

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan is a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. It offers a local jurisdiction the opportunity to share the various housing and community development programs into effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies.

The 5 Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2019-2023) for the City of Alliance describes the needs of low-and moderate income residents, persons with special needs, and homeless individuals and families. The Strategic Plan section outlines the goals, strategies, partners, and anticipated financial resources that will be available to implement projects using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds. A companion document, the Annual Action Plan, sets forth the specific projects that will be available to implemented during FY- 2020. At the conclusion of each year, the City submits the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), describing the results in implementing projects.

HUD funding is intended to assist individuals and families that earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI) in a metropolitan area. HUD defines these categories based upon household income, adjusted for family size. Alliance is part of the Canton-Massillon Metropolitan Statistical Area (Stark and Carroll Counties). The FY-2020 income categories for a family of four are : Extremely Low Income; Very Low Income; and Low Income, also known as Moderate Income for some program definations.

The Community Development Block Grant was established by Congress in 1974 with the passage of the Housing and Community Development Act. 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 2019-2023, defines the direction the City will take in utilizing CDBG federal funds to address the national objectives in a manner that will produce the greatest measurable impact on our community. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan was developed in accordance with the Consolidated Plan Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs Final Rule published in Part 92 Volume 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations for Community Planning and Development Programs.

This document provides information on program year FY-2020 and year two (2) of the City's Strategic Consolidated Plan 2019-2023. This second-year Annual Action Plan will explain how the City of Alliance intends to use its CDBG and HOME allocations in 2020/2021, and how the funded programs, projects

and activities will address the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan. The Plan 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. The Plan builds on local assets and coordinates a response to the needs of the community. The Plan 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

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The Department of P&D focuses on creating viable neighborhoods, empowering community organizations, and providing decent housing and economic opportunities. Recognized is 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.

The Department of P&D will continue its aggressive blight elimination efforts, support active citizen participation in monitoring nuisance properties through code enforcement, promote organizing efforts that improve the quality of life of the community and encourages the economic integration and revitalization of neighborhoods. In addition, the City will continue anti-poverty strategies, which emphasize job creation and retention through various methods of economic and community development. The City will continue to utilize a variety of tools to work cooperatively with the non-profit sector and the business community to leverage employment and economic activity in targeted areas within the city and to spark broader policy and systematic improvement to focus on jobs. Priorities:

Improve the living conditions of distressed neighborhoods.

Fair Housing education and outreach.

Increase Affordable Housing.

Create and Preserve Economic Opportunitites.

Increase Self- sufficiency.

Strengthen Neighborhoods and the quality of life for its residents.

Invest in community services and non-profit facilities.

Invest in Historic Preservation as economic development.

- The provision of the 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 choice community and the mainstay of an economically thriving area. Outcomes are:Availability / Accessibility/ Affordability/ Sustainability.
- Availability refers to the programs that make services, housing, infrastructure and public services accessible to low to moderate income persons, including those with disabilities and special needs.
- Affordability refers to programs that provide affordability to low to moderate income persons and includes affordable housing.
- Sustainability refers to programs that improve communities and promote viability such as removing slum and blight and other services that sustain communities.



ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

February 18, 2020

The Honorable Alan Andreani
Mayor of Alliance
504 E Main Street
City Hall
Alliance, OH 44601-2400

Dear Mayor Andreani:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. President Trump signed Public Law 116-94 on December 20th, 2019, which includes FY 2020 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2020 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$624,019
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$ 0
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$ 0

This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. We remind grantees that CPD seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income and special needs populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$3,120,095 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally guaranteed, this program can leverage your jurisdiction's existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones or other target areas in your jurisdiction.

Because the funds are not appropriated by Congress, Housing Trust Fund (HTF) formula allocation will be announced at a later date under separate cover.

HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurements in all of its formula grant programs. Proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) is critical to ensuring grantees are complying with program requirements and policies, providing demographic and income information about the persons that benefited from a

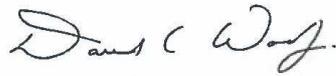
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community's activities, and allowing HUD to monitor grantees. Your ongoing attention to ensuring complete and accurate reporting of performance measurement data continues to be an invaluable resource with regard to the impact of these formula grant programs.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Woll, Jr." in a cursive style.

David C. Woll, Jr.
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019**

The Planning and Development Committee held a public meeting at the City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Alliance, Ohio on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Present: Barbara Sferra, Deputy Director
Jennifer Merriman, Housing Specialist
Joseph Mazzola, Director of Planning & Development
Cindy King, Chairperson
Emily Rhome, Member
Brian Simeone, Member
Jennifer Mastroianni
Danille Kemp, Fire Department
Haven Ackley

Handout: 2019/2020 Calendar listing CDBG Meetings & Due Dates

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Community Development Committee and the Planning and Development Department meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Cindy King, Chairperson.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

Sferra opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance to the first meeting for FY-2019.

FY-2018 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be submitted to HUD on September 28, 2019 for review.

City of Alliance has received the funding agreement for FY-2019 with the award amount of approximately \$600,000.00. Made mention that the award amounts have decreased over the last several years. The funds are delegated to the public services and projects for the City.

Sferra reviewed CDBG calendar from September 2019 through June 2020. The Committee and Planning Dept agreed on dates and times for future meeting and workshops.

Sferra asked all in attendance if there were any comments or questions.

Mazzola noted that at one-time the City of Alliance had a backlog of funds for housing rehabilitation with the Home Program and CDBG. The City was aggressive in promoting these programs and adjusted the criteria to allow more residents to be able to take part in these programs. Currently, all funds have been exhausted and CDBG funds were spent in advance for rehabilitation and demolitions that the City is waiting to get replenished. The

City has a great need for housing rehabilitation with most of the funds being used for emergency rehabilitations.

The City of Alliance had a backlog of structures that needed to be demolished. Within the past 5 years, approximately 30 houses were removed using Moving Ohio Forward funds (MOF), the Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) removed 161 blighted homes, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) removed an additional 10 homes. In total, over 200 blighted structures were removed from the City and the goal is to keep that under control and not creep up again.

Mazzola may recommend that all CDBG monies available except for 15% for public services and 20% for administration are applied to housing rehabilitation and demolitions. Open to the community for suggestions and will consider what the community wants.

Someone asked how many additional homes need to be demolished. Merriman noted the Health Department gave an approximate number of 25. Someone asked if the City owned those properties. Mazzola stated that NIP requirements were tax delinquent, vacant and abandoned. CDBG requirements are homes be vacant and abandoned and have been condemned by the Health Department. It is possible for a home to be current on taxes and when the home is demolished the owner still owns the property. Funds used to demolish the home will be attached to the property as a lien. If the lien is paid and removed, the funds will be reported in CDBG as program income.

Per HUD regulations, if program income is received, it must be spent first and will be used for housing rehabilitation. Emergency rehabilitations typically cost around \$10,000.00.

Mazzola stated in past couple years there were unused funds of the 20% allocated to administration expenses. Due to an accounting change with HUD, those funds could not be carried over to a new FY for administration and must be used to fund public projects. Several of the projects being carried out due to the restructure of funding was the Alliance Fire Department roof, the Alliance Community Pantry roof as well as the Union Avenue Corridor project.

Housing stock is in the most need and do not want to get behind in blighted residential properties.

Someone verified after administration & public service allocations, all funding could be diverted to demolition & rehabilitation. Sferra and Mazzola stated the importance of rehab as there are approximately 20 households on a waiting list for rehabilitation currently.

Ackely questioned the ownership of the properties qualifying for rehab. Sferra responded that a property/resident must meet the following criteria: single family dwellings, owner occupied and income qualifying. Ackely asked about code enforcement and holding residents accountable for properties. Mazzola responded by stating that this administration's focus for the last several years has been the NIP program. Now that NIP is completed, the next step is a thorough and heavy-duty code violation process with the focus on investment properties.

Sferra added that CDBG funds are dedicated to code enforcement that pays for ½ of the residential code enforcement person and ½ of the commercial code enforcement person.

Mazzola went on to discuss the success of NIP program and over \$2.3 million was reimbursed from the county. All funds were deposited by to Urban Development Action Grant repayments account. This account can be used as a revolving loan account for small businesses with in the City. The City can complete 50% of a deal anywhere in the City for 2% and in the downtown area and along Arch St., the City can do up to 90% of the deal looking for reinvestment.

King asked for a list of code enforcement and questioned whether a resident knows their property is up to code. Mazzola answered that code enforcement is a complaint driven process. Sferra then asked how would King know if something on her property was un-compliant with City of Alliance's code. Merriman responded that Alliance's codified ordinances are available online and can be viewed by the public. As code enforcement, these are the documents used by the City to submit violations to property owned for the exterior issues. King asked then about inside homes. Merriman responded that code enforcement does not enter home or trespass onto property, and referred question to Assistant Chief Danille Kemp, who stated that the Fire Department bases inspections on a compliant driven process as well.

King referenced the Fire Department and surveys completed while inspecting smoke detectors. Kemp explained that the Fire Department completed a survey of the home and listed suggestions for property owner. These were suggestions by the Fire Department not citations.

Mazzola noted that by taking steps to remove blighted homes and get exterior code compliance from investor owner properties it would help to raise community standards.

Kemp asked if investment properties were commercial or residential? Mazzola responded that residential properties whether investment owned, or owner occupied are still residential and held to those codes.

Ackley asked if there was a contractor list that could be provided to residents when code violations are issued. Sferra stated that at certain times of the year, different groups of volunteers help the community with home projects, but as the City we are not permitted to recommend a for-profit company.

Sferra addressed 2 corrections, the November 15th meeting will have the workshop along with the committee meeting and the total awarded for FY-2019 is \$600,083.00.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



ATTENDANCE SHEET

CDIBG COMMITTEE MTG
11:00 A
9-13-19

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Brian Sferza	City
JOE MAZZOLA	CITY
Cindy King	
Emily Rhone	
John Merriman	City
Brian Simeone	City Council
Jeanette Mastrolanni	
Danielle King	
Ashley Ackley	

**CDBG
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FY 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting was held at the City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Alliance, Ohio on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Kylie Westfall, Alliance for Children & Families
Niki McIlvain, Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity
Barb Sferra, Deputy Director, Planning and Administration
Cindy King, Council
Katie Morrow, Mayor's Office
Tom Phillips, Starkfresh
Joe Mazzola, Director, Planning and Development

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by King.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

The purpose of the meeting is to state the Gov. Con. Plan Goals, Objectives and Outcome

Barb Sferra stated last year, the city produced a Five Year Consolidated Plan along with a One Year Plan.

Goals of Five Year Plan so as to gear applications to them:

- 1) Improve, maintain and expand affordable housing
- 2) Revitalize residential neighborhoods
\$150,000 currently is allotted with \$50,000 of this amount going to invoices for Stark County Regional Planning because they administer the program
- 3) Provide needed public services

Strategic Plan Overview:

- 1) Increase economic opportunity
- 2) Reduce homelessness and at-risk homelessness

Statutory objectives for HUD:

- 1) To provide decent affordable housing
- 2) Creating sustainable living environment
- 3) Expand on economic opportunities

All things to help low to moderate income individuals, households, populations, female head of households

HUD is looking for availability, accessibility and affordability.

Alliance tries to fund things around those goals and targets that will improve on the community with CDBG funds

Joe Mazzola explained that \$600,000 was received this year for CDBG funds.

