



## **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 undergo OSHA training, Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting certification, and will receive on-the-job training as part of the curriculum. 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan Performance 5-year Target: 35 persons (7 persons annually) Funding Production Year Amount \$100,000 2020 18 persons 2021 \$0 16\* persons 2022 2023 2024 CINCINNATI 1

Participants will undergo OSHA and EPA training and will be trained in all aspects of residential construction through the rehabilitation of CARE homes as well as new construction projects including but not limited to participation in Habitat for Humanity builds in the region. The students also receive 23 credit hours from Cincinnati State. Costs *about* \$10,000 / student.

Long term employment rates are tracked for each individual for 1 year after completing the program. Of the last 26 graduates, all have retained gainful employment 6 months to 1 year after program completion.

CAA administers this program and utilizes in-house persons to conduct the training and does not specifically have a direct overhead cost for the program. Non-personnel costs are <10% of the total contract amount, dedicated for rent and utilities of the rooms for the training.

It is important to note that this program focuses on individuals with a challenged background and may not pass a back ground check as part of the Commercial Driver License requirements. Each training program utilizing CDBG funding has a different and specific focus and different resulting job skills training.

Subject to the 15 % public services cap.

\*In progress

## Hand Up Initiative

The Hand Up Initiative provides job readiness and job training to transition 500 Cincinnatians annually out of poverty. The Hand Up Initiative recipients provide individuals with access to education, industry skills training and certifications, as well as wrap-around services for the purpose of removing barriers to employment. Those services include transportation, childcare, and employment counseling.

2020 – 20	24 Consolidated Pl	an Performance
5-year Target:	2,500 persons (50	0 persons annually)
Year	Funding Amount	Production
2020	\$1,260,000	321 persons
2021	\$1,267,214	137* persons
2022		
2023		
2024		

Funded agencies include Freestore Food Bank (Cincinnati Cooks), Cincinnati Works (job readiness), Urban League (SOAR program – job readiness and construction skills), Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) (Commercial Drivers License - CDL), IKRON (job readiness), Mercy Neighborhood Ministries (home health visits, State Tested Nurse Aide, Home Care Aide Training and Hospital Worker Readiness Program), Easter Seals (addresses work barriers)

Program recipients must reside in one of the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) for the program to not be subject to the 15% public service cap.

Organizations are selected through an annual Request for Proposal. Although the program participant is restricted by their area of residency and income, the organization may be teaching outside this area.

\*Finalizing July – December 2021 acomplishments

Yout	h and Y	oung Ad	ult Employ	yment
adults ages by utilizing program p	14 to 24 in the workshops, provides recipie	e areas of workpl presentations, a ents with opport	Program trains yo lace etiquette and nd on-the-job exp tunities to explore d private organizat	basic work skills periences. The their interests
	2020 – 20	24 Consolidated Plai	n Performance	
	5-year Target	: 2,500 person (500	persons annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	**\$450,000	366 persons	
	2021	\$723,214	521 persons	
	2022			
	2023			
3	2024			

Cincinnati Recreation Commission administers this program as of CY 2017, Cincinnati Park Board, Cincinnati Fire Department, and Cincinnati Police provides youth with skills such as small equipment repairs, landscaping, citizen engagement, law enforcement, safety and fire training, survival training, and park maintenance training.

Summer mural program: Art Opportunities – artistic skills, public speaking, and community engagement within the mural program,

All provide job readiness and life skills training. All organizations train youth in these components within their programs; job applications, resume development, interviewing skills, work ethics, financial literacy, time management, public speaking. Average length of the course is 8 weeks.

For CY 2018, this changed from a summer program to an all-year program as well as expanding the services to include youth 18 - 24 years old.

Program is subject to the 15 % public service cap.

