

CITY OF ALLIANCE, OHIO

**FY 2016
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DEVELOPMENT
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(CDBG) ACTION
PLAN**

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City of Alliance, Ohio

Planning & Community Development

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

As a recipient of federal funds the City of Alliance is 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.

The Annual Consolidated Plan is a part of the 5-year strategic consolidated plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program and the proposed use of funds provided by those grant programs. The City of Alliance created the Consolidated Plan in order to provide an overview of the City; its' infrastructure, its' housing and community development needs, and other valued assets.

This document provides information on program year FY-2016 and Year Three (3) of the City's' Strategic Consolidated Plan 2014-2018. This one-year Annual Action Plan will explain how the City of Alliance intends to use of its CDBG and HOME allocations in 2016, and how the funded programs, projects and activities will address the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan. It facilitates and sets a specific course of action for the City's coordinated effort to review and create strategies to develop affordable housing and support services needs within the community. It builds on local assets and coordinates a response to the needs of the community. It integrates economic, physical, environmental, community and human development in a comprehensive and coordinated fashion so that families and communities can work together and thrive. In addition the plan sets forth detailed program goals, specific objectives, annual goals, and benchmarks for measuring progress as outlined in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development focuses on creating viable neighborhoods, empowering 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, and 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 summoned in the following high priority needs:

- **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.
- **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.
- **Goal 3. Fair housing education and outreach**—funding activities and programs that raise awareness and knowledge of fair housing rights.

- **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.
- **Goal 5. Increase self-sufficiency**— improve the Coordination of public and private Services in the City of Alliance by providing support to organizations that assist low income and special needs households with economic growth.
- **Goal 6. 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.
- **Goal 7. Invest in community services and non-profit facilities** - that maximize impact by providing new or increased access to programs that serve highly vulnerable populations such as youth, seniors and food insecure households
- **Goal 8. Invest in Historic Preservation as economic development** – by promoting comprehensive planning and development in preservation, rehabilitation, and the hiring of consultants to aid in; planning, data collection, studies, analysis, and implementation.

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

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

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.

FY 2015 Program Income	\$564,058.00
Total New	\$564,058.00
Recaptured	\$610.00
Total to allocate	\$571,058.00
Maximum available for public service	\$84,608.00
Maximum available for administration	\$116,000.00
Project Name	Recommended
Administration	\$116,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation	\$150,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$91,795.00
Demolition	\$60,454.00
Food for the Alliance Community Pantry	\$13,115.00
Prescription Access	\$9,000.00
Navigators After School	\$15,000.00
Spark	\$14,000.00
Educational Services Project - Domestic Violence	\$14,493.00
Alliance Career Center/Tuition Assistance	\$16,000.00
Vacant Housing Acquisition and Rehab	\$65,000.00

Chart 1 FY – 2015 Funding Awards

The FY-2015 activities as seen in the FY 2015 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 through its’ active demolition and code enforcement programs under the FY-2015 funding to reduce property deterioration and the

influences of urban blight. In addition, the FY-2015 activities funded by the City of Alliance through the CDBG program have been continued through the current FY -2016 with the provision of creating a suitable and sustainable residential and economic environment for the residents of Alliance.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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.

As part of the citizen participation and consultation process the Annual Action Plan is designed to be a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. The process offers local jurisdictions the opportunity to shape their housing and community development strategies. Although the City's Citizen Participation Plan is intended to facilitate the participation of low and moderate income residents, including minorities, non-English speaking persons and persons with mobility, visual or hearing impaired, the plan is most often developed with input from housing and service providers, a list of which is appended to this plan. To counter the lack of input from residents the city has throughout FY-2015 attempted to make increased efforts through the use of its website, social media, traditional media such as Radio and Newspaper, and through the distribution of a community wide survey.

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 offers 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.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

In order to facilitate greater public participation in the allocation of funding for FY-2016 the Department of Planning and Development held two open public meetings on Tuesday November 17th , and on Thursday November 19th. The purpose of these two meetings was to review the CDBG grant process and to solicit information on community needs. One of the recommendation was to find a way to put information about services from the CDBG program out into the broader community accessible to all residents. Since then the Department of Planning and Development has made wider use of social media and the City's Website. In addition the city has sent out several hundred Community Surveys these surveys will be sent out and hopefully returned over the next few months and allow the city to have greater understanding of the needs of the community. A copy of the minutes and the community survey can be found in the attachments.

The public hearing and comment period requirements will be held in accordance with the City of Alliance's Citizen Participation Plan. The sign in sheet, minutes, and taped recording of the public hearings shall follow the Certifications section of the Action Plan, prior to its submission to HUD. The minutes of citizens comments should be included in the final Plan and that the Development Director and staff specifically will have adequately addressed all comments. The plan will be posted in the Rodman Public library from April 1st to April 30th. There will be a public notice to advertise for public hearings on May 3rd, 2016 and the second public hearing on May 5th, 2016.

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

No verbal or written comments have been received before the May 3rd, and May 5th public hearings for FY-2016. Nor have any written Comments been provided before the public release of the FY-2016 Annual Plan to the Rodman Public Library. All considerations shall be made once a review of the citizen participation portion of the Annual Plan is in process. A summary of public comments or views not accepted and the City's reasons for not accepting them will be included in this section when the Plan is submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7. Summary

During FY-2016 the community 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.

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

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

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ALLIANCE	Department of Planning and Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

A. Narrative

The City of Alliance receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG funds are administered by the City under the Department of Planning & Community. The oversight body for the Department of Planning and Development is the Community Planning & Development Committee of the City of Alliance. Recommendations for funding are made to the Community Planning & Development Committee for approval with final ratification by City Council and the Mayor. The staff of the Department of Planning and Development are assigned to carry out the various aspects of the comprehensive CDBG program such as housing rehabilitation, fair housing, economic development, and code enforcement. The HOME program is administered under the contract with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission as part of the Stark County Consortium.

The City is not a recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds. Throughout FY-2016 the Department of Planning & Development will continue to solicit and evaluate applications from all interested parties through the open and competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The Department of Planning and Development will continue to work closely with all housing and service providers, and with other resources, such as the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, to ensure funded programs meet the 5-Year Consolidated Plan needs.

B. Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For inquiries please contact the Director of Community Development, or the Community Development Planner, City of Alliance Department of Planning & Development at 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, OH 44601, (330)821-3110. The FY-2016 Annual Action Plan is available for public viewing by visiting the City website at www.cityofalliance.com, or you may inquire about the plan at the information desk of the Rodman Library located at 215 E. Broadway in Alliance, OH.

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

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan is designed to be a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. The process offers the City of Alliance the opportunity to shape its housing and community development strategies. The plan is developed with input from housing and service providers, a list of which is appended to this plan. Through the FY-2015 year and into the FY-2016 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-2016 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. Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan was developed by the Stark County Consortium, with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) serving as the lead entity throughout the planning process. Since that time the City continues to be committed to the continued coordination of all community development initiatives. The City continues to be committed to facilitating 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. This 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.

During the second year of the 5 year Consolidated Plan (FY-2015), consultations were held with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to develop formal coordination with the Continuum of Care (COC) program and the city of Alliance. However, in September of 2015 these

plans were canceled due to the COC expenses exceeding the cities 15% cap on project services and 20% cap on administrative cost. 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 Stark Metropolitan Housing Agency (SMHA), the Alliance for Children and Family, and ICAN, have a strong presence in Alliance and the City will continue to work with them throughout FY-2016. The Planning and Development staff will continue to meet with any entity as requested or the need arises to enhance coordination.

B. Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City's Mayor is an attending member of the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC) interagency council. This membership allows the Mayor to assist in the creation of innovative strategies and solutions to address the problem of homelessness to include the development of supportive housing options. The HCCSC's goals are to prevent and end chronic homelessness in Stark County, to ensure a coordinated safety net of emergency services for individuals in short term and chronic housing crisis and to coordinate and consolidate local efforts to provide a cost effective and streamlined system for addressing homelessness. The end goal as a member of this organization is for the Mayor to stay better informed on the topics of homelessness and housing opportunities for disadvantaged Alliance residents.

Through the CDBG grant program City staff are actively engaged in working to secure funding for efforts by providers and government entities to prevent homelessness and promote permanent supportive housing for previously homeless individuals and families in Alliance. Working with sub-recipients the City is in a position to help minimize the trauma and dislocation that homelessness causes to individuals, families, and communities.

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 City of Alliance does not receive Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) funding. However, should the city choose to utilize ESG funds the 5 Year Consolidated Plan, developed through a collaborative process involving consultation with representatives from numerous organizations such as housing, youth, homeless, economic development and jobs, elderly persons, special needs representatives, and other city departments and residents', would provide a framework to promote a program utilizing ESG funding.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who collaborated in FY-2016

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Alliance for Children and Families
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Non-Profit Services for the Homeless
	What Section of the plan was addressed by the Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs – Chronically Homeless Homeless Needs – Families with Children Homeless Needs – Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the agency/group/organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improvement?	The City has a regular channel of dialogue with the ACF through emails, and phone conversations. In addition the two have met regularly in meetings to discuss community needs. The City has expanded funding for the ACF and is looking to further discuss the establishment of a permanent LMI community housing development agency with ACF.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services for Victims of Domestic Violence
	What Section of the plan was addressed by the Consultation?	Anti-Poverty Strategy / Education
	Briefly describe how the agency/group/organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improvement?	Methods and cost associated with ways to improve children’s access to education while staying in shelters.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Pathstone
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services – Community Development
	What Section of the plan was addressed by the Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the agency/group/organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improvement?	In 2015 representatives from the City of Alliance and Pathstone met to discuss the need to establish a presence on Main Street through a business incubator service or through the funding for micro-businesses as a means to promote economic development.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Stark County Regional Planning Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government - County
	What Section of the plan was addressed by the Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Lead Based Paint Strategy Fair Housing Regional Planning Historic Preservation 106 Review
	Briefly describe how the agency/group/organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improvement?	The City meets regularly with the staff of the SCRPC to review CDBG / HOME housing issues, with the results for the City to rewrite its Repair and Rehab guidelines. In addition the City and County have meet several times to address improving the services of Fair Housing and the need to improve awareness.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	ICAN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing
	What Section of the plan was addressed by the Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Environmental Reviews
	Briefly describe how the agency/group/organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improvement?	The City continues to work with ICAN as a vested member in the improvement of LMI housing throughout the City.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Ohio Historic Preservation Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Government - State
	What Section of the plan was addressed by the Consultation?	Economic Development Historic Preservation
	Briefly describe how the agency/group/organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improvement?	The City continues to work with the Ohio Historic Preservation office to promote historic preservation in its downtown business district. This year the City has been awarded a \$13,000 grant to develop a plan for establishing the downtown area as a National Historic District. The City sees historic preservation as significantly tied to economic development and the creation of new jobs.