Of this:
20% administration
15% public service

City takes code enforcement seriously to protect quality of neighborhoods. Block grant money funds half of the commercial code position and half of the residential code position on staff.

Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) has removed 160 houses. Alliance has removed backlog of vacant and abandoned but must stay on top of it. This is one way to use block grant monies. Another way is housing. Most dollars are to save homes and keep people in their homes -- emergency repairs.

What is left is put into projects.

A budget has not been developed, that is why Alliance has these workshops.

Sferra noted the ad was in paper 11/13/19 for requests of applications for 2020

Applications will be accepted until 12/13/2019 (corrected – accepted until 12/20/2019 at 4:00 p.m.)

Applications will be online
Must be typed
Two contact people

Any questions when filling out application please feel free to call

Keep in mind – if requesting money for construction requires contractor Davis Bacon Labor Standard Laws must be followed

All information must go to SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) for review to see if it is required to follow any historic rules and regulations

Playing by the Rules (publication) – will answer many questions. We will also take emails and calls of questions.

We are always seeking MBE contractors, since HUD funding looks for us to use.

Time line for funds

Program year runs July1 – June 30

Funding takes place as late as October or as early as August

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Applications are received; Mazzola will review; Mazzola will make Recommendations; committee will meet in January to announce who will be awarded and what amounts will be awarded

10:02 King adjourned meeting.

CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES FOR FY-2020

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

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

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

Priority Needs:

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

Goals and Programs:

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

Strategic Plan Overview

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

HUD Statutory Objectives:

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

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

1. Availability/Accessibility
2. Affordability
3. Sustainability

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned 4:17 pm

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

Joseph Mazzola, Planning & Development Director

Notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Review October 30 and November 6, 2019

Attendance Sheet

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR 2020

Friday, November 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

City Administration Building

2nd Floor Conference Room

504 E. Main Street, Alliance, Ohio

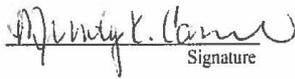
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JIM JUSTICE	" "	" "
Liz Hibbs	ECEA/SPARK	285 W Oxford St. Alliance OH 44601
Captain Dorothy Budd	The Salvation Army Alliance	57 West Main St. Alliance OH 44601
Gloria Whiteley-Magrath	YWCA Alliance	239 E. Market Alliance Ohio 44601
JOE MAZZOLA	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	
Bass Sferra	Mayor's	
Jennifer Keaton	SMHAR	121 Cleveland Ave SW Canton OH 44702
Shirone	ACT	624 Scranton Alliance OH 44601
Kim Stanley	AADVS	P.O. Box 3622 Alliance OH 44601

Workshop Meeting Attendance Sheet

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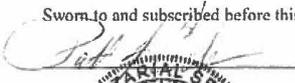
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PATTI J. COCHRAN
 Notary Public, State of Ohio
 My Commission Expires 10-23-2021



cc: Barb

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR 2020
 CITY OF ALLIANCE**

The City of Alliance will hold two public meetings on the dates listed below to receive citizen's input on the City of Alliance's housing and community development needs. The purpose of the public meeting is to invite input on the goals, priorities, strategies, and activities for FY 2020 the Annual Action Plan.

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m., at the City Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, Ohio.

Friday, November 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., at the City Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, Ohio.
 Immediately following this meeting only will be a CDBG workshop.

These meetings are being held as part of the City's development of the Annual Action Plan for FY-2020 as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Development (HUD) and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The City of Alliance is currently preparing the community development document that involve funding the City receives from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Annual Action Plan sets forth the goals and objectives needed to implement the City's Five-Year Consolidation Plan, a unified vision for Alliance's community development actions. It is intended to allow the city to shape various housing and community development programs into coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies. The plan will describe the specific activities the City will undertake during the program year. The completion of the Annual Action Plan is required for the City's participation in certain programs funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Monies granted must meet one of HUD's National Objectives listed below:

- Benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight;
- Meet a need having a particular urgency

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

Applicants in receipt of ODDC funding are encouraged to attend a meeting and the Friday workshop.

MBE Contractors are highly encouraged to attend a meeting for information regarding potential opportunities.

Joseph C. Mazzola, Director
 Planning & Development

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Public Meeting Proof of Advertisement

Annual Action Plan
 2020

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Mindy Cannon
Signature

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Patti J. Cochran
Notary Public
PATTI J. COCHRAN
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 10-23-2021

cc: Barb

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Alliance is requesting proposals for funding under the FY-2020 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Applicants requesting CDBG funding must fall under one of the eligibility categories listed below; meet one or more HUD National Objectives and be consistent with the priority needs of the City of Alliance.

CDBG ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES
Activities Related to Housing, Public Facilities, Activities Related to Public Services, Activities Related to Economic Development, Planning & Administration, Other Types of Eligible Activities.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES
Benefits to low to moderate income Persons or Households, Elimination of Slum & Blight and Urgent Need.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019 at the office of Planning and Development, 504 E. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Alliance, OH 44601. Applications can be picked up at the Department of Planning & Development or can be found online at www.cityofalliance.com. For further information please contact the Department of Planning and Development at (330) 829-2235.

THE CITY OF ALLIANCE IS ACTIVELY SEEKING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MBE) TO BID ON 2020 CDBG PROJECTS.
For more information on the bid process please feel free to contact us!

Published in the Alliance Review on November 13, and November 20, 2019.

RFP

Company Name	Expiration Date	Address	City	State	Zip	County	Procurement Type	Business Type	Zip	Email	Phone #
Sag Construction LLC	3/21/2019	385 Bedford Ave. NW Canton, OH 44705	Canton	OH	44705	Stark	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44705	GOODMAN.SID@AMSO.COM	330-439-9432
Alco Walker's Heating and Cooling LLC	4/18/2019	3744 19th Ave. N.E. Canton, OH 44705	Canton	OH	44705	Stark	Construction	Construction (Plumbing and/or HVAC)	44708	hwalker111@comcast.net	330-455-3832
Quality Care Construction, Inc.	7/20/2018	9321 Middlebranch Ave.	Canton	OH	44721	Stark	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44721	qualitycare65@yahoo.com	330-575-8104
Urban Green Solutions	1/20/2019	4337 Eaton Rd. NW	Canton	OH	44708	Stark	Construction	Construction (Residential)	44708	u.green@comcast.net	330-324-3373
First Choice Drywall	10/27/2019	940 Ottawa Dr	Youngstown	OH	44511	Mahoning	Construction	Construction (Carpenter/Drywall/Cabinetry/Etc.)	44511	firstchoicedrywall@yahoo.com	330-783-3993
Jag'd Construction, Inc.	7/11/2019	545 Coltsville Hubbard Road	Youngstown	OH	44505	Mahoning	Construction	Construction (Painting)	44505	jd@jagdc.com	330-506-1294
AITEC Construction, Inc.	10/31/2018	29 Dyerhill Road	Boardman	OH	44512	Mahoning	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44512	aj@itec.com	330-787-0691
AD Construction and Restoration	1/22/2018	6930 Market St.	Boardman	OH	44512	Mahoning	Construction	Construction (Concrete)	44512	adconstruction7298@yahoo.com	330-519-4892
RS Dean Enterprise, LLC	4/19/2018	704 East Medithan Blvd.	Youngstown	OH	44502	Mahoning	Goods and Services	Construction (Residential)	44502	rs@rsdean.com	330-788-1098
Business Works, Inc. (Fictive Name) MARE'S REMEDIATION	7/1/2019	906 South Ave.	Youngstown	OH	44502	Mahoning	Construction	Construction (Demolition Services)	44502	businessworks11@yahoo.com	330-744-5170
Haines Electric Inc	7/8/2018	3968 Arlington Rd	Uniontown	OH	44685	Summit	Construction	Construction (Electrical)	44685	haineselectric.com	330-896-4690
MT The Plumber, Inc.	1/1/2019	1109 Tower Dr.	Alton	OH	44305	Summit	Construction	Construction (Plumbing and/or HVAC)	44305	mtplumber.com	330-940-3600
T R Construction Inc.	8/26/2018	1007 Bank Street	Alton	OH	44305	Summit	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44305	trconstruction@yahoo.com	713-332-8016
Kingdom Construction & Builders LLC	1/5/2019	4137 Westbourne Blvd	Copley	OH	44321	Summit	Construction	Construction (Carpenter/Drywall/Cabinetry/Etc.)	44321	kingdombuilders.com	330-715-0111
Weather Rig Heating and Air Inc.	12/19/2017	51 Meadow Lane Suite E	Northfield	OH	44067	Summit	Construction	Construction (Mechanical)	44067	weather_rig@yahoo.com	330-984-0281
Canal Construction Co.	11/2/2018	351 E North St	Alton	OH	44304	Summit	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44304	canalconstruction.com	330-615-7343
Green Mile Group	7/7/2019	10838 W. Waterloo Rd	Alton	OH	44314	Summit	Construction	Construction (Site Work/ Excavation)	44311	greenmilegroup@yahoo.com	330-459-0747
B & G Masonry Remodeling & Construction	6/14/2018	262 1st Ave.	Alton	OH	44301	Summit	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44301	bmgremodeling@yahoo.com	330-431-1364
T.H.C. Construction	4/1/2018	902 Bruce Rd.	Alton	OH	44307	Summit	Construction	Construction (Carpenter/Drywall/Cabinetry/Etc.)	44307	thcconstruction@yahoo.com	330-819-1834
Papa Meks Mechanical LLC	7/7/2018	1294 East Ave.	Alton	OH	44307	Summit	Construction	Construction (Mechanical)	44307	papa_meks@yahoo.com	330-573-5759
Eric Garrett Construction	8/2/2019	1070 Hazlet St.	Alton	OH	44305	Summit	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44305	ericgarrett.com	330-554-8866

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FY-2020 CDBG Planning & Development Committee Meeting

January 24, 2020
2nd Floor Conference Room
504 E. Main St. Alliance, Ohio 44601

The Community Planning and Development Committee met at the City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Alliance, Ohio 44601 on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: Cindy King, Chair- Alliance City Council, Phillip Mastroianni - Alliance City Council, Haven Ackley- Committee Member, Emily Rhome- Committee Member, Sheila Cherry -Absent and Jennifer Mastroianni- Absent.

Present: Carolyn Ferrell, Beacon Charitable Pharmacy
Jennifer Keaton, Stark MHAR
Kathy Kramer, Alliance Community Food Pantry
Robert Park, Canton Ex-Newsboys
Mark Locke, Alliance Habitat for Humanity
Elizabeth Hibbs, SPARK Alliance
Niki McIlvain, Alliance Habitat for Humanity
Mary Ann Campbell, Planning & Development
Joe Mazzola, Planning & Development
Barb Sferra, Planning & Development
Vanessia Freeman, Planning & Development

I. CALL TO ORDER

Seeing a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Cindy King, Committee Chairperson.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

The purpose of the meeting is to review the FY-2020 CDBG projects received and make recommendations to the 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 turn the meeting over to Planning and Development Director, Joe Mazzola. Mazzola acknowledge the new committee member that was present Phillip

Mastroianni. Mazzola explained to the committee that he was working with the previous year's allocations of fund, which was just under \$600,000.00 until they receive the official amount from HUD. Mazzola stated that the maximum for public service is 15% and the for administration is 20% which covers the cost of code enforcement and department employees' wages. Mazzola thanked last year's subrecipients for their service they provided to our community. Below is the recommendation Mazzola presented to the committee for the FY-2020 CDBG funding allocations.