\*\*prior years resources were available



Em	ergency	y Mortga	ige Assista	ance	
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.					
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pl	an Performance		
	5-year Target: 5	00 households (hh	s.) (100 hhs. annually)		
	Year	Funding Amount	Production		
	2020	\$190,000	237 hhs.		
	2021	\$197,214	244 hhs.		
	2022				
	2023				
4	2024				
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Low to moderate income homeowners facing foreclosure due to job loss, illness, deaths, or other extenuating circumstances. One time grant of \$2,500. Administered by Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati.

2016: Of the 125 households assisted, 27 received grants, assisting 57 individuals

2017: Of the 91 households assisted, 25 received grants, assisting 55 individuals, the 66 households who received counseling assisted 147 individuals

2018: Of the 111 households assisted, 34 received grants, assisting 81 individuals, 77 households received counseling assisted 163 individuals

2019: Of the 112 households assisted, 19 received grants, assisting 40 individuals, 93 received counseling assisting 228 individuals

2020: Of the 237 households assisted, 80 received grants, 157 received counseling services

2021: Of the 244 households assisted, 52 received grants, 192 received counseling services

	Fair Housing Services						
Housing Opportunities Made Equal administers this program to promote equal housing opportunities for all home seekers regardless of race, sex, age, color, nationality, ethnicity, religion, handicap, Appalachian status, marital status, sexual orientation, military status, gender identity, ancestry, gender identity, transgender status, natural hair associated with race, or marital or familial status and to reduce unlawful discrimination in housing.							
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pl	an Performance				
	5-year Target:	5,000 persons (1,00	00 persons annually)				
	Year	Funding Amount	Production				
	2020	\$170,000	1,650 persons				
	2021	\$177,214	1,057 persons				
	2022						
	2023			-			
5	2024						

H.O.M.E. conducts complaint intakes, investigation, counseling, and files legal complaints against persons, firms, or organizations suspected of discrimination in housing. H.O.M.E. works to increase integration throughout the neighborhoods and reduce unlawful discrimination in housing. This program is subject to the public service cap.

Outreach efforts of H.O.M.E. include: ~3.5% of the City's contract with H.O.M.E. is line itemed for advertising. A total of ~4.5% of H.O.M.E.'s overall budget is spent on advertising.

	Tenar	nt Repre	sentation		
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.					
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pl	an Performance		
	5-year Target:	1,000 households	(200 hhs. annually)		
	Year	Funding Amount	Production		
	2020	\$230,000	347 hhs.		
	2021	\$237,214	737 hhs.		
	2022				
	2023				
6	2024				

Administered by the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati.

The City contract is only for salaries of staff working with the clients.

		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, job training, employment, and other critical needs.						
	2020 – 20	24 Consolidated Pla	an Performance			
	5-	year Target: 1,500	persons			
	Year	Funding Amount	Production			
	2020	\$600,000	0 hhs.			
	2021	\$607,214	0 hhs.			
	2022					
	2023					
7	2024					

Funding currently with CDBG-CARES (stimulus), IKRON, Cincinnati Works, Freestore Foodbank, easter Seals, Urban League providing a variety of services. CDBG-CV is not subject to the public service cap so these services are being provided citywide

\$980,000 in general funds under contract as of January 4, 2022 Organizations were providing services through CDBG-CV as public services



Qualified participants receive up to first month's rent and deposit as well as moving expenses. Units where individuals are re-located must pass an inspection in order to be eligible. Eligible tenants are those who received a vacate order from the building or health inspector. The units must be severely un-inhabitable to be issued a displacement voucher, i.e. severe lead hazards where a child was poisoned to the point of hospitalization, structural instability, fire. Occupants vacated due to over crowding are not eligible for this assistance.

Eligible tenants include tenants under a valid lease who have received a Notice To Vacate from the City of Cincinnati and have occupied the unit for at least 60 days.

