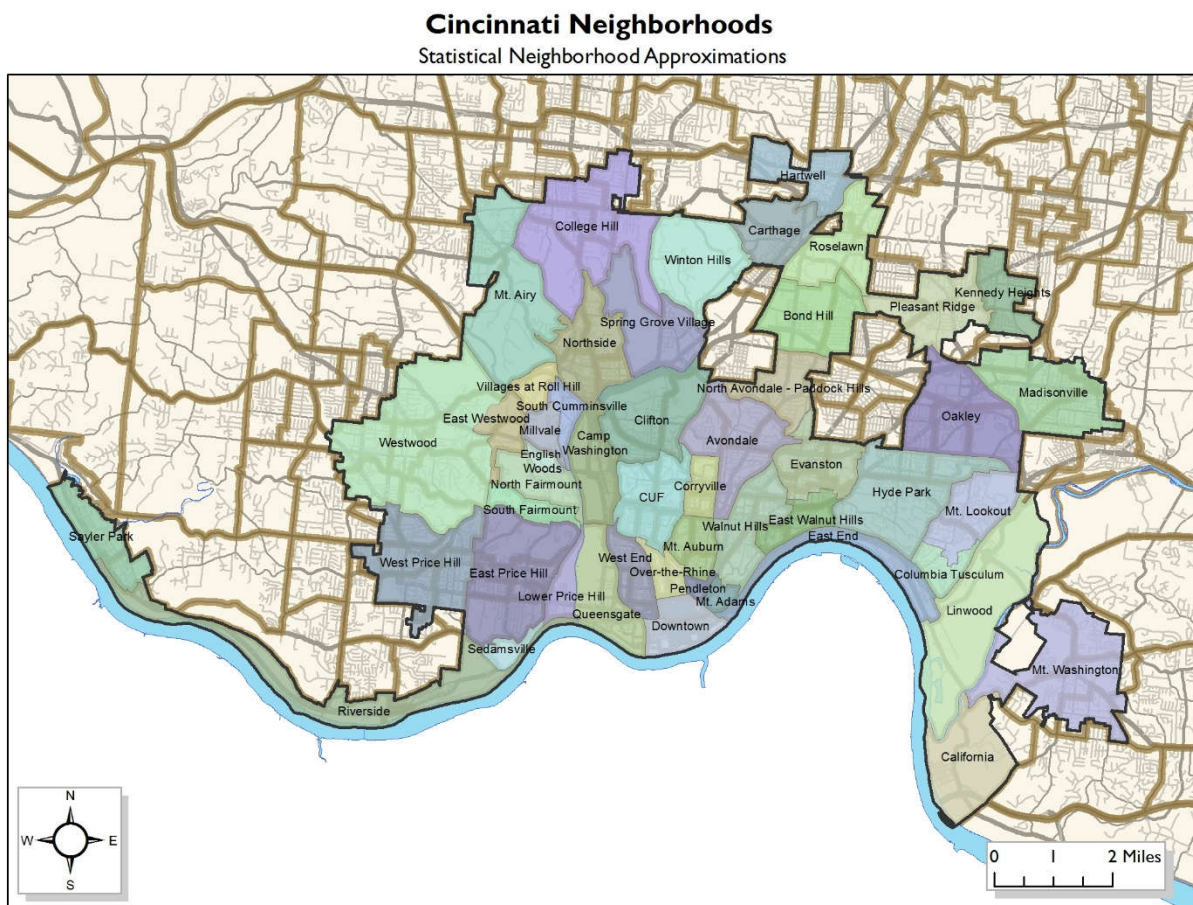




City of Cincinnati 2021 Annual Action Plan



Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Cincinnati's 2021 Annual Action Plan presents a series of initiatives to be accomplished between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, which corresponds to the City's Fiscal Year 2021 (January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021) and Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021). 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 reflects the annual goals and objectives set-forth in the Five-Year 2020 – 2024 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 2020 – 2024 Strategic Plan. These goals, objectives and outcomes were selected based on community priorities, prior performance evaluations, 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 and economic self-sufficiency programs;
 - Maintain and improve the quantity and quality of affordable housing for low to moderate income homeowners and renters;
 - Commercial and industrial redevelopment; and
 - Public service activities and supportive services for low to moderate income persons and persons experiencing homelessness.
- HOME programs:
 - Expand, maintain, and improve the quantity and quality of affordable housing for very low and extremely low-income individuals;
 - Down payment assistance for low to moderate-income first-time home buyers; and
 - 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.
 - ESG Programs:
 - At minimum \$500,000 is set aside for annually shelter and related supportive services and operation, this amount is currently maxed at 60% of the annual ESG entitlement allocation;
 - Rapid Re-housing services receive the balance of the funding; and
 - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services under Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing as well as long-term Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), security deposits, and utilities.
 - 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; and
- Emergency shelter and medical care for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS.

The Consolidated Plan priorities factored in the following items: Public Ranking, Community Development Advisory Board Input, staff input, Needs Analysis, Market Analysis, efficiency and 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 2020 of the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan’s goals and objectives were reported in the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which was submitted to HUD on March 31, 2021.

4. Summary of Public Participation Process and consultation process – *Summary from public participation section of plan.*

The City of Cincinnati’s Department of Community and Economic Development manages the development and implementation for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs and provides guidance to all City departments and subrecipients receiving project funding. On March 15, 2021, the entitlement programs accomplishments from calendar year 2020 were presented to the City’s Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB). At this meeting, which was held virtually, the board also provided funding priority recommendations for the established programs for 2021.

After the entitlement grants were awarded on February 25, 2021, the recommended budget was distributed to the departments and subrecipients. The City Manager submitted a Recommended Annual Action Plan Budget to City Council’s Budget and Finance Committee for deliberation and final Council approval on April 21, 2021. The City Council approval process includes another opportunity for public input.

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

A public participation survey was distributed to the community May of 2020 and was kept open and accessible on-line for at minimum 30 days. The public was engaged to select the top community needs which represented projects established in the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan. Information regarding each program in CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA was provided. A total of 139 individuals completed the survey.

The City's advisory board for the Consolidated Plan / Annual Action Plan process, the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB), held a public meeting on March 15, 2021 to discuss the 2021 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), community development corporation representative (1), and City of Cincinnati staff representation (4).

The City's recommended CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA budgets were presented before the City of Cincinnati's Budget and Finance Committee on April 12, 2021. The funding recommendations were based on CDAB and public priorities. Cincinnati Council passed the entitlement ordinances on April 21, 2021.

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.

Comments not considered included issues around transportation, illegal activities, and other concerns which are needs not addressed by the Consolidated Plan.

7. Summary

City Council made final appropriation decisions for the 2021 Annual Action Plan Budget and took the public comments into consideration. The public 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.

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	City Manager's Office
HOME Administrator	City of Cincinnati	City Manager's Office
ESG Administrator	City of Cincinnati	City Manager's Office
HOPWA Administrator	City of Cincinnati	City Manager's Office

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Cincinnati City Manager's Office administers the Consolidated Plan entitlement grants and oversees the individual projects. Projects are administered by four other city departments: City of Cincinnati Department of Community and Economic Development, City of Cincinnati Department of Buildings and Inspections Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Division, Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and 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 (CoC) 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(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Cincinnati worked with a wide array of organizations and existing networks to develop the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action 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(l))

- 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.
- The City of Cincinnati Department of Community and Economic Development and Hamilton County Department of Community Development worked collaboratively on the 2019 Assessment of Fair Housing for the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan.
- The City partners with its Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) to enhance coordination of the Annual Action Plans and public participation. This volunteer group provides Consolidated Plan group priority programs for funding determined by 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 City works with directly with local non-profit organizations to award human services funds.

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.

