnati and Hamilton County was published in October of 2015. Strategies to End Homelessness (STEh), the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and the Family Housing

Partnership (Bethany House Services, Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati, The Salvation Army, and the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati), led the development of the Plan to identify how the community can proactively address the needs of families experiencing homelessness. The recommendations in the plan are focused in four key areas: Prevention, Capacity Building, Policy Change, and Housing. The implementation schedule is currently being developed.

4. Winter Shelter: For the last four years, local organizations have partnered to add seasonal winter shelter beds to the local emergency shelter system to ensure that anyone who is homeless and on the streets has access to a safe, warm place to sleep during the coldest months of the year – normally mid-December through February. Prior to 2011, seasonal shelter was provided to homeless people only on nights when the temperature dipped below 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Since 2011, winter shelter capacity has been reliable and adequate, making improvements to assist people out of homelessness, not just warehouse them in homelessness. Previously, the additional shelter capacity was located at a church. For this season and moving forward, the winter shelter is now located in the basement of Shelterhouse's Barron Center for Men. This space was specifically designed to serve this seasonal capacity and can sleep up to 200 people. The winter shelter has a separate entrance from the main emergency shelter but because of the close proximity, as well as the fact that the winter shelter is staffed with trained Shelterhouse staff, winter shelter clients have easy access to receive case management services.
5. Cross-systems Collaboration: In order to reduce and then end homelessness locally, it is necessary to continue to strengthen collaborations between the homeless services system and systems working with mental health, development disabilities, immigrants and undocumented persons, persons with limited English proficiency, persons exiting the justice system, substance abuse treatment, foster care, and LGBTQ households, as self-identified.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

1. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is a nationally recognized best practice for quickly ending episodes of homelessness in a cost efficient and effective way. RRH has become a high priority in the community: 15 RRH programs funded by the Continuum of Care, State of

Ohio Housing Crisis Response Program (HCRP), and ESG, support RRH for families and individuals. Talbert House and Goodwill Industries are receiving Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) funding to implement programs that rapidly transition veterans and their families experiencing homelessness back into permanent housing.

2. Permanent Supportive Housing: PSH is a nationally recognized best-practice for meeting the needs of disabled homeless people. With 84% of the local homeless population having at least one disabling condition the continued expansion of PSH options will continue to be necessary. The CoC has defined PSH prioritization in alignment with Section III.A HUD's notice CPD 14-012 for prioritizing the Chronically Homelessness. The CoC continues to add PSH housing stock to the community with two new PSH projects opening in December 2015, as well as including four new PSH projects in the FY15 CoC application.
3. Coordination of Housing Resources: The following are all high-priority strategies geared toward making better, more strategic use of housing resources: 1) Coordinated Assessment: In 2016, the CoC began implementation of a Coordinated Entry system that ensures that homeless individuals and families are referred to the housing program that best meets their needs and can quickly become stably housed. Housing the chronically homeless remains a high priority in the community. 2) Affordable housing: Available resources and funding are used to incentivize the development and preservation of high-quality, accessible, low-income housing and ensuring individuals do not return to homelessness. For the first time in our community, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Association (CMHA) has set-aside a preference for homeless individuals and families in the Housing Choice Voucher program. Strategies To End Homelessness and the CoC Permanent Supportive Housing workgroup are leading the process to ensure that appropriate referrals are made to CMHA. The top priority for CMHA referrals are clients who are currently in a CoC funded Permanent Supportive Housing program who need a long term housing subsidy but are stabilized in services.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Prior to 2009, homelessness prevention resources were largely absent in the community due to a lack of availability of funding for such activities. However, under the American Recovery and

Re-investment Act (ARRA), stimulus funding was made available for homelessness prevention. While such stimulus funding expired in 2012, the following activities are ongoing:

1. Shelter Diversion: ESG and United Way funding are being used to divert households at imminent risk of entering a shelter back into housing and services. The Shelter Diversion program is being run in partnership between the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Strategies to End Homelessness, and 7 of its partner agencies. Risk factors considered for inclusion in this program include a prior history of homelessness, if a household has already lost its own housing and is relying on others for a place to stay (doubled-up), and immediacy of need for shelter placement.
2. Supportive Services for Homeless Veterans and their Families (SSVF): Talbert House and Goodwill Industries have been awarded SSVF funding to implement programming which prevents homelessness for veterans and their families.
3. Youth Aging out of Foster Care: A U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) funded effort is currently underway, led by Lighthouse Youth Services, targeted toward preventing homelessness among youth who have been in the Foster Care system. This effort will support enhanced identification, data collection and services to youth formerly in the foster care system. One-third of youth aging out of foster care experience homelessness. National studies have also shown that between 21-53% of homeless youth have a history of placement in foster care. A recent HMIS revision includes gathering data about past and current foster care placements as risk factors to homelessness and reconnecting to prior custodial agencies, such as, Hamilton County Job and Family Services, Foster Care Agency, or Independent Living Program, for possible aftercare intervention. The initial planning phase of the grant is over and Lighthouse has moved into the implementation around creating a system of care that best serves these at risk youth. Data sharing agreements have been secured with main partners and new evidenced based programming is in the middle of planning and the start up phase. Additionally, there was significant involvement in advocacy around the Foster Care to 21 Initiative. As of June of 2016, Ohio has extended foster care to extend to the age of 21. In 2016, CMHA reserved 30 housing choice vouchers specifically for youth 18 – 24 who have been emancipated from the foster care system.
4. LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative: Cincinnati/Hamilton County is one of only two communities in the country selected to participate in a national technical assistance initiative which will plan and implement strategies for preventing LGBTQ youth from becoming homeless. This initiative is being led locally by Lighthouse Youth Services and Strategies to End Homelessness, and being conducted in cooperation with HUD, HHS, Department of Justice, Department of Education, and United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	80
Tenant-based rental assistance	30
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated	20
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	130

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

The City of Cincinnati partnered with Hamilton County and Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.), our local fair housing agency, to prepare the 2015 – 2019 Analysis to Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing. H.O.M.E. facilitated nine focus groups to gather information on fair housing impediments from different perspectives. A total of 74 individuals participated in the following group discussions:

- Hispanic immigrants and agencies serving them (conducted in Spanish)
- Hamilton County employees (including the Director of the Regional Planning Commission, Director of Community Development, and the Director of the Department of Health)
- City of Cincinnati employees (including the Director of Community and Economic Development and Buildings and Inspections Division Manager of Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement)
- Affordable Housing Advocates (a coalition of housing nonprofits and civic groups)
- Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority management staff (including the Executive Director)
- Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (including the Executive Director)
- Representatives of various agencies serving people with mental and physical disabilities
- Rental property managers, owners and developers (including large companies and small investors)
- Realtors (including the presidents of two large real estate companies and minority agents)

In addition to these small group facilitated discussions, H.O.M.E. conducted individual interviews with people with Housing Choice Vouchers who had moved within the last couple of years. Based on comments made in several of the focus groups, H.O.M.E. also conducted an individual interview with the Executive Director of the Southwest Ohio Regional Transportation Authority, which operates the public transportation system in the county.

H.O.M.E. also collected data on fair housing complaints and cases in the county. The analysis reviewed recent fair housing activities including actions taken in response to the recommendations of the 2009 Analysis of Impediments. Based on all the collected data and information, current impediments were identified and recommendations developed on actions needed to address the impediments.

All Consolidated Plan programs follow HUD's requirements for affirmative marketing and accessibility requirements. For HOME Investment Partnerships programs, developers and real

estate agencies reach out to the broad community to rent and sell HOME funded housing units. The City requires an accounting of sales and outreach including details on open houses held; Multiple Listing Service (MLS) listings published; electronic outreach completed (Facebook, Twitter, emails, etc.); and formal advertising online or in the newspaper. Additionally, H.O.M.E. specifically advertises in media outlets which reach minority audiences.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The AI was completed in 2014 and seven recommendations were made to respond to the issues of 1) Lack of public transportation in opportunity areas, 2) Zoning and building code barriers, 3) Affordable housing is concentrated in racially segregated areas, 4) Barriers to mobility of families with vouchers, 5) Barriers for immigrant populations, 6) Barriers to African American Homeownership, and 7) Barriers to housing choice for people with disabilities. The City and County have established a working group made up of staff from the Department of City Planning, the Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Hamilton County Department of Community Development, to address the report and its recommendations. A Fair Housing Committee was formed to address progress towards addressing the identified barriers.

Discussion

Over the course of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan, the City, County, CMHA and H.O.M.E. will continue to meet periodically to address these impediments with concrete strategies and actions. Additional agencies, such as Center for Independent Living Options and the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), will be included as appropriate.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

The continued obstacle for the City of Cincinnati to appropriately address the underserved needs continues to be a lack of sufficient funding.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The need for housing, community development, and quality of life services to assist low- and moderate-income individuals, families, and neighborhoods, is tremendous. The greatest obstacle to meeting underserved needs is funding. While the City has programs to address the full range of underserved needs, the amount of funding available for those programs is insufficient to produce outcomes that ensure the basic statutory goals of providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities are met for all Cincinnati residents and businesses, especially those with the most need.

The lack of permanent supportive housing and funding to provide adequate services to move persons out of homelessness remain obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved. Permanent supportive housing projects were a priority for funding projects in CY 2016 and will be again in CY 2017.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City plans to accomplish affordable housing goals and objectives through housing projects such as the Core 4 Strategic Housing Initiatives Program, the Affordable Multi-Family Rental Program, Permanent Supportive Housing, the Single Family Homeownership Development, Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE), and the Housing Repair Services Program. These programs are the primary way the City strives to foster and maintain decent affordable housing during the next year. Funds from older closed HOME funded projects have been transferred to Strategic Housing Improvement Program, a program from the prior Consolidated Plan, to address additional affordable units.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Cincinnati administers two lead-based paint abatement grant programs from HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes – one administered by the Cincinnati Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CHD CLPPP) and one administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. Since 2007, HUD has awarded the City \$19.4 million to address lead based paint hazards in more than 1,200 qualified units, including single and multifamily buildings, with a focus on lead poisoning prevention in children

under the age of six. The grants average approximately \$10,000 per home, which is comparable to the average cost laid out by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Replacing windows is often the most expensive part of these renovations. The remainder of the grant covers administrative and educational costs, and the costs of training contractors for licensed lead clean-up efforts.

CDBG funding allocated to CHD CLPPP provides code enforcement for the issuing of orders on properties with lead hazards that are the primary or supplemental residences of children that tested with elevated blood lead levels. CHD CLPPP also provides nurse visits to families of lead poisoned children as well as case management. Primary prevention practices include community education and outreach services throughout the City, a vacuum cleaner loaner program, cleaning kits distributed to the homes, a Citizen Complaint Program, and free paint chip testing. The Greater Cincinnati Water Works will test the water at no cost for any property in the City.

The City's policies and procedures outline that all City funded pre-1978 housing rehabilitation projects include a lead based paint analysis, pre-testing and post-testing, and remediation as necessary by appropriately trained workers.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Cincinnati has one of the highest childhood poverty rates in the United States with 50% of children under 18 living below the poverty level. Cincinnati City Council has adopted the following goals toward reducing the poverty rate of City families:

- Meeting basic needs and stabilizing living situations, including increasing access to affordable housing and to income supports
- Increasing earned income to livable wage levels
- Increasing and protecting asset accumulation and resident net worth
- Decreasing social isolation and increasing social capital.

In addition to the Consolidated Plan programs, City policies and programs directed towards this strategy include:

- The City consistently uses 15% of CDBG funds for public services including job training programs and emergency mortgage assistance.
- The City provides \$90,000 in General funds annually for human services funding, which is administered by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. Funding is currently provided

in three key areas: Promoting Self Sufficiency (which represents 40% of the funding), Emergency Social Needs (31% of funding), and Reducing Violence (29% of funding).

- Cincinnati Health Department services and programs are offered throughout the City for all residents and include very low co-payments.
- The City has a Living Wage Ordinance that requires all businesses contracting with the City to pay their employees a living wage.
- The City committed additional General Fund resources to the following programs that work to reduce poverty in the City:
 - \$250,000 annually for four years for BLOC ministries to implement a job creation and training program targeting Lower Price Hill residents.
 - \$250,000 for Cincinnati Works to build capacity to provide job readiness training.
 - \$500,000 for the Center for Closing the Health Gap for administering a program that provides health prevention information to low-income and minority groups. The group is noted for its annual health fair.

The City also relies on partnerships with nonprofit and other government agencies to provide services to families living in poverty. These include Cincinnati Public Schools, Hamilton County, and the State of Ohio.

One nonprofit that is working to reduce the City's poverty rates is a partnership of 21 churches and many nonprofit organizations called CityLink. The CityLink Center opened in late 2012 in the West End neighborhood of Cincinnati. The Center is easily accessible by bus routes and highway, and is in close proximity to the lowest income neighborhoods in Cincinnati, which are:

- Villages at Roll Hill (formerly Fay Apartments)
- Winton Hills
- Over-the-Rhine
- West End
- South Cumminsville/Millvale
- North Fairmont-English Woods
- Lower Price Hill
- Avondale
- Camp Washington

CityLink programs and services are designed to help the working poor, not at-risk individuals. CityLink exists to remove these barriers and help clients achieve self-sufficiency by leveraging the strengths of various social service agencies and co-locating with them in one place. CityLink

currently has 1,000 active clients working to improve their lives and has provided services to 2,500 people since opening. They rely on 1,000 volunteers who serve in 28 distinct roles, such as auto repair, childcare, gardener and outreach coordinator.

The City's Consolidated Plan and related programs that reduce poverty are outlined below:

- Hand Up Initiative: Starting in 2015, the City has provided approximately \$1.3 million in CDBG funds to the Hand Up Initiative to combat poverty and joblessness in Cincinnati. The plan focuses on helping the long-term under and unemployed become self-sufficient through the attainment of permanent, full-time employment.
- The Small Business Technical Assistance and Small Business Loan Programs: City economic development staff work with the Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative to provide loans and technical assistance for low to moderate income entrepreneurs who want to move into business ownership. The program offers ongoing support to help them sustain their businesses. The program has also initiated a nominal grant program for small start-ups in popup shops to assist with startup expenses.
- The Downpayment Assistance Initiative Program: The City offers downpayment assistance to low-and moderate-income first time homebuyers throughout the City; this program requires pre-counseling for homebuyers currently available through two HUD certified nonprofit providers.
- The Affordable Multi-Family Rental Program: This program provides gap financing for housing development projects, including projects receiving Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), to maximize resources for rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. Funds in this program may also support Permanent Supportive Housing projects.
- Section 3 Program Compliance: The City complies with HUD's Section 3 program to increase employment opportunities for low-and very low-income residents.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Several organizations are involved in the development of the Annual Action Plan. In addition, the majority of Consolidated Plan programs are implemented by private organizations which use City funding (including the General Fund) to supplement programs that support Consolidated Plan objectives.

The City partners with a Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) which evaluates

program requests and make recommendations in coordinating City programs with service providers. The CDAB is a volunteer citizen group appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The following is the composition of the CDAB according to Cincinnati Municipal Code: community council members (3), lending institutions (1), small business advocate (1), human services (1), trades / labor representation (1), low income advocate (1), housing authority (1), real estate community (1), developer (1), corporate community (1), and Community Development Corporation representative (1). The CDAB's role is to advise the City Manager on the Consolidated Plan Budget and other matters related to the administration of the City's Consolidated Plan.

Audits conducted by the HUD Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the City's HOME Program in 2007 and 2008 led the City to review its practices and procedures. The City formalized all processes and procedures and provides direction for basic processes in the administration of the Consolidated Plan programs for the following departments: the Office of Budget and Evaluation, Finance Department, City Planning, Office of Economic Inclusion, Law Department, and Community and Economic Development.

HUD has expanded the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) for development of the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report processes. The City will continue to utilize these functions and will ensure the policies are coordinated within the City-wide processes and procedures. The City also formed an Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) monthly working group that focuses on the tracking activities, drawing of funds, and management of the system. The City will continue its efforts to increase overall training of staff, execute consistent and accurate written agreements, and have frequent and regular meetings on improving performance.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City coordinates with public and private housing agencies and social service agencies through the citizen participation process, the Fair Housing Committee, and Continuum of Care (CoC), and the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB). Additionally, beneficiaries of the City's former Rental Rehabilitation Program, now the Affordable Multi Family Rental Program, are referred to the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) to investigate the availability of Section 8 Housing Vouchers. Fair marketing is conducted with assistance of the local fair housing agency, Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

The City partnered with Hamilton County to update the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) study for the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan. A committee representing Hamilton

County Community Development, City of Cincinnati Department of Community and Economic Development, City of Cincinnati Department of City Planning, Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), Housing Opportunities Made Equal, and the Center for Independent Living Options (CILO) will meet periodically to continue work on the solutions to the findings.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) is organized on a year-round basis to include a number of working groups whose role is to coordinate services and housing for their specific group of clients, improve access to mainstream resources and benefits, and facilitate improvements in systems needed by the homeless. Each of the working groups meets monthly. The working groups include the following: Family Homelessness Group, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Advisory Committee, Homeless Outreach Group, Permanent Supportive Housing Group, Transitional Housing Group, Rapid Rehousing Group, and Homeless Veteran's Group. A representative of each work group, along with representatives from the following entities are seated on the CoC Board: homeless education liaison, Healthcare for the Homeless, Veteran's Services, homeless coalition, Runaway and Homeless Youth, Victim Services Provider, ESG subrecipients, agency executive directors, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, UFA/HMIS Lead agency, and at least one homeless or formerly homeless community member. The CoC Board meets monthly to oversee planning, coordinate efforts, and monitor progress on the goals of the consolidated plan.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of Cincinnati plans to continue to operate its HOME Investment Partnerships Program similar to previous years. As such, there are no other forms of investment planned as part of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan other than those described in CFR § 92.205(b). All programs were funded in 2017.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Throughout the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan, the City will continue to assist homebuyers through HOME funded programs such as the Core 4 Strategic Housing Program, Single Family Homeownership Development, Downpayment Assistance Initiative, CHDO Development Projects, Strategic Housing Initiatives Program, and other specific projects/programs as opportunities present themselves. Resale or recapture provisions are stated in each contract and enforced through deed restrictions, homebuyer agreements, mortgages, and promissory notes. The City utilizes the recapture provision for all assistance to homebuyers. Included below is the recapture language used in contracts for the City's Homebuyer Assistance HOME programs, i.e., Core 4 Strategic Housing Program, Single Family Homeownership Development, CHDO Development Projects, and the Downpayment Initiative Program:

The loan shall be made subject to the following terms:

*Borrower acknowledges that the purpose of the Homebuyer Assistance Loan is to assist Borrower in purchasing a home that will be owned and occupied by Borrower as Borrower's principal place of residence for a period of no less than five (5) years following the date hereof (the "**Affordability Period**"). If Borrower consists of more than one person, the condition of residency shall be met only if both or all of such persons own and continuously occupy the Property throughout the Affordability Period.*

- (a) For each consecutive 12-month period following the date hereof that Borrower owns and occupies the Property as Borrower's principal place of residence, twenty percent (20%) of the original amount of the Homebuyer Assistance Loan shall be forgiven at the end of each such 12-month period.*
- (b) If Borrower ceases to own and continuously occupy the Property as Borrower's principal place of residence during the Affordability Period, then, on the date on which Borrower ceases to own and occupy the Property as Borrower's principal place of residence (a "**Recapture Event**"), Borrower shall immediately notify the City thereof in writing and shall pay the portion of the Homebuyer Assistance Loan that has not previously been forgiven, without interest, to the City. (For example, if Borrower owns and occupies the Property for 4 consecutive years, 80% of the Homebuyer Assistance Loan will be forgiven, and Borrower shall pay the City an amount equal to 20% of the Homebuyer Assistance Loan.) If Borrower sells or otherwise transfers title to the Property to a third party during the Affordability Period, the portion of the Homebuyer Assistance Loan not previously forgiven shall be due and payable on the date of closing of such sale or transfer. There shall be no proration of amounts forgiven for periods of less than 12 months. The repayment amount, if not paid in full at the time of the Recapture Event, shall bear interest at*

the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum until fully paid. The City shall release the mortgage upon receipt of the entire repayment amount.

- (c) If Borrower continuously owns and occupies the Property as Borrower's principal place of residence throughout the Affordability Period, the entire amount of the Homebuyer Assistance Loan shall be forgiven upon the expiration of the Affordability Period. If there is no Recapture Event, Borrower shall, upon the expiration of the Affordability Period, send a written notice to the City requesting the City to release the mortgage. During the Affordability Period, the City shall have the right to conduct periodic inspections of the Property to determine whether or not a Recapture Event has occurred.*

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City utilizes the resale provision for all HOME funded rental development programs, Core 4 Strategic Housing Program, Strategic Housing Initiatives Program, and Affordable Multi Family Rental Program. Developers and property owners who receive HOME funds for rental development are required to keep the assisted units available for occupancy by tenants meeting HOME income guidelines throughout the applicable affordability period. The Resale Restriction is enforced using a Restrictive Covenant which runs with the land and does not expire upon sale of the property. In addition to the Restrictive Covenant, the City requires all lien holders (including State or Federal agencies), to sign a Mortgagee Consent to the City's Restrictive Covenant. The Mortgagee Consent document is recorded along with the Restrictive Covenant and the purpose is for each lien holder to acknowledge the affordability restrictions outlined in the City's Restrictive Covenant and to grant this priority over their mortgage. This preserves the project's HOME affordability requirement in case of an adverse property transfer. The City added the Mortgagee Consent in June 2012 to strengthen the City's protection of the HOME affordability period. Subsequent purchasers of the property must fulfill the remaining time of the affordability period. A mortgage is also recorded on the parcel to ensure the HOME funds are protected. Special circumstances regarding enforcement of the Restrictive Covenant may exist in the event of a foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure.

The loan shall be made subject to the following terms:

Throughout the Affordability Period, Owner shall rent all HOME-assisted dwelling units at the Property to households with a household income (as defined in 24 CFR 5.609) that is below the applicable household income established from time to time by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("Tenant Income Guidelines"). Under the current Tenant Income Guidelines, (i) each HIGH HOME-assisted dwelling unit must be rented to a household with a

household income below sixty percent (60%) of the median area household income for comparably sized households and (ii) each LOW HOME-assisted dwelling must be rented to a household with a household income below fifty percent (50%) of the median area household income for comparably sized households. Owner shall determine the household income as of the time that the household initially occupies the Property, and Owner shall verify such income, using third party source documentation supplied by the applicant, at least once every six years during the Affordability Period. Additionally, Owner shall re-certify the household income at the time of lease renewal or changes in income as provided in the Federal Regulations. On an annual basis, Owner shall verify its continued compliance with the affordability terms of the Restrictive Covenant by certifying Project rents and verifying tenant eligibility by submitting to the City a Tenant Income and Rent Guidelines Worksheet and an Income Certification Form for all households occupying HOME-assisted units. The Income Certification Form must be signed by and certified by each tenant and indicate that the information is complete and accurate. In the event that a tenant's household income exceeds HUD's Low or High income limits during a tenancy, the tenant who becomes over income after initial income certification will be allowed to stay in the unit. However, tenants who no longer qualify as low income families and whose household income is in excess of eighty percent (80%) of Area Median Income (AMI) must pay as rent the lesser of the amount payable by the tenant under State or local law or thirty percent (30%) of the family's adjusted income, except that tenants of HOME-assisted units that have been allocated low-income housing tax credits must pay rent governed by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42). If a household's current annual income exceeds the eligibility limit, the unit continues to qualify as a HOME and/or housing tax credit unit as long as Owner fills the next available unit with an eligible household. The next available unit would be one of similar or larger size than the one occupied by the over-income tenant. Owner shall complete a Rental Rehabilitation Program Occupancy Affidavit annually throughout the Affordability Period. Throughout the Affordability Period, Owner shall comply with, and shall cause each tenant to comply with, all other HUD verification and compliance reporting requirements. Information concerning the Tenant Income Guidelines is available from the City's Department of Community and Economic Development.