Buildings and Inspections have hired dedicated staff to administer this program and Housing Choice Mobility

Renamed from Code Enforcement Relocation to Family Re-Housing Assistance

\*\*Prior resources were available

Ho	using Cl	noice Mo	bility Pro	gram
neighborho	oods, providing		ogram promotes ce Voucher holde ds.	
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	an Performance	
	5-year Ta	arget: 50 units (10 ι	inits annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	\$0	0 units	
	2021	\$32,214	0 units	
	2022			
	2023			
9	2024			

Formerly Section 8 Mobility Program. This program is subject to the public services cap and is highly recommended by HUD to fund as it is an effective method of combating segregation and affirmatively furthering fair housing.

Goal of the program is to have mixed income neighborhoods throughout the City.

Buildings and Inspections has hired dedicated staff to administer this program and Family Re-Housing Assistance – currently establishing program guidelines



Complia	nce Assi	stance Ro (CARE	epairs for th	e Elderly		
homeowne property co includes co	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.					
		<b>24 Consolidated Pla</b> arget: 50 units (10 ι				
	Year	Funding Amount	Production			
	2020	\$100,000	0 units			
	2021	**\$0	6 units			
	2022					
	2023					
10	2024					

Program currently utilizes Blueprint for Success students for on-the-job training. Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) currently administers this program.

The recipients must be elderly, which is 60 years of age and older, or have a documented disability.

\*\*Prior years resources available

## 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 needed for the safety of the property owner have a maximum of \$10,000. This program will also address code violations for low-income homeowners, healthy home issues and mobility needs.

2020 – 20	24 Consolidated Pl	an Performance
5-year Targ	et: 5,500 units (1,1	00 units annually)
Year	Funding Amount	Production
2020	\$1,850,000	878 units
2021	\$1,857,214	915 units
2022		
2023		
11 2024		

People Working Cooperatively (PWC) and Max Construction administer this program. Both were selected in response to an RFP.

Housing Repair Services provide grants for emergency and critical repairs to very lowincome 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 home-owner and have a maximum of \$10,000. This program also provides forgivable funds to low to moderate income homeowners to correct code violations. In addition to addressing housing repairs for homeowners, this program addresses the mobility needs of disabled renters in multi-family housing as well as owner occupied properties.

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	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	n Performance	
	5-year Targ	et: 5 buildings (1 bu	uildings annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	\$200,000	1 building	
	2021	\$207,214	1 building	
	2022			
	2023			-
12	2024			

Under Ohio Law if a building is deemed a public nuisance, the City has the right to abate the public nuisance conditions without taking ownership.

This program is subject to the slum and blight cap.

2015: 1710 Elm Street 2017: emergency stabilization of 56-60 East McMicken, 4269 Williamson 2018: 743 Hawthorne, 1833 Sycamore 2019: 3864 Reading 2020: 60 East McMicken

2021: 3719 Glenway – in progress

		HARBO	OR			
Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Relief will provide financial assistance to low-income, owner-occupied properties that receive code violations on their property. A homeowner may be granted up to an estimated \$15,000 grant for repairs.						
		24 Consolidated Pla				
		arget: 75 units (15 u				
	Year	Funding Amount	Production			
	2020					
	2021	\$257,214	-			
	2022					
	2023					
31	2024					

Currently, assistance is only available for homeowners with code violations who are lowincome and elderly and/or disabled. This program would be available to any low-income household with code violations. The City also has available a HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control available to low-income residents whose home is built pre-1978 and have children under the age of 6 who reside in the unit or visit frequently.

Single Fa	amily Ho	omeown	ership Dev	elopment
family hon provides co include inf rehabilitate	nes for low-to onstruction su rastructure an ed units, const	o moderate-inc bsidy and hom nd construction	nnati builds and r ome homebuyers. nebuyer assistance. n costs for newly ions to blend unit odifications.	The program Eligible costs constructed or
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	an Performance	
	5-year T	arget: 15 units (3 u	nits annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	**\$0	0 units	
	2021	\$200,000	0 units	
	2022			
	2023			
14	2024			

This program is administered by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati. Funds are for construction subsidy only – approximately 20,000 / unit and down payment of up to 2,000 / unit, program has a 5-year residency requirement for the home buyer. Program leverages private funds, in-kind donations, and volunteer labor hours. The buyers are indentified in advance of the project and may do work on the project to earn additional down payment assistance. Due to the nature of the program, these projects take a long time for completion.

