

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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.

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

This document provides information on program year FY-2019 and year one (1) of the City's Strategic Consolidated Plan 2019-2023. This one-year Annual Action Plan will explain how the City of Alliance intends to use its CDBG and HOME allocations in 2019/2020, 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

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

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

To achieve this vision, the 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 entire 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. This vision can be summoned in the following high priority needs:

PRIORITY

Priority 1. Improve Living Conditions of Distressed Neighborhoods: The City's housing strategy will include promoting the quality of affordable housing through the elimination of blighted structures in designated blighted areas, and through the rehabilitation of substandard housing to qualifying low/moderate income individuals.

Priority 2. Fair Housing Education and Outreach:By funding activities and programs that raise awareness and knowledge of fair housing rights. A Fair Housing Seminar, open to the public will be held Thursday, April 24, 2018. See attached flyer.

Priority 3. Increase Affordable Housing: The Department of P&D continues to endorse policies and employ strategies to promote and remove barriers to quality affordable housing. The City of Alliance is in the process of conducting an Analysis of Fair Housing in partnership with Stark County Regional Planning Commission.

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

Priority 5. Increase Self-Sufficiency: Improve the coordination of public and private services in the City by providing support to organizations that assist low income and special needs households with economic growth.

Priority 6. Strengthen Neighborhoods and the Quality of Life for its Residents: The City will continue to support programs and initiatives which improve the of quality of life by assisting in removing barriers to employment for low income households, specifically programs that provide wrap around social, educational, employment and life skills services.

Priority 7. Invest in Community Services and Non-Profit Facilities: Investments that have the greatest impact by providing new or increased access to programs that serve highly vulnerable populations such as youth, seniors and food insecure households.

Priority 8. Invest in Historic Preservation as Economic Development: By promoting comprehensive planning and development in preservation, rehabilitation, and the hiring of consultants to aid in; planning, data collection, studies, analysis, and implementation.

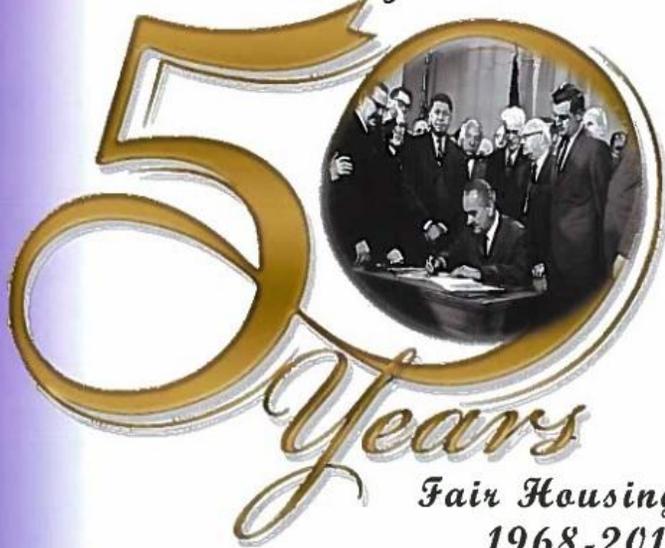
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Fair Housing Luncheon

October 30, 2018

Celebrating



Fair Housing Act
1968-2018

Remembering

Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.



Kent State University at Stark
Conference Center
6000 Frank Ave NW, North Canton, Ohio

Fair Housing Seminar Brochure

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Over the years, the City of Alliance has used its federal entitlement funds to productively respond to community needs and to enable neighborhood residents, businesses and other community stakeholders to achieve the highest possible quality of life. Community based organizations are essential to these goals for responding to community needs and for strengthening the social and economic infrastructure of Alliance city neighborhoods. 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-2017 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-2017/2018, 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-2018 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 -2019 year. Through the FY-2019 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.

As part of the citizen participation and consultation process, the Annual Action Plan is designed to be a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development

actions. The process offers local jurisdictions the opportunity to shape their housing and community development strategies. Although the City's Citizen Participation Plan is intended to facilitate the participation of low and moderate income residents, including minorities, non-English speaking persons and persons with mobility, visual or hearing 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 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.

