

# 2023 Annual Action Plan

## Hamilton County, Ohio

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# Executive Summary

## AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

### 1. Introduction

The 2023 Action Plan is based on awarded CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. If grant awards are increased or decreased, the County will make adjustments to these proportional adjustments in each grant category. For CDBG, these program categories are Community Projects; County Wide Programs; and Planning / Administration; for HOME Investment Partnership and ESG the categories are Programs / Projects and Administration.

Hamilton County presents the 2023 Annual Action Plan, which outlines the housing and community development needs and objectives for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Programs in the plan are funded through these three grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the 2023 Action Plan is based the four actual grant awards as listed below:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at \$3,405,167
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) at \$1,711,675
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) at \$295,937

### 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.

All of the HUD grant programs address one or more of the following goals:

- Provide and Preserve Affordable Housing for Homeowners
- Provide Affordable Housing for Renters
- Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness
- Spur Economic Development
- Eliminate Slum and Blight
- Further Fair Housing
- Improve Public Facilities
- Improve Public Infrastructure
- Improve Quality of Life

## **Community Development Block Grant**

The 2023 CDBG allocation is \$3,405,167 and program income is estimated at about \$61,639.15 for a total allocation of \$3,466,806.15.

Over 70% of the CDBG projects will benefit low to moderate income persons and areas, including 15% for public services. Overall, no more than 30% of the grant will be used for slum blight; no projects will result in relocation. Program income includes repayment for CEDAP project loans, repayment of two outstanding loans from the Harrison RLF that we took over from the City and a small number of home repair loans from 15+ years ago.

In 2023, CDBG funds will be allocated between community projects in the 43 local governments and county wide programs including the community economic development assistance program (CEDAP), mini-grants for planning projects and for services from nonprofit agencies through a competitive process as we did in years past. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will review and recommend awards for nonprofit services programs. The CEDAP Program applications will be reviewed by the CEDAP Advisory Committee made up of CDAC members and Alloy Development Co., Economic Development Committee. Recommendations are made to the County Administration.

## **HOME**

**The 2023 HOME grant award is \$1,711,675; no program income is anticipated.** The majority of funds (about \$1.5 million) will be directed towards rental and homeownership housing development projects, including acquisition, new construction and/or rehab and down payment assistance. A “Request for Proposals” (RFP) will be published to solicit potential projects and programs for HOME funding. 15% of the funds may be set aside for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) projects as required by HUD. CDAC members also review and recommend HOME funding to the County

## **Emergency Solutions Grant**

**The ESG allocation for 2023 is \$295,937 with no program income.**

All of these funds will be provided to Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) for administration and rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention programs. STEH serves as the Continuum of Care agency for the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County as required by HUD. City funds are allocated to shelter operations, homeless prevention programs and administration.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

### **Evaluation of past performance**

In 2022, the Community Development division had turnover of the entire staff. As a result, a new Community Development Administrator was hired along with four new program managers. 2022 was a most challenging year with COVID-19 and additional federal funding of \$142 million provided to the County for assistance for nonprofits, small businesses, health and human services, public safety, people experiencing homelessness, rental assistance and many more initiatives. Community Development staff also managed additional HUD grants for these efforts.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

#### **Public Hearing and Review**

The draft 2023 Annual Action Plan was written with the allocations given by HUD for the 2023 grant amounts and similar funding allocations. Hamilton County will hold public hearings on March 30, 2023, and May 11, 2023, to consider this proposed plan as well as projects and programs to be funded during the 2023 program year. The following communities Green Township, Deer Park, Cheviot, Norwood and Colerain Township, published public notices and allowed public comments prior to making requests for funding for the 2023 Action Plan. All these hearings and public participation fulfill the requirements of Hamilton County's Citizen Participation Plan. A draft 2023 Action Plan will be available, both online and in our offices, for public review and comment between April 7, 2023, and May 11, 2023. Feedback will be added to this document prior to submission to HUD.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

The Board of County Commissioners will hold the first of two public hearings for the 2023 Action Plan on March 30, 2023. The second public hearing will be held on May 11, 2023. Comments received include the following:

*Comments will be added to this document and changes made based on feedback received.*

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

All comments were accepted.

#### **7. Summary**

Overall, the Action Plan appears to be meeting community needs.

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

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

Describe the agency/entity 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	Hamilton County	Planning and Development
HOME Administrator	Hamilton County	Planning and Development
ESG Administrator	Hamilton County	Planning and Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative (optional)

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Comments and questions concerning Hamilton County's Consolidated Plan can be directed to the contact information listed below.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

To assess the needs that exist within Hamilton County and to complete the Consolidated Plan and thus our Action Plan, the Planning + Development Department consulted with a wide array of organizations including housing, homeless, social services, fair housing, elderly and disability agencies, as well as the local housing authority. Outreach was made to gather data, determine needs, and identify service gaps. The County continues to maintain and develop relationships with these organizations to aid in implementing portions of our Consolidated Plan and to coordinate services. In addition, the County will solicit applications to allocate 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for county-wide nonprofit services. The County will utilize the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to review and recommend services for funding. This committee was appointed by the Board of Commissioners and has representatives of participating jurisdictions as well as housing and community development professionals working in the County

### **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(I))**

Hamilton County actively works to enhance coordination between housing providers and service agencies. The list below provides a description of the activities that are currently being undertaken:

- Hamilton County works with the Inclusive Housing Resources (HR) provides supportive services to Housing Network of Hamilton County and Partnerships for Housing. Through these entities, HR provides safe, affordable, and accessible housing to people served by the County Boards of Developmental Disabilities in Southwest Ohio. HCDDS provides referrals of people who wish to reside in Housing Network homes.
- The local Continuum of Care collaborative applicant, Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH), coordinates the efforts of organizations which provide services to the homeless and other special populations.
- County staff are active in the Homeless Clearinghouse with STEH, the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, as well as Affordable Housing Advocates. In total, over 60 agencies are represented in these organizations and provide vital feedback to the County on HUD funded programs and projects.