\*\*prior years' resources available

Habitat currently working on single family development in Lower Price Hill in response to the Housing NOFA



<b>Strategic Housing Initiatives Program</b> <b>CDBG</b> SHIP provides gap financing for the renovation of multifamily units and single-family development, permanent supportive housing, emergency				
constructio homeless,	n, conversion, or acquisitior	, renovation,	omesteading proj rehabilitation of s n, reconstruction, plic facilities).	helters for the
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pl	an Performance	
	5-year T	arget: 40 units (8 u	inits annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	\$500,000	27 units	
	2021	\$356,583	314 units in progress	
	2022			
	2023			
15	2024			

These programs funded through on open NOFA (notice of funding availability) with a minimum of 4 units – new construction is not eligible with CDBG funds. The SHIP program is also funded in the HOME program.

Completed projects:

2016: Pendleton Single Family – 3 units (Pendleton)
2017: Broadway Square – 20 units (Pendleton)
2018: 2504 Chatham – 6 units (Walnut Hills)

2020: 57 E McMicken and 1662 Hamer – 10 units (Over-the-Rhine), Benton Block 1771 Vine and 1661 Hamer – 10 units (Over-the-Rhine), 771 – 772 McMillan – 7 units (Walnut Hills)

2021: in progress Arts Apartments – 248 units (West End), Colonial Village – 66 units (Clifton) – both projects also have CHIF funding (Cincinnati Housing Improvement Fund) TCB settlement funding \$1,500,000

West Price Hill Residential Development -10 units (6 units in 2020 and remaining 4 in 2021)

Strat	egic Ho	using Init	tiatives Pr	ogram
<b>HOME</b> 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.				
	2020 – 20	24 Consolidated Pla	n Performance	
	5-year Ta	rget: 100 units (20 u	inits annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	\$2,054,992	187 units	
	2021	\$1,719,844	176 units	
	2022			
	2023			
16	2024			
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These programs funded through on open competitive NOFA (notice of funding availability).

HOME funded projects:

2016: Walnut Court - 30 units senior housing (Walnut Hills)

2017: Marlowe Court - 53 units senior housing (College Hill), South Block Properties - 7 units (Walnut Hills), Chapel Street - 24 units PSH (Walnut Hills), Sheakley Center for Youth - 39 units (Walnut Hills)

2018: Abington, Race, and Pleasant - 50 units affordable rental (OTR)

2019: Cedar Corridor New Construction - 4 units (College Hill)

2020: Bond Hill Roselawn Senior - 50 units (Roselawn), Cincinnati Scholar House - 44 units PSH (Walnut Hills), Madison Villa - 93 units senior housing (Madisonville)

2021: Logan Towers - 96 units of permanent supportive housing (Over-the-Rhine), Commons of South Cumminsville - 80 units of permanent supportive housing

Current projects in progress: -The Manse Apartments - 60 units senior housing (Walnut Hills), -Willkommen Zuhaus - 56 units (OTR) -Apple Street Senior Apartments – 57 units (Northside) -Blair Lofts – 64 units (Avondale) -Habitat for Humanity Lower Price Hill Single Family Development – 5 single family (Lower Price Hill) -Melrose Place PSH – 26 units (Walnut Hills)



CHDOs in 2021: Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Working In Neighborhoods, College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation.

Must have a HOME funded project within two years to maintain the CHDO certification.