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Workshop Public Notice

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Annual Action Plan
2019

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Company Name	Certification Expiration Date	Address	City	State	Zip	County
EdArch Associates, Inc.	12/27/2018	2919 Warrington Road	Shaker Heights	OH	44120	Cuyahoga
First Choice Drywall	10/3/2019	940 Ottawa Dr	Youngstown	OH	44511	Mahoning
Henderson Construction	11/6/2020	P.O. Box 3612	Cuyahoga Falls	OH	44264	Summit
Home Credit Investment Rental, Inc.	3/26/2020	18422 Cranwood Parkway	Cleveland	OH	44128	Cuyahoga
Integrity Wall & Ceiling	3/20/2019	5242 Angola Rd. #180	Toledo	OH	43615	Lucas
New Visions Remodeling, LLC	9/15/2019	5247 Wilson Mills Rd.	Richmond Hts.	OH	44143	Cuyahoga
Next Generation Construction, LLC	5/29/2020	3616 East 131st Street	Cleveland	OH	44120	Cuyahoga
Northern Flooring Specialists Inc.	1/11/2019	6111 Carey Dr. Suite 2	Valley View	OH	44125	Cuyahoga
Productive Construction	10/12/2020	11324 Itasca	Cleveland	OH	44106	Cuyahoga
THC Construction	3/21/2020	902 Russell Ave.	Akron	OH	44307	Summit
VIP LTD	2/22/2019	864 Jacoby	Copley	OH	44321	Summit
Will and Dewy LLC	7/14/2019	4118 Ridge Rd #3	Brooklyn	OH	44144	Cuyahoga
KATANAS Corporation	10/24/2020	3300 East 87th St.	Cleveland	OH	44120	Cuyahoga
M Rivera Construction Company.	10/24/2020	3101 W. 25th St.	Cleveland	OH	44109	Cuyahoga
Ransom Ware, Jr. dba Ware's Demolition	7/21/2019	906 South Ave.	Youngstown	OH	44502	Mahoning
T & T Demolition and Recycling, LLC	7/31/2020	141 Willis St.	Bedford	OH	44146	Cuyahoga
Urban Recycling 216 LLC	12/13/2018	2662 E. 69th. Street	Cleveland	OH	44104	Cuyahoga
AO Construction and Restoration	1/23/2020	PO Box 3613 407 Boardman Canfield Road	Youngstown	OH	44512	Mahoning
ATEC Construction, Inc.	11/6/2020	29 Overhill Rd.	Boardman	OH	44512	Mahoning
B & G Masonry & Remodeling	11/6/2020	262 Ira Ave.	Akron	OH	44301	Summit
C&B Construction Co., #1 Ltd.	6/22/2019	17325 Euclid Ave., Suite 2180	Cleveland	OH	44112	Cuyahoga
Chief Cornerstone Construction	5/1/2019	5927 Marra Drive	Bedford Heights	OH	44146	Cuyahoga
COLEMAN DEVELOPMENT INC.	5/18/2020	3580 E. 93rd St	Cleveland	OH	44105	Cuyahoga
Coleman Trucking, Inc.	9/19/2020	3580 E. 93rd St.	Cleveland	OH	44105	Cuyahoga
Crown Property Mangement	4/28/2019	729 Hilliary Lane	Aurora	OH	44202	Portage
Dreamers Construction LLC	4/23/2020	4119 Princeton Blvd	South Euclid	OH	44121	Cuyahoga
EB's Housing Preservation Services LLC	11/9/2019	17325 Euclid Ave.	Cleveland	OH	44112	Cuyahoga
Eric Garrett Construction	6/2/2019	1070 Hazel St	Akron	OH	44305	Summit
Greg Pruitt Jr dba Pruitt & Associates	6/23/2019	2593 Dysart Rd.	University Heights	OH	44118	Cuyahoga
Key General Contractors Inc.	1/19/2019	1275 Main Avenue, Suite 100	Cleveland	OH	44113	Cuyahoga
Quality Care Construction, Inc..	5/22/2020	9321 Middlebranch Ave. NE	Canton	OH	44721	Stark
QUINTANA & SON, INC.	2/13/2019	4084 Bluestone Road	South Euclid	OH	44121	Cuyahoga