As required by HUD, the Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care (CoC) (OH-500) has a CoC Board that oversees all CoC operations and policies, and this board’s membership includes representatives from both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The CoC Board has selected Strategies to End Homelessness, Inc. (STEh) to serve as the CoC Lead Agency and Unified Funding Agent (UFA). In addition to STEh’s contractual relationships with HUD, STEh is under contract with the City of Cincinnati to administer ESG, HOPWA and CoC funds, and to facilitate

the work of the community related to homelessness. This work includes the following program types:

- Shelter diversion
- Street outreach
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Permanent Housing, including
 - Rapid Re-housing
 - Permanent supportive housing
- Services-only programs

The local Continuum of Care funding allocation process involves all agencies and programs who receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and also organizations that work with the homeless not receiving HUD funding. The CoC also does 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, such as targeting resources toward priority populations (e.g. chronically homeless, families with children, veterans and unaccompanied youth)
- 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.

CoC infrastructure includes a number of work groups that bring together service providers that are working to address particular issues faced by people experiencing homelessness or working to improve services available to particular sub-populations. Among these work groups are the following:

- The Family Housing Partnership, targeting the needs of homeless families
- The Homeless Veterans work group, targeting the needs of homeless veterans
- The Youth Homelessness work group, targeting the needs of homeless youth
- The Coordinated Entry work group, targeting the needs of chronically homeless individuals through the CoC Coordinated Entry process.

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. The allocation process is based on established performance measures developed in collaboration with the ESG recipients and subrecipients. The process includes baseline funding for each agency that has applied 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 jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Development Advisory Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Public Housing Authority Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Community Councils Neighborhood Organization Private Sector Banking / Financing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) is a group of individuals 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 regarding allocation of resources to the programs 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 the public at large.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Cincinnati – Hamilton County Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Strategies To End Homelessness is the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Continuum of Care that provides guidance on homeless programs, including ESG and HOPWA.
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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 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan process and no relevant agency is excluded.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of the Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
2019 Fair Housing Assessment	City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County	The 2019 Fair Housing Assessment goals and recommendations are incorporated into the Strategic Plan and reflected in the 2021 Annual Action Plan.
City of Cincinnati 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan	City of Cincinnati	The City of Cincinnati's 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan was utilized as a basis in determining the appropriate goals of the 2020 – 2024 Strategic Plan.
<i>Plan Cincinnati</i> 2012	City of Cincinnati	The 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action 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 <i>Plan Cincinnati</i> (November 2012).
<i>Family Homelessness Services Study</i> 2014	Strategies To End Homelessness	The goals as outlined in the Family Homelessness Services Study have been incorporated into the ESG and HOPWA goals as appropriate.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of public participation process/Efforts made to broaden public participation

The City of Cincinnati's overall public participation policy for the HUD entitlement grant programs include: at minimum two public participation events annually for comments to be received regarding the Annual Action plan funding priorities and accomplishments from the prior year, at minimum two Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) meetings to discuss yearly allocations and performance reports, City Bulletin posting of each meeting, and web site postings of Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports, and public and CDAB events. Meeting invites are distributed to community groups, subrecipients, and stake holders.

In finalizing the 2021 Annual Action Plan Budget, the City accepted comments received from the public during calendar year 2020. The input was received via an on-line survey that was open during the spring of 2020. Public input is solicited year-round. The City's recommended CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA budgets were presented and passed before the City of Cincinnati's Budget and Finance Committee on April 12, 2021. The funding recommendations were based on CDAB priorities, public priorities, City staff recommendations, prior years' resources, program performance, and current crisis situation.

Any changes to the Strategic Plan will be made through a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan. A substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan requires public notice with a 30-day opportunity to comment, which can be expedited to 5-days due to the pandemic, notice to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB), recommendation from the City Manager and approval from City Council through an Authorizing Ordinance. For substantial amendments, a public hearing before the City Council may be held, if necessary. Following this process involving the City Manager, the public, the CDAB, and City Council, the request is submitted to HUD for review and approval.

A substantial amendment is defined to include the following situations: the addition or removal of programs from the Consolidated Plan. However, creation of a new program addressing an Urgent Need national objective shall not be considered a substantial amendment.

CDAB Results:

1	Strategic Housing Initiatives Program
2	Neighborhood Business District Improvement
3	Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission
4	Project LIFT

5	Housing Repair Services
6	Hand Up Initiative
7	Emergency Mortgage Assistance
8	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly
9	Operating Support for CDCs
10	Youth and Young Adult Employment
11	Fair Housing Services
12	Tenant Representation
13	Concentrated Code Enforcement
14	Hazard Abatement Program
15	Small Business Services
16	Code Enforcement Relocation
17	Historic Stabilization of Structures
18	Housing Choice Mobility Program
19	Vacant Lot Reutilization
20	Blueprint For Success
21	Lead Hazard Testing Program
22	Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment
23	Green Urban Watershed Restoration
24	Findlay Market Operating Support

Public Input Results:

Rank	Community Priority	Federally Funded Program
1	Improving neighborhood business districts	Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program
2	Employment training programs for the under- and non-employed	Hand Up Initiative
3	Homeowner repair assistance for very low-income persons	Housing Repair Services
4	Youth and young adult job training programs	Youth and Young Adult Employment Program
5	Rehab, new construction of affordable housing	Strategic Housing Initiatives Program
6	Housing repairs for the elderly and/or disabled	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly
7	Small business assistance and loans	Small Business Services
8	Homelessness prevention and assistance	Project Lift
9	Converting vacant lots into pocket parks or urban gardens	Vacant Lot Reutilization
10	Historic building preservation	Historic Stabilization of Structures

11	Lower concentrations of poverty in your neighborhood	Housing Choice Mobility Program
12	Operating support for non-profit community development organizations	Operating Support for CDCs
13	On-the-job training programs in construction	Blueprint For Success
14	Down payment assistance for first time homebuyers	American Dream Downpayment Initiative
15	Environmental cleanup of contaminated sites	Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment
16	Demolishing and barricading vacant buildings	Hazard Abatement Program
17	Building code violation enforcement	Concentrated Code Enforcement
18	Legal assistance for tenants	Tenant Representation
19	Relocation assistance from dilapidated housing	Code Enforcement Relocation
20	Emergency mortgage payment assistance and counseling	Emergency Mortgage Assistance
21	Childhood lead poisoning prevention	Lead Hazard Testing Program
22	Housing discrimination assistance	Fair Housing Services
23	Mill Creek watershed improvement	Green Urban Watershed Restoration
24	Findlay Market assistance and expansion	Findlay Market Operating Support

Public Participation Outreach

#	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
1	Cincinnati Speaks!	Non-targeted / Broad Community	139	The community ranked all programs by ranking the needs addressed.	All programs were ranked and funded according to established need.
2	Community Development Advisory Board	Public Meeting	March 15, 2021 Quorum in attendance	CDAB reviewed past performance measures and provided funding priorities for the established programs.	CDAB rankings were considered with the funding of the programs.
3	Social Media	Non-targeted / Broad Community	Year-round	All comments were reviewed.	Ineligible activities and activities that are covered by non-federal resources.
4	Departmental Meetings	City Staff	Several meetings	City of Cincinnati Department of Community and Economic Development, City of Cincinnati Property Maintenance Code Enforcement, Cincinnati Recreation Center	Program descriptions were enhanced and expanded to include flexibility in delivery.
5	Cincinnati Council	Public Hearing	April 21, 2021	The City Council voted on the entitlement program's budget passage.	
6	Focus groups for fair housing	Targeted populations	Several	18 stakeholder interviews, 8 geographically based focus groups, 5 protected class focus groups, 1 community survey with 494 respondents, 1 housing professional survey with 218 respondents	Summarized in the 2019 Fair Housing Assessment Plan
7	Strategies To End Homelessness (STEH)	Targeted population	Several meetings	STEH provided input regarding the needs and priorities of the homeless and special needs population.	