MORTGAGEE CONSENT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

<<MORTGAGEE NAME>>, with an address of <<MORTGAGEE'S ADDRESS>> ("Mortgagee") for valuable consideration paid, hereby consents to the foregoing Restrictive Covenant ("Covenant") and waives and subordinates the priority of that certain Mortgage from <<MORTGAGOR>>, <<ENTITY STATUS>>, dated <<DATE MORTGAGE EXECUTED>>, and recorded <<DATE MORTGAGE RECORDED>> in Official Record _____, Page _____, Hamilton County, Ohio Records (the "Mortgage"), which is a lien upon the subject property, in favor of the Covenant, in the same manner and with the same effect as though the Covenant had been

executed and recorded prior to the filing for record of the Mortgage, but without otherwise affecting the lien or priority of the Mortgage.

- 4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

The City does not intend to use HOME funding to refinance existing debt during 2015 through 2019.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

- 1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)**

In order for emergency shelters to receive Emergency Solutions Grant funds, the shelter must be in compliance with the federal regulations outlined in 24 CFR 91 and 576. The City has mandated that participating shelters be monitored and in compliance with the Emergency Shelter Program, Operations, and Facility Accreditation Standards. Staff at Strategies to End Homelessness (STEh), the non-profit organization that administers the ESG program, monitors all emergency shelter agencies annually for compliance. A copy of the Shelter Standards and Shelter Diversion Manual are included as attachments.

- 2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.**

Cincinnati and Hamilton County utilize the Central Access Point (CAP). CAP currently screens and schedules intakes for the four family shelters, a shelter for 18 – 24 year old individuals, a single men's shelter, a single women's shelter, and a transitional housing program for single men with substance abuse issues. CAP also refers to a Shelter Diversion program, which provides case management to help individuals avoid entering shelter. Any individual who calls CAP is screened in the same manner to determine which program best suits the caller's needs. The caller is referred to the appropriate program and contacts the agency directly to complete their intake.

The Cincinnati and Hamilton County Continuum of Care has developed a Coordinated Entry System that has been running since January of 2016. Clients who are homeless as defined by HUD are assessed using the VI-SPDAT (Voluntary Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) survey and are placed on a community wide prioritization list maintained by

Strategies to End Homelessness. Housing programs report to STEH when they have openings and the highest priority household on the prioritization list is matched with each opening, per the agency's eligibility criteria. The Coordinated Entry process ensures a consistent, low barrier to entry system for all homeless clients in our continuum, regardless of where they enter the system. Cincinnati's Coordinated Entry system includes housing placement for families, individuals, youth, chronically homeless households, victims of domestic violence, and will soon include placements into veterans programs (Supportive Services for Veteran Families and HUD VA Supportive Housing).

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

When the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Interim Rule took effect in 2012, the City of Cincinnati along with Hamilton County, the Continuum of Care Board, and Strategies to End Homelessness, decided that ESG funds would be used for emergency shelter expenses at a flat level (\$450,000) and the remainder of the funds would be used for a homelessness prevention program. The breakdown of funding is revisited annually to ensure that funds are being used in alignment with the needs of the community. For 2016 and 2017, this flat level is \$550,000.

The ESG shelter allocation process is an inclusive process of the ESG provider network. Strategies to End Homelessness prepares the annual Emergency Solutions Grant application for shelter funding, which is then sent via email to the prior year's providers and posted on the Strategies to End Homelessness website for any other applicants interested in applying. Agencies with interest in applying must be active in the community's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), VESTA® (Virtual Electronic Service Tracking Assistant) and have the prior year's data available before the allocation process begins. Providers then gather to review the needs within the community and to allocate funds through a process called Prince of Peace. The allocation is based on the previous year's outcomes and the needs determined by a discussion of those in attendance at Prince of Peace.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The requirement of 24 CFR 576.406(a) has been met. The City's Continuum of Care has a HUD-designated primary decision making group and oversight board referred to as the Homeless Clearinghouse. This group is mandated to have at least one homeless/formerly homeless

person as an active member. As the oversight board of the CoC, the Clearinghouse's responsibilities are:

1. Ensure that the CoC is meeting all of the responsibilities assigned to it by HUD regulations;
2. Represent the relevant organizations and projects serving homeless subpopulations;
3. Support homeless persons in their movement from homelessness to economic stability and affordable permanent housing within a supportive community;
4. To be inclusive of all the needs of all of Cincinnati's and Hamilton County's homeless population, including the special service and housing needs of homeless sub-populations;
5. Facilitate responses to issues and concerns that affect the agencies funded by the CoC that are beyond those addressed in the annual CoC application process.

Additionally, STEH monitors all ESG subrecipients annually and subrecipients are required to have a homeless or formerly homeless individual on their agency board.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Performance measures are included in the Prince of Peace allocation process for Emergency Solutions Grant shelter funding. Strategies to End Homelessness utilize data collected in VESTA® to determine a starting point allocation for each eligible provider. The starting point allocation divides the funding between shelters based on their number of bed nights and their previous year's outcomes related specifically to positive housing results, length of stay in shelter, and rate of returns to homelessness. Outcomes are compared to the community average for each measure and an agency's allocation increases or decreases based on how their individual outcomes compare to the community averages.



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Attachment A: Emergency Shelter Program, Operations, and Facility Accreditation Standards



Emergency Shelter Program, Operations, and Facility Accreditation Standards

Background-

The Emergency Shelter Program, Operations, and Facility Accreditation Standards (a.k.a. Shelter Standards) are intended to serve as the standards for Emergency Shelters receiving public funding in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio. These standards apply to facilities which are receiving public funding as an emergency shelter, but not to agencies funded as transitional or permanent housing. Emergency shelter facilities must agree to work toward and then adhere to these standards for receipt of public funding. Shelter facilities must complete the following Shelter Standards process at least every year.

The previous "Minimum Standards" for emergency shelters were updated in 2009 by the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless (GCCH) and Strategies to End Homelessness, Inc. (STEH) by mandate of Cincinnati City Council, and as a part of the Homeless to Homes planning process. Recommendations for these updated standards were drawn and adapted from the Homeless to Homes plan itself, as set forward by the community process which created it. Some additional edits were made by City Council. Due to these facts, emergency shelters will have to be in alignment with the Homeless to Homes Plan and these standards in order to receive either HUD (i.e. ESG, HOPWA, CDBG, and Supportive Housing Program) funds allocated to the City of Cincinnati, or other City of Cincinnati funding.

The monitoring of these standards will be carried out by Strategies to End Homelessness, Inc.

Process-

The Shelter Standards process has four steps:

- I. The requested policies and procedures are assembled by the facility into a Shelter Standards Binder, to be appropriately updated and then provided to and reviewed by Strategies to End Homelessness, Inc.
- II. A Shelter Standards Report is written by the emergency shelter facility describing its efforts to meet the Shelter Standards requirements, and outlining steps being taken to achieve any requirement outlined in the standards which the facility is not yet able to meet. This report will be provided to Strategies to End Homelessness, Inc. with the Shelter Standards Binder in advance of the site visit
- III. A Shelter Standards Site Visit is conducted by Strategies to End Homelessness, the Cincinnati Health Department, and the Cincinnati Department of Community Development, and the facility inspected.
- IV. A Shelter Standards Evaluation Letter will be provided to the facility outlining what, if any, steps or improvements need to be taken prior to the agency's next Shelter Standards review for funding to continue.

I. Shelter Standards Binder:

The following documents are to be included in the binder:

A. Shelter Administration Policies and Procedures

- 501(c)3 documentation
- Mission Statement
- A Facility Description including:
 - i. Description of the population to be served
 - ii. Description of the services to be provided
 - iii. Number of employees
 - iv. Hours of operation
 - v. Number of clients to be served
- A Management Plan including:
 - i. Goal statement for the population
 - ii. Description of the operation and management of the facility
 - iii. Description of current collaborations and efforts to collaborate with other providers
 - iv. Behavioral standards for residents
 - v. Security plan for the facility, which should include monitoring any police runs/911 calls to the facility and related to its residents
 - vi. Policy prohibiting drug and alcohol use within the facility, including agency rules regarding when a client will be barred from the facility for violating these policies
 - vii. Commitment to work with police to measure 911 calls resulting from residents
 - viii. Policy on length of stay, consistent with the mission of providing temporary emergency shelter
- Program description(s)
- Non-discrimination policy
 - i. Policy of non-discrimination in the provision of client care based on the following: age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, marital status, geographical, national or ethnic origin, HIV status, disability, or veteran status (with consideration given to agency mission of organization, etc.)
- Include a policy of gender-specific programming matching the mission statement of the organization for the placement of clients within the shelter/agency based on self-reported gender identification. If not yet complete, what steps are being taken to meet this requirement?
- Sexual harassment policy pertaining to both staff and clients
- Policy compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act
- Tuberculosis policy, including the testing of staff and residents
- HIV/AIDS policy
- List of agency board members, including board participation by at least one current or formerly homeless person
- Conflict of interest policy for board and staff
- Current and relative ethics policy for personnel
- Policy pertaining to authorized/unauthorized search of clients' property by staff
- Staff emergency evacuation training
- Volunteer policy, including selection, training, and definition of tasks
- Hiring policy in compliance with EEO guidelines

- Hiring policy for new staff members, including any screening processes used by agency

B. Grievance Procedures

- Agency/Client grievance procedure, which includes:
 - i. Details regarding how and when each client is given a copy of the grievance procedure with a verbal explanation
 - ii. Describes the handling of grievances while in the program, and if client feels she/he has been wrongly terminated
 - iii. Policy of client readmission after discharge and later return to shelter

C. Fiscal Management

- Quarterly financial reports as reported to Board of Directors
- Copy of last annual Audit/financial review, agency has accounting system capable of audit/financial review
- Policy regarding management of client funds

D. Client Confidentiality

- Policy restricting computer access to client records to relative authorized staff
- HMIS confidentiality policy for emergency shelter

E. Health and Safety

- Housekeeping policy pertaining to inside the facility as well as the outside property
- Agency maintenance plan for inside the facility as well as the outside property
- Fire Safety:
 - i. Evacuation plan for ambulatory and non-ambulatory residents
 - ii. Fire detection system in compliance with fire code
 - iii. Adequate fire exits
 - iv. Adequate emergency lighting
- Documentation of at least quarterly fire drills
- Last annual fire inspection
- Staff certification(s) in emergency first aid procedures for at least one person on duty for each shift
- Policy regarding communicable illness

F. Medical Care

- Policy regarding the possession and use of controlled substances
- Policy regarding clients' use of prescription medications
- Policy regarding clients' use of over-the-counter medications
- Policy regarding clients' access to medical care

G. Public Standards

- Litter Control Policy that includes maintenance of facility-owned trash receptacles, litter pickups on facility-owned property and adjacent right-of-way, including sidewalks, gutters, tree lawns, the placing of trash receptacles, for client use, on facility grounds and in surrounding areas used by clients, and efforts to inform clients of the importance of not littering
- Safety and Security plans for clients, employees and physical facility both inside the facility and outside on facility-owned property

- i. Agency provides new clients with information about the surrounding area (including services, neighbors, businesses, parks, local laws relative to occupancy in the area, contact information for local liaison police officers, address of facility and other pertinent facilities, etc.)
- Policies regarding loitering and noise control on facility-owned property
- Policy discouraging the use of drugs and alcohol by residents, and description of how residents are discouraged from such use by shelter.
- Policy discouraging panhandling by residents, which includes:
 - i. Description of how residents are discouraged from panhandling by the shelter
 - ii. Description on how the shelter facility addresses shelter residents known to be panhandling in the community
 - iii. Outlines clear and consistent consequences to be enforced if a resident is known to be panhandling
 - iv. Describes how residents are discouraged from the purchase of drugs or alcohol with panhandling funds
- Description of restroom availability
- Communication plan that includes a point of access for the local community to be able to communicate with the Organization and a policy for how grievances from the local community will be addressed

STEH will not be monitoring this portion of the Shelter Standards, until provided with guidance on how to do so from the Cincinnati City Solicitor and/or City Manager

H. Food Safety

- Policy providing adequate provisions for meeting the nutritional needs of infants, children and/or pregnant women.
- Policy providing adequate provisions for meeting the nutritional needs of clients with specific medical conditions (HIV, Diabetes, etc.)
- Documentation that facility has met the Health Departments standards during previous inspections

I. Services and Case Management

- Intake procedure
- Criteria for admission
 - i. Agency has policy requiring that house rules, regulations and disciplinary procedures pertaining to activities inside the facility as well as on the outside facility-owned property are read to and signed by all clients upon entry
- Policy for referral if client cannot be served
- Client termination policy
- Current and relative client confidentiality policy
- Current organizational chart delineating all paid and unpaid positions
- Current and relative job descriptions for all paid and unpaid positions
- Case Manager job descriptions
 - i. Case managers required to focus their time and energy on engagement, program enrollment, needed referrals and connections (client-network building), fostering stabilization and facilitating movement into housing and needed services

II. The Shelter Standards Report:

The following items are to be addressed in the report-

- A. Outcomes:
- Outcomes that have been achieved with population served:
 - i. % of shelter residents who exit to transitional or permanent housing:
Last Inspection: ____; This Inspection: ____
 - ii. % of clients whose exit income was greater than their intake income:
Last Inspection: ____; This Inspection: ____
 - iii. Was HMIS used to generate outcome data? If not, what method was used to generate outcome data?
 - Outcome goals for population served related to:
 - i. % of shelter residents who exit to transitional or permanent housing
 - ii. % of clients whose exit income was greater than their intake income
 - iii. Was HMIS used to generate outcome data? If not, what method was used to generate outcome data?
 - Does the agency have clearly defined and implemented intake and exit method to facilitate outcome measurements?
 - Identification of barriers to improved outcomes and efforts to improve
- B. Are spaces (in particular any spaces which have been renovated) designed to give people the smallest group sleeping rooms feasible, rather than large, dormitory-style sleeping rooms.
- C. Number of people sleeping in facility: ____.
- Is there enough space for this number of people? If not, how is the agency working to improve? Is the agency working to lower the number of people in group sleeping areas (Give examples of efforts)?
- D. Is the shelter readily accessible either directly or through public transportation to community amenities that the participant population normally requires, including grocery stores and recreation, medical services, training, mental health or substance abuse disorder treatment, and mainstream benefit/resource facilities and other programs needed to meet the goals of this program? (Provide any appropriate written documentation)
- E. Is everyone entering the shelter assigned to an individual case manager or case management team? If no, explain how improvement is being made.
- F. Do all residents receive the following as a part of case management services? If no, describe how improvement is being made.
1. Basic service: a bed, food and toiletries will be provided for each individual
 2. An assessment of the individual's situation initiated within 48 hours of admission into the shelter. If this is not happening, what are the barriers to this occurring?
 3. Agency is working to lower average client-time spent at agency before assessment is completed. Average time at last inspection: ____ Current average time: ____

4. At a minimum the assessment must include (Provide an anonymous example):
 - i. Current situation and reason for homelessness
 - ii. Information about personal/family support
 - iii. A housing history
 - iv. Income/economic situation
 - v. Education/training levels achieved
 - vi. Social service and health history
 - vii. Basic life skills inventory
 - viii. Veteran status, service in the Armed Forces, and eligibility for VA housing and services
 - ix. Special issues review (e.g. mental health, substance abuse, physical/cognitive/sensory disabilities, etc.)
 - x. Any justice system involvement, existing legal conditions (probation, parole, sex offense designation), and appropriate related contact persons (such as a probation officer).
5. Intensive case management will be provided to each individual within the shelter system, which includes-
 - i. Case Management Ratio:
 - a) What is the current number of case managers serving clients within the facility?
 - b) According to data from HMIS or other agency-used database system, what is the average number of residents in emergency shelter beds in the facility per night?
 - c) What is the current case management ratio? (a/b= Case Management Ratio)
 - d) If higher than 1:10, what steps are being taken to reduce the agency case management ratio? What was the ratio at last inspection? Can improvements be seen? If no, what is being done to improve this?
 - ii. Development of an individual client-centered case plan that at a minimum must include (Provide an anonymous example with each step included):
 - a) Focus on discharge planning
 - b) Obtainable housing plan (Exit Strategy)
 - c) Removal of or lessening of barriers to housing
 - d) Increasing income and/or accessing benefits that will lessen barriers in the way of the individual's sustainable success at independent living (if independent living is applicable)
 - e) Stabilization and development plan
 - f) All individual case plans will be securely and confidentially stored in HMIS or other proper electronic client-data storage system and a partnership agreement between appropriate shelters will be used to address case planning in recidivist cases
 - g) Discharge plans should be forwarded to the next housing placement and be inclusive of a summary of the elements of the ISP the person has completed, what is in progress and what is left to accomplish.
 - iii. Case managers serve as brokers of services for homeless households by: (display job description with each of these roles cited)
 - a) Focus on discharge into transitional or permanent housing:

- b) Helping homeless household identify and connect to the resources they need to carry out their Case Plan
 - c) Serving as advocates for homeless individuals within the housing, mainstream resource and service delivery systems so that clients can successfully access other systems and programs
 - d) Providing information, referral, and support to access housing and services are provided to meet the individual needs of the client.
 - e) Providing support, information and referral services to clients in need of substance abuse and mental health engagement.
6. How does the facility begin discharge planning upon client entrance into the emergency shelter system? How does this discharge plan include the following-
- i. Exit strategy
 - ii. Removal of or lessening of barriers to housing
 - iii. Increasing income and/or accessing services that will lessen barriers in the way of the individual's success at independent living
 - iv. Discharge plans should be forwarded to the next housing placement (from shelter to transitional housing to permanent supportive housing) and be inclusive of a summary of the elements of the ISP the person has completed, what is in progress and what is left to accomplish.
 - v. An identified appropriate time limit for length of stay before moving to transitional or permanent housing options.

III. The Shelter Standards Site Visit:

The following will be reviewed during the Site Visit.

A. Health and Safety

- That your facility is clean and in good repair
- Fire Safety:
 - i. Evacuation plan for ambulatory and non-ambulatory residents
 - ii. Fire detection system in compliance with fire code
 - iii. Adequate fire exits
 - iv. Adequate emergency lighting

B. Medical Care

- A phone available to clients for medical emergency
- Adequate Red Cross compliant first aid equipment is available and easily accessible by staff
- Properly secured medications

C. Clean and Safe

- Facility-owned trash receptacles have lids that are properly closed to dispel rodents, etc.
- Outside facility-owned property is free of litter and trash that is not in receptacles
- Security plan in use; agency grounds, facility and client activity on-site are monitored to help prevent criminal activity
 - i. Since the last inspection how many times did staff make emergency calls for violent activity?

1. How many such calls since the last inspection?
 2. What is being done to decrease the number of such emergency calls?
- Loitering and Noise Control Program in use on agency-owned property.
 - Restroom availability for residents to use: Are there enough restrooms available for the number of people in the facility?
 - Public point of contact information is posted

D. General Shelter

- Grievance procedure is clearly posted where all can see it
- A crib, bed with linens, or mat for each client
- A separate toilet and shower facility for men and women
- Private space to meet with clients
- Laundry facilities for clients
- Any renovated spaces designed to give people the smallest groups sleeping space feasible, rather than large, dormitory-style sleeping rooms.
- Housing must be readily accessible to community amenities that the participant population normally requires, including grocery stores and recreation, medical services, training, mental health or substance abuse disorder treatment, and mainstream benefit/resource facilities.
- House rules, regulations and disciplinary procedures posted in a conspicuous place.
- Provisions for sanitary food storage and preparation

E. Documentation

- Maintained records of all residents in facility, including name, age, race, gender, and income level (provide an anonymous example).
- Maintained documentation of clients sheltered, served or referred elsewhere
- Trained personnel to adequately work with clients are on site during all hours that your facility is open to clients
- A written log of incidents and instructions for oncoming personnel (Provide example.)
- Secure computer location(s) at which HMIS or other client-data entry is completed



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Overview

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), enacted into law on May 20, 2009, consolidates three of the separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD under the McKinney –Vento Homeless Assistance Act into a single grant program, and revises the Emergency Shelter Grants program and renames it as the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The HEARTH Act also codifies into law the Continuum of Care planning process, a longstanding part of HUD’s application process to assist homeless persons by providing greater coordination in responding to their needs.

The change from *Emergency Shelter Grant* to *Emergency Solutions Grants* reflects the change in the program’s focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency shelter or transitional housing shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis.

Federal regulation allows ESG funding to be used for the following items:

1. **Street Outreach** – Essential services to eligible participants provided on the street or in parks, abandoned buildings, bus stations, campgrounds, and in other such settings where unsheltered persons are staying. Staff salaries related to carrying out street outreach activities are also eligible.
 - Engagement, case management; emergency health services; emergency mental health services; transportation; services to special populations
2. **Emergency Shelter** –Essential services to persons in emergency shelters, renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelters, and operating emergency shelters. Staff costs related to carrying out emergency shelter activities are also eligible.
3. **Homeless Prevention**- Short- and medium- term rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services for individuals and families who are *at imminent risk or at risk of homelessness*. Staff salaries related to carrying out activities are also eligible.
4. **Rapid Re-Housing**- Short- and medium- term rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services for individuals and families who are *literally homeless*. Staff salaries related to carrying out activities are also eligible.
5. **HMIS**- Hardware, equipment, software, training, and overhead

Shelter Diversion

Strategies to End Homelessness has collaborated with the United Way of Greater Cincinnati (UW) and contracted with five UW funded Emergency Assistance Agencies to deliver the Homelessness Prevention component of the ESG Program, known locally as Shelter Diversion. The collaborative partners for the Shelter Diversion Program are: **Freestore Foodbank, Jewish Family Service, Mercy Health St. John, Society of Saint Vincent DePaul, and The Salvation Army**. UW funding within the agencies will be used for staffing while Shelter Diversion funds will provide direct financial assistance.

Additionally, a sub-grant arrangement with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati has been executed to provide legal assistance as needed to prevent homelessness through the Shelter Diversion Program.

The Shelter Diversion Program has been designed as a short-term (3-month) program. All participants will be required to meet with a caseworker prior to receiving assistance to verify that they are “at-risk of homelessness” and entry into shelter is imminent without this assistance. The partner agencies will be required to provide on-going case services and support to clients for up to three months.

If a person is not stabilized after three months and are still at risk of homelessness, they can be approved for additional three months of services. This requires that the case manager discusses their case at a case management meeting to get approval for the recertification. If approved, the case manager recertifies the participant to verify they still meet the program requirements.

All potential program participants seeking assistance from the Shelter Diversion Program must be screened by a Central Access Point (CAP) Intake Specialist. Upon approval the individual or household will be electronically referred to a partner agency through the local HMIS system VESTA[®].

Definitions

At Risk of Homelessness: There are three categories under which an individual or family may qualify as “at risk of homelessness”. For an individual or household to qualify as “at risk of homelessness” under the first category of the definition, the individual or family must meet two threshold criteria, and must exhibit one or more of the specified risk factors.

I. First category

a. The Two threshold criteria are:

- i. The individual or family has income below 30% of AMI
- ii. The individual or family has insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability. *(HUD further defines this as “the individual or family does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g. family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place” that meets the definition of homelessness)*
- iii. And meets at least one of the pertinent risk factors below:
 1. Has moved frequently because of economic reasons (defined as 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for prevention assistance)
 2. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship
 3. Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated (notice must be in writing and termination has to be within 21 days after the date of application for assistance)
 4. Lives in a hotel or motel (not paid for by a state, local, federal, or charitable organization funds)

5. Lives in severely overcrowded housing (efficiency with more than 2 persons or another type of housing in which there reside more than 1.5 persons per room)
6. Otherwise lives in housing that have characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness; for example, utility shut off notice or eviction notice.