**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 City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Homeless Clearinghouse (CoC Board) and Strategies to End Homelessness (CoC Collaborative Applicant) have consistently utilized the Consolidated Plan as the primary documentation of the strategies, planning, and services being used to address homelessness, particularly chronic homelessness, in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The Homeless Section of the Consolidated Plan has been developed for both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio as part of the local HUD Continuum of Care for the Homeless (CoC) program of the combined jurisdictions. Pursuant to HUDs guidance and the communities' method of conducting planning and facilitating processes for homeless, the jurisdictions have standardized and identical elements within their Consolidated Plans, increasing coordination and reducing duplication of efforts. The Homeless Clearinghouse (CoC Board) oversees CoC planning & gaps analysis, coordinates project outcomes review, priority setting, funding allocation, & monitors elements of the Consolidated Plan. The Homeless Clearinghouse annually reviews program performance in relation to HUD outcome priorities and uses outcomes data to propose changes to the local CoC program prioritization process and presents these outcome performance measures to CoC membership. Such performance-based prioritization is accompanied by community input to select projects to be included in the annual CoC application. The Homeless Clearinghouse also oversees allocation & planning processes for ESG funds and the monitoring of ESG-funded program performance.

The local homeless services system is working to reduce homelessness by doing the following: 1) Offering comprehensive Homelessness Prevention/Shelter Diversion services, 2) Improving the services that are available to people who are currently homeless, 3) Developing and offering housing resources so that households can exit and not return to homelessness.

**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**

Hamilton County funds a homelessness prevention program that STEH coordinates.

STEH first facilitates the proportion of ESG funds that will be used for prevention and shelter. STEH then facilitates a community allocation process to distribute the shelter funds, and contracts with the individual service providers. Performance measures related to housing and



income are included in the allocation process for shelter funding. STEH uses data collected in the Claritas HMIS system to determine a starting point allocation for each eligible provider. The starting point allocation divides the funding between shelters based on their number of bed nights and their outcomes related specifically to income and positive housing results. Each annual allocation uses prior calendar year data. In 2022, funds dedicated to the shelters were distributed amongst eight agencies (10 total programs) and spent on operational expenses including: rent, maintenance and repair, food, furnishings, supplies and other necessities of the shelter.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email and meetings We are going to continue to consult with STEH to identify programs for the Consolidated Plan (ConPlan).
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Fair housing issues
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email and meetings; better planning and metrics for 2023 programs

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	St. Vincent de Paul
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services – Elderly Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services/ County wide programs – CDBG
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email and meetings
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	FREESTORE FOODBANK
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Homeless Services-Employment Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email and meetings
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Alloy (formerly Hamilton County Development Company)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis Economic Development

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email and meetings; better planning and metrics for 2023 programs
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Inclusive Housing Resources (aka Housing Network of Hamilton County)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email and meetings
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ANDERSON TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF CHEVIOT
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation

9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VILLAGE OF CLEVES, OHIO
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF DEER PARK
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	DELHI TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF FOREST PARK, OHIO
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation

13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VILLAGE OF GLENDALE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF HARRISON
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation

17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HARRISON TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VILLAGE OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF MADEIRA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MIAMI TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation

21	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF MT. HEALTHY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
22	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL, OHIO
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
23	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
24	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF SHARONVILLE, OHIO
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation

25	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF SPRINGDALE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
26	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
27	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
28	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF WYOMING
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation



29	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VILLAGE OF NEWTOWN
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other of government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	CDBG Community Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
30	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WEST COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email and in-person consultation
31	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VILLAGE OF ADDYSTON
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
32	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	AMBERLY VILLAGE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
33	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
34	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COLERAIN TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation.
35	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	GREEN TOWNSHIP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
36	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF LOVELAND
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
37	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
38	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF SILVERTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Lydia’s House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- Housing Service- Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process, email consultation
40	Agency/Group/Organization	Working in Neighborhoods
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
41	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service- Housing (Mortgage Assistance, Foreclosure Prevention)
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RFP process
42	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Columbia Township
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
43	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Crosby Township
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
44	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Village of Elmwood Place
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
45	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Village of Fairfax
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
46	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Village of Lockland
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
47	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Montgomery
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
48	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Village of North Bend
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
49	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Reading
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
50	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Sycamore Township
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
51	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Village of Woodlawn
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
52	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MORTAR
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service – Workforce Development, Business Planning