Table 4 – Public Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Expected Amount Available Year 2 – 2021			Narrative Description
	Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	\$11,603,976	\$350,455.11	\$11,954,431.11	Acquisition Administration Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services
HOME	\$2,737,925	\$170,329.05	\$2,908,254.05	Homebuyer assistance Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership Administration
HOPWA	\$1,281,332	\$0	\$1,281,332.00	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement STRMU Short term or transitional housing facilities Supportive services TBRA
ESG	\$997,610	\$	\$997,610.00	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

The City of Cincinnati's 2021 Entitlement Awards and current program income amounts are listed above. HOME Investment Partnerships Program budgets 2021 allocation with 2020 program income to determine the total project amount available. CDBG budgets with 2021 entitlement

allocation and the program income received to date during calendar year 2020. At the end of the calendar year, CDBG may be reconciled with the remaining 2021 program income received to carry projects and activities through the first part of the next calendar year to avoid a disruption of services provided.

For CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA, the maximum caps are employed. The following illustrate the calculations for allocation the administration amounts:

CDBG Administration 20% cap:

CY2021 CDBG Grant Award	\$11,603,976.00
+Available Program Income	\$350,455.11
Total Amount	\$11,954,431.11
-Administration (20%)	(\$2,390,886.00)
Maximum Program Amount	\$9,563,545.11
-Less Section 108 debt service	(\$367,000.00)
CDBG Program Total	\$9,196,545.11

CDBG Public Service 15% cap:

15% of 2021 Entitlement + 2020 Program Income	\$1,793,164.00
Tenant Representation	\$230,000.00
Emergency Mortgage Assistance	\$190,000.00
Youth and Young Adult Employment	\$725,000.00
Fair Housing Services	\$170,000.00
Blueprint For Success	\$0.00
Housing Choice Mobility Program	\$25,000.00
CDBG Public Service Total Allocation	\$1,340,000.00

The CDBG-funded programs Hand Up Initiative and Project Lift will focus on residents residing within an approved NRSA only, unless flexibility is offered for public service activities due to the crisis situation.

HOME Administration 10% cap and CHDO Development Project 15% cap:

CY2020 HOME Grant Award	\$2,737,925.00
+Program Income	\$170,329.05
Total Amount	\$2,908,254.05
-Administration (10%)	(\$290,825.00)
HOME Program Total	\$2,617,429.05
15% of HOME Allocation for CHDO Development Projects	\$410,689.00

The City of Cincinnati utilizes the Community Reinvestment Area Residential and Commercial Tax Abatement Program primarily for the HOME match requirements. Unless the City of Cincinnati is designated as a fiscally distressed jurisdiction with a reduced match liability requirement, the City will meet the required 25% match amount.

ESG 7.5% Administration Cap and emergency shelter activity cap:

CY2021 Grant Award	\$997,610.00
Homeless Shelters and Other Homeless Housing (60% max of allocation)	\$598,566.00
ESG Administration (7.5% max of allocation)	\$74,820.00

HOPWA 3% Administration Cap:

CY2021 Grant Award	\$1,281,332.00
HOPWA Administration (3% max of allocation)	\$38,439.00

Each project sponsor receiving HOPWA funding is capped at 7% administration of the total funds received.

For additional resources for the City of Cincinnati, the City is anticipating applying for a CDBG Section 108 loan pool up to the current availability. The current Section 108 Loan Authority availability is \$33,918,880. The City passed Ordinance 122-2021 to provide submission of a Substantial Amendment to the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan to apply in an amount up to \$34,000,000 for the proposed pf funding a loan pool for financing the acquisition and rehabilitation costs related to affordable housing. The Ordinance was passed by City Council on April 14, 2021.

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); Strategic Housing Initiatives Program; Operating Support for Community Development Corporations (CDCs); Small Business Services; Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment; Historic Stabilization of Structures; Green Urban Watershed Restoration; Findlay Market Operating Support; and Vacant Lot Reutilization. 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: Single Family Homeownership Development;

Strategic Housing Initiatives Program; Operating Support for Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs); CHDO Development Projects; and the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) Program. All eligible projects receive the City's Community Reinvestment Area Residential or Commercial Tax Abatement upon City Council authorization. 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 HOME local match requirement.

If appropriate, describe publicly 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. Programs in the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan to address the use of publicly owned land – Strategic Housing Initiatives Program and the Vacant Lot Reutilization Program. The City has compiled an inventory on the City owned parcels and properties. The available properties are posted on the City's website, www.choosecincy.com, with an interactive map and property descriptions. Redevelopment projects will be selected using a competitive process under a Notice Of Funding Availability application.

Discussion

The City of Cincinnati operates a program titled Cincinnati Land Reutilization Program (CLRP) to address non-productive publicly 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

Goals Summary Information

Goal Name	Needs Addressed	Geographic Area	2021 Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	City-wide	CDBG: \$2,449,367 HOME: \$2,480,533	Rental units constructed, Rental units rehabilitated, Homeowner housing added, Homeowner housing rehabilitated, Direct financial assistance to homeowners
Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide, NRSAs	CDBG: \$3,200,000	Public service activities other than housing benefit
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	CDBG: \$1,641,545 HOME: \$136,896	Businesses rehabilitated, Acres remediated, Businesses assisted
Neighborhood Stabilization	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	CDBG: \$1,625,000	Rental units rehabilitated, Buildings demolished, Housing code enforcement
Homelessness Prevention	Homeless	City-wide	ESG: \$913,790	TBA, RRH, Homeless shelters, Homelessness prevention
Special Needs	Non-Homeless Special Need	EMSA	HOPWA: \$1,242,893	Housing and operations for persons with HIV/AIDS

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions:

Goal Name	Program	Grant Program	Goal Outcome 2021	Goal Indicator
Affordable Housing	American Dream Down-payment Initiative	HOME	20	Direct financial assistance to homebuyer
	Community Housing Development Organizations Development Projects	HOME	8	Rental units constructed
	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly	CDBG	10	Homeowner housing rehabilitated
	Floating Initiatives for Strategic Housing	CDBG		
	Homeowner Rehab Loan Servicing	CDBG	1	Other
	Housing Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission	CDBG	15	Homeowner housing rehabilitated
	Housing Repair Services	CDBG	1,100	Homeowner housing rehabilitated
	Rotating Initiatives for Strategic Housing	CDBG		
	Strategic Housing Initiatives Program	CDBG HOME	10 20	Rehab units Units constructed
	Single Family Homeownership Program	HOME	3	Homeowner housing added
Public Services	Blueprint For Success	CDBG	7	Persons assisted
	Emergency Mortgage Assistance	CDBG	100	Persons assisted
	Fair Housing	CDBG	1,000	Persons assisted
	Hand Up Initiative	CDBG	500	Persons assisted
	Housing Choice Mobility Program	CDBG	10	Persons assisted
	Project Lift	CDBG	300	Persons assisted
	Tenant Representation	CDBG	200	Persons assisted
	Urgent Public Health Crisis Response Program	CDBG	200	Persons assisted
	Youth and Young Adult Employment Program	CDBG	500	Persons assisted
Economic Development	Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment	CDBG	2	Acres remediated

Economic Development	Findlay Market Operating Support	CDBG	1	Businesses assisted
	Green Urban Watershed Restoration	CDBG	1	Businesses assisted
	Operating Support for Community Development Corporations	CDBG	10	Businesses assisted
	Operating Support for Community Housing Development Organizations	HOME	2	Businesses assisted
	Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program	CDBG	10	Businesses rehabilitated / Façade improvement
	Small Business Services	CDBG	40	Businesses assisted
Neighborhood Stabilization	Concentrated Code Enforcement	CDBG	20,000	Housing code enforcement
	Hazard Abatement Program	CDBG	250	Buildings demolished
	Historic Stabilization of Structures	CDBG	1	Rental units rehabilitated
	Lead Hazard Testing Program	CDBG	120	Housing code enforcement
	Vacant Lot Reutilization	CDBG	2	Other
Homelessness Prevention	Code Enforcement Relocation	CDBG	20	Persons assisted
	Homeless Shelters and Housing	ESG	4,000	Persons assisted
	Homelessness Prevention	ESG		
	Rapid Re-housing	ESG	40	Households assisted
Special Needs	Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS – Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, Utility Assistance	HOPWA	200	Household housing unit
	Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS – Rapid Re-housing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance	HOPWA	25	Household housing unit
	HIV/AIDS Housing Operations	HOPWA	25	Household housing unit

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Given the limited nature of resources, the City prioritizes the needs identified through the Consolidated Planning process to direct the allocation of funds in a manner that maximizes community impact. Through the City's budgeting process, the following projects were funded to implement the Strategic Plan Goals. All entitlement annual allocations for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA, and current program income amounts and Section 108 proceeds received to date are listed in Table 5 in section AP-15. Projects that did not receive an allocation for calendar year 2021 may have prior year resources available in order to address the established goals.

