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STARK COUNTY, OHIO FY 2022

(July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)

One Year Action Plan CDBG and HOME

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
B-22-UC-39-0005

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
M-22-DC-39-0204

HOME program - use of previous year program income
HOME program - add an activity not previously described
HOME program - change in location of an activity

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan is a consolidation of various programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME program. Stark County is an "Urban County" under the CDBG program and a "Designated Consortium" under the HOME program. The County receives direct allocations of funding for both programs. This one-year action plan is for the fourth year of the FY '19 - '23 Consolidated Plan, making it the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan. It summarizes the activities the County will undertake utilizing CDBG and HOME funding.

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.

In preparing the One-Year Action Plan, the County addressed those needs meeting one of the three national objectives of the CDBG program: benefit low-to moderate-income persons, elimination of slum and blighting conditions, or meet an urgent community need. Specific goals, objectives and outcomes include:

- Preservation of affordable housing;
- Provide targeted public services for persons that are low to moderate income (LMI);
- Provide technical assistance to microenterprise business or potential businesses;
- Provide funding for critical infrastructure improvements, such as waterlines that have exceeded their useful life

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Stark County and the Stark County HOME Consortium has a record of excellence in both the CDBG and HOME programs. Based upon successful past performance, the activities selected for this program year include: preserving and creating affordable housing including fair housing advocacy, providing public services to/for LMIs and non-profit agencies assisting LMI populations, providing technical assistance to LMIs either starting a business or retaining jobs and funding critical infrastructure improvements in low-to-moderate income areas (LMAs).

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Public notices were published, in the three general circulation newspapers, for the annual CDBG and HOME application workshops that were held in August and November 2021 as well separate notices for the public meetings/hearing. Invitations were also mailed and e-mailed to all political subdivisions that participate in the CDBG/HOME program, along with non-profit agencies that have applied for funding in the past, current subrecipients and interested parties who expressed any interest in applying at any time throughout the year. All notices were posted on the SCRPC website and on social media. Both application workshops were held in-person and via Microsoft Teams. Public meetings to gather comments on the CDBG and HOME funding plans were held March 3, 2022, March 8, 2022 and March 23, 2022.

A Government Law Seminar was held on February 26, 2022. Invitations were mailed to attendees from the 2020 seminar, emailed, posted on the webpage and social media. CLE credits were given to lawyers in attendance. The Community Development department staff presented information on the County's CDBG and HOME programs. Over 100 participants were in attendance.

On June 15, 2022 during a public meeting, the Board of Stark County Commissioners adopted the current FY22 CDBG and HOME programs, along with tentative approval of infrastructure projects for both FY23 and FY24.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The 30-day comment period began March 10, 2022 and ended on April 9, 2022. Two comments were received. (1) A caller inquired how Stark County and in particular, the city of Massillon plan to use HUD dollars to develop affordable housing. The caller was directed to Stark County Regional Planning Commission's website to review our proposed action plan for FY22. It was also shared with the caller that the action plan of FY21 was also on the website which explains how funds are allocated for this current program year. (2) The second caller inquired about CDBG or HOME funding available for veterans. The caller was informed that the County is in receipt of HOME-ARP monies as well as the 10

public meetings being held to gather comments on the Allocation Plan. The caller was also informed about the application workshops that will be held for FY23 at the end of this calendar year. The department noted his information and the organization will be invited to all CDBG/HOME and HOME-ARP public meetings.

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

There were no comments or views that were not accepted during the 30-day comment period.

7. Summary

This program year is the fourth year of the five-year Consolidated Plan. Please refer to Section AP-12 Participation "Citizen Participation Outreach" chart for a listing of consultations held during this program year. Citizen involvement was also achieved through the CDBG and HOME application workshops, the Government Law Seminar in addition to the public meetings and public hearing as detailed in the previous section "#4: Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process."

The encouragement and opportunity for public involvement has also been described in detail in the current Stark County Citizen Participation Plan, adopted in June 2018. Throughout the plan, objectives to encourage public participation in the community development department's programs and plans are outlined in detail. The Citizen Participation Plan can be found in Attachment 6.

SCRPC staff attends various meetings throughout the year where issues may be raised as they relate to areas of the Consolidated Plan and HUD funded programs. Staff also provides on-going technical assistance to County staff, consultants and subrecipients.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities 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		STARK COUNTY	Stark County Regional Planning - Comm Dev. Dept
HOME Administrator		STARK COUNTY	Stark County Regional Planning - Comm Dev. Dept

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Board of Stark County Commissioners is the grantee of the CDBG funds and the lead entity for the HOME Consortium which includes the cities of Alliance and Massillon. The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) is under contract to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the administration of the CDBG and HOME programs. The SCRPC works with the cities of Alliance and Massillon for the development of the HOME program.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The SCRPC is the contact for the Stark County Consolidated Plan.

AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

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 SCRPC staff meets with any entity, via phone conference calls, virtually or during socially distanced in-person meetings as the need arises. Please see Section AP-12 Participation "Citizen Participation Outreach" chart, which list all consultations held during the fiscal year.

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.

The Stark Housing Network, Inc. (SHN) was established over five years ago and serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care (CoC) operating as the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC: OH-508). The SHN is the central agency in Stark County working with the CoC and coordinating efforts that 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. SCRPC is in regular communication with the SHN regarding their CoC work, especially with funding for the coordinated entry system through the SCRPC's CDBG funding allocation.

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

The City of Canton is the only ESG recipient in the County. The City of Canton administers ESG funding and the SHN works with the City of Canton to assist with soliciting, reviewing, scoring and allocating ESG funds.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority was consulted to provide information on public housing and its future plans for the AP-60 - Public Housing section of the current Action Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Stark Housing Network
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Stark Housing Network was consulted to provide information on homeless and other special needs activities and future plans for each for the AP-65 - Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities section of the current Action Plan.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	STARK COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Other government - County Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Discrimination & Landlord/Tenant help

Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Stark County Fair Housing Department was consulted to provide information on barriers to affordable housing, housing discrimination, landlord/tenant issues, etc. and future plans for each for the AP-75 - Barriers to Affordable Housing section of the current Action Plan.
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The public meetings and public hearings were open to any interested party. Meetings were held in person with a call-in number provided. There were no agency types not consulted or invited to participate in the public meetings.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County	The homeless section of the One Year Action Plan was coordinated with the HCCSC through the Executive Director of the Stark Housing Network Inc., that manages the CoC to ensure that goals and objectives are aligned.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Goals were established during the consultation and citizen participation process outlined in the FY19 - 23 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Application workshop (8/25/21)	Non-targeted/broad community	Attendees included representatives from the various CDBG political subdivisions and non-profit organizations interested in applying for CDBG funding from the FY 2022 - 2024 programs.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	RPC website https://rpc.starkcountyohio.gov/

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Application workshop (11/22/21)	Non-targeted/broad community	Attendees included representatives from the various HOME political; subdivisions and non-profit organizations interested in applying for HOME funding from the FY 2022 program.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	RPC website https://rpc.starkcountyohio.gov/
4	Virtual meeting/consultation with the City of Massillon interested in FY'22 HOME funds (2/9/22)	City of Massillon	Community Development staff discussed with consortium member, City of Massillon, to determine what the City wants to do with their FY 2022 HOME funding.	City of Massillon submitted a letter stating how they intended to allocate their FY22 HOME funding.	No comments were not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Virtual meeting/consultation with City of Alliance interested in FY'22 HOME funds (2/2/22)	City of Alliance	Community Development staff discussed with consortium member, City of Alliance, to determine what the City wants to do with their FY 2022 HOME funding.	City of Alliance submitted a letter stating how they intended to allocate their FY22 HOME funding.	No comments were not accepted.	
6	CDBG/HOME Public Meeting (3/3/22)	Non-targeted/broad community	Those in attendance voted to endorse the proposed FY 2022- 2024 CDBG 3-year funding program and the proposed FY 2022 HOME funding program.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	RPC website https://rpc.starkcountyohio.gov/

7	CDBG/HOME Public Hearing (3/23/22)	Non-targeted/broad community	The Board of Stark County Commissioners conducted a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the proposed FY 2022- 2024 CDBG programs and the proposed FY 2022 HOME program.	Two comments were received during the 30-day comment period. The first, (April 7, 2022) was an inquiry as to how the City of Massillon will use HUD dollars to develop affordable housing in their community . The participant was directed to the website to view the proposed funding plans. The second, (April 8, 2022) was an inquiry about available funding for veterans.	No comments were not accepted.	RPC website https://rpc.starkcountyohio.gov/
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
				The callers contact information was gathered to add them to mailing lists was informed about upcoming application workshops later this year for CDBG/HOME and HOME-ARP public meetings.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
8	Governmental Law Seminar (2/26/22)	Non-targeted/broad community	SCRPC assisted in organizing a biannual Governmental Law Seminar. Attendees included the public, representatives from various political subdivisions and other Stark County governmental entities.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	RPC website https://rpc.starkcountyohio.gov/
9	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on 3/7/23 in which the first amendment was presented to the public.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Stark County receives HUD formula funding allocations from HUD under the CDBG and HOME programs. Neither Stark County nor its Consortium members receive a direct allocation of ESG funds. Competitive Coc (McKinney-Vento) funding is not a funding source of the County and is therefore not included in projected funding.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,373,128	55,000	100,725	1,528,853	1,300,000	Stark County CDBG funding experienced a 6% decrease this program year from last program year.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,014,159	276,550	0	1,290,709	1,000,000	Stark County HOME funding experienced a 13% increase this program year from last program year.
Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	public - state	Housing TBRA Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The County strives to fund projects and activities that maximize other funding sources as much as possible. Whenever possible CDBG infrastructure projects are leveraged with local funds and OPWC funds. Large HOME-funded projects with multiple funding sources involved provide match as well. It has become more difficult to fund CHDO activities as the regulations have changed and a CHDO can no longer be a partner with a developer in larger LIHTC projects. The County received one CHDO application this program year from Stark County's only

certified CHDO, ICAN, Inc. ICAN will utilize their current year CHDO set-aside and current year HOME dollars to complete necessary rehabilitation to a PSH property.

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

It is not anticipated that any publicly-owned land within the Consortium will be used to meet the needs addressed.

Discussion

As part of the CDBG and HOME application process, applicants are required to identify match/leveraged funds. Points are awarded to projects indicating leveraged funds. The Stark County HOME Consortium has a carry-over (banked) of match funds due to the type of HOME activities having been carried out through the year.

Program income identified above includes housing rehab loans repaid to the CDBG Housing RFL program and to the HOME program. Minor amounts of program income are received from the sale of plans and specs for CDBG infrastructure projects.

"Prior year CDBG Resources", \$100,725.05, are comprised of unspent and reallocated funding. Specifically, \$7,629.47 from "Contingencies", \$83,182 from non-commenced public infrastructure project and \$9,913.58 in unspent funding from a public service project.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2019	2023	Affordable Housing	County-wide City Wide - City of Massillon City Wide - City of Alliance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$467,507 HOME: \$627,193	Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 4 Households Assisted
2	Public Services	2019	2023	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	County-wide	Public Services	CDBG: \$137,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 285 Persons Assisted
3	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	County-wide	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$493,900	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 97 Households Assisted
4	Homeless Assistance	2019	2023	Homeless	County-wide	Homeless Assistance	CDBG: \$68,320	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 650 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Permanent Supportive Housing	2019	2023	Homeless	City Wide - City of Alliance	Permanent Supportive Housing	HOME: \$285,550	Rental units rehabilitated: 16 Household Housing Unit
6	Economic Development	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	County-wide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$32,000	Businesses assisted: 15 Businesses Assisted
7	Administration and Planning	2019	2023	Administration and Planning	County-wide City Wide - City of Massillon City Wide - City of Alliance	Administration and Planning	CDBG: \$274,625 HOME: \$101,415	Other: 1 Other

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Affordable housing activities include: CDBG and HOME funded housing rehabilitation throughout the balance of the County, City of Massillon homebuyer and housing rehabilitation activities, City of Alliance housing rehabilitation activities and construction of new single-family homes by Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio and Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity.

2	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public service activities include Stark County Fair Housing, Beacon Charitable Pharmacy and Vantage Aging.
3	Goal Name	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Public improvements and infrastructure activities include waterline replacements in the Village of Minerva and City of North Canton.
4	Goal Name	Homeless Assistance
	Goal Description	Homeless assistance activities include Alliance for Children & Families, CommQuest Services and Stark County Mental Health Board.
5	Goal Name	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Goal Description	Permanent Supportive Housing activity includes the rehabilitation of one permanent supportive housing structure by Stark County's only CHDO.
6	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Economic Development activity includes Kent State University's Small Business Development Center program.
7	Goal Name	Administration and Planning
	Goal Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The County utilizes a three-year funding program for CDBG funding requests. Applications are solicited and received annually helping to develop a rolling three-year program cycle for potential CDBG activities. The current program year is the first year of the new three-year funding cycle. Applications for the FY22-FY24 program were accepted during the Fall of 2021. CDBG applications were reviewed by the staff for eligibility and scored. Applications were then reviewed by a five-member "Citizen Review Committee" and all scores were averaged to determine the proposed funding.

HOME applications are received on an annual basis. All HOME applications are reviewed by SCRPC staff.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Comprehensive Planning
3	Housing Rehab
4	Housing Rehab - Administration
5	Fair Housing
6	Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence
7	CommQuest Services, Inc. - Family Living Center
8	Stark County Mental Health Board - Coordinated Entry System
9	Beacon Charitable Pharmacy - Prescription Medication Access and Assistance
10	Vantage Aging - Feeding Stark County Seniors
11	Kent State Stark - KSU Micro Enterprise Development Program
12	Village of Minerva - Euclid Avenue Waterline Replacement
13	City of North Canton - Valley Drive NW Waterline Replacement
15	HOME Administration
16	ICAN Inc. - Park Place Renovation - Rehab of PSH CHDO
17	City of Massillon - Habitat for Humanity - 2022 New Construction Build
18	City of Massillon Rehab/Homebuyer Activities
19	City of Alliance Housing Rehabilitation
20	Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity - East Alliance Revitalization
21	Stark County Housing Rehabilitation

Table 4 – Project Information

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

All CDBG and HOME funding applications are awarded on a competitive basis. Under the CDBG program, higher priority is given to infrastructure projects that will be ready for commencement during the year of funding as well as projects having all funding sources committed. Priority is also given to eligible

large-scale infrastructure projects that will serve a County need and that collaborates with other county and state-wide agencies resulting in direct and indirect benefits far outreaching the boundaries of the indicted LMI census tract. Highest priority for HOME funding is for viable CHDO projects and projects with all funding sources committed and ready for construction and/or expenditure of funds during the program year.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$190,385
	Description	To provide the administration of the CDBG program for Stark County. This provides the day-to-day oversight of the CDBG program and its related elements.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	CDBG Administration is a project benefiting persons throughout Stark County.
	Planned Activities	Day-to-day administration and oversight of the CDBG program and its work elements.
2	Project Name	Comprehensive Planning
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$84,240
	Description	Long- and short-range planning as it relates to the CDBG program, Consolidated Plan and related work elements.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Comprehensive Planning is an activity benefiting persons throughout Stark County.
	Planned Activities	Long- and short-range planning as it relates to the CDBG program, Consolidated Plan and related work elements.

3	Project Name	Housing Rehab
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$308,754
	Description	Housing rehabilitation costs for LMI owner-occupied HHs within Stark County. The budget for this program year combines a portion of the CDBG grant (253,754.45) and the housing rehab RLF (~\$55,000). Historically, CDBG housing rehab grants are funded out of the current program year grant, while the loan projects (full rehabs) are funded out of the RLF. All program income earned from the RLF will revolve back into the housing rehab RLF balance. Full rehab households are given a 50% grant and 50% deferred, 0% interest loan with the loan due upon property transfer. Maximum amount of a project is \$25,000 (subject to change this program year) to bring the unit to Residential Rehab Standards when possible. CDBG is used on homes not qualifying for HOME funding due to the after-rehab appraisal amount being too high or the unit not being able to be brought to code. This activity also includes the Emergency Rehab program which undertakes work deemed to be an emergency for eligible low-moderate income homeowners as well as the Handicap Accessibility program. The maximum amount of an emergency rehab grant is \$15,000 with any amount exceeding \$15,000 being placed as a deferred, 0% interest loan. The maximum amount of an accessibility rehab grant is \$20,000. The full amount of an emergency furnace replacement is a grant.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 13 LMI HHs will benefit from this proposed activity. This will include emergency home projects, accessibility projects and/or septic/sewer projects.
	Location Description	Housing rehab projects will take place throughout Stark County, excluding the cities of Massillon and Alliance.
4	Planned Activities	Direct financial support of the loans/grants for LMI owner-occupied HH. Amount of funding includes approximately \$55,000.00 from the Revolving Loan Fund.
	Project Name	Housing Rehab - Administration
	Target Area	County-wide

	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$213,753
	Description	Provide staffing for the housing rehabilitation program and miscellaneous soft costs associated with the program, including but not limited to location surveys, title work, credit reports, pest inspections and program marketing.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Throughout Stark County's CDBG program areas.
	Planned Activities	Undertaking qualified single-family, owner-occupied housing rehab.
5	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$84,000
	Description	Provision of fair housing services to all residents of Stark County's CDBG participating political units.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 150 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Fair housing services are provided throughout Stark County, excluding the cities of Massillon and Alliance.
	Planned Activities	The SCRPC will provide fair housing counseling, discrimination complaint investigation, landlord/tenant counseling and other fair housing services to the residents of the CDBG participating political units. The Fair Housing Annual Action Plan is included as an attachment to this document.
	Project Name	Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence

6	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,320
	Description	Provision of staff costs related to the operation of the Emergency Residence in the City of Alliance.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 175 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	The public service is available to all Stark County residents.
	Planned Activities	The funding is utilized to provide half of the Alliance Emergency Residence Office/Case Manager's salary. The Case Manger provides direct services to the clients including case management, shelter intakes and exits as well as assisting with other various responsibilities.
7	Project Name	CommQuest Services, Inc. - Family Living Center
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	Provision of housing/essential support services provided by the Family Living Center Homeless Shelter to homeless individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 175 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This public service is available to all Stark County residents.
	Planned Activities	The Family Living Center is a homeless shelter located in the City of Massillon and is the only emergency shelter for homeless individuals in the western portion of Stark County. CDBG funding will be utilized to assist with the operation of the facility.
	Project Name	Stark County Mental Health Board - Coordinated Entry System

8	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Funding will be utilized to fund personnel expenses associated with the Coordinated Entry System of the Stark County Homeless Hotline.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 300 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This public service will benefit persons throughout Stark County, OH.
	Planned Activities	Activities performed by personnel associated with the Coordinated Entry System of the Stark County Homeless Hotline includes oversight and supervision of the database/phone center specialists. Employees gather data from homeless or precariously housed callers, undertake an initial assessment, provide referrals and service information as well as coordinate with area agencies to provide shelter.
9	Project Name	Beacon Charitable Pharmacy - Prescription Medication Access and Assistance
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Provision of funds to provide vulnerable LMI persons with access to medication.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 80 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This public service is to serve LMI Stark County residents.
	Planned Activities	Funding will be used to dispense low-cost medications by a licensed pharmacist to LMI Stark County residents.