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RFP process
53	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pro Seniors Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service- Legal Services to access government benefits
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RFP process
54	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	IKRON Corporation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service- Workforce Development, Life Skills
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RFP process
55	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Village of Mariemont
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
56	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Symmestown Township
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Community needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Email consultation
57	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	La Soupe
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service- provide for food-insecure families
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RFP process
58	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pink Ribbon Girls
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service- direct services (meals, rides to treatment, housecleaning), education, and support
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RFP Process
59	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Women Helping Women
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service- education, crisis intervention, and support for direct and indirect victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RFP Process



60	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CincySmiles
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service- oral health education, disease prevention, and treatment services
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Nonprofit Services – CDBG – County Wide Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RFP Process

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

None

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Strategies to End Homelessness	Housing and homelessness goals match.
Housing Our Future	LISC	Housing strategies are being implemented in community specific Housing Action Plans

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)** The 2023 Action Plan will include actions to implement portions of the County wide Housing Our Future Housing Strategy ([Housing Our Future | LISC Greater Cincinnati](#)), related community Housing Action Plans currently under development, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy at <https://alloydev.org/economic-development/community-support/>

**AP-12 Participation – 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**

Hamilton County took a variety of approaches in seeking to broaden citizen participation (see Citizen Participation Plan in Appendix A). As detailed below, due to the pandemic, participating jurisdictions were required to conduct one public hearing regarding community priorities and selection of projects. These hearings were posted as required.

Two County-wide public hearings will be conducted to seek comment on both proposed projects and the draft Action Plan. The Plan will also be made available for public comment for a 30-day period. The draft Action Plan will be emailed to a variety of county stakeholders, public notices published in the Cincinnati Enquirer and Herald newspapers, posted on the County website and an online survey initiated to solicit input to the Action 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)
1	Public Meetings	Countywide	NA	None	None	NA
2	Public Hearings	Countywide	NA	None	None	NA
3	Newspaper Ad	Countywide	NA	None	None	NA

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)
4	Emails to Stakeholders	Nonprofits, Local Governments, Housing Developers, Affordable Housing Advocates	One email	Local Government official supporting plan	NA	NA
5	Online Survey	Countywide	NA	None	NA	NA

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The original Consolidated Plan and Action Plan assumed that HUD grants will be the same as 2022 grants and stipulated that any increases or decreases in grant amounts, proportional cuts, or additions will be made by grant category – for example: CDBG Admin / Planning; CDBG County Wide Programs; CDBG community projects; HOME admin and HOME programs / projects; ESG admin and programs. The estimated and actual grant amounts are listed below:

#### 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	3,405,167	61,639	0	3,466,806	Includes actual grant amounts	

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	1,711,675	0	0	1,711,675	Includes actual grant amount	

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: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	295,937	0	0	295,937		Estimate is flat grant funds for all years
Other	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - 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**

CDBG projects leverage funds from a variety of sources. Communities undertaking large capital improvement projects often receive State

Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funds and or Local Transportation Improvement Program funds (LTIP). The funds are awarded by the State of Ohio on a competitive basis. Some take advantage of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, which is a tax incentive program designed to increase the supply of quality, affordable rental housing by helping developers offset the costs of rental housing developments for individuals with low- to moderate-income. Additionally, some communities generate local funds through Tax Increment Financing (TIF). TIF is an economic development mechanism available to local governments in Ohio to finance public infrastructure improvements and, in certain circumstances, residential rehabilitation. A TIF works by locking in the taxable worth of real property at the value it holds at the time the authorizing legislation was approved. Payments derived from the increased assessed value of any improvement to real property beyond that amount are directed towards a separate fund to finance the construction of public infrastructure defined within the TIF legislation. Often, participating communities will contribute their capital improvement or general funds to a project to fill a gap. Additionally, the Community and Economic Development Assistance Program has leveraged funds for catalytic projects; the complexity and value of projects is expected to increase in the next 5 years.

All PJs must contribute or match no less than 25 cents for each dollar of HOME funds spent on affordable housing. As PJs draw funds from HOME Investment Trust Funds, they incur a match liability, which must be satisfied by the end of each federal fiscal year. The matching contribution adds to the resources available for HOME-assisted or HOME-eligible projects and must come in the form of a permanent contribution to affordable housing. Generally, investments from state or local governments or the private sector qualify as matching contributions, whereas federal funds (such as CDBG) do not qualify. Eligible sources of a match for HOME funds include: cash; donated construction materials or volunteer labor; value of donated land or real property; value of foregone interest, taxes, fees, or charges levied by public or private entities; investments in on-or offsite improvements; proceeds from bond financing; the cost of supportive services provided to families living in HOME units; and the cost of homebuyer counseling to families purchasing HOME-assisted units.

Matching funds for HOME Program activities are provided by volunteer labor in Habitat for Humanity projects. The volunteer labor generated annually more than covers HOME match requirements. Other possible sources of match include the value of labor, donated materials, equipment, and professional services donated to County CHDOs constructing or rehabbing affordable housing. Significant leverage comes from housing development programs, down payment assistance programs, and CHDO capacity building.

Match requirements for the ESG Program are met through donations from the business community or other private sources received by our Continuum of Care lead agency, Strategies to End Homelessness.

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

Each jurisdiction has separate plans, control of zoning, and land use development. Some communities have recently become active by buying parcels, assembling property for redevelopment, soliciting developers – one such example includes the community of Loveland and its acquisition of 501 Loveland Madeira Road. We anticipate that this assemblage will increase.

