



## 2021 HOME Housing Action Plan Application

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Hamilton County Department of Planning and Development is soliciting applications for Housing Action Plans funded with HOME Investment Partnership funds to participating jurisdictions. Please submit an application to Hamilton County Planning + Development by October 22, 2021. Contact Dominique DeLucia at [dominique.delucia@hamilton-co.org](mailto:dominique.delucia@hamilton-co.org) with any questions.

### Program Overview

Hamilton County Department of Planning + Development have teamed up with LISC Greater Cincinnati and the Community Building Institute (CBI) to develop housing action plans for participating jurisdictions. The team recently completed 5 housing action plans and are eager to work with additional communities. Housing action plans build on the countywide housing strategy, Housing Our Future, by customizing recommendations based on unique community and housing market characteristics. Housing action plans respond to the following objectives:

- Support places that want to proactively strengthen their communities through housing investment.
- Deepen the focus on people, places, and systems through data research and public engagement.
- Grow the understanding of complex local market conditions to support data-informed decision making.
- Create county-wide support for local jurisdictions.
- Encourage support for affordable housing solutions.
- Engage in regional conversations and solutions to housing issues.

### Process

Plans will be developed over 8 to 12 weeks depending on the number of stakeholders involved and the amount of public engagement.

1. Kickoff meeting with consulting team to discuss community goals and objectives regarding housing and to identify key stakeholders.
2. CBI will conduct stakeholder interviews. LISC will lead coordination on data research and mapping. (2-3 weeks)
3. Preliminary Findings meeting to present findings to the community and begin conversations about recommendations and implementation strategies. (2 weeks)
4. Based on research findings and community feedback, the consulting team will develop a set of preliminary recommendations. (2 weeks)
5. Consulting team will create a final report. (2-3 weeks)

### Outcome

Each housing action plan will include:

- A summary of findings



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- Recommendations that will be designed to be used as an implementation and funding tool.

The consulting team will also make recommendations for additional programs and initiatives that the County could create to support jurisdictions through HOME, CDBG, and other funding sources.

### Expectations

Housing action plans will be developed by the LISC-CBI-Hamilton County team in partnership with local jurisdictions. Please note the expectations of your community as part of that process:

- Provide suggestions for people to interview, including elected leaders, homeowners, renters, and other stakeholders.
- Participate in team meetings (as identified in **Process** section, above).
- Review and provide feedback on findings, recommendations, and the final report.
- Share housing action plan with local elected leaders and community partners.
- Demonstrate a willingness to implement recommendations from the housing action plan.

### Timeline

Communities that submit a complete application will be notified within 2 weeks of the deadline date. Each housing action plan will take 8 to 12 weeks to complete with plans starting in November 2021 through November 2022.

If more than 7 applications are received, further questions and a competitive process will be implemented.



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Local Government: \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please complete the following questions (*limit is 300-600 words*):

1. Please explain why your community is interested in creating a housing action plan. Please share your understanding of current opportunities and challenges in your housing market (topics might include trends in home sale prices and rents, affordable housing, observed changes in residents moving into and out of your community, property conditions and maintenance, current housing initiatives underway, etc.).
  
2. How will your community benefit from a housing action plan?

Preference for Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Must be between November 2021 and November 2022. Start dates are not guaranteed but LISC/CBI and Hamilton County will work with each awarded community to help prioritize and determine an estimated delivery schedule, however, LISC/CBI and Hamilton County reserve the right to determine the final order of completion.

Signature of Municipal Authorized Official

Date

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