10	Project Name	Vantage Aging - Feeding Stark County Seniors
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$23,500
	Description	Provision of meals provided by Vantage Aging to Stark County Seniors.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 55 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This public service is to serve eligible Stark County seniors.
	Planned Activities	Funding will be utilized to assist with the expenses associated with making, serving and delivering meals to LMI Stark County seniors.
11	Project Name	Kent State Stark - KSU Micro Enterprise Development Program
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$32,000
	Description	Technical assistance to be provided to LMI persons, businesses and potential businesses by the Kent State University Small Business Development Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 15 LMI businesses owned by LMI persons will be provided TA from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This project takes place at the Kent State University - Stark Campus in North Canton and will encompass all CDBG participating jurisdictions.
	Planned Activities	The KSU Stark Campus Small Business Development Center will provide TA to LMI persons interested in developing microenterprise business and other businesses.
	Project Name	Village of Minerva - Euclid Avenue Waterline Replacement

12	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$98,900
	Description	CDBG funding (\$8,088.53 of current year funding and reallocation of \$90,811.47 in prior year funds) will be utilized to install new waterlines in the Village of Minerva. This portion of the Village of Minerva is in Carroll County but is within Stark County CDBG funding jurisdiction. This project will include the replacement and installation of 970 LF of waterline that has exceeded its useful life. The project is in Census Tract 7202 - Block Group 1 = 45.27%. Stark County exception criteria is 41.24%.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will directly benefit 25 HHs within the LMA block group.
	Location Description	The project will directly benefit those located along Euclid Avenue bounded by West Line Street to the north and Booth Street to the south.
13	Planned Activities	This project consists of replacing 950 LF of waterline with 970 LF of waterline. Additional activities include installing five 6" gate valves and boxes, two fire hydrants and 24 new water services.
	Project Name	City of North Canton - Valley Drive NW Waterline Replacement
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$395,000
	Description	CDBG funding (\$385,086.42 of current year funding and reallocation of \$9,913.58 of prior year funding), will be utilized to replace approximately 3,300 LF of waterlines that have exceeded their useful life. The project will be in Census Tract 7119, Block Group 1 = 59.94%. Stark County exception criteria is 41.24%.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will directly benefit 72 HHs within the LMA block group.
	Location Description	The project will directly benefit HHs along Valley Drive NW, north to Portage Street NW, southeast to Valley Boulevard NW, and Valley Boulevard NW south to West Maple Street in the City of North Canton.
	Planned Activities	Project includes the installation of 3,300 LF of waterlines and new copper water service lines to each property. Existing fire hydrants will be removed and replaced with the new quick connection hydrants.
14	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	HOME: \$101,415
	Description	Administration of the Consortium's HOME program.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	This project will benefit persons throughout Stark County, OH.
	Planned Activities	Administration of the Consortium's HOME program.
15	Project Name	ICAN Inc. - Park Place Renovation - Rehab of PSH CHDO
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Alliance
	Goals Supported	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Needs Addressed	Permanent Supportive Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$562,100
	Description	Funding (\$152,123.85 of current CHDO program year funding, \$133,425.78 of Stark County funding and \$276,550.37 of previous year program income) to rehabilitate an ICAN managed, HUD-811 apartment building, consisting of 16 one-bedroom units.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will directly benefit 16 very-low income households.
	Location Description	1675 Westwood Avenue in the City of Alliance.
	Planned Activities	General exterior rehab is expected to consist of new siding, soffit, fascia, windows and exterior doors. General interior rehab to consist of kitchen renovations, flooring and bathroom upgrades. Mechanical updates include A/C, furnace and water heaters.
16	Project Name	City of Massillon - Habitat for Humanity - 2022 New Construction Build
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Massillon
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$50,000
	Description	Funding will be utilized to build one single-family home on Johnson Street SE in the City of Massillon. Funding will come from the City of Massillon's current year HOME allocation. The project will ensure that this unit is affordable for at least 15 years. The total project cost is \$90,000.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit one LMI HH.
	Location Description	The project is located on PN #10014976 on Johnson Street SE in the City of Massillon.
	Planned Activities	This activity consists of the construction of one single-family home in the City of Massillon. The project is expected to provide long-term affordable housing for at least 15 years to a LMI homeowner.
17	Project Name	City of Massillon Rehab/Homebuyer Activities
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Massillon
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$125,321

	Description	Use of HOME funding for homeownership and housing rehabilitation assistance to qualified LMI single-family homeowners to bring their houses up to Residential Rehab Standards within the City of Massillon. Funding will also be used to provide down payment assistance to assist qualified persons in purchasing a home.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that eight LMI HHs will benefit from this activity. This will include housing rehabilitation and down payment assistance.
	Location Description	This project will benefit LMI persons located in the City of Massillon.
	Planned Activities	HOME funding will be provided to LMI City of Massillon residents to help with single-family, owner-occupied rehab and/or homeownership down payment assistance. All units will meet Residential Rehab Standards upon completion.
18	Project Name	City of Alliance Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Alliance
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$45,321
	Description	Housing rehabilitation assistance to LMI homeowners in the City of Alliance. All units will meet Residential Rehab Standards upon completion of the rehab work.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that four LMI HH will benefit from this proposed activity.
	Location Description	This activity will benefit LMI persons within the City of Alliance.
	Planned Activities	HOME funding will be provided to qualified LMI homeowners in the City of Alliance to assist with housing rehabilitation.
19	Project Name	Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity - East Alliance Revitalization
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Alliance
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$130,000
	Description	Funding will be utilized to build three single-family homes on current vacant, residential lots in the City of Alliance. Funding will come from the City of Alliance's current program year HOME allocation. All units will remain affordable for at least 10 years. HOME funding will assist with the hard construction costs of each home.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit three LMI HHs.
	Location Description	The project sites are current vacant residential lots in the City of Alliance. All locations will be in the eastern part of the city: Franklin Avenue, Noble Street and Grant/Morgan Streets.
	Planned Activities	This activity consists of the construction of three single-family homes in the City of Alliance. The project is expected to provide long-term affordable housing for at least 10 years to LMI homeowners.
20	Project Name	Stark County Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$276,550
	Description	Housing rehabilitation assistance to qualified LMI homeowners in the County's eligible areas, outside of the cities of Alliance, Massillon and the Village of Hills & Dales.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated the activity will benefit nine LMI HHs.
	Location Description	Eligible project locations will be throughout Stark County, outside of the cities of Alliance, Massillon and the Village of Hills & Dales.

	Planned Activities	HOME funding will be provided to eligible LMI Stark County homeowners to assist with single family housing rehabilitation. All units will meet Residential Rehab Standards upon completion of work.
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AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

The County considers the entire eligible CDBG participating political units when allocating funding from the CDBG program. For the current program year under the HOME program, approximately 23% of the funds will be allocated to activities in the City of Massillon and an additional 23% of the funds will be allocated to activities in the City of Alliance. The ICAN, Inc., "Park Place Renovation (PSH) Apartment Building" project in the City of Alliance will receive the program year required CHDO set-aside funding (\$152,123.85) and the remaining balance of Stark County funds (\$409,976.15).

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
County-wide	
City Wide - City of Massillon	
City Wide - City of Alliance	

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Stark County does not focus on a particular geographic area, as all CDBG projects are awarded on a competitive basis. HOME funding, as mentioned above is allocated back to the cities of Alliance and Massillon with the balance to the remaining County.

Discussion

With funding being distributed over many political subdivisions within the County, scattered site housing rehabilitation has proven to be the best method of allocating the non-competitive funds. For other projects, a particular geographic area is not a focus if the project qualifies all funding requirements.

Massillon has specific target areas for their Housing Rehab program to make the most impact in a particular target area.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

Stark County strives to make affordable housing available to qualified residents of the Consortium. HOME funds have been utilized for housing rehabilitation, housing for persons with mental illness and housing for formerly homeless families. Specifically, this program year will see HOME funding contributing to the affordable housing market in Stark County by helping to (1) rehabilitate a 16-unit permanent supportive housing (PSH) apartment building located in the City of Alliance, which houses LMIs with mental health issues and (2) construct a total of four single-family, owner-occupied houses for LMI HHs through both Habitat for Humanity of East Central Ohio and Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity. Home locations are in the cities of Massillon and Alliance.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	4
Rehab of Existing Units	30
Acquisition of Existing Units	4
Total	38

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Funds will not be allocated to tenant based rental assistance projects as funding has not been sought for this activity by Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA). However, the County encourages discussion and future collaboration with SMHA and is optimistic that successful projects can be developed over time.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) submits its annual plan to the SCRPC which undertakes environmental reviews as needed. SMHA also requests a Certificate of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan. The SCRPC reviews the action plan for activities planned by SMHA to be undertaken within the CDBG participating political jurisdictions of the County's program.

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

In addition to minor and major renovations and general maintenance, SMHA also is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for approved requests and provides a percentage of units that fully comply with Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS). SMHA will continue to work to obtain the one hundred and twenty-eight (128) units to be mobility accessible as required by HUD, by including vision, hearing and mobility accesses in major renovation projects. SMHA will include a specified number of units to be converted so they fully comply with UFAS during their major renovation projects.

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

SMHA's Resident Services department coordinates programs and activities for residents with a focus on education, self-sufficiency, health, wellness and community engagement. Even though COVID presented a challenge, SMHA was still able to offer several programs and services to its residents by working in collaboration with local agencies and organizations. These services include food, rental, clothing and utility assistance, job and educational support, housekeeping supplies and classes and summer food assistance. A scholarship is also available for all SMHA public housing residents and Section 8 residents. Two awards are given each year in the amount of \$500. The Resident Services department provides referrals for emergency assistance, mental health counseling and other immediate needs residents may have. It is SMHA's goal to provide quality opportunities for residents to engage in supportive services and become self-sufficient.

SMHA's Section 8 department continues to provide referrals for housing counseling and direct assistance for program participants to assist in their pursuit of homeownership.

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

provided or other assistance

The PHA at the present time is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

SMHA is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for approved requests and to satisfy the 128 units required to be mobility accessible by HUD. They also provide referrals to other agencies for financial assistance to residents that meet eligibility requirements and they provide a variety of programs and services for SMHA residents and their children.

A new Executive Director will join SMHA this program year.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Stark Housing Network, Inc. (SHN) is the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC funding in Stark County. The SCRPC works closely with the SHN on homelessness issues within the County.

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

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

The Homeless Hotline, aka Homeless Navigation, is a coordinated entry system for referral and/or placement with homeless housing and service providers in the County. The CoC also has a Coordinated Entry Committee, which guides policy direction and decision-making and has refined the coordinated entry system. The initial assessment is conducted via the Hotline phone intake, which connects qualified callers to the appropriate homeless provider agency(s). This includes eligible participants seeking shelter and/or housing, with the end goal of identifying callers who could be best served through diversion, and most appropriate referrals for those who cannot. The CoC oversees the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the database used to capture the data of individuals and families that access the homeless system, to help ensure more coordinated assessment, entry and tracking. After an assessment, the CoC community provider assists participants with completing applications to the most appropriate housing programs meeting the individual needs of the participant. The CoC providers continue to work on building strong relationships with local landlords to locate appropriate and affordable housing for participants.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Eligible persons who do not qualify for diversion or homeless prevention will be referred to shelters, or motel vouchers (provided by community agencies) when shelters are full, to address their emergency need of having a safe place to stay. An in-depth participant assessment will examine the factors leading to homelessness and determine if the participant is suitable for rapid re-housing or permanent supportive housing. Shelters provide case management with individualized plans detailing how a participant's causes for becoming homeless are addressed and the steps that will be taken to exit the participant into permanent housing. The number of homeless persons has decreased however, the number of persons at imminent risk of homelessness continues to increase. In addition, due to a lack of subsidized and affordable housing units, the CoC is experiencing an increase in persons who return to the shelters after being exited to permanent destinations from rapid re-housing projects and an increased length of time for persons to secure housing after being referred to a housing program. Transitional housing is best suited to those in transitional life stages such as transition-age youth, families with young children, persons fleeing domestic violence, ex-offenders, the undereducated and

those lacking certain skills. However, as HUD has moved away from funding new transitional housing programs, the CoC has pursued and is currently operating additional rapid re-housing programs that could also serve persons typically assisted through transitional housing, with the potential to achieve self-sufficiency in open market housing within 12 months. Rapid re-housing typically targets families and individuals who are in a crisis state of homelessness and who should be able to sustain themselves after a minimal amount of assistance. Rental assistance is typically provided on a declining sliding scale over a 12-month period, along with security deposits and housing inspections. Case management is provided prior to housing placement and up to six months following an exit from the program, with linkages to other mainstream services.

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

Improving the initial intake assessment process is key to reducing the time in which persons and families experience homelessness. As the CoC assessment process has become more sophisticated and the housing placement process improved, homelessness should decrease even among more challenging sub-populations.

The CoC's policies governing eligibility and prioritization to receive permanent housing include criteria related to households with a minor child, chronically homeless and veterans. The CoC also has an assigned Veteran Coordinator leading the housing coordination efforts between the CoC and veteran agency-funded housing programs.

Fast housing placement for the most vulnerable is another key component in shortening the period of homelessness. As noted previously, the rapid re-housing program provides a fast transition for individuals and families directly into housing. Rapid re-housing targets those who have already been evicted, who are living in shelter or who are literally homeless. The CoC recognizes the fast transition will be dependent on the needs of the participant (e.g. time for obtaining education and/or job training), as well as the availability of affordable housing and employment opportunities that provide enough income to enable the participant to pay rent.

While the CoC has expanded the rapid re-housing program, one challenge with expanding rapid re-housing and serving participants with more barriers to employment and self-sufficiency is identifying landlords willing to rent to participants who may need up to 24 months to gain financial independence. Because Stark County does not have a large stock of safe, decent sanitary units that are affordable, the

CoC will continue attempting to build partnerships with landlords and developers to address this issue.

Participants who have severe and possibly life-long barriers to attaining self-sufficiency are referred to permanent supportive housing. A long-term goal of the CoC is to ensure there are enough permanent supportive housing units to immediately refer and place persons into a unit as needed to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living more rapid, thus shortening the period of time that they experience homelessness. In 2021, the CoC prioritized all (61) of the Emergency Housing Vouchers received by the one and only public housing authority for individuals and families who completed the coordinated entry assessment and had the highest risk scores.

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.

While the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) focuses on funding rapid re-housing, funding for homeless prevention in Stark County has historically come from private foundations, the United Way and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). During calendar year 2021, the CoC continued to lead the efforts of allocating and setting policies for a variety of COVID-related homelessness prevention funding including private, state and ESG. The CoC prioritized homelessness prevention efforts for those with extremely low income by prioritizing households having an annual income at or below thirty percent of the area median income (AMI). Both rapid re-housing and homeless prevention programs are in key positions to identify individuals and families who are “at-risk” of becoming homeless. The homeless prevention provider agencies target participants who are “at imminent risk” of homelessness. These homeless prevention programs aim to serve non-leaseholder households by connecting these households with assistance to gain stable housing with a lease in their name. This prevention strategy focuses on households whose characteristics are more closely aligned to those who have entered shelter; meaning these households are at a greater risk of needing shelter. The Stark Housing Network, Inc., Stark County’s CoC Collaborative Applicant, has engaged a private consulting firm, Barbara Poppe and Associates, to conduct an independent evaluation of Stark County’s Homelessness Prevention Programs. This evaluation began in December 2020 and will end in March 2023. The objective of this evaluation is to work with community partners and staff of the publicly funded homelessness prevention programs participating in the CoCs coordinated entry system in order to 1) evaluate the programs’ implementation and guide their efficiency in targeting the most at-risk population(s), 2) measure the programs’ outcomes and guide the programs’ effectiveness in using interventions to achieve positive outcomes and 3) aid in ensuring the programs’ designs, operations, and outcomes are equitable. The long-term goal of this evaluation is to reduce homelessness and recidivism. The Stark County protocol for homeless prevention includes collaboration with the CoC,

housing providers, homeless services providers and institutions discharging participants.

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

SCRPC employs a fair housing manager for Stark County. Fair housing, community development and planning staff work together towards removing barriers to affordable housing. SCRPC has prepared an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) to satisfy requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

A summary of the impediments to fair housing choice that emerged from the data analysis, public engagement initiatives and policy review were identified. The AI identified “Potential Impediments” and provided “Recommended Action Steps.”

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 Fair Housing department for Stark County will continue to undertake recommended action steps in the AI. In addition, the department will continue to speak at the Zoning Inspectors Mutual Assistance Committee meetings to provide information on fair housing and zoning and will continue reviewing township zoning resolutions for affordable and fair housing barriers. As needed, staff will review and modify funding agreements to include a disclaimer that the entity receiving federal funds will affirmatively further fair housing.