List of Minority Businesses Invited to Workshop

Company Name	Certification Expiration Date	Address	City	State	Zip	County
R L Hill Management Inc.	6/28/2019	31875 Aurora Road	Solon	OH	44139	Cuyahoga
RNR Service, LLC	8/22/2020	520 S. Main St., Suite #2511-H	Akron	OH	44311	Stark
Sag Construction LLC	3/23/2019	305 Bedford Ave. NW	Canton	OH	44702	Stark
T R Construction Inc.	7/16/2020	1007 Bank Street	Akron	OH	44305	Summit
Tamsah Enterprises LLC	7/16/2020	328 S. Main St.	Bellefontaine	OH	43311	Logan
Altarnalite Electric, Inc.	6/26/2020	4171 Linden Circle	North Olmsted	OH	44070	Cuyahoga
Gateway Electric, LLC	11/14/2020	4450 Johnston Pkwy.	Cleveland	OH	44128	Cuyahoga
Haines Electric Inc	6/5/2020	3868 Arlington Road	Uniontown	OH	44685	Summit
Irizar Electric	3/6/2019	239 Old Brookpark Rd STE C	Cleveland	OH	44109	Cuyahoga
IV Electric	8/29/2020	13940 Cedar Road Suite #444	University Heights	OH	44118	Cuyahoga
MCW Contractors, LLC	3/8/2019	2625 E. 124th St.	Cleveland	OH	44120	Cuyahoga
Moore For The Money Electric	12/9/2018	26122 Buckthorn Road	Oakwood Village	OH	44146	Cuyahoga
North Electric, Inc.	11/8/2020	12117 Bennington Ave. Ste.200	Cleveland	OH	44135	Cuyahoga
Power Mike, Inc.	9/21/2019	154 Willard Ave.	Bedford	OH	44146	Cuyahoga
RWJ Wiring, Inc.	6/13/2020	1287 Marquette St., Suite 3	Cleveland	OH	44114	Cuyahoga
The BBC Electric Company Inc.	8/15/2019	6820 Bushnell Ct.	Cleveland	OH	44104	Cuyahoga
Andre Bustamante	1/8/2020	13800 Fairhill, 218	Shaker Heights	OH	44120	Cuyahoga
Commons Painting LLC	7/26/2020	5167 Thomas St.	Maple	OH	44137	Cuyahoga
EM Painting, LLC	9/18/2019	P.O. Box 670692	Northfield	OH	44067	Summit
Golden Phoenix Painting Co	12/19/2018	3696 Pamdon Drive	Norton	OH	44203	Summit
Jag'd Construction, Inc.	7/11/2019	545 Coitsville Hubbard Road	Youngstown	OH	44505	Mahoning
Saunders & Sons Painting Co., LLC	2/24/2019	2045 Revere Road	Cleveland Heights	OH	44118	Cuyahoga
Straight Line Painting Co. LLC	6/9/2019	1203 Dietz Ave.	Akron	OH	44301	Summit
Watson's Painting and Contracting, LLC	8/30/2020	2574 Mount Vernon	Youngstown	OH	44502	Mahoning
Alva Watkins' Heating and Cooling LLC	4/18/2019	1714 Taft Ave. N.E.	Canton	OH	44705	Stark
Clark Mechanical, Inc.	2/26/2020	18850 Miles Road	Warrensville Hts	OH	44128	Cuyahoga
COLEMAN SPOHN CORP	12/5/2019	1775 East 45th Street	Cleveland	OH	44103	Cuyahoga
Jeff The Plumber, Inc.	1/11/2019	1100 Tower Drive	Akron	OH	44305	Summit
One Flush Plumbing Co. LLC	11/8/2019	5676 Broadview Rd., Apt 509	Parma	OH	44134	Cuyahoga
Ware's the Dirt Sheet Metal Cleaning LLC	8/24/2019	16781 Chagrin Blvd. #546	Shaker Hts	OH	44120	Cuyahoga
RJSDean Enterprise LLC	4/20/2020	704 E. Midlothian Blvd	Youngstown	OH	44502	Mahoning
Urban Green Solutions	1/30/2019	4237 Eaton Rd. NW	Canton	OH	44708	Stark

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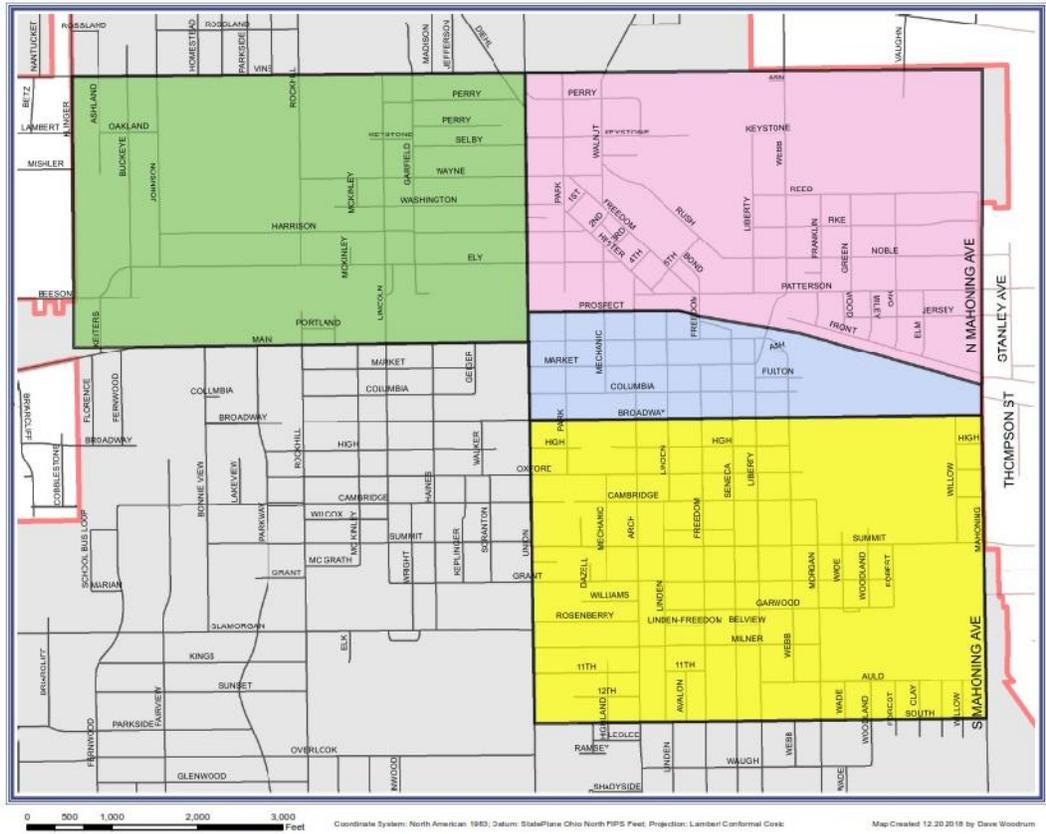
Low to Moderate Income Family Target Areas