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

The City did not consult this year with the Alliance Neighborhood Center as the Agency had lost its 501C3 designation and most other funding. Should the ANC reestablish itself, the City would be happy to continue to work with the agency for the improvement of the living conditions and quality of life of those that the Center had been previously served. All public meetings have been open to the public but there have been no other agencies that have participated in discussions at this point. The City continues to make efforts at improving its openness to discussion from residents and organizations throughout the area.

B. 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?
SCRPC Home Consortium	SCRPC	The housing portion of the plan concerning the City of Alliance, Massillon, and the consortium as a whole are coordinated to ensure the plans align.
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 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

C. Narrative (optional)

The Department of Planning and Development has contracted with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to provide administrative assistance with the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program. The City of Alliance is under a contract with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission with the SCRPC coordinating the HOME and Fair Housing portion of the Con Plan. Ongoing coordination takes place between Stark County and the city of Alliance 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. In addition the City's Fair Housing program is administered by the staff of the RPC.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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.

All the meetings are open to the public and agendas are distributed via e-mail, internet posting, and hardcopy posting. Meeting notes summarizing the discussion items and actions taken are posted online and made available at subsequent meetings to keep interested parties informed. All meetings open to the public and provide a forum for citizens to participate in matters related to the City of Alliance's HUD Programs as well as provide staff an opportunity to review policy issues and obtain public feedback.

In addition City staff along with partner agencies, such as the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, receives feedback from the public and other community stakeholders regarding the implementation of its HUD funded programs through presentations and attendance at various public meetings. The processes involved for the allocation of each entitlement grant are based on goals and strategies outlined in the City's 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of Response attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Broad Community	7-10 members of the public	Increase public investment in targeted areas. Focus on hardscape improvements, Sidewalks, and lighting.	Recommendations for a façade improvement program have been put on hold for now.	
2	Social Media	Broad Community	Likes increased by more than 500 persons	The City has expanded its outreach to include social media along with more traditional outlets.	No recommendations have been excluded.	http://www.cityofalliance.com/facebook
3	E-mail distribution list	Public Service Agencies	Approx. 50 recipients.	Send out regular electronic mails advertising of any actions related to the consolidated plan and hearings.	Note: The Department of Planning and Development seeks to expand this list to include all service providers in the City.	lottrj@allianceoh.gov
4	Internet Outreach	Broad Community	Vary	The city has expanded its use of its website to include postings for meetings, documents, and public information. It has also hired onto staff a tech person to administer the site.	Currently the City's website offers limited ability to provide feedback	http://www.cityofalliance.com/
5	Newspaper Ad	Broad Community	Vary	Used for posting public notices and legal postings.		
6	Community Survey	Broad Community	20	Most of the surveys returned so far show a strong support for Home owner rehabilitation and economic development.	There seems to be little support for homeless issues and housing related concerns. Further outreach is needed.	http://www.cityofalliance.com/DocumentCenter/View/557

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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. On November 17th and 19th of 2015 the City held two open houses to look for input on the allocation of CDBG funding for FY-2106. In October of 2015 the City also release an ongoing Community Assessment Survey for community input into the CDBG program. This survey has been distributed by hand, placed onto the City's Web site and Facebook page, and emailed to more than 100 people. The City will continue to find ways to engage and improve citizen participation into the CDBG program.

B. Summary of Response/Attendance

While attendance was light at the November open houses, with less than seven in attendance for the two nights, responses included recommendations for: monies for the public arts, a micro business incubator, façade improvement grants, the need for the rehabilitation of housing in the downtown area, a window replacement program, and focusing money into establishing model neighborhoods. Concerns were also addressed over past allocation to community organizations and the need to better review those organizations that are awarded funding. There was no public attendance at the Community Planning and Development Committee meeting on March 11th, 2016.

To date public opinion on the Those community surveys that have been returned show strong support for downtown development, home owner rehabilitation, home owners assistance, public improvements such as sidewalks and roads, and public services that provide assistance to local youth. However, there does not seem to be strong advocacy at this time for the needs of the homeless, or the elderly or those with special needs. There may be a need to provide some sort of public education on these topics but further research needs to be completed. The City will continue to disperse the Community Needs Assessment Survey throughout FY-2016 year as well as find new ways to encourage community response and input on the CDBG programs.

2016 Public Annual Action Plan meetings have not been announced or scheduled at this time. However, the public Annual Action Plan meetings will be scheduled for May 17th and 19th of 2016.

C. Summary of Comments Received

No comments have been received at this time for the FY-2016 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 will continue to be disbursed on a regular basis.

D. Summary of Comments Not Accepted and Reasons

No Comments have been received at this time for the FY-2016 Annual Action Plan. The City website will continue to evolve to make outlets for communication more user friendly through continued 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 will continue to be disbursed on a regular basis.

E. Suggested continued 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/>

Expected Resources

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

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.

Priority Table

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	552,797.00	0	144,498.73	697,295.73	0	Reprogrammed balance will be used for public infrastructure needs and is estimated. Actual amounts may vary due to FY15 project completion.
HOME	Public – Federal	Housing Rehab	87,496.00	0	163,350.25	250,846.25	0	The total FY-2016 and previous years funds are to be used for the City's Housing rehab program.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

1. 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-2016 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.

Leverage, in the context of the City's four HUD programs, means bringing other local, state, and federal financial resources in order to maximize the reach and impact of the City's HUD Programs. HUD, like many other federal agencies, encourages the recipients of federal monies to demonstrate that efforts are being made to strategically leverage additional funds in order to achieve greater results. Leverage is also a way to increase project efficiencies and benefit from economies of scale that often come with combining sources of funding for similar or expanded scopes. Funds will be considered leveraged if financial commitments toward the costs of a project from a source, other than the originating HUD Program, are documented.

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

All City site improvements are being carried out within City owned real property and/or the public right-of-way. Refer to section AP-35 (Projects) and/or Attachment B, Part 1 (Projects Maps) for further details. No publically owned land within the city will be used for public service projects falling under Section (570.201(d)) or to assist in meeting these needs.

3. Discussion

Please note that all applicants submitting FY-2016 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	Creating and preserving quality Affordable Housing	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	LMA	Affordable Housing and Public Services Rehabilitation Single Unit Residential	CDBG: \$150,000 HOME \$250,846	Direct Financial Assistance to 7-10 Home Owners to bring housing units up to code.
2	Affordable Housing and Spot Blight Removal	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	LMI	Affordable Housing and Public Services	CDBG \$74,000	Rehabilitation of Single unit residential for long term supportive housing to homeless families
3	Public Facilities	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Improvements Infrastructure, parks, recreation	CDBG: \$159,818	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing
4	Public Services	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	LMI	Public Services	CDBG: \$82,919	Direct assistance to low to moderate income residents
5	Planning and Administration	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$110,559	Improved delivery of administrative services.
6	Economic Development and Non-Profit Capacity Building	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Non-Residential Historic Preservation.	CDBG: \$20,000	Downtown Main Street National Landmark designation. Façade rehab.
7	Code Enforcement	2014	2018	Code Enforcement	Targeted Areas	Inspection of lots and housing and commercial units and lots	CDBG: \$65,000	Assist property owners with bringing units and lots up to code.

Table 6 - Goals Summary

B. Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Creating and Preserving Quality Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The priority needs for affordable housing can be broken down into the need for the rehabilitation of existing structures, the need to provide low to moderate, home owners with long term affordable quality housing within safe clean neighborhoods.
2	Goal Name	Rehabilitation Single Unit Residential
	Goal Description	Improve housing opportunities for a formerly homeless family by creating and preserving quality affordable rental housing in close proximity to transit, employment, and community services. Assist individuals and families to stabilize in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness by providing client-appropriate housing and supportive service solutions.
3	Goal Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Strengthen neighborhoods by investing in the City's critical public infrastructure needs through priority projects by addressing projects that will expand downtown economic opportunities, provide cultural enrichment and expand the access for Low to moderate residents to fresh foods.
4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Invest in community services and non-profit facilities that maximize impact by providing new or increased access to programs that serve highly vulnerable populations such as youth, seniors, and food insecure households. This goal will serve a population with services such as victims of domestic violence counseling, providing educational opportunities, and non-housing community development.
5	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.
6	Goal Name	Economic Development and Non-Profit Capacity Building
	Goal Description	Economic Development is a high priority goal for the City of Alliance. Enhance the City's economic stability and prosperity by increasing opportunities for job readiness and investing in economic development programs in its downtown areas.
7	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	Provide funding for the inspection of multiple types of properties including residential and commercial units and vacant lots.