Discussion

The Fair Housing department for Stark County presents at the Zoning Inspectors Mutual Assistance meetings, providing information on potential fair housing violations that can occur in Zoning Resolutions. In addition, the department has participated in government agency roundtable discussions and has presented information about housing discrimination at luncheons, sponsored workshops and seminars. The department has also conducted trainings and presentations to fair housing groups including the Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority, Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery (Hoarding Coalition), Stark County Real Estate Investor's Association, ICAN, Pathway Caring for Children, Community Services of Stark County, Hoover High School, Realtors, students, landlords and tenants. Educational materials are provided to all participants.

The County will continue to support its goals of maintaining and expanding affordable housing. In the attachments of this Plan, the Fair Housing Action Plan is included which identifies impediments and the action steps that will be undertaken during this program year.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Stark County addresses several items to strengthen the community and the carrying out of the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan as detailed below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The major obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the need for more funding. Whether it is adequate numbers of affordable housing units, adequate numbers of beds in homeless shelters, permanent supportive housing units, large sanitary sewer expansions or other public facilities, funding is frequently the missing piece. To overcome this obstacle, the County requires a local match on CDBG and HOME-funded projects whenever possible to do more with less.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Affordable housing units will be maintained through the rehabilitation of owner-occupied units and supported by the development four new single-family homes.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All projects are required to be carried out in a lead-safe manner. Every home accepted for a rehabilitation project is evaluated for lead and all work is required to be carried out in a lead-safe manner by licensed contractors. Applicants are given the EPA brochure on lead hazards and the brochure is reviewed with the homeowner and housing counselor. All properties built prior to 1978 are tested for lead once rehabilitation work is completed and if they don't pass inspection, they must be re-cleaned and re-tested until they pass.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

CDBG and HOME funds are utilized for funding homeless shelters and transitional housing providers offering life skills training to assist poverty-level families.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The System Performance committee of the HCCSC has developed sub-committees of providers targeting the various types of housing options to assist with the gaps/needs analysis for the homeless population in the County. The most recent subcommittee includes the By Names Committee. According to the HUD, a "by-name list" (also called a master list or active list) is a real-time, up-to-date list of all people experiencing homelessness that can be filtered by categories and shared across agencies. The HCCSC has

applied this strategy when working with veterans and the chronically homeless. The By Names Committee consists of lead staff members representing the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the Collaborative Applicant and Shelter, Housing and Supportive Service providers. The sub-committees provide valuable insight on needs and challenges faced by providers. The Homeless Hotline is being expanded to include additional staff.

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

Ongoing interaction takes place between Massillon, Alliance and Stark County, as members of the HOME consortium. The SCRPC is under contract and assists both cities with their housing rehab programs. Interaction with the City of Canton takes place on a regular basis for jointly funded HOME projects.

The SCRPC coordinates with the Northeast Four County Planning Organization (NEFCO) in the creation of its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which is submitted annually to the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The CEDS committee is comprised of private industry representatives, foundations and public agencies (including SCRPC), working together to identify economic goals and priorities for Stark, Summit, Portage and Wayne counties.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. 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. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

Stark County will not utilize any other forms of investment beyond those identified in 92.205.

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:

The County will recapture the prorated HOME subsidy from the net available proceeds. The County and the new homeowner will split the net available proceeds up to the amount of HOME financial assistance to the homeowner.

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:

HOME project owners/buyers are required to maintain HOME funded properties as affordable for a minimum affordability period based on the amount of HOME funds spent on the project. The guidelines are as follows:

Under \$15,000 per unit - 5 years

\$15,000 - \$40,000 per unit - 10 years

Over \$40,000 - 15 years

New construction or acquisition within one year of construction (for rental projects) - 20 years

A deed restriction and/or restrictive covenant will be prepared by the SCRPC and must be signed by the owner/buyer. This agreement establishes the occupancy and affordability requirements for the property as well as the owner's obligations to the Board of Stark County Commissioners. In signing the agreement, the owner agrees to the restrictions on the use of the property set forth in the document. This agreement will then be recorded by the SCRPC in the office of the Stark County Recorder and therefore binds the project owner and all subsequent owners for the full term of the agreement.

If a homebuyer sells the home before the HOME affordability period has expired, the County will recapture the prorated HOME subsidy out of the net available proceeds from the Homeowner. The County and Homeowner will split the net available proceeds up to the amount of the HOME financial assistance to the Homeowner.

Failure to comply with affordability requirements will require repayment of all HOME funds extended to the project by the project sponsor, owner or developer.

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:

Stark County does not plan to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Attachment 3a

April 7, 2022

A caller from the City of Massillon inquired how Stark County and in particular the City of Massillon, plans to use HUD dollars to develop affordable housing. The caller referenced an ad in the paper, to which I explained that for our upcoming fiscal year (2022), what was published in the paper is a proposed plan of how we intended to use our dollars. I directed the caller to our website www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov and explained the action plan is on our website as we are still in our public comment period. I explained to the caller the action plan for our current fiscal year (2021) is also on the website, which outlines how our current year funds have been allocated. As the caller inquired more about funding, I explained Stark County works together with Massillon and Alliance for the HOME program and we have not received our allocation of HOME dollars from HUD at this time.

April 8, 2022

A caller inquired about CDBG or HOME funding available for veterans. The caller was informed that the County is in receipt of HOME-ARP monies as well as the 10 public meetings being held to gather comments on the Allocation Plan. The caller was also informed about the application workshops that will be held for FY23 at the end of this calendar year. The department noted his information and the organization will be invited to all CDBG/HOME and HOME-ARP public meetings.

Grantee Unique Appendices

Attachments

Attachment 1

Minutes of Public Meeting: FY 2022 – 2024 CDBG Program – Application Workshop
(August 25, 2021)

Attachment 2

Minutes of Public Meeting: Review of the Proposed FY 2022 – 2022 CDBG and FY 2022 HOME Programs
(March 3, 2022)

Attachment 3

Transcript of Public Hearing: FY 2022 – 2024 CDBG and FY 2022 HOME Programs
(March 23, 2022)

- Two public comments were received during the comment period, March 10, 2022 to April 9, 2022 for the proposed CDBG and HOME Programs. The public comments are labeled attachment "3a".

Attachment 4

Copy of ads for the following meetings/hearings/plans:

- a. CDBG Application Workshop
- b. HOME Request for Proposal/Application Workshop
- c. Public Meeting – Review of the Proposed FY 2022 – 2024 CDBG and FY 2022 HOME
- d. Stark County's Proposed FY 2022 – 2024 CDBG and FY 2022 HOME funds and the 30-day comment period of March 10, 2022 to April 9, 2022
- e. Public Hearing: FY 2022 – 2024 CDBG and FY 2022 HOME Programs

Attachment 5

FY 2022 Fair Housing Action Plan

Attachment 6

Stark County Citizens Participation Plan – Adopted June 2018

Attachment 7

FY2022 Adopted Funding Plans CDBG and HOME

Attachment 8

Resolution: FY2022 Annual Action Plan Adoption

Attachment 9

Substantial amendment documents

Attachment 1

FY 2022 - 2024 CDBG Program – Virtual/In Person Application Workshop
 Minutes August 25, 2021
 SCRPC Conference Room – 9 a.m.
 Microsoft Teams/In Person

In attendance were:

Katie	Puleo	Staff
Lisa	Snyder	Staff
Malia	Burgasser	Staff
Gwen	Arthur	Staff
Amy	Dornack	CommQuest Services, Inc.
Renee	Schalmo	Perry Township
John	Masulko	Perry Township
Charlene	Stelluto	Village of East Sparta
Nancy	Black	Village of East Sparta
Carolyn	Ferrell	Beacon Charitable Pharmacy
JP	Neff	Plain Township
Drew	Xeloures	Plain Township
Rob	Graham	City of North Canton
Diane	Pilati	Goodwill Industries
Philip	Turske	Village of Minerva
Terrance	Jones	Simply Youth

Attending via Microsoft Teams:

Shirene	Stern-Tapyrik	Alliance for Children and Families Inc.
Amelia	Kocher	Alliance Family Health Center
John	Hartman	Village of Beach City
William	Rouse	City of Canal Fulton
Magan	Denzer	City of Louisville
Louisa	Dallett	Economic and Community Development Institute
Allison	Matas Smith	Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio
Natalie	McCleskey	ICAN
Deanna	Spencer	KSU Stark Small Business Development Center
Holly	Bolinger	KSU Stark Small Business Development Center
Stephen	Schilling	KSU Stark Small Business Development Center
Victor	Pavona	KSU Stark Small Business Development Center
Laura	Shank	Jobs for Ohio's Graduates
Sue	Snyder	JRC
Julie	Abiecunas	JRC
Jim	Kiko	Paris Township Trustee
Bruce	Mencer	Perry Helping Perry
Tom	Phillips	Stark Fresh
Mary	Grucher	Stark Parks
Scott	Ellsworth	Stark County Sanitary Engineer
Amanda	Burdette	Stark Mental Health and Addiction Recovery
Sarah	Emmert	St. Timothy Church
Amina	Hall	Vantage Aging
Devon	Anderson	Vantage Aging
Michael	Miller	Village of Brewster
Kathleen	Almasy	Village of East Canton
Margaret	Egbert	Private citizen

1. Opening Remarks and Introductions

Katie Puleo, Chief of Community Development, opened the meeting, and asked participants to raise their hand if they had a question, and stated Malia Burgasser was monitoring the chat box, and questions could be asked through there as well.

2. Overview of Stark County CDBG Program and National Objectives

Puleo stated the FY 2022 – 2024 program includes eligible infrastructure, public facility, public service, and economic development projects. The requested CDBG funding must be utilized to benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) residents outside of the corporate limits of the cities of Canton, Massillon, Alliance, and the village of Hills & Dales. Applicants are required to show that their project is benefiting Stark County residents outside of these areas.

Puleo stated this application process is seeking projects that meet one of the national objectives that are set forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 5th at noon. Applications will be turned in at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission office, and physical applications are required. Puleo stated all attendees today will receive an automatic 10 additional points towards each application submitted.

Puleo stated all eligible projects must meet a national objective, which are set forth by HUD. The first objective is to benefit low- to moderate-income persons, and this is the objective that most of CDBG's previous projects tend to fall under. The second objective is aiding in the prevention or elimination of blighted conditions or slum, and that's really improving any physical environment that is in a deteriorating area or a dilapidated property. The third objective is reacting to an urgent need, and this is something that is difficult to apply for funding under because it's typically an emergency situation that you can't plan for, like a natural disaster.

3. Application Process for FY 2022-2024

Puleo stated this is just an overview of either the folder if you're in person or the materials that are online. These include the agenda for today's meeting, the application, and all of the supplemental materials that go with it. We also have some documents with some helpful hints as well as some sample applications and maps to kind of help you figure out what we're expecting in an application.

Puleo stated the application cycle is open to the next three program years, starting July 1st of 2022 and going through June 30th of 2025. For fiscal year 2021, the county received approximately \$1,460,000. The expectation is to receive approximately the same amount in the coming years, as funding remains fairly steady.

Available CDBG funding is expected to be as follows:

Stark County Approximate Grant Allocation	\$1,460,000
Planning & Administration (20%)	\$ 292,000
Housing Rehab/Emergency Rehab	\$ 270,000
Housing Rehab/Direct Cost and Program Operation	\$ 240,000
Fair Housing	\$ 85,000

Puleo stated there was an FY '22 infrastructure project, applied for by the City of North Canton, that was awarded funding totaling \$395,000 during the FY '21-'23 application cycle. There is also approximately \$83,000 reallocated from an FY '19 infrastructure project that did not move forward, as the project location fell out of eligibility. So, subtracting that set-aside amount and then adding back in that reallocated money, there's a balance of \$285,938 available for FY '22.

Puleo stated it is strongly encouraged that applicants seek other funding to use in conjunction with CDBG funds, such as OPWC, local community funds, etc. The Board of Stark County Commissioners cannot commit any more than 15% of CDBG funds for public service activities. This HUD-established cap on public service projects could result in projects not being selected for funding in the exact order of ranking. Public Service projects will be based on LMI (low- to moderate-income) persons or families served, and applicants will need to provide documentation of their LMI status for these individuals.

Puleo summarized eligible and ineligible projects. Eligible projects can include various public service activities that serve low- to moderate-income persons or families, and that's documented by obtaining income and demographic information, as well as proof that those assisted with those county CDBG dollars live outside of those three cities of Canton, Massillon, Alliance, and the village of Hills & Dales. Another eligible category would be infrastructure or public facility improvements. These include things such as storm sewer reconstruction, water line replacement, or the rehab of a neighborhood facility. For these types of projects to be eligible, they must be located within a designated low- to moderate-income census tract and/or serve LMI persons/families. The census tracts are available through an interactive mapping application that's on the county's website. This information is subject to change based on any new data that comes out of the American Community survey. The data comes directly from HUD, who gets it from the Census Bureau. Applicants should reference the maps to make sure the project area is a low-income area serving qualified LMI persons/families.

4. Review and Selection of the Citizens Advisory Council's CDBG Application Review Committee

Snyder explained the review process that takes place after applications are submitted. Each application can receive a maximum of 100 points. The ranking of the applications, based on this point system, helps to determine if a project will be funded during the three-year funding cycle (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025) for infrastructure and public facility projects, or one-year funding cycle (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) for public service and economic development. There will be no reimbursement of project costs that are incurred prior to the commitment of the funding agreement/contract. Once the applications are received, three staff members will individually review and score each application. Their scores are averaged into one score. Staff will visit the projects to take pictures and prepare a synopsis on each project. A six-member review committee will then review each application, and score and rank the projects. Their average scores are then combined with staff's average scores to come up with a final ranking. The two sets of rankings will be based on the understanding of the project based on the information provided in the application. These plans will then be presented at a public meeting in winter 2022, in which we will accept public input, and then a public hearing will be held late winter, early spring with the Board of Stark County Commissioners, and again, we will accept public input. At the end of the 30-day comment period, the Stark County Commissioners will adopt the fiscal year 2022 funding plan, and will tentatively adopt the fiscal year 2023 and 2024 funding plans. After that is complete, they will be submitted to HUD.

Snyder asked for and received volunteers for the six-member committee (a final member will be chosen by the Board of Stark County Commissioners) as follows:

Cities: Rob Graham, City of North Canton
Vince Marion, City of Louisville (alt.)

*Large Townships: JP Neff, Plain Township
John Masalko, Perry Township

*Small Townships: Will be contacted directly by CDBG staff
No alternate

Villages: Phil Turske, Village of Minerva
No alternate

County at Large: Shirene Starn-Tapyrik, Alliance for Children and Families, Inc.
Holly Bolinger, KSU Stark Small Business Development Center (alt.)

Masalko moved, Pilati seconded, and the motion carried to accept the Application Review Committee.

**(Brenda Griffith, Trustee for Osnaburg Township, was directly contacted August 25, 2021, and agreed to volunteer.)*

5. FY 2022-2024 Application and Supporting Materials

Puleo reviewed the application and supporting materials. Puleo stated all the materials are available on the county website. Each application must be submitted on its own application form. Puleo reiterated the importance of submitting a complete and accurate application. Puleo explained there is no limit to the number of applications submitted, but to rank them in order of priority. Puleo stated it was best to submit applications that are filled out on the computer. In the past, handwritten applications have proven to be difficult to review.

Puleo stated hard copies of the applications are required. The applications can be placed in the basket outside Stark County Regional Planning Commission's lobby or mailed. Snyder stated the hard copies need to be delivered to Stark County Regional Planning Commission's office by noon on November 5th; this includes postmarks. Nothing will be accepted by email. Puleo stated if an application is submitted jointly between two political subdivisions, all parties involved must endorse it. When filling out the application, please utilize the guidelines and instructions. These supporting materials explain every part of the application, so the closer these documents are followed, the better chance of an application being ranked higher. Certain questions ask for certain responses, and the instructions will clarify that.

Puleo stated all applications must have an accompanying map. There is a template map on the website for public service and economic development applications. Include the title of the project, and fill out the legend so the map can be properly interpreted. Puleo stated for any infrastructure or public facility types of projects, applicants need to utilize the interactive LMI map, which can be found on the county's website.

6. Other Helpful Materials

Puleo reviewed ways to strengthen a CDBG application. She suggested reading through all materials: the instructions, guidelines, comparing blank applications with the sample applications, prior to beginning the application. It is important to contact a Community Development staff member early in the application process with questions to ensure a good application.

7. Remaining Questions/Other Business

Puleo reviewed the contact information for CDBG staff, and mentioned an application packet could be mailed to any applicants who wanted hard copies of the paperwork. Puleo asked if there were any questions; there was no response. Snyder stated for the in-person attendees, there is a workshop survey in the back of your folder on the left-hand side. If you want to fill that out, you can. You can leave it anonymous. Any virtual attendees, we'd be happy to send it to you if you would like to fill out the workshop survey.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Arthur
Secretary

Attachment 2

CDBG FY 2022 – 2024 & HOME FY 2022 Application Review Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022
SCRPC Conference Room – 8:30 a.m.

In attendance were:

Diane	Sheridan	Staff
Lisa	Snyder	Staff
Gwen	Arthur	Staff
Malia	Burgasser	Staff
Barb	Buonaspina	Staff
Kasie	Atkins	Staff
Heather	Cunningham	Staff
Natalie	McCleskey	ICAN Housing
Shirene	Starn-Tapyrik	Alliance for Children and Families Inc.
Alison	Matas	Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio
Anna	Jordan	City of Massillon
Tim	Tarbet	Village of Minerva
Steve	Schillig	Small Business Development Center - KSU Tusc
Amy	Dornack	CommQuest Services
Holly	Bolinger	Small Business Development Center - KSU Tusc
Rob	Graham	City of North Canton
Jennifer	Keaton	Stark MHAR
Niki	Mcllvain	Alliance Habitat for Humanity
Mark	Locke	Alliance Habitat for Humanity
Philip	Turske	Village of Minerva
Julie	Sparks	ICAN Housing
John	Masalko	Perry Township
Tom	Pukys	City of Louisville
Carol	Risaliti	Beacon Charitable Pharmacy
Heidi	Freshour	Beacon Charitable Pharmacy

1. Opening Remarks and Introductions

Diane Sheridan, Chief of Community Development, and Lisa Snyder, Community Development Planner, introduced themselves and welcomed the audience members.