II. Second Category and Third Category

- a. All families with children and youth defined as homeless under *other* federal statutes.
- b. Parent(s) or guardian(s) of the children or youth defined as “homeless” must be living with those children or youth to qualify as “at risk of homelessness”

*Note- Locally, only people meeting the first criteria will be eligible for the shelter diversion program. Also, if a person is fleeing a domestic violence situation they need to be referred to the YWCA to address safety issues prior to being admitted into the shelter diversion program.

Eligibility/Program Requirements

- I. Household would need proof of risk of homelessness
 - a. Notice to vacate issued within 21 days
 - b. Eviction notice issued within 21 days
 - c. Court-ordered eviction notice
 - d. “love eviction” for doubled-up households issued within 21 days
 1. Person at higher risk if living doubled up for less than 90 days
- II. Household must be at or below 30% of AMI
 - a. Verified by income documents dated within last 30 days
- III. Household must not have any other subsequent housing options
 - a. Verified through assessment with case manager
- IV. Household must not have any other financial resources
 - a. Verified through assessment with case manager
- V. Household must participate in case management
- VI. Household may receive assistance only 1 time in 12 months- no shelter stay, shelter diversion, homeless certificate, HPRP assistance, or previous shelter diversion assistance with in past 12 months
 - a. Verified via VESTA
- VII. Individual/ Household must be a Hamilton County resident

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

- I. Financial assistance costs.
ESG funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following:
 1. Rental Application Fees (an application fee charged by owner to ALL applicants)
 - i. Our community will not pay rental application fees with ESG funds
 2. Security Deposits, not to exceed the equivalent of 2 months’ rent

- i. If the Shelter Diversion Program pays for a security deposit, at the end of the lease term, the security deposit may be utilized by the landlord for repair fees, etc or be returned to the client to rollover into a new unit.
3. Last Month's rent, not to exceed the equivalent of one month's rent, paid at the time of the security deposit and first month's rent. This rental payment must be used in calculating the program participant's total rental assistance.
4. Utility deposits
5. Utility payments, including arrears up to 3 months per service. Partial payments count as one month. If 6 months of arrears are needed, Shelter Diversion Coordinator can approve up to 6 months of arrears. No more than 6 months of arrears can be paid within a 3 year period.
 - i. Utilities are defined as gas, electric, water, and sewage
 - ii. Utilities can only be paid if the program participant or an adult member of his/her household, as indicated on the lease, has an account in his/her name with a utility company.
6. Moving costs, including movers, truck rental, and storage fees up to 3 months, or until the participant is in housing, whichever is shorter, provided that the fees are accrued after the date the participant begins receiving assistance. **ARREARS are not an eligible expense.** Reasonable moving expenses are to be determined by the Strategies to End Homelessness' Finance Assistant by comparing local competitor's pricing on an annual basis and ensuring the amount paid is in line with the local average amount. Proper documentation is required for financial assistance payments to be made including invoices or bills.

II. Services Costs

1. Housing Search and placement (activities necessary to assist program participants in locating, obtaining and retaining suitable permanent housing):
 - i. Assessment of housing barriers, needs and preferences
 - ii. Development of an action plan for locating housing
 - iii. Housing search
 - iv. Outreach to and negotiations with property owners
 - v. Assistance submitting rental applications and understanding leases
 - vi. Assessment of housing for compliance with ESG requirements for habitability, lead-based paint, and rent reasonableness
 - vii. Assistance with obtaining utilities and making moving arrangements
 - viii. Tenant counseling
2. Assistance cannot exceed 30 days during the period the participant is seeking permanent housing and cannot exceed 24 months during the period the participant is living in permanent housing.

III. Housing Stability Case Management

1. Assessing, arranging, coordinating and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to facilitate housing stability for a program participant in permanent housing or assist with overcoming immediate barriers to obtaining housing.
2. Conducting the initial evaluation, including verifying and documenting eligibility
3. Developing, securing and coordinating services and obtaining Federal, State and local benefits
4. Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress
5. Providing information and referrals to other providers
6. Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability
7. Conducting re-evaluations

IV. Mediation

1. Our community will not pay for mediation services. Clients may be referred to HOME for mediation services.

V. Legal Services

1. Legal services related to landlord/tenant matters will be addressed by a subcontract with Legal Aid

VI. Credit Repair

1. Our community will not pay for Credit Repair services. Clients may be referred to other community organizations for credit repair assistance.

Short-term and Medium-term rental assistance

1. Short-term rental assistance is assistance for up to 3 months of rent
2. Medium-term rental assistance is for more than 3 months but not more than 24 months of rent.
3. Payment of rental arrears consists of a **one-time** payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

Amount of rental assistance – Participating Agencies have flexibility to determine the amount of rental assistance provided, including:

- Payment of an agreed on portion of the rent;
- Payment of 100 percent of the rent charged; or
- Graduated/declining assistance.

Rent Arrears – Rental assistance may also be used to pay for up to 3 months of rental arrears for eligible program participants in Shelter Diversion. Coordinator may allow exceptions to this rule on a case by case basis but never to exceed a onetime payment of 6 months of arrears payments within a 3 year period. Rental arrears may be paid if the payment is necessary for the participant to obtain housing. Rental arrears is determined to be any months prior to the month of intake into the program. Case managers must have a landlord verification form completed by the landlord in order to pay rental arrears.

Tenant Rent Share

Agencies may require program participants to share in the costs of rent, utilities, security and utility deposits, moving, and other expenses as a condition of receiving Shelter Diversion financial assistance. For example, a program may require a program participant to pay a portion of the rent expense for an apartment. Diversion assistance should be "needs-based," meaning that Agencies should determine the amount of assistance based on the minimum amount needed to prevent the program participant from becoming homeless or returning to homelessness in the near term. This will also help utilize program resources efficiently to serve as many households as possible.

Rent Reasonableness

The rental assistance paid cannot exceed the actual rental cost, which must be in compliance with HUD's standard of "rent reasonableness." "Rent reasonableness" means that the total rent charged for a unit must be reasonable in relation to the rents being charged during the same time period for comparable units in the private unassisted market and must not be in excess of rents being charged by the owner during the same time period for comparable unassisted units.

Case managers and Housing Specialist will work together to ensure that rent reasonability is ensured for all housing units receiving financial assistance. It is the responsibility of the Housing Specialist to determine rent reasonability and document it in VESTA. To make this determination, the Program should reference the rent reasonability form and the Strategies to End Homelessness website for determining rent reasonableness. If rent charged for a unit exceeds the reasonability standard Shelter Diversion funds may not be used for costs associated with that unit.

Unit size should be taken into consideration when determining rent reasonability. A unit must be the appropriate size for the household residing there and when determining the rent reasonability, the unit size required by the household must be used for measuring the reasonability of the rent. (i.e. a single person residing in a 2 bedroom unit must have reasonability based on a 1 bedroom unit)

Maximum amounts and periods of assistance.

Households may receive assistance 1 time per year, not to exceed 6 months in any 12 month period. Households must wait 12 months from exit date to be eligible for assistance again, regardless of how long they were in the program.

The total period for which a program participant may receive services must not exceed 24 months during any 3 year period. The limits on the assistance apply to the total assistance an individual receives, either as an individual or as part of a family. A participant must not exceed 6 months of utility arrears in a 3 year period. Rental arrears can be paid **one time** in any 3 year period for up to 6 months of arrears.

Financial assistance is not to exceed \$2,500 per case without Shelter Diversion Program Coordinator Approval. Any financial assistance request that will cause the lifetime total of the client's financial assistance to exceed \$2,500 will require written approval from the Shelter Diversion Coordinator. Program participants may not receive more than \$5,000 in financial assistance or 6 months of service during a twelve month period.

Recertification of Eligibility

HUD requires grantees and/or sub grantees to evaluate and certify the eligibility of Shelter Diversion program participants at entry into the program and at least every three months for households receiving Shelter Diversion rental assistance or other Shelter Diversion Services (e.g. case management) lasting longer than 3 months. Re-certification must occur prior to the 4th month of assistance. The intent of the recertification rule is to ensure programs are fully evaluating households that are receiving ongoing assistance to ensure that the household remains eligible and needs continued assistance to prevent homelessness.

The process of re-certifying a client as eligible is similar to the initial determination of eligibility. The client must be at risk of homelessness; be below 30% AMI; lack subsequent housing options, support networks and financial resources to maintain their housing. All eligibility criteria must be met and documented in VESTA.

Use with other subsidies

Financial assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving the same type of assistance during the same time period that are being provided through another federal, state or local housing subsidy program. For eligible participants living in subsidized housing (for example, Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Programs), Shelter Diversion funds can only be used for a one time rental arrears or for a deposit to move into subsidized housing.

Rent Restrictions

Rent shall equal the sum of the total monthly rent for the unit, any fees required for occupancy (other than late fees and pet fees) and, if the tenant pays separately for utilities, the monthly allowance for utilities (excluding telephone) established by CMHA. Rent cannot exceed the fair market rent established by HUD and has to comply with HUD's standards of rent reasonableness.

Rental Assistance agreement

Rental assistance payments can only be made to an owner with whom the grantee has entered into a rental assistance agreement.

Rental agreement must set forth the terms under which rental assistance will be provided. The rental agreement must provide that, during the term of the agreement, the owner must give the grantee or sub grantee a copy of any notice to the program participant to vacate the housing unit, or any complaint used under state or local law to commence an eviction action against the program participant.

The rental assistance agreement must contain the same payment due date, grace period, and late payment penalty requirements as the program participant's lease. Any late fees are the grantee or sub grantee's responsibility to pay with non ESG funds.

Lease

Each program participant receiving rental assistance must have legally binding, written lease for the rental unit. The lease must be signed by both the landlord/property manager and the tenant. All members of the household must be included on the lease.

Case Manager Responsibilities:

Case Managers at the emergency assistance agencies are responsible for final eligibility determination and documentation. Documentation must be in the participant's VESTA file for both eligibility criteria and risk factors.

Eligibility Criteria for program participants include:

- Individual/Household would be going into shelter without this assistance
- Household income is less than 30% Area Median Income
- Individual/household has no other financial resources or support networks to avoid going into shelter
- Individual/Household willing to participate in case management
- No active homeless certificate, shelter stay, HPRP assistance, or shelter diversion assistance in the 12 months
- Individual/household is a Hamilton County resident

Household must also exhibit at least one of the following risk factors:

- Has moved frequently because of economic reasons (defined as 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for prevention assistance)
- Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship
- Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated (notice must be in writing and termination has to be within 21 days after the date of application for assistance)
- Lives in a hotel or motel (not paid for by a state, local, federal, or charitable organization funds)
- Lives in severely overcrowded housing (efficiency with more than 2 persons or another type of housing in which there reside more than 1.5 persons per room)
- Otherwise lives in housing that have characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness; for example, utility shut off notice or eviction notice.

Priority will be given to program applicants who:

- Have referral from partner agency (i.e. Legal Aid)

Case managers will work with households to create a plan to achieve housing stability and prevent future housing instability. This will include budgeting, utilizing mainstream benefits and case planning.

The case manager needs to have **face to face contact with a client within 24 hours of the referral.**

During intake, each **participant needs to be informed they have 2 weeks to find housing.** HUD will only allow payment for up to 30 days while a person is homeless and seeking permanent housing. Case

Managers will attend bi-monthly meetings where information and resources along with new opportunities/programs will be shared as well as any updates pertaining to HUD.

All required documentation must be attached to the electronic case file in VESTA prior to receiving financial assistance. This documentation includes but is not limited to: Staff Affidavit, proof of risk of homelessness (i.e. love eviction, eviction notice), income verification, lease, and inspection verification.

Intake Documentation:

- Verification of *all* household members (ID, social security cards, etc)
- Income Verification for *all* household members- must be below 30% AMI
- "But For" Assistance Determination Form
- Love Eviction
- Client Agreement
- Staff certification
- Housing Search and Inspection Request- sent to Housing Specialist within 24 hours of intake

Documentation for payment in addition to above

- Intent to rent
- Rental Agreement
- Lease
- Rent reasonableness checklist
- Inspection
- Copy of utility bills to be paid

Acceptable documentation

- 1st choice- Source documents, i.e. notice of termination from employment, unemployment compensation statement, bank statement, health care bills showing arrears, utility bill showing arrears
- 2nd choice- written statement by relevant third party (former employer, public administrator, relative) or the written certification by the recipient's or sub recipient's intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party that the applicant meets the criteria for at risk of homelessness
- 3rd choice- if source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, a self declaration from the participant along with a written statement by the recipient or sub recipient's intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain required evidence

Recertification Documentation:

- “But For” Assistance Determination Form
- Verification of Income- still must be below 30% AMI
- Supporting documents to support the need for additional services

Records

Case managers are required to keep complete and accurate records in VESTA. This includes, but not limited to:

- All above documentation
- Service records of each contact
- Every payment made for security deposit, rental assistance, utility payment, etc
- Supporting documents for all payments
- Financial assistance will only be approved and checks issued if all needed documents are in VESTA. Checks need to be requested within 24 hours of unit passing the inspection.
- Checks will be issued within 24 business hours.
- Financial manager will notify case manager by IM and/or phone if a check request is denied in an attempt to remedy situation. If case manager is unavailable, the request will be denied and case manager must submit new request.

Strategies to End Homelessness (End Homelessness) Responsibilities:

End Homelessness will facilitate bi-monthly Shelter Diversion Case Manager meetings. Information and resources along with new opportunities/programs will be shared with agency representatives as well as any updates pertaining to HUD regulations in these meetings.

End Homelessness will facilitate monthly Shelter Diversion Supervisor meetings. All updates pertaining to HUD regulations for Shelter Diversion will be shared with case manager supervisors in these meetings. Additionally, performance measures and outcomes along with improving or increasing community collaboration will also be discussed in these meetings.

End Homelessness will issue all eligible payments for direct financial assistance for Shelter Diversion Assistance as requested in VESTA.

A Housing Specialist is in place to assist clients with accessing affordable housing and completing inspections as required by the Notice.

- Any housing in which a child under the age of six will reside that was built prior to 1978 will require a visual lead inspection.
- Any new housing that a household moves into will require a Habitability Standards Inspection.

MONITORING:

Monitoring of specific activities provided to participants through the Shelter Diversion program will be through the HMIS system. All direct service agencies will use the local HMIS system – VESTA software and will be required to enter complete demographic information on each participant served as well as specialized intake and exit information. Documentation of participant contact will be recorded in VESTA.

An annual on-site monitoring will occur where End Homelessness staff will review records of the source and use of contributions used as matching funds as required by sub-contract. The records must indicate the particular fiscal year grant for which each matching contribution is counted.

Termination procedure

Case managers will follow the termination procedure when terminating financial assistance or case management services to program participants.

All program participants will sign a participation agreement form at point of initial enrollment into the Shelter Diversion Program. Those program participants who fail to comply with the agreement may be terminated from the program. In instances where a participant is to be terminated from the program the proper termination policy is to be followed.

Policy:

A Program Participant receiving Shelter Diversion financial assistance and/or case management services may be terminated for the following reasons:

Violation of Program Requirements (including non-compliance)

Ineligibility at Recertification

Fraud or attempted Fraud

Procedure:

- If Agency case manager determines that Shelter Diversion assistance should be terminated for a participant enrolled in the Shelter Diversion Program due to violating program requirements; the Agency case manager will notify the participant of the plan to terminate via telephone or face to face contact if possible, or in writing at least five (5) business days prior to termination date with reason for termination. If reason for termination is non-compliance, the program participant may work with case manager to resolve compliance issue.
- Agency case manager will re-certify the eligibility of Shelter Diversion participants every three months. If it is determined during re-certification that the client no longer meets the eligibility criteria, the client will be immediately terminated from the Shelter Diversion Program.
- Participants who are suspected of committing fraud or attempting to commit fraud will be terminated immediately from the Shelter Diversion Program and reported to the appropriate authorities.

Dependent upon the circumstances under which participation in the Shelter Diversion Program was terminated, a participant may re-apply at a later date pending approval from Agency Case manager. If a program participant disagrees with the decision to terminate he/she may appeal the decision to terminate by following the grievance procedure.

Grievance procedure

Each person receiving Shelter Diversion assistance shall have the right to express their grievance concerning the Policies and/or Procedures of the Shelter Diversion Program in an appropriate manner.

Procedure:

- If the participant has a grievance with the Policies or Procedures of the Shelter Diversion Program, they should initially discuss the issue with the case manager at the Agency from which they are receiving services.
- If after speaking with the case manager regarding the grievance the participant is not satisfied with the result; or in cases where the case manager is a party to the grievance the participant should speak to the case manager's supervisor at the Agency from which the client is receiving services.
- In cases where the grievance cannot be resolved by the Agency supervisor and/or case manager, the Shelter Diversion Program Coordinator shall be involved in the resolution. Program Participants must contact the Shelter Diversion Program Coordinator in writing within ten (10) days of grievance to request a review conference. Upon written request for a conference, the program participant will be notified within five (5) business days of the date, time, and place of the conference. If a conference is held, a written summary of the conference discussion and written decision will be prepared within two (2) weeks; one copy shall be given to the participant and one copy will be retained in the participant's file.
- Written request for conference should be given to case manager.

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Attachment B: Shelter Diversion Manual



Shelter Diversion Program

Policies and Procedures Manual

Prepared by:
Strategies to End Homelessness, Inc



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Overview

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), enacted into law on May 20, 2009, consolidates three of the separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD under the McKinney –Vento Homeless Assistance Act into a single grant program, and revises the Emergency Shelter Grants program and renames it as the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The HEARTH Act also codifies into law the Continuum of Care planning process, a longstanding part of HUD’s application process to assist homeless persons by providing greater coordination in responding to their needs.

The change from *Emergency Shelter Grant* to *Emergency Solutions Grants* reflects the change in the program’s focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency shelter or transitional housing shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis.

Federal regulation allows ESG funding to be used for the following items:

1. **Street Outreach** – Essential services to eligible participants provided on the street or in parks, abandoned buildings, bus stations, campgrounds, and in other such settings where unsheltered persons are staying. Staff salaries related to carrying out street outreach activities are also eligible.
 - Engagement, case management; emergency health services; emergency mental health services; transportation; services to special populations
2. **Emergency Shelter** –Essential services to persons in emergency shelters, renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelters, and operating emergency shelters. Staff costs related to carrying out emergency shelter activities are also eligible.
3. **Homeless Prevention**- Short- and medium- term rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services for individuals and families who are *at imminent risk or at risk of homelessness*. Staff salaries related to carrying out activities are also eligible.
4. **Rapid Re-Housing**- Short- and medium- term rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services for individuals and families who are *literally homeless*. Staff salaries related to carrying out activities are also eligible.
5. **HMIS**- Hardware, equipment, software, training, and overheard

Shelter Diversion

Strategies to End Homelessness has collaborated with the United Way of Greater Cincinnati (UW) and contracted with five UW funded Emergency Assistance Agencies to deliver the Homelessness Prevention component of the ESG Program, known locally as Shelter Diversion. The collaborative partners for the Shelter Diversion Program are: **Freestore Foodbank, Jewish Family Service, Mercy Health St. John, Society of Saint Vincent DePaul, and The Salvation Army.** UW funding within the agencies will be used for staffing while Shelter Diversion funds will provide direct financial assistance.

Additionally, a sub-grant arrangement with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati has been executed to provide legal assistance as needed to prevent homelessness through the Shelter Diversion Program.

The Shelter Diversion Program has been designed as a short-term (3-month) program. All participants will be required to meet with a caseworker prior to receiving assistance to verify that they are “at-risk of homelessness” and entry into shelter is imminent without this assistance. The partner agencies will be required to provide on-going case services and support to clients for up to three months.

If a person is not stabilized after three months and are still at risk of homelessness, they can be approved for additional three months of services. This requires that the case manager discusses their case at a case management meeting to get approval for the recertification. If approved, the case manager recertifies the participant to verify they still meet the program requirements.

All potential program participants seeking assistance from the Shelter Diversion Program must be screened by a Central Access Point (CAP) Intake Specialist. Upon approval the individual or household will be electronically referred to a partner agency through the local HMIS system VESTA®.

Definitions

At Risk of Homelessness: There are three categories under which an individual or family may qualify as “at risk of homelessness”. For an individual or household to qualify as “at risk of homelessness” under the first category of the definition, the individual or family must meet two threshold criteria, and must exhibit one or more of the specified risk factors.

I. First category

a. The Two threshold criteria are:

- i. The individual or family has income below 30% of AMI
- ii. The individual or family has insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability. *(HUD further defines this as “the individual or family does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g. family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place” that meets the definition of homelessness)*

iii. And meets at least one of the pertinent risk factors below:

1. Has moved frequently because of economic reasons (defined as 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for prevention assistance)
2. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship
3. Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated (notice must be in writing and termination has to be within 21 days after the date of application for assistance)
4. Lives in a hotel or motel (not paid for by a state, local, federal, or charitable organization funds)

5. Lives in severely overcrowded housing (efficiency with more than 2 persons or another type of housing in which there reside more than 1.5 persons per room)
6. Otherwise lives in housing that have characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness; for example, utility shut off notice or eviction notice.

II. Second Category and Third Category

- a. All families with children and youth defined as homeless under *other* federal statutes.
- b. Parent(s) or guardian(s) of the children or youth defined as “homeless” must be living with those children or youth to qualify as “at risk of homelessness”

*Note- Locally, only people meeting the first criteria will be eligible for the shelter diversion program. Also, if a person is fleeing a domestic violence situation they need to be referred to the YWCA to address safety issues prior to being admitted into the shelter diversion program.

Eligibility/Program Requirements

- I. Household would need proof of risk of homelessness
 - a. Notice to vacate issued within 21 days
 - b. Eviction notice issued within 21 days
 - c. Court-ordered eviction notice
 - d. “love eviction” for doubled-up households issued within 21 days
 1. Person at higher risk if living doubled up for less than 90 days
- II. Household must be at or below 30% of AMI
 - a. Verified by income documents dated within last 30 days
- III. Household must not have any other subsequent housing options
 - a. Verified through assessment with case manager
- IV. Household must not have any other financial resources
 - a. Verified through assessment with case manager
- V. Household must participate in case management
- VI. Household may receive assistance only 1 time in 12 months- no shelter stay, shelter diversion, homeless certificate, HPRP assistance, or previous shelter diversion assistance with in past 12 months
 - a. Verified via VESTA
- VII. Individual/ Household must be a Hamilton County resident

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

- I. Financial assistance costs.
ESG funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following:
 1. Rental Application Fees (an application fee charged by owner to ALL applicants)
 - i. Our community will not pay rental application fees with ESG funds
 2. Security Deposits, not to exceed the equivalent of 2 months’ rent

- i. If the Shelter Diversion Program pays for a security deposit, at the end of the lease term, the security deposit may be utilized by the landlord for repair fees, etc or be returned to the client to rollover into a new unit.
- 3. Last Month's rent, not to exceed the equivalent of one month's rent, paid at the time of the security deposit and first month's rent. This rental payment must be used in calculating the program participant's total rental assistance.
- 4. Utility deposits
- 5. Utility payments, including arrears up to 3 months per service. Partial payments count as one month. If 6 months are arrears are needed, Shelter Diversion Coordinator can approve up to 6 months of arrears. No more than 6 months of arrears can be paid within a 3 year period.
 - i. Utilities are defined as gas, electric, water, and sewage
 - ii. Utilities can only be paid if the program participant or an adult member of his/her household, as indicated on the lease, has an account in his/her name with a utility company.
- 6. Moving costs, including movers, truck rental, and storage fees up to 3 months, or until the participant is in housing, whichever is shorter, provided that the fees are accrued after the date the participant begins receiving assistance. **ARREARS are not an eligible expense.** Reasonable moving expenses are to be determined by the Strategies to End Homelessness' Finance Assistant by comparing local competitor's pricing on an annual basis and ensuring the amount paid is in line with the local average amount. Proper documentation is required for financial assistance payments to be made including invoices or bills.