Table 7 – 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)

All assistance will be provided to extremely low to moderate income households. An estimated 20 extremely low, low and moderate income families/ individuals will be provided with affordable housing through the rehabilitation of homes, and through the Alliance for Children and Families acquisition of vacant single family home rehab.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Consolidated Plan sets goals and strategies to be achieved over the FY 2015 – 2019 period and identifies a list of funding priorities. The seven Consolidated Plan Goals represent high priority needs for the City and serve as the basis for FY2016 programs and activities identified in the Action. The Consolidated Plan goals are listed below in no particular order:

- Improve housing opportunities by rehabilitating and preserving affordable rental and owner occupied housing in close proximity to transit, employment and community services.
- Promote Fair housing throughout the City of Alliance by fostering an environment where Fair housing policies are adopted and pursued throughout Alliance. The City will continue to contract and work with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to ensure the success of this goal.
- Assist individuals and families to stabilize in permanent Affordable supportive housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness by providing client-appropriate housing and supportive service solutions.
- Strengthen neighborhoods by investing in the City's critical public infrastructure needs through the use of an aggressive code enforcement program, demolitions, and site improvements.
- Invest in community public services and non-profit facilities that maximize impact by providing new or increased access to programs that serve highly vulnerable populations such as youth, seniors and food insecure households.
- Enhance the City's economic stability and prosperity by increasing opportunities for job readiness and investing in economic development programs.
- Improve planning and administration delivery services to effectively and efficiently administer and plan the federally funded programs so as to ensure all activities fall into compliance with the HUD regulatory guidelines.

Based on these goals, the table below summarizes the priorities and specific objectives that the City of Alliance aims to achieve during the Consolidated Plan five-year period (accomplishments ought in order to address the goals are expressed in terms on quantitative outcomes).

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#	Applicants Name	FY-2016 Project
1	Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter	Education Services Program
2	Alliance Career Center	Adult Education Program
3	Alliance Community Pantry	A Safety Net for Our Community
4	Early Childhood Education Alliance	SPARK Alliance
5	Prescription Access Network	Medication Access Assistance
6	Young Women’s Christian Association of Alliance Inc.	Navigators After School Program
7	Young Women’s Christian Association of Alliance Inc.	YWCA Employment Assistance
8	Alliance for Children and Families	Single Home Acquisition and Rehab
9	Friends of the Park	Early Hill Park Playground addition
10	Young Women’s Christian Association of Alliance Inc.	YWCA Exterior Improvements
11	City of Alliance Department of Planning & Development	Administration
12	City of Alliance Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement
13	City of Alliance Health Department	Demolition
14	City of Alliance Department of Planning & Development	Housing Rehab
15	City of Alliance Department of Planning & Development	Entertainment Venue
16	Alliance Historic Preservation Commission	Capacity Building

Table 8 – Project Information

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

In accordance with the Consolidated Plan CDBG, and HOME funds are distributed using the following allocation priorities:

CDBG: As noted above, projects and programs identified for funding with CDBG are selected in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the Consolidated Plan –refer to sections AP-12 and AP-35 above for further details.

HOME: HOME funds are dedicated to housing activities that meet local housing needs and typically preserve or create affordable housing. Uses may include tenant-based rental assistance, rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and new construction.

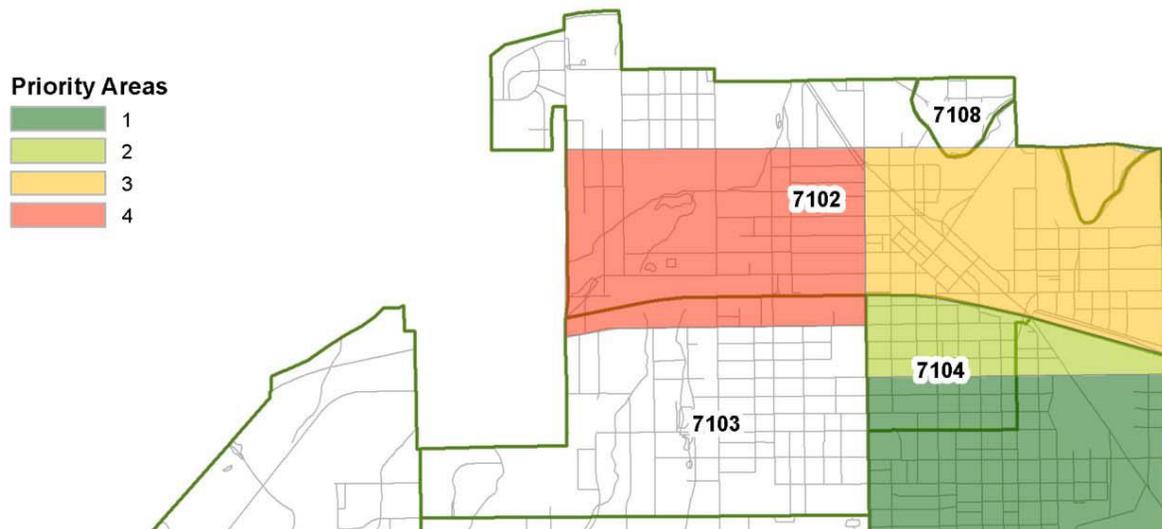
Due to the decreasing entitlement allocation, the Housing Commission intends to focus limited resources on providing assistance to rental housing unit production and homeownership activities in FY 2016. The intent of the HOME program is to provide safe and affordable housing to lower-income households, expand the capacity of nonprofit housing providers, strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing, and leverage private sector participation in housing projects.

Housing needs in Alliance are great, with 27% percent of the households in the City being low/moderate income, and 32% percent of housing units are renters occupied. In many of the Census tracts and blocks throughout the city these percentages rise to as much as 89.3% percent in poverty and the number of renter occupied units as high as 62% percent. The City contains a mismatch between existing and needed housing units, yet there are many barriers to increasing the affordable owner occupied housing stock, such as:

- Income and wages are not keeping pace with rising housing costs and the overall cost of living;
- Federal resources for programs, such as those for down payment assistance, do not match the need experienced;
- The cost of Homeownership and home maintenance is out of reach for the majority of residents;

However, the majority of the city’s minority and low income households continue to be clustered in certain geographic areas for which the City of Alliance has developed priority areas to assist in the 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.

Though the target areas were defined well over a decade ago no new target areas have as of yet been determined for the FY-2016 Action Plan. As such the current Target areas are as follows: 1) Priority Area Number 1 is a 60% percent low-moderate income area. 2) Priority Area Number 2 is an 84% percent low- moderate income area, 3) Priority Area Number 3 is a 74% percent low-moderate income area and 4) 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.



Map 1. City of Alliance Ohio – Priority Targeted Areas FY - 2016

FY-2016 CDBG FUNDING AWARDS

TOTAL PROGRAM ALLOCATION	\$552,797.00	
RECAPTURED AMOUNT	\$144,499.00	
TOTAL TO ALLOCATE	\$697,296.00	
MAX FOR PUBLIC SERVICES (15%)	\$82,919.00	
MAX FOR ADMIN (20%)	\$110,559.00	
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY NAME		RECOMMENDED
ADMINISTRATION		\$110,559.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT ADMIN		\$65,000.00
DEMOLITION		\$35,000.00
HISTORIC PRESERVATION		\$2,000.00
HOUSING REHAB		\$150,000.00
DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT VENUE		\$136,818.00
ELIGIBLE PROJECT NAME	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00
FRIENDS OF EARLY HILL PARK	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
YWCA EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
PUBLIC SERVICES	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
ALLIANCE ARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER	\$18,000.00	\$14,500.00
ALLIANCE CAREER CENTER	\$24,000.00	\$15,000.00
ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PANTRY	\$17,223.00	\$14,000.00
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ALLIANCE	\$18,288.00	15,000.00
PX ASSISTANCE NETWORK	\$10,000.00	\$6,419.00
YWCA NAVIGATORS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
YWCA EMPLOYMENT	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
PUBLIC SERVICE TOTAL	\$105,511.00	\$82,919.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$697,296.00

Chart 1 FY-2016 CDBG Funding Award

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

1. Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Education Service Program
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201(e) Public Services HUD matrix Code 05G - services to Battered and Abused Spouse and neglected Children.
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,500.00
Project Summary Information	Description	Fund will be utilized to pay for cost incurred as part of the salary of the Education services Coordinators salary.
	Target Date	Continuous activity though the FY-2016 Grant Cycle.
	Estimate the number benefiting from the activities	Over 500 individuals will receive benefits from this proposed activity at the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter.
	Locations Description	The shelter is in Census tract 7105, and serves the city area wide. Specific address information is confidential for safety.
	Planned Activities	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 and age appropriate lessons and activities that are organized for children when they are not attending school due to summer vacation and holidays. In addition, the Coordinator is responsible for the enrollment of new child clients into the Alliance City School District or different school within the district, and acts as a liaison and provides assistance with enrollment procedures to ensure all children have a smooth transition into a new district and or school. The Education Service Coordinator also works closely with the adult residents of the Shelter.

Table 9 – Project Summary Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter

2	Project Name	Adult Education Program
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201(e) Public Services HUD Matrix 05H Employment Training to increase self-sufficiency for adults.
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
Project Summary Information	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number benefiting from the activities	The estimated number of low to moderate income individuals to be served by this program are 200-299.
	Location Description	Project Location is the Alliance Career Centre located at 748 East Cambridge Street, Alliance, Ohio
	Planned Activities	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.

Table 10 – Project Summary Alliance Career Center

3	Project Name	A Safety Net for Our Community
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201(e) Public Services HUD Matrix 05W Food Banks
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000
Project Summary Information	Description	The Alliance Community Pantry opened its doors on November 15th, 2010, and has now been opened for 4 full years. A primary objective of the pantry is that the residents of Alliance be aware of a food source that is constant and can be counted on to be there for them, week after week, month after month.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number benefiting from the activities	The 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	The pantry is open four days a week and FY-2016 Funds will be used to ensure the careful purchase and distribution of food for the pantry. 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. The pantry continues to innovate in its delivery of food and has been key in working with the city to set up a system of tracking the delivery of services to residents.

Table11 – Project Summary Alliance Area Pantry

4	Project Name	SPARK Alliance
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201(e) Public Services HUD Matrix 05L Youth services that will benefit children under the age of 13.
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
Project Summary Information	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	6/30/2017
	Estimate of the number benefiting from the 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.