2. Adoption of the March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

McCleskey moved, Tarbet seconded, and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting.

3. Review of the CDBG Application Process

Snyder stated the three-year program will go from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Stark County is expected to receive \$1.46 million for FY 2022, but has not received the exact allocation amount from HUD to date. It is unknown what funding will be received in FY 2023 and FY 2024. Funding has been stationary over the last decade, and it is not expected to drastically increase or decrease.

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Snyder stated applications must meet one of three national objectives to be eligible for CDBG funding: (1) The project must benefit low- to moderate-income persons or families; (2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight; (3) undertake an urgent need in the community. All of the applications received fell under the first objective, benefitting low- to moderate-income individuals. Applications were then reviewed by three RPC staff members and a five-member review committee including representatives from large townships, small townships, cities, villages, county-at-large (all chosen at the August 2021 workshop), and a Commissioner's appointee.

There were two meetings to review the applications, and in total the applications requested more than \$899,000 in CDBG funding over the next three-year period. Once the applications were reviewed and scores tallied, the projects were ranked according to the scores they received.

Snyder stated that after the application review process was completed, and based upon the results, the following is being proposed to be funded: CDBG Administration, funding the administration of the overall program at \$197,746 for FY 2022; Comprehensive Planning, funding the long-term planning of the CDBG program at \$94,240 for FY 2022. This totals \$291,986 per year (or 20%) for general administration of the program. The Housing Rehabilitation Program includes the cost to operate the in-house Housing Rehabilitation Program and the direct costs of that program, which include termite inspections, location surveys, etc., at \$240,000 for FY 2022. This money does not include the cost of the actual rehabilitation, which is covered under another activity. Housing Rehabilitation Full/Emergency costs at \$279,913.58 for FY 2022. This is money set aside to undertake rehabilitation on qualified persons' homes. This provides rehabilitation to keep an individual in their home, providing moderate to substantial housing repairs or emergency rehabilitation situations that have occurred in their home in the last three months, such as a broken furnace, roof leak, or wheelchair ramp that needs repaired or replaced. Fair Housing is a required activity under the CDBG program at \$85,000 for FY 2022. The total for Stark County Sponsored Programs is \$896,899.58 for FY 2022.

The Public Service applications were ranked as follows:

Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence is a shelter located in the city of Alliance and serves all of eastern Stark County. This shelter serves persons in the same manner as the Family Living Center. Funding will be utilized to pay for a portion of the office/case manager's salary. Proposed funding is \$20,320 for FY 2022.

CommQuest Services, Inc. – The Family Living Center is a homeless shelter located in Massillon serving all of western Stark County. Individuals and families can stay for up to 90 days, and are provided case management services to help them move to more permanent housing, enroll children in school, job training, education, etc. Funding will be utilized to help pay for a portion of the case management at the shelter. Proposed funding is \$18,000 for FY 2022.

Stark Mental Health and Addiction Recovery – Coordinated Entry System. Funding will be utilized to operate the Homeless Intake Assessment Program. The Stark County Homeless Hotline assesses individuals that call for housing and services, and refers them to the appropriate facility throughout the county based on their need. Proposed funding is \$30,000 for FY 2022.

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy – Prescription Medication Access provides prescription medications to low- to moderate-income individuals who otherwise would not be able to receive those prescriptions. Funding will pay for the dispensing of medication by licensed pharmacists. The funding is recommended for this project at \$30,000 for FY 2022.

Vantage Aging – Feeding eligible Stark County seniors. This program was formerly known as Meals on Wheels. They requested funding to assist with the expenses associated with making, serving, and delivering meals to eligible Stark County seniors. Staff funding recommendation is to fund this project at \$30,000 for FY 2022.

Snyder stated the public service projects' total is \$128,320 for FY 2022. The total public service allocation includes Fair Housing, and makes up 13.5% of total available funding under the 2022 program. A maximum of 15% of total CDBG funding may be used for public service projects.

Snyder stated there was one project submitted for Economic Development. The proposed CDBG funding for that project is as follows:

Kent State Stark – KSU Micro Enterprise Development Program. This project is located at Kent Stark's Campus, and provides business counseling to potential and current micro business owners that could use help with business plans. These business owners qualify as low to moderate income. The funding is recommended for this project at \$32,000 for FY 2022.

Snyder stated that the proposed CDBG funding for Infrastructure projects is as follows:

Village of Minerva – Euclid Avenue Waterline Replacement. The proposed funding for this project is \$98,900 for FY 2022, which includes \$8,088.53 from FY 2022 funding, and more than \$90,000 in reallocated funding. The project funding would be utilized to remove the existing 950 linear feet of 6" waterline, and install 970 linear feet of PVC waterline. The project is anticipated to benefit approximately 25 residential properties, and is located in a low- to moderate-income census tract.

City of North Canton – Valley Drive NW Waterline Replacement. The proposed funding for this project is \$395,000 for FY 2022, which includes \$385,086.42 of FY 2022 funding, and reallocated funding from previous years in the amount of \$9,913.58. Funding would be utilized to replace approximately 3,300 linear feet of 12" diameter cast iron waterlines which have exceeded their useful life. Project is located Valley Drive NW from Portage Street to Valley Boulevard, which is located in a low-income census tract, and is expected to benefit 72 households.

City of North Canton – Peachtree Neighborhood Waterline Replacement. The proposed funding for this project is \$499,950 for FY 2023. Funding would be utilized to replace approximately 6,030 linear feet of 8" diameter cast iron waterlines which have exceeded their useful life. The project is located in the residential Peachtree neighborhood south of Everhard Road SW. This project is located in a low-income census tract, and is anticipated to benefit 56 households.

City of North Canton – Woodrow-Lois Waterline Replacement. The proposed funding for this project is \$499,950 for FY 2024. Funding would be utilized to replace approximately 4,575 linear feet of 6" diameter cast iron waterlines which have exceeded their useful life. The project will then install 8" diameter iron pipe along Woodrow and Lois Avenue. The project is located in a low-income census tract, and is expected to benefit approximately 57 single-family homes.

The Infrastructure project totals are \$393,174.95 for FY 2022, \$499,950 for FY 2023, and \$499,950 for FY 2024.

Snyder summarized the total proposed funding plan for FY 2022 – 2024 as follows: The Stark County sponsored total is \$896,899.58; the Public Service total is \$128,320; the Economic Development total is \$32,000; the Infrastructure total is \$393,174.95. The total anticipated funding allocation for FY 2022 - 2024 is \$1,459,934. Reallocation of unspent contingency funds from previous years total \$100,725.05, which brings the anticipated grand total for FY 2022 -2024 to \$1,560,659.05.

4. Review of the FY 2021 HOME Proposals/Applications

Sheridan stated the purpose of the HOME program is to provide quality, affordable housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income households. Unlike CDBG dollars, all HOME funding must go toward supporting affordable housing. The HOME Consortium includes Stark County and the cities of Massillon and Alliance. The City of Canton has a separate funding allocation. The 2022 program year is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. An application workshop was held on November 22, 2021, and applications were accepted until January 7, 2022. Five applications were received: one was for CHDO funding, one application is located in the city of Massillon, three applications are located in the city of Alliance.

Sheridan stated the Stark County HOME Consortium is expected to receive a total of \$890,793 in FY 2022, but has not received the exact allocation amount from HUD to date. \$89,079 for administration; CHDO set-aside is \$133,619. The City of Massillon is expected to receive \$133,619; the City of Alliance is expected to receive \$133,619; the County is expected to receive \$400,857.

Sheridan reviewed what a CHDO is. A CHDO is a private, non-profit, community-based service organization that develops affordable housing for the community it serves. Funds must be invested in housing that is owned, developed, or sponsored by the CHDO. Funding can be utilized by the CHDO to acquire, rehab, or construct rental or homeowner properties.

Sheridan stated Stark County does have only one qualified CHDO currently within its jurisdiction, and that is ICAN Housing. They did submit for the ICAN-owned Park Place Renovation project. This is a permanent, supportive housing project located in the city of Alliance. At this point, the facility is in need of additional rehabilitation in order to keep it running and keep these people housed. The funding total would be \$133,619.

Sheridan stated staff recommendation is to combine Stark County funds with CHDO reserve dollars to fund the Park Place Renovation. CHDO funds of \$133,619 added to the Stark County funds of \$400,857, the total investment would be \$534,476.

Sheridan stated Stark County will allocate \$86,579, which is 10% of the overall grant allocation, for administration. The City of Massillon, as they will be taking on a project within their own community and administering that project, will receive 5% of the administration of that project, or \$2,500. The total allocation is \$89,079.

The project in the city of Massillon was submitted by Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio. Habitat had requested \$50,000 for one new single-family housing construction within the city of Massillon. The homebuyer has already been chosen, and they will put sweat equity into this home, and once the home is constructed, it will be sold to this individual with a 30-year, zero-interest mortgage.

Sheridan stated the city of Massillon will use the balance of their funds toward their Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation programs. The homebuyer assistance

provides direct down payment and closing cost assistance for eligible, first-time homebuyers purchasing a single-family house in Massillon. The housing rehabilitation program provides funding to bring homes up to code in the city. The Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation total is \$83,619.

The project in the city of Alliance was submitted by Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity. It's called the East Alliance Revitalization. Habitat had requested \$130,000 for three new single-family housing constructions within the city of Alliance. The homebuyers have already been chosen, and they will put sweat equity into these homes, and once the homes are constructed, they will be sold to these individuals. These individuals will pay the mortgage payments on the homes, which will be at zero percent interest; it is expected that these homeowners will pay off their mortgage within 25 years.

Sheridan stated the city of Alliance will use the balance of their funds toward their Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Housing Rehabilitation Program provides funding to bring homes up to code in the city. The Housing Rehabilitation total is \$3,619.

Sheridan summarized the total proposed funding plan for FY 2022 as follows: The CHDO project of the ICAN Park Place Renovation is \$133,619; the Massillon Habitat for Humanity New Build is \$50,000; the Massillon Homebuyer & Housing Rehabilitation is \$83,619; the Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity East Alliance Revitalization is \$130,000; the Alliance Housing Rehabilitation Program is \$3,619; the Stark County Park Place Renovation is \$400,857; the administration for Stark County and Massillon is \$89,079. The total anticipated available funds for FY 2022 are \$890,793.

5. Adoption of the Citizen Advisory Council's (CAC) Recommendation

McIlvain moved, Masalko seconded, and the motion carried to adopt the CDBG FY 2022-2024 program and HOME FY 2022 as proposed by staff.

Sheridan asked if there were any abstentions: Shirene Starn-Tapyrik, Julie Sparks, Natalie McCleskey, Amy Dornack, Jennifer Keaton.

7. Other Business/Announcements

Snyder stated this program will also be presented at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30. The call-in number will be the same call-in number utilized for this meeting with the same codes. The same program will be presented to the public for the second time. A public hearing has been scheduled with the Board of Stark County Commissioners for Wednesday, March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. The call-in number is 667-770-1241, and the code is 577975# for that meeting. The program will once again be presented, and the commissioners will entertain any comments that will be made. They will defer their final decision until a 30-day comment period is completed, which will take place in April. This plan will be advertised in the newspaper. Once that 30-day comment period is over,

the plan will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption, and it is expected that the final plan will be submitted to HUD by May 15th.

Snyder stated that the program is currently working to obtain the FY 2022 CDBG and HOME funding amounts. What was provided today for FY 2022 are the unofficial figures at this point in time. If both the CDBG and HOME hold true, they could be increased slightly. The Board of County Commissioners will determine where those increases, or possible decreases, would be put toward activities.

Snyder asked if there were any final questions or comments. Sparks asked what will the estimate for contracts be. Snyder stated that's hard to tell. This past year we had our funding in September, so we'll probably estimate the same time frame. Sparks asked fourth quarter-ish. Snyder stated yes, likely anytime early fall.

Starn-Tapyrik stated you did this so seamlessly. One person at the helm who's never done it the whole way through by themselves, and then Diane to come in and pull it off. I don't know that everybody can realize the backroom work that you all did.

Sheridan stated we've already scheduled our CDBG and HOME application workshop for next year, so it's August 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and email reminders will be sent out. Snyder stated if you're not already on the CDBG mailing list and you'd like to be, give us your email address, and we'll make sure you get added to that list.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Arthur
Administrative Assistant

Attachment 3

**FY 2022-2024
STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG),
FY 2022 STARK COUNTY HOME PROGRAMS
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 23, 2022
11:00 AM
STARK COUNTY RPC CONFERENCE ROOM**

BILL SMITH: Today is March 23, 2022, 11:00 a.m. I'm Commissioner Smith. Present is Commissioner Regula and Commissioner Creighton. At this point, we will call this to order.

This public hearing has been called for the purpose of reviewing the FY 2022 – 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the FY 2022 HOME Program.

The Community Development Block Grant Program was developed by the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's Citizens' Advisory Council Community Development Committee and staff during the last five months. We are here today to receive public input prior to any action by this Board to approve the funding program. In addition, we will receive public input in regard to the Regional Planning Commission recommended FY 2022 HOME Program.

Your comments will be considered by this Board, along with the formal recommendations of the Community Development Committee, staff, and RPC, as we prepare a final program for adoption and submission to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The County has not yet received notification of funding allocations for either the CDBG or HOME programs, but it is expected that the County will receive approximately \$1,459,934 in CDBG funds, and \$890,793 in HOME funding during FY 2022.

At this time, I would like to express my personal thanks and that of the Board's for the excellent job completed by the Community Development Committee in preparing their recommendations. The Commissioners were involved in the details of the projects recommended for consideration, and reviewed the merits of each with staff.

I would like to call on Diane Sheridan, Chief of Community Development, and Lisa Snyder, Community Development Planner, for a summary of the CDBG and HOME recommendations. The Board would ask that you defer all questions and comments until Ms. Sheridan and Ms. Snyder complete their presentations.

LISA SNYDER: First I will start off with the CDBG FY 2022-2024 funding recommendation. The three-year program will go from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Stark County is expected to receive \$1.46 million for FY 2022, but has not received the exact allocation amount from HUD to date. It is unknown what funding will

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After the application review process was completed, and based upon the results, the following is being proposed to be funded: CDBG Administration, funding the administration of the overall program at \$197,746 for FY 2022; Comprehensive Planning, funding the long-term planning of the CDBG program at \$94,240 for FY 2022. This totals \$291,986 per year (or 20%) for general administration of the program. The Housing Rehabilitation Program includes the cost to operate the in-house Housing Rehabilitation Program and the direct costs of that program, which include termite inspections, location surveys, etc., at \$240,000 for FY 2022. This money does not include the cost of the actual rehabilitation, which is covered under another activity. Housing Rehabilitation costs at \$279,913.58 for FY 2022. This is money set aside to undertake rehabilitation on qualified persons' homes. This provides rehabilitation to keep an individual in their home, providing moderate to substantial housing repairs or emergency rehabilitation situations that have occurred in their home in the last three months, such as a broken furnace, roof leak, or wheelchair ramp that needs repaired or replaced. Fair Housing is a required activity under the CDBG program at \$85,000 for FY 2022. The total for Stark County Sponsored Programs is \$896,899.58 for FY 2022.

The Public Service applications were ranked as follows:

Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence is a shelter located in the city of Alliance and serves all of eastern Stark County. This shelter serves

persons in the same manner as the Family Living Center. Funding will be utilized to pay for a portion of the office/case manager's salary. Proposed funding is \$20,320 for FY 2022.

CommQuest Services, Inc. – The Family Living Center is a homeless shelter located in Massillon serving all of western Stark County. Individuals and families can stay for up to 90 days, and are provided case management services to help them move to more permanent housing, enroll children in school, job training, education, etc. Funding will be utilized to help pay for a portion of the case management at the shelter. Proposed funding is \$18,000 for FY 2022.

Stark Mental Health and Addiction Recovery – Coordinated Entry System. Funding will be utilized to operate the Homeless Intake Assessment Program. The Stark County Homeless Hotline assesses individuals that call for housing and services, and refers them to the appropriate facility throughout the county based on their need. Proposed funding is \$30,000 for FY 2022.

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy – Prescription Medication Access provides prescription medications to low- to moderate-income individuals who otherwise would not be able to receive those prescriptions. Funding will pay for the dispensing of medication by licensed pharmacists. The funding is recommended for this project at \$30,000 for FY 2022.

Vantage Aging – Feeding eligible Stark County seniors. This program was formerly known as Meals on Wheels. They requested funding to assist with the expenses associated with making, serving, and delivering meals to eligible Stark County seniors. Staff funding recommendation is to fund this project at \$30,000 for FY 2022.

The public service projects' total is \$128,320 for FY 2022. The total public service allocation includes Fair Housing, and makes up 13.5% of total available funding under the 2022 program. A maximum of 15% of total CDBG funding may be used for public service projects.

There was one project submitted for Economic Development. The proposed CDBG funding for that project is as follows:

Kent State Stark – KSU Micro Enterprise Development Program. This project is located at Kent Stark's Campus, and provides business counseling to potential and current micro business owners that could use help with business plans. These business owners qualify as low to moderate income. The funding is recommended for this project at \$32,000 for FY 2022.

The proposed CDBG funding for Infrastructure projects is as follows:

Village of Minerva – Euclid Avenue Waterline Replacement. The proposed funding for this project is \$98,900 for FY 2022, which includes \$8,088.53 from FY 2022

funding, and more than \$90,000 in reallocated funding. The project funding would be utilized to remove the existing 950 linear feet of 6" waterline, and install 970 linear feet of PVC waterline. The project is anticipated to benefit approximately 25 residential properties, and is located in a low- to moderate-income census tract.