Projects

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
1	CDBG \$0	7 persons assisted	Blueprint for Success	The Blueprint for Success Program is based on the Youth Build model, assisting ex-offenders, at-risk young adults, and veterans ages 18-30 in obtaining marketable construction skills while following a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum. Participants will undergo OSHA training, Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting certification, and will receive on-the-job training as part of the curriculum.
2	CDBG \$0	20 persons assisted	Code Enforcement Relocation	This project allows the City of Cincinnati to pay the first month's rent, security deposit, and 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 takes applications and provides vacancy and management company lists to clients.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
3	CDBG \$201,545	2 acres	Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment Program	The Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment Program, formerly known as The Strategic Program for Urban Redevelopment (SPUR) facilitates catalytic redevelopment of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized industrial and commercial sites throughout the City. The program focuses on addressing environmental contamination and obstacles preventing development of blighted areas, specifically in areas with imminent threats to human health and the environment. The funds are utilized for environmental assessments, contamination remediation, public improvements, infrastructure improvements, acquisition, demolition, stabilization, construction, reconstruction, installation of public works and facilities, and other related activities to facilitate redevelopment.
4	CDBG \$0	10 homeowner housing rehabilitated	Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE)	The CARE program provides grants to low income, elderly and/or disabled homeowners to correct code violations issued pursuant to an exterior property condition inspection and code enforcement action. The assistance includes correcting emergency exterior code violations such as leaking roofs, dilapidated porches, unsafe stairs, exterior wall repair, and painting.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
5	CDBG \$575,000	20,000 housing code enforcements	Concentrated Code Enforcement	Inspections of homes and businesses are conducted in low to moderate 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) include 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. 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.
6	CDBG \$190,000	100 persons assisted	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 foreclosure due to job loss, illness, death of the primary wage earner, or other circumstances beyond their control, the program may provide up to three months of mortgage payments to bring their loans current.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
7	CDBG \$170,000	1,000 persons assisted	Fair Housing Services	Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.), the area's local fair housing agency, administers this program to promote equal housing opportunities for all home seekers regardless of race, sex, color, nationality, religion, handicap, Appalachian status, marital status, sexual orientation, military, gender identity, ancestry, gender identity, transgender status, 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.
8	CDBG \$90,000	1 business assisted	Findlay Market Operating Support	Project funds increase the Corporation for Findlay Market's capacity to carry out community 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	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
9	CDBG		Floating Initiatives for Strategic Housing (FISH)	FISH will provide afloat loan for gap financing for the renovation of multifamily units and single-family development, permanent supportive housing, emergency stabilization, infrastructure, urban homesteading projects, and the construction, conversion, renovation, rehabilitation of shelters for the homeless, or assisting persons that are homeless and/or addicted to opioids by the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, installation, or rehabilitation of transitional housing (public facilities). Applicants can apply under the competitive Housing Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) that the City issues at least once a year. Applications must meet underwriting and subsidy layering requirements to be considered. Floating Initiatives for Strategic Housing is an opportunity for the City to spur transformative housing development by leveraging resources to revitalize City neighborhoods, creating long-term livability benefits.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
10	CDBG \$0	1 business assisted	Green Urban Watershed Restoration	Green Urban Watershed Restoration will work to build and strengthen capacity in order to focus on community and economic development, public facilities, community engagement, streetscape activities, and increase professional capacity. Green Urban Watershed Restoration focuses on the urban environment and civic engagement to catalyze community-driven change creating community parks and green spaces, building healthy communities, revitalizing urban waters and the communities in the urban core. The program also includes a green workforce development program providing job readiness, basic environmental and technical skills, water testing, greenhouse skills, invasive species removal and green infrastructure improvement. Participants in the job training program will receive multiple certifications and trainings pertinent to this work and job sector at large.
11	CDBG \$1,260,000	500 persons assisted	Hand Up Initiative	The Hand Up Initiative provides job readiness and job training to transition Cincinnatians out of poverty. The program will focus on residents in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs). The Hand Up Initiative recipients are tasked with providing individuals with wrap-around services for the purpose of removing barriers to employment. Those services include, but are not limited to, transportation, childcare, and employment counseling. Following completion of the Hand Up curriculum, participants receive employment counseling and coaching to facilitate appropriate job placement.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
12	CDBG \$750,000	250 buildings demolished	Hazard Abatement Program	The mission of the Hazard Abatement Program is to preserve public health, safety, and welfare through demolition or barricading of blighted buildings. The program demolishes condemned buildings after normal code enforcement activities have been exhausted. The program also secures vacant abandoned buildings against entry.
13	CDBG \$200,000	1 unit rehabilitated	Historic Stabilization of Structures	The Historic Stabilization of Structures 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 abate the public nuisance conditions without taking ownership of the property. This program is designed to maintain the public health, safety, and welfare while at the same time preserving the historic structures for potential future rehabilitation.
14	CDBG \$250,000	15 rehabilitated units	Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission	Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission (HARBOR). The program will provide financial assistance to low-income, owner-occupied homeowners that receive code violations on their property. A homeowner can be granted up to an estimated \$15,000 grant for repairs.
15	CDBG \$0	1 other	Homeowner Rehab Loan Servicing	This program provides funding to service prior year redevelopment loans. This program covers the cost of servicing past loans.
16	CDBG \$25,000	10 persons assisted	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.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
17	CDBG \$1,850,000	1,100 homeowner housing rehabilitated	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 property owner and have a maximum of \$10,000. This program will also address code violations for low income homeowners. In addition to addressing housing repairs for homeowners, this program addresses the mobility needs of disabled and elderly renters and owner-occupied units and will address healthy home issues that may be causing health effects of the occupants.
18	CDBG \$100,000	120 housing code enforcements	Lead Hazard Testing Program	Project funds are utilized for the code enforcement activities in eligible census tracts. 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. Properties with Board of Health orders for lead hazard remediation are referred to the HUD Lead Paint Hazard Control Grant program when available.
19	CDBG \$900,000	10 businesses rehabilitated	Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program	The Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program enhances the business environment in the City's neighborhood business districts by constructing streetscape, public improvements, public facilities, infrastructure, façade improvements, or other development activities. The projects are awarded on a competitive annual application process after an extensive peer review.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
20	CDBG \$300,000	10 businesses assisted	Operating Support for Community Development Corporations (CDCs)	This program provides operating and project support to build and strengthen capacity of eligible Community Development Corporations (CDCs). CDCs serve the region through rehabilitating affordable housing units, performing commercial and economic development, addressing public facilities and streetscape activities, and increasing community engagement in the neighborhoods.
21	CDBG \$600,000	300 persons assisted	Project Lift	Project Lift will target low income individuals and families to provide supportive services and improve the economic self-sufficiency of families in the region, including access to affordable housing, housing services, permanent housing placement, short-term payments for rent, mortgage, or utilities, and assistance in gaining access to government benefits. The program will focus on residents in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs).