Housing Plans for five communities (Addyston, Cheviot, Deer Park, Norwood and Silverton) have just been completed and include an analysis of city/village/township owned properties. Three more plans are scheduled for 2023. Additionally, some communities have worked with the Hamilton County Landbank, a managed entity of The Port, to stabilize and preserve historical landmarks throughout Hamilton County for redevelopment and reuse. The County and Landbank have also worked to control vacant parcels such as those acquired by Lincoln Heights for new affordable single-family housing.

**Discussion**

The County will continue to build partnerships and lead efforts to maximize all public funds with creative financial leverage including HOME American Rescue Plan funds.



## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

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**Goals Summary Information**

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Eliminate Slum/Blight	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	County Wide	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$119,000	Buildings Demolished: 6 Buildings
2	Fair Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing fair housing	County Wide	Increasing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$75,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Households Assisted
3	Public Facility Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	County Wide	Public Facility Improvements	CDBG: \$228,000	Public Facility Improvement Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70000 Persons Assisted or 28000 HH
4	Improve Quality of Life	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	County Wide	TBD – Public Services will be identified in RFP process; Lead Control Program; Senior Services	CDBG: \$646,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: _____ persons assisted  Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: _____ Household Unit Other: _____
5	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	County Wide	Public Infrastructure	CDBG: \$687,000	Public Infrastructure Improvements Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 80000 Persons Assisted Other: 5 Other
6	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners/Homeowner Housing Rehab	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	County Wide	Preserve Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$227,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 600 Household Housing Unit  Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1500 Household Housing Unit Other: 15000 HH assisted Other: TBD

7	Provide Affordable Housing for Renters	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	County Wide	Increasing Affordable Housing	HOME: 1,540,507 CDBG: _____	Rental units constructed: 75 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: ____ Household Housing Units
8	Spur Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	County Wide	Spur Economic Development	CDBG: \$740,000	Businesses assisted: 6 Businesses Assisted
9	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	County Wide	Homelessness Services	ESG: \$295,937	Homelessness Prevention: 300 Persons Assisted
10	Administration	2020	2024	Administration			CDBG: \$500,000 HOME: \$171,168	Other: 300000 Other; TBD

Table 6 – Goals Summary

**Goal Descriptions**

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Eliminate Slum / Blight
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Eliminate slum and blight throughout the County through Acquisition / Demo; Community and Economic Development Assistance Program (CEDAP), Property Maintenance / Code Enforcement Programs, Section 108 Loan pool
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Further fair housing through the Fair Housing Program with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.)
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facility Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Improve public facilities throughout the County as requested by participating jurisdictions. Frequently, funds are used for parks and senior centers, playgrounds, etc.
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve Quality of Life
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Improve Quality of Life through nonprofit public services throughout the County as well as Code Enforcement / Property Maintenance and funding to West College Hill Neighborhood Services and Hamilton County Public Health Lead Grant.
<b>5</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Improve Public Infrastructure throughout the County as requested by participating jurisdictions. This could include streetscape improvements, street paving, ADA sidewalk installation, fire hydrant replacement, etc.
<b>6</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners throughout the County through the Emergency Housing Repair Services and Housing Development / Homebuyer Assistance Programs, Grants / Loans, Home Improvement Repair Programs.
<b>7</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Affordable Housing for Renters
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide Affordable Housing for Renter through the Housing Development. Related programs and outcomes for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing
<b>8</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Spur Economic Development

	<b>Goal Description</b>	Spur Economic Development through the CEDAP Program, Mini-Grants, and Alloy programs, the County's contractual agency for all economic development related activities, and their programs. Programs may include corridor development studies, small business loans, planning services, etc.
<b>9</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness through STEH as well as Homeless Prevention / Rapid Rehousing, ESG Administration programs. Related programs and outcomes under Provide Affordable Housing for Renters. They are not included here to avoid duplication in the outcome totals.
<b>10</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Administration of CDBG, ESG, and HOME Investment Partnership grant funded projects and programs; includes internal staffing costs, training, monitoring, compliance, legal ads, technology, software, and related supportive services. Also includes external consultants for development projects, community specific housing action plans, mini-grants for planning projects and county wide housing assessments.

# Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

This Consolidated Plan includes a new focus on homeownership repair housing programs, including Lead testing, abatement and lead poisoning prevention and revolving loan program. Section 8 loan pool funds may be used for this purpose as well.

### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Acquisition and Demolition
3	Fair Housing
4	Public Facility Improvements
5	Public Infrastructure Improvements
6	Lead Abatement & Poison Prevention
7	Public Services
8	Homeowner Assistance Programs
9	Housing Development Projects & Programs
10	All HESG - ESG and ESG-CV Programs
11	Economic Development

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Allocations are made based on community needs. CDBG is equally split between community specific projects and county wide services. HOME funds are nearly all to preserve, rehab, create new affordable housing; allocation will depend on RFP applications. ESG funds are based on the Continuum of Care decisions.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	N/A
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	N/A
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	All CDBG and HOME funded projects
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$499,000 HOME: \$171,168
	<b>Description</b>	This includes Planning and Administration for CDBG and HOME grants, as well as housing action plans and mini-grants for planning projects in specific communities and county wide affordable housing assessment and action plan. HESG Administration funds are included in the project for all HESG funding.
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	To be determined
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	see other projects - no goal outcomes are included below to avoid double counting
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Acquisition and Demolition
	<b>Target Area</b>	None
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Eliminate Slum/Blight
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Spur Economic Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$119,000
	<b>Description</b>	projects TBD based on priorities identified by communities and CEDAP program
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A