City of North Canton – Valley Drive NW Waterline Replacement. The proposed funding for this project is \$395,000 for FY 2022, which includes \$385,086.42 of FY 2022 funding, and reallocated funding from previous years in the amount of \$9,913.58. Funding would be utilized to replace approximately 3,300 linear feet of 12" diameter cast iron waterlines which have exceeded their useful life. Project is located Valley Drive NW from Portage Street to Valley Boulevard, which is located in a low-income census tract, and is expected to benefit 72 households.

City of North Canton – Peachtree Neighborhood Waterline Replacement. The proposed funding for this project is \$499,950 for FY 2023. Funding would be utilized to replace approximately 6,030 linear feet of 8" diameter cast iron waterlines which have exceeded their useful life. The project is located in the residential Peachtree neighborhood south of Everhard Road SW. This project is located in a low-income census tract, and is anticipated to benefit 56 households.

City of North Canton – Woodrow-Lois Waterline Replacement. The proposed funding for this project is \$499,950 for FY 2024. Funding would be utilized to replace approximately 4,575 linear feet of 6" diameter cast iron waterlines which have exceeded their useful life. The project will then install 8" diameter iron pipe along Woodrow and Lois Avenue. The project is located in a low-income census tract, and is expected to benefit approximately 57 single-family homes.

The Infrastructure project totals are \$393,174.95 for FY 2022, \$499,950 for FY 2023, and \$499,950 for FY 2024.

Snyder summarized the total proposed funding plan for FY 2022 – 2024 as follows: The Stark County sponsored total is \$896,899.58; the Public Service total is \$128,320; the Economic Development total is \$32,000; the Infrastructure total is \$393,174.95. The total anticipated funding allocation for FY 2022 - 2024 is \$1,459,934. Reallocation of unspent contingency funds from previous years total \$100,725.05, which brings the anticipated grand total for FY 2022 -2024 to \$1,560,659.05.

Sheridan stated the purpose of the HOME program is to provide quality, affordable housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income households. Unlike CDBG dollars, all HOME funding must go toward supporting affordable housing. The HOME Consortium includes Stark County and the cities of Massillon and Alliance. The City of Canton has a separate funding allocation. The 2022 program year is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. An application workshop was held on November 22, 2021, and applications were accepted until January 7, 2022. Five applications were received: one was for CHDO funding, one application is located in the city of Massillon, three applications are located in the city of Alliance.

The Stark County HOME Consortium is expected to receive a total of \$890,793 in FY 2022, but has not received the exact allocation amount from HUD to date. \$89,079 for administration; CHDO set-aside is \$133,619. The City of Massillon is expected to receive \$133,619; the City of Alliance is expected to receive \$133,619; the County is expected to receive \$400,857.

Sheridan reviewed what a CHDO is. A CHDO is a private, non-profit, community-based service organization that develops affordable housing for the community it serves. Funds must be invested in housing that is owned, developed, or sponsored by the CHDO. Funding can be utilized by the CHDO to acquire, rehab, or construct rental or homeowner properties.

Stark County does have only one qualified CHDO currently within its jurisdiction, and that is ICAN Housing. They did submit for the ICAN-owned Park Place Renovation project. This is a permanent, supportive housing project located in the city of Alliance. At this point, the facility is in need of additional rehabilitation in order to keep it running and keep these people housed. The funding total would be \$133,619.

Staff recommendation is to combine Stark County funds with CHDO reserve dollars to fund the Park Place Renovation. CHDO funds of \$133,619 added to the Stark County funds of \$400,857, the total investment would be \$534,476.

Stark County will allocate \$86,579 for administration. The City of Massillon, as they will be taking on a project within their own community and administering that project, will receive 5% of the administration of that project, or \$2,500. The total allocation is \$89,079.

The project in the city of Massillon was submitted by Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio. Habitat had requested \$50,000 for one new single-family housing construction within the city of Massillon. The homebuyer has already been chosen, and they will put sweat equity into this home, and once the home is constructed, it will be sold to this individual with a 30-year, zero-interest mortgage.

The city of Massillon will use the balance of their funds toward their Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation programs. The homebuyer assistance provides direct down payment and closing cost assistance for eligible, first-time homebuyers purchasing a single-family house in Massillon. The housing rehabilitation program provides funding to bring homes up to code in the city. The Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation total is \$83,619.

The project in the city of Alliance was submitted by Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity. It's called the East Alliance Revitalization. Habitat had requested \$130,000 for three new single-family housing constructions within the city of Alliance. The homebuyers have already been chosen, and they will put sweat equity into these homes, and once the homes are constructed, they will be sold to these individuals. These

individuals will pay the mortgage payments on the homes, which will be at zero percent interest; it is expected that these homeowners will pay off their mortgage within 25 years.

The city of Alliance will use the balance of their funds toward their Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Housing Rehabilitation Program provides funding to bring homes up to code in the city. The Housing Rehabilitation total is \$3,619.

Sheridan summarized the total proposed funding plan for FY 2022 as follows: The CHDO project of the ICAN Park Place Renovation is \$133,619; the Massillon Habitat for Humanity New Build is \$50,000; the Massillon Homebuyer & Housing Rehabilitation is \$83,619; the Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity East Alliance Revitalization is \$130,000; the Alliance Housing Rehabilitation Program is \$3,619; the Stark County Park Place Renovation is \$400,857; the administration for Stark County and Massillon is \$89,079. The total anticipated available funds for FY 2022 are \$890,793.

JANET CREIGHTON: Refresh my memory. Is ICAN the only CHDO in the county?

DIANE SHERIDAN: Correct.

JANET CREIGHTON: And then my other question is, is Kent State the only one that ever applies for the Economic Development Project?

LISA SNYDER: From the records that I can see, yes.

RICHARD REGULA: Has anybody besides North Canton applied for water projects?

LISA SNYDER: Minerva did. I could go back and look at records, but recently they've been the majority of the applicants.

RICHARD REGULA: That's surprising to me. And then can they use other federal monies if the costs exceed what the estimates are?

LISA SNYDER: Absolutely, yes.

RICHARD REGULA: So, they can maybe use their ARPA funding.

LISA SNYDER: We encourage that, yes.

BILL SMITH: At this time, the Board will entertain any additional comments that you would like to present regarding the proposed CDBG and HOME programs in general or any specific activities to be funded. In making comments, would you please give your name, address, and political unit or organization, if any, that you are representing. (There was no verbal response.)

BILL SMITH: Are there any additional comments from any of the Commissioners?

JANET CREIGHTON: No.

RICHARD REGULA: No.

BILL SMITH: I will entertain a motion to defer our decision establishing the proposed 2022 One-Year Annual Action Plan to be submitted until the public comment period expires, and to allow the Board time to consider the recommendations submitted.

Creighton moved, Regula seconded, and the motion carried to defer.

BILL SMITH: Thank you for your interest, and for coming today to express your views. Copies of the FY 2022 programs which are adopted by the Board will be available after May 15, 2022, and may be obtained from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission website.

This public hearing is adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Attachment 3a

April 7, 2022

A caller from the City of Massillon inquired how Stark County and in particular the City of Massillon, plans to use HUD dollars to develop affordable housing. The caller referenced an ad in the paper, to which I explained that for our upcoming fiscal year (2022), what was published in the paper is a proposed plan of how we intended to use our dollars. I directed the caller to our website www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov and explained the action plan is on our website as we are still in our public comment period. I explained to the caller the action plan for our current fiscal year (2021) is also on the website, which outlines how our current year funds have been allocated. As the caller inquired more about funding, I explained Stark County works together with Massillon and Alliance for the HOME program and we have not received our allocation of HOME dollars from HUD at this time.

April 8, 2022

A caller inquired about CDBG or HOME funding available for veterans. The caller was informed that the County is in receipt of HOME-ARP monies as well as the 10 public meetings being held to gather comments on the Allocation Plan. The caller was also informed about the application workshops that will be held for FY23 at the end of this calendar year. The department noted his information and the organization will be invited to all CDBG/HOME and HOME-ARP public meetings.

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Attachment 4b

the negotiations over the bill, while 41% disapprove and 23% say they neither approve nor disapprove. Fewer than half say they know a lot or some about the proposals.

"I don't place all the blame on him, but I think that, as a president, as a commander-in-chief, I think he could be doing a lot more to get people on board with his plan," said Gary Hines, 65, a Democratic voter from Philadelphia who emphasized he supports the various elements of Biden's plan, from expanding the number of people with health insurance, to making child care more affordable, to doing more to curb climate change.

The findings come at a pivotal moment for Biden and his party. Compared with his spending bill efforts, Americans are more positive about his job performance overall, with 48% approving. Still, 51% disapprove. That split is similar to last month but a notable slump from earlier this year.

The new poll also gives Biden his first underwater approval rating for his handling of the economy — with 56% disapproving and 41% approving — and shows increasing pessimism about the direction of the country.

Still, the poll shows ratings of Repub-



A new poll shows that President Joe Biden's job approval rating is at 48%, but he got his first underwater marks in his handling of the economy. ALEX BRANNON/AP

licans' role in the situation are even worse. Just 18% percent approve of how Republicans in Congress are handling negotiations over the spending package, while 49% disapprove. Republicans, who have been shut out from the talks over the bill, are expected to overwhelmingly, if not unanimously, oppose the Democratic package.

Democrats have pared back Biden's plans at the insistence of Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona. Still, they are struggling to reach agreement on a smaller framework of priorities and a means to pay for them.

Kristopher Bennefield, 39, of San Augustine, Texas, voiced frustration with Democrats "being so indecisive among themselves." And he said Biden bears responsibility, because "if he can't get his own party to do anything, how can

he really do anything else?"

"He has great ideas, but he's having poor follow-through," said Bennefield, who described himself as an independent.

Meanwhile, some Americans skeptical of the effort remain so.

"I don't think we can afford it," said Greg Holman, 59, of Grants Pass, Oregon, who is hoping for what he described as a "red wave" in next year's mid-term elections.

"It's ridiculous to turn the country into a socialist nation where the government is doing everything for the people," said James Solar, 78, of Houston. "The point is, these programs are not free."

Despite concerns about the progress being made on the spending package, or the lack thereof, most Americans support several of the broad priorities of the

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body was supposed to be cremated, he didn't think it had been. Akron Police Lt. David Whiddon said they began to track where the body had been over the past three weeks.

Where was the body for three weeks?

Investigators ultimately learned the Columbus woman's body started out at Diehl-Whittaker Funeral home in Columbus on the same day she died, Jan. 17, 2017.

Diehl-Whittaker did not embalm her, the owner of the funeral home said, because she was set to be cremated and because her family did not sign off on any services, records said.

Six days later, a limousine company picked up the woman's body and took her to Donovan's funeral home in Tallmadge, records said.

When the body left Diehl-Whittaker, it "was not in any state of decomposition," the owner of the funeral home told investigators.

James Donovan told investigators he allowed Hardin to store the woman's body in a building separate from the funeral home but didn't know when the woman's body arrived or departed, rec-

with the assistance of Donovan Funeral Home, have engaged in conduct enabling Hardin to provide funeral and embalming services without a license.

The Columbus woman's body that turned up in Akron decomposed wasn't the first Hardin took from Diehl-Whittaker.

Percy Squire, Diehl-Whittaker's attorney, said recently that Hardin figured out how to provide funeral services without doing the embalming himself.

Squire said the scheme worked like this: Hardin sent his clients to Diehl-Whittaker for funeral services. But once Diehl-Whittaker embalmed the bodies, Hardin's clients would tell Diehl-Whittaker they changed their minds and that Hardin would pick up the bodies and handle everything else.

"So Hardin was basically using Mr. Diehl for embalming," Hardin said. "This happened three or four times in a week."

Records submitted as part of the lawsuit showed the price difference: Contracts showed Diehl-Whittaker charged about \$7,200 for services; Hardin charged \$4,250.

Squire said the Diehl-Whittaker lawsuit aimed to force OBEFD to take action against Hardin.

Inside, court records show investigators found body fluids. Records don't say what those fluids were, but noted that the casket was from Donovan funeral home and belonged to Hardin.

The mosque manager said Hardin provided funeral services at the mosque with a suburban Washington, D.C., physician. State records show the physician is also a licensed funeral director in Cuyahoga Falls.

The Beacon Journal is not naming the physician because he faces no charges.

When investigators traveled to the physician's Maryland home in October 2020, he told them he allowed Hardin to use his name and license number to file electronic death certificates for about 10 people, all Muslims affiliated with the Columbus mosque, records said.

Investigators, however, compiled a spreadsheet showing that Hardin used the doctor's name to fill out more than 100 electronic death certificates. The doctor said he did not authorize Hardin in almost all of those cases.

In November 2020, investigators building a case against Hardin obtained a warrant in Franklin County to search a 2010 Chrysler van and a 2006 Cadillac

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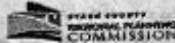
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sia of supporting the separatists, but Moscow has denied that, saying that Russians who fought there were volunteers.

At an earlier meeting of Putin's Security Council, a stream of top officials argued for recognizing the regions' independence. At one point, one slipped up and said he favored including them as part of Russian territory - but Putin quickly corrected him.

Recognizing the separatist regions' independence is likely to be popular in Russia, where many share Putin's worldview. Russian state media released images of people in Donetsk launching fireworks, waving large Russian flags and playing Russia's national anthem.

Ukrainians in Kyiv, meanwhile, bristled at the move.

principle of state neutrality, to be followed by a bilateral meeting that would include other "relevant" stakeholders to discuss security and strategic stability in Europe."

U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan, meanwhile, said the administration has always been ready to talk to avert a war - but was also prepared to respond to any attack.

"So when President Macron asked President Biden yesterday if he was prepared in principle to meet with President Putin, if Russia did not invade, of course President Biden said yes," he told NBC's "Today" show on Monday. "But every indication we see on the ground right now in terms of the disposition of Russian forces is that they are, in fact, getting prepared for a major attack on Ukraine."

near side and have documented signs of intensified shelling by the separatists that destroyed homes and ripped up roads.

Some residents of the main rebel-held city of Donetsk described sporadic shelling by Ukrainian forces, but they added that it wasn't on the same scale as earlier in the conflict.

The separatist authorities said Monday that at least four civilians were killed by Ukrainian shelling over the past 24 hours, and several others were wounded. Ukraine's military said two Ukrainian soldiers were killed over the weekend, and another serviceman was wounded Monday.

Ukrainian military spokesman Pavlo Kovalchuk insisted that Ukrainian forces weren't returning fire.

Foreclosures

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an increase of 235% from the prior year.

More requests for mortgage help

Rodney Reasonover, chief executive officer of Community Action Agency, said his staff is seeing an increase in requests for assistance by homeowners. Forbearances, where mortgage payments are suspended, can last up to 18 months if homeowners ask for every extension they're entitled to.

"What we're seeing is more persons contacting the (not-for-profit and government) agencies who are at

the very end of their forbearance periods," he said. "We haven't seen any (seeking assistance) that have actually been foreclosed on (ordered to leave the home). What we're experiencing is people who are in that foreclosure process where they're close to being foreclosed on and are in need of financial assistance to balance out their mortgage payment."

The foreclosure filings in Stark County last month took place after a temporary Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule expired on Dec. 31.

The rule required mortgage servicers to take more steps to try to reach an arrangement with homeowners behind on payments before resorting to foreclosing on a property. A series of federal moratoriums on foreclosures or provisions that allowed homeowners to suspend their mortgage payments with forbearances, expired July 31. Congress had initially authorized the mo-

ratoriums and forbearances for federally backed mortgages in the CARES Act in March 2020, but then-President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden had extended the deadlines.

Foreclosure numbers gradually increasing

Except for January, February and July last year, the number of foreclosure filings each month in 2021 in Stark County exceeded the number for each month in 2020. These are often cases where the servicers for the entities for whom the mortgage payments are owed seek to take possession of the home or sell it to help pay what's owed.

The numbers do not include property tax delinquency foreclosures filed by the Stark County Treasurer's office where the treasurer seeks to sell a home to pay delinquent property taxes. The office of Treasurer Alex Zumbar filed three such cases last month compared to none the prior January.

Not including these tax delinquency foreclosures, Stark County had 612 foreclosures in 2019, 300 in 2020 and 261 in 2021. Except for 30 foreclosure filings in July 2020, the number of foreclosures being initiated from April to September 2020 were 12 or fewer.

The federal actions may have headed off a significant increase in foreclosures, which were feared in October 2020 when Stark County Common Pleas judges resumed foreclosure hearings and sheriff's deputies again began holding foreclosure sales of homes.

If tax foreclosure filings by the county treasurer are included, the total foreclosure numbers were 1,039 for 2019, 360 in 2020 and 379 in 2021, according to listings of cases provided by the Clerk of Courts office. During the foreclosure crisis of 2008 to 2010, the number of total foreclosure filings were 3,017 in 2008, 2,700 in 2009 and 2,550, according to figures provided more than a year ago by the Common Pleas court.

In a press release on Attom's website, Rick Sharga, the executive vice president of RealtyTrac, which is owned by Attom, said the completion of foreclosures are still well below historical levels. While he expects large percentage increases in foreclosures, he doesn't see them returning to pre-pandemic levels until the end of this year.

"Again, I can only hope for the best," said Reasonover. "I hope we don't have a repeat of '08, '09."

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STARK COUNTY'S PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME FUNDS

CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUMMARY

The Consolidated Plan is a consolidation of various programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs. Stark County is an "Urban County" under the CDBG program and a "Participating Jurisdiction" (PJ) under the HOME program. The county receives direct allocations of funding for these two programs. The County is the lead agency for the HOME Consortium, which includes the cities of Alliance and Massillon.