II. Services Costs

- 1. Housing Search and placement (activities necessary to assist program participants in locating, obtaining and retaining suitable permanent housing):
 - i. Assessment of housing barriers, needs and preferences
 - ii. Development of an action plan for locating housing
 - iii. Housing search
 - iv. Outreach to and negotiations with property owners
 - v. Assistance submitting rental applications and understanding leases
 - vi. Assessment of housing for compliance with ESG requirements for habitability, lead-based paint, and rent reasonableness
 - vii. Assistance with obtaining utilities and making moving arrangements
 - viii. Tenant counseling
- 2. Assistance cannot exceed 30 days during the period the participant is seeking permanent housing and cannot exceed 24 months during the period the participant is living in permanent housing.

III. Housing Stability Case Management

1. Assessing, arranging, coordinating and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to facilitate housing stability for a program participant in permanent housing or assist with overcoming immediate barriers to obtaining housing.
2. Conducting the initial evaluation, including verifying and documenting eligibility
3. Developing, securing and coordinating services and obtaining Federal, State and local benefits
4. Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress
5. Providing information and referrals to other providers
6. Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability
7. Conducting re-evaluations

IV. Mediation

1. Our community will not pay for mediation services. Clients may be referred to HOME for mediation services.

V. Legal Services

1. Legal services related to landlord/tenant matters will be addressed by a subcontract with Legal Aid

VI. Credit Repair

1. Our community will not pay for Credit Repair services. Clients may be referred to other community organizations for credit repair assistance.

Short-term and Medium-term rental assistance

1. Short-term rental assistance is assistance for up to 3 months of rent
2. Medium-term rental assistance is for more than 3 months but not more than 24 months of rent.
3. Payment of rental arrears consists of a **one-time** payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

Amount of rental assistance – Participating Agencies have flexibility to determine the amount of rental assistance provided, including:

- Payment of an agreed on portion of the rent;
- Payment of 100 percent of the rent charged; or
- Graduated/declining assistance.

Rent Arrears – Rental assistance may also be used to pay for up to 3 months of rental arrears for eligible program participants in Shelter Diversion. Coordinator may allow exceptions to this rule on a case by case basis but never to exceed a onetime payment of 6 months of arrears payments within a 3 year period. Rental arrears may be paid if the payment is necessary for the participant to obtain housing. Rental arrears is determined to be any months prior to the month of intake into the program. Case managers must have a landlord verification form completed by the landlord in order to pay rental arrears.

Tenant Rent Share

Agencies may require program participants to share in the costs of rent, utilities, security and utility deposits, moving, and other expenses as a condition of receiving Shelter Diversion financial assistance. For example, a program may require a program participant to pay a portion of the rent expense for an apartment. Diversion assistance should be "needs-based," meaning that Agencies should determine the amount of assistance based on the minimum amount needed to prevent the program participant from becoming homeless or returning to homelessness in the near term. This will also help utilize program resources efficiently to serve as many households as possible.

Rent Reasonableness

The rental assistance paid cannot exceed the actual rental cost, which must be in compliance with HUD's standard of "rent reasonableness." "Rent reasonableness" means that the total rent charged for a unit must be reasonable in relation to the rents being charged during the same time period for comparable units in the private unassisted market and must not be in excess of rents being charged by the owner during the same time period for comparable unassisted units.

Case managers and Housing Specialist will work together to ensure that rent reasonability is ensured for all housing units receiving financial assistance. It is the responsibility of the Housing Specialist to determine rent reasonability and document it in VESTA. To make this determination, the Program should reference the rent reasonability form and the Strategies to End Homelessness website for determining rent reasonableness. If rent charged for a unit exceeds the reasonability standard Shelter Diversion funds may not be used for costs associated with that unit.

Unit size should be taken into consideration when determining rent reasonability. A unit must be the appropriate size for the household residing there and when determining the rent reasonability, the unit size required by the household must be used for measuring the reasonability of the rent. (i.e. a single person residing in a 2 bedroom unit must have reasonability based on a 1 bedroom unit)

Maximum amounts and periods of assistance.

Households may receive assistance 1 time per year, not to exceed 6 months in any 12 month period. Households must wait 12 months from exit date to be eligible for assistance again, regardless of how long they were in the program.

The total period for which a program participant may receive services must not exceed 24 months during any 3 year period. The limits on the assistance apply to the total assistance an individual receives, either as an individual or as part of a family. A participant must not exceed 6 months of utility arrears in a 3 year period. Rental arrears can be paid **one time** in any 3 year period for up to 6 months of arrears.

Financial assistance is not to exceed \$2,500 per case without Shelter Diversion Program Coordinator Approval. Any financial assistance request that will cause the lifetime total of the client's financial assistance to exceed \$2,500 will require written approval from the Shelter Diversion Coordinator. Program participants may not receive more than \$5,000 in financial assistance or 6 months of service during a twelve month period.

Recertification of Eligibility

HUD requires grantees and/or sub grantees to evaluate and certify the eligibility of Shelter Diversion program participants at entry into the program and at least every three months for households receiving Shelter Diversion rental assistance or other Shelter Diversion Services (e.g. case management) lasting longer than 3 months. Re-certification must occur prior to the 4th month of assistance. The intent of the recertification rule is to ensure programs are fully evaluating households that are receiving ongoing assistance to ensure that the household remains eligible and needs continued assistance to prevent homelessness.

The process of re-certifying a client as eligible is similar to the initial determination of eligibility. The client must be at risk of homelessness; be below 30% AMI; lack subsequent housing options, support networks and financial resources to maintain their housing. All eligibility criteria must be met and documented in VESTA.

Use with other subsidies

Financial assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving the same type of assistance during the same time period that are being provided through another federal, state or local housing subsidy program. For eligible participants living in subsidized housing (for example, Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Programs), Shelter Diversion funds can only be used for a one time rental arrears or for a deposit to move into subsidized housing.

Rent Restrictions

Rent shall equal the sum of the total monthly rent for the unit, any fees required for occupancy (other than late fees and pet fees) and, if the tenant pays separately for utilities, the monthly allowance for utilities (excluding telephone) established by CMHA. Rent cannot exceed the fair market rent established by HUD and has to comply with HUD's standards of rent reasonableness.

Rental Assistance agreement

Rental assistance payments can only be made to an owner with whom the grantee has entered into a rental assistance agreement.

Rental agreement must set forth the terms under which rental assistance will be provided. The rental agreement must provide that, during the term of the agreement, the owner must give the grantee or sub grantee a copy of any notice to the program participant to vacate the housing unit, or any complaint used under state or local law to commence an eviction action against the program participant.

The rental assistance agreement must contain the same payment due date, grace period, and late payment penalty requirements as the program participant's lease. Any late fees are the grantee or sub grantee's responsibility to pay with non ESG funds.

Lease

Each program participant receiving rental assistance must have legally binding, written lease for the rental unit. The lease must be signed by both the landlord/property manager and the tenant. All members of the household must be included on the lease.

Case Manager Responsibilities:

Case Managers at the emergency assistance agencies are responsible for final eligibility determination and documentation. Documentation must be in the participant's VESTA file for both eligibility criteria and risk factors.

Eligibility Criteria for program participants include:

- Individual/Household would be going into shelter without this assistance
- Household income is less than 30% Area Median Income
- Individual/household has no other financial resources or support networks to avoid going into shelter
- Individual/Household willing to participate in case management
- No active homeless certificate, shelter stay, HPRP assistance, or shelter diversion assistance in the 12 months
- Individual/household is a Hamilton County resident

Household must also exhibit at least one of the following risk factors:

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Priority will be given to program applicants who:

- Have referral from partner agency (i.e. Legal Aid)

Case managers will work with households to create a plan to achieve housing stability and prevent future housing instability. This will include budgeting, utilizing mainstream benefits and case planning.

The case manager needs to have **face to face contact with a client within 24 hours of the referral.**

During intake, each **participant needs to be informed they have 2 weeks to find housing.** HUD will only allow payment for up to 30 days while a person is homeless and seeking permanent housing. Case

Managers will attend bi-monthly meetings where information and resources along with new opportunities/programs will be shared as well as any updates pertaining to HUD.

All required documentation must be attached to the electronic case file in VESTA prior to receiving financial assistance. This documentation includes but is not limited to: Staff Affidavit, proof of risk of homelessness (i.e. love eviction, eviction notice), income verification, lease, and inspection verification.

Intake Documentation:

- Verification of *all* household members (ID, social security cards, etc)
- Income Verification for *all* household members- must be below 30% AMI
- “But For” Assistance Determination Form
- Love Eviction
- Client Agreement
- Staff certification
- Housing Search and Inspection Request- sent to Housing Specialist within 24 hours of intake

Documentation for payment in addition to above

- Intent to rent
- Rental Agreement
- Lease
- Rent reasonableness checklist
- Inspection
- Copy of utility bills to be paid

Acceptable documentation

- 1st choice- Source documents, i.e. notice of termination from employment, unemployment compensation statement, bank statement, health care bills showing arrears, utility bill showing arrears
- 2nd choice- written statement by relevant third party (former employer, public administrator, relative) or the written certification by the recipient’s or sub recipient’s intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party that the applicant meets the criteria for at risk of homelessness
- 3rd choice- if source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, a self declaration from the participant along with a written statement by the recipient or sub recipient’s intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain required evidence

Recertification Documentation:

- “But For” Assistance Determination Form
- Verification of Income- still must be below 30% AMI
- Supporting documents to support the need for additional services

Records

Case managers are required to keep complete and accurate records in VESTA. This includes, but not limited to:

- All above documentation
- Service records of each contact
- Every payment made for security deposit, rental assistance, utility payment, etc
- Supporting documents for all payments
- Financial assistance will only be approved and checks issued if all needed documents are in VESTA. Checks need to be requested within 24 hours of unit passing the inspection.
- Checks will be issued within 24 business hours.
- Financial manager will notify case manager by IM and/or phone if a check request is denied in an attempt to remedy situation. If case manager is unavailable, the request will be denied and case manager must submit new request.

Strategies to End Homelessness (End Homelessness) Responsibilities:

End Homelessness will facilitate bi-monthly Shelter Diversion Case Manager meetings. Information and resources along with new opportunities/programs will be shared with agency representatives as well as any updates pertaining to HUD regulations in these meetings.

End Homelessness will facilitate monthly Shelter Diversion Supervisor meetings. All updates pertaining to HUD regulations for Shelter Diversion will be shared with case manager supervisors in these meetings. Additionally, performance measures and outcomes along with improving or increasing community collaboration will also be discussed in these meetings.

End Homelessness will issue all eligible payments for direct financial assistance for Shelter Diversion Assistance as requested in VESTA.

A Housing Specialist is in place to assist clients with accessing affordable housing and completing inspections as required by the Notice.

- Any housing in which a child under the age of six will reside that was built prior to 1978 will require a visual lead inspection.
- Any new housing that a household moves into will require a Habitability Standards Inspection.

MONITORING:

Monitoring of specific activities provided to participants through the Shelter Diversion program will be through the HMIS system. All direct service agencies will use the local HMIS system – VESTA software and will be required to enter complete demographic information on each participant served as well as specialized intake and exit information. Documentation of participant contact will be recorded in VESTA.

An annual on-site monitoring will occur where End Homelessness staff will review records of the source and use of contributions used as matching funds as required by sub-contract. The records must indicate the particular fiscal year grant for which each matching contribution is counted.

Termination procedure

Case managers will follow the termination procedure when terminating financial assistance or case management services to program participants.

All program participants will sign a participation agreement form at point of initial enrollment into the Shelter Diversion Program. Those program participants who fail to comply with the agreement may be terminated from the program. In instances where a participant is to be terminated from the program the proper termination policy is to be followed.

Policy:

A Program Participant receiving Shelter Diversion financial assistance and/or case management services may be terminated for the following reasons:

Violation of Program Requirements (including non-compliance)

Ineligibility at Recertification

Fraud or attempted Fraud

Procedure:

- If Agency case manager determines that Shelter Diversion assistance should be terminated for a participant enrolled in the Shelter Diversion Program due to violating program requirements; the Agency case manager will notify the participant of the plan to terminate via telephone or face to face contact if possible, or in writing at least five (5) business days prior to termination date with reason for termination. If reason for termination is non-compliance, the program participant may work with case manager to resolve compliance issue.
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- Participants who are suspected of committing fraud or attempting to commit fraud will be terminated immediately from the Shelter Diversion Program and reported to the appropriate authorities.

Dependent upon the circumstances under which participation in the Shelter Diversion Program was terminated, a participant may re-apply at a later date pending approval from Agency Case manager. If a program participant disagrees with the decision to terminate he/she may appeal the decision to terminate by following the grievance procedure.

Grievance procedure

Each person receiving Shelter Diversion assistance shall have the right to express their grievance concerning the Policies and/or Procedures of the Shelter Diversion Program in an appropriate manner.

Procedure:

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**Attachment C: 2017 City of Cincinnati Entitlement Ordinances CDBG,
HOME, ESG, and HOPWA**



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An Ordinance No. 391

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AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$11,654,724 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Community Development Block Grant Fund 304, and **ANNOUNCING** the City's intention to use said sum for various projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Calendar Year 2016, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program began in 1974 and is one of the longest continuously run programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), through which HUD provides annual grants to local communities to address a wide range of unique community development needs; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG grant is one of several HUD grants sought by the City for Calendar Year 2017, in anticipation of filing its 2017 Annual Action Plan with HUD; and

WHEREAS, in the event the actual CDBG award differs from the amount estimated to be received, Council can pass a reconciliation ordinance for the actual amount awarded; and

WHEREAS, accepting and appropriating funds from the CDBG Program is in accordance with the "Compete" goal to "cultivate our position as the most vibrant and economically healthiest part of our region" and the "Live" goal to "support and stabilize our neighborhoods," as described on pages 118 and 160 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

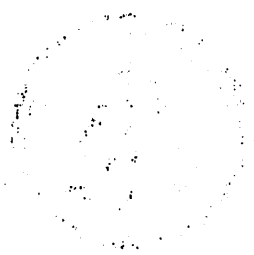
Section 1. That the appropriation of \$11,654,724 to Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 is hereby authorized in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule, for the purpose of funding various projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Calendar Year 2017.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are further authorized to use and expend the described funds in accordance with Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the

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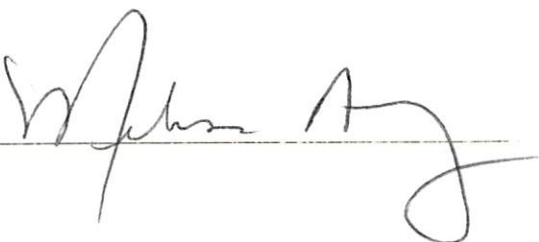
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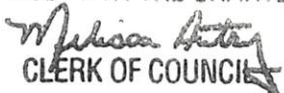


terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need for several vital City programs to be funded as authorized herein before January 1, 2017.

Passed: December 21, 2016


John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: 

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE No. 391-2016
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APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

Grant Program	Fund	Agency	Project Account No.	Project Title	Amount
CDBG	304	162	304171401	Affordable Multi Family Rental Program '17	90,000
CDBG	304	162	304176212	Blueprint for Success '17	78,000
CDBG	304	212	304171141	Code Enforcement Relocation '17	70,000
CDBG	304	164	304173611	Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment '17	165,000
CDBG	304	162	304176213	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE) '17	143,000
CDBG	304	212	304171142	Concentrated Code Enforcement '17	524,000
CDBG	304	162	304171431	Core 4 Strategic Housing Program '17	401,000
CDBG	304	161	304172802	Corporation for Findlay Market '17	125,000
CDBG	304	162	304171123	Emergency Mortgage Assistance '17	85,000
CDBG	304	162	304171122	Fair Housing Services '17	126,000
CDBG	304	161	304174511	Groundwork Cincinnati - Millcreek Restoration '17	20,850
CDBG	304	162	304171124	Hand Up Initiative '17	1,256,000
CDBG	304	212	304171136	Hazard Abatement Program '17	691,000
CDBG	304	212	304171137	Historic Stabilization of Structures '17	157,000
CDBG	304	161	304171018	Homeowner Rehab Loan Servicing '17	30,000
CDBG	304	162	304171003	Housing Choice Mobility Program '17	20,000
CDBG	304	162	304171015	Housing Repair Services '17	1,541,000
CDBG	304	263	304176411	Lead Hazard Testing Program '17	300,000
CDBG	304	164	304172221	NBD Improvement Program '17	836,000
CDBG	304	162	304171244	Operating Support for CDCs '17	266,000
CDBG	304	164	304172201	Small Business Services '17	170,000
CDBG	304	199	304173621	Summer Youth Employment Program '17	910,000
CDBG	304	162	304171121	Tenant Representation '17	122,000
CDBG	304	162	304171432	Urban Homesteading '17	21,000
CDBG	304	162	304171433	Vacant Lot Reutilization and Management '17	5,000
CDBG	304	954	30417108	Section 108 Debt Service	1,183,000
CDBG	304	161	30417000	Administration and Planning - Other City Depts '17	503,444
CDBG	304	161	30417171	Administration and Planning - Planning Dept '17	377,360
CDBG	304	161	30417161	Administration and Planning - DCED Admin '17	897,621
CDBG	304	162	30417162	Administration and Planning - DCED Housing '17	360,245
CDBG	304	164	30417164	Administration and Planning - DCED Econ Dev '17	180,204

TOTAL 11,654,724



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An Ordinance No. 218

- 2017

AUTHORIZING the return to source of the sum of \$1,602,563.44 from various HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of HOME Investment Partnerships Grant Fund 411; and further **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$774,901.80 to various existing HOME project accounts for the purpose of aligning resources with the actual grant amounts to be received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance No. 0393-2016 to appropriate funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant Fund 411 for the Calendar Year 2017 HOME Investment Partnerships Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations were estimates because grant levels had not yet been released by HUD when Ordinance No. 0393-2016 was approved; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Annual Action Plan was submitted with estimates to ensure that service contracts for City services, which needed to start by January 1st, would not be disrupted; and

WHEREAS, HUD announced the actual allocations for the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant program per Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 14.239 via Award No. M-17-MC-39-0213 in June 2017 and the project amounts need to be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the City has 60 days from when HUD announces the actual allocations to submit a revised 2017 Annual Action Plan to HUD; and

WHEREAS, actual HUD allocations for prior years' HOME Grant Program differ from project appropriations, and the project amounts need to be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant program is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Support and stabilize our neighborhoods" as described on page 160 in Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the return to source of the sum of \$1,602,563.44 from various HOME project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of HOME Investment Partnerships Grant Fund

411 for the purpose of aligning resources with the actual grant amounts to be received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is hereby authorized in accordance with Section 1 of the attached appropriation schedule.

Section 2. That the appropriation of the sum of \$774,901.80 to various HOME project accounts for the purpose of aligning resources with the actual grant amounts to be received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is hereby authorized in accordance with Section 2 of the attached appropriation schedule.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2, hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is to ensure the timely submission of the 2017 Annual Action Plan to HUD within the 60-day filing period.

Passed: August 9, 2017

Attest: Brenda Williams
Acting Clerk

John Cranley
John Cranley, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE No. 218-2017
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 8-22-17
Melissa Antley
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

DECREASE OF EXISTING HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1

Grant Program	Fund	Agency	Project Account No.	Project Title	Original Authorization	Amount to be Decreased	Revised Authorization
HOME	411	162	09012	Anna Louise Inn	2,669,351.00	(214,067.15)	2,455,283.85
HOME	411	162	09008	Fay Apartments Rehabilitation	3,147,488.00	(132,883.77)	3,014,604.23
HOME	411	162	09207	Blueprint for Success	400,000.00	(2.26)	399,997.74
HOME	411	162	09011	The Elberon	1,054,493.28	(1,054,493.28)	0.00
HOME	411	162	19601	Tenant Based Rental 11	500,000.00	(7,512.00)	492,488.00
HOME	411	162	39601	Tenant Based Rental 13	400,000.00	(34,838.36)	365,161.64
HOME	411	162	49016	Def Rehab Loans & Lead Abatemt	950,003.83	(10,000.00)	940,003.83
HOME	411	162	49601	Tenant Based Rental 14	400,000.00	(71,439.39)	328,560.61
HOME	411	162	59016	Homeowner Rehab Loans & Lead Abatement	709,098.93	(30,000.00)	679,098.93
HOME	411	162	99011	Parkside Housing Project	226,000.00	(35,292.23)	190,707.77
HOME	411	162	179020	CHDO Development Projects '17	314,967.00	(8,130.00)	306,837.00
HOME	411	162	179100	Operating Support for CHDOs '17	104,988.00	(2,709.00)	102,279.00
HOME	411	162	179001	HOME Admin '17	232,379.00	(1,196.00)	231,183.00
TOTAL					11,108,769.04	-1,602,563.44	9,506,205.60

INCREASE OF EXISTING HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 2

Grant Program	Fund	Agency	Project Account No.	Project Title	Original Authorization	Amount to be Increased	Revised Authorization
HOME	411	162	09010	Strategic Housing Initiatives Program '10	579,022.00	637,199.55	1,216,221.55
HOME	411	162	39500	Downpayment Initiative 13	250,000.00	50,000.00	300,000.00
HOME	411	162	49001	HOME Admin 14	224,904.00	87,620.54	312,524.54
HOME	411	162	179008	Affordable Multi Family Rental Program '17	951,454.00	81.71	951,535.71
TOTAL					2,005,380.00	774,901.80	2,780,281.80

APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

Grant Program	Fund	Agency	Project Account No.	Project Title	Amount
HOME	411	162	179010	Core 4 Strategic Housing '17	620,000
HOME	411	162	179020	CHDO Development Projects '17	314,967
HOME	411	162	179008	Affordable Multi Family Rental Program '17	951,454
HOME	411	162	179200	Down Payment Assistance '17	100,000
HOME	411	162	179100	Operating Support for CHDOs '17	104,988
HOME	411	162	179001	HOME Admin '17	<u>232,379</u>
TOTAL					2,323,788



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An Ordinance No. 219

- 2017

AUTHORIZING the return to source of the sum of \$11,872.06 from various Emergency Solutions Grant project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Solutions Grant Fund 445 to align resources with the actual grant amounts authorized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for Calendar Years 2014 and 2017.

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance No. 0392-2016 to appropriate funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to the Emergency Solutions Grant Fund 445 for the Calendar Year 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, appropriations were estimates because grant levels had not yet been released by HUD when Ordinance No. 0392-2016 was approved; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Annual Action Plan was submitted with estimates to ensure that service contracts for City services, which needed to start by January 1st, would not be disrupted; and

WHEREAS, HUD announced the actual allocations for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program per Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 14.231 via Award No. E-17-MC-39-0003 in June 2017 and the project amounts need to be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the City has 60 days from when HUD announces the actual allocations to submit a revised 2017 Annual Action Plan to HUD; and

WHEREAS, actual HUD allocations for the 2014 Emergency Solutions Grant Program differ from project appropriations, and the project amounts need to be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Support and stabilize our neighborhoods" as described on page 160 of Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the return to source of the sum of \$11,872.06 from various Emergency Solutions Grant project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Solutions Grant Fund 445 is hereby authorized to align resources with the actual grant amounts to be received

from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), in accordance with the appropriation schedule attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure the submission of the 2017 Annual Action Plan within the 60-day deadline.