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Mastroianni questioned the 20% administration allocations for CDBG, Sferra explained that it pays for a portion code enforcement, zoning enforcement and clerical positions. Mazzola stated the Housing Rehab program covered owner occupied housing with emergency repairs and full

rehab, he also explained about the NIP program for demolition. Mazzola noted that this was the first year CDBG will fund Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity as an eligible project.

Meeting adjourned 9:22 a.m.

A recorded copy of this meeting will be on file at the City of Alliance, Planning and Development Dept.

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Jennifer Keaton	Stark MHAR	121 Cleveland Ave SW, Canton 44702
Kathy Kramer	Alliance Community Party	215 E Market Ave, Alliance, OH 44601
Haven Cickley	Committee member	
Bob Park	CANTON EOC Nursery	
MARK LOCKE	HABITAT	
Liz Hibbs	ECEA/SPARK	285 W. Oxford St. Alliance, OH 44601
Niki McIlvain	Alliance Habitat	470 E Broadway Alliance OH 44601
Mary Ann Campbell	City of Alliance	
JOE MARZOLA	CITY OF ALLIANCE	
Cindy King	Council	
Paul D'Amico	City	

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Emily Bhome		
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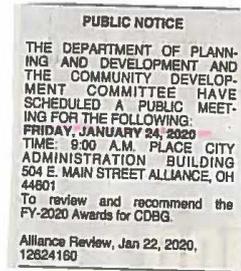
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CITY OF ALLIANCE
AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN

THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT (HOME) PROGRAM AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND VARIOUS OTHER HUD FUNDED PROGRAMS REQUIRE THAT AN AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN (AMP) BE DEVELOPED AND FOLLOWED WITH THE GOAL OF SOLICITING ELIGIBLE PERSONS IN THE HOUSING MARKET AREA WHO ARE OTHERWISE NOT LIKELY TO APPLY FOR THE SAID PROGRAM(S) WITHOUT SPECIAL OUTREACH. THESE OUTREACH ACTION STEPS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, RELIGION, FAMILIAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR DISABILITY. THE AMP HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO FEDERAL REGULATION (SEE 24 CRF 92.351) AND IS INTENDED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE STEPS WHICH THE CITY OF ALLIANCE WILL TAKE TO MAXIMIZE OUTREACH TO APPROPRIATE POPULATIONS AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE TO MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THESE PROGRAMS AND HOUSING UNITS ARE MARKETED TO THOSE LEAST LIKELY TO APPLY. THIS FURTHERS THE CITY OF ALLIANCE'S EXISTING COMMITMENT TO NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY. PROVIDERS CONTRACTED UNDER THE HUD FUNDED PROGRAMS WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING WITH THE CITY OF ALLIANCE.

THIS AMP IS DOCUMENTED AND MAINTAINED IN THE CITY OF ALLIANCE'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FILES, AND SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ALL HUD HOUSING PROJECT AGREEMENTS. PROVIDERS ARE HELD TO THE TERMS OF THE AMP BY THE REQUIREMENTS IN THESE APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS.

THE MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF THE AMP ARE THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO NORMALLY MIGHT NOT APPLY FOR AVAILABLE HOUSING UNITS BECAUSE THEY ARE SOCIALLY AND/OR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED:

- BE INFORMED OF AVAILABLE HOME HOUSING UNITS
- BE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
- HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO RENT/ OWN HOUSING UNITS

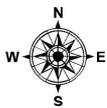
1. **METHODS FOR INFORMING THE PUBLIC, OWNERS, AND POTENTIAL TENANTS ABOUT FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS AND THE AMP**

- A. THE CITY OF ALLIANCE'S DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SHALL INFORM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ITS AMP THROUGH MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE ALONG WITH HAVING COPIES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.
- B. THE CITY OF ALLIANCE WILL MAKE USE OF THE EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY LOGOTYPE ON ANY HOUSING RELATED BROCHURE, WEBSITE PAGE, AND/OR OTHER WRITTEN

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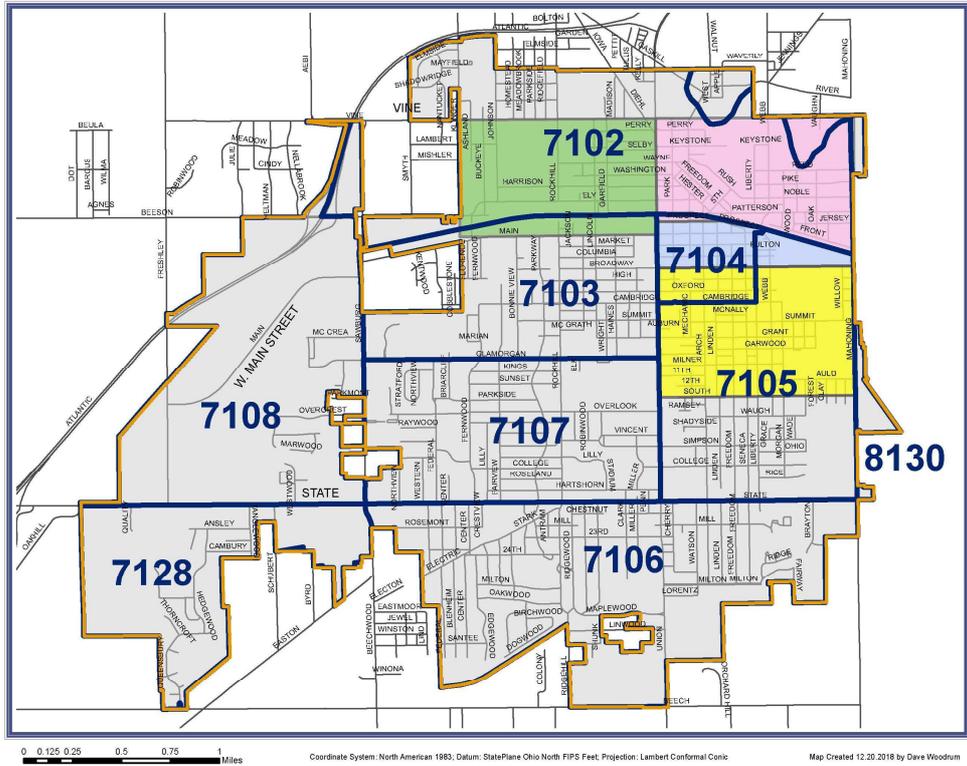
- C. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STARK COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS PRACTICE OF PROVIDING GENERAL INFORMATION AND REFERENCES TO PERSONS CONTACTING THEM WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING FAIR HOUSING AND RELATED TOPICS, WHICH INCLUDES MAKING AVAILABLE THE INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE ABOUT FAIR HOUSING PROVIDED BY THEIR PARTNER STARK COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.
2. **REQUIREMENTS AND PRACTICES EACH HOUSING DEVELOPER AND PROVIDER OF ANY HUD FUNDED HOUSING PROJECT MUST ADHERE TO IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE CITY'S AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN**
 - A. MAKE USE THE EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY LOGOTYPE OR SLOGAN IN ALL HUD FUNDED PROGRAMS RELATED ADVERTISEMENT, NOTICES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.
 - B. CLEARLY DISPLAY A FAIR HOUSING POSTER IN A PUBLIC PLACE WITHIN YOUR OFFICE. POSTERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.
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 - B. HOUSING DEVELOPERS/PROVIDERS WILL PROVIDE NOTICES OF VACANT UNITS OR UNITS THAT WILL BECOME VACANT WITHIN 30 DAYS TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.
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 - A. THE CITY OF ALLIANCE WILL KEEP COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE, AGREEMENTS, AND REPORTS OF CONDUCTED IN REGARD TO HUD FUNDED UNITS.
 - B. HOUSING PROVIDERS WILL MAINTAIN RECORDS OF HOW VACANCIES WERE MARKETED AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FROM THE APPLICATIONS PROCESSED INCLUDING HOW APPLICANTS LEARNED OF THE UNIT BEING AVAILABLE. AN ANNUAL REPORT WILL

Target Areas by Census Tract



Areas of Interest

- Census Tracts
- Target Area 1
- Target Area 2
- Target Area 3
- Target Area 4



Target Area by Census Tract



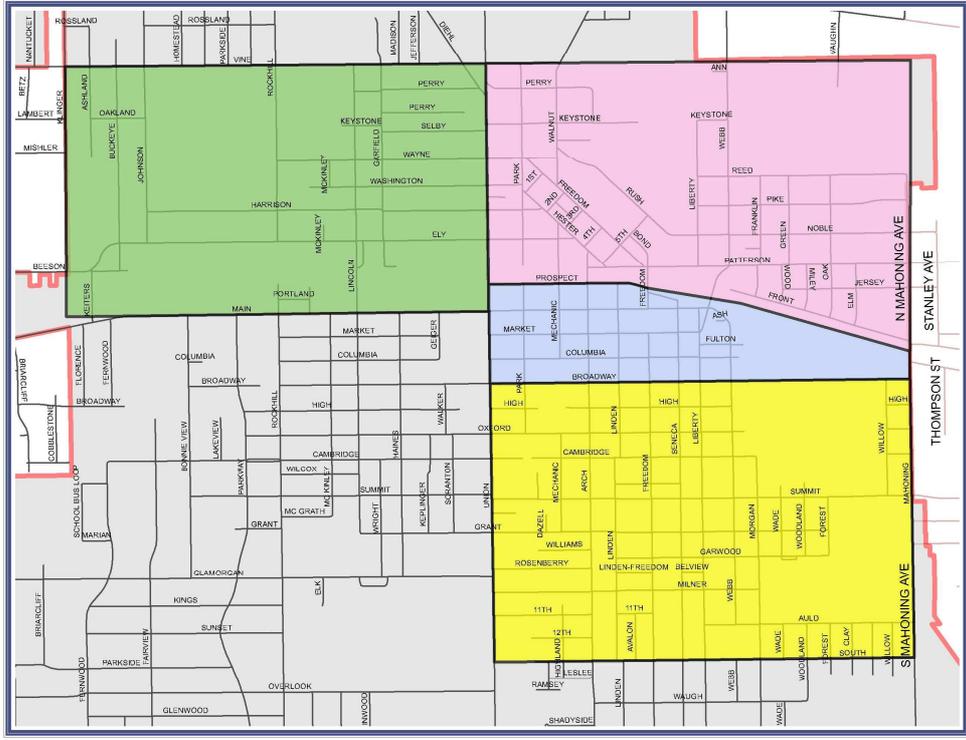
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Areas of Interest