In accordance with HUD regulations, the Stark County Consortium Consolidated Plan, originally prepared and approved in 1995, and subsequently updated, most currently for FY 2018-2023, provides an area-wide assessment of housing and homeless needs, housing market analysis, and a strategic plan for the allocation of housing resources within the consortium area. In addition, the Consolidated Plan describes the County's priority community development needs eligible for assistance under the CDBG program. This includes an assessment of the needs for public facilities, infrastructure improvements, public services, accessibility, historic preservation, economic development, fair housing and planning needs. The Plan provides the County's long-term and short-term community development goals and objectives that have been developed to address the national goals of the CDBG and HOME Programs, which include:

- The provision of decent housing that is affordable to households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.
- The provision of suitable living environment, improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods, increasing access to quality facilities and services, improving housing opportunities, and revitalizing deteriorated neighborhoods.
- The expansion of economic opportunities, creating jobs that promote long-term economic and social viability and that are accessible to persons at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.

In preparing the current One Year Action Plan, the County had to address those needs which met one of the three statutory objectives of the CDBG program: to benefit low- and moderate-income persons; elimination of blight and blighting conditions; or an urgent community development need.

FY 2022-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The Board of Stark County Commissioners is proposing to undertake the following housing and community development activities during the three-year funding program, FY 2022-2024. The total proposed anticipated/expected FY '22 budget of \$1,459,934 is based upon the funding received under the FY 2021 program. Increases or decreases to the "Total Anticipated FY '22 funding" will be reflected in final funding amounts provided to the various projects at the discretion of the Board of Stark County Commissioners.

PROJECTS	PROPOSED 2022	PROPOSED 2023	PROPOSED 2024
CDBG Administration	\$ 137,746.00		
Comprehensive Planning	\$ 94,240.00		
Housing Rehab	\$ 279,913.58		
Housing Rehab - Administration	\$ 240,000.00		
Fair Housing	\$ 86,000.00		
Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residences	\$ 20,320.00		
CommQuest Services, Inc. - Family Living Center	\$ 18,000.00		
Stark Co. Mental Health Board - Coordinated Entry System	\$ 30,000.00		
Beacon Charitable Pharmacy - Access to Medications	\$ 20,000.00		
Village Aging - Feeding Stark County Seniors	\$ 30,000.00		
Kent State Stark - KSU Micro Enterprise Development Program	\$ 82,000.00		
Village of Minerva - Euclid Avenue Waterline	\$ 8,088.63		
City of North Canton - Valley Drive NW Waterline Replacement	\$ 385,000.42		
City of North Canton - Peachtree Neighborhood Waterline Replacement		\$ 400,000.00	
City of North Canton - Woodrow Lot Waterline Replacement			\$ 489,950.00
Contingencies	\$ 9,539.47		
	\$ 1,459,934.00	\$ 489,950.00	\$ 489,950.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED FY '22, '23 & '24		\$ 489,950.00	\$ 489,950.00

Neighborhood Waterline Replacement		
City of North Canton - Woodrow/Lots		\$ 499,850.00
Waterline Replacement		
Contingencies	\$ 8,530.47	\$ 499,850.00
	\$ 1,499,834.00	\$ 499,850.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED FY '22, '23 & '24 FUNDING		\$ 499,850.00
Relocation of Unsewered P119 & P20 CDBG funding to Village of Minerva Flood Waterline Replacement	\$ 90,811.47	
1) FY20 Contingencies - \$7,829.47		
2) Village of Minerva - West Lincoln Waterline Replacement - \$83,182.00		
Relocation of Unsewered P119 CDBG funding to City of North Canton Valley Drive NW Waterline Replacement	\$ 9,811.58	
Transfer of LMI vouchers - \$3,011.58		
ANTICIPATED GRAND TOTAL - FY '22	\$1,560,859.05	

It is anticipated that the County will receive an additional \$55,000 in program income from the current housing when revolving loan fund (RLF) returns to the program. All program income earned from the RLF will be rolled back into this program. Applications will be accepted during the FY '23-'24 application round for additional projects to be funded during FY 2023 and FY 2024.

FY 2022 HOME PROGRAM

The Board of Stark County Commissioners, as the lead agency for the HOME Consortium, is proposing the following expenditure of funds for the HOME program, which follows the same program year as the CDBG program. The total proposed anticipated expenditure FY '22 budget of \$980,783 is based upon the funding received under the FY 2021 program. Increases or decreases to the "Total Anticipated FY '22 funding" will be reflected in final funding amounts provided to the various projects at the discretion of the Board of Stark County Commissioners.

PROJECTS	PROPOSED 2022
CHDO Project - Urban Housing - Park Place Redevelopment	\$130,618
Stark County - CHDO Project - Park Place Redevelopment	\$40,067
City of Massillon - Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation	\$63,618
City of Massillon - Habitat for Humanity - 7555 New Construction Build	\$50,000
City of Alliance - Housing Rehabilitation	\$3,618
City of Alliance - Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity - East Alliance Level	\$130,000
Administration	\$9,079
TOTAL ANTICIPATED FY '22 FUNDING	\$980,783
ANTICIPATED GRAND TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR FY '22	\$980,783

In addition, HOME program income earned, estimated at approximately \$100,000.00, will be utilized under the Stark County Housing Rehabilitation project.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Stark County One Year Annual Action Plan will be available for public review and comment beginning March 2022. The plan will be available for public review and comment on the Stark County One Year Annual Action Plan.

STARK COUNTY'S PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME FUNDS CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUMMARY The Consolidated Plan is a combination of several programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). The Consolidated Plan is a five-year plan that outlines the County's strategy for addressing the needs of the community and improving the quality of life for all residents. The plan includes a variety of projects and programs, including housing, economic development, and public safety. The plan is designed to be flexible and responsive to the needs of the community, and it will be updated regularly as the County's needs and resources change. The Consolidated Plan is a key tool for the County in addressing the needs of the community and improving the quality of life for all residents. It provides a clear and concise overview of the County's strategy for addressing these needs, and it serves as a guide for the County's actions and decisions. The plan is also a valuable resource for the public, as it provides information about the County's plans and programs, and it allows the public to provide input and feedback on the plan.			
ANTICIPATED GRAND TOTAL FY '22 \$1,560,859.05			

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It is anticipated that the County will receive an additional \$55,000 in program income from the current housing trial involving test units (RLT) for use with the program. Any program income earned from the RLT will revolve back into this program. Applicants will be accepted during the FY 23-25 application round for additional projects to be initiated during FY 2023 and FY 2024.

FY 2022 HOME PROGRAM

The Board of Saint County Commissioners, as the lead agency for the HOME Consortium, is providing the following expenditure of funds for the HOME program, which follows the same program year as the ODS program. The total projected expenditure for FY 22 is \$10,719, a total based upon the funding received and anticipated for FY 22. Budget of \$10,719 is based upon the "Total Available" of \$12,221 budgeted for FY 22. Budget increases or decreases to the "Total Available" will be reflected in the funding amount provided to the various projects at the discretion of the Board of Saint County Commissioners.

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ANTICIPATED GRAND TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR US IN FY '22	\$ 800,793
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CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

The **Smart City One Year Action Plan** will be available for public review and comment beginning **May 1, 2022** through various methods. 1) online via email upon request, 2) hard copy via US Mail upon request, 3) In-person at the **Smart City One Regional Planning Commission** at room 201, 375 Shattuck Ave. Suite 201, Canton OH 44702. To submit a comment or a question, email scop@scopvillage.com, call 330-461-7701, or info@scopvillage.com.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUMMARY

In accordance with HUD regulations, the Stark County development board originally prepared and approved in 1996, and subsequently updated, consolidated, and adopted the Stark County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance in 2003. The 2003 zoning map, analysis, and findings report, housing needs analysis, and a study plan for the allocation of housing resources within the geographic area. In addition, the Consolidated Plan describes the County's priority community development needs eligible for assistance under the CDBG program. This includes an assessment of the need for public facilities, education, employment, public services, accessibility, public preservation, economic development, and housing as planning needs. The Plan identifies the County's long-term and short-term community development goals and objectives that the County is committed to address. The Stark County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, which was developed to address the national goals of the CDBG and HOME programs, and

- The availability of decent housing that is affordable to households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income
- The availability of suitable living environment, including the safety and security of neighborhoods, increasing access to quality facilities and services, improving mobility opportunities, and establishing decent transportation
- The availability of economic opportunities, creating jobs and training programs, and economic and social stability and that are accessible to persons at or below 80% of the Area Median Income

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Public Hearing

TO RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMENT ON FY 2022 – 2024 Stark County Community Development Block Grant Program & FY 2022 HOME Program

Wednesday, March 23, 2022
11:00 am

This event will be held in person at:
Stark County Regional Planning Commission
201 Third Street NE, Suite 201
Canton, Ohio 44702

To join via teleconference, dial 1-667-770-1241 and enter access code
577975#, materials will be available online at: <https://rpc.starkcountyohio.gov>

Written comments may be submitted at any time **prior** to the public hearing to:

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Stark County Regional Planning Commission
201 – Third Street NE Suite 201, Canton OH 44702
Or dmsheridan@starkcountyohio.gov

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Stark County Fair Housing Department

Fair Housing Action Plan

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 (FY 2022)

I. Mission

The Stark County Fair Housing Department's (SCFHD) mission is to eliminate housing discrimination, racial and sexual harassment and to ensure housing opportunities for all people regardless of a person's race, color, sex, religion, military status, ancestry, national origin, handicap or familial status. In furthering this goal, SCFHD promotes equal housing opportunity through leadership, education, and outreach. Furthermore, the department identifies barriers to fair housing in order to help counteract and eliminate discriminatory housing practices. The department takes all appropriate and necessary actions to ensure that fair housing laws are properly and fairly enforced throughout the city of Alliance and Stark County. SCFHD envisions a county free of housing discrimination where every individual, group and community enjoys equal housing opportunity.

II. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)

As recipients of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds, the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's Fair Housing Department is legally obligated to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. Entitlement communities receiving HUD funds are required to examine and attempt to alleviate housing discrimination within their jurisdiction, promote fair housing choice, provide opportunities for all persons to reside in any given housing development regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status, promote housing that is accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities and comply with the non-discrimination requirements of the Fair Housing Act. To satisfy the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and to affirmatively further fair housing, the cities of Alliance, Canton and Massillon, and Stark County, for the Board of Stark County Commissioners, completed a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) is a review of a jurisdiction's laws, regulations, policies, procedures, and practices affecting the location, availability and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions, both public and private, affecting fair housing choice.

III. Impediments and Recommended Action Step

The AI identifies impediments and recommended action steps. The following are the specific impediments, recommendations and actions undertaken:

1. *Potential Impediment:* The County does not yet have an official Language Access Plan.

A four-factor analysis was completed and a LAP draft exists, however, it has not yet been approved and implemented in its entirety. Until there is a written policy approved and implemented, Spanish-speaking persons in the County will not receive the same standard of service with each interaction with the County.

Recommended Action Plan: Finish drafting the Language Access Plan and begin implementing it as soon as possible.

Action Undertaken: The Language Access Plan was approved in September 2019. The plan identifies county programs and services available to individuals within the county.

2. *Impediment:* Expand housing choice for LMI households outside of impacted areas.

There are no explicit policies for the creation of affordable housing outside of impacted areas. Without explicit policies, it is difficult to enforce the County's affordable housing priorities. One of the major policy tools at the County's disposal is its HOME funds. The County's HOME Policies and Procedures manual indicates HOME projects are primarily used for neighborhood revitalization, however, according to the neighborhood site and selection standards in 24 CFR 983.57, the selected site must be consistent with the goal of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing choice.

Applicants for HOME assistance in new construction projects should abide by the County's goal of expanding housing opportunities outside of impacted areas. The County can ensure compliance with this goal through explicit policies in its Consolidated Plan and HOME manual.

Recommended Action Step: Develop a policy that identifies LMI and racially concentrated areas in county planning documents as the first step in advocating for creating affordable housing opportunities in higher opportunity areas. At the very least, these areas should be identified in the Consolidated Plan in order to monitor if new affordable housing development is occurring in impact areas. These areas should also be addressed in the HOME Policies and Procedures manual as a policy goal for considering alternate development sites.

Action Undertaken: The staff plans to review the HOME Policies and Procedures manual in an effort to include explicit policies for the creation of affordable housing outside of impacted areas.

3. *Impediment:* All County government personnel have not received fair housing training.

All employees of Stark County should receive some form of fair housing training. This will create large pool of public employees trained to identify residents' right to fair housing. By expanding fair housing knowledge to employees countywide, the County creates more instances where a resident comes into contact with someone that can identify when fair housing rights are being violated.

Recommended Action Step: Expand fair housing education and outreach to all employees of Stark County on an annual basis.

Recommended Action Step: The Fair Housing Office should continue its education and outreach initiatives.

Action Undertaken: The staff plans to conduct presentations at the Governmental Law Seminar where county governmental officials attends.

Action Undertaken: The development of a quarterly newsletter on housing discrimination is underway. The newsletter will be sent to all county employees to help them identify residents' right to fair housing which will also provide education and outreach to all employees.

Action Undertaken: The department will continue its education and outreach initiatives through various trainings to expand the knowledge and increase awareness on fair housing.

4. *Impediment:* The Consolidated Plan continues to require updates

The County amended the Consolidated Plan to include a definition for areas of minority concentration, however, the definition is not sufficient. The new definition compares households rather than all residents.

Recommended Action Step: Amend the comparison to be "residents" rather than households.

Action Undertaken: The staff plans to amend the definition for areas of minority concentration in the Consolidated Plan. The new definition will include "residents" rather than households.

5. *Impediment:* The increase of fair housing complaints indicates that discrimination still occurs in Stark County.

The majority of discrimination complaints reported were disability and race related complaints. The increase in complaints could be related to new fair housing activities that are raising awareness of residents' rights. These activities should continue in order to keep residents aware of their rights, and keep landlords aware of their responsibilities.

Recommended Action Step: The SCRPC, along with agencies administering similar programs in Canton and Massillon, should continue to invest in landlord outreach, education and testing in order to broaden understanding of responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.

Action Undertaken: The staff will continue its fair housing activities, including education and outreach, to keep residents aware of their rights and landlords aware of their responsibilities.

IV. Action Plan

The following are the action plans or steps SCFHD will take in the upcoming fiscal year:

1. Create affordable housing opportunities outside impacted areas.
 - A. Develop a policy that identifies LMI and racially concentrated areas and policies that will create housing opportunities in alternative sites. Include this plan in the Consolidated Plan and HOME Policies and Procedures manual.
 - B. In the Consolidated Plan, amend the comparison for racially concentrated areas to be "residents" rather than households.
2. Improve the County's ability to offer fair housing services.
 - A. Invest in landlord outreach, education and testing in order to broaden understanding of responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.
 - B. Develop a newsletter to send to all employees of Stark County on a quarterly or annual basis in an effort to expand fair housing education and outreach.
 - C. Continue its education and outreach initiatives.
3. Update the Consolidated Plan
 - A. Amend the definition for areas of minority concentration in the Consolidated Plan to include "residents" rather than household.

V. Conclusion

The Stark County Fair Housing Department will continue its goals to ensure equal housing opportunity. Necessary actions will be taken to certify that the fair housing law is properly and fairly enforced throughout the County. The fair housing department will continue to take the appropriate steps necessary to eliminate the potential impediments listed in the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Attachment 6

Citizen Participation Plan – Adopted 6/2018

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is under contract to the Board of Stark County Commissioners to administer the HUD funded Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs.

Citizen Participation Plan Development Process

Prior to the adoption of the Community Development Department's Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are given the opportunity to comment. The draft plan is presented to the Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) at its March monthly meeting at the same time as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) proposed programs. The plan is then made accessible to the residents of Stark County through the SCRPC's website and a copy is available in the SCRPC library for a 30 day citizen comment period. As needed, the plan can be made into a format accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request. Any comments made by the public during the 30 day comment period will be addressed by SCRPC staff prior to the adoption of the final citizen participation plan. Furthermore, comments made may not always result in changes to the Plan.

Community Development

Public Participation General Information

One of the main goals of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's Community Development Department is to provide the community an opportunity to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation and assessment of its programs and projects. There are six main programs and/or plans that the Community Development Department undertakes, which include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), the Consolidated Plan (5-Year Plan), the Annual Action Plan, the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). Please see the list below outlining basic practices and policies utilized by the SCRPC to ensure the public has access and knowledge to programs in their community:

Holding a "public hearing" entails:

- Taking minutes and documenting comments that will be made public record.
- Being required by law on a case-by-case basis.
- Following rules concerning who speaks when and for how long; not a question-and-answer format.
- Providing a hearing official to oversee the hearing.

Holding a "public meeting" entails:

- Not being required by law.
- Not making the discussion between interested parties and comments public record.
- Attendees being able to ask questions and make comments, with the aid of a moderator to keep the meeting focused.

All meetings and hearings held by the Community Development Department are normally during the day and held at the office the Stark County Regional Planning Commission located at 201 3rd St. NE, Suite 201, Canton, Ohio 44702. If necessary, meetings may be held in the evening. By holding meetings/hearings at the SCRPC office building, they are accessible to the community through the following ways:

- SCRPC office building is ADA accessible.
- SCRPC office is accessible to public transportation, including the location of 2 SARTA bus stops within a block of the SCRPC office building (1.) Market Ave. N and 3rd St., being on the West side of the street (2.) Market Ave. N. and 4th St., being on the East side of the street.
- Meetings and/or hearings being held are advertised on the SCRPC's website and the newspaper, when applicable.
- Any documents created by the SCRPC that require public comment are made available on the SCRPC's website as well as copy being available at the office.
- If a non-English speaking community member attends a meeting, they are encouraged to bring a translator. (1.08% non-English speaking households in Stark County, Ohio, according to the 2013 American Community Survey.) If an interpreter is needed, advance arrangements will need to be made.