Passed: August 9, 2017

Attest:

Quenda Williams
Acting Clerk

John Cranley
John Cranley, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE No. 219-2017
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Melissa Butts
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

DECREASE OF EXISTING EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

Grant Program	Fund	Agency	Project Account No.	Project Title	Original Authorization	Amount to be Decreased	Revised Authorization
ESG	445	162	175015	Rapid Re-Housing '17	356,381.00	(10,806.00)	345,575.00
ESG	445	162	175023	ESG Admin Costs '17	73,490.00	(876.00)	72,614.00
ESG	445	162	45021	Homeless Shelters & Other Homeless Housing '14	450,000.00	(2.00)	449,998.00
ESG	445	162	45022	Homelessness Prevention '14	397,281.00	(188.06)	397,092.94
TOTAL					1,277,152.00	(11,872.06)	1,265,279.94

APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

Grant Program	Fund	Agency	Project Account No.	Project Title	Amount
ESG	445	162	175021	Homeless Shelters & Other Homeless Housing '17	550,000
ESG	445	162	175015	Rapid Re-Housing '17	356,381
ESG	445	162	175023	ESG Admin '17	<u>73,490</u>
TOTAL					979,871



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An Ordinance No. 220

- 2017

AUTHORIZING the appropriation of the sum of \$220,187.49 to Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") Fund 465 to align resources with the actual grant amounts authorized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the HOPWA Grant Program for Calendar Years 2014 and 2017.

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance No. 0394-2016 to appropriate funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to the HOPWA Fund 465 for the Calendar Year 2017 HOPWA Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, appropriation levels were estimates because grant levels had not yet been released by HUD when Ordinance No. 0394-2016 was approved; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Annual Action Plan was submitted with estimates to ensure that service contracts for City services, which needed to start by January 1st, would not be disrupted; and

WHEREAS, HUD announced the actual allocations for the 2017 HOPWA Grant Program per Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 14.241 via Award No. OH-H17-F001 in June 2017 and the project amounts need to be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the City has 60 days from when HUD announces the actual allocations to submit a revised 2017 Annual Action Plan to HUD; and

WHEREAS, actual HUD allocations for the 2014 HOPWA Grant Program differ from project appropriations, and the project amounts need to be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the HOPWA Grant Program is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Support and stabilize our neighborhoods" as described on page 160 in Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the appropriation of the sum of \$220,187.49 to Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") Fund 465 to align resources with the actual grant amounts to be received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), is hereby authorized in accordance with the attached appropriation schedule.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is to ensure the timely submission of the 2017 Annual Action Plan to HUD within the 60-day filing period.

Passed: August 9, 2017

Attest: Brenda Williams
Acting Clerk

John Cranley
John Cranley, Mayor

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Melissa Antley
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

INCREASE OF EXISTING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

Grant Program	Fund	Agency	Project Account No.	Project Title	Original Authorization	Amount to be Increased	Revised Authorization
HOPWA	465	162	177007	HOPWA Admin '17	20,843.00	2,907.00	23,750.00
HOPWA	465	162	177003	Operating Support for Housing Facilities '17	223,000.00	12,000.00	235,000.00
HOPWA	465	162	177010	Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS '17	110,931.00	15,992.00	126,923.00
HOPWA	465	162	177008	Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS '17	340,000.00	66,000.00	406,000.00
HOPWA	465	162	47003	Northern Ky Independent Health District '14	68,308.90	25,411.02	93,719.92
HOPWA	465	162	67003	Operating Support for Housing Facilities '16	235,384.00	29,000.00	264,384.00
HOPWA	465	162	67007	HOPWA Admin '16	20,243.00	2,300.00	22,543.00
HOPWA	465	162	67010	Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS '16	133,828.00	66,577.47	200,405.47
TOTAL					1,152,537.90	220,187.49	1,372,725.39

APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS GRANT APPROPRIATION SCHEDULE

Grant Program	Fund	Agency	Project Account No.	Project Title	Amount
HOPWA	465	162	177007	HOPWA Admin '17	20,843
HOPWA	465	162	177003	Operating Support for Housing Facilities '17	223,000
HOPWA	465	162	177010	Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS '17	110,931
HOPWA	465	162	177008	Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS '17	340,000
TOTAL					694,774



2017 City of Cincinnati Annual Action Plan

Attachment D: Citizen Participation

Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) and Citizen Input 2017 Annual Action Plan Budget Recommendations

CDAB Members

- Homing should be the main priority and maintaining housing.
- CDAB priorities are for decent affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. The focus should be on large, impactful projects and leveraging other public or private funds.
- People should have access to affordable housing.
- Housing development and related programs are a priority for CDBG.
- Housing programs support CDABs priority of access to decent affordable housing more efficiently than a focus on single family homes and leveraging private investment dollars.
- I think we should focus on rental housing capacity, not home ownership.
- I am very concerned that so much of this money is not being fully utilized for the end purpose.
- I see what is happening with our local CDC and have major concerns on how so much of this money is being spent.

Citizen Comments

- The most critical need is finding and keeping affordable housing for those at 50% AMI and below.
- Access to dental care
- People need jobs that allow them to effectively take care of their families. Joblessness or poor wages force people into crime.
- Emergency, immediate housing year round; 24-hour childcare center per neighborhood; 24-hour public transit county line to county line; neighborhood mediation centers; government certification of building safety
- Help the people help themselves!
- The \$343,000 allocated to the operating support for CDCs in 2014 and in 2015 was not enough to support the CDCs who are working on housing development. For the 3 years previously, we got \$420,000 per year, which was better. \$520,000 would get closer to meeting the need. We also need a funding stream for economic development of the same amount.
- Employment training is an important component to community development. Focus on low income is also important.
- Employment training programs for underemployed people is very important. It helps people prepare for employment and helps keep them employed.

- The Hand Up Initiative has allowed 15-20 unemployed and underemployed individuals obtain training at the Freestore Foodbank's Cincinnati Cooks! Program. Many of the students who are enrolled in the program have past criminal records and have been able to secure employment after the training. The Hand Up Initiative has also permitted greater awareness to be given to the workforce development program of Cincinnati Cooks! It is expected that 70+ students will be able to graduate from Cincinnati Cooks! as a result of the Hand Up Initiative, which represents a 70% increase in the program's graduates. In addition to the larger number of graduates, the funding has allowed additional staff to be hired to train the students. An added plus from the Hand Up funding is that the Cincinnati Cooks! students are producing up to 1,000 meals as part of their training that is distributed to hungry children in the community through the Freestore Foodbank's Kids Café Program. The funds are being put to great use!
- Please accept the following Comment of the City of Cincinnati Con Plan:

Little has changed from the Public Comment submitted by Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services on March 31, 2014 except that housing demand has increased since March 2014 for people served by HCDDS since the State of Ohio, has begun to close state operated facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Hamilton County has very few units which are affordable, accessible and NOT in SENIOR BUILDINGS or in CMHA ASSET based housing. By and large, young adults with physical disabilities who are fortunate enough to get a Section 8 voucher, cannot find accessible housing. It is impossible for those with only a SSI check to find anything which meets their needs. There are waiting lists for many of the old 811 buildings of anywhere from one year to five years. The Con Plan lists Barriers to Affordable Housing and under that section on page 205 "Barriers to housing choice for people with disabilities" is listed. Certainly the lack of affordable and accessible housing for people prevents choice! How is this being addressed?

For individuals who do receive housing vouchers, there is still the need to help identify housing in communities where there is not concentrated poverty. The City needs to reinstate funding to Housing Opportunities Made Equal to assist in seeking landlords who will accept vouchers in higher income communities. Many more resources are needed to help people use their vouchers, not just www.gosection8.com.

More opportunities for people to live side by side with other community members are highly desired by individuals served by HCDDS and their families.

New developments of affordable, family rental and cooperatives are sought. Some funding is available at the State for such housing but it is being used to build more Senior Housing. People with disabilities are a protected class. Seniors are not.

Finally, it is very disappointing that the City elected to defund the TBRA program and not use funds for a true bridge rental subsidy program.

- Projects dealing community impact: health care access, food access, infant mortality, employment support, addiction and recovery support, education, transportation, and elderly support.
- Personally, I'm currently concerned about harassment that may be taking place where I currently reside. I believe the harassment is due to me being openly gay and looking non-gender conforming (I look transgender to some people). I've contacted HUD about management, but nothing was done. For the past 4 years, me and my mom been trying to get assistance with attaining a Section 8 Voucher and find another place to stay but we have had no such luck.
- All programs listed are impartial to minorities.
- I am actively involved in the renovation of properties in the Mohawk neighborhood. I request assistance from the City to assemble properties for redevelopment and negotiate the sale of City owned properties on Mohawk Street and historic buildings at the corner of Mohawk and Stonewall Street.
- Please include WestEnd as a neighborhood revitalization strategy area. This is a wealth of information and very much appreciated. Great to have City staff available for questions and answers.
- Please consider fully funding all eligible expenses for the Cincinnati Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Lead poisoning is the #1 environmental disease in children and it is entirely preventable. Lead poisoning has definitely been shown to be correlated with decreased IQ, causing additional educational expenses and interventions; increased impulse control problems, leading to adult incarceration for violent offenses; decreased small motor control and large muscle control leading to increased injuries and accidents. A 2009 study shows that \$1 spent on lead poisoning prevention today creates a future savings of \$12-212 in future social costs of education, reduced earning power, decreased tax base, criminal justice and incarceration costs. Money spent on this important program is a documentable investment in our City's future. Over 85% of Cincinnati's housing was built before 1978 when lead paint was discontinued for residential use. Money used in eligible activities by CHD CLPPP improves housing stock for low income families with young children.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (CDAB) PRIORITIES AND VALUES

The following priorities and values have been determined by the CDAB to be taken into consideration with the 2017 funding of programs within the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME).

Priorities of the CDAB:

- Decent Housing
 - Access to affordable Housing
 - Fair Housing
- Suitable Living Environment
 - Eliminating Slum and Blight
 - Enhance of Quality of Life
 - Transformative Community Change
- Expanded Economic Opportunity
 - Aided the Underserved
 - Workforce Development

CDAB's Essential Values:

- Larger Impact
 - Fund fewer programs at a higher level
- Leverage City's CDBG and HOME Funding
 - Programs should have a diverse funding base
- Non Duplication of Programs / Services
- Competitive Process
- Collaboration
- Measurable Results/Results Driven
 - Program Evaluation

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 4:00 PM

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2017 Annual Action Plan Presentation

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EVENT

Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Huenefeld Tower Room (2nd Floor)

800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

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Sam McKinley	Sam McKinley
Eric Denson	Eric Denson

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Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

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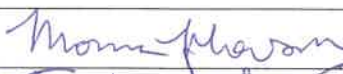
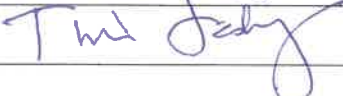
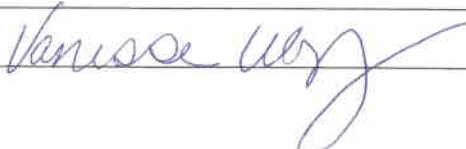
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2017 Annual Action Plan CDAB Input

Introduction

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect information from the members of the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) on 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan program funding priorities for 2017. The CDAB advises the City Manager regarding the Consolidated Plan programs, services, and funding levels. The CDAB includes representatives from service providers, stakeholders, community leaders, and city staff. The questionnaire should take less than 15 minutes to complete. Please only complete one.

Federal regulations require that the city develop a 5-year Consolidated Plan to identify programs and benchmarks and submit an Annual Action Plan to allocate the funding to those programs. For information on the 5-year plan, [please click here](#).

This questionnaire will close on September 30, 2016. The program priorities will be shared after the results have been tabulated.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Aisha Tzillah in the Community and Economic Development Department at (513) 352-4982 or at Aisha.Tzillah@Cincinnati-Oh.gov

Thank you!

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Email Address

* 1. Please provide your email address.

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Location

* 2. Please select the area where you live. This could be one of the city neighborhoods, an area outside of the city but within Hamilton County, or outside of Hamilton County.

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HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program Rankings

* 3. The following is a list of programs currently funded with HOME Investment Partnerships Program dollars. Please provide a priority ranking for each program, starting with a "1" for your highest priority through "8" for your lowest priority.

You can use the drop-down ranking next to each item or "drag and drop" your selection to your preferred rank order.

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	<input type="text" value=""/>	CoreFour Strategic Housing Program
	<input type="text" value=""/>	Down Payment Assistance Initiative
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	<input type="text" value=""/>	Affordable Multi-Family Rental Program














4. Please provide comments to explain your rankings (optional):

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Rankings

* 5. The following is a list of programs currently funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars. Please provide a priority ranking for each program, starting with a "1" for your highest priority and "19" for your lowest priority.

You can use the drop-down ranking next to each item or "drag and drop" your selection to your preferred rank order.

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	<input type="text"/>	Groundwork Cincinnati – Mill Creek Restoration



Hazard Abatement Program



Historic Stabilization of Structures



Vacant Lot Re-utilization and Management



Code Enforcement Relocation



Operating Support for Community Development Corporations (CDCs)



Findlay Market – Nonprofit Capacity Building

- * 6. The following is a list of programs currently funded with CDBG dollars that are subject to the 15% cap for public services. Please provide a priority ranking for each program, starting with a "1" for your highest priority and "6" for your lowest priority.

You can use the drop-down ranking next to each item or "drag and drop" your selection to your preferred rank order.



Emergency Mortgage Assistance



Housing Choice Mobility Program



Tenant Representation



Fair Housing Services



Blueprint For Success



Summer Youth Employment Program

7. Please provide comments to explain your rankings (optional):



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Final Comments

8. Please provide any other input or comments that you would like us to consider when drafting the 2017 Annual Action Plan:



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Thank You

Complete!

Thank you for your input into the 2017 Annual Action Plan Priorities!

If you have further questions or comments, please contact Aisha Tzillah at (513) 352-4982 or email at Aisha.Tzillah@Cincinnati-Oh.gov

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Department of Community and Economic Development
Contact: Nyemah Stark
Date: 10/28/2016
CDBG Program: Human Service
Project Name: Summer Youth Employment Program (Youth to work, Y2WK)
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 926,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 930,000.00

The program aligns with the CDAB's priorities,

1. This program reaches hundreds of youth by improving their financial status and bring empowerment in work readiness skills as well as life lessons.
2. Leverage Funding - the overall program uses federal and general funds as well as donations and sponsorships.
3. Non Duplicated Program/Service - variety of employment opportunities, depth of work and life skills training and assessment evaluation of the program, participants and employers.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

The program aligns with CDAB's values:

1. Leverage: The summer youth employment program leverages private and general funds in order to implement the program.
2. Non-duplication of services: There are no other programs that focus of youth for job training and readiness. The program matches each youth with their skills
3. Collaboration: several city departments work in conjunction to make this program a success, Recreation, Parks, Police, Fire, Metropolitan Sewer District, Public Services, Health, Community Development
3. Program evaluation: the students take a pre- and post-test for program evaluation

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Housing Division / Housing Opportunities Made Equal
Contact: Jeniece Jones
Date: 10/21/2016
CDBG Program: Fair Housing Services
Project Name: Fair Housing Services
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 130,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 175,000.00

HOME's service area is made up of four Ohio counties in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Area: Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren. HOME conducted random real estate market investigations and served nearly 3000 housing crisis callers with our fair housing enforcement related to illegal discrimination and tenant advocacy programs in 2015. HOME conducted over 130 fair housing trainings and engaged with over 2500 consumers, housing providers, and real estate professionals in 2015.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

HOME is the only fair housing organization capable of full-service projects in the SMA. There are four housing authorities and six CDBG entitlement jurisdictions in the area served by HOME. These entities all rely on HOME to provide fair housing enforcement services to their residents and to help them meet their responsibilities to HUD to affirmatively further fair housing. In 2017, the housing program will be funded by 2 HUD grants, anticipated 6 CDBG jurisdictions contracts and private funders.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Housing Division / Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati

Contact: John Reiser

Date: 10/28/2016

CDBG Program: Emergency Mortgage Assistance

Project Name: Emergency Mortgage Assistance

Funding Allocation for current calendar year: \$88,000

Funding Request for next calendar year: \$118,000

The Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati continues to lead community-wide efforts to stabilize Cincinnati neighborhoods through its foreclosure-prevention activities and support for neighborhood revitalization. The City of Cincinnati's funding of the *Emergency Mortgage Assistance* (EMA) program is vital to the low and moderate income families who live in the City, as well as to the neighborhoods in which they live.

The EMA program directly aligns with CDAB priorities. Legal Aid administers EMA funds to save the homes of low and moderate income Cincinnati homeowners who face foreclosure due to job loss, illness, death of the primary wage earner, or other circumstances beyond their control. These homeowners can receive up to \$2,500 to bring their loan current if they have re-established an income stream to continue future mortgage payments. All homeowners in mortgage trouble receive in-depth foreclosure prevention counseling, legal assistance, and case management that connects them with other social service agencies. EMA grants and counseling help families remain in their homes, which in turn helps stabilize neighborhoods by reducing the number of vacant, foreclosed properties. By stabilizing families and neighborhoods, the program is enhancing the quality of life for Cincinnati residents and revitalizing the communities in which they live. And by keeping families in their homes, the EMA program reduces the number of foreclosed, vacant, and blighted buildings, and is therefore an important part of the solution to eliminating blight. Without EMA funding far more homes would be lost to foreclosure, causing great hardship for Cincinnati's families and communities.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

The EMA program supports CDAB's values in many ways. A relatively small City of Cincinnati investment of \$2,500 in individual homeowners facing foreclosure provides a significant ROI by allowing Cincinnati families to remain in their homes, which in turn helps stabilize neighborhoods by reducing the number of vacant, foreclosed properties. Legal Aid is requesting \$118,000 for EMA which represents the amount expended -- after a mid-grant year supplement -- in 2015. Each year the demand for EMA assistance exceeds the amount of the grant award, so Legal Aid is requesting an increased amount of funding for 2017.

All Cincinnati homeowners receive in-depth legal counseling for a \$500 flat rate, which includes referrals to partner social service agencies.

Legal Aid has achieved a greater than 95% success rate administering EMA funds over the years, meaning fewer than 5% of families receiving funds are no longer living in their homes.

Besides Working In Neighborhoods, Legal Aid is the only agency doing foreclosure prevention counseling. And no other agency provides grants to avoid foreclosure. Ohio's Hardest Hit Funds are limited to those receiving unemployment insurance, GCF has moved into other areas of need, and funds for housing counseling have dried up.

The City's EMA grant is core funding for our neighborhood stabilization work, and along with funds from United Way and SC Ministries, Legal Aid is able to continue its foreclosure prevention work. But none of these funds can be used as a grant to prevent foreclosure.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Housing Division / Cincinnati-Hamilton County CAA
Contact: Andre Wamba, awamba@cincy-caa.org
Date: 10/26/2016
CDBG Program: Blueprint For Success
Project Name: Blueprint For Success
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 80,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 150,000.00

The Blueprint for Success program aligns with the Community development Advisory Board's priority to expand economic opportunity for the underserved by providing services in the area of workforce development. Our Blueprint participants receive classroom instruction, as well as on the job training in construction. Our Blueprint students use the skills they have developed to complete work orders for violation repairs. Their education and training provides them with experience which they can leverage to find full-time employment in the construction industry, positioning them to make a livable wage and envision a long-term career path.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

The Blueprint program is a measurable and results driven program. The program is monitored through OCEAN, with quarterly goals which are evaluated through a results & learning style approach. Blueprint also supports the value of collaboration through its partnership with CMHA, as well as having diversified funding through the CSBG block grant and United Way.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Housing Division / Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati

Contact: John Reiser

Date: 10/28/2016

CDBG Program: Tenant Representation

Project Name: Tenant Representation

Funding Allocation for current calendar year: \$125,000

Funding Request for next calendar year: \$160,000

Every year, Legal Aid provides legal representation to more than 400 low- and moderate-income Cincinnati residents with individual housing issues including: evictions, bad housing conditions, housing discrimination, and illegal lockouts and utility disconnections. Families who are threatened with eviction or are otherwise suffering from housing instability, are far more likely to have other related problems, such as job loss or children not performing well in school. Our housing representation promotes family stability and success in our city. Legal Aid helps to maintain the existing housing stock in the City by representing tenants in efforts to obtain repairs of Housing and Health Code violations, and by preventing retaliation against tenants who do complain about bad conditions. We work cooperatively with the Solicitor's Office and with tenant and community groups to bring nuisance actions against landlords who fail to maintain their properties, and we get the courts to appoint receivers to manage these properties when the owners fail to do so. Legal Aid works to preserve and increase the number of subsidized rental units in a city where only 1 in 4 families eligible for subsidized housing receive it. Legal Aid assists tenants who are seeking admission into subsidized housing, especially looking at re-entry issues and other fair housing issues that prevent them from accessing affordable housing. We collaborate with neighborhood and community groups to improve and transform neighborhoods by rehabilitating blighted properties, engaging neighbors to work on safety issues, and providing general legal assistance to CDCs and tenant councils.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

Every year, Legal Aid assists individual tenants and community groups in improving housing conditions and working towards housing stability for families. We also represent large tenant groups in preserving buildings threatened by poor maintenance and management practices. We are the only non-profit law firm that provides these types of legal services in Cincinnati.

We leverage the City's CDBG and HOME Funding with other funding from the state and federal governments, from grants from local foundations and national organizations, and from private fundraising to ensure healthy and stable housing for the citizens of Cincinnati. Legal Aid collaborates with community groups like Price Hill Will and the Avondale Community Council, and with large institutions like Children's Hospital to improve housing outcomes for tenants. Legal Aid makes monthly and annual reports to the City relating to our representation of tenants. We use measurable outcomes for each case to evaluate the legal services provided.