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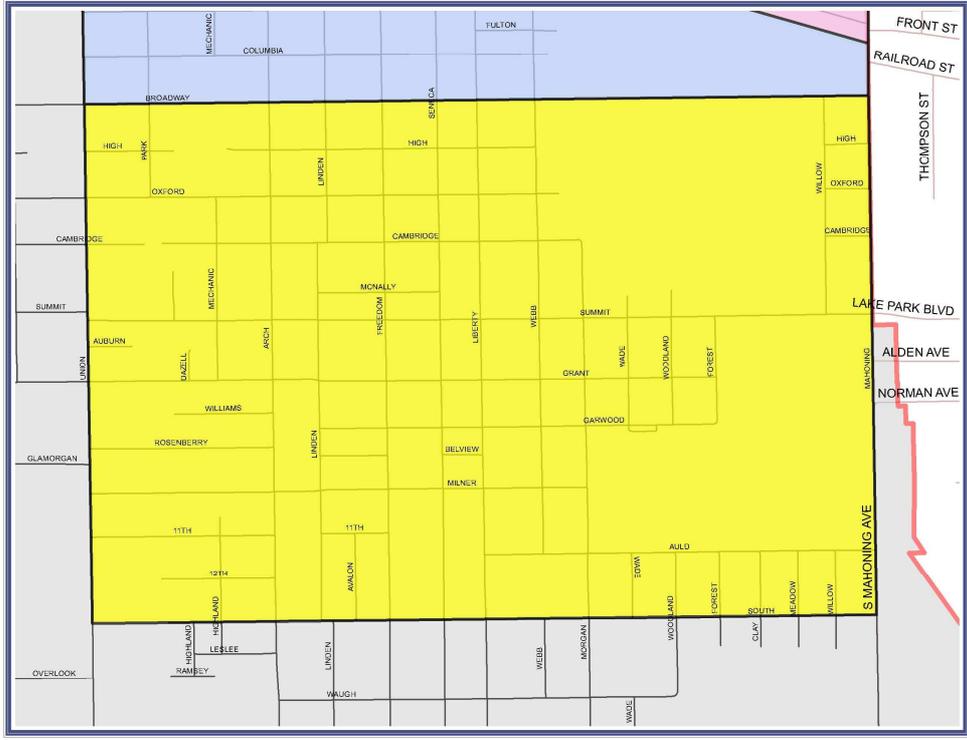
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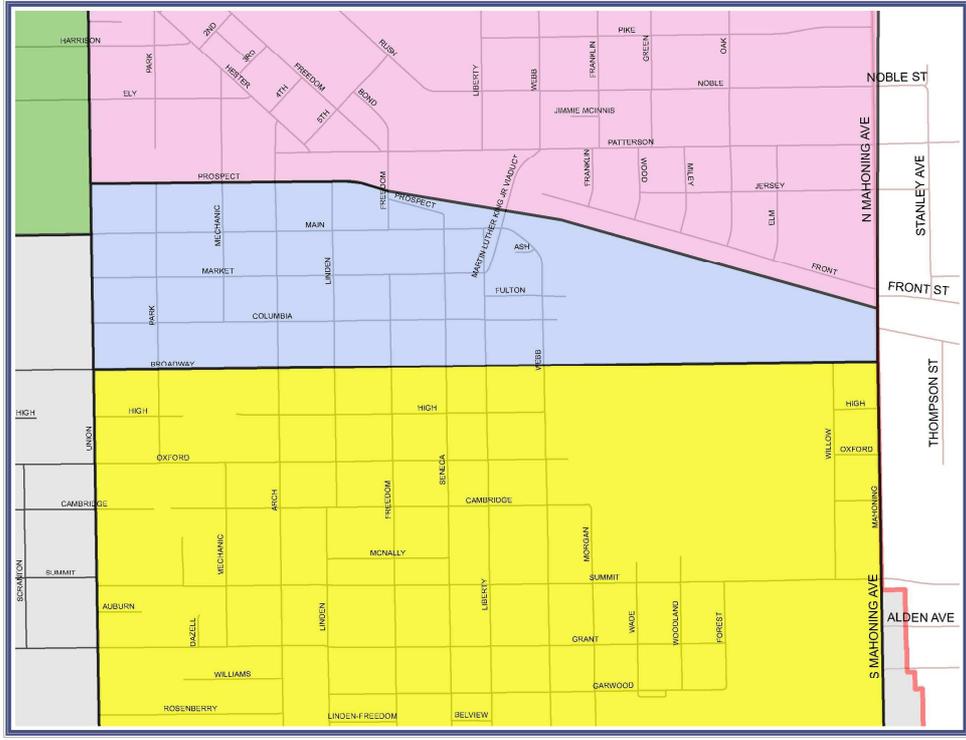
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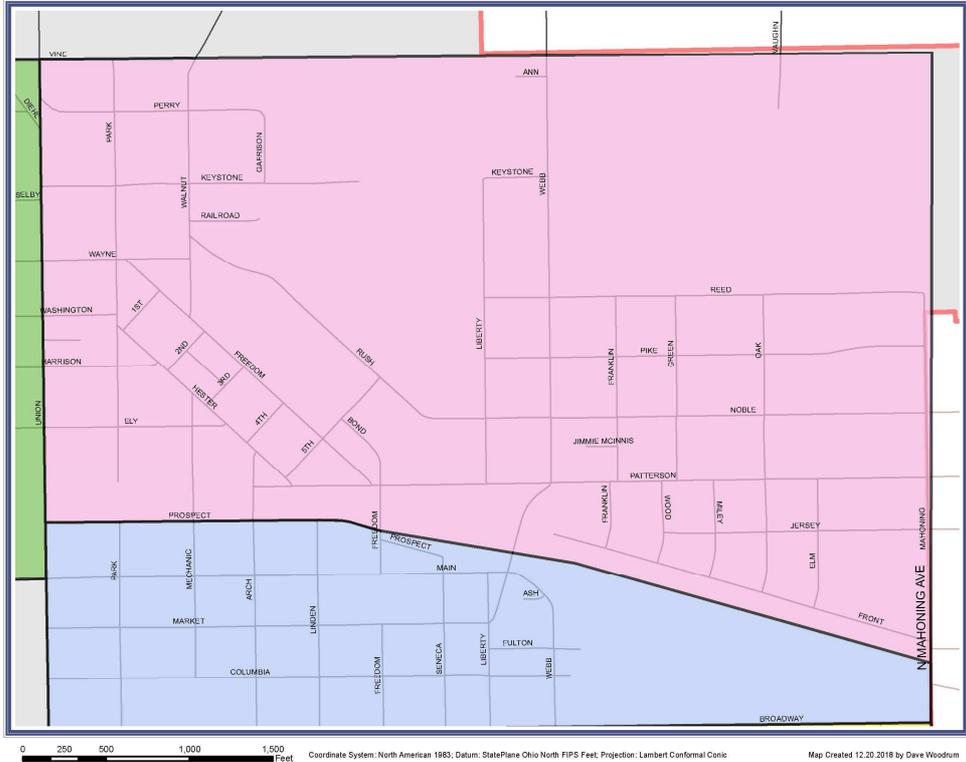
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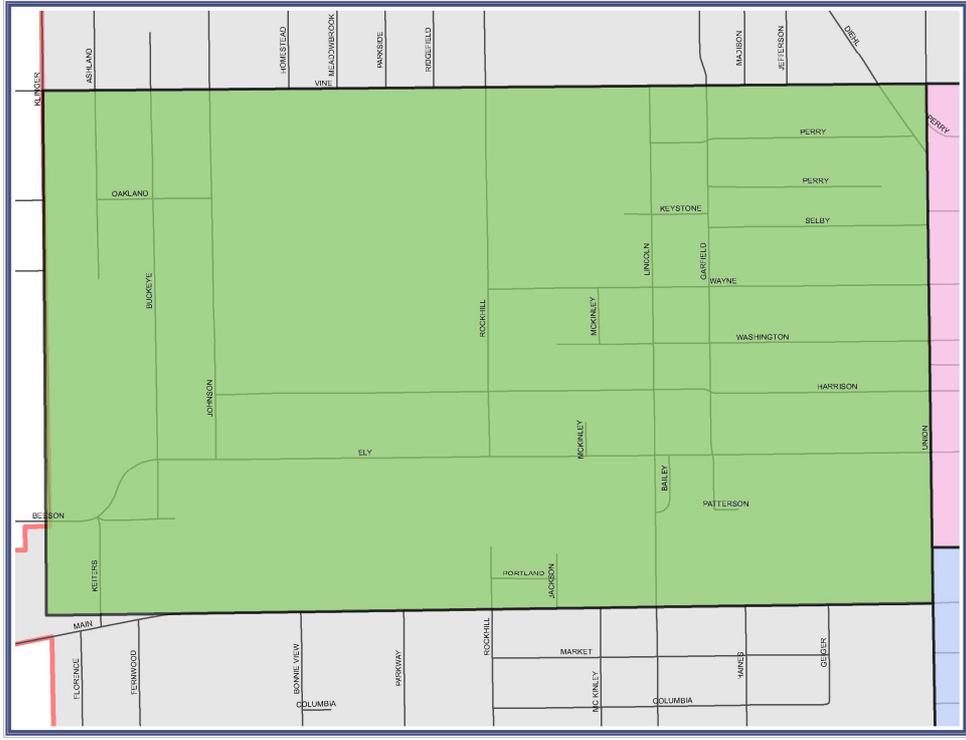
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Over the years, the City of Alliance has used its federal entitlement funds to productively respond to community needs and to enable neighborhood residents, businesses and other community stakeholders to achieve the highest possible quality of life. 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. These activities are under the direct control of the Department of Planning and Development. These activities are primarily funded by Community Development Block Grant funds, The Neighborhood Initiative Program, and previously Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant funds.

The FY-2020 activities have contributed to 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 Alliance Career Center Tuition Assistance, the Early Childhood Education Alliance SPARK Alliance, and the YWCA Navigators after School program, the City has been able to make contributions towards improving academic success for its residents. During FY-2019/2020, the City has made significant efforts through its' active demolition and code enforcement programs to reduce property deterioration and the influences of urban blight. In addition, the FY-2019 housing rehab activities funded by the City of Alliance through the CDBG program have been leveraged with re-allocated funds to allow continued funding through the current FY -2020 year. Through the FY-2020 fiscal year, the City will continue this effort of creating an affordable 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, by unanimous vote of the Community Development Committee, 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. A copy of the Citizen Participation Plan is included in this submission.

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 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 impairments, 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 continued to make increased efforts through the use of its website, social media, and traditional media such as radio and newspaper to actions. The process offers local jurisdictions the opportunity to shape their housing and community help resolve this issue.

The 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 when advanced notice is given. The public hearings are held in an ADA compliant environment so that persons with disabilities may attend and offer input.

Public notices were in the local circulation, The Alliance Review, on October 30, & November 6, 2019 for input on the FY-2020 Annual Action Plan. The public meetings dates were November 14th and 15th, 2019 at the City Administration Building. The notice was posted on the city website and bulletin boards in the Administration Building and in City Hall.

The City requested proposals for funding under the FY-2020 CDBG Program. Applicants requesting CDBG funding must meet one or more HUD National Objectives and be consistent with the priority needs of the City.

Included: Activities Related to Housing, Public Facilities, to Public Services, Economic Development, P&D & other types of activities.

Applications were accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019 at the office of Planning and Development, 504 E. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Alliance, OH 44601.

A CDBG Workshop was held on Friday, November 15, 2019 immediately following the 4:00 p.m. CDBG public meeting at the Department of Planning and Development for all interested applicants and contractors. A final public meeting for comments was held on May, 13, 2020.

Applications were available to be picked up at the Department of Planning & Development or found online at www.cityofalliance.com.

The City highlighted that MBE contractors were being sought out to bid on CDBG projects. MBE contractors were also notified by e-mail of the workshop and application process to become a participant in the CDBG program. The e-mail was sent to MBE contractors in the tri-county area.

PROPOSED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Department of Planning & Development is the responsible entity in the City of Alliance to administer the HUD funded Community Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Citizen Participation Plan Development Process

Prior to the adoption of the Community Development Department's Citizen Participation Plan, citizens are given the opportunity to comment. The draft plan is presented to the Community Development Committee at its March meeting at the same time as the CDBG proposed program. The plan is then made accessible to the residents of the City of Alliance through its website and a copy is available in the Rodman Public Library for a 30 day citizen comment period. As needed, the plan can be made into a format accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request. Any comments made by the public during the 30 comment period will be addressed by staff prior to the adoption of the final citizen participation plan. Furthermore, comments made may not always result in changes in the Plan.