	<b>Location Description</b>	Addyston, Lockland, and Reading have all requested A+D funding; additional projects may be added via the CEDAP competitive process.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Each community will identify projects in the coming months. All communities will work with the Port Authority for possible projects as well.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	County Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Further Fair Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	\$75,000
	<b>Description</b>	Services provided by Housing Opportunities Made Equal for landlord / tenant issues; paired testing for apartment rentals; training for realtors, local governments, landlords, etc.
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,000
	<b>Location Description</b>	County Wide
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Respond to complaints; provide mediation with LL and tenants; educate realtors and local government leaders;	
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facility Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Community Specific
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facility Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improving Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$228,000
	<b>Description</b>	Includes projects in 6 communities
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Estimated 70,000 people - at 2.5 avg persons per HH, estimate 28,000 HH

	<b>Location Description</b>	Amberley Village Colerain Township Green Township Madeira North College Hill Whitewater Township
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Green Asbestos Abatement Tree Planting Senior Center Audio/Visual Meeting Room Upgrade McDonald's Park ADA Playscape Design Dumele Park Demo & Water Park Senior Center Drive and Parking Lot Reconstruction
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Community Specific
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improving Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$687,000
	<b>Description</b>	Includes projects requested by 10 communities
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	80000 individuals - avg 2.5 people per HH – 32,000 HH

	<b>Location Description</b>	Anderson Township Colerain Township Deer Park Delhi Township Lincoln Heights North Bend North College Hill Norwood Reading Woodlawn
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Replacement of ADA Ramps and Sidewalks Sidewalk Repair & Maintenance Chamberlain Park Pathway Repavement Delhi Park ADA Pathway Paving Street Reconstruction Miami Ave Street Reconstruction Traffic Calming on Galbraith Rd Smith Rd ADA Reconstruction Street Improvements Fire Hydrant Replacement
7	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	County Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Quality of Life
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	TBD
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$646,000
	<b>Description</b>	Services will be identified via RFP process for contracts July 1 to June 30 Also includes \$45K for senior services at West College Hill Neighborhood Services center
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2024

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	TBD - estimate 15,000 to 25,000 HH
	<b>Location Description</b>	County wide services in all 43 participating jurisdictions
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	TBD
8	<b>Project Name</b>	Homeowner Assistance Programs
	<b>Target Area</b>	County Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$227,500
	<b>Description</b>	Includes Homeowner Improvement Repair Programs, Emergency Repairs for Homeowners, Home Repair Loan / Grant programs
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	4100
<b>Location Description</b>	Colerain Township Forest Park Golf Manor Greenhills Springdale Silverton Countywide	
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Emergency Home Repairs Home Improvement Repair Program Residential Property Owner Repair Homeowner Repair Program Home Repair RLF Homeowner Repair Program Home Improvement Repair Program	
	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Development Projects & Programs

9	<b>Target Area</b>	County Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Affordable Housing for Renters Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increasing Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$1,772,306
	<b>Description</b>	Projects and programs to be determined by RFP - could include single family homes; rental housing development; senior housing; housing for people with disabilities; permanent supportive housing; etc.
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	TBD based on RFP process
	<b>Location Description</b>	TBD based on RFP process
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	TBD based on RFP process
10	<b>Project Name</b>	All HESG - ESG and ESG-CV Programs
	<b>Target Area</b>	County Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness Services
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$295,937
	<b>Description</b>	Will include temporary shelter and related costs needed for COVID as well as Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, etc.
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	300
	<b>Location Description</b>	TBD
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention and Admin via CoC	
11	<b>Project Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	County Wide

<b>Goals Supported</b>	Spur Economic Development
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Spur Economic Development
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,172,306
<b>Description</b>	TBD via the Community and Economic Development Assistance Program; includes prior year funds repaid to HUD re: OIG audit survey
<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2024
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
<b>Location Description</b>	Alloy Colerain Township Mt. Healthy TBD based on RFP process
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Economic Development Services Business District Facades Business District Facades Business District Streetscaping Planning TBD based on RFP process

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

Based on community asks – plus competitive processes for RFPs such as nonprofit services, mini-grants, HOME, and CEDAP – future years may include more competitive funding programs.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Community Specific	<b>50%</b>
County Wide	<b>50%</b>

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Each community can ask for funds and no allocation priorities are made by geography. Competitive funding for programs including mini-grants, affordable housing and community and economic development assistance program determines the balance of spending. Geographically, funding is spread throughout the county.

The County will be working with each community to create housing plans and inclusion plans for each community and will give preference for projects in these communities.

### **Discussion**

Communities with more need are prioritized for competitive funding in nonprofit services, mini-grants, and CEDAP awards. Communities range in size from 700 to 40,000 people and have varying degrees of staffing, budgets, etc.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	100
Non-Homeless	500
Special-Needs	25
Total	625

Table 9 - 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	25
Rehab of Existing Units	500
Acquisition of Existing Units	25
Total	550

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

HOME funds will be provided via the RFP process to including homeowner rehab, new construction, and rehab of rental units; CDBG funds will help existing homeowners with repairs and foreclosure prevention.



## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

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

County will support competitive RAD projects through its HOME funding RFP cycle. Most recently, HOME funds have been awarded for the following projects: \$400,000 for single-family homes in Lockland and Springfield Township; \$300,000 for single-family homes in Lincoln Heights; \$500,000 for Pedretti Place apartments in Delhi Township; and \$100,000 for Victory Vistas PSH apartments in Cincinnati. The County will continue to award funds using Requests for Proposals and Community Development Advisory Committee recommendations to County Administration.

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

Support CMHA's homeownership and self-sufficiency fair held twice a year by promoting it on social media and with community leaders.

#### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

N/A

#### **Discussion**

The County continues to work with CMHA on strategic projects to address public housing needs throughout the county.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) acts as the Unified Funding Agency for the Hamilton County Continuum of Care and is responsible for overseeing all homelessness activities across the region. The CoC is in the process of completing a strategic plan to set goals for the next two years. Hamilton County participates in the CoC as a voting member.

### **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 2020 – 2022 strategic plan outlines four goals with related actions for reducing and ending homelessness, the result of that strategic plan was a set of goals that focus on increased partnership and looking inward to improve operations within the CoC:

- Advocacy for federal, state, and local initiatives that reduce homelessness such as an affordable housing trust fund and reducing evictions.
  - Establish ad-hoc committee to select issues
  - Develop messages and identify audiences
- Strengthen the CoC's operations
  - o Research and share best practices for CoCs and agencies
  - o Implement policies that empower working groups to give more decision-making authority
- Engage Landlords to increase and retain affordable housing and remove barriers
  - o Explore landlord recruitment initiative
  - o Engage with other groups working on affordable housing
  - o Formalize partnership with Affordable Housing Advocates
  - o Work with CMHA to improve eligibility/understanding of income-based housing
  - o Explore funding for housing repair funds
  - o Form partnerships with agencies for repairs/improvements to residences

Strategies to End Homelessness coordinates street outreach efforts with community partners that employ trained social workers to provide case management to homeless persons in our community. Social workers reach out directly and build crucial relationships with people experiencing homelessness

to assist them in finding resources and shelter. Local street outreach partners include:

- Block by Block, through 3CDC
- PATH Team, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health
- Community Outreach Division, Cincinnati VA Medical Center
- Street Outreach Team, Lighthouse Youth & Family Services

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Homeless transition efforts start with the specialized by population served nature of the five emergency shelters: Over the past 10 years, the number of shelters has decreased and the services at each shelter have increased. They now include:

- Lighthouse Youth & Family Services Sheakley Center for Youth – Young Adult Shelter
- Talbert House – Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
- City Gospel Mission – Men’s Faith-Based Shelter
- Shelterhouse: Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women – Women-Only Shelter
- Shelterhouse: David and Rebecca Barron Center for Men – Safe & Step-Up Shelter for Men

Upgrades to the community’s shelter facilities and services include:

- Improved shelter facilities, which encourage people to come in off the streets at night; plus, the improved shelters no longer turn residents back to the streets during the day
- Daytime services, which include drug and alcohol treatment, mental and medical health services, and job search and placement
- Higher quality and increased case management services to help residents navigate complex systems effectively, and receive the assistance they need to exit homelessness
- Step-up model, which incentivizes residents to engage in the services that will assist them out of homelessness.

**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**

Beyond the emergency shelter system is a three pronged approach to reducing the period of time persons experience homelessness and ensuring they find permanent housing solutions via Rapid Re-

housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing offerings:

- Rapid rehousing utilizes a housing first approach to move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing as quickly as possible.
- Permanent supportive housing combines services and housing to support persons with serious mental illness or other disabilities that need professional care, advocacy and assistance to find stability.
- Transitional Housing are those programs, through the Continuum of Care, that facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing via short or medium term assistance lasting from one month to two years.

**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.**

- The Center for Respite Care assists persons coming from health care facilities who need shelter.
- There is inadequate supply of recovery housing for persons dealing with addiction
- The Office of ReEntry provides supportive services for anyone with a criminal background, but housing remains the largest need.
- CMHA has received Housing Choice Vouchers for HUD-VASH recipients who may be coming from mental health and/or health care facilities

## **Discussion**

The County will continue to partner with outside agencies and seek additional funding to meet these needs.

## AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

### Introduction:

Many of the barriers to affordable housing are also barriers to fair housing and have been studied in several housing and development studies in the past three years including 2017 Affordability Study, 100% Housing report, 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (available at this link: <https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=15912327>)

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### **First Portion of Resources Needed and Systemic Changes Needed (due to character limits):**

**Establish a city and a county affordable housing trust fund(s)** Cities and regions across the country are pledging millions of dollars to create and maintain affordable housing in places where the market is no longer adequately keeping up with demand. This need is heightened as private market property owners are able to command higher rents in strengthening real estate markets, and because as properties age and are not maintained, they are no longer livable and are being demolished. Furthermore, wages are not keeping up with the cost of living. Hamilton County has very high rates of people living in poverty as well. The scale of this problem demands that significant resources be dedicated to this purpose.

**Support catalytic economic and community development investments in north central Hamilton County** The communities in north central Hamilton County (in both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County) have affordable housing, both rental and ownership, and they have social networks that have included Black families and immigrant and refugee families for decades. These are mostly small political jurisdictions that have a difficult time generating the funds necessary for catalytic economic and community development projects. The region needs to support these communities and provide resources for the kinds of projects that can improve the trajectory of these places, so they stay welcoming communities of choice.