Table 12 – Project Summary Spark Alliance

5	Project Name	Medication Access and Assistance
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201(e) Public Services HUD Matrix 05A – Services for the elderly and the handicapped.
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,419
Project Summary Information	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate of the number benefiting from the 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	Services will be provided at the Community Services of Alliance, at 1207 East Market St. Alliance Ohio.
	Planned Activities	The Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County (PAN) will serve the Alliance community by having a worker available at the Community Services building on Market Street. 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. PAN is using the Community Services building in Alliance to better serve residents as well as all residents within the entire Alliance City limits. PAN will do additional marketing with private physicians, the Alliance Health Department, and social service agencies in the Alliance Area. In addition PAN will provide training for any organization that is interested in learning more about the ways that individuals can obtain assistance with medications.

Table 13 – Project Summary Medication Access and Assistance

6	Project Name	Navigators After School Program
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201(e) Public Services HUD Matrix 05D Public Services for young people ages 13 to 19 that includes recreational services and counseling programs.
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
Project Summary Information	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate of the number benefiting from the activities	Over 300 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, Rodman Public Library and YWCA of Alliance.
	Planned Activities	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 This funding will help secure the maintenance of the services of the Alliance Middle School site. Last year the site served approximately 289 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.

Table 14 – Project Summary YWCA Navigators after School Program

7	Project Name	YWCA Employment Assistance
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201(e) Public Services HUD Matrix 05H Services used for activities that provide an increase in self-sufficiency for job placement, training, or employment success.
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,000
Project Summary Information	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	6/30/2017
	Estimate of the number benefiting from the 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.

Table 15 – Project Summary YWCA Employment Assistance

8	Project Name	Acquisition of Vacant Single Family Homes for Affordable Housing for LMI Families
	Target Area	Target Areas Nos: 1,2,3, or 4 and within Census Tracts 7102,7103, 7104 or 7105
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing and Spot Blight Removal
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.202 Rehabilitation: Single Unit Residential HUD Matrix 14G acquisition of property to be rehabilitated as permanent supportive affordable housing for a previously homeless family.
	Funding	CDBG: \$74,000
Project Summary Information	Description	The specific activity to be undertaken, and scope of the project is to purchase a vacant home 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 home into a safe, healthy, and secure rental environments for formerly homeless low to moderate income families at an affordable rate. The family must be residents of Alliance in a housing Crisis.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate of the number benefiting from the activities	A single low to moderate income formerly homeless family from within the City of Alliance will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	The home to be acquisitioned will be in one of the Cities four targeted priority areas.
	Planned Activities	To reduce homelessness for a single family within the City of Alliance by purchasing a vacant home with the CDBG funds then renovating the unit through the use of HOME funds during the same grant cycle. Providing a safe and affordable rental home for living, sleeping, playing, and raising a family in a property that meets Alliance City Codes.

Table 16 – Project Summary Alliance for Children and Families

9	Project Name	Early Hill Playground Addition
	Target Area	Target Area No:4
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201 (C) Public Facilities HUD Matrix 03F promoting the development of open space areas and facilities intended for recreational use.
	Funding	CDBG:\$23,000
Project Summary Information	Description	Purchase of a new playground unit that will add certified safety tested play pieces to the existing play area within the Early Hill park. Benefits may include improving play for and social interaction for children ages 2 to 5 and their families.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate of the number benefiting from the activities	The Alliance City Park indicates that this project will serve more than 500 children in the City of Alliance.
	Location Description	Early Hill Park 122 Vine Street Alliance Ohio
	Planned Activities	The project is very important for the enjoyment of children in the surrounding areas. The new Play equipment would brighten the entire playground area and add additional opportunities for social learning, and vigorous exercise.

Table 17 – Project Summary Early Hill Park

10	Project Name	YWCA Exterior Improvements
	Target Area	Target Priority Area No: 2 Census Tract 7104
	Goals Supported	Economic Development and Non-Profit Capacity Building
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.202 (C) Public Facilities HUD Matrix 16A Non-Residential Historic Preservation for the purpose of rehabilitation of historic buildings in the city's downtown economic corridor.
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
Project Summary Information	Description	The replacement of windows and repairs to the exterior structure to provide improved living conditions and energy resiliency. The YWCA serves as a residence hall for low to moderate income women, and serves LMI families and children with needed social services, including employment assistance, ABC for kids, youth afterschool program, and other LMI needed services.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate of the number benefiting from the activities	This program will assist ~ 230 low to moderate income women and their family members.
	Location Description	YWCA 239 East Market Street Alliance, Ohio
	Planned Activities	This is phase II of an of a twelve phase building renovation. The YWCA plan is to replace 11 energy inefficient windows with architecturally approved replacement windows, and external glass barriers to prevent damage to existing windows on the north and west sides of the facility. Two Victorian corbels will also be replaced with architecturally approved replacements. As a local landmark the project will meet the Secretary of the Interior standards for rehabilitation.

Table 18 – Project Summary YWCA Exterior Replacement

11	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.206 General Program Administration HUD Matrix 21A to permit the execution of planning and administration including but not limited to salaries, wages, and cost for monitoring, managing and evaluation of the CDBG and HOME programs.
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,559
Project Summary Information	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	6/30/2017
	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 is 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.

Table 19 – Project Summary Administration

12	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	Target Priority Areas Nos: 1, 2, 3, and 4 and in Census Tracts 7102, 7103, 7104, and 7105.
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.202 (C) Code Enforcement activity HUD Matrix Code 15 for the General Program Administration associated with the enforcement, but correction, of state and local codes. Includes but not limited to salaries and overhead cost associated to property inspections.
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,000
Project Summary Information	Description	Code enforcement ensures housing for all citizens within the City of Alliance complies with the safe and suitable housing codes.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	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. Corrections of Code violations will follow Federal Regulation 570.202.

Table 20 – Project Summary Code Enforcement

13	Project Name	Demolition and Urban Clean Up
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Economic and Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201 (d) Clearance, Demolition, and remediate activity HUD Matrix Code 4 and 04A for the demolition and cleanup of contaminated and blighted sites.
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
Project Summary Information	Description	Clearance or demolition of buildings, clean up, and final grading of prioritized demolition structures.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	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	Activities to be undertaken to primarily clean up or Raze vacant, condemned residential and commercial structures that are deemed unfit for rehab or cleaning up from demolition sites, or otherwise dilapidated buildings, and vacant and abandoned lots. In the downtown and adjacent areas this be done to encourage economic development, and for the eventual development of open green and recreational spaces. All projects will proceed with the required historic 106 reviews being completed under guidance of the State Historic Preservation Office, and the completion of all required EPA asbestos surveys. All projects will be completed under the management of the Alliance Health Department and the Department of Planning and Development.

Table 21 – Project Summary Demolition and Urban Clean Up

14	Project Name	Housing Rehab and Repair
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Creating and Preserving Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.202 Rehabilitation Single Unit Residential activity HUD Matrix Codes 14A, and 14H for Administration cost related to the management and operation of the Rehabilitation program.
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000 HOME: \$250,846
Project Summary Information	Description	The rehabilitation, repair, and upgrading to meet code of existing single family, owner-occupied housing units within the City of Alliance. The program also allows for emergency repairs that seeks to keep residents within their homes.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	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 to 10 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 7102, 7103, 7104 and 7105, and to qualified low to moderate income homeowners throughout the City of Alliance.
	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. Units are selected for elective rehabilitation too low to moderate home owners who meet the housing guidelines as determined by the City of Alliance.

Table 22 – Project Summary Housing Rehab and Repair

15	Project Name	Farmers Market and Entertainment Venue
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.203 (a) Economic Development Acquisition by Recipient, activity HUD Matrix Code 17B and 17C Commercial/Industrial: Infrastructure Development and Building Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation, for the purpose of Economic Development in Downtown Alliance.
	Funding	CDBG: 136,818
Project Summary Information	Description	Funds to be used for the site improvements to 39 N Arch Avenue and 50 N. Linden Avenue. Improvements include but may not be limited to site planning, site preparation, and infrastructure placement including transportation, streets, water and sewage, parking, green space, and administrative cost.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The improvements would be for all residents, employees, and visitors in and to the City of Alliance and would pass more than twenty two thousand.
	Location Description	39 N. Arch Avenue and 50 N. Linden Avenue
	Planned Activities	A study needs to be prepared to determine the highest and best use for the site that are in line with the Cities expectations to promote a new Historic and Arts district. CDBG funds will be used to leverage additional funds for site development. All activities will be carried out by the grantee or through contracts established through and open bid process.