The Tenant Representation Project is audited annually by the City, and Legal Aid is audited annually to ensure that we provide positive outcomes for our clients and are good stewards of the funds provided to us.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Housing Division / Housing Opportunities Made Equal
Contact: Jeniece Jones
Date: 10/21/2016
CDBG Program: Housing Choice Mobility Program
Project Name: Housing Choice Mobility Program
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 0.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 50,000.00

HOME's Mobility program helps families with Housing Choice Vouchers(Section 8) find good rental housing in opportunity neighborhoods that are not impacted with poverty, defined as less than 15% poverty. HOME recruits landlords with good property, helps tenants consider their housing choices and make the transition. In 2014 we helped 79 households make Mobility moves. HOME works closely with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) which runs Section 8. The families were almost all African American with only 6 white households. This 8% white Mobility families compares with 12% of the population.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

The Mobility Program helps low income families obtain affordable housing in opportunity areas with access to jobs, good schools, transportation and safe neighborhoods. Research shows the importance of good neighborhoods for families, particularly for children whose chances for upward mobility are increased when they leave low income neighborhoods for opportunity areas. HOME's Mobility model to attack generational poverty has been used in communities around the country, most notably Chicago and Baltimore. In 2014, the Mobility program was funded by the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and a HUD fair housing grant.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization:
Contact:
Date:
CDBG Program:
Project Name:
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year:
Funding Request for next calendar year:

The NBDIP assists communities in implementing projects that stabilize, maintain, and improve their Neighborhood Business Districts (NBDs) and overall community economic viability. NBDIP aligns with CBAB's priorities of suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Projects fund the redevelopment of underutilized and blighted properties, attract services to low to moderate income populations, and enhance the quality of life via job creation and workforce development training. In addition, NBDIP leverages transformative community change via facade improvements, improving NBDs visibility, and increasing sustainability.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

NBDIP is the City of Cincinnati's only capital improvement program. It's a unique peer-to-peer review competitive process. The activities of NBDIP are done in collaboration with its advisory board, Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts Unites (CNBDU) and respective NBDs representatives. Individual projects have the ability to leverage private dollars and City funding in addition to CDBG funds, this is a unique way to increase development in urban environments. The results of the program can be measured by quantifying job creation, job retention, local businesses assisted, traffic increase, newly developed units or buildings.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization:
Contact:
Date:
CDBG Program:
Project Name:
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year:
Funding Request for next calendar year:

This program addresses the CDAB priority of providing expanded economic opportunities for our moderate to low income population. The focus of the program is to aid the underserved and enhance the workforce in the area.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

Funded agencies include: Freestore Food Bank (Cincinnati Cooks), Cincinnati Works (job readiness), Urban League (SOAR program – job readiness and construction skills), Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) (Commercial Drivers License - CDL), IKRON (job readiness), Mercy Neighborhood Ministries (home health visits), Easter Seals (deconstruction). Steering Committee meets monthly to review the program and its progress: OTRCH, Evanston CC, Partners for a Competitive Workforce, Walnut Hills RF, LISC, City Link, Up Spring, Community from College Hill and Avondale, Madisonville CURC, WIN, DCED

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization:
Contact:
Date:
CDBG Program:
Project Name:
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year:
Funding Request for next calendar year:

The Core 4 Strategic Housing Program is focused on bringing transformative housing developments to Cincinnati neighborhoods. These housing developments will eliminate slum and blight, increase production of quality housing options, and enhance quality of life of neighborhood residents.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

Core 4 Strategic Housing Program funds are awarded through the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process which is a competitive RFP. NOFA funds are for gap financing (last funds in) which means that it must have other sources of funding. Projects with a high private to City leverage ratio are most competitive. Measurable results/production of housing units are quantified and tracked with NOFA program each year.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

**Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request**

Department / Organization: Housing Division / CAA
Contact: Andre Wamba, awamba@cincy-caa.org
Date: 10/26/2016
CDBG Program: Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE)
Project Name: CARE
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 120,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 150,000.00

The CARE program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities by supporting the transformation of housing in Cincinnati communities. Funding is used to provide materials to update violations to code in the homes of senior citizens. These updates provide a better, safer, quality of life for the inhabitants. The program aides the under-served by focusing on low-income seniors. The work being done through this program also transforms the community as a whole, reducing slum and blight and enhancing the appearance and functionality of many homes.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

The Care program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values by leveraging diverse funding, all of the work being done on these homes is funded through the Blueprint Program, which receives funds from not only the city but also the United Way and CAA's block grant. In addition, the program is monitored, with measurable outcomes, evaluated, and provides adequate reporting to funders as requested.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Housing Division / People Working Cooperatively (PWC)

Contact: Daniel Kalubi

Date: 10/31/2016

CDBG Program: Housing Repair Services

Project Name: Housing Repair Services

Funding Allocation for current calendar year: \$1,696,000

Funding Request for next calendar year: \$1,696,000

PWC's "Whole House" service model provides transformative change and decent housing for thousands of Cincinnati children, families, disabled citizens, veterans, and seniors. PWC effectively and efficiently performs essential repairs that literally make the difference between someone being forced out of their home, or instead, because of PWC, being able to remain in their home safely and more healthfully. Many low income individuals cannot begin to afford to make repairs to their homes. They live in dangerous circumstances such as no heat, no water, no working toilets, or electricity. PWC makes these emergency repairs. In addition, PWC occasionally discovers people that cannot leave their homes because they are in a wheel chair and they have no way to negotiate steps that lead to their home. It is life changing for these people to receive a ramp and/or bathroom modifications to help them independently live their life again. There is also tremendous value provided to the entire community as a result of PWC's core services. Whole communities are preserved with people able to safely remain in their homes, where they desperately want to be. Neighborhoods remain vibrant and housing values increase because of PWC services. PWC's corps of trusted and highly skilled employees provide emergency services for all housing related needs, including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, energy efficiency, accessibility, lead abatement, and more. Many of these employees came to PWC with entry level skills. Over 40 of our employees live in the City of Cincinnati and receive continuous workforce development.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

PWC's Housing Repairs Program is unique not only in Cincinnati, but across the Country as PWC provides a full range of services keeping people living safely and more healthfully in their homes. Other cities across the Midwest are interested to learn about how this program works as they see the need in their own communities to cost effectively improve housing and support people. PWC's proven ability to cost effectively repair homes and simultaneously improve health of the persons in the home is gaining additional attention and focus. PWC utilizes dollars gained from the City of Cincinnati to gain additional dollars for services to support low income residents. For every dollar provided to PWC by the City, two additional dollars are gained for additional services. Unfortunately, reductions in City funding cause the leveraged service dollars to decrease, and there remains a sizable waiting list for many services.

PWC works with local government, business, schools, hospitals, and non-profits as well as individual communities as together we can make our neighborhoods and homes strong and vibrant. PWC also leverages thousands of volunteers every year to help the City's neediest residents.

PWC provides employment for 125 people providing construction skills and safety training. Dollars earned by PWC are invested locally to benefit our local community and businesses (ex local hardware and supply houses). The results are tremendous: housing values increase, children perform better in school, and people are healthier. This is one community program where the benefits truly outweigh the costs.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization:
Contact:
Date:
CDBG Program:
Project Name:
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year:
Funding Request for next calendar year:

This program meets are three criterion under "SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT." The proactive door to door inspections and enforcement are performed in the Neighborhood Enhancement Program areas and improve the appearance and safety of the area in a proactive approach. Code enforcement tends to protect affordable housing units from falling into disrepair and makes housing more safe and accessible. The program supports the priority "ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE," as well for similar reasons.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

The greatest value of the program is to "LEVERAGE CITY CDBG AND HOME RESOURCES," by operating strategically in NEP areas to leverage all the private and public resources brought to bear on the area to improve the quality of life and safety. The City uses "COLLABORATION," to work closely with NEP stakeholders every step of the way as enforcement is carried out. There is no other program of it's kind available and the making it "NON-DUPLICATIVE." Results are measured in the form of violations corrected and value of the repairs leveraged as a result of enforcement.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Housing Division / CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati

Contact: Patricia Garry

Date: 10/31/2016

CDBG Program: Operating Support for CDCs

Project Name: Operating Support for CDCs

Funding Allocation for current calendar year: \$315,000

Funding Request for next calendar year: \$450,000

This Operating Support Grant provided \$50,000 in funding in 2016 to the CDC Association to administer, and \$265,000 to community development corporations, primarily for staffing and consultants, to predevelop and create affordable housing units, including mixed use and mixed income housing projects. These CDCs are working in 14 neighborhoods around the city to provide a variety of types of housing with these dollars - affordable senior housing in College Hill, workforce rental housing in Walnut Hills as well as Madisonville, single family rehabs in Camp Washington, Northside, Avondale, Price Hill and Sedamsville, and in three different neighborhoods (College Hill, Northside and South Cumminsville) by Working in Neighborhoods. Three other CDCs worked primarily on pre-development projects: Cornerstone, Mt. Airy and Westwood. All these CDCs are working to transform their communities, while partnering with their neighborhood organizations and community serving agencies on increasing community engagement and raising up all sectors in their area. The CDC Association uses its many programs (Internships, Back Office, RoundTables, communications and annual events) to build the capacity of CDCs to carry out their work.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

Community Development Corporations and the CDC Association itself share the CDAB's Essential Values. A tier system is being used to provide initial funding for new or re-starting CDCs(3%), capacity funding for CDCs beginning on their work plans (6%) – thus most of the funding goes to CDCs already actively creating new projects. The projects these CDCs create are leveraged at least 3 – 1, thus magnifying the City dollars. And new sources of funds are being developed, including crowdfunding for major and small investors, and bonds for particular neighborhood projects. Partnerships with developers, foundations, banks and community development financial institutions (CDFIs) are also in place. In the neighborhoods of each of these funded CDCs are collaborations with the community councils and the business associations, as well as schools and other supportive institutions, meaning the entire community has a stake in success, and each institution has its own work to do, meaning work and programs are not duplicated. The collaborative nature of CDCs also means that ideas are shared broadly, for instance through our RoundTables, and direct assistance with projects often happens between and among neighborhoods. CDCs are always testing and evaluating their ideas, programs and projects, making changes as opportunities and challenges arise.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Cincinnati Health Department

Contact: Rashmi V. Aparajit

Date: 10/31/16

CDBG Program: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

Project Name: Lead Hazard Testing and Remediation Program

Funding Allocation for current calendar year: \$366,000

Funding Request for next calendar year: \$700,000

CLPPP programs positively affect all the CDAB priorities: CLPPP's goal is to prevent and halt lead poisoning in children. The major source of lead poisoning is substandard housing built before 1978. Lead poisoning disproportionately affects low income and minority families. (*Aiding the Underserved*) Referrals are received from the State after local pediatricians identify high blood lead levels. Nurse case managers educate families on behaviors and helpful changes to bring the lead levels down and perform a healthy homes inspection. Risk assessors inspect the housing conditions using specialized instruments and lab tests to determine lead hazards; and issue Board of Health orders to owners for remediation of identified lead hazards. Orders are enforced in housing court for non-compliance. (*Eliminating Slum and Blight*). Using CDBG funds as match dollars to a HUD grant, Section 3 construction workers/contractors are employed to perform lead hazard control work in homes of low income homeowners and tenants (*Workforce Development*). Property owners benefiting from grant dollars are required to market their newly lead-safe units to low income families with young children. (*Access to Affordable Housing*) Children in lead-safe environments are shown to perform better in school and more likely to avoid legal troubles as adults, versus those exposed to lead in their formative years. (*Enhance Quality of Live/Transformative Community Change*) CLPPP actively combats blight by using the leveraged HUD funding to assist property owners in making vacant homes livable again, improving the overall housing stock of the City (*Eliminating Slum and Blight*).

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

CLPPP Services meet all CDAB's Essential Values: CLPPP services, provided by specialized personnel, are not duplicated by any other City agency or department (*Non Duplication of Programs/Services*). CDBG funding is leveraged by CLPPP into a HUD grant of \$3.4M to creating lead-safe housing for low-income families and to provide educational outreach to over 1.5 million citizens. A 2019 study shows that for every \$1 spent on lead poisoning prevention, there is a savings of \$88-\$221 in future costs related to lead poisoning such as education, lost wages, medical costs, and costs of adult crime linked to early childhood lead poisoning. (*Larger Impact, Leveraging Funding*). The lead hazard control work, is awarded through a competitive process ensuring the most efficient use of available funds. (*Competitive Process*). To expand services, CLPPP collaborates with Cincinnati Children's Hospital, WIC, Help Me Grow, Hamilton County Lead Collaborative; and the City's Law, Relocation, Contract Compliance, and Community Development offices (*Collaboration*). CLPPP is evaluated on measurable benchmarks, including numbers of: Elevated blood lead level referrals; home investigations/lead inspections; healthy homes inspections; hazards identified; families relocated; orders issued; housing court cases/enforcement actions; and homes made lead-safe. Other measurable benchmarks include: HEAP vacuums loaned, numbers of in-house tests of paint chips/toys/tableware; funding awarded to Section 3 contractors (*Measureable Results, Program Evaluation*).

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit)

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Department of Community and Economic Development
Contact: Aisha Tzillah
Date: 10/10/2016
CDBG Program: Urban Homesteading
Project Name: Urban Homesteading
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 30,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 30,000.00

Urban Homesteading addresses CDAB priorities by providing decent, affordable housing. This is HUD's dollar home program.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

Urban Homesteading addresses CDAB values by non duplication of programs / services. This program will assist low-mod persons purchase a home for affordable prices. This program has not begun and is requesting funds for calendar year 2017 in order to build capacity within the program.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Buidings & Inspections PMCE
Contact: Edward Cunningham
Date: 10/28/2016
CDBG Program: Code Enforcement Relocation
Project Name: Code Enforcement Relocation
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 85,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 85,000.00

This program supports the CDAB priorities of "ACCESS TO AFORDABLE HOUSING" by getting tenants out of unsafe housing and into safe housing. Likewise, "ENHANCMENT OF QUALITY OF LIFE" occurs by moving to families to safe, decent, and sanitary housing. Many of our customer find themselves in poor housing due to lack of income and relocation supports the "AIDED THE UNDERSERVED" CDAB priority.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

This program meets the CDAB value "LEVERAGE CDBG AND HOME FUNDING," by preventing potential homeless situation as families are forced to move from unsafe housing and do not have the resources for a deposit, moving expenses or the first months rent. The program meets the value of "MEASURABLE RESULTS/RESULTS DRIVEN," number of families assisted are readily quantifiable and quality of new housing is inspected prior to moving the family. There is no other program in the City to assist tenants displaced by code violations.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Buildings & Inspections PMCE
Contact: Edward P. Cunningham
Date: 10/28/2016
CDBG Program: Historic-Stabilization of Structures (SOS)
Project Name: Historic Stabilization of Structures
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 190,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 200,000.00

This SOS program meets all three subcategories of "SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT." stabilization of historic structures to VBML standards that have become unsafe buildings to avoid demolition makes the community more safe, reduces the harborages of crime, and contributes by "ELIMINATING SLUM AND BLIGHT." The program promotes "TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY CHANGE," by preserving historic assets for redevelopment to help transform a historic district before it is lost forever. The program also serves to "ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE," by saving the city historic assets from destruction and leveraging redevelopment.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

This program is able to "LEVERAGE CITY'S CDBG FUNDING" by working with the Hamilton County Land Re-utilization Corporation under an agency agreement to stabilize blighted historic structures in the City. The City is able to leverage development while meeting the national objective of historic preservation by using the stabilization work to help fill the gap needed to return historic buildings to re-occupancy. The program has a very "COMPETITIVE PROCESS," using private contractors for the work, the program holds a hearing to collaborate with residents and stakeholders.

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Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization:

Contact:

Date:

CDBG Program:

Project Name:

Funding Allocation for previous calendar year:

Funding Request for next calendar year:

Cincinnati experiences significant economic distress caused by abandoned, vacant, or underutilized industrial and commercial sites. Historical movement of industry to modern facilities located on greenfields has left the urban neighborhoods with slum and blight, declining job opportunities, increasing unemployment, declining tax base, and population decline. Use of these funds to acquire, demolish, and cleanup former industrial sites will create new sites and allow for new or existing businesses to expand and rebuild modern facilities. The businesses create new job opportunities for residents and provides them an enhanced quality of life.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

The program will make a large impact because it redevelops larger land sites and/or buildings that otherwise would be left in a dangerous and blighted conditions. It does not duplicate any other services because it is the only program that uses funds to clean up environmental contamination on public or private property. Also, local funding is leveraged in grant applications for federal and state funds. These grants then allow us to capture more dollars locally for our redevelopment efforts. The results of the funds can be measured by quantifying the acreage of newly developed land created, new or retained jobs, and new investment.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Buildings & Inspections PMCE
Contact: Edward Cunningham
Date: 10/28/2016
CDBG Program: Hazard Abatement Program
Project Name: Hazard Abatement Program
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 845,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 1,000,000.00

This program meets all three subcategories of "SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT." Demolition of obsolete/unsafe buildings makes the community more safe, reduces the harborages of crime, and contributes by "ELIMINATING SLUM AND BLIGHT." The program promotes "TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY CHANGE," by eliminating the worst blighted buildings in and strategically eliminates blight in focus areas in transition. The "QUALITY OF LIFE," is enhanced and property values increase as blight is eradicated with immediate visual impact upon demolition.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

This program is able to "LEVERAGE CITY'S CDBG FUNDING" for demolition by working with the Hamilton County Land Re-utilization Corporation under an agency agreement to demolish blighted structures in the City. The program also uses Fund 347, for some demolitions each year, and the City normally includes Capital Funds for demolition and barricading of buildings. Demolition is a very "COMPETITIVE PROCESS," using private contractors, and the program hold two public hearing to collaborate with residents and stakeholders on where demolition will be most effective in leveraging re-development and promoting safety and is measurable.

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Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization:
Contact:
Date:
CDBG Program:
Project Name:
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year:
Funding Request for next calendar year:

This program funds a microloan fund, technical support to small businesses, expansion of the Pop Up Shop Program, the neighborhood business district retail inventory (NBDRI) program, and small business ecosystem resource navigation. The program aligns with CDAB's priorities of enhancing the quality of life, transformative community change, and aiding the underserved by populating underutilized properties within the NBDs with small businesses. These businesses represent new investment and new jobs in the community. Many of the benefactors of this program are underserved. This program will strengthen families within the community.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

This program supports the CDAB's values of collaboration, leveraging funding, and measureable results. The activities in this program will be done in collaboration with multiple members of the small business community and has the support of the City's Small Business Advisory Committee. We will be able to leverage both funding and practical expertise by expanding the Pop Up Shops into the neighborhoods and transforming communities with new business placements. The ultimate goal of the program is to create jobs by providing access to capital and applying small business developing tactics. Connecting businesses with the right resources.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Department of Community and Economic Development
Contact: Aisha Tzillah
Date: 10/10/2016
CDBG Program: Vacant Lot Reutilization and Management Program
Project Name:
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 30,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 30,000.00

The Vacant Lot Reutilization and Management Program will address blighted areas of the City to transform vacant areas into sustainable pocket parks or urban gardens. This addresses the CDAB priority of suitable living environments - eliminating slum and blight, enhancing the quality of life, and transforming the community.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

This program supports CDAB's essential values by not having a duplication of services. The program will be leveraging funds with the City's Office of Environment and Sustainability to support the City's urban agriculture plan to meet the needs of the community with regards to food deserts and food access.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Corporation for Findlay Market
Contact: Joe Hansbauer
Date: 10/29/2016
CDBG Program:
Project Name: Findlay Market
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 150,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 150,000.00

CFFM has a focus on eliminating blight and enhancing quality of life. CFFM provides an enhanced environment, not only at market, but in the surrounding blocks, removing debris and taking initiative to beautify the area. In addition, we have focused extensively in the last 2 years with UC on support for Pleasant Street and surrounding blocks, ensuring the market remains the premier location to provide access to fresh foods for a diverse population. In addition, CFFM also is focused on Economic Development. More than 15 new businesses have launched in the last 3 years. The market is a significant employer for the neighborhood.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

CFFM has continued to increase earned revenue, and philanthropic capital funds to create new opportunities. Findlay Kitchen was built without city funding, and has a focus on creating opportunities for low income food entrepreneurs to be able to start, grow and scale businesses. CDBG funding for Findlay Market ensures CFFM will be able to continue to support unique businesses that might not have access to other outlets or brick and mortar storefronts. CFFM provides a unique service that non one else in the city can provide, and the CDBG funds are an important part of that economic development story.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department of Community and Economic Development

Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Groundwork Cincinnati – Mill Creek Restoration

Contact: Robin Corathers and Tanner Yess

Date: October 26, 2016

CDBG Program: Groundwork Cincinnati Mill Creek Restoration

Project Name: Mill Creek Greenway Program

Funding Allocation for current calendar year: \$25,822

Funding Request for next calendar year: \$135,000

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

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Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization:

Contact:

Date:

CDBG Program:

Project Name:

Funding Allocation for previous calendar year:

Funding Request for next calendar year:

This program supports the HOME funded rehabilitation with ancillary services. All HOME projects support the CDAB priorities of decent housing and access to affordable housing, as the HOME funds are only spent on affordable projects for our very low income families. The CDBG funded AMFR program also supports the CDAB priority of suitable living environments and seeks to enhance the quality of life of the residences in the renovated properties. These projects must also comply with an affordability period where the properties must pass physical inspections and be provided to families of very low incomes, for a specified time period.

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

The AMFR program appropriately leverages both CDBG and HOME funds as there are strict subsidy layering guidelines the program must adhere. The process to receive AMFR funding is competitive as these funds are offered under a biannual notice of funding availability process. These funds aim to have a great impact in the community by having a required minimum number of units of 10.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Department / Organization: Housing Division / Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati

Contact: Nick DiNardo

Date: 10/28/16

CDBG Program: Tenant Representation

Project Name: Tenant Representation

Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$141,000

Funding Request for next calendar year: \$160,000

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

Every year, Legal Aid provides legal representation to more than 400 low- and moderate-income Cincinnati residents with individual housing issues including: evictions, bad housing conditions, housing discrimination, and illegal lockouts and utility disconnections. Families who are threatened with eviction or are otherwise suffering from housing instability, are far more likely to have other related problems, such as job loss or children not performing well in school. Our housing representation promotes family stability and success in our city.

Legal Aid helps to maintain the existing housing stock in the City by representing tenants in efforts to obtain repairs of Housing and Health Code violations, and by preventing retaliation against tenants who do complain about bad conditions. We work cooperatively with the Solicitor's Office and with tenant and community groups to bring nuisance actions against landlords who fail to maintain their properties, and we get the courts to appoint receivers to manage these properties when the owners fail to do so. Legal Aid works to preserve and increase the number of subsidized rental units in a city where only 1 in 4 families eligible for subsidized housing receive it.

Legal Aid assists tenants who are seeking admission into subsidized housing, especially looking at re-entry issues and other fair housing issues that prevent them from accessing affordable housing. We collaborate with neighborhood and community groups to improve and transform neighborhoods by rehabilitating blighted properties, engaging neighbors to work on safety issues, and providing general legal assistance to Community Development Corporations and tenant councils.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values (250 word limit):

Every year, Legal Aid assists individual tenants and community groups in improving housing conditions and working towards housing stability for families. We also represent large tenant

groups in preserving buildings threatened by poor maintenance and management practices. We are the only non-profit law firm that provides these types of legal services in Cincinnati.

We leverage the City's CDBG and HOME Funding with other funding from the state and federal governments, from grants from local foundations and national organizations, and from private fundraising to ensure healthy and stable housing for the citizens of Cincinnati. Legal Aid collaborates with community groups like Price Hill Will and the Avondale Community Council, and with large institutions like Children's Hospital to improve housing outcomes for tenants. Legal Aid makes monthly and annual reports to the City relating to our representation of tenants. We use measurable outcomes for each case to evaluate the legal services provided.

The Tenant Representation Project is audited annually by the City, and Legal Aid is audited annually to ensure that we provide positive outcomes for our clients and are good stewards of the funds provided to us.

Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Contact: Mary Asbury

Date: October 28, 2016

Funding Request for next calendar year: \$118,000

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities:

The Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati continues to lead community-wide efforts to stabilize Cincinnati neighborhoods through its foreclosure-prevention activities and support for neighborhood revitalization. The City of Cincinnati's funding of the *Emergency Mortgage Assistance* (EMA) program is vital to the low and moderate income families who live in the City, as well as to the neighborhoods in which they live.

The EMA program directly aligns with CDAB priorities.

Legal Aid administers EMA funds to save the homes of low and moderate income Cincinnati homeowners who face foreclosure due to job loss, illness, death of the primary wage earner, or other circumstances beyond their control. These homeowners can receive up to \$2,500 to bring their loan current if they have re-established an income stream to continue future mortgage payments. All homeowners in mortgage trouble receive in-depth foreclosure prevention counseling, legal assistance, and case management that connects them with other social service agencies.

EMA grants and counseling help families remain in their homes, which in turn helps stabilize neighborhoods by reducing the number of vacant, foreclosed properties.

By stabilizing families and neighborhoods, the program is enhancing the quality of life for Cincinnati residents and revitalizing the communities in which they live. And by keeping families in their homes, the EMA program reduces the number of foreclosed, vacant, and blighted buildings, and is therefore an important part of the solution to eliminating blight. Without EMA funding far more homes would be lost to foreclosure, causing great hardship for Cincinnati's families and communities.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values:

The EMA program supports CDAB's values in many ways.

A relatively small City of Cincinnati investment of \$2,500 in individual homeowners facing foreclosure provides a significant ROI by allowing Cincinnati families to remain in their homes, which in turn helps stabilize neighborhoods by reducing the number of vacant, foreclosed properties.

Legal Aid is requesting \$118,000 for EMA which represents the amount expended -- after a mid-grant year supplement -- in 2015. Each year the demand for EMA assistance exceeds the amount of the grant award, so Legal Aid is requesting an increased amount of funding for 2017.

All Cincinnati homeowners receive in-depth legal counseling for a \$500 flat rate, which includes referrals to partner social service agencies.