Community Development

Public Participation General Information

One of the main goals of the City of Alliance's Planning & Development Department is to provide the community an opportunity to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation and assessment of its programs and projects. There are four main programs and/or plans that the Community Development Department undertakes and two main programs that the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's Community Development Department administers for the City. These programs are the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Consolidated Plan (5- Year Plan), the Annual Action Plan, the Consolidated Annual Performance Plan (CAPER), and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), respectively. Please see the list below outlining basic practices and policies utilized by the City of Alliance basic practices and policies utilized by the City of Alliance to ensure the public has access and knowledge to programs in their community:

Holding a "public meeting" entails:

- Not being required by law.
- Not making the discussion between the interested parties and comments public record.
- Attendees being able to ask questions and make comments, with the aid of a moderator to keep the meeting focused.

All meetings held by the Community Development Department are normally during the day and held at the City Administration Office located at 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601. If necessary, meetings

may be held in the evening. By holding meetings / hearings at the City Administration office building, they are accessible to the community through the following ways:

- The City Administration Building is ADA accessible.
- The City Administration Building is accessible to public transportation, including the location of a SARTA bus stop directly in front of the Administration Building.
- Meetings and/or hearings being held are advertised in the local newspaper and the City of Alliance's website, when applicable.
- Any documents created by the Department of Community Planning & Development that require public comment are made available on the City's website as well as a copy being available at the office.
- If a non-English speaking community member attends a meeting, they are encouraged to bring a translator (1.08% non-English speaking households in Stark County, Ohio, according to the 2013 American Community Survey). If an interpreter is needed, advance arrangements will need to be made. The Plan is intended to facilitate persons with mobility, visual or that are hearing impaired.

Community Development Programs / Plans

1. Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Alliance is the recipient of the federally funded CDBG program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Department of Planning and Development does all of the overall planning and administration of the CDBG Program. The CDBG Program aims at developing viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, along with expanding economic opportunities, for persons of low-and moderate incomes.

Citizen participation is a vital role in the CDBG Program process. As established by Section 104(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act and by the regulations at 24 CFR 570.486, there are key actions that need to be taken to ensure that citizens of a community where CDBG funded activities will take place, have an opportunity to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation and assessment of the program and projects. Therefore, the City of Alliance's Planning & Development Department includes the local community in the CDBG Program Implementation by taking the following actions:

- Providing 2 public meetings, each at different stages of the program. The first being held for the CAPER to be presented, and the second during the 30 day public comment period of the Annual Action Plan.
- Providing citizens with reasonable advance notice of, and opportunity to comment on proposed activities.
- Providing citizens contact information for submitting complaints and then responding to complaints in a timely manner.

Each program year the Planning & Development Department is responsible for:

- Publishing notices for the CDBG application workshop in the local newspaper.
- Sending invitations to non-profit agencies that have applied in the past, or expressed an interest in applying.
- Posting notices on the City of Alliance's website.

A public meeting is held to present the upcoming proposed funding plan and encourage discussion with attendees. The funding plan is also presented at the March CDBG Committee meeting for voting approval and updates to the Citizen Participation Plan. Once the Plan is approved by the CDBG Committee the public comment period commences on the proposed program.

At the end of the comment period and after the comments have been reviewed and considered by the Department of Planning & Development staff, the Plan is presented to City Council for final approval. The final CDBG Funding Program is sent for submission to HUD no later than 45 days prior to the start of the City's federal fiscal year (July 1).

CDBG Substantial Amendments:

An amendment is deemed "substantial" when:

- A program is added or cancelled; or
- A considerable amount of money is being reallocated from one project to another, as determined by the Community Development Department; or
- There is a change to the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity (24 CFR Part 91.505).

Public participation is required when a substantial amendment is needed. The proposed substantial amendment is presented to the Community Development Committee at an emergency meeting. A public notice of the proposed amendment is published allowing for a 30 comment period. If comments are received by citizens, they will be considered prior to finalizing the amendment. The Planning & Development Committee votes to approve the amendment which is then published as the final amendment. Then the amendment is presented to City Council for approval. In cases where urgency is a consideration, the comment period may be reduced to 15 days or less.

2. Consolidated Plan (CP) (5 Year Plan) and Annual Action Plan (AAP)

The consolidated plan is a 5-year plan, updated every 5 years, in accordance with HUD regulations. The plan provides an assessment of needs in the community, including housing and homeless needs, a housing market analysis, and a strategic plan for the allocation of housing resources. The plan also includes the City's priority community development needs that qualify under the CDBG program. Additionally, there is an assessment of the needs for infrastructure improvement, public facilities, public services, accessibility, economic development, fair housing and planning needs.

The submission of the CP also contains the first year Annual Action Plan. During the next four years only the Annual Action Plan is submitted.

The Citizen Participation for the Annual Action Plan is as outlined in the CDBG section of this document. The Annual Action Plan summarizes the activities that the City will undertake utilizing CDBG funding during the fiscal year.

Citizen participation is critical during the preparation of the Consolidated Plan. Residents are encouraged to participate through the following ways:

- Completing a survey that is made available to groups targeted as able to provide input in terms of homeless, housing, planning, and non-housing community development needs to gather information and comments.
- Attendance at public meetings.
- Public comments are received at public meetings held throughout the preparation of the CP.
- All comments and views are considered prior to submission of the CP.

As a result of the public meetings held, objectives and goals of the community are established and public comments are accepted. The CP is presented to the Community Development Committee and then there is a 30 day public comment period. Any comments or views taken into consideration by the staff and are made note of in the final CP. The Plan is then presented to City Council for approval and sent to HUD.

Consolidated Plan and Action Plan "Substantial" Amendments:

An amendment is deemed "substantial" when:

- There is a change to the allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds; or
- To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidation Plan not previously described in the action plan; or
- To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity (24 CFR Part 91.505).

Public participation is required when a substantial amendment is needed. The proposed substantial amendment is presented to the Community Development Committee in a special meeting. A public notice of the proposed amendment is published allowing for a 30 day comment period. If comments are received by the citizens, they will be considered prior to finalizing the amendment. In cases where urgency is a consideration, the comment period may be reduced to 15 days or less. The Plan is then presented to City Council for approval and sent to HUD and published as the final Plan.

Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), is completed annually by the Community Development Department staff and submitted to HUD within 90 days after the end of the

City's program year (June 30). Once the draft is completed the actions are as follows to encourage citizen participation:

- The draft CAPER is made available on the City's website and the Rodman Public Library for a 15 day comment period.
- A copy is available at the Department of Planning & Development
- All comments are reviewed by the staff of Planning & Development and included in the final CAPER.

At the end of the comment period, the CAPER is submitted to HUD.

HOME Program and Fair Housing Program

The Home and Fair Housing Program are administrated by Stark County Regional Planning Commission for the City of Alliance. All public meetings and hearings for these programs are held by the County and information for these meetings is available on the Commissions website at <http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/regional-planning>. Information on both of these programs can be found on their website as well. For more information on the processes and procedures please visit their website or call the Stark County Community Development Department at (330) 451-7389.

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.

No written comments were submitted.

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

No comments or views were received nor not accepted regarding the FY-2020 Action Plan during the Public Comment Period.

7. Summary

Any additional comments or considerations may still be made once a review of the citizen participation portion of the Annual Plan is in process. All public comments will be accepted and addressed. Comments should be submitted in writing to the Director of the Department of Planning and Development at 504 E Main Street Alliance Ohio 44601 or by email at mazzolajc@allianceoh.gov. All submitted requests will be included in this section when the Plan is submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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

Narrative

This document discusses the CDBG funds received directly from HUD by the City of Alliance. This document is also part of a submission to HUD by the Stark Housing Consortium, representing the three jurisdictions of Alliance, Massillon and the Stark County Urban County for funds through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). These three jurisdictions formed a consortium to receive HOME funds jointly from HUD. By creating the Consortium, the total amount of HOME funds received by the group is greater than the amount of HOME funds that could be obtained by the individual jurisdictions. Cumulatively, that decision has brought Stark County millions of dollars for local housing programs. Actions taken as the Stark Housing Consortium do not affect allocation of CDBG funds or other federal funds to the individual members.

The City of Alliance CDBG funds are administered by the City's staff. The oversight body for the P&D committee is City Council and the Mayor. The P&D department carry out the comprehensive program which includes housing rehabilitation, fair housing, economic development and code enforcement.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For information regarding the City of Alliance's Year Two (2) Annual Action Plan, contact Joe Mazzola, Director of Planning and Development at (330) 829-2235. The 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 at Rodman Library located at 215 E. Broadway in Alliance, Ohio.

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 the opportunity to shape its housing and community development strategies. The Plan is developed with input from housing service providers, a list of which is included in this plan. Through the FY-2019 year and into the FY-2020 the City 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 the FY 2020 the City will continue to pursue collaboration between public and private sector resources to improve funding committed to affordable and supportive housing resources.

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)).

In order to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private governmental health, mental health and service providers the City has consulted with the following agencies: the AADVS, Alliance for Children & Families, the YWCA, the CoC and SCPRC.

The City will continue to partner with the CoC in efforts to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness. SMHA, Alliance for Children and Families, and ICAN, have a strong presence in the City. The City will continue to work with these agencies through-out FY-2020. The P&D staff will continue to meet with any entity as requested or the need arises to enhance coordination. ODH is prequalifying individuals for lead testing programs. Qualifications include the applicant must be Medicaid eligible, child living in the home/ visiting more than 6hrs/wk or a Medicaid eligible pregnant woman. Rentals do qualify, however, the property owner must pay half of the cost. The City Health Department provides flyers to the public. The child does not have to have lead poisoning to qualify for the program. The program acts as a preventative measure. The City Health Commissioner and DON are on various boards and committees at local, county and state levels.

In conjunction with Stark County Regional Planning the City's Housing Rehab Program completes lead testing on all full rehabs if the home was built before 1978. These inspections and lab reports are completed / generated by the Canton City Health Department. The Department of P&D has weekly e-mails, phone conversations and regular meetings with SCRPC.

In coordination with the Alliance Health Department , the City provides free and confidential HIV rapid testing and counseling. Results are available in twenty minutes. Testing is every Thursday between 9-11:00 am. Appointments for other times may be made.

The P&D Department does not work directly with any correction institutions. P&D does work directly with the City's Judge and his Court's Civic Improvement Program. This program allows low to moderate income persons to work off their fines by assisting with needed services throughout the City. This is not a CDBG program, but has provided financial assistance to individuals and helped some individuals acquire needed skills for future employment. Through a Countywide effort the City has removed the section of the employment application that used to ask "Have you been convicted of a felony".

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 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 homelessness and to coordinate and consolidate local efforts to provide a cost effective and streamlined system for addressing homelessness. The end goal as a member is that the Mayor stay informed on the topics of homelessness and housing opportunities for disadvantaged residents. This knowledge assists the Director of P&D, the CDBG Committee and City Council to move progressively toward decision and actions that will better address the needs of the homeless.

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 is not a recipient of ESG funds.

The City of Canton is the only recipient of ESG funds in Stark County.