Table 22 – Project Summary Farmers Market and Entertainment Venue

16	Project Name	Alliance Historic Preservation Commission –Capacity Building
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development – Historic Preservation
	Needs Addressed	Federal Regulation 570.201(p) nonprofit capacity building HUD Matrix 19C for activities designed to increase the capacity of non-profit organizations to carry out economic development activities, and receiving and providing technical assistance and training related to Historic Preservation.
	Funding	CDBG:\$2,000
Project Summary Information	Description	Funds will be used during FY-2016 for hiring an historic preservation consultant to assist the Commission with developing a plan for the establishment of National Historic District. In addition funds will be used for public education materials, and for fees associated with professional assistance.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These funds are to be used for developing a plan for historic preservation and are not a direct benefit to anyone at this time.
	Location Description	Downtown Alliance Main Street Business Corridor
	Planned Activities	Printing of materials for use in public education outreach and display, hiring a preservation consultant to write a plan for historic preservation that will be presented with an application to the Secretary of the Interior for the establishment a historic district in the City’s Main Street Commercial Corridor. Commission members and City Staff to receive training from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

Table 22 – Project Summary AHPC Capacity Building

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 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

CDBG sub-recipient agencies in Alliance must provide benefits to residents of at least one of the four priority areas. These priority areas represent a significant amount of the City's LMI and hardest hit commercial and residential units. In addition a majority of the city's minority and its lowest income households are clustered in the priority areas. 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. Some of the individual census tracts in these target areas exceed the 75% percent low-moderate income levels. 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. Priority Area Number 1 is a 60% percent low-moderate income area. This priority area is in Census Tracts 7104 and 7105 and *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. Priority Area Number 2, comprising the city's historic downtown, is an 84% percent low- moderate income area. This priority area is in Census Tracts 7015 and 7015 and *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. Priority Area Number 3 is a 74% percent low-moderate income area. This priority area is in Census Tract 7102 and *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. Priority Area Number 4 is a 63% percent low- moderate income area. This priority area is in Census Tract 7102 and *Projects in this target area receive 5 points.*

2. Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Target Area 1	20%
Target Area 2	20%
Target Area 3	20%
Target Area 4	20%

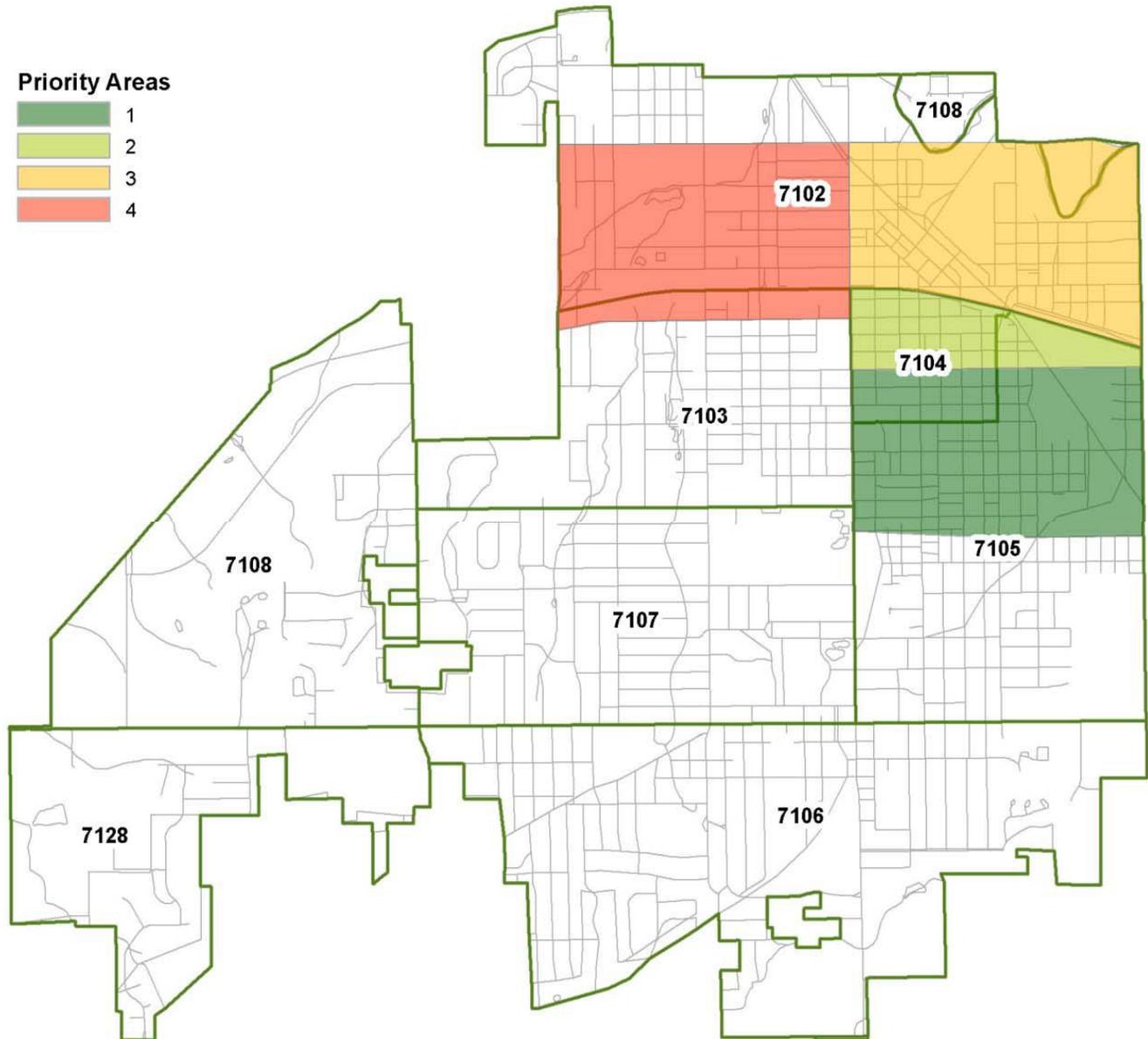
Table 23 - Geographic Distribution

3. Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

While the majority of the sub recipients receiving funding do not allocate service by identifying low to moderate income areas, most of their clients tend to reside in these particular targeted areas. Therefor the City of Alliance has developed priority levels based on these areas for the 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. 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. In an effort to build viable neighborhoods, the Department of Planning and Development will review and coordinate all City Plans for street improvements with funding for housing rehabilitation within targeted areas

4. Discussion

The City would estimate that approximately 80% of the CDBG funding will be dedicated to the target areas with 20% used for administrative purposes. In FY-2016 the City hopes to work closer with the sub-recipients and with the Stark County GIS mapping center to create templates for tracking where CDBG monies are spent.



Map 2. City of Alliance Ohio – Priority Targeted Areas FY - 2016

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

An effort to maintain quality affordable housing within the city of Alliance is a high priority. The Department of Planning and Development views quality affordable housing in decent, safe, and nourishing neighborhoods as right of citizenship that all should have access too. Affordable housing units will continue to be maintained and rehabilitated by the City’s CDBG and HOME funded housing rehabilitation, repair and emergency assistance programs.

Type of Households to be supported	One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported
Homeless	1
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	1

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

Method of Assistance for Affordable Housing	One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	10

Table 24 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

In FY 2016 the Alliance Department of Planning and Development will be collaborating with non-profit partners to look into the prospect of setting up a home ownership assistance program that would provide down payment assistance, credit counseling, homeownership training, a tool rental program, and other services as needed.

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

1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines affordable housing as “housing available for rental or purchase to low- or moderate-income households in which the occupants pay no more than 30 percent of their income for total housing costs, including utilities.” HUD considers affordable housing to be those homes with a purchase price that does not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area. 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. Questions that may arise when examining barriers to affordable housing may include:

- Is affordable housing possible in all areas of the City?
- What proportion of the City is currently zoned to encourage affordable housing?
- Would a developer have to get land rezoned in order to build affordable housing within the community?

The following strategies will be used by the City in FY-2016 to remove or reduce barriers to affordable housing in the City of Alliance.

- Working to reduce excessive development standards.
- Working on Streamlining regulatory procedures.
- Offer incentives for the development of low to moderate income housing.
- Follow all legal requirements for public notice, meetings and adoption
- Market all programs to encourage affordable housing.
- Promote a strong public education campaign that is critical to successful affordable housing development.
- Hold Public meetings and presentations to dispel myths about affordable housing, and provide accurate information.
- Educate the public about what benefits affordable housing would provide to the community.

2. Actions the City has planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

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. The Coordinator 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.

Working with Stark County Planning Regional Planning Commission the city seeks to make efforts at improving the 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 – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Looking forward into FY-2016 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. Collaborating with nonprofit and private organizations within the priority 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.

1. Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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 party 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.

2. 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.

3. 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** – In FY-2016 the City will consider setting up a program in FY-2017 for lead abatement and for 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.

4. 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's Economic Development Strategy contains four overarching Strategic Objectives: Economic Base Growth, Middle-Income Jobs, Increase Neighborhood Businesses, Improve Training and Job Readiness of Area Residents. 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.

5. Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City is shifting from an application-driven process to a goal-driven, outcome-oriented process based on need and best practice. 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. Throughout FY-2016 the City will look at adopting a Strategic Action plan which would include but not limited to:

- Program development
- Directing investment
- Influencing outcomes
- Leveraging and geographic targeting
- Increasing administrative efficiencies

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.

6. 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. It is the view of the City of Alliance Department of Planning & Development that by improving neighborhoods, by assisting low-income residents, increasing the supply of affordable, safe housing, and rehabilitating residential properties the City's housing can become an engine for community development. 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 of 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.

7. Affirmative Marketing Policy

Developers, owners, and grantees must market housing opportunities to all persons in the housing market, including the minority and LEP populations. All marketing efforts must be documented with sufficient records maintained by the issuer. The use of the Fair Housing logo or phrase "Equal Housing Opportunity" must be included on all signage and marketing documents pertaining to rental and housing opportunities.

Where there are five (5) or more units; developers, owners and grantees must adhere to Affirmative Marketing and Fair Housing practices in all marketing endeavors, eligibility determinations and other transactions. Failure to comply with the Affirmative Marketing Policy may result in the denial or dismissal of allocated CDBG funding.

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 – 91.220(l) (1, 2, 4)

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. During FY-2016 the City of Alliance does not expect to be have any of the following funds available. However in an effort to expand services the City will review policies that would promote program income and allow for additional projects.

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| 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-2016, 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-2017:

- 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

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

City of Alliance

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2014 (FY 2017)

Under the federal law, all government agencies and recipients of federal funds must “affirmatively further fair housing”. Affirmatively furthering fair housing is defined as a good faith effort to provide information and otherwise attract eligible persons from all racial, ethnic, and gender groups in the housing market to the available housing. The Stark County Fair Housing Department (SCFHD) affirmatively furthers fair housing by providing information, education, counseling and investigative services to the citizens of Alliance. Emphasis is placed on testing and investigation of complaints alleging housing discrimination, as well as conducting audits of housing practices, education and outreach services, tester training, and landlord and tenant counseling.