**Support regional and community-based organizations that create and support affordable housing** Regional development organizations like the Port, the Hamilton County Landbank, Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC), Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, Habitat for Humanity Greater Cincinnati, Volunteers of America, Working in Neighborhoods, the Housing Network of Hamilton County, and the myriad of private and non-profit agencies working to provide stable, supportive affordable housing options should be supported to maximize production. Community-based community development corporations (CDCs) and other kinds of community and housing organizations play an important role in comprehensive community development. They provide and maintain affordable housing, engage residents, are accountable to them, and help create positive local change. When these organizations are well staffed and properly resourced, they can accomplish great

things in the communities where they work. We do not necessarily need to create more CDCs, but we need to support those that are doing good work and encourage them to work in more communities.

**Continued in Actions Needed Text Box...**

**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**

**Support agencies which protect vulnerable households** There is an existing network of organizations that support vulnerable protected class household, including the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), Community Action Agency (CAA), Freestore Foodbank, Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, Talbert House, Strategies to End Homelessness, Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, Lighthouse Youth Services, St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, and many others. While the right long-term solution to issues these organizations work on is that all households should have the resources and the capacity to support themselves, we are a long way from that today. These organizations need to be adequately resourced to follow their missions, and then held accountable for agreed upon outcomes.

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**ACTIONS NEEDED TO CHANGE OUR SYSTEMS: Expand public transportation** Much of Hamilton County remains off limits to protected class households who need public transportation. Access to public transportation is poor in many communities because service is limited, routes are not well designed, and location stops are restricted. Access to reliable public transportation needs to be extended throughout Hamilton County and to employment and other opportunities throughout the region.

**Create more lending products that work for protected class households** Access to capital for mortgages and home improvement loans remains a challenge for protected class households. Access to good, affordable home ownership opportunities are often limited because people cannot get appropriate loan products. The housing crisis and the following tightening of credit standards has only made an already difficult situation worse.

There are thousands of single-family homes in Hamilton County available for sale for under \$100,000. This could translate into monthly housing expenses of under \$800 a month and provide very affordable options for people. Banks are often unwilling to lend smaller mortgage amounts or make loans for purchase and rehabilitation. These issues, along with racial disparities, as evidenced by Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data, and people with poor credit histories, all conspire to limit access to capital

in communities that would be great options.

### **Improve housing crisis response**

Being evicted, unable to find housing you can afford or becoming homeless are among the most traumatic, chaotic, stressful, destabilizing situations a household can endure. This is the definition of a crisis for a family. When a household is in the midst of this kind of situation, they need immediate support. The current network of help lines, support services, and intake systems designed to support these most vulnerable households are tremendously overburdened, in part due to the lack of affordable housing units. During focus group meetings, vulnerable households reported feeling abandoned by the systems that are designed to help them at this critical “intake” moment. There needs to be a better way to humanize this process and provide a more effective response to households in crisis.

### **Engage in active, consistent professional code enforcement**

Poor property conditions are a huge problem for protected class households, especially in rental and owner-occupied units. Lack of access to capital, as described above, is part of the problem. Unscrupulous property management practices by large Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), who now own significant numbers of multi-family and single-family homes in the region, is another. There are also smaller rental property owners, some who are local and some who are not, who are not properly maintaining their properties. Active, consistent, professional code enforcement is a critical part of what it takes to manage these kinds of units. In small political jurisdictions, this function is often a part-time position. In bigger cities, competing interests often limit resources. In all of these places, good code enforcement is the only protection many protected class households have to ensure their units are safe and healthy. Helping shore up this function of government is important to safe sanitary housing and to protection vulnerable households.

### **Change zoning codes to open new areas to protected class households**

Zoning codes and land use decisions often constrain housing choices in communities. Many of these codes and plans have been in place, and unchanged, for decades. Restrictive single-family zoning districts, large lot size requirements, onerous planned unit development regulations, and hearing processes often constrain housing variety in a place.

These regulations are enacted to protect property values, but they also sometimes effectively limit choice and options for protected class households. Jurisdictions in the County with these kinds of restrictive codes should be encouraged to eliminate restrictive provisions and seek to expand options for their residents and be more welcoming to new residents. Elected and appointed officials should be supporting expanded housing options throughout Hamilton County and supporting organizations and jurisdictions that pursue them. County staff will be meeting with Zoning consultants early this year to

explore the best options to affect change in zoning regulations.

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**Discussion:**

Over the next 5 years, these goals and recommendations will be measured and re-evaluated to remain organic as strategies and programs are tested, revised, refined, and shared. The progress will be measured in annual Action Plans and CAPERs as well as public meetings, reports, and complimentary planning efforts.



## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

Community Development works with outside agencies, internal County divisions and departments, and other government officials on many needs listed below.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The County will continue to invest funds strategically to make the most impact in the community with priority given to projects that leverage HOME and CDBG funds.

The County will seek other funding and will assist stakeholder partners to do so as well.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The Community Wide Housing Strategy will be implemented with pilot programs; housing plans will be created with and for each local government as requested. The HOME RFP for affordable housing projects will continue to be improved. County staff will continue engagement with the Greater Cincinnati Affordable Housing Advocates and the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

CDBG funds will be used as matching funds for the Lead Pollution Control Grant with Hamilton County Public Health. Community Development will reach out to communities to expend those funds and any other grant funds.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

County CARES funds have been and will continue to assist families most in need of assistance; additional rental assistance will be provided in the late December 2020 federal stimulus act. Coordination with all of the agencies who have received CARES funding in 2020 to find new ways to address the needs in the County, specifically outside of the City of Cincinnati.