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
22	CDBG		Revolving Initiatives for Strategic Housing (RISH)	RISH will provide revolving loan funds for gap financing for the renovation of multifamily units and single-family development, permanent supportive housing, emergency stabilization, infrastructure, urban homesteading projects, and the construction, conversion, renovation, rehabilitation of shelters for the homeless, or assisting persons that are homeless and/or addicted to opioids by the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, installation, or rehabilitation of transitional housing (public facilities). Applicants can apply under the competitive Housing Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) that the City issues at least once a year. Applications must meet underwriting and subsidy layering requirements to be considered. Revolving Initiatives for Strategic Housing is an opportunity for the City to spur transformative housing development by leveraging resources to revitalize City neighborhoods, creating long-term livability benefits.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
23	CDBG \$150,000	40 businesses assisted	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. The program includes a revolving loan program to fill financing gaps for small to mid-sized businesses that create and/or retain jobs for low to moderate-income individuals as well as funds for redevelopment activities. The program also includes financial assistance for start-up small businesses and businesses with established need.
24	CDBG \$349,367	10 rehabilitated units	Strategic Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP)	SHIP provides gap financing for the renovation of multifamily units and single-family development, permanent supportive housing, emergency stabilization, infrastructure, urban homesteading projects, and the construction, conversion, renovation, rehabilitation of shelters for the homeless, or assisting persons that are homeless and/or addicted to opioids by the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, installation, or rehabilitation of transitional housing (public facilities). Applicants can apply under the competitive Housing Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) that the City issues at least once a year. Applications must meet underwriting and subsidy layering requirements to be considered. Strategic Housing Initiatives Program is an opportunity for the City to spur transformative housing development by leveraging resources to revitalize City neighborhoods, creating long-term livability benefits.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
25	CDBG \$230,000	200 persons assisted	Tenant Representation	The Tenant Representation Program provides legal representation for low to moderate-income tenants. The program prevents homelessness by stopping unlawful evictions, corrects illegal lockouts and utility shutoffs, and requires property owners 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.
26	CDBG \$0	200 persons assisted	Urgent Public Health Crisis Response Program	Urgent Public Health Response Program will assist low income individuals and families experiencing hardship in response to public health crisis, including health services, childcare services, transportation services, job training, services for senior citizens, youth services, and services for homeless persons. The program will focus on response to public health crisis needs. This program is may also be a float loan activity if eligible. The float activities may last for up to 2.5 years before program income is received. The activities may if eligible be reimbursed by program income from various resources that may be available at a later date.
27	CDBG \$0	2 gardens	Vacant Lot Reutilization	The Vacant Lot Reutilization program funds the reuse of vacant and blighted lots in eligible census tracts into gardens or pocket parks.
28	CDBG \$725,000	500 persons assisted	Youth and Young Adult Employment Program	The Youth and Young Adult Employment Program trains youth and young adults ages 14 to 24 in the areas of workplace etiquette and basic work skills by utilizing workshops, presentations, and on-the-job experiences. The program provides recipients with opportunities to explore their interests and career options in public, nonprofit, and private organizations.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
29	HOME \$150,000	20 direct financial assistance to homebuyer	American Dream Downpayment Initiative	The American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) program funds down payment assistance for the purchase of single-family owner-occupied housing by first-time, eligible low to moderate income homebuyers or eligible homebuyers that have not owned property in the last three years. ADDI funds are not to exceed \$14,999. 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. All ADDI recipients are required to take a HUD-approved homebuyer counseling course in advance of receiving this assistance.
30	HOME \$410,689	8 rental units constructed	CHDO Development Projects	HUD requires that at least 15% of the federal HOME allocation 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. CHDOs are required to re-certify their designation bi-annually.
31	HOME \$136,896	2 businesses assisted	Operating Support for Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs)	HUD allows that up to 5% of the federal HOME allocation may be used in operating support for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). These funds may be used to cover staff time, rent charges, and any other operating costs of the certified CHDOs.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
32	HOME \$200,000	3 homeowner housing added	Single Family Homeownership Development	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati builds and renovates single family homes for low-to moderate-income homebuyers. The program provides construction subsidy and homebuyer assistance. Eligible costs include infrastructure and construction costs for newly constructed or rehabilitated units, construction alterations to blend units with existing neighborhood styles, and accessibility modifications.
33	HOME \$1,719,844	20 units constructed	Strategic Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP)	SHIP provides gap financing for construction and renovation of multifamily units and single-family development, and permanent supportive housing. Applicants can apply under the competitive Housing Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) that the City issues at least once a year. Applications must meet underwriting and subsidy layering requirements to be considered. Strategic Housing Initiatives Program is an opportunity for the City to spur transformative housing development by leveraging resources to revitalize City neighborhoods, creating long-term livability benefits.
34	ESG \$922,790	4,000 persons assisted; 40 households assisted	Emergency Solutions Grant	ESG funds the operation of emergency shelter facilities as well as essential services for the residences. A current maximum of 60% the annual ESG entitlement allocation may be utilized for shelter funds. ESG Rapid Re-Housing activities include a shelter diversion program that will serve individuals and families at risk of homelessness by providing Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services under Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing as well as long-term Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), security deposits, and utilities. ESG funds may also be used to fund Street Outreach services and protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

#	Grant	Annual Goal Outcome	Program Name	Program Description
35	HOPWA \$1,242,893	250 household units assisted	HOPWA Services and Support	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 to individuals with HIV/AIDS that require assistance with rent or mortgage expenses. HOPWA funds will also be used to support the operation of Caracole's two transitional living facilities persons displaced by HIV/AIDS. Costs will include utilities, phone, insurance, regular maintenance, supplies and residential operating staff. In addition, HOPWA funding will be used to support the cost of nursing and personal care, case management, and meals for HIV/AIDS clients. All four providers, Center for Respite Care, Northern Kentucky Health Independent District, Shelterhouse Volunteer Group, and Caracole, provide these services.
36	CDBG \$367,000		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.
37	CDBG HOME ESG HOPWA	\$2,321,064 \$290,825 \$74,820 \$38,439	Administration	20% annual CDBG entitlement allocation; 10% annual HOME entitlement allocation; 7.5% annual ESG entitlement allocation; 3% annual HOPWA entitlement allocation

Table 7 – 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 the public through the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) and the public hearing process. The CDAB is a volunteer 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 that were recommended were approved for funding in CY 2020.

Any changes to the Annual Action Plan will be made through a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan. A substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan requires public notice with a 30-day opportunity to comment, including notice to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB), recommendation from the City Manager and approval from City Council through an Authorizing Ordinance. For substantial amendments, a public hearing before the City Council may be held, if necessary. Following this process involving the City Manager, the public, the CDAB, and City Council, the request is submitted to HUD for review and approval.

A substantial amendment is defined to include the following situations: the addition or removal of programs from the Consolidated Plan. However, creation of a new program addressing an Urgent Need national objective shall not be considered a substantial amendment.

The City is adding a new program to CDBG entitled Housing Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission (HARBOR). The program was informed and enhanced by public input requesting greater homeowner assistance resources. The program also received Community Development Advisory Board and public approval through the public engagement process through the CDAB meeting. This CDBG-funded program will provide financial assistance to low-income, owner-occupied homeowners that receive code violations on their property. A homeowner may be granted up to an estimated \$15,000 grant for repairs. It is estimated that a total of 15 homes will be addressed annually.

Generally, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds will continue to fund the same programs as in previous years. CDBG funding has changed significantly from the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan period; changes were made to address the priority needs identified to ensure timely expenditure of funds.

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.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
NRSA	25%
City-wide	75%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Discussion

For the CDBG program, the City of Cincinnati will be submitting for HUD approval new Neighborhood Reinvestment Strategy Areas (NRSA) with a new term. An NRSA is a geographical area within a neighborhood that is primarily residential and contains 70% or more of low- and moderate-income residents. NRSA designations assists with targeting CDBG resources in support of community revitalization efforts. The residential portions of the following neighborhoods that will be analyzed for NRSA eligibility are: Avondale; Bond Hill; Camp Washington; Carthage; Corryville; CUF; East End; East Price Hill; East Westwood; English Woods; Evanston; Kennedy Heights; Linwood; Lower Price Hill; Madisonville; Millvale; Mount Airy; Mount Auburn; North Fairmount; Northside; Over-the-Rhine; Pendleton; Riverside; Roselawn; Sedamsville; South Cumminsville; South Fairmount; Spring Grove Village; Villages at Roll Hill; Walnut Hills; West End; West Price Hill; Westwood; and Winton Hills.

