



# Stark County HOME Investment Partnerships

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FY 2026 Application  
Workshop

October 3, 2025

# Administration of the HOME program

- Stark County is a Designated Consortium with the cities of Alliance and Massillon
- The Board of Stark County Commissioners (BOC) is the recipient of the HOME funds
- Stark County Regional Planning Commission is under contract with the BOC for program administration
- The BOC has final approval on all funded activities

HOME program regulations were amended in early 2025 while some amendments have been delayed until October 30, 2025. Visit [24 CFR Part 92](#) for current regulations.



## HOME Investment Partnerships Program

HOME provides grants to state and local governments to create affordable housing for low-income households

[Learn about HOME](#)

# Overview

- Federal funding that must exclusively support affordable housing
- FY 2026 is 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027
- HOME funds can be used in any area of the County except the city of Canton\* and villages of Hills & Dales and Wilmot
- Applications for projects within the cities of Alliance and Massillon will be discussed with those jurisdictions
- Jurisdictions have authorization on the use of funds in their communities
- All activities must be housing related and serve those who are at or below 80% AMI

\*Development within the city *may* be permitted if the city of Canton contributes equal or more HOME funding than the County's investment.

# Eligible Stark County Activities



NEW CONSTRUCTION



RENTAL REHABILITATION

# Who Can Apply?

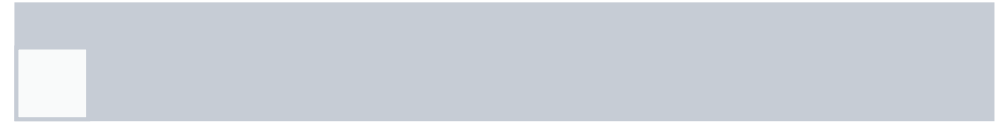
## Eligible



☒ Non-profit housing developers

☒ For-profit housing developers

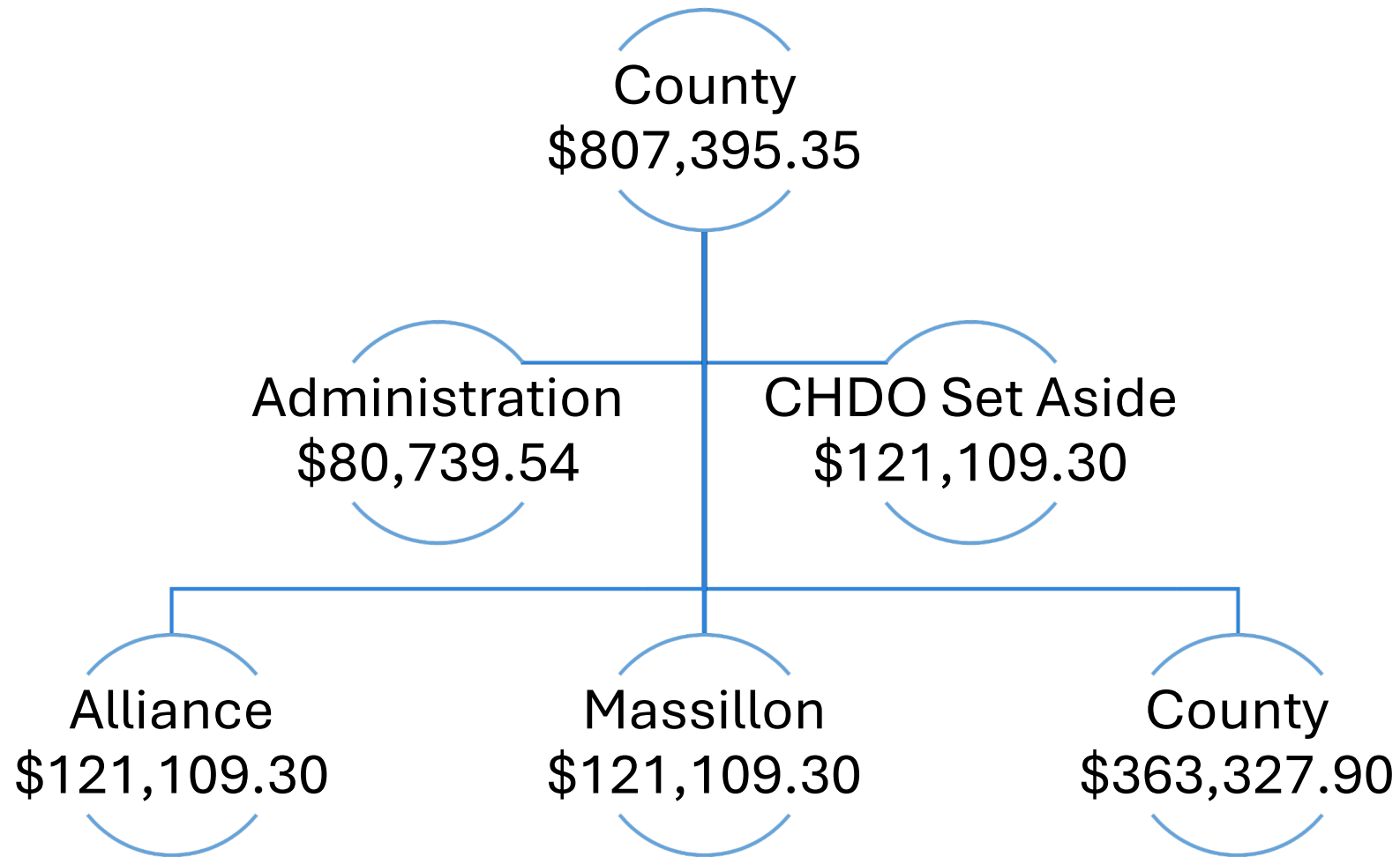
## Ineligible



☐ Individuals

☐ Private landlords

# Estimated 2026 Funds



# Project Evaluation

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Aligns with the Stark County [Consolidated Plan](#)