Community Development Programs/Plans

1.) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The Board of Stark County Commissioners is the recipient of the federally funded CDBG program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The SCRPC is under contract to the Board of Stark County Commissioners to do the overall planning and administration of the CDBG Program. The CDBG program aims at developing viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, along with expanding economic opportunities, for persons of low- and moderate-incomes.

Citizen participation is a vital role in the CDBG Program process. As established by Section 104(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act and by regulations at 24 CFR 570.486, there are key actions that need to be taken to ensure that citizens, especially low and moderate income citizens of the community where CDBG funded activities will take place, have an opportunity to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation, and

assessment of the program and projects. Therefore, the SCRPC includes the local community in the CDBG Program implementation by taking the following actions:

- Providing 2 public hearings, each at different stages of the program. The first being held during the SCRPC's regularly scheduled monthly meeting in which the CAPER is presented, and the second during the 30 day public comment period of the Annual Action Plan.
- Providing citizens with reasonable advance notice of, and opportunity to comment on proposed activities.
- Providing citizens contact information for submitting complaints and grievances, and then responding to complaints in a timely manner.

Each program year the SCRPC is responsible for:

- Publishing notices for the CDBG application workshop in three general circulation newspapers.
- Mailing invitations to all political subdivisions that participate in the CDBG program along with private non-profit agencies that have applied for funding in the past, or expressed an interest in applying, otherwise known as Stark County CDBG Stakeholders.
- Posting notices on the SCRPC website.

During the application workshop, an application review committee is nominated from volunteers, consisting of 6 members including a representative of each of the following: large township, small township, village, city, county at large and county representative. Alternates are also nominated when available.

A public meeting is held to present the upcoming proposed funding plan and encourage discussion with the attendees. Those in attendance vote on approval of the presented plan. The funding plan is also presented to the SCRPC at the regularly scheduled March meeting. The SCRPC also votes on approval of the presented funding plan and updates to the Citizen Participation Plan.

Notices for a public hearing are then mailed to all entities that submitted an application for either the CDBG or HOME program and to all political subdivisions. Additionally, a boxed ad is also published in all three newspapers advertising the date and time of the public hearing along with details of the funding program and availability of the Citizen Participation Plan. This commences the comment period on the proposed program.

At the end of the comment period and after the comments have been reviewed and considered by the SCRPC staff, the Board formally adopts the final CDBG Funding Program for submission to HUD.

2.) HOME Program

The SCRPC has been designated a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) within a Designated Consortium under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Program. Stark County has been participating in this program since its inception in FY 1992. All political jurisdictions within Stark County participate in the County's HOME program except the City of Canton (a separate designated PJ) and the Village of Hills and Dales. HOME funding is utilized for the development of housing for low income person/families.

The SCRPC encourages public participation throughout the application process by:

- Hosting an application workshop.
- Circulating public notices for the application workshop by publishing in three general circulation newspapers as well as the SCRPC's website.
- Mailing invitations to entities who have originally received HOME funding in the past and/or other organizations that have expressed interest in the past in applying for funding; otherwise known as Stark County HOME Stakeholders.
- Posting notice of the workshop on the SCRPC website.

Once applications are received for HOME funded activities within Stark County and the cities of Alliance and Massillon, the staff reviews each application to ensure conformity with the HOME regulations and guidelines.

Because applications are accepted on a yearly basis, the one-year funding program is presented at the same above mentioned Regional Planning Commission meeting in which the CDBG program is presented.

Once the HOME program is presented to the Regional Planning Commission the following occurs:

- A public hearing is held and notices of this are mailed to all entities that submitted an application for either the CDBG or HOME program.
- A box ad is published in all three newspapers advertising the public hearing.
- Citizens are given a 30 day public comment period to make written and/or verbal comments.

At the end of the comment period, the Board formally adopts the final HOME Funding Program. This will be included with the CDBG program in the One Year Update of the Consolidated Plan and submitted to HUD no later than 45 days prior to the start of the County's federal fiscal year (July 1).

CDBG and HOME Substantial Amendments:

An amendment is deemed "substantial" when:

- A program is added or cancelled; or

- A considerable amount of money is being reallocated from one project to another, as determined by the Community Development Department; or
- There is a change to the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity (24 CFR Part 91.505).

Public participation is required when a substantial amendment is needed. The proposed substantial amendment is presented to the Board of County Commissioners at a regular meeting. A public notice of the proposed amendment is published allowing for a 30 day comment period. If comments are received by citizens, they will be considered prior to finalizing the amendment. The Board of Stark County Commissioners votes to approve the amendment which is then published as the final amendment. In cases where urgency is a consideration, the comment period may be reduced to 15 days or less.

3.) Consolidated Plan (CP) (5-year plan) and Annual Action Plan (AAP)

The consolidated plan is a 5-year plan, updated every five years since 1995, in accordance with HUD regulations. The plan provides an assessment of needs in the area, including housing and homeless needs, a housing market analysis, and a strategic plan for the allocation of housing resources within the consortium. The Plan also includes the County's priority community development needs that qualify under the CDBG program. Additionally, there is an assessment of the needs for infrastructure improvement, public facilities, public services, accessibility, economic development, fair housing and planning needs.

The submission of the CP also contains the first year Annual Action Plan. During the next four years only the Annual Action Plan is submitted.

The Citizen Participation for the Annual Action Plan is as outlined within the CDBG and HOME sections of this document. The Annual Action Plan, otherwise known as the "One Year Update" summarizes the activities that the County will undertake utilizing CDBG and HOME funding during each fiscal year.

Citizen participation is critical during the preparation of the Consolidated Plan. Residents are encouraged to participate through the following ways:

- Completing a survey that is made available to groups targeted as able to provide input in terms of homeless, housing, planning, and non-housing community development needs to gather information and comments.
- Attendance at public meetings.
- Public comments are received at public meetings held throughout the period of preparation of the CP.
- All comments and views are considered prior to submission of the CP.

As a result of the public meetings held, objectives and goals of the community are established. In addition to the public meetings, 2 public hearings are held for public comment. The CP is

presented to the Board of Stark County Commissioners, as afterwards, there is a 30 day public comment period. Any comments or views are taken into consideration by the staff and are made note of in the final CP.

At the end of the comment period, the Board decides whether to adopt the final Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan "Substantial" Amendments:

An amendment is deemed "substantial" when:

- There is a change to the allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds; or
- To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan not previously described in the action plan; or
- To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity (24 CFR Part 91.505).

Public participation is required when a substantial amendment is needed. The proposed substantial amendment is presented to the Board of County Commissioners at a regular meeting. A public notice of the proposed amendment is published allowing for a 30 day comment period. If comments are received by citizens, they will be considered prior to finalizing the amendment. In cases where urgency is a consideration, the comment period may be reduced to 15 days or less. The Board approves the amendment after the comment period and it is published as a final amendment.

4.) CAPER

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report, otherwise known as the CAPER is created annually by the Community Development Department staff and submitted to HUD within 90 days after the end of the program year. Once the draft CAPER has been completed, it is presented to the SCRPC at a regular monthly meeting, after which, the following actions are taken to encourage citizen participation:

- The draft CAPER is made available on the SCRPC website, for at 15 day public comment period.
- During this time, the CAPER draft is advertised in 3 local general circulation newspapers.
- A hard copy of the report is available at the SCRPC office and on the SCRPC website.
- All comments and views of citizens received are included in the final CAPER.

At the end of the comment period, the CAPER is submitted to HUD.

5.) Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)

The SCRPC's Community Development Department is responsible for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) in Stark County. AFFH is a legal requirement that mandates federal grantees further the purposes of the Fair Housing Act. HUD's AFFH rule provides an effective planning approach to aid program participants in taking meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination. As a result of this rule, SCRPC affirmatively furthers fair housing by providing information, education, counseling and investigative services to the residents of Stark County.

A key part of achieving the goal to affirmatively further fair housing is the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments (AI), which is conducted every 5 years in conjunction with the Consolidated Plan. An AI is a review of a jurisdiction's laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures, and practices affecting the location, availability and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions, both public and private, affecting fair housing choice. The AI is an action-oriented approach to achieving the goal of eliminating various forms of housing discrimination.

Furthermore, the AI is responsible for assessing the population, household income, and housing characteristics by protected classes. Additionally, it evaluates public and private sector policies that impact fair housing choice, and recommend specific strategies to overcome the effects of any impediments identified.

During the drafting of the AI, it is advertised in 3 local general circulation newspapers to inform the public of a 30-day public comment period. The draft document is made available for review on the SCRPC website and a hard copy is accessible at the SCRPC office. If comments are received by citizens, they will be considered prior to finalizing the AI.

Upon completion of the AI, it is presented during two public meetings. It is presented at the same public meeting as the CDBG and HOME programs and then to the SCRPC at a regularly scheduled meeting. After the public meetings are concluded and the AI is finalized, the SCRPC will affirmatively further fair housing by utilizing the AI to undertake appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through the AI, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions taken.

Attachment 7

FY 2022 - 2024 Community Development Block Grant Adopted Funding Plan

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Stark County Sponsored Programs			
CDBG Administration	\$ 190,385.60		
Comprehensive Planning	\$ 84,240.00		
Housing Rehab	\$ 253,754.45		
Housing Rehab - Administration	\$ 213,753.00		
Fair Housing	\$ 84,000.00		
Stark County Set-Aside Totals	\$ 826,133.05		
Public Service Projects			
Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence	\$ 20,320.00		
CommQuest Services, Inc. - Family Living Center	\$ 18,000.00		
Stark Co. Mental Health Board - Coordinated Entry System	\$ 30,000.00		
Beacon Charitable Pharmacy - Prescription Medication Access	\$ 30,000.00		
Vantage Aging - Feeding Stark County Seniors	\$ 23,500.00		
Public Service Project Totals	\$ 121,820.00		
Economic Development Project			
Kent State University Microenterprise Development Program - Economic Development of Small Business	\$ 32,000.00		
Economic Development Project Total	\$ 32,000.00		
Infrastructure Projects			
Village of Minerva - Euclid Avenue Waterline Replacement	\$ 8,088.53		
City of North Canton - Valley Drive NW Waterline Replacement	\$ 385,086.42		
City of North Canton - Peachtree Neighborhood Waterline Replacement		\$ 499,950.00	
City of North Canton - Woodrow-Lois Waterline Replacement			\$ 499,950.00
Infrastructure Project Total	\$ 393,174.95	\$ 499,950.00	\$ 499,950.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING	\$ 1,373,128.00	\$ 499,950.00	\$ 499,950.00
Reallocation of unspent FY '19 & '20 CDBG funding to Village of Minerva Euclid waterline replacement: 1) Contingencies - FY'20 - \$7,629.47 2) Village of Minerva - West Lincoln waterline replacement - \$83,182.00	\$90,811.47	\$ -	\$ -
Reallocation of unspent FY'20 CDBG funding to City of North Canton - Valley Dr NW waterline replacement: 1) Habitat LMI vouchers - FY'20 - \$9,913.58	\$9,913.58		
GRAND TOTAL - FY '22	\$ 1,473,853.05		

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Stark County - HOME Adopted Plan FY 2022

<u>Programs/Applicants</u>	<u>Funding Amounts</u>
HOME Administration (10% of overall grant allocation)	\$ 101,415.90
Stark County - \$98,915.90	
City of Massillon - \$2,500	
CHDO Set-aside Project (15% of overall grant allocation - \$152,123.85)	
ICAN Housing, Inc. - Park Place Renovation	\$ 152,123.85
City of Massillon Funding (app. 23% of grant balance after administration & CHDO funding)	
Habitat for Humanity - "2022 New Construction Build" - Constr of 1 single-family home	\$ 50,000.00
Homebuyer and Housing Rehab Activities	\$ 125,321.55
City of Alliance Funding (app. 23% of grant balance after administration & CHDO funding)	
Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity - "East Alliance Revitalization Project" - Constr of 3 single-family homes	\$ 130,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 45,321.55
Stark County Funding (app. 54% of grant balance after administration & CHDO funding)	
ICAN Housing, Inc. - Park Place Renovation	\$ 409,976.15
TOTAL FY '22 FUNDING	\$ 1,014,159.00

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Attachment 8

Resolution

Stark County Commissioners

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Adopted June 15, 2022

Subject A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 ACTION PLAN

Creighton moved the adoption of the following resolution which was seconded by Regula

WHEREAS, the Board of Stark County Commissioners participates in the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) and Board of Stark County Commissioners held a public hearing held on March 23, 2022, for the proposed funding of the FY 2022-2024 CDBG and FY 2022 HOME programs, which were advertised and provided for a 30-day comment period and;

WHEREAS, this Board desires to adopt the FY 2022 Action Plan and the funding recommendations for FY 2023 and 2024, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as though written in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby adopts the FY 2022 Action Plan and the CDBG funding recommendations for FY 2023 and FY 2024, as referenced above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board authorizes its President to sign the FY 2022 Action Plan and authorizes the SCRPC to submit the Action Plan on its behalf to HUD.

Upon roll call the vote resulted as follows:

MR. SMITH -- yes

MS. CREIGHTON-- yes

MR. REGULA -- yes

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Assistant Clerk of the Board of Stark County Commissioners, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD STARK COUNTY, OHIO

The Consolidated Plan covers various programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs. Stark County is an "Urban County" under the CDBG program and a "Participating Jurisdiction" (PJ) under the HOME program. The county receives direct allocations of funding for these two programs and is the lead agency for the HOME Consortium, which includes the cities of Alliance and Massillon.

Stark County has prepared an Annual Action Plan for FY23 which includes a budget for the CDBG & HOME programs. The FY23 plan represents the 5th year of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for Stark County. The plan also provides an area-wide assessment of housing and homeless needs, housing market analysis, and a strategic plan for the allocation of housing resources within the consortium area. In addition, the Consolidated Plan describes the County's priority community development needs eligible for assistance under the CDBG program. This includes an assessment of the needs for public facilities, infrastructure improvements, public services, accessibility, historic preservation, economic development, fair housing and planning needs. The Plan provides the County's long-term and short-term community development goals and objectives that have been developed to address the national goals of the CDBG and HOME Programs, which include:

- The provision of decent housing that is affordable to households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.
- The provision of suitable living environment, improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods, increasing access to quality facilities and services, improving housing opportunities, and revitalizing deteriorated neighborhoods.
- The expansion of economic opportunities, creating jobs that promote long term economic and social viability and that are accessible to persons at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.

In preparing the FY23 Action Plan, the County had to address those needs which met one of the three statutory objectives of the CDBG program: to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slum and blighting conditions, or an urgent community development need.

CDBG

Stark County is proposing to undertake the following housing and community development activities during FY23-25. The anticipated FY23 budget of \$1,373,128.00 is based upon the funding received for FY22. Increases or decreases to the total anticipated FY23 funding will be reflected in final funding amounts provided to the various projects at the discretion of the Stark County Commissioners.

Proposed Activity	Proposed FY23	Proposed FY24	Proposed FY25
CDBG Planning & Administration	\$156,508.85	-	-
Fair Housing	\$83,000.00	-	-
Housing Rehabilitation	\$238,000.00	-	-
Revolving Loan Balance (est.)	\$231,630.86	-	-
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$198,000.00	-	-
CommQuest Services Inc. Family Living Center	\$18,000.00	-	-
Stark Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Coordinated Entry System	\$30,000.00	-	-
Vantage Aging Feeding Stark County Seniors	\$25,000.00	-	-
The Stock Pile Salary Assistance	\$40,000.00	-	-
Alliance for Children & Families AER Office/Case Manager	\$20,320.00	-	-
Kent State University Economic Development of Small Business	\$32,000.00	-	-
City of North Canton Peachtree Neighborhood Waterline Replacement	\$482,399.15	-	-
Stark County Park District Petros Lake Park Restrooms	\$49,900.00	-	-
City of North Canton Woodrow-Lois Waterline Replacement	-	\$499,950.00	-
Village of Brewster - Pump station	-	\$40,000.00	-
Village of Navarre - Playground Equipment for Underwood Park	-	\$40,000.00	-
Stark County Engineer's Office - Perry Drive Reconstruction	-	-	\$100,000.00
City of North Canton Elberta Avenue SW Waterline Replacement	-	-	\$499,995.00
TOTAL (excludes RLF)	\$1,373,128.00	\$579,950.00	\$599,995.00
Reallocation to City of North Canton Peachtree Neighborhood Waterline Replacement	\$17,550.85	-	-

Estimated RLF monies in the amount of \$231,630.86 will be used for owner-occupied rehabs. It is anticipated \$5,000.00 will be used for rehab administration which includes soft costs.

If a funded project has cost savings, slows down, discovers a barrier to completion, or is not recommended for funding by the Board of Stark County Commissioners, an alternative project from the proposed FY23 Action Plan may be selected to continue the timely spending of grant funds. Potential alternative projects may be:

Proposed Alternative Projects	Proposed Amount
St. Luke Lutheran Home Resident Bus	\$50,000.00
Early Childhood Resource Center Childcare Business Start-up	\$48,297.72
St. Luke Lutheran Home Agency Nursing Costs	\$50,000.00
The Straight Path Program Young Men's Outreach	\$174,300.00
ECDI Stark County Small Business Training & Technical Assistance	\$15,000.00
Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio Parking Lot	\$84,402.00
Village of Minerva Bridge Street Waterline Replacement	\$150,000.00
St. Luke Lutheran Home Replacement Windows & Flooring	\$50,000.00
Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District East Canton Foundation Drain Project	\$249,999.00

HOME

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CHDO Set-Aside - ICAN Housing - Renovation of two duplexes	\$235,400.00
City of Massillon - Homebuyer and housing rehabilitation	\$125,321.55
City of Massillon - Habitat for Humanity 2023 new construction build - 1 new single-family home	\$50,000.00
City of Alliance - Housing rehabilitation	\$25,321.55
City of Alliance - Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity - 2 new single-family homes	\$150,000.00
Stark County - Housing Rehabilitation	\$266,700.00
Stark County - Habitat for Humanity 2023 new construction build - 1 new single-family home	\$60,000.00
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A virtual public meeting will be held for the purpose of obtaining citizen comment on the above-mentioned CDBG and HOME budgets, as part of the FY23 Action Plan on March 7, 2023 at 3:00pm. Those interested can use this information to join the virtual meeting:

Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Meeting ID: 293 403 874 08

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 Or call in (audio only)
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 Phone Conference ID: 256 350 981#

A public hearing will be held for the purpose of obtaining public input on the above-mentioned budgets as part of the FY23 Action Plan on March 7, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission office located at 201 3rd Street NE Suite 201 Canton, OH 44702.