HOPWA funding is allocated within the EMSA, and among HOPWA service providers, by the HOPWA Advisory Committee. This committee, comprised of the HOPWA recipient agencies,

Strategies to End Homelessness, City of Cincinnati, and other key HIV treatment stakeholders, looks at data pertaining to services provided, number of people and households served, as well as HIV prevalence data, and allocates available HOPWA funds according to needs within the community.

The HOPWA program serves the Cincinnati Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA), which covers 5 Ohio counties (Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Warren); 7 Kentucky counties (Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Pendleton); and 3 Indiana Counties (Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio). Although the four agencies that currently receive HOPWA funding are located in the Greater Cincinnati area, collectively they offer HOPWA assistance to persons in any of the 15 counties included in the EMSA. The HOPWA Advisory Committee makes funding recommendations to the City of Cincinnati based on the needs of the population and the market to ensure that each geographic area is receiving funding commensurate with need.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless (Homelessness Prevention)	60
Non-Homeless (American Dream Down-payment Initiative, Emergency Mortgage Assistance)	120
Special-Needs (HOPWA)	200
Total	380

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance (TBRA, Rapid Re-Housing, STRMU, Code Enforcement Relocation)	125
The Production of New Units (Strategic Housing Initiatives Program, CHDO Development Projects, Single Family Homeownership Development, West Price Hill Redevelopment, Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund)	41
Rehab of Existing Units (Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly, Housing Repair Services)	1,110
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	1,276

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City of Cincinnati has developed these goals in the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan based on actual outcomes from the 2015 – 2019 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) is one of the largest public housing agencies in the United States. CMHA's service area includes the City of Cincinnati as well as all of Hamilton County.

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

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) has the ability to assist nearly 11,663 families through administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. CMHA also owns and manages a portfolio of approximately 5,126 public housing units with a budget of approximately \$134.89 million, which includes the operating, capital, annual contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance, family self-sufficiency, as well as rental income.

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) currently has approximately 3% 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 20%. 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 very, very 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 and 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 American Dream Downpayment Initiative Program is available to all income-qualified residents, including public housing residents, to encourage homeownership. The City participates at CMHA's Annual Home Ownership Fair, which is designed to connect tenants to lenders, agents, home ownership professionals and to educate the tenants regarding down payment assistance programs and utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers to purchase a home.

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 (CMHA) 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

Expand homelessness prevention/shelter diversion services to be in alignment with community need:

- Expand Shelter Diversion services, including through connection to Prevention, Retention, Contingency (PRC) funds available through the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services; and
- Expand Eviction Prevention services, in alignment with efforts led by the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and also through connection to Prevention, Retention, Contingency (PRC) funds available through the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services.

Expand low-barrier shelter capacity:

- Identify resources that will allow the approximately 200 shelter beds previously made available as the Winter Shelter to remain available year-round, specifically targeting people experiencing homelessness who otherwise would be unsheltered;
- Identify resources that will allow family shelter to be delivered in a more efficient way, in few locations, so that resources can be focused on services to homeless families, rather than such resources being exhausted moving families and staff between numerous separate shelter locations; and
- Develop and implement a plan for offering seasonal overflow low-barrier shelter capacity for families experiencing homelessness, allowing the shelter system to expand to meet the needs of homeless families at times of peak demand, including summer.

Improve the availability of affordable housing:

- In collaboration with the local Public Housing Authority, the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), City of Cincinnati, and Hamilton County and others, continue to expand the availability of Housing Choice Voucher program subsidies to households that were previously homeless or at risk of homelessness; and
- Build collaborations with additional property owners to reduce the length of time necessary for a household that has been matched to a supportive housing program

and subsidy to find a rental unit.

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

In the Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC, 14% of the homeless population was encountered unsheltered during 2018, compared to the 34% estimated to be sleeping unsheltered nationally. 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, and the Cincinnati Police, also attend.

There are four programs which provide street outreach services to all people who are unsheltered:

- Lighthouse Youth and Family Services, which targets homeless youth;
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health's Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Team, which targets people with mental health issues;
- Veterans Administration, which targets veterans sleeping unsheltered; and
- Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation, which targets services to people sleeping unsheltered in the urban core, specifically the downtown and Over-the-Rhine sections of the City of Cincinnati.

In 2019, street outreach capacity was temporarily increased as a part of the organization that previously provided street outreach services combined services with another program entitled Block-by-Block. As a result, the number of street outreach workers covering the downtown business district and Over-the-Rhine neighborhood increased from 1.5 to 3.0 full-time individuals. A goal is to keep this capacity in place.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In 2018, the CoC and its partners provided emergency shelter to 6,509 people, and transitional housing to another 779.

For the past eight years, the CoC has operated the Winter Shelter, approximately 200 additional beds per night of low-barrier emergency shelter capacity from mid-December through the end of February. This low-barrier basic shelter option has proven very appealing to people who would

have otherwise slept unsheltered, helping to reduce the number of people sleeping unsheltered. Another goal is to keep this capacity open year-round beginning in 2020.

Bethany House Services, the CoC's largest family shelter provider, is in the process of developing and building a new facility. This new facility would consolidate what are currently multiple shelter buildings into one facility, reducing operating cost and creating efficiencies. This new facility would also be designed to allow for the seasonal expansion of family shelter capacity at time of peak demand. Another goal is to realize the efficiencies that this new facility would provide, as well as to have flexible seasonal family shelter capacity to meet the need at times of peak demand.

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

The following actions will be taken to improve services to people currently on the streets and in shelters, particularly the chronically homeless and homeless families:

- Maintenance of current Street Outreach capacity;
- Ongoing implementation of the *Solutions for Family Homelessness* plan;
- Ongoing implementation of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program *KEYS to a Future without Youth Homelessness* plan;
- Expansion of the low-barrier Winter Shelter facility into a year-round facility;
- Continued expansion of Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing resources, through the CoC Coordinated Entry system;
- Recruitment of additional property owners to provide safe, decent affordable housing units to households exiting homelessness through a supportive housing program;
- Expansion of Aftercare services in an effort to reduce recidivism; and
- Addition of efficient, flexible family shelter capacity.

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

The following activities are ongoing:

- Shelter Diversion, which targets households that are living in doubled-up situations, running out of such places to stay, and will soon be entering an emergency shelter or sleeping unsheltered;
- Supportive Services for Homeless Veteran Families (SSVF), which provides a range of services, including prevention, for vulnerable veterans and veteran's families;
- Youth Aging out of Foster Care: Lighthouse Youth and Family Services targets toward preventing homelessness among youth who have been in the Foster Care system; and
- LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative, begun through the HUD LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Prevention Demonstration program, and now led by Lighthouse Youth and Family Services as the *Safe and Supported* program.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals - 91.220 (I)(3)

HUD allows the following uses of HOPWA funds:

- Housing Information and Permanent Housing Placement;
- Project-based or tenant-based rental assistance;
- New construction of a community residence or SRO (single room occupancy) dwelling;
- Acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease or repair of facilities to provide housing and services;
- Operating costs for housing;
- Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent homelessness;
- Supportive services; and
- Administrative expenses (limited to 7% of total annual entitlement allocation).

The City of Cincinnati elects to use the funds only for these purposes:

- Housing Information and Permanent Housing Placement;
- Project-based or tenant-based rental assistance;
- Operating costs for housing;
- Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent homelessness;
- Supportive services; and
- Administrative expenses (limited to 7% of total annual entitlement allocation).

