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Stark County Consolidated Plan Kickoff

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The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is responsible for policy-making and planning related to housing and community development activities for Stark County on behalf of the Board of Stark County Commissioners. With the receipt of both Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funding, Stark County is required to complete a new Consolidated Plan every five years. The activities undertaken with CDBG & HOME funding must align with the priorities identified in the county’s approved Consolidated Plan. This plan must be revised and resubmitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval. The last plan covered fiscal years 2014-2018 and the new plan, which is due to HUD in May 2019, will cover fiscal years 2019-2023.

The Consolidated Plan undertakes an in-depth needs assessment and market analysis on the housing and community development needs throughout the majority of the county. Various housing and homeless non-profits, local political subdivisions, and field experts all come together throughout the entire planning process to help identify both the community needs, and as a result, the goals and objectives for this plan. In addition, there is also an active public participation process, which is essential in gathering further feedback on these important topics.

In the next few months, RPC will be creating and distributing a community-wide survey to start collecting valuable input on the housing and community development needs of Stark County. This will be followed by public visioning meetings to help complete the analysis and establish the goals and objectives to be included in the Consolidated Plan.

Please watch for the Consolidated Plan survey and notice of public meetings to be coming out in the next few months. Your input on these very important matters is key to our community’s future!

Adopted FY 2017 Stark County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs

On July 12th, the Board of Stark County Commissioners adopted the FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs, beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This adoption took place after the 30-day comment period for both programs expired on April 12th and the funding allocation was received from HUD on June 15th. Both the FY 2017 CDBG and HOME programs were previously adopted by the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Council in late February and the Stark County Regional Planning Commission in early March, prior to the March 15th public hearing. Below is the breakdown of the FY 2017 CDBG and HOME programs.

FY 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Stark County Commissioners will undertake the following housing and community development activities during FY 2017.

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
CDBG Administration	146,998
Comprehensive Planning	94,859
Housing Rehab- Full/Emergency Rehab	225,000
Housing Rehab- Direct/Program Operation	230,000
Fair Housing	70,000
Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence	16,640
Prescription Assistance Network of Stark Co. - Prescription Medication Access	20,000
CommQuest Services, Inc. - Family Living Center	18,000
Stark Co. Mental Health Board - Centralized Intake & Coordinated Assessment	50,000
Kent State Stark - KSU Micro Enterprise Development Program	31,420
Rebuilding Together Northeast Ohio, Inc.-Critical Home Repairs for Veterans	20,000
Village of Minerva - Chestnut St./Hart Ave. Water Main	95,000
Perry Township - 13th Street Sidewalk Improvements	45,000
Perry Township - Perry Park Improvements	41,497
Perry Township - Oak Hill Park Improvements	85,000
Contingencies	19,872
TOTAL	\$ 1,209,286

It is anticipated that the county will receive an additional \$55,000 in program income from the current housing rehab revolving loan fund program. This program income will revolve back into this program.

FY '17 is the first year of a three-year funding plan for future infrastructure projects. The "Pennsylvania Water Main Replacement" project, located in the Village of Minerva, is expected to receive \$70,000 in CDBG funding during FY '18. As the balance of FY '18 funding remains to be allocated outside of this infrastructure project, the Board will accept applications later this year to complete the FY 2018 funding plan; with additional applications accepted in the fall of 2018 to complete the FY 2019 funding plan.

FY 2017 HOME PROGRAM

The Board of Stark County Commissioners, as the lead agency for the HOME Consortium, has approved the following expenditure of funds for the HOME program, which follows the same program year as the CDBG program.

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
ICAN, Inc. - Arbor Ridge - CHDO Project	187,610
Stark County Housing Rehabilitation	210,399
City of Massillon - Homebuyer and Housing Rehab Activities	69,775
City of Alliance - Housing Rehabilitation	65,123
Administration	59,211
TOTAL	\$ 592,118

In addition, HOME program income of \$67,732.00 earned through June 15, 2017 will be utilized under the "Stark County Housing Rehabilitation" activity under the FY 2017 program.

After adoption by the Board of Stark County Commissioners, the fully-approved "Stark County FY 2017 CDBG and HOME Programs - One-Year Action Plan" was submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for their acceptance.



CommQuest
Services, Inc.-

Family Living Center
Massillon

Stark County CDBG Department Accepting Applications

The Stark County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) department is currently accepting applications for the next three-year CDBG funding cycle, FY 2018-2020. Funding would be available from July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021. Applications for public service and economic development projects will be accepted for FY '18 only, while applications for infrastructure and public facility improvement projects will be accepted for FY '18, '19, and/or '20.

On August 30th, the Stark County CDBG staff held a workshop for potential applicants. Numerous municipalities and non-profit agencies & organizations attended. The agenda for the workshop included an explanation of the FY 2018-2020 application form, its accompanying instructions and guidelines, discussion of eligibility requirements, selection of a five-to-six member review committee, and sample projects. Though attendance at the workshop was not required, additional ranking points will be awarded to all applications in which a project representative attended, though persons who did not attend the workshop are still encouraged to submit an application(s).

If your community, organization, agency, etc. is interested in receiving Stark County CDBG funding, now is the time to plan for and submit an application for funding! Persons interested can obtain an information packet from the Stark County RPC website at www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov or contact Lynn Carlone, Chief of Community Development at 330-451-7774. Stark County CDBG applications are due by **Friday, November 3rd at Noon** at the RPC offices.

Spread the Word!

We have programs that you may not know about.

Do you or someone you know need repairs to their home to address some safety concerns but don't have the funds to do so?

Stark County Housing Rehabilitation may be able to help!

Our program helps low to moderate-income residents make their homes safe and sanitary and bring them up to Stark County minimum code.

For more detailed information on this program, call 330-451-7405 or visit our website at www.rpc@starkcountyohio.gov. We'd love to hear from you!

Annual Nimishillen Creek CleanUp

The 15th annual Nimishillen Creek LEAP (Litter, Elimination, Awareness, and Prevention) CleanUp was held September 16, 2017 and began at the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum. The annual CleanUp is organized by the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners, a volunteer group of representatives from local government, agencies, businesses, agriculture and citizens who help facilitate the restoration and protection of Nimishillen Creek and its resources.

More than 40 volunteers participated this year and collected several bags of trash and tires. A free lunch was provided for all of the volunteers.

This year's CleanUp organizers and supporters were the City of Canton, Kent State University, Marathon Petroleum, Stark Parks, Stark State College, Stark County Regional Planning Commission, the Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO), and William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum.



Trash collected



Volunteers



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Upcoming Events

October

2	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
3	SCRPC	7:30 PM
23	SCATS	1:30 PM

November

6	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
7	SCRPC	7:30 PM
14	CAC	6:30 PM
27	SCATS	1:30 PM

December

4	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
5	SCRPC	7:30 PM

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