2015: Beasley Place - 13 units (OTR) OTRCH

2019: Morgan Apartments - 47 units (OTR) OTRCH

2020: 821 Flats - 57 units PSH (West End) OTRCH

2021: in progress: -Mergard Lanes-Ruth Ellen – 26 units (College Hill) CHCURC -Perseverance – 32 units (OTR) OTRCH -Lower Price Hill Thrives – 47 units (LPH) OTRCH -Cedar Corridor Piqua Expansion – 3 single family units (College Hill) WIN

\*Due to COVID, HUD issued a waiver on meeting the CHDO 15% set-aside for 2020

Am	erican	Dream D	own-Payn	nent
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.				
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	an Performance	
	5-year Ta	rget: 100 units (20	units annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	\$150,000	20 units	
	2021	\$150,000	11 units	
	2022			
	2023			
18	2024			

This program is for owner-occupied single-family homes only, not for rental. This program is known as the former American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI), which was started in 2003. Loan is forgiven 20% each year throughout the 5-year residency period. Mortgages must be fixed rate and the home must pass a local housing code inspection. Foreclosure prevention is addressed through mandatory home buyer counseling.

L	ead Haz	ard Test	ting Progra	am
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.				
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	an Performance	
	5-year Tar	get: 600 units (120	units annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	\$200,000	90 units	
	2021	\$107,214	89 units	
	2022			
	2023			
20	2024			

Lead is the #1 environmental health threat facing our children today. 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. About 90% of Cincinnati's housing stock is at risk for lead-based paint hazards. The program conducts visits for children with low blood leads  $5 - 9 \mu g/dL$  (300 / year), mandatory inspections of children with levels of 10  $\mu g/dL$  or higher, medical management of ~100 children / year, enforcement actions ~100 / year. Also conduct extensive outreach, provide cleaning supplies for families as well as a vacuum loan program and free paint chip testing.

Approximately 100 units annually. Funds are for code enforcement activities in eligible census tracks. All properties with health orders may be tracked utilizing the following website: http://cagis.hamilton-co.org/

The City administers a HUD lead based paint hazard control grant program where qualified occupants may apply for assistance.



Comme	rcial and	d Indust	rial Redeve	elopment	
The Commercial and Industrial Redevelopment Program facilitates catalytic redevelopment of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized industrial and commercial sites throughout the City. The funds are utilized for environmental assessments, contamination remediation, public improvements, infrastructure improvements, acquisition, demolition, stabilization, and other related activities to facilitate redevelopment.					
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	an Performance		
	5-year Ta	arget: 10 acres (2 a	cres annually)		
	Year	Funding Amount	Production		
	2020	\$456,776	In progress		
	2021	\$208,759	1 building		
	2022				
	2023				
21	2024				

The funds provide environmental assessments, property acquisition, contamination remediation and related activities. This is formerly the SPUR program (Strategic Program for Urban Redevelopment) focused on environmental contamination. A percentage of this program is reserved for the slum and blight cap and is not restricted to brownfield remediation.

Recent projects: 4909 Charlemar redevelopment in Madisonville, Metro West Commerce Park, Providence North Redevelopment. Spring Grove infrastructure street improvements completed in 2018 improving approximately 5.1 acres

In 2019, Metro West sale of Tri-State Wholesale

In 2021, 4145 Apple in Northside – stabilized for the Apple Street Senior project

In progress

- Summer Street improvements West End
- Stagecraft in Northside

Co	ncentra	ted Code	e Enforcen	nent	
census trac Buildings a achieved th porches, re	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.				
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	an Performance		
	5-year Target: 10	00,000 buildings (20	0,000 bldgs. annually)		
	Year	Funding Amount	Production		
	2020	\$600,000	16,619 bldgs.		
	2021	\$582,214	7,029 bldgs.		
	2022				
	2023				
22	2024				

The program provides for complaint driven inspections of unsafe conditions in targeted areas.

Low/Mod Area – identified by census tracts. At least 51% of the population in a particular census tract must be low/mod for the area to be eligible as a low/mod area. All properties with building orders may be tracked utilizing the following website: http://cagis.hamilton-co.org/

Low numbers in CY2021 – COVID, No Neighborhood Enhancement Program

	Hazard	Abateme	ent Progra	m
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 by trespassers.				
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	In Performance	
	5-year Target: 2	1,250 buildings (250	) buildings annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	\$855,656	592 buildings	
	2021	\$757,214	172 buildings	
	2022			
	2023			-
23	2024			

Under Ohio Law if a building is deemed a public nuisance, the City has the right to abate the public nuisance conditions without taking ownership.