A key part of achieving the goal to affirmatively further fair housing is the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is a review of a jurisdiction’s laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures, and practices affecting the location, availability, and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions, both public and private, affecting fair housing choice. In January 2012, the City of Alliance completed a new AI. The AI evaluated population, household income, and housing characteristics by protected classes in each of the jurisdictions; evaluated public and private sector policies that impacted fair housing choice; identified blatant impediments to fair housing choice, where any may exist; and recommended specific strategies to overcome the effects of any identified impediments. The impediments and action plans were broken down by the ACMS jurisdictions. In addition, regional impediments and action plans were identified in the AI for the entire ACMS Consortium.

Efforts are underway to reduce the potential impediments listed in the AI. HUD defines an impediment to fair housing choice as any actions, omissions, or decisions that restrict, or have the effect of restricting, the availability of housing choices, based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status.

Listed below are the impediments, action plans, and actions undertaken for the city of Alliance:

Impediments and Action Plans

1. **Impediment** - Due to the arrangement by which entitlement funds are allocated and the limited availability of resources, the City's ability to use entitlement funds to create new housing opportunities in non-impacted areas is limited.
 - **Action Plan** – Continue to invest CDBG and HOME funds in ways that enhance and revitalize LMI areas and improve the existing housing stock. During FY-2016 the City will continue to allocate funding for the rehabilitation of owner occupied housing for low to moderate income families. The total program investment will be \$250,856.00.

2. **Impediment** - There are an estimated 318 persons with limited English proficiency in Alliance, half of who are native Spanish speakers. Among the Spanish-speaking population in the City, 47.4% speak English less than "very well." It is unclear whether this population has adequate access to City programs and services.
 - **Action Plan** - In FY-2016 the City of Alliance will be working with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to improve access to residents seeking information and assistance with Fair Housing services.

3. **Impediment** - The City's appointed public boards relating to housing issues are not demographically representative of the community at large.
 - **Action Plan** – The City administration and the departments continue to work together to seek qualified members and monitor the reappointments to each board as vacancies appear.

4. **Impediment** - The Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the City's zoning ordinance discourage the development of multi-family rental housing.
 - **Action Plan** – In FY-2017 the staff will initiate a review of the zoning ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the goal of removing obstacles to affordable housing.

5. **Impediment** - The zoning ordinance places undue restrictions on the location of group homes for persons with disabilities, a policy that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Fair Housing Act.
 - **Action Plan** – In FY-2017 the staff plans to review and amend the zoning ordinance to assure that group homes are permitted to locate in areas of the City as not to impede the housing choices for persons with disabilities.

Other Actions Planned

1. Amend the Consolidated Plan to include a definition for areas of minority concentration. Carry the definition through to Annual Plans.
 - **Action Undertaken** – The staff will work on a definition for areas of minority that will be included in an updated Consolidated Plan.
2. Draft and adopt an Affirmative Marketing Policy per HUD regulations for all housing developments of five or more units that are assisted by any City funds.
 - **Action Undertaken** – The staff is currently working on an Affirmative Marketing Policy that is consistent with HUD regulations.
3. Conduct the four-factor analysis to determine the extent to which the translation of vital documents is necessary to assist persons with limited English proficiency in accessing City programs and services.
 - **Action Undertaken** – The staff plans to conduct the four-factor analysis in the near future.
4. Work closely with SCRPC to identify new HOME affordable rental housing project sites outside of racially/ethnically concentrated areas.
 - **Action Undertaken** – The City of Alliance and the SCRPC have a good working relationship. The City works closely with SCRPC on many programs and projects. It is the City's endeavor to continue the working relationship with SCRPC to identify HOME rental housing project sites.
5. Expand incentives for property owners and investors to build new apartment buildings or substantially rehabilitate existing buildings for occupancy by lower- income families.
 - **Action Undertaken** – The staff is discussing some incentives that may be beneficial for the property owners and investors and at the same time feasible under the city programs.
6. Recruit and involve qualified members of the protected classes in community leadership as it relates to housing issues. Alternately, assemble an additional, more representative board to advise on matters related to housing policy.
 - **Action Undertaken** – The staff plans to meet with city official to discuss ways to recruit qualified members of protected classes to sit on the Zoning Board and other housing-related boards and committees.

7. Continue to provide fair housing education and outreach efforts to landlords, building owners, rental agents, and Realtors.
 - **Action Undertaken** – The fair housing office will continue to accomplish this goal by daily counseling of clients over the telephone, trainings, presentations, workshops, and advertisements.

Strategies for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Advertising and Promotion

The staff continued its ongoing process to educate the public on the fair housing law in an attempt to increase the awareness of discrimination. Educational materials were distributed to various agencies and the residents of Alliance. More than 915 brochures were distributed to more than 9,700 residents through the City's Water Billing Service.

Conclusion

Since the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, many changes in the housing and financial markets were made. This country has come a long way, but still have a long way to go. New challenges are emerging in this economy, including the changing of family structures and growing public support for the rights of people to regardless of their suspect classification. The number of people seeking rental housing continues to grow due to the foreclosure crisis. Furthermore, affordable rental housing is growing scarce. The City of Alliance will continue to put forth an effort to promote, educate, counsel, and further fair housing through leadership, testing, education, and outreach.

The fair housing office will continue to identify barriers to fair housing in order to help counteract and eliminate discriminatory housing practices. Necessary actions will be taken to ensure that the fair housing law is properly and fairly enforced throughout the city of Alliance. The fair housing department will continue to take the appropriate steps necessary to eliminate the potential impediments and work towards rededicating all efforts with intensity and determination to make fair housing a reality for all.



GRANTEE SF-424

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

*** Other (Specify):**

*** 3. Date Received:**

4. Applicant Identifier:

390066

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

B-02-39-0066

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:**

City of Alliance

*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

34-6000043

*** c. Organizational DUNS:**

082336785000

d. Address:

*** Street1:**

504 E. Main Street

Street2:

*** City:**

Alliance

County/Parish:

*** State:**

OH: Ohio

Province:

*** Country:**

USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:**

44601-2400

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Planning and Development

Division Name:

Stark County

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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:**

B-16-MC-39-0031

* Title:

City of Alliance FY-2016 Annual Action Plan

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

CDBG Projects include: Administration, Housing, Rehab, Code Enforcement Administration, CoC Homeless Fund, Demolition, AADVS, Alliance Career Center, ACF, Food Pantry, Rx Network, YWCA program assist

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="552,797.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="552,797.00"/>

*** 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 218, 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.

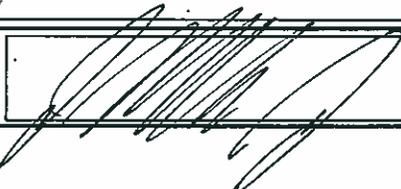
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* Date Signed:



CERTIFICATIONS



NON-STATE GRANTEE CERTIFICATIONS for the City of Alliance, Ohio

Non-State Grantee Certifications

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The City of Alliance 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 -- The City of Alliance 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 anti-displacement 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 City of Alliance's; elected officials, administrations, and staff's knowledge, experience, practice, 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. The City will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

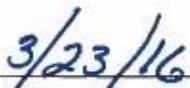
Authority of Jurisdiction -- The Cities' consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

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

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



Alan Andreani / Mayor



Date



NON-STATE GRANTEE CERTIFICATIONS for the City of Alliance, Ohio

Specific CDBG Certification

The city of Alliance certifies that:

Citizen Participation – The City of Alliance is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan – The Cities' 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 – The City of Alliance is following a current consolidated plan written by it Community Development Department that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds – The city will has and will continue to comply 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) 2011, 2016 (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.** The City 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 City of Alliance 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 – The City of Alliance has adopted and is enforcing:

4. 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
A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring 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 – All City 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 – The City of Alliance will comply with all applicable Federal, State, local laws.


Alan Andreani / Mayor


Date



**NON-STATE GRANTEE
CERTIFICATIONS for the City of
Alliance, Ohio**

OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION CDBG

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which 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 to meet such needs.

Alan C. Andreani 3/23/16
Alan C. Andreani / Mayor Date



PROJECTS

TARGET AREA DESIGNATIONS FY-2016

Shelter Education Service – 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 will encompass Target Areas 1 - 4.

Alliance Community Pantry – 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 as such Safety Net for Our Community- encompasses Target Area 1-4. .

Adult Education Project- Though the project services all four areas, the focus is on the lower socio-economic areas and will encompass Target Areas 1- 4.

SPARK Alliance- Though the project services all four areas, the focus is on the lower socio-economic area and will encompass Target Areas 1 - 4.

Medication Access and Assistance- Serving low to moderate income, uninsured or underinsured residents. Due to the HIPAA laws address are unable to be noted but the primary area that the program serves is Target Area 1 – 4.

Navigators after School Program - The majority of those assisted reside in the poorest areas of the City or approximately Seventy- seven percent of the participants from 2014-2015 program received free or reduced lunches. -Target Areas 1-4.

YWCA Employment Assistance- Target Areas 1 and 2 primarily.

YWCA Exterior Improvements – Is phase 11 of a 12 phase process to restore an historic building in Target Area 2 and assist in the removal of blight.

Single Home Acquisition and Rehab – will include the purchase and rehab of a vacant single family homes for affordable housing- Eligible Target Areas 1- 4.

Administration; Code Enforcement; Housing Rehab; and Demolition – These are city wide projects and encompass all 4 target areas.

Early Hill Park Playground Addition – will pursue installation of a playground unit in the Early Hill Park. The new play unit will promote play activity for 2 to 5 year olds in Target Area 3.

FY-16 CDBG Applications

10 Total Applications Received

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

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

Rob Gress - of Alliance City Schools

Project title: Block Grant- Alliance Career Centre

Status: Eligible

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

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility

Amount Requested: \$24,000.00

Priority Need Reason- Public Service Activities-

This project is eligible per HUD under section 570.201(e) 05H, employment training, 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



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 -

Aid in the prevention, elimination of slum and/or blighting conditions

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility

Amount Requested: \$74,000.00

Priority Need Reason - Housing Activities

This project is eligible per HUD under section 570.202 14A, rehabilitation of single unit residential 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 a vacant home 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.

