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FY-2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The CPMP Annual Action Plan includes the [SF 424](#) and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Community Development Block Grant program was established by Congress in 1974 with the passage of the Housing and Community Development Act. This program provides funds to municipalities and other units of government around the country to develop viable urban communities. This is accomplished by providing affordable, decent housing, suitable living environments and by expanding economic opportunities predominately for low and moderate income persons. Local units of government develop their own programs and funding priorities, however all activities must be consistent with one or more of the HUD national objectives.

The City of Alliance is located in northeast Ohio, within Stark County. The city is an industry based community with a varied economy, based largely on manufacturing. As an entitlement community under the HUD CDBG program the City of Alliance, Department of Planning and Development, is awarded annual funding allocations from the Federal government to fund selected activities to address the HUD National Objectives. In addition, Alliance is a member of the HOME Consortium with Stark County and the City of Massillon. Through this membership, the city collaborates with these local government entities to perform a variety of tasks, including the Consortium's Consolidated Plan.

As a recipient of federal funds the City of Alliance and the Consortium are required to submit to HUD each year an Annual Action Plan, which is based on the jurisdiction's 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The city's 5-Year Consolidated Plan, for the years 2014-2018, defines the direction the City will take in utilizing CDBG Federal funds to address the national objectives in a manner that will produce the greatest measurable impact on our community. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan was developed in accordance with the Consolidated Plan Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs Final Rule published

in Part 92 Volume 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations for Community Planning and Development Programs. This document provides information on program year FY-15 and Year One (1) of the Consortium's Consolidated Plan 2014-2018. The City of Alliance and the Consortium as a whole create the Consolidated Plan in order to provide an overview of the greater area as well as housing and community development needs and assessments.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development focuses on creating viable neighborhoods, empowered community organizations, and providing decent housing and economic opportunity for all community residents. This community vision recognizes that decent, affordable housing is a critical part of a viable neighborhood system, which also includes public safety, education, employment opportunities, business development and social service providers. These priorities represent a comprehensive approach to neighborhood vitality, housing availability, affordability for all residents and adding value and opportunities to the community as a whole.

To achieve this vision, the City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development will; continue its aggressive blight elimination efforts, support active citizen participation in monitoring nuisance properties through an aggressive code enforcement, promote organizing efforts that improve the quality of life of the entire community and encourages the economic integration and revitalization of neighborhoods. In addition the City of Alliance will continue Anti-Poverty Strategies, which emphasize job creation and retention through various methods of economic and community development. The City of Alliance will continue to utilize a variety of tools to work cooperatively with the non-profit sector and business community alike to leverage employment and economic activity in targeted areas within the city and to spark broader policy and systematic improvement to focus on jobs. Finally, the Department of Planning and Development plans training staff with increasing performance of timeliness and efficiency. This vision can be summed in the following set of goals, Objectives, and Outcomes:

- ❖ **Goal 1. Increase Affordable Housing** - The Department of Planning and Development continues to endorse policies and employ strategies to promote and remove barriers to affordable housing.

Objective - \$65,000 will be directed towards funding the purchase of 2 vacant homes within 2 of the city of Alliance's Target areas for rehab.

- **Outcome** – The project will place 2 Low to moderate income homeless families, who are at 0-35% AMI, into transitional housing with a permanent supportive housing staff.
- ❖ **Goal 2. Improve Living Conditions of Distressed Neighborhoods** - The City of Alliance's Housing Strategy will include promoting the quality of affordable housing for all residents, through the elimination of blighted structures in designated blighted areas, and through the rehabilitation of substandard housing to qualifying low / moderate income individuals.

Objective 1 – The City of Alliance will coordinate with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to administer \$150,000 to be spent on housing rehab with each applicant eligible for up to \$25,000 for per rehab and up to \$10,000 on an emergency rehab.

- **Outcome** – The project will rehab a minimum of 6+ homes of eligible Low to moderate income families.
- **Outcome** – remediation of substandard housing conditions and the improvement of housing stock in LMA for LMI Residents in compliance with National Objectives.

Objective 2. – \$91,795 to be spent on the salaries for residential and commercial code and building enforcement officers to enforce adequate property codes within the Low to moderate areas.

- **Outcome** - The City will retain two full time officers with 50% of their pay covered for time spent enforcing code in Target Low to moderate Areas.
- **Outcome**- Elimination of blight in the City of Alliance in LMA and the promotion of economic development and an Increase in the number of quality structural units in Low to moderate areas where code remediation is made.

Objective 3. - \$31,655 will be spent to remove blighted structures that either pose a physical or health threat to the community blighted areas.

- **Outcome** – up to 3 units are expected to be removed during FY-2015 in LMA Target areas and in areas that promote economic development.

❖ **Goal 3.** Improve the Coordination of public and private Services in the city of Alliance–

Objective – \$116,000 will be used for the salaries of staff to implement the cities policies of timeliness and efficiency of services and for the general cost of operations to provide services.

- **Outcome** – Direct oversight of funds promoting the National Objectives of LOW/MOD, SLUM/BLIGHT, and URGENT NEED will be secured during the FY-2015 cycle.

❖ **Goal 4.** Create and Preserve Economic Opportunities - The City of Alliance will continue to approach planning and program development efforts in a comprehensive manner with the goal of increasing jobs and household income.

Objective 1 - \$16,000 will be used to expand the level of services at the Alliance Career Center to pay for training for LMI residents in the City of Alliance.

- **Outcome** – Provide assistance with tuition for 40 full-time students in the LPN programs, and more than 100 students in the remaining programs.
- **Outcome** - Promote the use of technology and workforce skills for LMI.

Objective 2 - \$3,000 will be funded on the YWCA Employment activity for the purpose of assisting low to moderate income women seeking work by reducing or removing barriers to employment.

- **Outcome** – Increase resources available to LMI women seeking work with provision for 31 day bus passes, access to all expanded clothing options, and enhanced job appearance for qualified applicants.

❖ **Goal 5.** Strengthen Neighborhoods and the quality of life for its residents - The City will continue to support programs and initiatives which improve the of quality of life by assisting in removing barriers to employment for low income households, specifically programs that provide wrap around social, educational, employment and life skills services.

Objective 1 - \$14,493 to be spent on the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter's Educational Services program to work with LMI children to improve access to educational opportunities.

- **Outcome** – Pay for salary of one Educational Services Coordinator to work with LMI clients.
- **Outcome** – Measurement of the number of clients served by the project through GED tutoring, Employment Assistance, Tutoring, and Domestic Violence Education.

Objective 2 - \$15,000 will be funded to provide for the YWCA Navigators program for the purpose of expanding the 6 through 8th grade collaborative learning efforts of mitigating the effects of poverty on children.

- **Outcome** - to serve 374 children in increasing the proficiency rates in reading and math with 75% achieving grade level promotion or graduation
- **Outcome**- Engaging families in attending program activities and program input..

Objective 3 - \$13,115 towards funding of the Alliance Community Pantry with the objective of eradicating hunger in the city of Alliance.

- **Outcome** – Provide service to more than 2,000 residents in alliance's LMA with more than 870,320 pounds of food.
- **Outcome** – expanded services in providing residents with "choice" food items such as fresh produce and meats.

Objective 4 – \$9,000 awarded to the prescription Assistance Network's Access to Medication and Assistance Program is a vital part of the city's effort to provide affordable prescription medications too low to moderate income residents in the City of Alliance.

- **Outcome** – Serve more than 500 persons with provisional access to medications of a value of more than \$100,000
- **Outcome** – Provide training for organizations with obtaining medications.

The Provision of these goals are important for the city and its interest in providing quality services as a tool in the overall effort to promote Alliance as a healthy living Community and the mainstay of an economically thriving area. The long-term outcomes linked to these goals are:

- **Availability / Accessibility-** The outcome relates to programs that make services, housing, infrastructure, public services, or shelter accessible or available to low or moderate income persons, including those with special needs or disabilities.
- **Affordability-** This outcome relates to programs that provide affordability to low or moderate income persons and can include affordable housing.
- **Sustainability-** This outcome relates to programs that improve communities and promote viability such as removing slum and blight or other services that sustain communities.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Over the years, the City of Alliance has used its federal entitlement funds to productively respond to community needs and to enable neighborhood residents, businesses and other community stakeholders to achieve the highest possible quality of life. Community based organizations are essential to these goals for responding to community needs and for strengthening the social and economic infrastructure of Alliance city neighborhoods. Most activities are under the direct control of the Department of Planning and Development. These activities are primarily funded by Community Development Block Grant funds, and previously Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant funds. Funded activities are implemented by the responsible organization and monitored by the Department of Planning and Development with an outstanding record of meeting the standards of HUD.

The FY-2014 activities as seen in the FY 2014 Program Income Chart have contributed towards providing decent housing for homeless persons, improving the safety and livability of the stock of affordable housing through the Vacant Housing Acquisition activity, and expanding economic opportunities for women and minorities and therein reducing the impacts of poverty and generational poverty for many of the city's residents, through the Tuition Assistance, SPARK, and After School activities. The City has made significant efforts under the FY-2014 funding to reduce property deterioration and the influences of urban and facility blight through the dollars spent on demolition, housing rehabilitation and code enforcement programs. The FY-2014 activities funded by the City of Alliance through the CDBG program have been continued through the current FY -2015 with the objective being for the provision of a suitable and sustainable residential and economic environment for the residents and stake holders of Alliance.