575 barricades (\$525,099) and 17 demolitions (\$330,557) during 2015

- 243 barricades and 10 demolitions during 2016
- 399 barricades and 47 demolitions for 2017
- 331 barricaded and 5 demolitions for 2018
- 347 barricaded and demolition of 29 building and 4 trees for 2019
- 188 barricaded and demolition of 41 buildings for 2020

158 barricaded and demolition of 14 buildings for 2021

Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Division administers this program. This program is subject to the slum and blight cap.

The City contracts the demolition through the Purchasing Division with contractors who are vendors with the City, with focus on SBE contractors.

CDBG funds are not eligible for lot maintenance.

Neighbo	Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP)					
business e constructin	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.					
			ousinesses annually)			
	Year	Funding Amount	Production			
	2020	\$920,000	4 businesses			
	2021	\$907,214	3 businesses			
	2022					
	2023					
24	2024					

34 / 52 neighborhoods have business districts. 25 of those business districts are located in a low/mod census tract. Projects determined yearly through a competitive application process and applications are funded with recommendation by an advisory board - Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU).

In 2015, 6 projects funded In 2016, 7 projects funded In 2017, 3 projects funded In 2018, 5 projects funded In 2019, 4 projects funded In 2020, 4 projects funded In 2021, 3 projects funded

Neighborhood Business District Definition. CNBDU defines a Neighborhood Business District as "the contiguous placement on primary streets in the neighborhood that are reliant upon neighborhood residents and also serve customers from other communities. Typically, NBDs are composed of retail stores, restaurants, personal services, and other similar 'walk-in' customer-oriented businesses. NBDs help to define the unique character of their neighborhood and are critically important to the visual impact of the neighborhood and to the maintenance and revitalization of the neighborhood."

## **Small Business Services**

The Small Business Services Program includes technical assistance for startups and growth needs of micro-enterprises and small businesses. 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 moderateincome individuals. The program also includes financial assistance for startup small businesses and growing businesses with established need.

2020 – 20	24 Consolidated Pl	an Performance
5-year Target:	200 businesses (40	businesses annually)
Year	Funding Amount	Production
2020	\$150,000	81 businesses
2021	\$157,214	1 business
2022		
2023		
2024		

SBS includes: 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. Also includes a revolving loan program to fill financing gaps for small to mid-sized businesses that create and / or retain jobs for low/mod individuals.

Administered by GCMI Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative

2015 accomplishments: 84 businesses assisted, and 81 received supportive services

2016 accomplishments: 58 businesses assisted, 113 received supportive services

2017 accomplishments: 71 assisted businesses

2018 accomplishments: 52 businesses assisted, 106 individuals

2019 accomplishments: 74 businesses assisted, 132 individuals

2020 accomplishments: 81 businesses assisted, 76 individuals

2021 accomplishments: 1 business assisted – other loans and grant programs were available to the community





Corp. responsible for day-to-day operations, routine maintenance, leasing, and leading the market's revitalization. The non-profit also receives Capital funding. CDBG provides capacity assistance and expenses for economic development and market promotion. Corp. also receives City funding.

Approximately 70 businesses supported by Corporation for Findlay Market, approximately 700 jobs

<b>Operating Support for Community</b> Development Corporations (CDCs)					
eligible Co region th commercia	This program provides operating 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				
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pl	an Performance		
	5-year Target: 40	) organizations (8 o	rganizations annually)		
	Year	Funding Amount	Production		
	2020	\$300,000	9 orgs.		
	2021	\$307,214	7 orgs.		
	2022				
	2023				
27	2024				
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CDCs that supports our low/mod population. Technical assistance and training is also offered to the CDCs. Homebase Cincinnati (previously CDCAGC) provides administrative oversight of the programs. Funding to the CDCs offered through an annual application process. 6 - 12 CDCs supported annually.