City of Alliance, OH



Areas of Interest

- Target Area 1 (Yellow)
- Target Area 2 (Blue)
- Target Area 3 (Pink)
- Target Area 4 (Green)



Target Area Map

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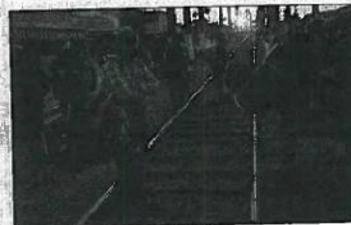
Tijuana arrests 34 migrants on minor charges

By JULIE WATSON and MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico — Officials in the Mexican border city of Tijuana said they have arrested 34 members of the caravan of Central American migrants for minor offenses and turned them over for deportation.

A Tijuana city statement late Monday said the 34 — apparently all men — were arrested for drug possession, public intoxication, disturbing the peace and resisting police. It added they would be deported to their home countries. The main caravan has between 4,000 and 6,000 participants, so those arrested represent less than 1 percent of the total.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum has made a point of saying the city is not comfortable with the caravan that began arriving last week, and he compared the Central American group unfavorably to about 3,000 Haitians who ended up in this city bordering San Diego on a failed bid to



AP photo
Central American migrants, part of the Central American caravan trying to reach the United States, continue their journey as they prepare to leave Mexicali, Mexico Tuesday.

reach the United States last year.

"The Haitians arrived with their papers, with a clear vision," Gastelum said in an interview posted on the city's Facebook page. They came "in an orderly way, they never asked us for food or shelter," renting apartments and making their own food. He said the Haitians found jobs and "inserted themselves in the city's economy" and had not been involved in any disturbances.

The Mexican govern-

ment gave the Haitians temporary transit permits, and after they failed in attempts to enter the United States, many have since applied for Mexican residency. The majority in the Central American caravan have refused Mexico's repeated offers of residency or asylum, and vowed to cross the border.

The caravan of Central Americans, he said "had arrived all of sudden, with a lot of people — not all ... but a lot — were aggressive and cocky."

Workshop - Alliance Review Newspaper Ad

CDBG Workshop

FY 2019

Tuesday, November 27th 2018

11:00am

The Planning and Development met at the City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Alliance, Ohio on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Present:

1. Kimberly Stanley, AADVS
2. Jennifer Keaton, Stark MHAR
3. Liz Hibbs, Early Childhood ED Alliance
4. Richard Sicha, Placemark Collaborative
5. Marcia Moll, Placemark Collaborative
6. Jody Koenigseker, Alliance Community Pantry
7. Kathy Kramer, Alliance Community Pantry
8. Rick Parke, Canton Ex-newsboys
9. Gloria Whiteley-Magrath, YWCA
10. Carol Risaliti, Beacon Pharmacy
11. Barb Sferra, Planning & Development
12. Becky Mozden, Planning & Development
13. Debbie McKee, Alliance City Schools
14. Danille Kemp, Alliance Fire Dept.
15. Raymont Johnson, local church pastor
16. Jen Merriman, Planning and Development
17. Kim Cox, City of Alliance Parks Dept.
18. Gary Bartca, MBE contractor

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Barb Sferra, Safety Service Coordinator for the City of Alliance Planning & Development department.

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II. GENERAL BUSINESS

Barb Sferra briefly introduced her CDBG Staff and asked everyone else introduce themselves.