FY 2014 Program Income	\$563,288.00
Total New	\$563,288
Recaptured	\$24,484.00
Total to allocate	\$587,772
Maximum available for public service	\$84,493.20
Maximum available for administration	\$112,657.60
Project Name	Recommended
Administration	\$112,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation	\$200,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$70,000.00
Demolition	\$71,473.00
Food for the Alliance Community Pantry	\$11,000.00
Prescription Access	\$8,000.00
Navigators After School	\$13,800.00
Spark	\$16,500.00
Educational Services Project - Domestic Violence	\$19,000.00
Alliance Career Center/Tuition Assistance	\$16,000.00
Vacant Housing Acquisition and Rehab	\$49,999.00

Chart 1 FY – 2014 Funding Awards

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

In accordance with regulations 24 CFR 91.105 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and in an effort to ensure adequate and accessible citizen participation, the City of Alliance adopted a Citizen Participation Plan. The plan outlines the procedures and processes used by the City of Alliance to solicit citizen input in the development of the City of Alliance’s Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and Performance Reports. The Citizen Participation Plan also includes provisions defining Substantial Amendments to the Consolidated / Annual Action Plans and fostering citizen input on such amendments.

Although the participation of low and moderate income residents is particularly encouraged, the City’s Citizen Participation Plan is intended to facilitate the participation of all Alliance residents including minorities, non-English speaking persons and persons with mobility, visual or hearing impaired. The City of Alliance placed a copy of the FY- 2015 Action Plan at the Rodman Library in downtown Alliance, and on the Department of Planning and Development website for a thirty-day public review period beginning

May 20th 2015. The City of Alliance held public hearings for citizens to comment on the FY-2015 Action Plan on May 18th and 19th, 2015. Public hearing notices were advertised in The Alliance Review, the City Website, and through various government agencies, and to radio station WDPN/WZKL-AM/FM. Additional notices to the public were made for the Request for Release of Funds on June 24th, 2015, and the Request for Proposals November 19th, 2015.

In addition, Alliance participated in the planning and development of the Consolidated Plan for the Stark County Consortium in relation to the HOME funding received. The Consolidated Plan was created through a planning process designed to encourage maximum citizen participation as well as local service agencies and additional government entities.

5. Summary of public comments

The public hearing and comment period requirements were held in accordance with the City of Alliance's Citizen Participation Plan. The sign in sheet, minutes, and taped recording of the public hearings follow the Certifications section of the Action Plan, prior to its submission to HUD. The minutes indicate that citizen comments are included in the Plan and that the Development Director and staff specifically and adequately addressed comments. As posted in the May 2015 Notice of Public Hearing the first hearing was held on May 18th 2015 and the second public hearing on May 19th, 2015.

The City of Alliance's Citizen Participation plan outlines the efforts to broaden public participation in the CDBG program. Public outreach includes print and electronic media, mailings to citizens, area social service agencies, schools, governmental agencies, and other community organizations, as well as innovations in the use of social media. In addition, the City has a mailing list of these groups and is willing to make arrangements for those who are non- English speaking and those who are hearing impaired. The public hearings are also held in an ADA compliant environment so that persons with disabilities may attend and offer input.

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

No verbal or written comments were received during the May 18th and May 19th public hearings for the FY-2015. Nor were any written Comments provided on the copy of the FY-2015 Annual Plan left on hold with the Rodman Public Library. No reasons were given to reject the comments, but consideration has been made to review the lack of participation in the Citizen Participation process.

7. Summary

The planning process will be an on-going effort with continual progress assessment and feedback which will modify the approaches designed to meet goals and objectives of the plan. Proactive efforts will also be incorporated to fill these gaps where they exist, and will be devised and guided by the cooperation and participation of interested and involved parties in the community. The City website will continue to evolve to make it more user friendly. Information about the CDBG program and other initiatives administered and implemented by the Alliance Planning & Development Department are posted on a regular basis.

AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

This section addresses the consultation efforts of the City of Alliance in completing progress in One Year Action Plan towards reaching the goals as outlined by the Consolidated Plan.

Introduction: Through the FY-2014 year and into the FY-2015 year the City of Alliance has worked diligently to enhance coordination between; public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health & mental health, local government and service agencies as directed by section 24 CFR (91.215(l)). During FY – 2015 the City of Alliance will continue to pursue collaboration between public and private sector resources to improve the amount of funding committed to affordable and supportive housing resources.

A. 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(l):

During the second year of the 5 year Consolidated Plan, some consultations were held with the SCRPC to develop formal Coordination with the Continuum of Care program and the city of Alliance In addition the City will continue to make 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 with our collaborative partners. The Planning and Development staff will continue to meet with any entity as requested or the need arises to enhance coordination.

B. 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.

When examining the issue of consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area and in attempting to make a determination as to 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 we concur that while no

consultations were held outside of the application processes, the Department of Planning and Development staff meets with any entity as requested or the need arises to enhance coordination.

C. 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.

The 5 Year Consolidated Plan and the 2014 Annual Action Plan was developed through a collaborative process involving consultation with representatives from numerous organizations such as housing, youth, homeless, economic development and jobs, elderly persons, specials needs representatives, and other city departments and residents'. Organizations include: the Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter, Alliance for children and Families, the YWCA of Alliance, Prescription Access, City of Alliance Health Department, Stark County Regional Planning, and the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Chart 2 – Agencies, groups, and organizations who collaborated in FY-2015

Sort*	Agency/Group/Organization*	Agency/Group/Organization Type*	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?*	Action
1	Select Organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing <input type="checkbox"/> PHA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services - Housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services-Children <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services-Elderly Persons <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services-Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services-Victims of Domestic Violence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services-homeless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services-Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services-Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services-Employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service-Fair Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Services - Victims <input type="checkbox"/> Health Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care <input type="checkbox"/> Other government - Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Other government - State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other government - County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other government - Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional organization <input type="checkbox"/> Planning organization <input type="checkbox"/> Business Leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Leaders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business and Civic Leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Other Optional Designation(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development Financial Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Grantee Department <input type="checkbox"/> Major Employer <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector Banking / Financing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing Need Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Needs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless Needs - Families with children <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness Needs - Veterans <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homelessness Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Homeless Special Needs <input type="checkbox"/> HOPWA Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Market Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Lead-based Paint Strategy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anti-poverty Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

A. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?

The City of Alliance is committed to the continued coordination of all community development initiatives. The City will continue to facilitate partnerships between City Departments and community -based organizations, state and county government, neighborhood residents, businesses, faith-based entities and others in the private sector to efficiently link resources and carry out joint planning and program activities. The spirit of cooperation is further supported by the City's Administration and is carried out on a daily basis through many channels of communication including face-to-face and group meetings, phone conversations, e-mail and other correspondence.

B. Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The public meeting was open to anyone who wanted to attend. There were no agency types that were not consulted or invited to attend the public meeting.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Stark County Regional Planning Commission	The goals overlap in the interest of decreasing homelessness in the City of Alliance and Stark County by reducing the number of unsheltered homeless persons, increasing the number of persons residing in transitional housing and increase the number of permanent supportive housing beds.

Table 2 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

D. Narrative

The City of Alliance is the lead entity for the consortium under a contract with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission with the RPC coordinating the HOME portion of the Con Plan. Ongoing coordination takes place between Stark County and the city of Alliance a member of the Consortium. Staff communicate on a regular basis regarding community needs, planning and programs. The City of Alliance's rehab programs (both CDBG and HOME funded) are operated by SCRPC staff who carry out City Rehab Program inspections under contract with the city.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation and how it impacted goal-setting

The public hearing and comment period requirements were held in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The sign in sheet and minutes of the public hearings follow the Certifications section of the One Year Plan, prior to its submission to HUD. The minutes indicate that citizen comments are included in the Plan and that the Alliance Development Director and staff specifically and adequately addressed comments that may have been requested.

The City of Alliance Citizen Participation plan outlines the efforts to broaden public participation in the development of the plan. Public outreach includes print and electronic media, mailings to citizens, area social service agencies, schools, governmental agencies, and other community organizations. In addition, the City has a mailing list of these groups and is willing to make arrangements for those who are non-English speaking and those who are hearing impaired. The public hearings are also held in an ADA compliant environment so that persons with disabilities may attend and offer input.

A. Citizen Participation Outreach

The City website will continue to evolve to make it more user friendly through innovative use of social media and traditional sources. Information about the CDBG program and other initiatives administered and implemented by the Alliance Department of Planning & Development are posted on a regular basis.

B. Summary of Response/Attendance

One resident was in attendance for the May 19th, 2015 Annual Action Plan meeting. However, no verbal or written comments were received. Nor were any written Comments provided on the copy of the FY-2015 Annual Plan left on hold with the Rodman Public Library. No reasons were given to reject the comments, but consideration has been made to review the lack of participation in the Citizen Participation process.

Sort	Mode Of Outreach:	Target Of Outreach:
1	<input type="radio"/> Public Meeting <input checked="" type="radio"/> Public Hearing <input type="radio"/> Newspaper Ad <input type="radio"/> Internet Outreach <input type="radio"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Minorities <input type="checkbox"/> Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Non-targeted/broad community <input type="checkbox"/> Residents of Public and Assisted Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Table 3 – Citizen Participation Outreach

C. Summary of Comments Received

No comments were received for the FY-2015 Annual Action Plan. The City website will continue to evolve to make it more user friendly through innovative use of social media and traditional sources. Information about the CDBG program and other initiatives administered and implemented by the Alliance Department of Planning & Development are posted on a regular basis.

D. Summary of Comments Not Accepted and Reasons

No Comments were received for the FY-2015 Annual Action Plan. The City website will continue to evolve to make it more user friendly through innovative use of social media and traditional sources. Information about the CDBG program and other initiatives administered and implemented by the Alliance Department of Planning & Development are posted on a regular basis.