2021: Avondale Development Corporation, College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Mt Airy Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Northsiders Engaged in Sustainable Transformation, Price Hill Will, Westwood Works

2020: Avondale Development Corporation, Camp Washington Community Board, College Hill CURC, Madisonville CURC, Mt Airy Community Urban Redevelopment Enterprise, NEST (Northsiders Engaged in Sustainable Transformation), Price Hill Will

2019: College Hill CURC, Madisonville CURC, Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation, Working In Neighborhoods, Price Hill Will, Mt Airy Community Urban Redevelopment Enterprise, Mt Auburn CDC, Kennedy Heights Development Corp., Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Camp Washington Community Board, Cornerstone for Shared Equity

2018: Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation, Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Price Hill Will, Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, College Hill CURC, Camp Washington Community Board, Cornerstone for Shared Equity

2017:

Avondale CDC, Camp Washing Community Board, CNCURC, College Hill CURC, Cornerstone for Shared Equity, Madisonville CURC, Mt. Airy CURE, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Price Hill Will, Sedamsville CDC, Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation, Westwood CURC, Working In Neighborhoods

0	perating	g Suppo	rt for CHD	Os
<b>5% of HOME Program Allocation</b> 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 are used to cover staff time expenses of the certified CHDOs.				
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	an Performance	
	5-year Target: 20	) organizations (4 o	rganizations annually)	
	Year	Funding Amount	Production	
	2020	\$140,848	3 orgs.	
	2021	\$136,896	3 orgs.	
	2022			
	2023			
28	2024			
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There is an up to **5%** optional set-aside for CHDO operating support with HOME funds annually.

There are 3 current CHDOs: Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, College Hill CURC, and Working In Neighborhoods

To be eligible for these funds, the CHDO must receive HOME funds within the last 2 years for residential development projects. Non-profits must apply bi-annually for re-certification by the City of Cincinnati. Homebase Cincinnati administers the operating support program.

	Vacan	t Lot Rei	utilization		
The Vacant Lot Reutilization program funds the reuse of vacant and blighted lots in eligible census tracts into gardens or pocket parks.					
	2020 – 202	24 Consolidated Pla	n Performance		
	5-year Target	: 10 garden / pocket	park (2 annually)		
	Year	Funding Amount	Production		
	2020	\$30,000	10 projects		
	2021	\$0	4 projects		
	2022				
	2023				
29	2024				

This program is to transform vacant and / or blighted lost and convert them into pocket parks or community gardens.

DCED partnered with OES who receives approximately \$20-30,000 annually in general funds to release annual applications for urban agriculture projects. CDBG funds can be used for acquisition and development of a vacant and / or blighted lot to create an urban garden or pocket park in eligible census tracts.

2017: total of 49 applications received, funded total of 38 projects 6 of which were funded with CDBG

2018: total of 50 applications received, funded a total of 49 projects, 3 of which were funded with CDBG

2019: total of 33 applications received, funded a total of 31 projects, 4 of which were funded with CDBG

2020: total of 53 applications received, funded a total of 37 projects, 10 of which were funded with CDBG

2021: Greater Cincinnati Foundation funding supplemented the CDBG-funded Vacant Lot Program and City General-funded Urban Agriculture program, 46 applications received, funded 38 projects, 4 of which were funded with CDBG



The Mill Creek was considered on of the most endangered urban rivers in North America in the late 1990s. Project provides planning and coordination services for greenway projects and volunteer cleanup. Programs include a summer youth and environmental education and training.

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.

Impacted neighborhoods: Northside, South Cumminsville, Millvale, Spring Grove Village, North and South Fairmount, Lower Price Hill, Camp Washington, Roselawn, Bond Hill, Winton Hills, English Woods, Clifton, and Carthage.