Packet information handouts includes:

- CDBG 2019-FY Application
- Target Area Maps
- How to Strengthen your CDBG Application

Barb gave a short history of previous CDBG years. She pointed out that over 9 years the monies allocated has decreased, but is slowly creeping back up. HUD guidelines has capped off Public Service money at 15% of the yearly allotted money. Program year runs from July 1st – June 30th. She let it be known that money spent before contract is complete can be submitted with receipts as long as they are dated on or after July 1st. Money is usually received between late August to late October. It is asked the money be spent down to the penny and quickly as possible. Which leaves the rest of the year for reporting period of funds. Ideal deadline for spending of money is approximately May 15th if not sooner with the few exceptions such as construction projects. In the event of later spending a written request for an extension is required and needs to be submitted to explain the delay of project.

CDBG program serves 3 purposes:

1. To serve the low to moderate income individuals and families.
 - Housing rehab
 - job creation etc....
2. Slum and blight for example the city demo projects
3. Urgent Need such as wild fires, flooding, earthquake etc....

City of Alliance has always put aside \$150,000 for housing rehab. There are certain HUD Guidelines you have to meet to qualify for housing rehab projects. Emergency rehabs are available, again HUD guidelines must be met. Qualifications are as follows:

1. Person Applying must be Home Owner.
2. Home must be in owner's name for one year prior to applying.
3. Applicant must qualify under HUD income guidelines

Sub- recipients are required to send in monthly and quarterly monitoring forms. The purpose of the forms are to help us keep track of who we are serving in the community through each project. HUD can better serve our community by looking at race, ethnicity, gender, Female Head of Household etc. All this information also gets applied to the caper that HUD requires from us at the end of each CDBG year. The city has many reasons we come and monitor onsite. Being able to actually see where the money is being spent also helps us with making accurate statements when we do submit the Caper. We do send out a letter so the Sub-recipient does know we are coming and it will also explain exactly what we are wanting to monitor during our visit. The visit may last 60-90 minutes. Post visit letters may be sent out in the event something we see may need corrected or eliminated according to HUD guidelines.

Taking a look at the CDBG FY-19 Application, Pointed out some minor Changes in the application.

1. Deadline date to submit application is December 14th 2018 @4pm.
2. All applications must be typed.
3. Any supportive application is acceptable but it can't substitute anything we are asking for.
4. Answer all the questions in the packet. Each potential Sub- Recipient is scored. More points the better.
5. One Original Application and 12 copies are required when submitting Application. A number of people are required to have a copy.
6. Projects that require structural change or construction. Brochures, pictures blueprints etc... All need to be included for the environmental review.
7. Second Contact. All applications MUST have second person listed as a contact.

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8. Playing by the Rules Handbook. Everyone must have one or access to a digital copy. When asked to sign contact in the fall you will also be asked which draft of the handbook you have and you will have to sign off on that. Hard copies are available upon request.

9. Target area maps are also available upon request and needs to be added with as much information as possible.

10. Please include all names of other resources you have reached out to for help. HUD likes to see that programs get support from others. Verification of those funds will be required at contract signing in the Fall. If you don't have any additional outside funding please note that in the application and why you don't have that extra help.

Word Form of the CDBG Application is available and can be requested and Becky Mozden will email the Application.

Raymont Johnson asked if contractors are scheduled to do an estimate but unable to get there by Application deadline if that was ok. Barb replied yes as long as there is some kind of note of that in the application.

Any Questions please call Barb, Becky Vannessia or Jen M. All applications not turned in by the deadline will not be reviewed.

Jody K. from Alliance Pantry asked what a Duns number was and Rick from Placemark Collaborative explained it's like a business related assigned number but has nothing to do with the IRS. The government requires anyone applying for a federal grant have this 10 digit number.

Please don't overstate your goals. If you service 200 people, don't put 500. You want your goals to match or go above what you said your accomplishments were.

Project impact is a huge factor. We need addresses, a map or something that tells us where the project is taking place. A quantifiable goal is an absolute must. A solid number is a must.

Requested amount and the breakdown of how you plan to spend the money is required. Remember that you cannot change where you plan to spend the money. The only thing that can change is the amount u plan to spend there and you can't add money in areas you didn't initially place funding. This page gets updated in the fall at contract signing.

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If you have two projects, two applications are required. Remember to proof read!!!!!!!!!!

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 .a.m.

