

CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES FOR FY-2020

The meeting was held Friday, November 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. City Administration Building 2nd Floor Conference Room 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, Ohio.

Present: Nancy Donato- Canton Ex Newsboys
Jim Justice-Canton Ex Newsboys
Elizabeth Hibbs-SPARK Alliance
Dorothy Budd-Alliance Salvation Army
Gloria Whiteley-Magrath-YWCA Alliance
Jennifer Keaton- Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery
Shirene Starn-Tapyrik- Alliance for Children & Families
Kim Stanley- AADVS
Barbara Sferra- Mayor's office
Joe Mazzola- Planning & Development
Vanessia Freeman-Mayor's and Planning & Development

The workshop meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Barb Sferra. Sferra gave an overview of last year's five-year Consolidation Plan that was provided to HUD.

Priority Needs:

1. Affordable Housing- improve and maintain neighborhood stability.
2. Non-homeless persons with special needs- improve the condition and energy efficiency of housing and offer assist persons to remain in their home.
3. Non-housing community development-revitalize commercial/industrial areas.
4. Homelessness-partner with the Homeless Continuum of Care Stark County to fund activities.
5. Public Housing-prioritize needs of agencies/organizations that assist persons

Goals and Programs:

1. To improve maintain and expand affordable housing
2. Revitalize residential neighborhoods
3. Provide needed public services

Strategic Plan Overview

1. Increase economic opportunities
2. Reduce homelessness and at-risk homelessness

HUD Statutory Objectives:

1. Provide decent affordable housing
2. Create a suitable living environment
3. Expanding economic opportunities

The City of Alliance Planning and Development is looking to satisfy these HUD objectives to service the low to moderate population, female head of household or any other persons that may qualify for the following outcome.

1. Availability/Accessibility
2. Affordability
3. Sustainability

Mazzola stated that the City of Alliance anticipate receiving \$600,000.00 based on FY-2019 funding and funds will be used for 20% administration and 15% for public service. The block grant money will fund half commercial code position and half residential code position on staff, this is the first line of defense in keeping our buildings to some level of quality. We also are dedicated to a certain amount of funds for housing rehab, most will be used in emergency repair for example (roofs, hot water tanks and furnaces).

The Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) will provide funds to demolish abandoned and vacant properties.

Based on previous years of recaptured monies Mazzola does not know the amount of funds left in the budget for other projects.

Sferra stated that the deadline for FY-2020 CDBG application due date will be December 20, 2019 4:00 pm. Applications will be online: must be typed, with two contact people and must submit 13 copies with 1 original.

Starn-Tapyrik ask if there were any special projects in the works, Mazzola stated that there were none. Justice stated that he would like to “thank” the City of Alliance and Board for their support in helping them meet their goal.

Sferra stated to the group that construction projects, contractors must fill out a federal prevailing wage form. All information will be posted on the City of Alliance website.

Meeting adjourned 4:17 pm

A recorded copy of this meeting will be on file at City of Alliance 504 E. Main Alliance Ohio 44601

Joseph Mazzola, Planning & Development Director

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