Legal Aid has achieved a greater than 95% success rate administering EMA funds over the years, meaning fewer than 5% of families receiving funds are no longer living in their homes.

Besides Working In Neighborhoods, Legal Aid is the only agency doing foreclosure prevention counseling. And no other agency provides grants to avoid foreclosure. Ohio's Hardest Hit Funds are limited to those receiving unemployment insurance, GCF has moved into other areas of need, and funds for housing counseling have dried up.

The City's EMA grant is core funding for our neighborhood stabilization work, and along with funds from United Way and SC Ministries, Legal Aid is able to continue its foreclosure prevention work. But none of these funds can be used as a grant to prevent foreclosure.

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Housing Division / CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati
Contact: Patricia Garry
Date: 10/31/2016
CDBG Program: Operating Support for CDCs
Project Name: Operating Support for CDCs
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 315,000.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 450,000.00

This Operating Support Grant provided \$50,000 in funding in 2016 to the CDC Association to administer, and \$265,000 primarily for staffing and consultants to community development corporations, to predevelop and create affordable housing units, including mixed use and mixed income housing projects. These CDCs are working in 14 neighborhoods around the city to provide a variety of types of housing with these dollars - affordable senior housing in College Hill, workforce rental housing in Walnut Hills as well as Madisonville, single family rehabs in Camp Washington, Northside, Avondale, Price Hill and Sedamsville, and in three different neigh

Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities (250 word limit):

Community Development Corporations and the CDC Association itself share the CDAB's Essential Values. A tier system is being used to provide initial funding for new or re-starting CDCs(3%), capacity funding for CDCs beginning on their work plans (6%) – thus most of the funding goes to CDCs already actively creating new projects. The projects these CDCs create are leveraged at least 3 – 1, thus magnifying the City dollars. And new sources of funds are being developed, including crowdfunding for major and small investors, and bonds for particular neighborhood projects. Partnerships with developers, foundations, banks and community developmen

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Describe how this program aligns with the Community Development Advisory Board's priorities:

PWC's "Whole House" service model provides transformative change and decent housing for thousands of Cincinnati children, families, disabled citizens, veterans, and seniors. PWC effectively and efficiently performs essential repairs that literally make the difference between someone being forced out of their home, or instead, because of PWC, being able to remain in their home safely, and more healthfully.

Many low income individuals cannot begin to afford to make repairs to their homes. They live in dangerous circumstances such as no heat, no water, no working toilets, or electricity. PWC makes these emergency repairs. In addition, PWC occasionally discovers people that cannot leave their homes because they are in a wheel chair and they have no way to negotiate steps that lead to their home. It is life changing for these people to receive a ramp and/or bathroom modifications to help them independently live their life again.

There is also tremendous value provided to the entire community as a result of PWC's core services. Whole communities are preserved with people able to safely remain in their homes, where they desperately want to be. Neighborhoods remain vibrant and housing values increase because of PWC services.

PWC's corps of trusted and highly skilled employees provide emergency services for all housing related needs, including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, energy efficiency, accessibility, lead abatement, and more. Many of these employees came to PWC with entry level skills. Over 40 of our employees live in the City of Cincinnati and receive continuous workforce development.

Describe how this program supports the Community Development Advisory Board's values:

PWC's Housing Repairs Program is unique not only in Cincinnati, but across the Country as PWC provides a full range of services keeping people living safely and more healthfully in their homes. Other cities across the Midwest are interested to learn about how this program works as they see the need in their own communities to cost effectively improve housing and support people. PWC's proven ability to cost effectively repair homes and simultaneously improve the health of the persons in the home is gaining additional attention and focus.

PWC utilizes dollars gained from the City of Cincinnati to gain additional dollars for services to support low income residents. For every dollar provided to PWC by the City, two additional dollars are gained for additional services. Unfortunately, reductions in City funding cause the leveraged service dollars to decrease, and there remains a sizable waiting list for many services.

PWC works with local government, business, schools, hospitals, and non-profits as well as individual communities as together we can make our neighborhoods and homes strong and vibrant. PWC also leverages thousands of volunteers every year to help the City's neediest residents.

PWC provides employment for 125 people providing construction skills and safety training. Dollars earned by PWC are invested locally to benefit our local community and businesses (ex. local hardware and supply houses).

The results are tremendous; housing values increase, children perform better in school, and people are healthier. This is one community program where the benefits truly outweigh the costs.

Department of Community and Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Department / Organization: Groundwork Cincinnati/Mill Creek
Contact: Robin Corathers and Tanner Yess
Date: 10/26/2016
CDBG Program:
Project Name: Mill Creek Greenway Program
Funding Allocation for previous calendar year: \$ 29,722.00
Funding Request for next calendar year: \$ 135,000.00

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Sustainable & livable communities

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Department of Community and Economic Development Community Development Block Grant Funding Request

Organization: **Groundwork Cincinnati/Mill Creek**

Contacts: Robin Corathers and Tanner Yess

CDBG Program: Community Development

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Larger Impact, Leverage City's CDBG Funding, Non Duplication, Competitive Process, Collaboration, and Measurable Results/Evaluation (250 words)

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Please see the attached 2017 Budget for more details.

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G Request for Mill Creek Greenway Program									
Preliminary Projected Budget 10/26/16									
A. Workforce Development Budget									
Supplies									
Chainsaws	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total						
	3	\$370	\$1,110						
Backpack Sprayers	4	\$100	\$400						
Gloves (12 in a pack)	3	\$48	\$144						
Safety Glasses	10	\$2.45	\$24.50						
Work Shirts	30	\$29	\$870						
Lumber	1	\$200	\$200						
Rebar	20	\$8.25	\$165.00						
Hadheld GPS	2	\$500	\$1,000						
Organic Compost	10	\$27	\$270						
Organic Mulch	10	\$19	\$190						
Van Rental/Small Bus	21	\$212.62	\$4,465.02						
Pick Up Rental	5	\$200	\$1,000						
Wood Chipper Rental	3	\$235	702						
Subtotal			\$10,540						
Trees/Plants									
Woody Warehouse	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total						
	1	\$1,000	\$1,000						
Growing Value Nursery	1	\$1,000	\$1,000						
Keystone Nursery	1	\$1,000	\$1,000						
fieldwork Materials/Equipment Storage	1	\$3,000	\$3,000						
Subtotal			\$6,000						
Training/Certifications									
Chainsaw & Maintenance	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total						
	10	\$150	\$1,500						

First Aid/CPR	10	\$60	\$600			
Pesticide Applicator (KY)	10	\$25	\$250			
Pesticide Applicator (OH)	10	\$35	\$350			
Permaculture Design Course	2	\$700	\$1,400			
Subtotal			\$4,100			
Personnel						
Position	Number	Hourly Rate	Weekly Hours	Weeks	Total	Easter Seals
Adult Crew Leader	2	\$15	18	16	\$8,640	
Adult Worker	8	\$11	15	12	15,840	
Summer Green Team Youth	20	8.1	24	8		31,104
Asphalt contractor for Trail	1				4,580	
Subtotal					29,060	
Groundwork Professional Staff						
Youth Leader/Fieldwork Director	1	\$23	40	26	20,930	
Education/Training Director	1	\$25	22	26	14,300	
Subtotal					35,230	
Workforce Total	80,350					
B. Mill Creek Greenway Program Planning, Public Engagement, Design, & Project Management						
Executive Director		\$80	8	38	24,320	
C. Mill Creek Greenway Signage						Foundations
Consultants (Lump Sum)						
Landscape Architecture	1				7,500	
Graphic Design					\$12,500	
Fabrication of sign panels & structural frames & installation	1					25,000
Project Management (GWC)	1				5,750	
Subtotal					25,750	25,000

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CITY OF CINCINNATI COMMENT CARD

The City of Cincinnati receives annual funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to support community needs. The purpose of this anonymous comment card is to obtain feedback regarding what are priority community needs from individuals who live or work in the City of Cincinnati. The City funds a variety of programs that address these needs.

Please answer the following (optional):

AGE: RACE/ETHNICITY: GENDER: OWNER/RENTER (circle one) ZIP CODE:

Please circle up to TEN community needs the City should prioritize:

Down payment assistance for home buyers	Demolishing and barricading vacant buildings	Building code violation enforcement
Legal assistance for tenants	Historic building preservation	Environmental remediation of contaminated sites
Homeowner repair assistance for the very low income individuals	Homelessness prevention and assistance	Housing discrimination assistance
Rehab, new construction of affordable housing	Childhood lead poisoning prevention	Relocation assistance from dilapidated housing
Rehab, new construction of market rate housing	Findlay Market assistance and expansion	Dollar home program
On-the-job training programs in construction	Youth job training programs	Small business assistance
Lower concentrations of poverty in your community	Employment training programs for the under- and non-employed	Improving neighborhood business districts
Emergency mortgage payment assistance and counseling	Mill Creek watershed improvement	Non-profit organizations assistance with affordable housing
Assisting dilapidated subsidized housing	Assistance for the elderly and/or disabled	Converting vacant lots into pocket parks or urban gardens

Please provide any written comments on the back of the sheet:

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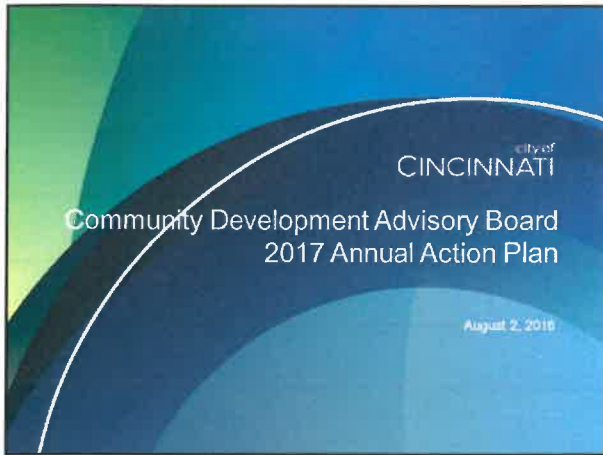
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CITY OF CINCINNATI HUD FUNDED PROGRAMS

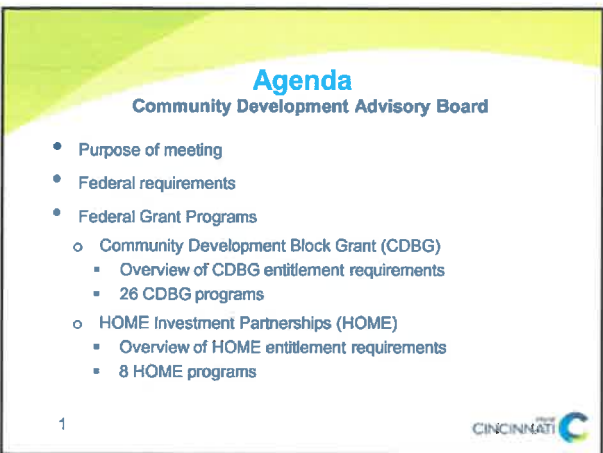
The City of Cincinnati receives annual funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support community needs. Below lists the community needs and corresponding programs that are funded by HUD.

COMMUNITY NEED	PROGRAM	CONTACT
Down payment assistance for home buyers	Down Payment Assistance	City of Cincinnati 513-352-6146 www.choosecincy.com/Community-Development/Homebuyers/Down-Payment-Assistance.aspx
Legal assistance for tenants	Tenant Representation	Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati 513-241-9400 www.lascinti.org
Homeowner repair assistance for the very low income individuals	Housing Repair Services	People Working Cooperatively 513-351-7921 www.pwchomerepairs.org
Rehab, new construction of housing	Notice Of Funding Availability	City of Cincinnati 513-352-6146 www.choosecincy.com/Community-Development/Developers/Notice-of-Funding-Availability.aspx
On-the-job training programs in construction	Blueprint For Success	Community Action Agency 513-569-1840 www.cincy-caa.org
Lower concentrations of poverty in your community	Housing Choice Mobility Program	Housing Opportunities Made Equal 513-721-4663 www.homecincy.org
Emergency mortgage payment assistance and counseling	Emergency Mortgage Assistance	Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati 513-241-9400 www.lascinti.org
Demolishing and barricading vacant buildings	Hazard Abatement Program	City of Cincinnati 513-591-6000 www.cincinnati-oh.gov/buildings/property-maintenance-code-enforcement/vacant-hazardous-buildings
Historic building preservation	Historic Stabilization of Structures	Cincinnati Preservation Association 513-721-4506 www.cincinnati-oh.gov/buildings/property-maintenance-code-enforcement/at-risk-historic-buildings
Homelessness prevention and assistance	Emergency Solutions Grant	Strategies To End Homelessness 513-381-SAFE (7233)
Childhood lead poisoning prevention	Lead Hazard Testing Program	Cincinnati Health Department 513-357-7420 www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/cincinnati-health-department-divisions1/environmental-health/lead-poisoning-prevention-program
Findlay Market assistance and expansion	Corporation for Findlay Market	Findlay Market 513-665-4839 www.findlaymarket.org

Youth job training programs	Summer Youth Employment Program	Cincinnati Recreation Commission 513-352-4000 www.cincinnati-oh.gov/y2wk
Employment training programs for the under- and non-employed	Hand Up Initiative	City of Cincinnati 513-352-6146 www.cincinnati-oh.gov/community-development/neighborhood-development/hand-up-initiative
Mill Creek watershed improvement	Groundwork Cincinnati – Millcreek Restoration	Millcreek Restoration 513-731-8400 groundworkcincinnati.org
Assistance for the elderly and/or disabled	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly	Community Action Agency 513-569-1840 www.cincy-caa.org
Building code violation enforcement	Concentrated Code Enforcement	City of Cincinnati 513-591-6000 cincinnati-oh.gov/buildings/property-maintenance-code-enforcement
Environmental remediation of contaminated sites	Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment	City of Cincinnati 513-352-6146 www.choosecincy.com/Economic-Development/Programs-Services.aspx
Housing discrimination assistance	Fair Housing	Housing Opportunities Made Equal 513-721-4663 www.homecincy.org
Relocation assistance from dilapidated housing	Code Enforcement Relocation	City of Cincinnati 513-591-6000 www.cincinnati-oh.gov/buildings/property-maintenance-code-enforcement
Dollar home program	Urban Homesteading	City of Cincinnati 513-352-6146 www.choosecincy.com
Small business assistance	Small Business Services	City of Cincinnati 513-352-6146 www.choosecincy.com/Economic-Development/Programs-Services/Programs-for-Small-Business.aspx
Improving neighborhood business districts	Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program	City of Cincinnati 513-352-6146 www.choosecincy.com/Economic-Development/Programs-Services/Programs-for-Neighborhood-Business-Districts.aspx
Non-profit organizations assistance with affordable housing	Operating Support for Community Development Corporations (CDC)	CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati 513-281-3774 www.cdccassociation.org
Converting vacant lots into pocket parks or urban gardens	Vacant Lot Reutilization	City of Cincinnati 513-352-6146 www.choosecincy.com/Community-Development/Community-Resources/Urban-Agriculture-Grants.aspx







Consolidated Plan

- Framework for the City to identify housing homeless, special populations, and community and economic development needs and resources and tailor a strategic plan for meeting those needs.
- 5-year plan for expending Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) entitlement grants.
- Community Needs Assessment, Housing Market Analysis, Strategic Plan (five-year benchmarks), Annual Action Plan.

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Moderate to Low Income

2016 Income Limits (changes annually)

Income Level	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People
Extremely Low Income (30% AMI)	\$14,850	\$17,000	\$20,160	\$24,300	\$28,440	\$32,580
Very Low Income (50% AMI)	\$24,750	\$28,300	\$31,850	\$35,350	\$38,200	\$41,050
Moderate Income (80% AMI)	\$38,600	\$45,250	\$50,900	\$56,550	\$61,100	\$65,600

Source: <http://www.hud.gov>

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Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- **National Objectives**
 - Benefit low-moderate income persons (≥70%)
 - Prevent or eliminate slum and blight (≤30%)
 - Meet an urgent need
- **Primary Objectives**
 - Decent housing
 - Suitable living environment
 - Expanded economic opportunity
- **Program caps**
 - 15% Public Service cap
 - 4 ○ 20% Administration and Planning cap



Community Development Block Grant

26 programs with 11 HUD goals:

1. Promote homeownership
2. Provide supportive services for homeowners
3. Rehab affordable multi-family rental housing
4. Provide supportive services for renters
5. Promote fair housing
6. Promote commercial and industrial development
7. Promote business development
8. Increase economic opportunities through public services
9. Improve quality of life by reducing slum and blight
10. Provide operating support for nonprofits
11. Prevent homelessness

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Community Development Block Grant Allocations

- 2015 Program Allocation \$8,973,029
- 2016 Program Allocation \$9,094,496
- 2017 *Assumed* Program Allocation \$9,094,496

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Housing Repair Services

18.7% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

Housing Repair Services provides grants for emergency and critical repairs to very low-income residents. Grants are limited to two \$2,500 emergency repairs and one \$10,000 critical repair per household per year. Mobility services also available.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$9,051,875	\$1,742,500 – \$1,984,000	6,585 units	6,461

Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$1,689,655	\$1,696,000	5,500 units	1,720 (31%)

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Hand Up Initiative

15.2% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The Hand Up Initiative provides job readiness and job training to residents in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs). Supportive services such as transportation and child care are provided.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
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Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$1,365,706	\$1,381,000	2,500 persons	402 (16%)

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Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas

Approved NRSAs

Avondale
College Hill
Madisonville
Walnut Hills
Empowerment Zone
Lincoln Court
Laurel Hills

Lower Price Hill
South Cumminsville
Millvale
North and South Fairmount
English Woods

Pending NRSAs

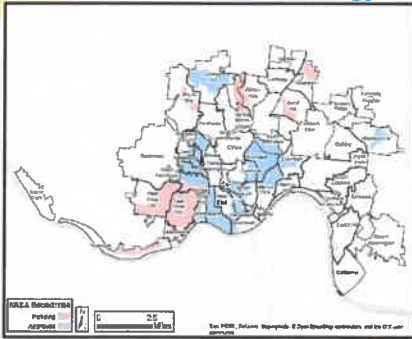
Camp Washington
West and East Price Hill
Mount Airy

Bond Hill
East End
Linwood
Roselawn
Sedamsville
Riverside
Spring Grove Village
Villages at Roll Hill
Winton Hills

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Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas



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Empowerment Zone



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Neighborhood Business District Improvement

10.1% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

NBDIP enhances the business environment in the City's neighborhoods with infrastructure and streetscape improvements, property acquisition or other activities.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014				
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual	
\$6,147,000	\$920,000 – \$2,272,000	425 business	575	
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019				
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date	
\$905,874	\$916,000	200 business	131 (66%)	

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Hazard Abatement Program

9.3% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The Hazard Abatement Program preserves public health, safety, and welfare through demolition, acquisition, barricading or repair of blighted and condemned buildings.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014				
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual	
\$4,888,522	\$800,000 – \$1,150,000	2,990 bldg	3,391	
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019				
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date	
\$855,658	\$845,000	1,250 building	592 (47%)	

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Concentrated Code Enforcement

6.3% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The program funds the Property Maintenance Code Enforcement division to conduct inspections of homes and businesses in targeted areas and areas of transition.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014				
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual	
\$2,875,000	\$575,000	14,920 units	23,332	
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019				
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date	
\$586,170	\$578,000	4,000 building	5,760 (>100%)	

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CoreFour Strategic Housing Program

4.9% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

CoreFour Strategic Housing Program provides targeted investments in affordable rental and home ownership housing projects and in targeted neighborhoods. Projects must have at minimum four units to be eligible for this funding. This program also utilizes HOME funding.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$2,509,800	\$250,000 – \$749,800	165 units	208
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$423,395	\$441,000	40 units	0 (0%)

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Lead Poisoning Hazard Testing

4% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

Cincinnati Health Department provides lead testing of children under the age of six and the homes where lead poisoned children reside, case management of lead poisoned children, and outreach materials for public education.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$3,410,900	\$1,083,880 - \$465,000	614 units	607
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$393,856	\$386,000	1,000 units	205 (21%)

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Operating Support for Community Development Corporations

3.4% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

This program provides operating support to build and strengthen capacity of eligible CDCs, who create affordable housing units.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$1,565,000	\$240,000 - \$385,000	60 orgs.	55
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$315,064	\$315,000	50 orgs.	25 (50%)

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Urban Park And Recreation Recovery

0% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

This is a new proposed program. The funds will be available for any park, open space, or recreational facility accessible to the general public located in an eligible census tract. General maintenance is not an eligible use.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	Proposed 2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$250,000	1 park	0 (0%)

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Small Business Services

2.2% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The Small Business Services includes assistance for start-ups and growth needs of micro-enterprises and small businesses, such as a revolving loan program to fill financing gaps for businesses creating and/or retaining low-mod workers.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$1,482,000	\$162,000 – \$400,000	400 bus.	358
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$123,077	\$205,000	100 business	85 (85%)

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Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment

2.2% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

This program facilitates the redevelopment of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized industrial and commercial sites throughout the City.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$3,130,000	\$485,000 – \$750,000	9 acres	17
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$221,542	\$200,000	10 sites	1 (10%)

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Historic Stabilization of Structures

2.1% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The Historic Stabilization of Structures Program abates public nuisance conditions and stabilizes historic properties.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$1,237,093	\$0 - \$500,000	28 units	14
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$172,310	\$190,000	15 buildings	1 (7%)

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Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly

1.7% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The CARE Program provides funding to low income, elderly homeowners to correct exterior code violations.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$831,780	\$96,316 – \$220,444	20 units	76
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$129,970	\$156,000	60 units	27 (45%)

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Corporation for Findlay Market

1.7% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

This program funds the Corporation for Findlay Market's capacity to carry out revitalization and economic development activities both at the Market and in the surrounding urban core area.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$2,380,500	\$196,000 - \$585,000	5 orgs.	5
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$165,417	\$150,000	5 orgs.	2 (40%)

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Affordable Multi-Family Rental

1.1% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

AMFR Program provides gap financing loans for multifamily dwellings, with at minimum 10 units, for substantial renovations aiding low and very low-income families. The amount of funding and number of units determine the length of time the units must remain affordable.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$630,000	\$100,000 – \$155,000	247 units	378
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$68,480	\$100,000	125 units	43 (34%)

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Code Enforcement Relocation

0.9% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

This program allows payment of the first month's rent or security deposit for low-mod persons moving to decent, safe and sanitary housing because they have been displaced by code enforcement and/or the hazards of lead paint.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$588,000	\$50,000 – \$150,000	1,000 units	730
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$73,845	\$85,000	150 units	30 (20%)

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Homeowner Rehab Loan Servicing

0.4% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

This program services 300–400 previously issued, low-interest loans provided to low-mod income homeowners to correct code violations, improve accessibility, and otherwise assist in providing stable, sanitary housing.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$180,000	\$20,000 – \$40,000	300 loans	383
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$39,382	\$36,000	300 loans	289 (96%)

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Urban Homesteading

0.3% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

This program implements a pilot program for the City to purchase and rehab vacant 1 and 2 family homes and sell the homes to qualified homebuyers. Homeowners will have at least a 3 year residency requirement.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
-	-	-	-
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$30,000	5 units	0 (0%)

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Vacant Lot Reutilization and Management

0.3% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The intent of this program is to create an eligible use for the reuse of vacant lots after demolition occurs.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
-	-	-	-
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$30,000	1 garden	0 (0%)

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Groundwork Cincinnati – Millcreek Restoration