Recording on file in the Department of Planning and Development, 504 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601

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City Of Alliance CDBG 19-FY Workshop

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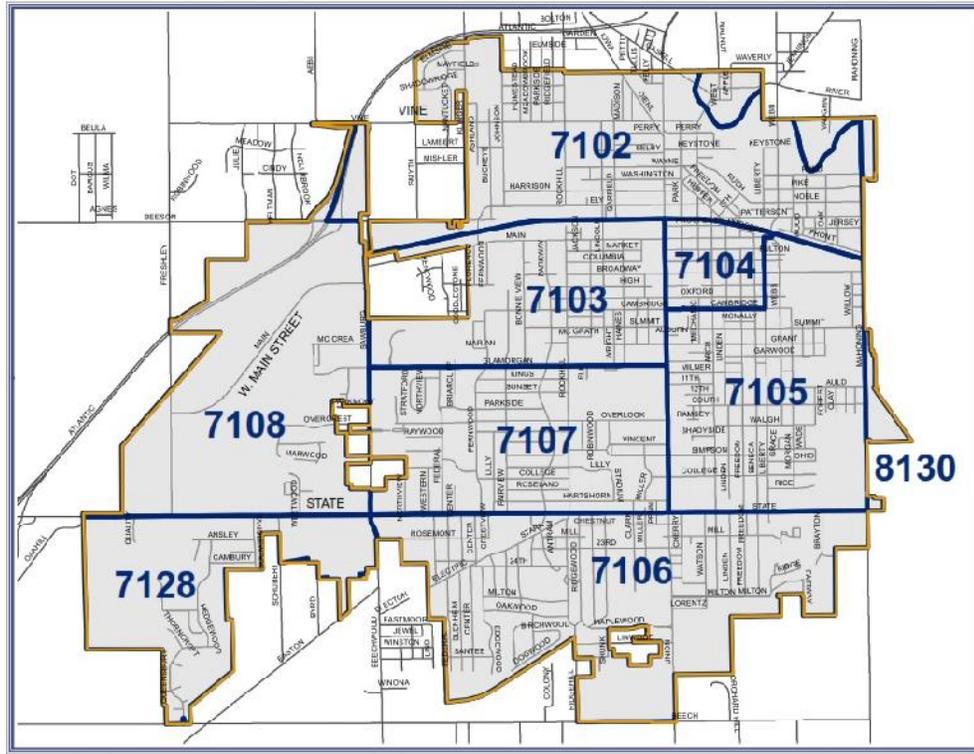
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Census Tracts - Alliance, Ohio



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Census Tract Map

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.

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Notice of Public Meeting Annual Action Plan 2019

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Public Hearing

FY 2019 Consolidated Plan Yearly and 5 year Plan

Tuesday, December 11th, 2018

9:30 a.m.

The Planning and Development met at the City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Alliance, Ohio on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Carolyn Ferrell, Beacon Pharmacy

Sheila Cherry, CouncilWoman Ward 1, committee member

Vanessia Freeman, City of Alliance

Richard Sicha, Placemark Collaborative

Marcia Moll, Placemark Collaborative

Liz Hibbs, Early Childhood ED Alliance

Gloria Whiteley-Magrath, YWCA

Becky Mozden, City of Alliance

Joe Mazzola, Planning & Development

Barb Sferra, Planning & Development

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Joe Mazzola, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Alliance Planning & Development department.

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II. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Mazzola explained that this meeting is a requirement of HUD and the City of Alliance Planning & Development department must have a public hearing prior to submission of the Annual Action plan, the purpose of the meeting is to gather community input on how the City of Alliance allocates the CDBG funds for FY-19. Mr. Mazzola Introduced Rick and Marcia from Placemark Collaborative and asked them to elaborate more on what they do as consultants.

Rick started off by explaining the difference between the one year consolidated plan Vs. the 5 year consolidated plan. Also, Rick touched on a few documents that HUD requires they do at county level but isn't required of Alliance. Recommended we dig into the Stark County Consolidated plan and take a look.

The one year consolidated plan should describe how you are going to spend the money during the next 12 months. About half of the City of Alliance population of roughly 22,000 is low to moderate income. Rick had many statistics about the Alliance community and shared them (see attached documents).

Packet information handouts includes:

Census Data Rick and Marcia put together from data found from Census Tract and Placemark Collaborative meeting notes of HUD statistics.

Rick handed the meeting over to Barb Sferra. She started off with discussing the one year plan and how it will reflect what the decision was for the 5 year plan. Each individual year of that 5 year plan will try to maintain the goals and objectives that are set in place. Asked for ideas or maybe problem areas that may need more attention during the 2019-23 Five year plan that may have been not part of the previous plan.