Within these activities, the local community, through the HOPWA Advisory Committee has determined it necessary to shift resources toward two particular needs:

- Supportive services for HOPWA eligible clients residing within emergency shelter; and
- Site-based Permanent Supportive Housing.

One-year goals for the number of households to be providing housing through the use of HOPWA for:

Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments	200
Tenant-based rental assistance	25
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	25
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	250

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

Introduction

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 City of Cincinnati Department of Community and Economic Development and Hamilton County Department of Community Development worked collaboratively on the 2019 Fair Housing Assessment for Cincinnati and Hamilton County for the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan. The 2019 Fair Housing Assessment for Cincinnati and Hamilton County report provides an overview of the impediments of fair housing in the area. Federal law prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or family status. Military and ancestry status are protected classes in the State of Ohio. In the City of Cincinnati, protected classes also include marital status, Appalachian origin, sexual orientation, and transgender status.

Discrimination against protected classes and housing affordability are two separate issues but intertwined that one requires addressing the other. The following outlines key goals in supporting barriers to fair housing issues:

- Support organizations who are actively working to provide housing choices for the broadest groups of residents;
- Establishing a City Housing Trust Fund to develop new affordable housing, improve and preserve existing housing, and provide support for low-to-moderate-income households;
- Land use regulations that require, single-family lot sizes larger than a quarter acre, that prohibit multi-family housing, that regulate housing classifications by type of occupant and definitions of a family that are likely having a disparate impact on low-income, protected classes of residents require addressing; and
- Support organizations that are promoting and protecting protected classes and providing affordable housing.

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 have been a priority for funding projects since 2016.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City plans to accomplish affordable housing goals and objectives through the housing projects Strategic Housing Initiatives Program, Community Housing Development Organizations Development Projects, Single Family Homeownership Development, Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly, 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.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Cincinnati administers a lead-based paint abatement grant program from HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes – administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development in partnership with the Cincinnati Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CHD CLPPP). Since 2007, HUD has awarded the City \$22.9 million to address lead-based paint hazards in more than 1,300 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 in low-to moderate-income census tracts.

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 poverty rates in the United States, with 24% of households below the poverty level. In order to reduce poverty throughout the jurisdiction, the City has enacted strategies including:

- Economic development programs specifically reducing poverty include workforce development investments through job training programs and small business and entrepreneur lending and technical assistance programs;
- With 24 Community Development Corporations (CDCs) recognized by the City working in 28 out of the 52 neighborhoods, the City funds 9 CDCs with CDBG or HOME funds for operating support who work in 13 different neighborhoods and 5 CDCs with City General Fund who are working in 7 different neighborhoods;
- CDCs assist with poverty reduction in the community by developing housing, revitalizing neighborhood business districts, and providing supportive services for residents;
- The City also follows a number of policies that apply to the majority of contracts and economic incentives, such as prevailing wage, a local living wage, Section 3, local hiring preference, and small, minority, and women-owned business hiring preferences; and
- The City consistently uses approximately 15% of CDBG funding towards public services activities, such as job training, emergency mortgage assistance, tenant representation, fair housing assistance, and mobility program.

The design and implementation of the plan and the subsequent programs are reflective of the need to reduce poverty when possible:

- Blueprint For Success;
- Code Enforcement Relocation;

- Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly;
- Emergency Mortgage Assistance;
- Fair Housing Services;
- Hand Up Initiative;
- Housing Choice Mobility Program;
- Housing Repair Services;
- Operating Support for Community Development Corporations;
- Project Lift;
- Small Business Services;
- Strategic Housing Initiatives Program;
- Tenant Representation;
- Urgent Public Health Crisis Response Program;
- Youth and Young Adult Employment Program;
- Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Shelters and Other Homeless Housing Programs;
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS Services and Support;
- Community Housing Development Organizations Development Projects;
- American Dream Down-payment Initiative; and
- Single Family Homeownership Development.

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 makes recommendations in coordinating City programs with service providers. The CDAB is a volunteer 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), Community Development Corporation representative (1), and City of Cincinnati employees (4). 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: 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 public participation process, the Fair Housing Committee, and Continuum of Care (CoC), and the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB). Additionally, beneficiaries of the City's housing assistance 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 of Cincinnati partnered with Hamilton County Department of Community Development to update the 2019 Fair Housing Assessment for the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan. A committee representing will meet periodically to continue work towards solutions to the recommendations.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) is organized on a year-round basis to include several 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)

CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA are reported on a calendar year (CY) basis from January 1st through December 31st. The program income amount listed is the amount received to date in CY 2020. All CDBG program income received during the calendar year will be allocated to established programs of the same year.

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
The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
5. The amount of program income expected to be received during the program year – received to date in CY 2020:	\$350,455.11
Total Program Income	\$350,455.11

Other CDBG Requirements

The program Urgent Public Health Crisis Response Program has been established in response to public health crisis.

1. The amount of urgent need activities	3
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income	70%

Overall Benefit – A consecutive period of one, two, or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. With each year in the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan, the current and two prior years averaged benefit will be utilized. There are five programs that utilize the slum and blight spot benefit national objective: Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment, Hazard Abatement Program, Historic Stabilization of Structures, Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program, and Strategic Housing Initiatives Program. These programs comprise of approximately 25% of the funding available for projects and only a portion of these funds will be reported as slum and blight.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

The jurisdiction must describe activities planned with HOME funds expected to be available during the year:

HOME is reported on a calendar year (CY) basis from January 1st through December 31st. The program income amount of \$170,329.05 is the amount received in CY 2020 that will be programmed during CY 2021. All program income received during a calendar year will be allocated to established programs of the same year.

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, other forms of investment of equity payments, interest-bearing and non-interest-bearing loans or advances, interest subsidies, deferred payment loans, grants, and loan guarantees are not planned as part of the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan. There are no planned repayments or recaptured funds in local accounts.

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 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan, the City will continue to assist homebuyers directly with down payment assistance through the HOME funded program American Dream Downpayment Initiative Program (ADDI). The direct homebuyer assistance provided follows the HOME affordable homeownership limits for the area. There are no programs established to

provide HOME-funded rehabilitation assistance for owner occupied single-family housing. Eligible applicants for the ADDI program are accepted year-round on a first-come first-serve basis and must be first-time homebuyers who will reside in the home as their primary residence for five years. The City defines first-time home buyers as not having owned a home for at least three years. The City does not limit the beneficiaries or provide preference to any population. The City does not intend to utilize subrecipients or CHDOs in administering the ADDI program. Applications for the ADDI program are available at the City's office and also located on the City of Cincinnati's website: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/community-development/hud-entitlement-grant-submissions/>

The recapture provisions are stated in each homebuyer down payment funding agreement and are enforced through the homebuyer agreement, mortgage, and promissory note throughout the affordability period. The City utilizes the recapture provision for all assistance to homebuyers. The assistance is provided as a 5-year deferred forgivable loan where upon 20% is forgiven each year the homebuyers remain in the home as their principal residence. Included below is the recapture language used in contracts for the City's Homebuyer Assistance 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.*

The amount subject to recapture upon voluntary sale or foreclosure before the affordability period has ended is the direct subsidy received by the homebuyer and the amount to be recaptured is limited to the net proceeds available from the sale or foreclosure. The net proceeds are the sales price less the loan repayment (other than the HOME funds) and closing costs. In the event the homebuyers refinance at any point during the affordability period, the City will subordinate the mortgage only if refinancing is in order to obtain a more favorable loan term.

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 program, Strategic Housing Initiatives Program and CHDO Development Projects. 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 2020 through 2024.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(l)(4)

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

ESG funds are used locally to support emergency shelter operations and Rapid Re-housing programs. 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 24 CFR 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. ESG-funded Rapid Re-housing programs are accessed through the CoC's Coordinated Entry System.