E. Suggested URL's for FY-2016:

- 1) Alliance, City of, <http://www.cityofalliance.com/>
- 2) Alliance, Oh <https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-Government-of-Alliance-OH/436907839695927>
- 3) The Alliance Review, <http://the-review.com/>
- 4) Canton Repository, <http://www.cantonrep.com/>
- 5) Rodman Public Library, <http://www.rodmanlibrary.com/>
- 6) Radio Stations WDPN/WZKL –Q92-AM/FM <http://q92radio.com/>

Annual Action Plan

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.420(b), 91.220(c) (1, 2)

1. Introduction

The City of Alliance is a CDBG Entitlement Community and receives its annual allocation directly from HUD. The city receives HOME funding through the Stark County Consortium. The City does not undertake CDBG or Home activities directly, but rather oversees the projects completed under the direction of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Housing Program.

A. Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder 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	564,058	0	0	564,058	0	

Table 4 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

B. Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Alliance is committed to leveraging funding resources from other types of public and private resources for community development projects funded through the Department of Planning and Development. Coordination of housing providers and knowledge of the housing process are keys to maximizing resources. The City of Alliance reasonably expects to collaborate with community

organizations who are willing to commit resources in FY-2015 towards affordable and supportive housing and other goals during that meet National objectives. The City of Alliance is attempting to identify matching funds for new housing and non-- housing programs for local resources, foundations, and state funding.

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

No publically owned land within the city will be used to meet these needs.

D. Discussion

Applicants submitting CDBG applications are required to identify match and leveraged funding sources. Additional scoring points are awarded to projects that provide leveraged funds.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c) (3) & (e)

A. Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	LMA	Rehabilitation of existing structures Fair Housing Affordable Housing Transitional Housing Emergency Shelter	CDBG: \$215,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 7 Household Housing Unit Other: 500 Other
2	Infrastructure Improvements	2014	2014	Non-Housing Community Development	LMA	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted Other: 0 Other
3	Public Services	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	LMI	Public Services	CDBG: \$84,608	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Other: 500 Other
4	Planning and Administration	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$116,000	Other: 500 Other
5	Economic Development	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development	CDBG: \$19,000	Other: 203 Other

Table 5 - Goals Summary

B. Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The priority needs for affordable housing can be broken down into 5 priority needs. The first need is the need for the rehabilitation of existing structures. The population the need would serve would include extremely low, low, moderate, large families, families with children and the elderly.
2	Goal Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	The priority level for Public Improvements and infrastructure are a high priority. The population that will be served by this goal will be low and moderate income population and non-housing community development. The associated goals include replacement of existing water and sewer lines and drainage projects, including surface water improvement projects. The city has a list of priority projects that need addressed as funding allows, including a surface water improvement project located within the downtown area of E. Main Street.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	The Public Services goal has a high priority level for the City of Alliance. This goal will serve a population that includes extremely low, low, and moderate income families; families with children, elderly, the chronic homeless, veterans, victims of domestic violence and non-housing community development.
4	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Planning and Administration is a high priority goal for the City of Alliance. The population and geographic area served is the City of Alliance residents / area. This is a CDBG related program. The basis for the relative priority is to address and effectively and efficiently administer and plan the federally funded programs and to ensure all activities, sub-recipients and participants fall into compliance with the HUD regulatory restrictions.
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Economic Development is a high priority goal for the City of Alliance. It serves a population of low and moderate income levels and non-housing community development as well as others. The City of Alliance is heavily invested in the creation and retention of the city's stakeholders and their companies. Zoning and business counseling are available for any interested individual. The basis for the relative priority includes consultation with local business leaders and interested participants in a coordinated effort to increase business development.

Table 6 – Goal Descriptions

C. Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b)

An estimated 20 extremely low, low and moderate income families/ individuals will be provided with affordable housing through the rehabilitation of homes, Alliance for Children and Families acquisition of vacant single family homes and transitional housing beds added.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

1. Introduction

The City of Alliance will focus on meeting the needs of the underserved financially and by overcoming regulatory obstacles during FY-15. Due to the current economic situation, many local non-profits are struggling to continue to provide services as their budgets are cut by state, federal and private funders. Many non-profits have lost private funding they had become to rely on in the past. Local public organizations are dependent to some extent on federal funds and are controlled by federal regulations. Each funding source has specific goals, objectives and needs definitions.

Due to funding limitations both through HUD programs and at the local level, the city will have to use its funding strategically. The City will continue to operate its Housing Rehabilitation program in conjunction with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission. For redevelopment or neighborhood projects, funds will be concentrated in high priority and redevelopment areas versus scattering the funds throughout multiple projects.

As it becomes increasingly difficult to determine which public service projects receive CDBG funding from the City, the Department of Planning and Development remains committed to providing the highest level of assistance to projects that reinforce the goals addressed in the Annual Action Plan while staying consistent with the five-year goals established in the Consolidated Plan for the years 2014-2018.

#	Project Name
1	Shelter Education Service
2	Hungry? We'll Be Here For You!
3	SPARK Alliance
4	Medication Access and Assistance
5	Adult Education Program
6	Navigators After School Program
7	YWCA Employment Assistance
8	Acquisition of Vacant Single Family Homes for Affordable Housing for LMI Families
9	Administration
10	Housing Rehab
11	Code Enforcement
12	Demolition
13	CoC Homeless Fund

Table 7 – Project Information

FY-2015 CDBG FUNDING AWARDS

TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME	\$564,058.00	PUBLIC SERVICE
PROGRAM INCOME	\$ -	
TOTAL TO ALLOCATE	\$564,058.00	
MAX FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	\$84,608.00	
MAX FOR ADMIN	\$116,000.00	
ADMINISTRATION	\$116,000.00	
HOUSING REHAB	\$150,000.00	Administration
CODE ENFORCEMENT ADMIN	\$91,795.00	Administration
COC HOMELESS FUND	\$25,000.00	Administration
DEMOLITION	\$31,655.00	Administration
AADVS	\$14,493.00	Yes
ALLIANCE CAREER CENTER	\$16,0000.00	Yes
ACF	\$65,000.00	No
ACP	\$13,115.00	Yes
CANTON NEGRO OLDTIMERS	\$ -	Yes
EARLY EDU ALLIANCE	\$14,000.00	Yes
FRIENDS OF THE PARK	\$ -	No
LATINO BUSINESS LEAGUE	\$ -	Yes
RX ASSISTANCE NETWORK	\$9,000.00	Yes
YWCA NAVIGATORS	\$15,000.00	Yes
YWCA EMPLOYMENT	\$3,000.00	Yes
PUBLIC SERVICE TOTAL	\$84,608.00	Yes
GRAND TOTAL	\$564,058	Yes

Chart 3 FY-2015 CDBG Funding Awards

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

The majority of the city's minority and low income households are clustered in the priority areas. Priority Area Number 1 is a 60 percent low-moderate income area. Priority Area Number 2 is an 84 percent low-moderate income area, Priority Area Number 3 is a 74 percent low-moderate income area and Priority Area Number 4 is a 63 percent low-moderate income area. Some of the individual census tracts in these target areas exceed the 75 percent low-moderate income levels. The City of Alliance has developed priority areas for allocation of CDBG funds. The rationale for the creation of the boundaries was based on the percentage of low / moderate income individuals in each area, the age and condition of housing structures and the age and condition of the public infrastructure. This information was extracted from on census tract and block group information data provided by the United States Census Bureau. The goal is to coordinate funds into planned areas to match housing rehabilitation, street improvements, and public service delivery in an effort to build viable neighborhoods and communities.

AP-38 Project Summary

1. Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Shelter Education Service
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,493

<p>Project Summary Information</p>	<p>Description</p>	<p>This Educational Service Project is a fundamental component of the services provided at the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter. The Education Services Coordinator works with the families residing at the emergency shelter as well as with the community at large by providing education and awareness on domestic violence. The services provided by this project are unduplicated in the Alliance community. The Education Services Coordinator works closely with the children of all ages and grade levels. Developmentally age appropriate lessons and activities are organized for children when they are not attending school due to summer vacation and holidays. The Education Services Coordinator is responsible for the enrollment of new child clients into the Alliance City School District or different school within the district. She acts as a liaison and provides assistance with enrollment procedures and familiarizing parents with the schools' location and operation times as well as bussing schedules and routes. She works with the school staff to ensure all children have a smooth transition into a new district and or school. In some instances children cannot return to school due to safety concerns. In such a case, the Education Services Coordinator works closely with the Alliance City School District to provide the grade curriculum aligned with the Ohio Content Standards. Field trips, music and art activities are also implemented to enhance the learning process. In addition, the Education Service Coordinator works closely with the adult residents of the Shelter. Many services are available to the clientele through this program. The adult residents are offered assistance in obtaining their GED or enrolling in other educational training programs. Often clients must find employment and in this difficult economic climate getting hired can be an arduous process. As such the Education Service Coordinator provides support throughout the employment process through assistance with resume creation, application preparation, as well as professional interview strategies and mock interviewing to practice their skills. The Education Services Coordinator also provides childcare for clients while they are out searching for employment or interviewing for jobs. In addition, the Education Services Coordinator also provides assistance to clients who may lack necessary daily life skills. This includes parenting skills, cooking, nutrition, cleaning skills, budget/ financial management, and general knowledge of personal health, hygiene and cleanliness. Unfortunately, many of the clients have grown up in an abusive environment and never learned the proper way to care for their families. Through this program, the Education Services Coordinator can work closely with clients to assist them with the development or expansion of necessary life skills. Furthermore, the Education Services Coordinator is an essential part of our community wide educational programs on domestic violence. Education is the key to preventing and reducing the occurrence of domestic violence in our community; as such domestic</p>
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		violence awareness classes in local schools, churches, colleges and other community organizations are vital.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit low to moderate income persons, last year 98% of the shelter residents fell below the poverty line with an average household income of \$5,120. The total number of persons expected to benefit from this service is over 500.
	Location Description	The AADVS is an emergency shelter and the building location is kept confidential to ensure the safety of the shelter residents. Although the address cannot be released 98% of the clients served by this project have come from all four priority areas outlined by the City of Alliance last year.
	Planned Activities	The coordinator will work with both adult and child victims of domestic violence and educate the community about DV. The coordinator helps clients to better themselves by educating on necessary life skills such as parenting, personal health and wellness and financial management.
2	Project Name	Hungry? We'll Be Here For You!
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,115