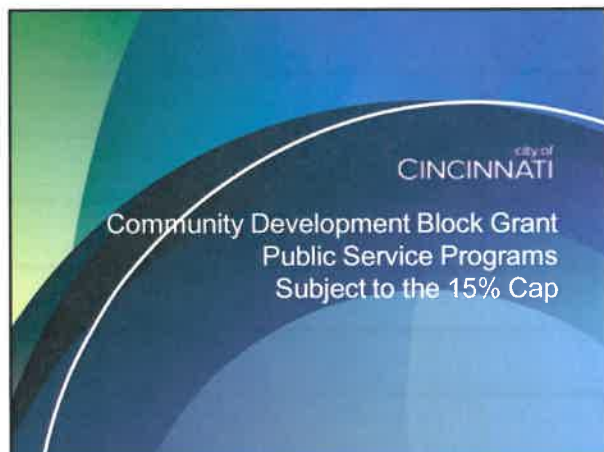
0.3% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The goal is to develop 14 – 18 miles of Greenway Trails along Mill Creek and West Fork Creek to transform blighted properties and to support revitalization.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$448,000	\$78,000 - \$100,000	5 orgs.	5
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$25,822	5 orgs.	1 (20%)

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Summer Youth Employment

10.2% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

Y2WK trains youth in work place etiquette and basic work skills by utilizing workshops, presentations, and on the job experiences. The program provides youth with opportunities to explore career options in public, nonprofit and private organizations.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$4,870,000	\$980,000 – \$1,030,000	2,500	2,825

Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$945,260	\$928,874	2,250 persons	1,067 (47%)

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Fair Housing Services

1.4% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The local fair housing agency Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.) promotes fair housing opportunities regardless of race, sex, color, nationality, religion, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, marital status, or Appalachian origin.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$977,000	\$178,000 – \$214,500	5,500	5,828

Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$167,386	\$130,000	1,000 persons	2,938 (>100%)

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Tenant Representation

1.4% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The Tenant Representation Program provides legal representation for low-mod tenants, including assistance with unlawful evictions, illegal lockouts and utility shutoffs, and works to hold property owners accountable for providing safe and sanitary housing.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$821,000	\$147,000 – \$187,000	2,750	3,204
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$142,770	\$125,000	1,000 persons	473 (47%)

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Emergency Mortgage Assistance

1.0% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The Emergency Mortgage Assistance program provides low-mod income homeowners with foreclosure prevention counseling, legal assistance and up to 3 months of mortgage payments for qualified home owners.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$578,000	\$98,000 – \$143,000	225 units	342
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$96,492	\$88,000	625 units	188 (27%)

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Blueprint For Success

0.9% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

The Blueprint for Success Program assists ex-offenders and at-risk young adults ages 16-30 to obtain marketable construction skills by following a National Center for Construction Education and Research curriculum.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$963,724	\$0 – \$299,753	150 persons	145
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$80,736	\$81,000	125 persons	16 (12%)

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Housing Choice Mobility Program

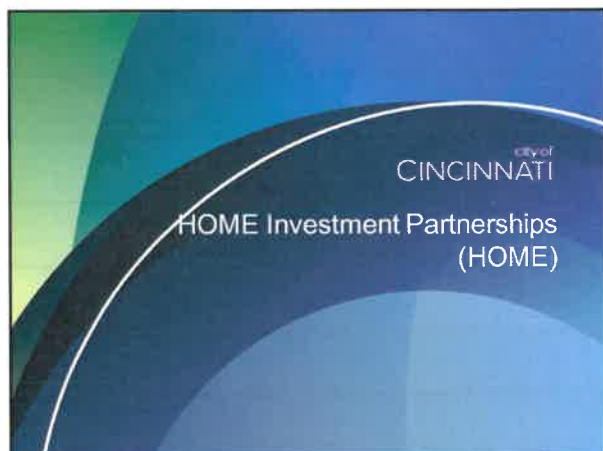
0% of 2016 CDBG Program Allocation

This program assists families living in high poverty areas find alternative housing solutions in lower poverty areas. The program also provides outreach services to increase landlord participation in the voucher program in lower-poverty areas.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$245,375	\$40,375 – \$55,000	200 units	215
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$0	5 units	0 (0%)

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HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

- HOME provides federal funds exclusively for affordable housing for low-income households
- 15% reserved for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) development projects; 5% for CHDO operating support
- 12.5% Match requirement from non-federal sources
- 10% Administration and Planning Cap
- Affordability requirements
 - 20 years new construction rental
 - 5 – 15 years homeownership construction, rental rehab
 - Rent limitations and purchase price limits

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HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

- 8 programs with 5 HUD goals
 1. Promote homeownership
 2. Rehab affordable multi-family housing
 3. Provide supportive services for renters
 4. Provide operating support for non-profits
 5. Support Homeless Shelters and Other Homeless Housing

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HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

Allocations

- 2015 Program Allocation \$2,054,476
- 2016 Program Allocation \$2,014,524
- 2017 Assumed Program Allocation \$2,014,524

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HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME)

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Affordable Multi-Family Rental

45.6% of 2016 HOME Program Allocation

AMFR Program provides gap financing loans for multifamily dwellings, with at minimum 10 units, for substantial renovations aiding low and very low-income families. The amount of funding and number of units determine the length of time the units must remain affordable.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$4,287,092	\$580,277 - \$1,753,357	247 units	378
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$1,356,726	\$950,255	125 units	43 (34%)

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CoreFour Strategic Housing

19.1% of 2016 HOME Program Allocation

The CoreFour Strategic Housing Program provides targeted investments in affordable rental and home ownership housing projects with a minimum of 4 units throughout the City and targeted neighborhoods. This program utilizes CDBG and HOME funding.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$1,291,731	\$0 - \$800,000	165 units	208
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$400,000	10 units	0 (0%)

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CHDO Development Projects

15% of 2016 HOME Program Allocation

HUD requires that at least 15% of the HOME grant be used in rental and homeowner development projects in partnership with certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). The City has 4 certified CHDOs.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
-	-	-	-
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$305,623	\$314,967	40 units	0 (0%)

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Single Family Homeownership Development

10.5% of 2016 HOME Program Allocation

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati builds and rehabs homes for low-mod first time homebuyers. The program provides construction funds and homebuyer assistance.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$1,155,000	\$165,000 - \$330,000	45 units	48

Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$220,000	30 units	3 (10%)

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Operating Support for CHDOs

5% of 2016 HOME Program Allocation

HUD requires that at least 5% of the HOME grant be used in operating support for certified CHDOs, of which the City has 4 certified CHDOs. These funds cover staff time, rent charges, and any other operating costs of the CHDOs.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$729,265	\$109,265 - \$200,000	30 orgs.	35

Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$101,754	\$104,988	20 orgs	10 (50%)

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Down Payment Assistance

4.8% of 2016 HOME Program Allocation

The program funds down payment and home buyer counseling for the purchase of single family housing by low-mod first-time homebuyers. The program will cover 4 – 5% of the purchase price, not to exceed \$5,000, and has a 5-year residency requirement.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$1,242,283	\$203,125 - \$276,700	200 units	215

Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$100,000	125 units	70 (56%)

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Permanent Supportive Housing

0% of 2016 HOME Program Allocation

The Permanent Supportive Housing Program will provide partial financing for the construction or rehabilitation of new transitional housing units and new permanent supportive housing units as outlined in the Homeless to Homes Plan for the City of Cincinnati.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$543,352	\$0 - \$543,352	600 units	0
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$0	\$0	1 unit	85 (>100%)

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Tenant Based Rental Assistance

0% of 2016 HOME Program Allocation

This program is operated by Hamilton County and provides the TBRA to households with one or more persons with disabilities. TBRA covers a portion of household rent payments over a 12-month period and services about 70 people.

Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2014			
Total Funding	Funding Range	5-year Benchmark	5-year Actual
\$1,800,000	\$0 - \$500,000	425 units	445
Consolidated Plan 2015 – 2019			
2015	2016	5-year Benchmark	Progress To Date
\$290,733	\$0	350 units	88 (19%)

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THANK YOU!

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Comments, Questions, Concerns:

Aisha.Tzillati@Cincinnati-Oh.gov

(513) 352-4982

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2015 CDAB CDBG Priorities

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| 1. Homeowner Rehab Loan Servicing | 2. Strategic Housing (Core 4) | 3. NBDIP |
| 4. Housing Repair Services | 5. Compliance Assistance Elderly | 6. Operating Support for CDCs |
| 7. Commercial and Industrial Redevelop. | 8. AMFRP | 9. Emergency Mortgage Assistance |
| 10. Concentrated Code Enforcement | 11. Historic Stabilization | 12. Code Enforcement Relocation |
| 13. Hazard Abatement | 14. Tenant Representation | 15. Summer Youth Employment |
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Headline: The Community Builder's HUD Settlement Agreement

Neighborhood: Citywide, Avondale, Over-the-Rhine, and Walnut Hills

Background:

The Community Builders, Inc. (TCB) executed a Settlement Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on November 10, 2016. Several of TCB's residential properties receiving HUD Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) were found to have unsatisfactory Real Estate Assessment Center (REACT) scores. REACT scores provide a method of determining whether housing is in safe and decent conditions. As a result, HUD and TCB reached a settlement agreement to resolve the deficiencies and other actions HUD has imposed on TCB.

TCB is a grant recipient of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2), a competitive grant awarded in 2009 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Settlement Agreement orders TCB to provide the City with \$1,500,000 of their NSP2 funds, naming the program the Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund (CHIF). The agreement specifies that these funds must comply with NSP2 program requirements and be utilized for affordable rental housing.

Eligible use of NSP2 funds includes acquisition and renovation of foreclosed or abandoned residential properties. Of the \$1,500,000, the Settlement Agreement also specifies \$500,000 be spent in the neighborhoods of Walnut Hills, Avondale, and Over-the-Rhine on eligible projects. The remaining \$1,000,000 may be spent citywide on eligible projects. The Agreement also specifies TCB may allow the City to administer these funds and have primary responsibility for administration, monitoring, and compliance.

In order to receive the funds, the City and TCB will need to enter into an NSP2 Subrecipient Agreement. With the subrecipient agreement, the City would then be required to report to TCB as their subrecipient of the funds. HUD and TCB are anxious to get this particular grant program closed out and have indicated this is not preferable, as well as the City not wanting to be subject to TCB as the lead administrator.

In order to allow the City to administer these funds without TCB's involvement, the NSP2 program income can be receipted to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as program income. The funds would then be subject to CDBG rules and regulations, with the caveat that all projects will also be NSP2 eligible. New construction would not be an eligible use of these funds, only renovation activities. HUD will require the City to establish a separate fund to track this program individually, which is how all City CDBG programs and projects are currently set up. The City would be required to report on the CHIF program in all applicable Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports. HUD and TCB have not indicated a timeliness issue with the funds used as CDBG, nor a specific unit production goal. With CDBG funds, the City will have 8 years to expend, as with each year's respective allocation.

ITEM 4 A report and recommendation for the proposed lease of City-owned property adjacent to Babb Alley in the Schmidt Sports Complex for the property located at 2943 Riverside Drive in the East End. (Ellis)

ITEM 5 A report and recommendation for two proposed easements in the rights-of-way at West 15th Street and Vine Street and 15th Street and Parvis Alley in Over-the-Rhine. (Ellis)

ITEM 6 A report and recommendation for the proposed easement in the right-of-way for the removal and new construction of staircases for 969-971 Parkside Place in Mt. Adams. (Ellis)

CONSENT ITEMS - QUASI-JUDICIAL Governed by Section 5 F.[G.] of the City Planning Commission Rules

<http://tinyurl.com/CPCprocedures>

ITEM 7 A report and recommendation on a Dedication Plat for Kemp Street and a Record Plat for Hillman Point Subdivision in Over-the-Rhine. (Weaver)

ITEM 8 A report and recommendation on a variance to the Zoning Code to permit the subdivision of land at 979 Hatch Street in Mount Adams. (Weaver)

DISCUSSION ITEM – LEGISLATIVE

ITEM 9 A report and recommendation on text amendments to the Cincinnati Zoning Code, specifically Section 1401: Definitions and Sections 1405-1413 to give “convenience markets” their own definition and to add “convenience markets” as a land use category in every zoning district where “food markets” are listed, with “convenience markets” limited to a maximum of 2,500 square feet as part of a mixed-use building in the Commercial Neighborhood – Pedestrian (CN-P) zoning district and having the same regulations as “food markets” in all other zoning districts. (Weaver)

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The 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan can be

the granting of an easement within the right-of-way at 2530 Handasyde Court in Hyde Park. (Porter)

ITEM 3 A report and recommendation on the sale and vacation of Lee Place in Avondale. (Porter)

DISCUSSION ITEMS – QUASI-JUDICIAL

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PRE HEARING LOCATION: 805 Central Avenue, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
 APPLICANT: ARP COMMERCIAL LLC
 REFERENCE REQUEST: The applicant requests conditional use approval for a cultural institution in the Over the Rhine Historic District.

CASE NUMBER: COA2017051
 SUBJECT PROPERTY: 1228 E MCMILLAN ST
 BOARD HEARING: HISTORIC CONSERVATION BOARD
 HEARING DATE: 08 28 2017 at 3:00 PM
 HEARING LOCATION: 805 Central Avenue, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
 HISTORIC DISTRICT: W. J. Williams YMCA Landmark
 PRE HEARING DATE: 08 09 2017 at 11:00am
 PRE HEARING LOCATION: 805 Central Avenue, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
 APPLICANT: 1228 MCMILLAN LLC
 REFERENCE REQUEST: The applicant requests conditional use approval for multi family residential units and a numerical parking variance related to the development of Williams YMCA Historic District.

CASE NUMBER: COA2017047
 SUBJECT PROPERTY: 1706 CENTRAL PKWY
 BOARD HEARING: HISTORIC CONSERVATION BOARD
 HEARING DATE: 08 28 2017 at 3:00 PM
 HEARING LOCATION: 805 Central Avenue, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
 HISTORIC DISTRICT: Over the Rhine Historic District
 PRE HEARING DATE: 08 09 2017 at 10:00am
 PRE HEARING LOCATION: 805 Central Avenue, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
 APPLICANT: JACOB HODESH
 REFERENCE REQUEST: The applicant requests a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a two story deck in the Over the Rhine Historic District.

CASE NUMBER: COA2017048
 SUBJECT PROPERTY: 1616 PLEASANT ST
 BOARD HEARING: HISTORIC CONSERVATION BOARD
 HEARING DATE: 08 28 2017 at 3:00 PM
 HEARING LOCATION: 805 Central Avenue, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
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PRE HEARING DATE: 08 09 2017 at 9:00am
 PRE HEARING LOCATION: 805 Central Avenue, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
 APPLICANT: ERIC STEAR
 REFERENCE REQUEST: The applicant requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for new infill construction of a two family residence, and Zoning Relief for lot area and width, setbacks and building height in the Over the Rhine Historic District.

The Board has the duty to provide notice of its hearing postmarked at least seven days in advance of the hearing to all property owners located within two hundred feet of the boundaries of the Subject Property, as per Cincinnati Zoning Code §1435-09-1-E. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to review the project and to ask questions prior to the hearing. No decision on the application will be made at the pre-hearing conference. Questions and concerns should be directed to the Historic Conservation Office:

Beth Johnson
 805 Central Ave, Suite 500
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
 513-352-4848
Urban.conservator@cincinnati-oh.gov

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC CONFERENCE ON A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On **Thursday May 19, 2016 at 5:00 PM**, the staff of the Department of City Planning will hold a public conference in the J. Martin Griesel Room, Two Centennial Plaza, Seventh Floor, 805 Central Avenue, on the Final Development Plan review for PD-75 at 1725 Madison Road in East Walnut Hills. The purpose of this conference is to gather information on how the proposed Final Development Plan will affect the general welfare of the community.

Location of Proposed Change:
1725 Madison Road

Proposed Change: Final Development Plan review for PD-75

Reason for Proposed Change: The zone change (from RMX "Residential Mixed" to PD Planned Development) and concept plan was approved by Council on September 23, 2015. The applicant is seeking Final Development Plan approval. Currently this property is vacant and the proposal is to tear portions of the church down saving the church steeple and the front façade and construct nine new single family houses with garages.

PD Planned Development: The specific purposes of the PD Planned Development District are to:

(a) Establish a procedure for the development of land in order to allow for a more efficient and economic development of property than

ordinarily permitted by conventional zoning and subdivision regulations.

(b) Ensure orderly and thorough planning and review procedures that lead to quality design and development.

(c) Encourage common open space and provide for its maintenance.

A **Final Development Plan** is the more specific plan for a development including but not limited to the following:

1. Survey, site plan, engineering plans, schematic building plans
2. Open space, landscape plans
3. Schedule, ownership, uses and any other pertinent information

Owner/Petitioner: Doug Hinger
D.HAS
288 Compton Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

Individuals with disabilities requiring special accommodations to participate in or attend this meeting should call 352-4888. Information, requests, and communications should be directed to the office listed below.

Caroline Hardy Kellam
Senior City Planner
Department of City Planning
Two Centennial Plaza
805 Central Avenue, Suite 720
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
513-352-4857(Phone)

E-mail: caroline.kellam@cincinnati-oh.gov

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CIN-EN Kentucky Enquirer	CIN-Public/Legal Notices	1	05/06/2016	05/06/2016

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Future Blooms

The program Future Blooms artistically enhanced vacant buildings by painting doors, window, awnings and flower boxes on the boarded up doors and windows. Future Blooms also greened vacant, abandoned lots by cleaning, grading, greening, adding a tree where appropriate and placing a signature fence around a portion of the lot.

Program started in 2010 and ran through 2014.

Set up as: Interim Assistance, Slum Blight Area Basis

Interim Assistance is only for activities undertaken either to: 24 CFR 570.201 (f)(1) and 24 CFR 570.200 (e)

- Make limited improvements (e.g., repair of streets, sidewalks, or public buildings) intended solely to arrest further deterioration of physically deteriorated areas prior to making permanent improvements.

- Alleviate emergency conditions threatening public health and safety, such as removal of tree limbs or other debris after a major storm.

- It must be determined that immediate action is needed to arrest the deterioration.

- Activities are limited to repair of: streets, sidewalks, public buildings, parks and playgrounds, publicly owned utilities.

A program must meet one of the basic eligibility activities: acquisition, disposition, public facilities and improvements, clearance (demolition) and remediation activities, public services, interim assistance, relocation, loss of rental income, privately owned utilities, rehabilitation, and construction of housing, code enforcement, special economic development activities, microenterprise assistance, and homeownership assistance. 24 CFR 570.201 Basic eligible activities

Categorically ineligible activities: buildings or portions thereof used for the general conduct of government, general government expenses, political activities, purchase of equipment, operating and maintenance expenses, new housing construction, and income payments. 24 CFR 570.207

After conferring with HUD, this program had questions as to whether or not it complied with an eligible activity. It was recommended to remove this program from CDBG project list and only fund with general funds moving forward.

Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach

United Way has had this long-standing program which utilized the City's print shop to print marketing materials. Marketing has been very effective and printing materials is no longer necessary. Subject to the Public Services cap.

Financial and Credit Union Services

Initially established to help unbanked households open affordable bank accounts with mainstream financial institutions. Program was funded one year (2013). The subrecipient went bankrupt. There have not been any requests to re-start this program. Program receives low community and CDAB priority. Subject to the Public Services cap.

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 214

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to submit a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to: (i) expand the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas to include eligible census tracts within the neighborhoods of North and South Fairmount, English Woods, Bond Hill, Roselawn, East Price Hill, West Price Hill, Sedamsville, Riverside, Mt. Airy, Fay Apartments, East End, Linwood, Winton Hills, Spring Grove Village, and Camp Washington; and (ii) remove various programs from the Plan; namely, Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach, Financial and Credit Union Services, and Future Blooms.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati participates in and receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") pursuant to which the City makes grants to qualified recipients under the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME"), Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG"), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS ("HOPWA") programs; and

WHEREAS, the City's participation in these programs and the receipt of federal funding is guided by the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (the "Plan"), which was previously approved by HUD; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas ("NRSAs") currently identified in the Plan consist of eligible census tracts in the neighborhoods of College Hill, Madisonville, Lower Price Hill, South Cumminsville/Millvale, Avondale, Walnut Hills, Laurel Homes, Lincoln Court, and the area covered by the City's Empowerment Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the Plan to expand the list of NRSAs (and thereby increase the number of qualified federal grant recipients) to add eligible census tracts in the neighborhoods of North and South Fairmount, English Woods, Bond Hill, Roselawn, East Price Hill, West Price Hill, Sedamsville, Riverside, Mt. Airy, Fay Apartments, East End, Linwood, Winton Hills, Spring Grove Village, and Camp Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City also desires to amend the Plan to remove certain CDBG programs from the Plan for which the City no longer provides CDBG funds; namely, Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach, Financial and Credit Union Services, and Future Blooms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 91, in order to amend the Plan for such purposes, the City is required to invite public comment regarding the proposed changes and prepare a Substantial Amendment to the Plan for HUD's review and approval; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

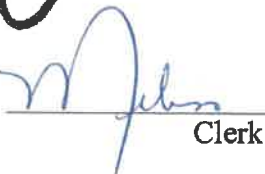
Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a Substantial Amendment to the City of Cincinnati's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (the "Plan") to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in order to: (i) expand the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas under the Plan to include eligible census tracts in the neighborhoods of North and South Fairmount, English Woods, Bond Hill, Roselawn, East Price Hill, West Price Hill, Sedamsville, Riverside, Mt. Airy, Fay Apartments, East End, Linwood, Winton Hills, Spring Grove Village, and Camp Washington; and (ii) remove the Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach, Financial and Credit Union Services, and Future Blooms programs from the Plan.

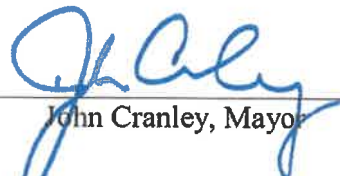
Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1 hereof, including without limitation executing any and all necessary or appropriate contracts and ancillary documents.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the City's Department of Community and Economic Development to finalize the proposed Substantial Amendment to the Plan and submit it to HUD in a timely manner for approval, thereby increasing the number of potential federal grant recipients at the earliest possible time, for the betterment of the affected communities.

Passed: June 22, 2016

Attest:


Clerk


John Cranley, Mayor

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2017 Annual Action Plan
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POLICE AUCTIONS

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HELLO CINCINNATI NEIGHBOR,

Each biennial budget cycle, the City of Cincinnati asks for your feedback on the proposed city budget. We continue to offer new and convenient ways to stay engaged with the community and broaden our outreach. The Budget Office, The Department of City Planning, and Office of Communications have collaborated to further enhance communication and engagement strategies throughout the budget process. The main goal of this budget engagement campaign is to keep you informed and engaged throughout the entire process.

Here are the multiple opportunities to participate in the budget engagement process:

- Visit the Cincinnati Finance & Budget Website (<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/finance/budget/>)
- Take our Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/budgetengag1>)
- Watch our Budget Basics Video (currently in production stages)
- Look over the Budget Presentation
- E-mail us at budget@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Tell us your Suggestions here: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/neighborhood-project-suggestions/>
- Sign up to come to a "Budget Basics" Presentation <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/basicsignup>
- Sign up to participate in a Public Input Forum <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pifsignup>

Please visit our website (<http://cincinnati-oh.gov/finance/cincinnati-budget-engagement/>) where you will find all of these links and more information about when and where the sessions and forums are taking place this summer and fall.

We welcome and greatly appreciate your feedback. Please feel free to pass the word along to your neighbors as everyone's input is important!

Thank you,
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2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

Every five years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the recipients of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds to prepare a five-year consolidated plan (<http://choosecincy.com/Cincinnati/media/Cincinnati/Com%20Dev%20PDFs/2015-2019-Consolidated-Plan.pdf?ext=.pdf>) that provides the framework for the process that will be used by the City to identify housing homeless, special populations, community and economic development needs and resources.

Please note: Not included in the web versions of the plan are the application for federal assistance forms, the various certifications the City must file with HUD, or the notices of public hearings. All of these materials may be obtained by contacting Aisha Tzillah at 513.352.4982.

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