The Homeless Continuum of Care assists Canton with administration of its ESG funds.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Stark County Regional Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Alliance has policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis related to planning, community development and neighborhood revitalization issues. As a U.S. Census Bureau affiliate, this agency may also provide data, data analysis, and customized products to the community. This agency is the lead jurisdiction for the Stark Housing Consortium.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City consulted with the AADVS on methods and cost associated with ways to improve the delivery of services to battered and abused spouses and families who reside in the emergency shelter. This is an unduplicated service in the city. The project involves working with families victimized by domestic violence to educate and recognize domestic violence to help them learn to live abuse free, healthier and safer lives. The shelter is a confidential location to ensure the safety of the shelter and residents. Outcomes also include assisting with a higher education for residents, gaining employment and acquiring life skills necessary to achieve their ultimate goal of living free from abuse. The Director of the Shelter and the Deputy Director have bi-weekly phone meetings at minimum.</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Other government - County</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy</p>

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The COC is the central point of entry for persons seeking assistance with housing and social service needs. The activity includes intake, diversion efforts, coordinated assessment, triage and referral to homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, emergency shelters, and permanent supportive housing and social services. The program benefits individuals and families who are homeless or in imminent risk of becoming homeless (evicted.,). The anticipated outcome includes service to over 500 individuals and or families. Service will include all seeking shelter will be referred to shelter immediately, if an opening exists. If a shelter is not available, households will be referred immediately upon a vacancy. Households who are not in immediate needs will be diverted to other community resources such as jobs.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All public meetings were advertised. The City continues to make efforts at improving its transparency with discussion with residents and organizations throughout the county.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Stark County Regional Planning Commission	The goals overlap in the interest of decreasing homelessness in the City and in 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

Narrative

The Department of Planning and Development has contracted with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to provide administrative assistance with the owner occupied housing rehab program. The City of Alliance is under a contract with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to administer the city's HOME and Fair Housing piece of the Consolidated 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 rehab programs, CDBG & HOME, are operated by SCRPC staff carry out inspections via contract with the City. In addition, the city's Fair Housing program is administered by SCRPC staff.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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 meeting and comment period requirements were held in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The minutes of the public meetings for FY-2020, request for proposals and the annual plan for citizens participation are included in the Plan.

All public hearings / meetings are held in an ADA compliant environment so that persons with disabilities may attend and offer comment. The meetings are open to the public and agendas are distributed via e-mail, internet posting and hard copy postings. 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 are 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, receive 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 process involved for the allocation of each entitlement grant are based on goals and strategies outlined in the 2019-2023 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)
2	Internet Outreach	Broad Community	Likes and Followings to the City Facebook page and website continue to rise each year. There is not a count of those who visit the Community Development tab, but through various conversations, the sub-recipients have complimented the site updates. Fingers crossed the residents do too. We direct them there by phone often to look at information.	We received seven code enforcement complaints via this system in the current year from residents. Tall grass and weeds, tires, overgrown / line of sight issues.	All comments were inspected and addressed. No comments were not accepted.	
3	E-Mail	Public Service Agencies	Varies	No comments	There were no comments.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2019-2023 must identify the federal, state, local, and private resources expected to be available to the City of Alliance to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan (**Table 14**). The City of Alliance is a direct entitlement community for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Alliance receives an annual allocation of Federal funding from the U.S. Department of HUD for CDBG.

Alliance is also a member of a Consortium through which it receives funds from the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. The Consortium members are the Stark County Urban County and the cities of Alliance and Massillon. Information about the HOME Program and annual funding availability to the Consortium members is contained in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2019-2023 prepared by the Stark County Regional Planning Commission.

Below is a breakdown of the anticipated CDBG funding available to Alliance.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	624,019	6,000	0	630,019	0	Year 2 annual allocation (FY2020) is the same as the FY 2019 allocation,. The expected amount available remainder of the Consolidated Plan is \$624,019. multiplied by four, representing Year 3 (FY 2021) through Year 5 (FY 2023) . Annual allocations are a conservative estimate based on recent allocations.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Public service activities, project-based allocations, and building improvements resulting from code enforcement administration leverage both private dollars and/or volunteer donations of time/sweat equity.

Road, sewer, and right-of-way improvements may receive funding through the CDBG program, which may be supplemented with other local, state, and/or federal funds through project partnerships.

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-2020 towards affordable and supportive housing and other goals that meet National Objectives. The City of Alliance continues to identify ways to leverage or apply matching funds for new housing and continues to identify ways to leverage or apply matching

funds for new housing and non-housing programs from local resources, foundations, and state funding.

Applicants applying for CDBG funding receive points for additional sources of leveraged funding for their project. Below is a list of the FY-2020 Projects and their additional funding sources.

Alliance Career Center: Locally committed \$30,000.00; Non-local committed \$0.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$50,000.00.

Alliance Community Food Pantry: Locally committed \$0.00; Non-local committed \$0.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity: Locally committed \$32,500.00; Non-local committed \$9,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

Early Childhood Education Alliance: Locally committed \$100,500.00; Non-local committed \$100,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$5,000.00.

AADVS Education Services Project: Locally committed \$4,770.00; Non-local committed \$19,078.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy: Locally committed \$30,000.00; Non-local committed \$4,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

YWCA Navigators After School Project: Locally committed \$63,000.00; Non-local committed \$81,400.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$81,400.00.

YWCA Employment Assistance: Locally committed \$6,000.00; Non-local committed \$552.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$12,952.00.

Canton Ex-Newsboys Association: Locally committed \$0.00; Non-local committed \$5,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded

\$19,500.00.

SMHR CoC: Locally committed \$0.00; Non-local committed \$0.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

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

The City of Alliance maintains parks and recreation facilities that may be maintained, repaired, or modernized in order to increase the livability and sustainability of particular neighborhoods.

Publicly owned land (roads, rights-of-way, sidewalks) may be improved above and below the surface to remedy infrastructure priorities and to improve public access, safety, and disability accessibility.

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank) may hold vacant parcels and/or vacant buildings in Alliance. Vacant parcels may be sold or become part of the Side Lot Disposition Program. Properties with buildings may be rehabilitated or demolished, after a case-by-case analysis, in order to improve the sustainability of housing in particular neighborhoods.

Discussion

Contingency Statement

On February 18, 2020, HUD released the FY- 2020 CDBG funding allocations. In FY- 2019 the City of Alliance received HUD CDBG funding in the amount of \$600,083.00. The City's FY- 2020 allocation was anticipated to be the same. Based on HUD's CDBG formulas for allocation, the City of Alliance's set to receive \$624,019.00.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	2019	2023	Affordable Housing	Target Areas 1 through 4	Affordable Housing Public Housing	CDBG: \$150,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit
2	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$185,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 4 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 200 Household Housing Unit
3	Provide Needed Public Services	2019	2023	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs	CDBG: \$65,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1500 Persons Assisted
4	Increase Economic Opportunities	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$55,000	Other: 50 Other
5	Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness	2019	2023	Homeless	Citywide	Homelessness	CDBG: \$25,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 6 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Planning and Administration	2019	2023	Planning and Administration	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide	Affordable Housing Homelessness Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$120,000	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City will administer projects to improve the physical condition, health, and safety of residential neighborhoods with activities such as housing rehabilitation.
2	Goal Name	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	The City will administer activities to improve the physical condition, health, and safety of residential neighborhoods with projects such as improvements to right of ways, and/or sewer lines, and/or public facilities, and building code enforcement. The City will fund activities to demolish abandoned, blighted buildings, as well as buildings that must be demolished due to emergency situations such as fire damage.

3	Goal Name	Provide Needed Public Services
	Goal Description	The City will focus on public service activities that maintain and improve neighborhood and household stability, such as but not limited to, programs related to children. The City will also provide fair housing services for both landlords and tenants. The City contracts with the Stark County Fair Housing Department for implementation of fair housing activities in Alliance.
4	Goal Name	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	The City will provide code enforcement administration for commercial buildings. The City may implement the following types of projects which will increase economic opportunities: provide public infrastructure improvements to assist economic development, assist for-profit commercial or industrial companies with rehabilitation, removal of blighted structures or conditions in commercial districts, and/or new construction activities designed to create or retain jobs; eliminate substandard or blighted building conditions; implement downtown improvement or revitalization activities. The City may implement these types of projects using non-federal funds.
5	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness
	Goal Description	The City will assist Alliance residents both individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness by funding activities and/or projects that will be administered by the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County.
6	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	The City will utilize CDBG funding for administrative activities, including the overall management, coordination, reporting, and record-keeping requirements of the CDBG program. The City will also utilize CDBG funding for the provision of fair housing services and activities.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Consolidated Plan sets goals and strategies to be achieved over the FY 2019 – 2023 period and identifies a list of funding priorities. The five (5) Consolidated Plan goals represent high priority needs for the City and serve as the basis for FY-2020 programs and activities identified in the Annual Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan goals are listed below in no particular order:

- 1) **Improve, Maintain and Expand Affordable Housing:** The City will administer projects to improve the physical condition, health and safety of residential neighborhoods with activities such as housing rehabilitation.
- 2) **Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods:** The City will administer activities to improve the physical condition, health and safety of residential neighborhoods with projects such as improvements to right of ways, and/or sewer lines, and/or public facilities, and building code enforcement. The City will fund activities to demolish abandoned, blight buildings, as well as buildings that must be demolished due to emergency situations such as fire damage.
- 3) **Provided Needed Public Service:** The City will focus on public service activities that maintain and improve neighborhood and household stability, such as but not limited to, programs related to children. The City will also provide fair housing services for landlord and tenants. The City contracts with the Stark County Fair Housing Department for implementation of fair housing activities in Alliance.
- 4) **Increase Economic Opportunities:** The City will provide code enforcement administration for commercial buildings. The City may implement the following types of projects which will increase economic opportunities: provide public infrastructure improvements to assist economic development, assist for-profit commercial or industrial companies with rehabilitation, removal of blighted structures or conditions in commercial districts, and/or new construction activities designed to create or retain jobs; eliminate substandard or blighted building conditions; implement downtown improvement or revitalization activities. The City may implement these types of projects using non-federal funds.
- 5) **Reduce Homelessness and At Risk Homelessness:** The City will assist Alliance residents (individual and families) experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness by funding activities and/or projects that will be administered by the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County.

Based on these goals, the table below summarizes the priorities and specific objectives that the City of Alliance aims to achieve during the Annual Action Plan for FY 2020.

#	Project Name
1	AADVS Education Service Project
2	Code Enforcement Administration

#	Project Name
3	Administration
4	Demolition Program
5	Fair Housing Program
6	Historic Preservation Capacity Building
7	Housing Rehabilitation Program
8	Alliance Career Center
9	Early Childhood Education SPARK Alliance
10	SMHR Stark County Coordinated Entry System
11	YWCA Navigators After School
12	YWCA Employment Assistance
13	No School Child Shall Miss School For Need of Shoes or Clothing
14	Pharmacy Access = Healthy Community
15	Handicap Accessible Bathroom Renovation
16	Resurface the Pantry Roof
18	Habitat 1315 Noble Street Build
19	Alliance Community Food Pantry

Table 7 – Project Information

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: Projects and programs are selected in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the Consolidated Plan FY-2019-2023. Please refer to section AP-35 above for further details.

HOME: HOME funds are dedicated to housing activities that typically preserve or create affordable housing. Uses may include rehabilitation, repair, and new construction. 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.

The City of Alliance intends to focus resources on providing assistance to rehabilitation, repairs, and public services.