	Description	The Alliance Community Pantry opened its doors on November 15th, 2010, and has now been opened for 4 full years. A primary objective was that all people in our town would be aware of a food source that was constant- it could be counted on to be there for them, week after week, month after month. Alliance citizens left the pantry with food over 16,528 times in the first 11 months of 2014. Over 2,592 individuals visited the pantry for food at least once this year. These individuals represent 8,886 people. Our budget for food is \$6500. Per month. The pantry requests \$1500. Per month for food for one year beginning in July, 2015. The pantry's food budget is \$6500.00 per month. They have increased this year to mitigate SNAP cuts in the food stamp program. They are still adding approximately 60 new clients each month, and the economic severity of the local economy continues to make their service important to the community. The primary benefit of the Pantry is that every citizen knows how and where to get the food they need whenever they need it. It merits noting that, in addition to providing food to approximately 1000 clients each month, the Board is constantly looking for ways to improve the service and maintain the building and equipment.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Other number of persons this project is expected to service is over 500, the number of households is expected to be over 2000. The project is to benefit low / moderate income persons.
	Location Description	The Pantry is located in downtown Alliance at 215 E Market Street. Their primary goal is that it would be downtown closest to the area where the greatest density of the clients exist.
	Planned Activities	To ensure the careful purchase and distribution of food for the pantry.
3	Project Name	SPARK Alliance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000

	Description	SPARK is a program started by the Kellogg Foundation. The program promotes a positive relationship between the child, their families, a parent partner and the schools. Each participating child will work directly with the child and their family. The child will be screened (cognitively, medically, and socially) to determine any delays. A developmental learning plan will be developed based on the individual needs of the child. Parents will be asked to implement the learning plans. Furthermore: the parents must sit with the Parent Partners during each visit and be an active participant in the educational visit. Parents will be more actively engaged in their child's learning. Schools will be better informed about their incoming students. Spark is a holistic approach to educating our youngest citizens.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated of low to moderate income families estimated to be served is between 200 to 299 persons.
	Location Description	The project will encompass the entire City of Alliance, however; the emphasis of the work will serve the underserved in sections 7102, 7104, 7105 and 7108.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used for salaries, office supplies, transition recruitment, evaluation, learning materials and responsive services, all to benefit low to moderate income individuals and families to assist in increasing success and access to quality early education and success in school.
4	Project Name	Medication Access and Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000

	Description	The Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County (PAN) will serve the Alliance community by having a worker available at the Alliance for Children and Families on Scranton avenue in the AFIRST building. PAN will contract with Community Services of Stark County (CSS) to provide a MSW Social Worker who is also a pharmacy tech to provide service three days per week. When the staff person is not available A.F.I.R.S.T. staff will provide services. Pan has trained the AFIRST staff as well as the CSS staff in prescription assistance services. PAN is using the AFIRST building in Alliance to better serve zone one residents as well as all residents within the entire Alliance City limits.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of people to be served will be over 500. The program will provide medications to qualified Alliance City residents whose income is at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
	Location Description	The program will serve primarily target area #1 in Alliance. Additionally, Target areas 2, 3 and 4 will be served. Area 1 is the hub where the service is set up in the AFIRST building, located at 624 Scranton Avenue in Alliance, OH.
	Planned Activities	To provide prescriptions to citizens of Alliance who do not have prescription coverage, are underinsured and are of low to moderate income. These individuals are not eligible for Medicaid. Clients are served all year with medication and medication therapy management.
5	Project Name	Adult Education Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Services Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,000

	Description	The Alliance Career Center (ACC) is an Adult Education Program that educates adult students in full and part-time programs. Its goal is to provide educated, job ready individuals to meet the economic needs in Alliance and the surrounding areas. ACC uses nationally recognized curricula to meet the goals and objectives of each course. Students in programs that are 600 hours or more qualifying to apply for federal financial aid. However, the amount of federal financial aid awarded is frequently not enough to cover all the costs the students incur while in school and while frequently trying to care for dependents while attending school. Additionally, Federal Financial aid is not available to students enrolled in programs that take fewer than 600 hours to complete. As such, students often find it difficult, or even impossible to attend classes and gain credentials and qualifications to improve their earning potential. ACC works continually to find sources such as the CDBG to help these students obtain the financial resources they need to improve their earning potential and ultimately, to improve their lives.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of low to moderate income individuals to be served by this program are 200-299.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The CDBG funds will assist with tuition for short term, full time LPN program for qualified candidates. Textbooks and scholarships for students enrolled in for qualified students enrolled in short term, full time LPN programs, and fees scholarships (for criminal background checks and crediting exams) for short term, full time qualified students enrolled in short term, full time LPN programs.
6	Project Name	Navigators After School Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	The YWCA seeks funds to continue and expand the Navigators after school program, which assists Alliance City School students in grades 6-8 through the collaborative efforts of Synergy Alliance (SA). In July 2014 & again in July 2015, the 21st Century Learning Center Grant supporting the Navigators 6-8 after school program will be reduced by 25% each year. This funding will help secure the maintenance of the services of the Alliance Middle School site. Last year the site served approximately 374 children (1 in 3 middle school children). The program has a positive correlation with reading / math proficiency rates, mitigates the effects of poverty by providing resources and experiences not readily available to children in low / moderate income families; keeps children and youth safe and diminishes crime and risky behavior during peak hours and supports health and wellness through activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Over 500 low to moderate income families will benefit from this service.
	Location Description	Services will be located in Alliance, Oh primarily at the Alliance Middle School, 3205 South Union Avenue. Support Services will be at Alliance High School, Alliance Family YMCA, Roadman Public Library and YWCA of Alliance.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used to purchase services to support the partial cost of operating an after school program including salaries and benefits, instructional and enrichment supplies, enrichment agreements, transportation, family engagement, professional development and or administrative costs.
7	Project Name	YWCA Employment Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Services Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,000

	Description	The YWCA seeks funds to continue and expand efforts to assist low/moderate income women in Alliance to secure and/or sustain employment through the employment assistance program by providing assistance that eliminates barriers to work including transportation (gas cards or bus passes); appropriate job clothing / footwear; basic personal care items; assistance with work-related credentialing/licensing/background check fees, or tools.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will assist ~ 230 low to moderate income women and their family members.
	Location Description	Service will originate from the YWCA facility at 239 East Market Street, Alliance, OH.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used to assist low to moderate income women by assisting with work-related transportation costs, purchasing, repairing, or cleaning appropriate clothing / attire for work, primarily uniforms; enhancing appropriate job appearance through the purchase of personal care items; paying all or a portion of credentialing/licensing/background check fees required for employment.
	8	Project Name
Target Area		
Goals Supported		Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed		Rehabilitation of existing structures for either; Fair Housing, affordable Housing, or Transitional Housing
Funding		CDBG: \$65,000
Description		The specific activity to be undertaken, and scope of the project is to purchase 2 vacant homes within the City of Alliance Target Areas #1 #2 #3 or #4 and later to utilize HOME funds to rehabilitate the vacant and blighted single family homes into safe, healthy, and secure rental environments for formerly homeless low to moderate income families at an affordable rate.
Target Date		6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Two low- to -moderate income formerly homeless families will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	The homes to be acquisitioned will be in one of the City Target areas.
	Planned Activities	To reduce homelessness by 2 families in the City of Alliance, OH by purchasing 2 vacant homes with the CDBG funds then renovating them through the use of HOME funds during the same grant cycle .
9	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$116,000
	Description	Administration provides efficient management of the City's CDBG Program; including compliance and expenditure of CDBG funding, preparing documents, correspondence and funding agreement. Assisting the sub recipient with over program administration including but not limited to, budget, regulatory guidelines, bid creation and execution.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of people to benefit from this will be over 500, as the administration of the program allows for the program to exist and serve the clients who benefit from all of the activities. Those who benefit are low to moderate families and individuals.
Location Description	The administration of the CDBG funds in done in the Department of Planning and Development at the City Administration Building located at 504 E Main Street in Alliance, OH.	