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Financially feasible

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Organizational capacity

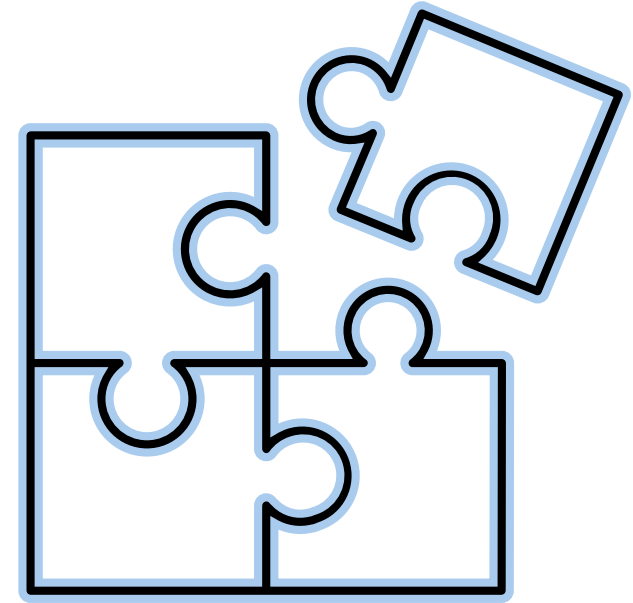
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Reasonable timeline

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Alignment with other funders

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# Community Housing Development Organization

- CHDO's are private non-profit, community-based service organizations that develop affordable housing for the community it serves
- CHDO's must have specific organizational structure
- Housing must be owned, developed or sponsored by the CHDO
- A minimum of 15% of the annual allocation is set-aside for CHDO projects
- Organizations seeking CHDO funding for FY 2026 must complete the 2026 CHDO application and the 2026 HOME application



# Application

Due date is November 14, 2025 at 12:00 PM

- Application instructions are on our [website](#)
- Applications will only be accepted through Neighborly
- Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed
- There is no limit to the number of applications submitted by each applicant
- Application related questions will be answered until the due date

# Anticipated Timeline

- Application review will occur during the 4-8 weeks after the application due date
- Proposed budget developed
- Two public hearings will take place in March 2026
- Funds will not be available until **sometime** after July 1, 2026
- Review the timeline on our [website](#) for additional information

# Items to Keep in Mind

- HOME funds are provided on a reimbursement basis
- After the end of the program year, projects will undergo a risk-based analysis to determine which project(s) will be monitored
- All funded projects must remain affordable for a predetermined amount of time, no more than 20 years for rental projects

# Questions & Contact Information

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