A public hearing will be held on March 22, 2023 at 11:00am at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission office located at 201 3rd Street NE Suite 201 Canton, OH 44702 to obtain public input.

The draft FY23 Action Plan will be available for public comment beginning March 3, 2023 through various methods: 1) digitally via email upon request; 2) hard copy via US Mail upon request; 3) in-person at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission office at 201 3rd Street NE, Suite 201, Canton, OH 44702; or 4) via the RPC website at rpc.starkcountyohio.gov. To submit a request for a digital copy or hard copy, contact icsnyder@starkcountyohio.gov or call 330-451-7247. Comments are due no later than 4:00pm on April 2, 2023.

Stark County proposes to substantially amend its FY22 Action Plan to reflect changes to the HOME program. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of obtaining public input on the draft amended Action Plan on March 7, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission office located at 201 3rd Street NE Suite 201 Canton, OH 44702.

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The building is ADA accessible. Those needing information in a non-English format, an interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Lisa Snyder at icsnyder@starkcountyohio.gov or 330-451-7247 by March 2, 2023. Those needing full telephone accessibility are encouraged to use Ohio Relay.

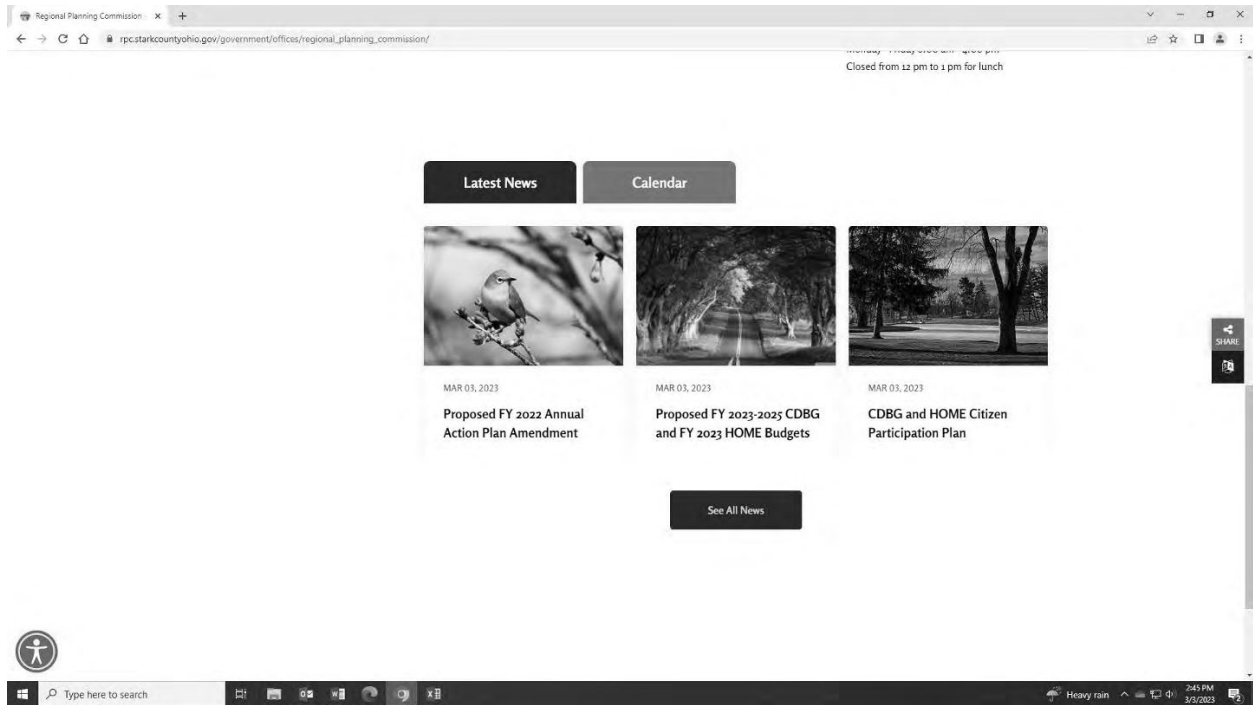
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The draft FRTM Rule Plan will be available to the public online beginning March 2, 2007 through various networks. The plan's review and public comment period will be available to the public through the State County Regional Planning Commission Office at 201 N. 21st Street, Suite 201, Corvallis, OR 97330 or through the FRTM website at www.frtm.org. If you have any questions or would like to request a hard copy or other copy, please contact info@frtm.org or call 503-521-7207. Comments are due on March 14, 2007 at 4:00 pm. April 2, 2007.

The draft record for this Final will be available to the public on or before May 1, 2023 through our website (<https://www.epa.gov/epahome>). A signed copy of this Final will be submitted to the State of Maryland for the Governor's signature and will be available to the public on or before May 1, 2023. Comments received on this Final will be available to the public on or before May 1, 2023. Comments received on this Final will be available to the public on or before May 1, 2023.

Points on the Response axis are interpreted as follows: 0 = No, 1 = Yes.



Awards

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"All our employees do an amazing job and deserve recognition," she said. "All are champions in the 'City of Champions.'"

Massillon veterans, police officer, student, senior citizen also recognized

The Police Officer of the Year was na



Massillon patrolman Joshua Grimes was named Police Officer of the Year for 2022 during the city's annual awards breakfast Friday morning at the St. George Cultural Center.

Proposed FY 2022 Annual Action Plan Amendment #2

Stark County proposes to substantially amend its FY22 Action Plan to reflect changes to the HOME program. A substantial amendment is needed to an action plan when:

- A change is made to allocation priorities or method of distribution of funds
- To carry out an activity not previously described in the action plan (or to cancel an activity)
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The draft amendment will be available for public comment beginning April 24, 2023 through various methods: 1) digitally via email upon request; 2) hard copy via US Mail upon request; 3) in-person at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission office at 201 3rd Street NE, Suite 201, Canton, OH 44702; or 4) via the RPC website at rpc.starkcountyohio.gov. To submit a request for a digital copy or hard copy, contact lcasynder@starkcountyohio.gov or call 330-451-7247. Comments are due no later than 4:00pm on May 9, 2023.

Proposed amendment:

Activity	Approved AP	Amended AP
Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity – East Alliance Revitalization	922 Pike Street	413 Franklin
Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity – East Alliance Revitalization	426 North Webb	Grant & Morgan Streets
Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity – East Alliance Revitalization	Noble Street	1236 Noble

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THE REPOSITORY

Insurance

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American analysis by insurance firm Chubb's Global Risk Insurance Index is the nation. The average premium was \$1,021, or 40% less than the national average of \$1,662, according to the firm.

The most recent data from the Ohio Department of Insurance is from 2021 when rates increased by 5.5% for the state's 10 largest insurance providers. Effects of COVID-19 on why rates are rising.

- Crashes and auto claims have increased as drivers return to work and their daily commute.

- Repair rates have not yet fully returned to pre-pandemic levels.

- Bad driving habits, including texting while driving and distracted driving, lead to more claims.

Beyond the major trends, other factors can influence rates, including your driving record, age, gender, where you live and what car you drive.

The Ohio Department of Insurance approved increases for some of the most-used car insurance companies in the past year. They include:

- GEICO General Insurance Company increased its rates by 34.7% on average for about 125,800 customers in September 2022.

- In January 2022, Progressive General Insurance Company increased its rates by 20%, on average, for about 425,000 customers. And Progressive Specialty Insurance Company increased its rates by 15.1% on average for nearly 375,000 customers.

- Allstate Advantage Insurance Company increased its rates by 13.3% for 165,000 customers in May 2022 and 13.4% for 15,000 customers in September 2022.

- Other significant increases affected a smaller number of customers. For ex-



Ohio recently passed new rules to crack down on distracted driving. PHOTO: COURTESY OF L.A. CARR

"Ohio Department of Insurance staff review rate filings to make sure that premiums are actuarially sound, not excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory."

Robert Denwood
Salem

ample, USAA General Insurance Company increased rates by 24% on about 46,000 customers. American Family and Casualty Insurance Company increased rates by 10.7% on nearly 17,000 customers. American Family Mutual Insurance Company increased rates by 7% on about 45,700 customers.

Ohio law requires the state Department of Insurance to review and approve car insurance rates to make sure they aren't excessive.

The Department of Insurance staff review rate filings to make sure that premiums are actuarially sound, not excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory.

Ohio's spokesman Robert Denwood said. Consumers should compare different auto insurance options and watch if they feel a better rate elsewhere, Denwood said.

Consumers can contact the Ohio Department of Insurance with questions and concerns about 2023 insurance rates by calling 1-800-455-6276 or visiting the website www.ohio.gov and www.ohioinsurance.gov.

Jessie Salmeri is a reporter for the USA TODAY Network Ohio Bureau, which serves the Columbus Dispatch, Cincinnati Enquirer, Akron Beacon Journal and other affiliated news organizations across Ohio.

Families

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can be from places in the greater Allentown area, including the organization of the Hamilton County, Indiana, Harrisville and West Chester, for example.

Unhappily, the program needs to have families in place by about May 30, which is 30 days before the students at the "So that we have time to meet with the families in their homes and allow the teens to make connections prior to their arrival, we match them with Ohio teens and their families."

She said families can get a lot out of the experience.

"Open from the activities we can help them that they can participate in. We offer film, family games, community service... the families experience a

cultural phenomenon, being with someone who is learning about the culture and differences between the US and Northern Ireland," she said. "We also like to educate them on the history of Northern Ireland as well as why the importance of developing unity between the religions here on neutral ground in the US is so important."

The family of Nicholas, a Marine Corps graduate from Allentown, was a host family in Allentown. He was a senior student at University of Akron. "He described the experience as a pretty fun, fun, fun experience for everyone."

"It really expands my world view outside of the U.S. and offered how I thought about Christianity and religious struggles that will exist in the world," Nick said. "I spent a whole month here, a fun, fun, fun experience and getting to know a whole group of people from Northern Ireland, which was an experi-

ence I never imagined I'd have personally. I made a number of friends, both American and Irish, that I still keep in touch with to this day."

"Receiving more opportunities with my religion in the process was an added bonus, really. The experience was

meaningful for a lot of different reasons, and I highly recommend it because of that."

The Alliance Area United Project is currently seeking more families to host students due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Stark County - HOME Revised Budget FY 2022

<u>Programs/Applicants</u>	<u>Funding Amounts</u>
<u>HOME Administration</u> (10% of overall grant allocation)	\$ 101,415.90
Stark County - \$98,915.90	
City of Massillon - \$2,500	
<u>CHDO Set-aside Project</u> (15% of overall grant allocation - \$152,123.85)	
ICAN Housing, Inc. - Park Place Renovation	\$ 152,123.85
<u>City of Massillon Funding</u> (app. 23% of grant balance after administration & CHDO funding)	
Habitat for Humanity - "2022 New Construction Build" - Constr of 1 single-family home	\$ 50,000.00
Homebuyer and Housing Rehab Activities	\$ 125,321.55
<u>City of Alliance Funding</u> (app. 23% of grant balance after administration & CHDO funding)	
Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity - "East Alliance Revitalization Project" - Constr of 3 single-family homes	\$ 130,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 45,321.55
<u>Stark County Funding</u> (app. 54% of grant balance after administration & CHDO funding)	
ICAN Housing, Inc. - Park Place Renovation	\$ 133,425.78
Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 276,550.37
TOTAL FY '22 FUNDING	\$ 1,014,159.00

Resolution

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Adopted June 7, 2023

Subject **A Resolution adopting the Amended Fiscal Year 2022 Action Plan.**

Commissioner Regula moved for the adoption of the following
Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith:

WHEREAS, the Board of Stark County Commissioners participates in the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the FY 2022 Action Plan was adopted by the Board of Stark County Commissioners on June 15, 2022 and was submitted to HUD and;

WHEREAS, the Stark County Regional Planning Commission advertised the necessary amendments and provided notice to the public of comment periods and;

WHEREAS, this Board desires to adopt the amended FY 2022 Action Plan, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as though written in full.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby adopts the amended FY 2022 Action Plan and authorizes the SCRPC to submit the amended Action Plan on its behalf to HUD.

Upon roll call the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Smith - yes Mrs. Creighton - yes Mr. Regula - yes

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

I, the undersigned, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the Resolution adopted by the Board.

Richard Foley

STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS

Janet Weir Creighton
Richard Regula
Bill Smith

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Brant A. Luther, Esq.



June 7, 2023

Tylon McGee
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
200 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-2499

RE: Substantially Amended FY2022 Action Plan – Stark County

Dear Tylon:

This letter is to inform HUD that Stark County, with public input, has made amendments to its Fiscal Year 2022 Action Plan. Specifically, our amendment is required per 24 CFR 91.505(a):
“(2) To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan; or (3) To change the purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of an activity.”

The amendments with public input, include:

- ICAN Park Place Renovation - activity will be partially funded with prior years program income in the amount of \$276,550.37;
- Add the activity Stark County HOME funded housing rehabilitation in the amount of \$276,550.37;
- Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity East Alliance Revitalization – proposed build locations have changed

Stark County has taken the following actions:

24 CFR 91.505(b) - Informed the public of the changes and provided a comment period according to the Citizen Participation Plan;

24 CFR 91.505(c) - Upon completion, made the amendment public and notified HUD of the amendment. Please accept this letter as official notification of the proposed amendments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Diane Sheridan, Chief of Community Development at 330-451-7031 or dmsheridan@starkcountyohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janet Weir Creighton".

Janet Weir Creighton, President
BOARD OF STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number 4040-0004
 Expiration Date 10/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission ☐ Prerequisite ☒ Application ☐ Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application ☒ New ☐ Continuation ☐ Revision	* 3. Revision, select appropriate letter(s): * Other (Specify):
* 3. Date Received: 	4. Applicant Identifier: 	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: 	5b. Federal Award Identifier: 	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: 	7. State Application Identifier: 	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Board of Clark County Commissioners		
* b. Employer/Owner Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 34-0902918	* c. UOI: Y09KRM000005	
d. Address:		
* Street: 10 Central Plaza South 2nd Floor	Street2: 	
* City: Canton	County/Parish: 	
* State: OH: Ohio	Province: 	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip/Postal Code: 44702-1201	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: 	Division Name: 	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Gene	
Middle Name: 	* Last Name: Schnitzer	
Suffix: 	Title: Chief of Community Development	
Organizational Affiliation: 		
* Telephone Number: 330-451-7021	Fax Number: 330-451-7900	
* Email: mschnitzer@clarkcountymt.com		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 8. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: 5: County Government	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: 	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: 	
* Other (specify): 	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: U.S. 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: 14.218	
* Title: Community Development Block Grant FY 2022	
13. Competition Identification Number: 	
Title: 	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: FY 2022 funding for the CDBG program. Activities will include administration, planning, public service activities, housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements and economic development.	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions Add Attachments Delete Attachments View Attachments	

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* b. Employer Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):		* c. DUNS:	
33-8101718		STARKCOUNTY	
d. Address:			
* Street:	110 Central Plaza, Suite 2nd Floor		
Street2:			
* City:	Canton		
County/Parish:			
* State:	OH: Ohio		
Province:			
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code:	44705-1211		
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name:		Division Name:	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
Prefix:	Mr.	* First Name:	Diane
Middle Name:			
* Last Name:	Sheridan		
Suffix:			
Title: Chief of Community Development			
Organizational Affiliation:			
* Telephone Number:	330-651-7090	* Fax Number:	330-651-7940
* Email:	ds Sheridan@starkcountytia.org		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: B: County Government	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: 	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: 	
* Other (specify): 	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 14.231	
CFDA Title: HOME - Investment Partnership Program	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: 14.271	
* Title: HOME Investment Partnership Program FY 2022	
13. Competition Identification Number: 	
Title: 	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: FY 2022 Funding for the HOME program. Activities will include administration, housing rehabilitation throughout the Consortium, homebuyer assistance, and new construction of single-family homes.	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. Add Attachments Delete Attachments View Attachments	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: D, 13	* b. Program/Project: E, 13
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
Add Attachment Delete Attachment New Attachment	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: 01/01/2022	* b. End Date: 06/30/2023
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal:	1,014,155.00
* b. Applicant:	0.00
* c. State:	0.00
* d. Local:	0.00
* e. Other:	0.00
* f. Program Income:	100,000.00
* g. TOTAL:	1,114,155.00
* 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 If "Yes" provide explanation and attach Add Attachment Delete Attachment New Attachment	
21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001) ☒ ** I AGREE ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Printed:	Mr. [redacted] * First Name: Bill
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Bill
Suffix:	
* Title:	President Board of Santa County Commissioners
* Telephone Number:	330-451-2559 Fax Number: 330-451-7900
* Email:	bill@billboard.com
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	 * Date Signed: 6-15-22

FY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Board of Stark County Commissioners	DATE SUBMITTED 6-15-22

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Board of Stark County Commissioners	6-15-22

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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.

Uniform Relocation Act and 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, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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

1. 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;
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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 Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


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Specific Community Development Block Grant 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 plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

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

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, 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 CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having 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 (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022 [a period specified by the grantee 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.

3. **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.

In addition, 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.

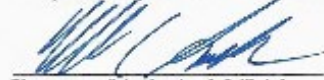
Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. 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
2. 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 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K, and R.

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


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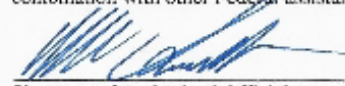
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

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.

Subsidy layering -- 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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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

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.