	Planned Activities	Will include efficiently and effectively administering the CDBG program for the City of Alliance through the Department of Planning and Development. The staff includes the Director of Planning and Development, the Community Development Planner and the Housing Specialist.
10	Project Name	Housing Rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Rehabilitation of existing structures and Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	The rehabilitation and upgrading of existing single family, owner-occupied housing stock through selective rehabilitation to meet the needs of existing qualified homeowners within the City of Alliance.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program benefits low to moderate income families. The money would cover 6 full rehabs or a combination of full rehabs or emergency rehabs.
	Location Description	This program will take place in the City of Alliance Census tracts 7105, 7104, 7103 and 7102.
	Planned Activities	To increase decent, affordable and sustainable housing within the City of Alliance. Houses are selected within the city limits then filtered for household income, debt to income ratios and presented to committee before closing.
11	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$91,795
	Description	Code enforcement ensures housing for all citizens within the City of Alliance complies with the safe and suitable housing codes.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Over 500 low to moderate income families and individuals will benefit from the administration of code enforcement. Program administration will allow the CDBG funds to be carried out in an efficient and effective manner. The City of Alliance Housing Inspector and Zoning Inspector will be the primary staff for use of these funds.
	Location Description	The SDBG Code Enforcement staff is housed at the City Administration Building, located at 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, OH.
	Planned Activities	Activities include enforcement of the city ordinances in the Alliance community through various measures including, housing ratings and violation processes.
12	Project Name	Demolition
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$31,655
	Description	Razing vacant, condemned residential and commercial structures that are deemed unfit for rehab or
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of low to moderate income families to benefit from this project would be subject to the number of families living in the general neighborhood that the development will occur. On a larger scale, the demolitions will have a positive impact on the City as whole.
	Location Description	The demolitions will take place within the City of Alliance.
Planned Activities	Razing and final grading of prioritized demolition structures.	
13	Project Name	CoC Homeless Fund
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Will include but not limited to: Fair Housing, Affordable Housing, Transitional Housing, and Emergency Shelter
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000

	Description	To assist HUD's Continuum, of Care program through Stark County Regional Planning Commission's CoC Planner with planning, coordination and monitoring of the various homeless programs including federal, state and locally funded.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The number of low to moderate income individuals and families that will benefit from this program will be over 500. With better coordination of this program, from 2009-2014, there was an decrease 39 unsheltered homeless persons, an increase of persons residing in transitional housing and an increase in the number of permanent supportive housing beds.
	Location Description	Funds received from the City of Alliance will in Alliance and Stark County as a whole to fund the Coc Planner position.
	Planned Activities	To plan, coordinate and monitor the various homeless programs from all levels of government in the City of Alliance and Stark County. TO reduce unsheltered homeless persons, to increase transitional housing and increase the number of beds in permanent supportive housing.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

The majority of the city's minority and low income households are clustered in the priority areas. Priority Area Number 1 is a 60 percent low-moderate income area. Priority Area Number 2 is an 84 percent low-moderate income area, Priority Area Number 3 is a 74 percent low-moderate income area and Priority Area Number 4 is a 63 percent low-moderate income area. Some of the individual census tracts in these target areas exceed the 75 percent low-moderate income levels.

Recipients of CDBG funds should provide benefits to residents of one of the four target areas in the City of Alliance. Applications from sub-recipients are scored on a diversity of measures and assigned numerical values. If the project is not located in one of the priority areas it receives a zero in the geographic location category. The targeted areas are:

- **Target Area number 1** is bound on the north by East Broadway, on the south by South Street, on the west by S. Union and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Census tracts 7104 and 7105 are the foundations of this target area..... - *Projects in this area receive 20 points.*
- **Target Area number 2** is bound on the north by a rail line, on the south by E. Broadway, on the west by E. Union and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Census Tracts 7015 and 7015 are the foundations of this priority area..... - *Projects in this target area receive 15 points.*
- **Target Area number 3** is bound on the north by Vine Street and the City border, on the south by a rail line, on the west by N. Union Avenue and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. This priority area is the eastern section of Census Tract 7102..... - *Projects in this target area receive 10 points.*
- **Target Area number 4** is bound on the north by W. Vine Street, on the south by W. Main Street, on the west by Klinger Avenue and Lexington Township and on the east by N. Union Avenue. This target area is the central and western portions of Census Tract 7102..... - *Projects in this target area receive 5 points.*

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

2. Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

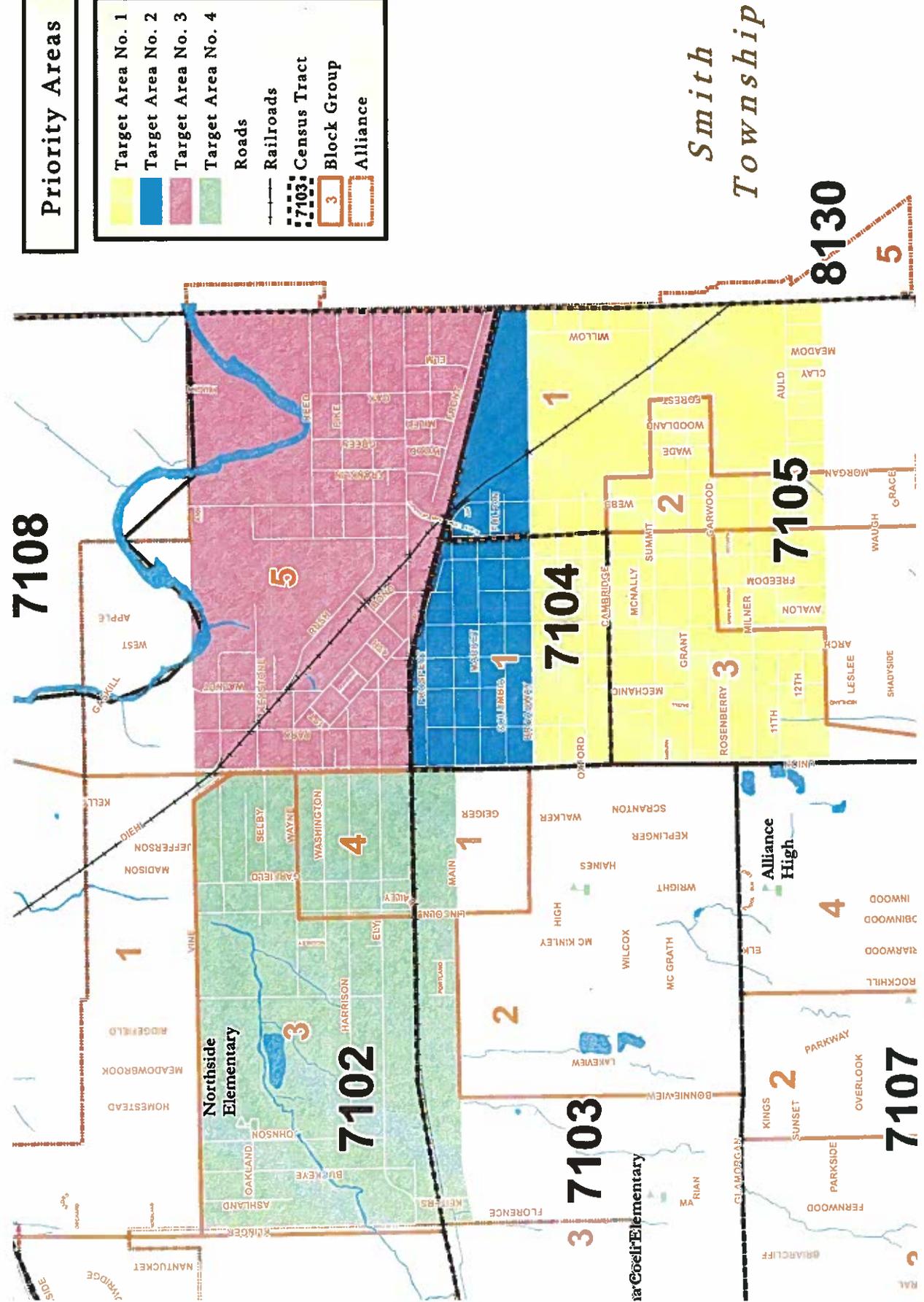
The City of Alliance has developed priority areas for allocation of CDBG funds. The rationale for the creation of the boundaries was based on the percentage of low / moderate income individuals in each area, the age and condition of housing structures and the age and condition of the public infrastructure. The goal is to coordinate funds into planned areas to match housing rehabilitation with street improvements in an effort to build viable neighborhoods. Recipients of CDBG funds should provide benefits to residents of at least one of the four priority / target areas in the City of Alliance. Applications from sub-recipients are scored on a diversity of measures and assigned numerical values. If the project is not located in one of the priority areas it receives a zero in the geographic location category. The City of Alliance would estimate that approximately 80 percent of CDBG funds will be dedicated to target areas. The remaining balance, but not more than the 20% of the cap, will be used for administrative purposes. The majority of the city's minority and low income households are clustered in the priority areas. Priority Area Number 1 is a 60 percent low-moderate income area. Priority Area Number 2 is an 84 percent low-moderate income area, Priority Area Number 3 is a 74 percent low-moderate income area and Priority Area Number 4 is a 63 percent low- moderate income area. Some of the individual census tracts in these target areas exceed the 75 percent low-moderate income levels.

Discussion

The City would estimate that approximately 80% if the CDBG funds will be dedicated to the target areas. The remaining balance, but not more than the 20% cap, will be used for administrative purposes.

Priority Areas

- Target Area No. 1
- Target Area No. 2
- Target Area No. 3
- Target Area No. 4
- Roads
- Railroads
- Census Tract
- Block Group
- Alliance



Map 1. City of Alliance Ohio – Priority Targeted Areas FY - 2015

AP-75 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

It is not uncommon for land use policies, rules and regulations to have unintended impacts on developers' ability to construct or reinvest in affordable housing. The following strategies are designed to remove or reduce barriers to affordable housing in the City of Alliance.

Plans to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing.

The City of Alliance continues to participate in Stark County Regional Planning Commissions of Neighborhood in an effort to maximize the impact of limited affordable housing funds. Funds are maximized by pursuing revitalization initiative in priority zones including targeted areas in the City of Alliance. Cooperation between the for-profit and non-profit housing and housing support groups is encouraged. Components of this approach are likely to include purchase and rehabilitation of for sale units, homeowner rehabilitation, new construction, rental rehabilitation, rigorous code enforcement homebuyer education and other supportive services.

SCRPC employs the Fair Housing Coordinator for Stark County. She and the Community Development and Planning staff work together towards removing barriers to affordable housing, the Coordinator administers the Fair Housing Program for the City of Alliance. Fair Housing provides technical assistance to those individuals in the Alliance area with fair housing issues. The coordinator also prepares all reports and documents, keeping in compliance with all HUD regulations, seminars, educational programs and advertising of fair housing for the City of Alliance.

Promotional and educational literature and landlord / tenant brochures are available and are distributed to individuals, land lords and various organizations such as Stark County Legal Aid, the City of Alliance Police Department, the Mayor's Office, Planning and Development, Code Enforcement Department and the Alliance Health Department. A booth is maintained at Alliance's Silver Park during Carnation Days in the Park. Promotional items and literature are shared with interested residents.