Joe Mazzola then broke down the percentages of where and how they can spend HUD money. HUD allows 20% of what receive to go toward Administrative costs. Fifteen percent is allowed to go to public services. (We tend to max that out) Housing rehab and demolitions that is apart from CDBG money. He spoke of the 200 homes that had needed demoed and was proud to say they all were mostly completed and the project was nearly at its end. Thanks to the Ohio Moving Forward Program and the new and improved programs. By removing abandoned homes we have given those neighborhoods hope. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars go towards housing rehabs for said neighborhoods for homeowners that meet certain guidelines. With that being mentioned the city is up to 65% of the Allocated money that is use. With what is left they like to do projects like the YWCA, Mt. Union Fire station and the Union Ave. Corridor project that will be underway next spring/summer. We rehab a home to help with the homeless situation. Parks projects and many other thing.

Taking a closer look at the Union Ave. Corridor project he emphasized on how the Columbus HUD brought the monies to our attention. Columbus changed the way they do the accounting and the left over money not spent from the Administrative funds can't be rolled over for more money towards

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Administration for the next year. It has to be spent somewhere else. For multiple years the left over money kept adding up and now is being used to enhance a gateway into our city. The Union Ave. stretch between Columbia St. and College St. will be getting a new street, sidewalks and lighting. Farmers National Bank did a survey before they moved into Alliance that showed we have a high number of people that come into the city to shop, work and for recreational activity that do not live here. Population is about 22,000 where the number of out of town shoppers is around 75,000-100,000 people. The \$130,000-\$140,000 that was left over is now going to help connect our downtown to what people perceive as the new downtown which is the area of AACH and the University of Mount Union. Along with this another project was funded and it's the Bikeway that will run parallel to the corridor and will connect to the existing Iron Horse Trail bikeway downtown.

Rick from Placemark noted the number of jobs in Alliance is greater than Alliance's work force. Mr. Mazzola named many home grown companies. Sheila Cherry stated her opinion that the reason Rick's statement is true is because the opiate problem that has spread throughout our city along with the 12% unemployment rate.

Barb Sferra asked of the group "where do we need to focus to help families? Where is the need? Where do we need to take this for the future?"

Joe encouraged new Nonprofits to come forth.

Liz Hibbs from Spark asked if they could do an additional application for money to go towards helping the families of the children that are in the Spark program. More ready money so they don't have to seek help from other area organizations and churches.

Joe and Barb explained that housing rehab allocated money through CDBG will cover some of what she spoke of but just like any program the person has to meet certain criteria. As for money being granted for an organization to help pay one's bills, HUD will not allow that.

Gloria of the YWCA mentions she has private funds given to her strictly for utility help. She advocates that children brought up in poverty stricken home have trauma. She also feels that the need for help with medications has dropped drastically because we are funding Beacon Pharmacy and they are actually making an impact on our community. Beacon is a \$400,000 Organization and they have been able to leverage that money into millions of dollars.

Carol From Beacon Pharmacy talked about the fact a lot of people still don't have insurance and sometimes they are able to sit down and help people budget differently so they can afford their meds and still pay bills and supply food for their homes. The change with the health care system has been a factor in the increase of the amount of people that don't have insurance.

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Gloria touched base on her Navigator group for middle school aged kids. Said she has lost some funding from other organizations because they feel it's not a priority and plus they too have limited help to give yearly. The Navigators program is the only program that targets children of that age group. Middle school children have no "champion" during this crucial time in their lives. To show the impact Navigators has made on the young community they now have high school kids volunteering and they just hired a young adult that made it her goal to work with the navigators program that she too was a part of as a child. Gloria is advocating for this program because without the block grant she can't run the program in an effective way that will impact the kids in the way it's needed. Sheila Cherry pointed out for a lot of single parent homes Navigators give peace of mind that the kids are in a safe place after school for that working parent that may not be able to afford after school care. Also it may provide that last meal for a child or much needed help with their studies that they may not get at home. Gloria broke down what a day was like for a "Navigator" and pointed out that the children have the option to be bussed to the High School for a free dinner before being taken home. The meals are funded by Alliance City Schools.

Gloria also made an observation that with the YWCA Employment assistance program she is running into situations where these women are doing everything right but still continue to struggle greatly. They are raising their children, working, but can't seem to keep from drowning. She points out that some do have opiate addiction but seem to really be trying to do the right thing. In turn can be very discouraging to a young mom. With the program and the YWCA in general it gives them somewhere they can go for some help or just someone to talk to.

Joe stated that unfortunately we don't get enough money to fix all the pending and upcoming problems the city may have going on in an individual basis, but promised to use what we do what they can with the best interest of the community at need. He also announced we are holding another meeting of the same on Thursday at 4 p.m. and asked they spread the word.