The American Rescue Plan Act funds are also currently undergoing stakeholder meetings and will be programmed in the coming months.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

In the past few years CHDO operating support was provided for a new CHDO, Lydia's House. A contract was signed in December for 2021 support of \$50,000 for technical assistance and long-term planning.

Currently, the Homesteading & Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC) has applied to become a

CHDO and staff is working on assisting them. Through partnerships with a variety of federal and state agencies, the HURC provides communities with property acquisition assistance to confront some of the most pervasive problems facing disinvested communities, including vacancy and blight. The HURC is the regional contact for National Community Stabilization Trust, which facilitates access to national lenders working to resolve complex issues facing communities with foreclosed properties.

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

The community wide “Housing Our Future” housing strategy was released in June 2022 with monthly webinars on specific subjects. County HOME funds were used to develop housing action plans for six communities, including Cheviot, Silverton, Deer Park, Addyston, Springfield Township and Norwood. The County will conduct 3 more plans with Forest Park, Lincoln Heights and Golf Manor this coming year.

During 2020, County staff developed new relationships with nonprofits throughout the County that were funded with general CARES funds. This translated into more and new nonprofit organizations applying for CDBG funds through our Nonprofit Services RFP in 2021. In 2023, our staff is engaging current and prospective nonprofit grant recipients through frequent office hours and learning opportunities.

### **Discussion:**

County staff and leadership will be defining specific goals, action steps and pilot programs for 2023 and beyond. This will include input and feedback from current and new partners and stakeholders. It is assumed that multi-year goals and programs will continue to be created, tested, measured, tweaked, changed, improved, and grown to ensure the best outcomes.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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.	0.00%

#### 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:
  1. All activities are as listed in Section 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 utilizes the prorated reduction method of recapturing HOME funds for all assistance to homebuyers as required in 24 CFR § 92.254(a)(5). Depending on the length of the period of affordability, a percentage of the assistance is forgiven each year until there is no balance remaining. As an example, assistance provided requiring a 5-year period of affordability would be forgiven at a rate of 20% per year. If a home is sold prior to the end of the original homebuyers' affordability period, the County recaptures the appropriate portion of HOME funds from the homebuyer and reports it as program income.

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:

Hamilton County will use the HOME Program guidelines as a minimum in determining the period of affordability for NSP funds. Funding provided per rental or homeownership unit <\$15,000 will have a 5-year period of affordability, funding provided between \$15,000 and \$40,000 per unit will have a 10-year period of affordability, and funding >\$40,000 per unit will have a 15-year period of affordability.

New construction rental projects will have a 20-year period of affordability, regardless of amount of subsidy, as required by the HOME regulations.

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:

Hamilton County will not use HOME funds for this purpose.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

In order for Strategies to End Homelessness (our CoC lead agency) to receive Emergency Solutions Grant funds, the County requires that any agencies receiving ESG funds be monitored and in compliance with the Emergency Shelter Program regulations. Staff at Strategies to End

Homelessness (STEH) must monitor all agencies annually for compliance.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Cincinnati and Hamilton County utilize a Central Access Point (CAP). CAP currently screens and schedules intakes for the four family shelters, a shelter for 18 to 24 year old individuals, a single men's shelter, and a transitional housing program for single men with substance abuse issues. CAP also refers to a Shelter Diversion program, a case management program, to help individuals avoid entering shelter. Everyone who calls CAP is screened in the same manner to determine which program is best suited the caller's needs. The caller is finally referred to the appropriate program and contacts the agency directly to complete their intake.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Annually, Strategies to End Homelessness prepares an Emergency Solutions Grant application for funding. The application is sent via email to the prior year's providers and posted on the STEH website for any other applicants interested in applying. Agencies with interest in applying must be active in the community's HMIS, VESTA and have the prior year data available before the allocation process begins. The Emergency Solutions Grant allocation process is an inclusive process of the ESG provider network. Providers gather annually to review the needs within the community and to allocate funds.

As defined in the CoC's Governance Charter, membership is determined by fully participating in the most recent Large Group Scoring Process. The Large Group Scoring Process took place in July 2014 by the Homeless Clearinghouse. All nonprofits participating in the 2014 CoC Competition to submit some basic program information to be made available to all Large Group scoring attendees in advance of the Large Group Scoring event. This information was submitted by each of the programs up for renewal, categorized by program type, and was shared in advance of the Large Group Scoring Event. The programs addressed one of the following four needs:

- Permanent Supportive Housing Programs
- Rapid Re-Housing Programs

- Services Only Programs
  - Transitional Housing Programs
4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

STEH meets the homeless participation requirement outlined in 24 CFR 576.405(a). All sub-recipients are in compliance and have at least one board member representing the homeless or formerly homeless.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Performance measures are included in the allocation process for Emergency Solutions Grant funding. STEH uses data collected in VESTA to determine a starting point allocation for each eligible provider. The starting point allocation divides the funding based on outcomes related specifically to increased income and positive housing results. A full year's data is used from the prior operating year.