The Stark County Planning Regional Planning Commission improves support services for seniors to help maintain independent living. Strategies to address this need include promotion of coordination among a greater range of support services. This includes, but is not limited to: home maintenance, housing rehabilitation aimed at improving handicapped accessibility, and assistance in daily activities.

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is the lead agency responsible for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice contract for the City of Alliance. Stark County Regional Planning Commission recently completed a Fair Housing Impediments Study, in accordance with Sections 104(b)(2) and 106(d)(5) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, amended which requires that CDBG grantees certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing. The final Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Study was sent to the City of Alliance in September 2012.

Discussion

The Planning staff of the city of Alliance does not see the use of tools Such as land use controls, land tax policies, zoning ordinances, building codes, user fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies on residential investment as impediments to affordable housing, but rather as creating accommodation to the choices for residential access which maintain the vitality of the existing housing stock.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

- 1. Introduction - This section addresses the City of Alliance's proposed FY-15 plans for community and economic development.**

Looking forward into FY-15 and beyond the city acknowledges the difficulties that lay ahead as we face a consistent decrease in federal funding levels with this year being the exception. Additionally, the city acknowledges the difficulty to attract private participation into this system because the private sector see the fragmentation and complexity of the governmental systems and questions the city's ability to produce measurable results. In spite of the obstacle, Alliance has several important public and private initiatives which are committed to addressing the community needs. These occur primarily in the Target Areas and are coordinated individually by their sponsoring organization and through an informal city-wide network of organizations, foundations, non-profits, educational institutions, businesses and governments.

A. Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The effort to maintain quality affordable housing within the city continues to be a high priority for both our planning and code departments. Affordable housing units will continue to be maintained and rehabilitated by the city's CDBG and HOME funded housing rehabilitation programs in collaboration between the City of Alliance and the Stark County Regional Planning Commission and our sub-recipients.

B. Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All federally funded projects are required to be completed in a lead-safe manner, this includes construction and home-owner housing rehab. Every housing rehab application requires the home to be evaluated for lead, and all work is required to be completed by city licensed contractors. Through the Housing Rehab program, each applicant is provided with an EPA brochure on lead hazards in the home and the contracted Housing Counselor explains the dangers as well.

- **Education and Training** - Education and training should be the primary focus of the City's strategy. Consequently, the strategy will incorporate the activities outlined below. The City will also continue to enforce a Property Maintenance Code relating to nuisances to the extent permitted by Ohio law.

- **Program Design** - In designing and operating its Federally-assisted programs, the City will follow regulatory requirements and will seek to find ways to reduce the costs of LBP hazard reduction requirements.
- **Funding** - The City will consider pursuing any additional funds available to address LBP hazards. Successful implementation, began with the FY 2003, 2007, and 2009 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grants.
- **Improve Regulatory Dialogue** - The City will continue to encourage a dialogue between appropriate State and Federal officials to minimize any conflicts between State and Federal laws pertaining to the identification or treatment of LBP hazards.

C. Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Alliance provides funding for a multitude of public service activities and neighborhood development projects targeted to reduce the barriers to poverty-level families. The city reaffirms its policies that by providing educational opportunities and employment training and assistance to low and moderate income families the overall community will benefit through the reduction of the number of poverty-level families. The ability to achieve education and skilled training allows individuals the opportunity to gain access improved economic opportunities for themselves. The result provides the potential for reducing the number of families that rely on public service organizations for basic needs and requirements. Additionally, by increasing the opportunities for the number of families that are able to rise above the poverty level opens avenues that allow residents to expand their resources for continued successes. Choices that the individual has for obtaining a skill, trade or educational background, including life skills and financial management services can be expanded through the provision of CDBG - funded public service agencies and public private collaborations.

D. Actions planned to develop institutional structure

As an active participant in the Stark County HOME Consortium the cities of Alliance and Massillon along with Stark County work to create a successful county-wide community development plan. Additionally, with the increased participation with the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC) the city is able to benefit from the variety of expertise of board and community members who target the addressed gaps and needs within the surrounding area. The ever adapting Homeless Hotline has also become a great tool for the city with the newest expansion to include an assessment tool to assist in determining which service needs are required by each client so a more specialized referral and treatment plan can be delivered in a timely manner. As the HCCSC continues to evolve and increase its services, the City of

Alliance will continue to assist in any way possible in hopes of increasing the ability to service the local community.

In addition, the staff of the Alliance Department of Planning and Development will conduct an ongoing examination of policies and other issues in order to enhance and improve the delivery of services in the community. We hope to develop improvements that will be long range in scope yet preserve the quality of service already in place.

E. Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City of Alliance will continue to contract with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to administer the Housing Rehab program for income qualified residents. In addition the City of Alliance will be providing funding to various non-housing community development needs. The city will use funds for demolition in low to moderate income tracts of structures that have been condemned by the Alliance Health Department. Demolition of these properties will improve the appearance of the neighborhoods. Elimination of these structures will also address the health and safety issues associated with them. The Alliance City Health Department has a condemnation list houses and commercial buildings across the city that are set for demo. CDBG funds will be expended to demolish as many properties on that list as funding will allow.

Funds will continue to be made available for use by Prescription Access. The program will assist in supplying much needed prescriptions to individuals without insurance who are not able to afford the medications they require. The local Prescription Access office is located in the 10-Unit permanent supportive housing structure that is administered by Alliance for Children and Families. The structure was built utilizing HOME, CDBG, and NSP funds, along with other private and public contributions.

The City of Alliance will use CDBG funding for the Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) Alliance project. SPARK is a holistic approach to education our young citizens, ages 3-5.

Additionally, the local YWCA is awarded funding for the Navigators after School project. This project provides a safe and productive environment during the highest at risk hours for youth crime and vandalism. Funds will continue to be made for the Educational Services project operated by the Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter. This is an educational program for the clients of the shelter. It focuses on basic day to day education such as hygiene, financial management and domestic violence education.

The City of Alliance has earmarked funds for the Alliance Career Center for tuition assistance for job training and to the Community Food Pantry, which funds will be expended solely on food and pantry items. Lastly, the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County organization is made up of both public and private housing and social service agencies. The city's involvement with this organization will continue to enhance the overall coordination between the city and the housing and other agencies working in the local area.

F. Discussion

In summary the most significant barrier to housing choice is affordability. In addressing this barrier, the City plans to continue its various housing programs as outlined in this document, as well as supporting the efforts of others to aid in the retention of the current housing stock and the development of new affordable housing. The second impediment appears to be a continuing lack of knowledge of Fair Housing Laws, especially as they relate to the protected classes of handicapped and familial status. We plan to continue our efforts to educate property owners, tenants, and the greater community at large by focusing our efforts on families with children and/or handicapped family members. The City of Alliance will continue to explore new venues and methods to promote education of and access to homeownership while stressing the importance of property stewardship as a tool for economic development and neighborhood stabilization.

Finally, the City of Alliance will continue to encourage a dialogue between appropriate State and Federal officials to minimize any conflicts between State and Federal laws, rules, regulations, or guidelines, and to promote education and training of staff to be familiar with these programs and guidelines.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(l) (1, 2, 4)

1. Introduction

The City of Alliance receives Program Income from repayments of housing rehab loans or payoffs. Currently, there is one activity that payments are being made on. The monthly payment is \$61.00 per month.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l) (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
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities Equals zero %
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income Equals 80%

Note: 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.

Discussion

The City of Alliance uses a one year period to determine overall benefits of CDBG funds to persons of low to moderate income. During FY-15, approximately 80% of CDBG funding will benefit this population. To update our decision making process a comprehensive review of the following areas should be concluded over FY-2015:

- Identification of Fair Housing Concerns and Problems
- Review of Demographic Data and Income Characteristics During Monitoring Periods
- Creation of Employment and Transportation Profile
- Establish a through Housing Profile
- Creation of Updated Maps
- Identification of Impediments to Housing Choice
- Review of Existing Programs, Services, and Activities
- Identification of Data Sources

Attachments

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4010-0004
Expiration Date: 03/31/2016

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
<p>* 1. Type of Submission:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		
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<p>* Street1: <input type="text" value="504 E. Main Street"/></p>		
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<p>* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="44601"/></p>		
<p>e. Organizations / Unit:</p>		
<p>Department Name: <input type="text" value="Planning and Development"/></p>		<p>Division Name: <input type="text" value="State County"/></p>
<p>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</p>		
<p>Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/></p>		<p>* First Name: <input type="text" value="Joseph"/></p>
<p>Middle Name: <input type="text" value="C"/></p>		
<p>* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Hazzola"/></p>		
<p>Suffix: <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>Title: <input type="text" value="Director Planning and Development"/></p>		
<p>Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="330-829-2235"/></p>		<p>Fax Number: <input type="text" value="330-821-9262"/></p>
<p>* Email: <input type="text" value="hazzolajc@allianceoh.gov"/></p>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:	
C: City or Township Government	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:	
* Other (specify):	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	
CFDA Title:	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:	
* Title:	
13. Competition Identification Number:	
Title	
14. Area Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):	
Local Target Areas 1-4 ALLIANCE	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:	
CDHG Projects include Admin. Housing Rehab, Code Enforcement Admin, Coc Homeless Fund, Demolition, AADVS, Alliance Career Center, ACF, Food Pantry, Rx Network, YWCA Program Assist., and Navigators	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.	
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:
 * a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:
 * a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="564,058.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="564,058.00"/>

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?
 a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
 b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
 c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)
 Yes No
 If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001)
 ** I AGREE
 ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
 Middle Name:
 * Last Name:
 Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

CERTIFICATIONS

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In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing – The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan – It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