Housing needs in Alliance are great. Citywide, 57.60% of all persons are low to moderate income (HUD, Entitlement Year 2018, CDBG Entitlement Grantees), 25.4% of all persons are in poverty, and 45.5% of housing units are renter-occupied. In the Target Areas, these percentages rise to as much as 67% in poverty (CT 7104) and the number of renter-occupied units are as high as 91% (CT 7104). 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 Target Areas to assist in the allocation of CDBG funds. The rationale for the creation of the boundaries was based on the percentage of low to 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 census tract and block group information data provided by the United States Census Bureau and HUD Exchange. 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.

No new Target Areas have been determined for the FY-2020 Annual Action Plan. The current Target Areas are as follows: Priority Area 1 is about 73% percent low to moderate income persons (block groups ranging from 60% to 86%); Priority Area 2 is about 65% percent low to moderate income persons (one block group); Priority Area 3 is about 86% percent low to moderate income persons (one block group); and Priority Area 4 is about 46% percent low to moderate income persons (block groups ranging from 41% to 53%).

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	AADVS Education Service Project
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,500
	Description	The Education Service Project is a service oriented activity focusing on domestic violence education, employment training, financial literacy, tutoring children and adult job preparation. The Education Service Project impacts the health and well-being of clients served through increased knowledge and program services. This service is un-duplicated in the City of Alliance. The funds will be utilized to pay for a portion of the salary of the Educational Services Coordinator.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 300, low to moderate income families will be assisted, the families will have experienced some form of domestic violence.
	Location Description	This project will take place at the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter for the most part. The facility is a confidential location to ensure the safety of the residents.
	Planned Activities	The Education Service Project is a service oriented activity focusing on domestic violence education, employment training, financial literacy, tutoring children and adult job preparation. The Education Service Project impacts the health and well-being of clients served through increased knowledge and program services. This service is unduplicated in the City.
2	Project Name	Code Enforcement Administration
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,000

	Description	The City of Alliance is dedicated to protecting the interest, health, safety and general welfare of the public. Code Enforcement ensures housing for all citizens within the City of Alliance complies with the safe and suitable housing codes. Alliance City Council has adopted ordinances for planning, zoning, building health and housing to promote growth within the community, protect property values and encourage the best use of land within the city.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One hundred and seventy plus , low to moderate income households in Target Area 1,2,3, and 4.
	Location Description	This project is operated out of 504 E. Main Street in Alliance, OH. The project focuses on Target Areas 1,2,3, and 4 in the City of Alliance.
	Planned Activities	Activities include enforcement of the City ordinances in the Alliance community through various measures included housing ratings and violation processes. Corrections of Code violations will follow Federal Regulation 570.202.
3	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$119,974
	Description	Administration provides effective management of the City's CDBG Program; including compliance and expenditure of CDBG funding; preparation of documents;correspondence and funding agreements. Assistance is provided to the subrecipients in various area such as budget, regulatory guidelines, bid creation and bid execution.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 500 low to moderate income residents will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	This project is located at 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, OH .
	Planned Activities	Planned activities will include but are not limited to: efficiently and effectively administering the CDBG program for the City of Alliance through the Department of Planning & Development, oversight of the City's single family housing rehabilitation and repair program, administration of the City's demolition program, the completion of the Analysis of Impediments for Fair Housing, The Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, oversight of new construction projects, to develop and study commission reports, advising sub-recipients and the community on the use of CDBG and HOME funds, assisting in enforcement, testing, outreach, education, other activities determined to be needed and to eliminate desperate impacts from poverty. The staff includes the Director of Planning & Development, the Community Development Planner, Program Manager, Housing Specialist and the Receptionist.
4	Project Name	Demolition Program
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,587
	Description	This project will include the demolition of vacant, abandoned or severely damaged structures in residential or commercial areas. Post site demolition activities may include site clean up and greening or other like activities. The demolitions will have a positive impact on the City as a whole.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number to benefit from this project will be 6 neighborhoods.
	Location Description	Demolitions will take place in one of the designated Target Areas, 1,2,3, and 4.
	Planned Activities	Activities to be undertaken will be to primarily clean up or raze vacant, condemned residential or commercial structures that are deemed unfit for rehabilitation.
5	Project Name	Fair Housing Program
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness Public Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	24 CFR 91.225 and 91.325 require entitlement communities to engage in fair housing by taking the appropriate actions to overcome the effects of identified impediments and to maintain records to document the analysis and the actions taken. It also requires that when funds are awarded in support of entitlement communities certifications to affirmatively furthering fair housing are encouraged to ensure that recipients receiving funds meet one of the definitions of a fair housing organization. Eligible fair housing cost designed to meet AFFH include making all persons aware of the range of housing options, enforcement education, outreach, avoiding under concentrations of persons with low to moderate incomes, testing, interpretive guide and other appropriate activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 200 low to moderate income households will benefit from these services by education or assistance.

	Location Description	The location will primarily be the designated Target Areas in Alliance. The project will be administered out of Stark County Regional Planning Commission, located in Canton, OH.
	Planned Activities	In accordance to 24 CFR 570-201 (e), activities may include but not limited to making persons aware of the range of housing options, enforcement, testing, outreach, education, other activities determined to be needed, working to eliminate disparate impacts from poverty, Analysis of Impediments to Fair housing, and administration for the City of Alliance's Fair Housing Program services.
6	Project Name	Historic Preservation Capacity Building
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,000
	Description	This project will fund memberships for Heritage Ohio and other memberships in regards to historic preservation.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The location is 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, OH.
	Planned Activities	Printing of materials for use in public education outreach and display. Historic Commission members and City staff members receive training from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.
7	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,210

	Description	This project allows for the rehabilitation, repair and upgrading to meet City code of existing single family, owner occupied, low to moderate households within the City of Alliance. This project also allows for emergency repairs to residents who meet the same qualifications of the program.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of low to moderate income households that will benefit from this program is ten.
	Location Description	The location will be in the Target Areas 1,2,3, and 4 of 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 then presented to the Committee before closing. Units are selected for elective rehabilitation for low to moderate home owners who meet the federal housing guidelines determined by the City of Alliance.
8	Project Name	Alliance Career Center
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,500
	Description	The Alliance Career Center Project assists with students with tuition, fees, testing and textbook assistance for low to moderate income students whom may not have the means to access a higher level of learning and job training.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately fifty, low to moderate income families will benefit from this service.
	Location Description	The location is 285 W. Oxford St. Alliance, OH 44601.

	Planned Activities	The Alliance Career Center assists in student education in a positive way by providing tuition, fees, testing and textbook assistance to low to moderate income students who would not have the financial means to further their education.
9	Project Name	Early Childhood Education SPARK Alliance
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,500
	Description	In alignment with the HUD and CDBG priorities, ECEA addresses the needs of low to moderate income persons within the Alliance community by providing needed resources and quality services that promote the healthy early development and learning of young children.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of low to moderate income youth and families to be assisted is approximately 500.
	Location Description	Those benefitting from the project will be in Target Areas 1-4, in the City of Alliance.
	Planned Activities	The SPARK program pairs each participating child (3-5 years of age) and a family member with a trained parent partner. The parent partner works directly with the child and their family. The child is screened cognitively, medically, and socially to identify any development delays. A developmental learning plan is then developed based on the individual needs of the child. Parents are supported as they work with the parent partner to implement learning plans. The parents meet with the parent partners during each home visit. The child and parents receive a learning kit containing books, materials and activities to continue the learning beyond the monthly home visits. This ongoing intervention is a critical component to positively impact the lives of children of low to moderate income families.
10	Project Name	SMHR Stark County Coordinated Entry System

	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness Public Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,142
	Description	The Homeless Navigation Hotline's Centralized Intake and Coordinated Assessment significantly benefits low to moderate income individuals in the City of Alliance. The allocated funds will be used to pay the salary of a homeless navigation specialist. This position is responsible for gathering data from telephone callers who are homeless or precariously housed, providing referrals, service information and working with area agencies to provide shelter.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 400, low to moderate income families, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless will be assisted with this activity.
	Location Description	This is located at 121 Cleveland Avenue SW in Canton, Ohio.
	Planned Activities	Specialists gather demographic, situational and financial data from individuals and families who are in need of shelter or other assistance located within the City of Alliance. Specialists complete diversion tools and refer callers to community/mainstream resources as appropriate; work to open records and cases in the HMIS and meet federal requirements for data needs; work with bed inventory to refer persons to shelters based on available beds, households and shelter requirements; assist shelters with data entry needs including programs and services, training and trouble shooting access difficulties; and provide customer service support to shelters, other area agencies, county and federal entities.
11	Project Name	YWCA Navigators After School
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,500
	Description	This project provides a safe, productive, supervised environment for peak hours for at-risk behaviors for middle age students.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 300 low to moderate income youth will be assisted with this program.
	Location Description	The Navigators Program is run out of the YWCA in Alliance, OH.
	Planned Activities	This project will impact the health and safety of children of the Alliance community. There is often a supervision gap for youth between the hours of 3:00 - 6:00 pm. The program works to eliminate participation barriers during peak hours for youth with at-risk behavior, which include crime and victimization. Students transition seamlessly from the school day to after school, eliminating transportation costs, hunger, and anxiety issues into a supervised productive, nurturing and safe environment.
12	Project Name	YWCA Employment Assistance
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,000
	Description	This project assists low to moderate income individuals with the struggles that come between working and not being able to have the necessities to get to a place of employment, clothes needed for work, required background checks, fuel and items of the like.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of low to moderate income individuals to benefit is approximately less than 100.
	Location Description	This program is administered in the YWCA at 239 East Market Street, Alliance, OH.

	Planned Activities	The YWCA seeks funds to continue and expand efforts to assist low to moderate income women in Alliance to secure and/or sustain employment through the program by providing assistance that eliminates barriers to work including transportation via gas cards or bus passes, appropriate job clothing and footwear, basic personal care items, work related credentialing, licensing, background check fees or tools. Women enrolled in this program increase their ability to find sustainable work, expand the available work force, increase the safety and health needs of the working families in the City and move towards a self-sufficient life.
13	Project Name	No School Child Shall Miss School For Need of Shoes or Clothing
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,338
	Description	Low to Moderate income families will be supplied with an approved purchase order to take to J.C. Penny for purchasing school clothes at no charge to the family.
	Target Date	6/6/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of low to moderate income youth to be assisted is approximately two hundred.
	Location Description	The program will service Target Areas 1-4 in the City of Alliance.
Planned Activities	Once approved by the Requisition Committee, needy families of low to moderate income levels are supplied with an approved purchase order to take to J.C. Penny and purchase school clothes at no charge to the family.	
14	Project Name	Pharmacy Access = Healthy Community
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,500

	Description	This project will provide access to pharmacy services to the low to moderate income Alliance residents by decreasing the decisions of having to pay rent, utilities or other life necessities or choosing to purchase vital medications, skipping doses or cutting pills in half.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of low to moderate income families that will benefit from this program is two hundred.
	Location Description	The pharmacy is located in Canton at 408 Ninth Street SW, Suite 1450. The project will service residents of Alliance in the designated Target Areas 1-4.
	Planned Activities	This project will provide access to pharmacy services to the low to moderate income Alliance residents by decreasing the decisions of having to pay rent, utilities or other life necessities or choosing to purchase vital medications, skipping doses or cutting pills in half.
15	Project Name	Handicap Accessible Bathroom Renovation
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,065
	Description	This project will take place in the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter to make upgrades to the original bathroom .
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	The main goal of the AADVS is to meet the needs of survivors of domestic abuse by providing holistic, individualized services. The expectation is to keep the facility well maintained and to meet all safety, health and accessibility standards. The funding will be used to renovate the main floor bathroom that is designated for use for those with limited physical abilities.
16	Project Name	Resurface the Pantry Roof
	Target Area	Target Areas 1 through 4 Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,267
	Description	Replacing the damaged roof of the Alliance Community Food Pantry in order to prevent further damage and to protect the structure as well as its contents.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Alliance Community Pantry will have the flat roof completely resurfaced. This project is necessary to prevent further damage, protect the building as well as its contents.
17	Project Name	Habitat 1315 Noble Street Build
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	:

	Description	This project will fund construction for one home being built in Target Area 3. The home will be constructed on a vacant lot provided by NIP, replacing a hole in the neighborhood where a condemned house once stood. Qualifying Partner Families fall between 30%-60% of Stark County AMI.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
18	Project Name	Alliance Community Food Pantry
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$624,019
	Description	The funding for this project will be used to purchase protein foods which clients find difficult to afford at the grocery stores and have limited access to at the pantries.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	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 are over 500.
	Location Description	The pantry is located at 215 East Market Street, and will service Target Areas 1-4 in the City of Alliance.
	Planned Activities	

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

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 designated Target Areas, which represent a significant amount of the City's low to moderate income levels 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 Target Areas. 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 Target Areas it receives a zero in the geographic location category. Some of the block groups in these Target Areas exceed 80% percent low to moderate income levels. The Targeted Areas are:

- **Target Area Number 1** is bounded on the north by East Broadway, on the south by South Street, on the west by South Union and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Target Area Number 1 is an approximately 73% low to moderate income area. This Target Area is in Census Tracts 7104 and 7105. Projects in this area receive 20 points.
- **Target Area Number 2** is bounded on the north by a rail line, on the south by East Broadway, on the west by East Union and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Target Area Number 2, comprising the City's historic downtown, is an approximately 65% low to moderate income area. This Target Area is in Census Tracts 7104 and 7105. Projects in this area receive 15 points.
- **Target Area Number 3** is bounded on the north by Vine Street and the City border, on the south by a rail line, on the west by North Union Avenue and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Target Area Number 3 is an approximately 86% low to moderate income area. This Target Area is in Census Tract 7102. Projects in this area receive 10 points.
- **Target Area Number 4** is bounded on the north by West Vine Street, on the south by West Main Street, on the west by Klinger Avenue and Lexington Township and on the east by North Union Avenue. Target Area Number 4 is an approximately 46% low to moderate income area. This Target Area is in Census Tracts 7102 and 7103. Projects in this area receive 5 points.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Target Areas 1 through 4	80
Citywide	20

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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 Target Areas in the City of Alliance. Applications from subrecipients are scored on a diversity of measures and assigned numerical values. All of the CDBG funds are dedicated to target areas. 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 target areas. Eighty percent of the CDBG allocation will be dedicated to the target areas. The remaining, but not more than 20% will be used for administrative purposes.

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-2020, the City will continue its efforts to work closely with the sub-recipients and Stark County GIS mapping center to create templates for tracking where CDBG monies are spent.

Included in the Introduction to the Plan is a Target Area Map and a Census Tract Map, a list of the City's CDBG sub-recipients and the Target Areas their projects will provide benefit to.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 ninety five 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. The following strategies will be used by the City in FY-2020 to remove or reduce barriers to affordable housing in the City of Alliance.

- Working on streamlining regulatory procedures.
- Working to reduce excessive development standards.
- Offer incentives for the development of low to moderate income housing.
- Market all programs to encourage affordable housing.
- Follow all legal requirements for public notice, meetings and adoption.
- 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.
- Educate the public about what benefits affordable housing would provide to the community.

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

The City of Alliance continues to participate in Stark County Regional Planning Commissions of Neighborhoods 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 rehab, rigorous code enforcement, homebuyer education and other supportive services.

SCRPC employs the Fair Housing Coordinator for Stark County. The Coordinator and the CD 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 City of Alliance. The coordinator prepares all reports and documents, keeping in compliance with all HUD regulations, seminars, educational programs and advertising of fair housing for the City.

Promotional and educational literature and landlord/tenant brochures are available and are distributed to individuals, landlords and various organizations such as Stark County Legal Aid, the City of Alliance Courts and Police Departments, Alliance Health Department and Code Enforcement. They are also set out for the residents to take.

In conjunction with the 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 rehab 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. Regional Planning, Alliance and Massillon have recently completed an Analysis of Impediments to certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing. The final Analysis is on the City website.

Discussion

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

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

Introduction

The City acknowledges the difficulties that lie ahead as decreases in federal funding levels have occurred over time. In spite of the obstacle, Alliance has several important public and private initiatives which are committed to addressing the community needs. Collaboration with nonprofit and private organizations within the priority Target areas and coordinated individually by their sponsoring organization and through an informal city-wide network of organizations, foundations, non-profits, educational institutions, businesses and governments.

The City of Alliance is a financial supporter of the INCUBOX Program. INCUBOX helps companies in the region grow from concept, to start-up, to early stage, to full on market expansion. They provide advice and connections to resources, local and regional, that connect students and community-based entrepreneurs to the real world environment. The Director of Planning and Development and the Mayor attend meetings on a regular basis. This program is not funded by CDBG. INCUBOX accommodates both physical and virtual companies of any type including those that have no tech, low tech and high tech. The City of Alliance coordinates with the Northeast Four County Planning Organization (NEFCO) in the creation of its Cooperative Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which is submitted annually to the Economic Development Administration. The CEDS committee is comprised of private industry representatives, foundations, and public agencies (including SCRPC), working together to identify economic goals and priorities for this multi-county region, including scoring or projects to reflect those priorities. The Director of Planning & Development is a part of this committee and meetings.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Alliance will use CDBG funding to support the Early Childhood Education Alliance (ECEA) key program the "Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids" or (SPARK) Alliance project. The program teaches parents about the developmental and learning needs of young children. It also promotes a positive relationship between child, family, parent, and the schools. SPARK is a holistic approach to education for children ages 3-5, and is a critical key to the overall development of Alliance's youngest citizens in the effort of breaking the cycle of poverty.

The YWCA Alliance is awarded funding for the Navigators after School project. This project provides a safe and productive environment that works to promote academic and social enrichment opportunities for at risk youth. The program operated by Synergy Alliance operates during peak hours for youth at-risk behavior to help eliminate youth crime, vandalism, and victimization. Family nights and enrichment activities are open to students, parents, and teachers.

The YWCA Alliance is also awarded funding for Employment Assistance. This program assists low to

moderate income women in Alliance to secure and or sustain employment through the employment assistance program. The program helps to eliminate small barriers to work including: transportation (gasoline cards or bus passes); appropriate job clothing and footwear; basic personal care; assistance with work-related credentialing, licensing and background check fees.

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 and the community as a whole. 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 that is an adult education program that works with adult students in full and part-time programs. Their goal is to provide education, job ready individuals to meet the economic development needs in the Alliance and surrounding areas. They provide tuition and fee assistance that will allow low to moderate income individuals to enroll in courses and programs.

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 other agencies working in the local area.

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. Quality affordable housing units will continue to be 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.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All federally funded projects are required to be completed in a lead-safe manner, which include 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 is the primary focus of the City's strategy. The strategy will incorporate the activities of program design, funding, and improved regulatory dialogue. The City will also continue to enforce the BOCA 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 try to find ways to reduce the costs of LBP hazard reduction requirements.

- **Funding:** In FY-2016, the City set up a program that added lead abatement to its Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Program. To date, the City has completed lead abatements through its full rehab program. During FY-2020, the City will continue to seek public and private partners to increase the amount of funding for lead abatements. In addition, the City will look into pursuing additional 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.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Alliance has an informal plan from FY-2018 to continue into FY-2020 for poverty reduction. The City's strategy is a collaborative model which creates opportunities to access education, training and economic development services, so that people living in poverty can obtain sustaining employment. The strategy identifies four focus areas:

1)Early Childhood Education; 2)Youth Education and Intervention Programs; 3)Adult Workforce Training Support and Development, and Employment Assistance; 4)Neighborhood Revitalization and Support.

Together, these focus areas represent a comprehensive approach to poverty reduction that links housing, education, workforce development, transportation and health. The City of Alliance provides funding for a multitude of public service activities and neighborhood development projects targeted to reduce the barriers to low to moderate income families. The City's Economic Development Strategy contains four 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 to improve 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

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. The City of Alliance hopes to develop improvements that will be long range in scope yet preserve the quality of service already in place. The Strategic Action plan for FY-2020 that the City will focus on includes the following:

- Program development, directing investment, influencing outcomes, leveraging and geographic targeting, and 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 anticipates increasing the ability to service the local community by reducing the number of the City's homeless population.

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 single family, owner-occupied, and 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, 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 building demolition in low to moderate income tracts that have been condemned by the Alliance Health Department. Demolition of these properties will improve the appearance of the neighborhoods and 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.

Ongoing interaction takes place between Alliance and Stark County. As members of the HOME consortium, SCRPC is under contract and therefore continues discussions and send updates via e-mail regarding the programs and projects that are approved.

The City of Alliance is a financial supporter of the INCUBOX Program. INCUBOX helps companies in the region grow from concept, to start-up, to early stage, to full on market expansion. They provide advice and connections to resources, local and regional, that help connect students and community-based entrepreneurs to the real world environment. The Director of Planning and Development and the Mayor attend meetings on a regular basis. This program is not funded by CDBG.

INCUBOX accommodates both physical and virtual companies of any type including those that have no tech, low tech and high tech. The City of Alliance coordinates with the Northeast Four County Planning Organization (NEFCO) in the creation of its Cooperative Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which is submitted annually to the Economic Development Administration. The CEDS committee is comprised of

private industry representatives, foundations, and public agencies (including SCRPC), working together to identify economic goals and priorities for this multi-county region, including scoring or projects to reflect those priorities. The Director of Planning & Development is a part of this committee and attends the meetings.

Discussion

Developers, owners, and grantees must market housing opportunities to all persons in the housing market, including the minority and limited English speaking 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.

In summary, the most significant barrier to a 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.

A second impediment is the continuing lack of knowledge of Fair Housing Laws, especially as they relate to the protected classes of handicapped and familial status. The City plans to continue our efforts to educate property owners, tenants, and the greater community at large by focusing our efforts on families with children and/or handicapped family members. The City of Alliance will continue to explore new venues and methods to promote education of and access to homeownership while stressing the importance of property stewardship as a tool for economic development and neighborhood stabilization.

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

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Recipients of the Housing Rehab Program receive initial funding as a grant with the terms of residing in their home for a specified period of time. If the home owner chooses to transfer or sell the home, they are liable to pay back the monies that were granted for the full rehab. The City is also able to receive monies back if an owner of a property pays back the monies that were assessed to their taxes for the demolition to the structure. Currently, one homeowner that has been required to pay back any of the block grant funding in FY-2020.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	6,000
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:	6,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

Discussion

The City of Alliance uses a one year period to determine overall benefits of CDBG funds to persons of low to moderate income (LMI). During FY-2020, 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-2020:

- Identification of fair housing concerns and problems through the creation of the updated Analysis of Impediments
- Review of demographic data and income characteristics during program monitoring periods
- Identification of Impediments to Housing Choice
- Review of existing programs, services, and activities