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



Alliance for Children & Families

Barb Armitage - of Alliance Community Pantry

Project title: A Safety-Net for Our Community

Status: Eligible

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

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility

Amount Requested: \$17,223.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

Per HUD under section CDBG 570.201(e) 05W, food banks, 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



Kim Stanley- of Domestic Violence Shelter

Project title: Educational Services Project

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit low-to-moderate income persons

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility

Amount Requested: \$18,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

Per HUD section 570.201(e) 5, public services general, 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.

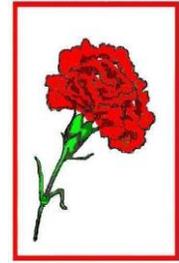
The Coordinator works closely with the children who reside at the shelter in many aspects. In addition, the Coordinator works closely with the adult residents of the shelter. Many Services are available to the clientele through this program.

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



Kim Cox – Friends of the Parks



Project Title: Early Hill Park Playground Addition

Status: Eligible

National Objective: Benefit low-to-moderate income persons

Outcome Category: Sustainability

Amount Requested: \$23,000.00

Reason – Public Facility and Improvement Activities –

Per HUD, under section 570.201 (C) 03F, CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities, and improvements. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the facility.

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. The goal is to assure that every child has access to a recreational environment that provides an opportunity to support children’s learning and promote a healthy quality of life.

CDBG funds will be utilized to provide additional play equipment for Early Hill Park Playground. The area will be prepared for the additional by the parks department 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 7: Public Services, 6.1.1 Eligible Public Service Activities

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

/Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons.

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

Per HUD, under section 50.201 (e) 05M Health Services, 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



Susan Miller - of SPARK Alliance

Project title: SPARK Alliance

Status: Eligible

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

Outcome Category: Availability/Accessibility

Amount Requested: \$18,288.00

Reason- Public Service Activities-

Per HUD under section 570.201(e) public services, 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.

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



Gloria Whiteley-McGrath - of YWCA of Alliance (1 of 3 Project Applications)



Project title: Employment Assistance

Status: Eligible

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

/ Meet an urgent need in the community

Amount Requested: \$3,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activity-

This project is eligible per HUD under section 570.201 (e) 05H, 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

Gloria Whiteley-McGrath - of YWCA of Alliance (2 of 3 Project Applications)



Project title: YWCA Exterior Improvements

Status: Eligible

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

Amount Requested: \$18,000.00

Reason- Public Service Activity-

Per HUD, section 570.202 (C) 16B Non-Residential Historic Preservation, CDBG funds may be used to pay for the preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic properties both publicly and privately owned are eligible. Cost may include studies, plans, labor, supplies, and materials as well as the relocation of that portion of a facility in which the public service is located to a temporary location. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the public service while a restoration project is being implemented.

This project is eligible because it meets the secretary of the interiors requirements as a historic as a local landmark. In 2012 the City of Alliance designated the YWCA as a local landmark. The project will include an architectural design review of the changes by the City of Alliance Historic Preservation Commission through a professional consultant. Benefits from the project will include the provision of more comfortable living accommodations for low to moderate income residents as well as increased energy efficiency, increased security, and improving the physical maintenance of the building. The preservation this building will it allow it continued use a model for future historic preservation projects.

CDBG funds will go towards funding to replace eleven windows as part of phase two of a twelve phase rehabilitation plan. The windows are located in the women's transitional housing area. In addition the funds will assist with the replacement of two Victorian corbels and a fallen window crown.

-Basically CDBG Handbook: Chapter 5: Other Real Property Improvements 5.7.1 Historic Preservation

Gloria Whiteley-McGrath - of YWCA of Alliance (3 of 3 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 section 570.201(e) 05D, 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). In 2016 the 21st Century Learning Center Grant will end leaving the program without funding. 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



PUBLIC NOTICES AND MEETINGS

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The City of
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November, 13th 2015

UPDATE: FY-2016 CDBG ALLOCATION PROCESS – CITY OF ALLIANCE

The City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development will hold two public meetings on Tuesday, November 17th from 3pm to 5pm, and on Thursday November 19th from 6:30pm to 8pm, to solicit public input as part of the FY-2016 community survey and information forum, and to solicit any Request for Proposals (RFP).

This open forum will be held at the Alliance Firehouse Theater to introduce and describe the overall goals of the CDBG programs, discuss types of projects eligible for funding and accept all comments related to the Program from any interested community agencies, businesses, and other applicants wanting to submit a RFP(s). Discussion at the workshop will include: explanation of the application process and forms, and HUD priorities, the review process, project ranking, and proposed changes to the monitoring process. In addition Staff will identify the expected level of funding in the upcoming year.

The City of Alliance will set aside 15% of the overall CDBG grant for service based project within the targeted Low to Moderate Income Areas, and 20% will be set-aside for the administration of the overall program which leaves approximately 65% percent available for other projects within the City of Alliance.

Enclosed is a copy of the FY-16 Application, CDBG application General Information Guide, and HUD Policies and Procedures. Please review these documents prior to attending the open community survey. We would like you to be able to hear from you on where to allocate the City of Alliance's portion of funding and addressing the city's priorities.

If you have any questions prior to the workshop, please contact the City of Alliance Planning and Development Department at 330-829-2235, email at lottrj@allianceoh.gov or visit our website at www.cityofalliance.com

Sincerely,

Richard J. Lott

Richard J Lott
Community Development Planner

#	Job	Remote Station	Start Date & Time	Duration	Pages	Protocol	Contents	Status
1	4606	WHBZ	11-13; 4:25 PM	22 Secs	1/1	Super G3	Broadcast	Completed
2	4606	WZKL	4:26 PM	39 Secs	1/1	G3	Broadcast	Completed
3	4606	Alliance Review	4:27 PM	24 Secs	1/1	Super G3	Broadcast	Completed
4	4606	Canton Repository	4:28 PM	22 Secs	1/1	Super G3	Broadcast	Completed

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

November 17, 2015

3:00PM

The Community Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing at the Fire House Theater City, 450 East Market Street, Alliance, Ohio Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 3:00p.m.

Present: Richard Lott, Joseph Mazzola, Gloria Whitley-Magrath, Carolyn Ferrell, Lisa Miller, and Vanessa Freeman

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public hearing was called to order at 3:00p.m. By Richard Lott, Community Planner of Planning and Development.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

Lott stated that this is the first public hearing for the FY-2016 CDBG program and the request purpose of this hearing is to review and answer any questions concerning the expected amount of revenue. The purpose of this meeting to solicit information from the community in regards to what the community would like to see improved with the block grant information. Lott distributed the following information to the attendees:

- Playing by the Rules handbook
- City of Alliance community needs Assessment Survey
- Information about “How to Strengthen your CDBG Grant Application”
- Information about Ineligible CDBG Activities
- IDIS Matrix CDBG Eligible and National Objectives
- CDBG Program Summary
- Eligible CDBG Activities information sheet

Lott explained that total expected amount could be lower and higher and at this time we do not know the amount of grant funding would be received. Lott also explained that the maximum allowed for public service is 15% of the new funds and 20% maximum available for administration. Mazzola explained that 65% of new fund would be used for community needs, and base on last year funds \$150,000.00 was used on the housing rehab program for low to modern income recipients which includes the emergency repair monies, and funds to pay Regional Planning for representative to service the Alliance clients.

Miller, ask if we can find a way to put information about the available services to the community

FY-2016 Annual Action Plan Draft for Public Review and Comment

Lott asked if there were any questions, attendees stated “None.

Second hearing is set for Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:30p.m.

There being no further business the public hearing closed at 3:55p.m.

A tape recording of this public hearing is on file in the Department of Planning and Development.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

November 19, 2015

6:30PM

The Community Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing at the Fire House Theater City, 450 East Market Street, Alliance, Ohio Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 6:30p.m.

Present: Richard Lott, Joseph Mazzola, Shirene Starn-Tapyrik, Jeff Brown, Cindy King

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public hearing was called to order at 6:30p.m. By Richard Lott, Community Planner of Planning and Development.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

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Ms. Starn-Tapyrik main concern was that people in the community were not vested in certain target areas and they were not revenue producing. Ms. Starn-Tapyrik suggested that Planning and Development should remain with the city’s comprehensive plan in developing more affordable housing for the community and used the funds for hard cost construction or habitation based on priority. Mazzola explained how the process for distributing the funds for CDBG public services organizations.

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There being no further business the public hearing closed at 8:00p.m.

A tape recording of this public hearing is on file in the Department of Planning and Development.



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, March 11TH, 2016

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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

SUBJECT: 2016 Community Development Block Grant

Dated: February 12th, 2016

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**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING MINTUES
Friday, March 11, 2016**

The Community Planning and Development Committee met at the City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Alliance, Ohio on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 10:01 a.m.

Members Present: Cindy King, Donald Kline, Haven Ackley, and Stefan Dreger

Others Present: Joseph Mazzola, Director of Planning and Development
Vanessia Freeman, Planning & Development
Richard Lott, Planning & Development

I. CALL TO ORDER

Seeing a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Cindy King, Committee Chairperson.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

The purpose of the meeting is to review the FY-2016 CDBG projects received and make recommendations to Alliance City Council for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

As chairperson of the Community Development Committee, King called the meeting to order, she welcomed everyone and turns the meeting over to Joe Mazzola, Director of Planning & Development.

Mazzola explained that the City of Alliance has not received the allocated amount from HUD for FY-2016, but he would use the amount of \$565,058.00 from last year's fiscal entitled allocations amount and the recaptured allocated funds of \$144,498.10 to distributed funding amounts. Mazzola stated that the maximum available for public service is 15% in the amount of \$84,608.00 and the maximum for administration is 20% in the amount of \$116,000.00.