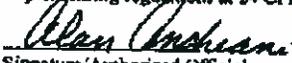
Anti-Lobbying – To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan – The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official Date 5/5/15

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available;
2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) _____, _____ (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

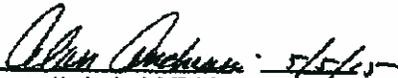
jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations, and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically bearing entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature/Authorized Official Date

Mayor
Title

PROJECTS

TARGET AREA DESIGNATIONS FY - 2015

PROJECTS

- Shelter Education Service – encompasses Target Areas 1-4. Although addresses cannot be released, 98% of the clients served by this project have low levels or zero income, and come from all four priority areas outlined by the City of Alliance.
- Hungry? We'll Be Here For You- encompasses Target Area 1-4. People are served from all four target areas. Most of the need comes from those that live in the poorest sections of the city, but the Pantry has clients from all areas of the City.
- SPARK Alliance- encompasses Target Areas 1-4. Though the project services all four areas, the focus is on the lower socio-economic areas.
- Medication Access and Assistance- The primary area that the program serves is Target Area 1, serving low to moderate income, uninsured or underinsured residents. Due to the HIPAA laws address are unable to be noted.
- Adult Education Project- encompasses Target Areas 1-4. Though the project services all four areas, the focus is on the lower socio-economic areas.
- Navigators After School-Target Areas 1-4. The majority of those assisted reside in the poorest areas of the City. Seventy- seven percent of the participants from 2013-2014 program received free or reduced lunches.
- YWCA Employment Assistance- Target Areas 1 and 2 primarily.
- Acquisition of Vacant Single Family Homes for Affordable Housing- Target Area 1.
- Administration; Code Enforcement; Housing Rehab; CoC Homeless Fund and Demolition are city wide projects and encompass all 4 target areas.

FY-15 CDBG Applications

12 Total Applications Received

Eligible activities/projects must serve at least 1 of the following National Objectives:

1. Benefit low-to-moderate income persons
2. Aid in the prevention/elimination of slum and/or blighting conditions
3. Meet an urgent need in the community.

1. Joe French of SPARK Alliance

Project title: SPARK Alliance

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons.

Amount Requested: \$26,388.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material as well as to operate and/or maintain the portion of a facility in which the public service is located. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the public service.

Spark Alliance is eligible as a public service because it is an education program which assists three and four year old children of low socio-economic backgrounds living in Alliance City School District get ready for kindergarten. The goal is to assure that every child is ready to learn and that every learning environment is ready to support children's learning. The project began in July 2007. The program will track the children and their progress through the KRA-L (kindergarten Readiness Assessment-Literacy) and the results of the third grad proficiency test.

CDBG funds will be utilized to reimburse for salaries, office supplies, and recruitment, transitions, evaluation and learning materials. The project will identify and work with the underserved in the community. SPARK works with any family, in any part of the city; however the emphasis of the work will be in sections 7102, 7104, 7105, and 7108.

2. Shirene Starn-Tapyrik of Alliance for Children and Families, Inc.

Project title: Vacant Housing Acquisition and Rehab for LMI Family

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons AND Aid in the prevention/elimination of slum and/or blighting conditions

Amount Requested: \$65,000.00

Reason- Housing Activities-

This project is eligible per HUD under the Rental Housing Activities requirements for CDBG projects. Funds can be used to acquire, rehabilitate or construct rental housing. There are tenant income requirements and rent restrictions for completed projects.

The scope of this project is to purchase two (2) vacant homes within the City of Alliance Target Area # 1 for the purpose of rehabilitating the vacant and blighted single-family homes into a safe, healthy, and secure rental environment for homeless low-to-moderate income (LMI) families at an affordable rate. The secondary benefits of this project will be to reduce homelessness in the City of Alliance by one family annually. As a result of the home being vacant and the average age of the homes in the target zone, renovation will be necessary to bring the home to safe and decent standards for a family to rent in accordance with the City of Alliance Code Enforcement and Fire Safety guidelines; as well as meet HUD habitability standards.

ACF has also submitted a project proposal for City of Alliance HOME funding through the Stark County Consortium. The proposal requested \$111,625.00 for the rehabilitation of the above proposed structures. The city is planning on funding the project enough for the rehabilitation of one structure while the second structure will be insured and taken care of by ACF until rehabilitation funds are available (FY-16). It is anticipated that the renovation will be slightly higher than an average home. However, the renovation will assist the City of Alliance in reducing abandonment and blight of another structure, while developing affordable housing units for an LMI family.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 4: Housing Activities, 4.3 Rental Housing Activities

3. Rob Gress of Alliance City Schools

Project title: Block Grant- Alliance Career Centre

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons.

Amount Requested: \$24,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

This project is eligible per HUD under the Public Service Activities requirements for CDBG projects. Funds can be used for Employment services (i.e. job training) and education programs. Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material. The project will provide educational services that will benefit low-to-moderate income individuals in the City of Alliance. The Alliance Career Centre Adult Education Department of the Alliance City School District provides full-time job training programs. CDBG funding will enable the Alliance Career Centre to: tuition/book assistance program for full and part-time students and provide educational facilities that are updated and technologically sound.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 7: Public Services, 7.1.1 Eligible Public Service Activities

4. Kim Cox of Friends of the Parks

Project title: Earley's Hill Park Playground Addition

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons (Area Benefit)

Amount Requested: \$22,845.76

Reason- Public Facilities Improvement-

This project is eligible per HUD under the Public Facilities, Special Assessments and Privately-owned Utilities requirements for CDBG projects. Funds can be utilized for neighborhood facilities including, parks and playgrounds. CDBG funds will be utilized to provide additional play equipment for Earley's Hill Park Playground. The area will be prepared by the parks staff, CDBG funds will NOT be used to reimburse for time used by staff. All funds will go toward the installation and labor by a certified playground installer. Public park improvements eliminate slum and increase quality of life. The rehabilitation of public park facilities by improving equipment helps give people a sense of safety, security and pride.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 6: Public Facilities, Special Assessments and Privately-owned Utilities,
6.1.1 Eligible Activities

5. Gloria Whiteley-McGrath of YWCA of Alliance (1 of 2 Project Applications)

Project title: Employment Assistance

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons AND Meet an urgent need in the community

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activity-

This project is eligible per HUD under the Public Service Activities requirements for CDBG projects. Funds can be used for Employment services (i.e. job training) and education programs. Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for supplies and materials.

The YWCA provides assistance to women seeking to sustain or secure employment. The YWCA groups all of its adult services relating to economic independence under its WOW (Women off Welfare) umbrella. WOW provides transitional housing, career/job clothing, and assistance with specific employment need. WOW is part of a larger outreach program, Alliance Family Services.

CDBG funds will go to assisting with work-related transportation costs for women who cannot afford to get to their work-related requirements, i.e. current jobs, interviews, etc.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 7: Public Services, 7.1.1 Eligible Public Service Activities

6. Gloria Whiteley-McGrath of YWCA of Alliance (2 of 2 Project Applications)

Project title: YWCA Navigators after School

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activity-

Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material as well as to operate and/or maintain the portion of a facility in which the public service is located. Funds can be used for Employment

services (i.e. job training) and education programs. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the public service.

The project is seeking funding to continue and expand the “Navigators after School program,” which assists Alliance City School students in grades 6-8. The funds sought will replace the 21st Century Learning Center Grant that was previously supporting the program. In July 2014 and again in 2015 this funding was reduced by 25% (each year). The CDBG application seeks to shift funding from State to local communities. At this time, the YWCA does not have adequate funding to maintain the services of the Alliance Middle School site. IF additional funding is not appropriated, the site will require a decrease in the number of participants, as well as services. As a point of reference, last year the Alliance Middle School Navigators program served 374 children, 1 in 3 middle school children.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 7: Public Services, 7.1.1 Eligible Public Service Activities

7. Kim Stanley of Domestic Violence Shelter

Project title: Educational Services Project

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit low-to-moderate income persons

Amount Requested: \$24,480.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material for a public service project. Additionally, the end benefit is geared toward an education program for individuals within the Alliance Community including, but not limited to shelter residents.

CDBG funds for the project will be used to pay the salary of the Educational Services Coordinator position at AADVS. The Coordinator position works with the families residing at the emergency shelter as well as with the community at large by providing education and awareness on domestic violence. The services provided by this project are unduplicated in the Alliance Community.

The Coordinator works closely with the children who reside at the shelter in many aspects. In addition, the Coordinator works closely with the adult residents of the shelter. Many Services are available to the clientele through this program.

The Education Services Project will provide education to our community in the hope of ultimately breaking the cycle of violence. Funding received from CDBG will help our clients to become abuse free, productive citizens of Alliance.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 7: Public Services, 7.1.1 Eligible Public Service Activities

8. Carol Risaliti of Prescription Access Network of Stark County

Project title: PAN Charitable Pharmacy

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Meet an urgent need in the community **AND** Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons.

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for supplies, and material. This includes health services and services for homeless persons.

The PAN will fill prescription medications through the PAN Charitable Pharmacy for qualified individuals who live in Alliance, Ohio. Participants will have a family income of 250% or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines, be uninsured and will be a resident of Alliance. PAN will work with the Community Services Alliance office and A-First to qualify recipients and facilitate them receiving the medications.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 7: Public Services, 7.1.1 Eligible Public Service Activities

9. Barb Armitage of Alliance Community Pantry

Project title: FOOD: GET IT; GIVE IT!

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Meet an urgent community need **AND** Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons.

Amount Requested: \$18,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for supplies, and material. This includes health services and services for homeless persons.