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

The CoC established the first phase of Coordinated Entry, coordinating entry into emergency shelters, in 2008 when the Central Access Point opened. The second phase of Coordinated Entry, dealing with access to CoC, ESG and VA funded housing programs, began on January 1, 2016. The third phase of the CoC's Coordinated Entry process, referred to as Coordinated Exit, began in July 2015. The Coordinated Entry Manual, covering all three phases, can be viewed at www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org

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).

The City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, as the local ESG recipients, determine the exact amount of ESG funding that will go toward shelter operations and Rapid Re-housing, within HUD requirements.

Regarding ESG funding for shelter operations, the CoC Board has adopted a policy approving, and STEH facilitates annually, what is known as the "Prince of Peace" process. This process uses HMIS data pertaining to shelter performance and bed nights provided to allocate funds. Using agreed upon performance measures, identified in collaboration with the ESG recipients and sub-recipients, higher performing projects receive a higher level of funding than poorer performers. After this HMIS data-driven allocation is presented by STEH, the shelter operators meet, with City of Cincinnati and STEH staff present, to review the allocation and corresponding data for accuracy. The final allocation for each agency is then submitted to the City and County for inclusion in their respective budgets and Action Plans.

Regarding ESG funds for Rapid Re-housing, the CoC board works with STEH to release a request for proposal (RFP) to which any organization in the jurisdiction that wants to provide rapid re-

housing services can respond, and then to select the most appropriate organization to deliver such services.

The CoC and STEH coordinate efforts with all ten emergency shelter operators within the jurisdiction, including the three operators that do not receive ESG funding.

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; and
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. 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. Performance measures also include meeting the required match on all expenditures.

The total amount of administration of ESG is capped at 7.5% annually. The maximum amount allocated for emergency shelter activities will not exceed the greater of 60% of the annual allocation or the 2010 amount committed for homeless assistance activities of \$555,000. There are no planned street outreach activities.

Discussion – identified method for selecting project sponsors:

The HOPWA entitlement program is administered by Strategies To End Homelessness who receives the 3% of the annual allocation for administration. There are currently four project sponsors, each of which are budgeted up to 7% of their award for administration of the program. The four agencies are Caracole, Inc., Center for Respite Care, Inc., Northern Kentucky Independent Health District, and Shelterhouse Volunteer Group, Inc. A HOPWA Advisory Committee comprised of City of Cincinnati representatives and key stakeholders in the community, including members from representatives from each project sponsor, Ohio Development Services Agency, HIV/AIDS drug programs, Ryan White service providers, care programs and homeless programs, convene regularly to share progress and provide oversight to the HOPWA funding allocation process. The HOPWA Advisory Committee provides diverse perspectives on HIV/AIDS issues. During the annual allocation meeting, the HOPWA Advisory Committee takes the eligible metropolitan statistical area (EMSA) geographic needs and past performance and spending by the project sponsors into account to inform funding recommendations to the City of Cincinnati. A sub-committee of the HOPWA Advisory Committee meets frequently to develop and enhance EMSA-wide HOPWA policies and procedures to ensure consistency in service provision.



CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

Many elements of this document may be completed electronically, however a signature must be manually applied and the document must be submitted in paper form to the Field Office.

- ☐ This certification does not apply.
☒ This certification is applicable.

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted –
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

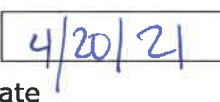
It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2018, 2019, 2020, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;

Special Assessments - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

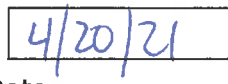
A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


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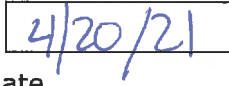
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**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities, which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.


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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



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HOPWA Certifications

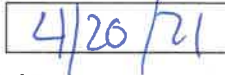
The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.


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ESG Certifications

I, Paula Boogs Muething, Chief Executive Officer of City of Cincinnati, certify that the local government will ensure the provision of the matching supplemental funds required by the regulation at 24 *CFR* 576.51. I have attached to this certification a description of the sources and amounts of such supplemental funds.


I further certify that the local government will comply with:

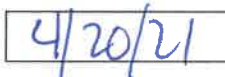
1. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.53 concerning the continued use of buildings for which Emergency Shelter Grants are used for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; or when funds are used solely for operating costs or essential services.
2. The building standards requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.55.
3. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56, concerning assurances on services and other assistance to the homeless.
4. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57, other appropriate provisions of 24 *CFR* Part 576, and other applicable federal laws concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.
5. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.59(b) concerning the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
6. The requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.59 concerning minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of a project assisted with these funds.
7. The requirements of 24 *CFR* Part 24 concerning the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
8. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56(a) and 576.65(b) that grantees develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted with ESG funds and that the address or location of any family violence shelter project will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter.
9. The requirement that recipients involve themselves, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, homeless individuals and families in policymaking, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of these facilities as provided by 24 *CFR* 76.56.
10. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57(e) dealing with the provisions of, and regulations and procedures applicable with respect to the environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related

authorities as specified in 24 *CFR* Part 58.

11. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.21(a)(4) providing that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services will meet the requirements that: (A) the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.
12. The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 *USC* 11362) to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that state and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of state and local resources.
13. HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a completed and approved Consolidated Plan with its certifications, which act as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under state and/or local law, and that the local government possesses legal authority to carry out grant activities in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.


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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

- By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
- The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

Place Name	Street	City	County	State	Zip
City Hall	801 Plum Street	Cincinnati	Hamilton	OH	45202
Centennial Two	805 Central Avenue	Cincinnati	Hamilton	OH	45202
Cincinnati Health Department	3101 Burnet	Cincinnati	Hamilton	OH	45229
Cincinnati Health Department	3301 Beekman Street	Cincinnati	Hamilton	OH	45225

Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *nolo contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any

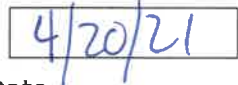
controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:

- a. All "direct charge" employees;
- b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
- c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
2. Citizen Participation Plan
3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan


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*** 3. Date Received:**

02/25/2021

4. Applicant Identifier:

City of Cincinnati

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6. Date Received by State:

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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:** City of Cincinnati

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31-6000064

*** c. Organizational DUNS:**

0433251580000

d. Address:

*** Street1:** 801 Plum Street

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Department Name:

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Division Name:

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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

*** First Name:**

Aisha

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:**

Tzillah

Suffix:

Title: Community Development Administrator

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*** Telephone Number:** 513-352-4982

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*** Email:** aisha.tzillah@cincinnati-oh.gov

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* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

B-21-MC-39-0003

* Title:

Community Development Block Grant - entitlement

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Cincinnati's Community Development Block Grant - entitlement

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 01/21/2021

* b. End Date: 12/31/2029

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	11,603,976.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	350,455.11
* g. TOTAL	11,954,431.11

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

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* Email: Paula.BoggsMuething@cincinnati-oh.gov

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HOME Investment Partnerships Program

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* g. TOTAL	2,908,254.05

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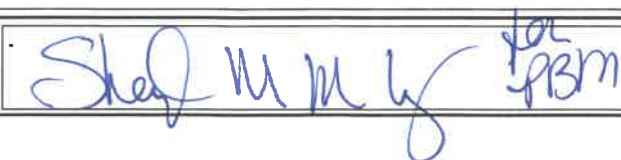
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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02/25/2021

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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:** City of Cincinnati

*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

31-6000064

*** c. Organizational DUNS:**

0433251580000

d. Address:

*** Street1:** 801 Plum Street

Street2:

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County/Parish:

*** State:**

OH: Ohio

Province:

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USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:** 45202-0000

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Department Name:

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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

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Aisha

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Tzillah

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Title: Community Development Administrator

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* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.241

CFDA Title:

Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

OH-H21-F001

* Title:

Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS - entitlement

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Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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City of Cincinnati's Housing Opportunities for Persons With HIV/AIDS - entitlement

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01/21/2021

* b. End Date:

12/31/2023

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