After review of the projects that were received Mazzola recommend the following.

FY-2016 CDBG Recommendations March 11, 2016

FY- 2016 Entitlement Allocation	\$564,058.00		
Recaptured	\$144,498.10		
Total to allocate	\$708,556.10		

Maximum available for public service (15%)	\$84,608.00		
Maximum available for administration (20%)	\$116,000.00		
Eligible Activity Name		Recommended	
Administration		\$116,000.00	
Code Enforcement Administration		\$65,000.00	
Demolition		\$35,000.00	
Historic Preservation Capacity Building		\$2,000.00	
Housing Rehab		\$150,000.00	
Downtown Demolition Site Improvement		\$140,948.10	
Eligible Project Name	Request	Recommended	Activity Type
Alliance for Children and Families	\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00	Rehab
Friends of the Park	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	Public Facility
YWCA Exterior Improvements	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	Historic Pres.
Public Services	Request	Recommended	
Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter	\$18,000.00	\$14,500.00	
Alliance Career Centre	\$24,000.00	\$15,000.00	
Alliance Community Pantry	\$17,223.00	\$14,108.00	
Early Childhood Education Alliance	\$18,288.00	\$15,000.00	
Prescription Assistance Network	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	
YWCA Navigators After School	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
YWCA Employment	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Public Service total	\$105,511.00	\$84,608.00	
GRAND TOTAL		\$708,556.10	

King moves, Ackley Seconds to approve the recommendation for CDBG FY-2016 projects.

Adjourned by King close meeting at 10:58 a.m. Recording on file in the Department of Planning and Development, 504 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601

Public Notice

Notice of Availability of FY-2016 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives And Use of Funds- City of Alliance

The Consolidated Annual 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-2016 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
City Administration Building
504 East Main Street
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Rodman Public Library
215 East Broadway
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Written comments on the FY-2016 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds- City of Alliance will be accepted through May 16, 2016, 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.

FY-2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The Community Development Objectives to be addressed by the FY-2016 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-2016 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds - City of Alliance will address neighborhood revitalization through four public facilities improvement projects: Vacant Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation, Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, Early Hill Park Playground Addition, and Demolition.....**Total allocation is \$259,000.00.**

2. Public Service

The public service programs receiving funding are; Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter, Food for the Alliance Community Pantry, Prescription Access Network, Alliance Career Centre, Early Childhood SPARK Alliance, YWCA Employment Services, YWCA Navigators after School.....**Total allocation is \$82,919.00.**

3. Comprehensive Planning and Administration

Administration of the FY-2016 City of Alliance CDBG Program and Property Maintenance Code Enforcement will be conducted through the City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development.....**Total Allocation is \$175,559.00**

3. 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.....**Total allocation of \$8,000.00**

4. Historic Preservation

The FY-2016 Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Use of Funds - City of Alliance will address downtown economic development through two historic preservation activities these are: Alliance Historic Preservation Commission Capacity Building, and YWCA Exterior Improvements.....**Total Allocation of \$20,000.00**

5. Maximum Feasible Priority

During FY-2016, 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-2016 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.

Published in the Alliance Review on April 16th, 2016.



COMMUNITY SURVEY

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City of Alliance - Community Needs Assessment Survey

The City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development is conducting a study of citizens and local organizations and agencies to identify community needs and priorities for the expenditure of federal funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The survey results will be one tool used to implement Alliance’s Five-Year Consolidated plan. The Consolidated Plan is a strategic document that prioritizes the expenditure of HUD funds. Alliance receives approximately \$564,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds and will use these funds to carry out programs to assist low and moderate income persons, including the homeless, and to aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight.

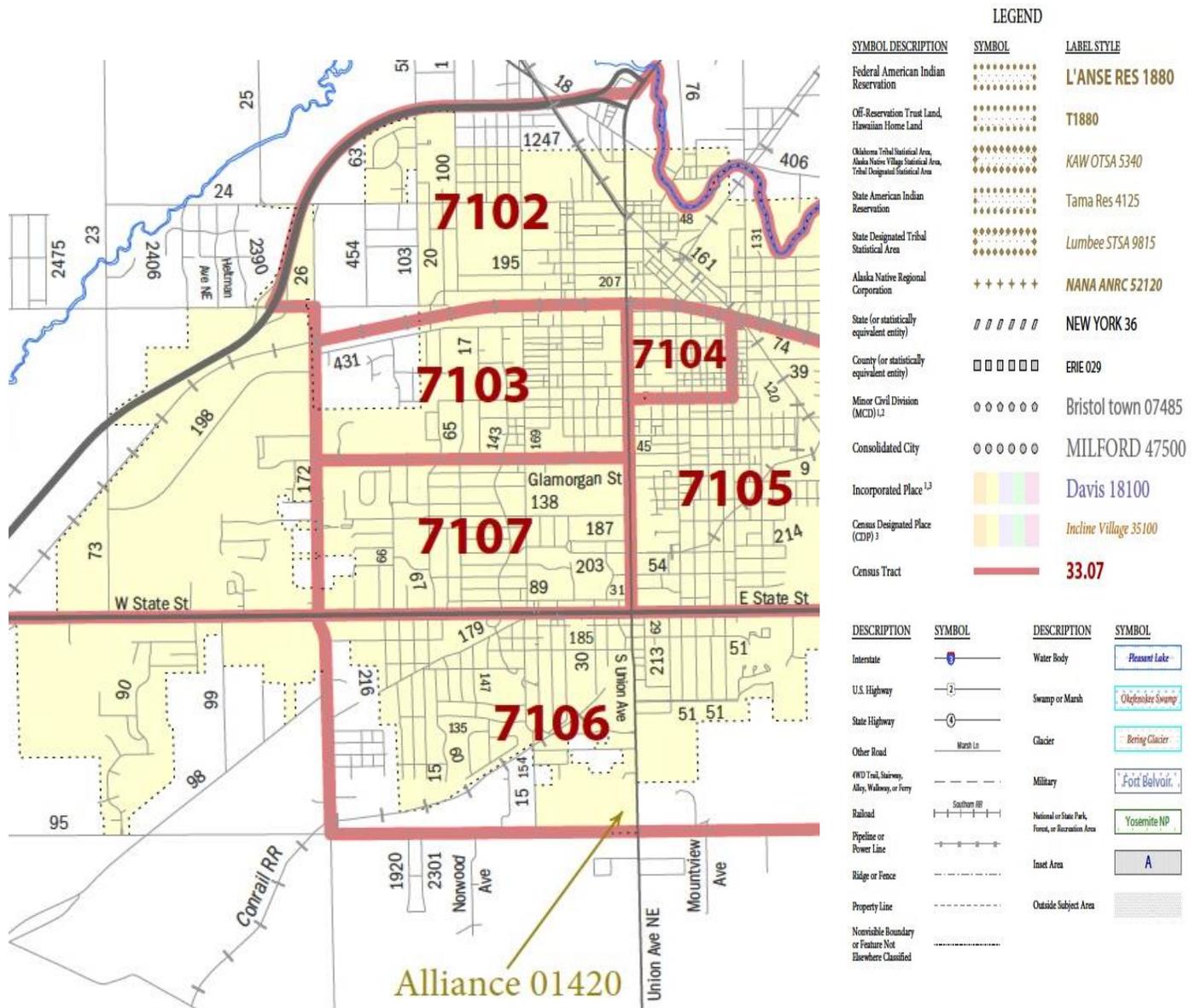
Please help us by rating the need level for each of the following community priorities as low, medium, or high; keeping in mind that there are not enough dollars to do everything. Where would you want to see the City of Alliance spend these limited dollars?

I speak as a: Resident ___ Voting Ward) ___ OR as a: Worker ___ Employer ___ Service Provider ___ Service User ___ Business ___

For residents: I am currently in my own home/apartment ___ living with Family or Friends ___ Homeless ___

Housing	1	2	3	4	Don't Know	Homeless	1	2	3	4	Don't Know
Homeowner Rehabilitation						Emergency Shelters					
Homeownership Assistance						Transitional Housing					
Affordable Rental Housing						Permanent Housing					
Senior Housing						Housing for Disabled/Chronic					
Housing for Disabled						Homeless					
Single Family Home Construction						Housing for Homeless Veterans					
Multi-Family Home Construction						Programs for Homeless Youth					
Energy Efficiency Improvements						Support Services for Homeless					
Fair Housing						Other: (explain on back)					
Community Facilities						Public Improvements					
Senior Center						Street Improvements					
Youth Centers						Sidewalk Improvements					
Childcare Centers						Drainage Improvements					
Community Centers						Water/Sewer Improvements					
Park & Recreation Facilities						Street Lighting/Streetscape					
Public Services						Neighborhood Services					
Senior Services						Demolition of Vacant, Dilapidated Buildings					
Youth Services						Housing Code Enforcement					
Child Care Services						Board-Up Vacant Buildings					
Anti-Crime Programs						Vacant Lot Mow, Clean-Up					
Housing Counseling						Community Gardens					
Landlord/Tenant Services						Land Bank Abandoned Property					
Other: (explain on back)						Neighborhood Associations					
Economic Development						Special Needs Services					
Assist New/Expanding Businesses						Centers/Services for Disabled					
Employment Training/Education						Accessibility Improvements					
Downtown Development						Domestic Violence Services					
Building Facade Improvements						Substance Abuse Services					
Historic Preservation						Neglected/Abused Children's Services					

THANK YOU. Please return the completed form by email to Richard J Lott lottrj@allianceoh.gov or mail to: Department of Development, 504 E. Main Street Alliance Ohio, 44601 or Fax to (330) 821-9362; or answer online by accessing the City of Alliance website: www.cityofalliance.com



Map 3. The maps shows the City of Alliance’s Census Tracts as designated by the United States Census bureau

City of Alliance, Ohio

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