CDBG funds for this project will be to purchase food for the Alliance Community Pantry. The ACP is a collaborative of former food pantries, local churches and organizations that have combined to provide

more food, more often, to more people, more efficiently as The Alliance Community Pantry. The primary benefit will be that every citizen in the community, regardless of economic situation, job loss, age or physical/mental condition, will know how and where to get the food he/she needs.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 7: Public Services, 7.1.1 Eligible Public Service Activities

10. Ernest Burkes Sr. of Canton Negro Old-timers, Inc.

Project title: Annual Christmas Dinner for the Elderly & the Disabled

Status: Eligible

National Objective:

Amount Requested: \$1,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

This project is eligible per HUD under the Public Service Activities requirements for CDBG projects. Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for recreational activities. Specifically, the public services provision applies in the following manner: If it was not provided by or on behalf of the local government with funding from the local government, it may be funded.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 7: Public Services, 7.1.1 Eligible Public Service Activities

11. Wilter Perez Barrera of Latino Business League, Inc.

Project title: The Hispanic Community Outreach Project

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit to Low/Moderate Income Persons

Amount Requested: \$15,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

This project is eligible per HUD under the Public Service Activities requirements for CDBG projects. Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material as well as to operate and/or maintain the portion of a facility in which the public service is located. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the public service.

Funds will be utilized for salaries for LBL staff. The end result of the project is to provide various employment services (i.e. job training and business development), language assistance to non-English speaking Hispanics and education programs to low/moderate income Alliance residents.

12. Buddy Gasparikof Family and Community Services, Inc.

Project title: The Community Awareness Project

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit to low/moderate Income persons

Amount Requested: \$25,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

This project is eligible per HUD under the Public Service Activities requirements for CDBG projects. Per HUD, CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material as well as to operate and/or maintain the portion of a facility in which the public service is located. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the public service.

Funds will be utilized for salaries for personnel, office supplies, equipment purchase, printing, and repair of the building. The end result of the project is to bring groups together to impact health improvement. The project location will be at the Alliance Neighborhood Center.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, IN COMPLIANCE WITH O.R.C. SECTION 121.22, HEREBY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING:

DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
504 EAST MAIN STREET
ALLIANCE, OHIO 44601

SUBJECT: 2015 Community Development Block Grant

Dated: February 4, 2015

Copies: City Administration Bulletin Board

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Public Notice

Notice of Availability of FY-2015 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives And Use of Funds- City of Alliance

The Consolidated Plan, as mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), provides for the allocation of four CPD formula programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (H.O.M.E.), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). This single submission satisfies the minimum statutory requirements for four CPD formula programs.

The statutes for the grant programs set forth three basic goals which must primarily benefit low and very low-income persons. The goals are to provide decent housing, provide a suitable living environment, and to expand economic opportunities. The consolidated strategy and plan involves a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions.

The FY-2015 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds- City of Alliance outlines how the city plans to allocate available federal funds. Copies of this document are available for public inspection at the following locations:

Department of Planning & Development	Rodman Public Library
City Administration Building	215 East Broadway
504 East Main Street	Alliance, Ohio 44601
Alliance, Ohio 44601	

Written comments on the FY-2015 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds- City of Alliance will be accepted through June 19, 2015, Attention: Department of Planning and Development, City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

FY-2015 PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVES AND USE OF FUNDS - CITY OF ALLIANCE

The following Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds has been prepared for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The Community Development Objectives to be addressed by the FY-2015 Proposed Statement of community Development Objectives and Use of Funds - City of Alliance are as follows:

1. Neighborhood Revitalization, Conservation and Housing Resources

The FY-2014 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds - City of Alliance will address neighborhood revitalization through three public facilities improvement projects. These are: Vacant Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation, Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, and Demolition. Total allocation is \$246,655.00.

Conservation and Housing Resources will be addressed through the allocation for Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab at \$150,000.00 and funding for the Property Maintenance Code Enforcement at \$91,795.00.

2. Public Service

The public service programs receiving funding are; Food for the Alliance Community Pantry, Prescription Access, YWCA Navigators after School Program, Alliance Career Centre, Educational Services Project, and SPARK YWCA Employment Services, and the CoC Homeless Fund. Total allocation is \$84,608.00.

3. Comprehensive Planning and Administration

Administration of the FY-2015 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds - City of Alliance Program and Property Maintenance Code Enforcement will be conducted through the City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development. \$116,000.00 is to be allocated to provide for these services. Code Enforcement at \$91,795.00

4. Fair Housing

Fair Housing will be provided by the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's Fair Housing staff. The program will further the goal of ensuring the opportunity of residents to secure housing of their choice within all areas of the City of Alliance without regard as to race, sex, creed, national origin or any protected classes as established. An allocation of \$8,000.00 is to carry out this activity.

5. Maximum Feasible Priority

During FY-2015, the City certifies that at least 70% of the funds will benefit low and moderate income persons (excluding planning and administration costs).

6. Displacement

None of the activities proposed to be undertaken will require the temporary or permanent displacement of the project residents.

7. Projected use of Funds

The foregoing specified projects and activities are to be funded during FY-2015 relative to the above stated community development objectives. Information on the following program is available by contacting the Department of Planning and Development at 504 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601 or by calling (330) 829-2235.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2015 CITY OF ALLIANCE

The City of Alliance will hold two public hearings on the dates listed below to receive citizen's input on Alliance's housing and community development needs.

Monday, May 18th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building 2nd Floor Conference Room, 504 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio.

Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the City Administration Building 2nd Floor Conference Room, 504 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio.

These hearings are being held as part of the City's development of its Consolidated Plan/ Annual Plan for FY- 2015.

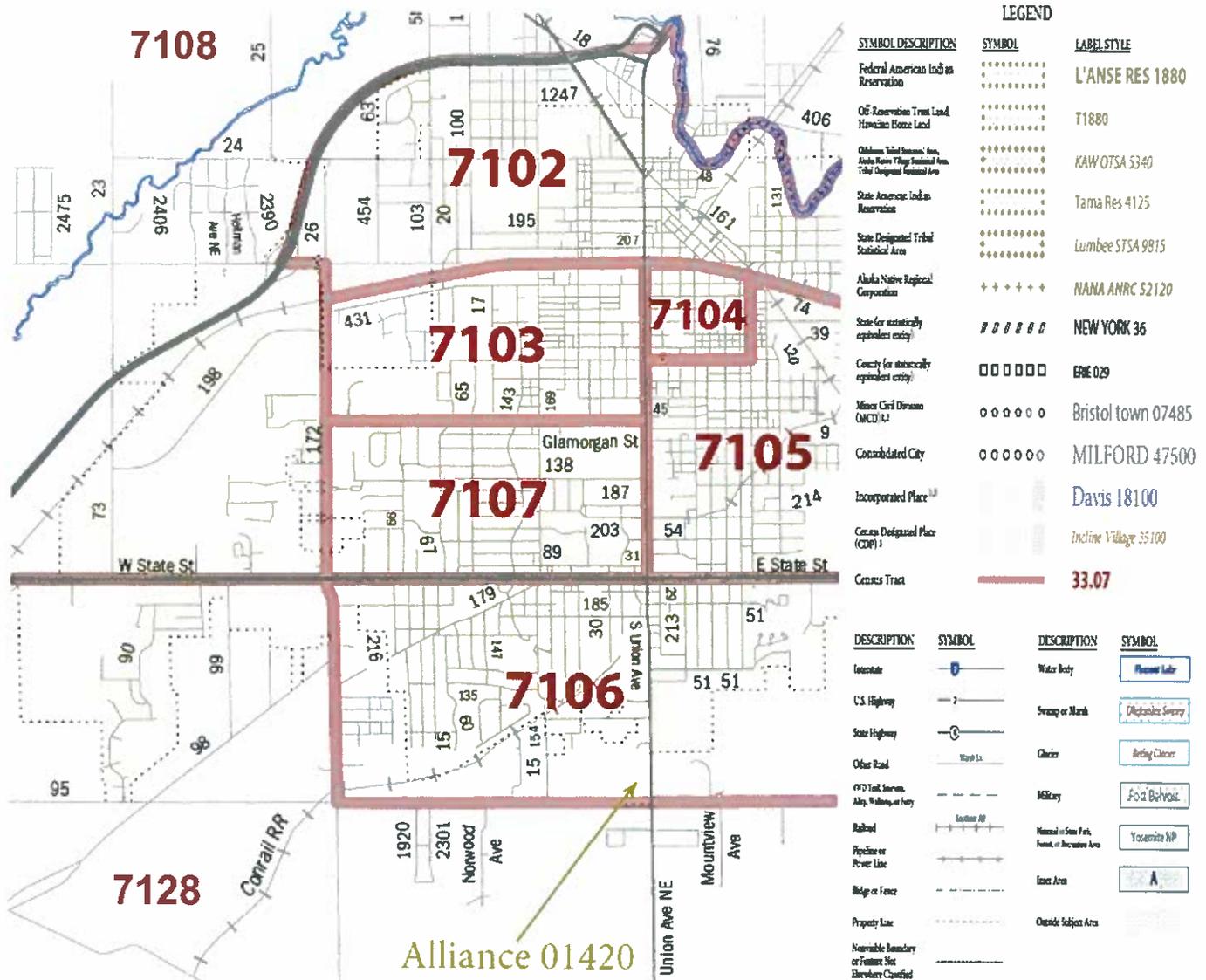
The Consolidated Plan is designed to be a unified vision for Alliance's community development actions. It is intended to allow the City to shape its various housing and community development programs into coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies. The completion of the Consolidated Plan is also a prerequisite for the City's participation in certain programs funded through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development such as the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Citizens are encouraged to attend these hearings in order to receive information on the City's housing and community development programs and to provide their input on Alliance's housing and community development needs.

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There were no public comments submitted concerning the FY-2015 Annual Action Plan.

July 22nd, 2015



Map 2. The maps shows the City of Alliance's Census Tracts as designated by the United States Census bureau