Adjourned by Joe Mazzola close meeting at 10:36 a.m. Recording on file in the Department of Planning and Development, 504 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE MEETING MINTUES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

The Planning and Development Committee met at the City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Alliance, Ohio on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cindy King, Chairperson, Sheila Cherry, Council Committee
Barbara Sferra, Safety Service Coordinator
Nancy Donato, Canton Ex-Newsboys
Jim Justice, Canton Ex-Newsboys
Vanessia Freeman, City of Alliance
Jennifer Merriman, City of Alliance
Shirene Starn-Tapyrik, Alliance For Children and Families, Inc.
Joseph Mazzola, City of Alliance
Richard Sicha, Placemark Collaborative
Marcia Moll, Placemark Collaborative

Handouts: American Community Survey Social Characteristics, 2013-2017 ACS 5 Year Estimates (DP-02, DP-03, DP-04, DP-05), Explanation and Guidelines Summary of 5 year plan provided by Placemark Collaborative

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Barbara Sferra, Safety Service Coordinator.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

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Sferra welcomed all to the meeting, stated it is a requirement through HUD to hold the workshops for the 5 year and 1 year plan. Stated that consultants were contracted to assist with the preparation of the 5 year plan.

Turned meeting over to Joe Mazzola, who introduced himself and asked to go around the room introducing themselves. Stated that King & Starn-Tapyrik have heard him say before that there never has been and never will be going forward enough funding to do all that Alliance needs to do. "With what we get, we are trying to do the best we can".

The breakdown as it has occurred since Mazzola's tenure at Alliance and prior where funding is approx. \$500,000, maybe more on a good year that could come close to \$600,000, which happened last year. On a percentage basis, 20% goes to administration, 15% goes to public services, allot funding for code enforcement, that funds ½ of 2 positions (commercial code person and the residential code person), commit at least \$150,000 to housing rehab which includes emergency repairs (which is in the vicinity of 30%). We don't allocate as much as we used to for demolition because of the Neighborhood Initiative Project, but there are still funds that need to be allocated in case of an emergency demolition, because NIP cannot respond that quickly.

This is a 5 year plan, which involves a deeper dive and Alliance is pleased to work with Rick & Marcia. Mazzola asked that Rick share data and information with King & Starn-Tapyrik, because they are extremely involved in the community and the effective use of CDBG funds. Whatever Rick & Marcia can share & whatever King & Starn-Tapyrik can share will be helpful.

Sicha began by explaining that there are 2 HUD funding sources received in Alliance:

- 1) CDBG – started in 1974
- 2) Home Program – started in 1990, which Alliance works in collaboration with Massillon and Stark County.

With HUD, there have always been planning documents that they require communities to complete, starting with the consolidated plan in 1994 and about 5 years ago they started to require them via electronic submissions.

Little difference in the submission that Alliance will complete versus the submission from the County because there are certain things that HUD believes should be addressed at the County level, so there are more sections in the SCRPC draft that they are working on right now relating to the public housing authority, the Continuum of Care and the populations with special needs.

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To HUD, special needs are elderly, frail elderly, people with physical disabilities, person's with development disabilities, and persons with AIDS. Would encourage anyone to take a look documents placed for public comment if those specific topics are something that you are interested in.

5 year plan is a planning document to describe the housing needs of low/moderate income residents, outline strategies to meet the needs and discuss the resources available to implement the strategies. This process is designed to take a step back and look at the big picture, see which way is best for the community to go. There has not been a lot of dramatic changes in Alliance in the past few years.

One of the parts of the 5 year plan is to look at demographic & housing trends and within the last week the census bureau released new figures and the data is shown on the handouts.

Currently, about 22,000 residents live in Alliance and about half are considered low/moderate income according to HUD's definition. For low income – 50% of what everyone's income is in the Canton, Massillon, Alliance & Stark County area. For one person, it would be the equivalent of \$23,000 or \$11.00 an hour job. For a household of 4, almost \$32,500. 25% of residents have income below the poverty line about \$1,000.00 month, female HOH 40%, female HOH w/ children under 5, that number is 80%.

1 out of 6 residents are age 65 or older, 2/3 of those are women. Of the 10,000 housing units citywide about 12% are vacant. About ½ of the occupied housing is renter occupied and the other ½ is owner occupied. Owner's estimated the value of their homes and the median came out to \$80,600. ¼ of the homeowner's with mortgages believe they spend more than 30% of gross income on housing costs. Above 30% of gross income spent on housing costs is what HUD calls Cost Burden, which is another group that is looked at for HUD programs & non HUD programs such as Home Weatherization Assistance Program, with the thought to bring down energy costs of a household would help to lower the housing costs. Median number according to the census data is \$650.00 a month for rent.

When residents were asked about their housing from 1 year ago, approximately 5,000 stated they were in a different house, which is a high number or 25% of all residents. This includes people moving within Alliance, and people moving within the surrounding cities or counties and is always more frequent within the renter population.

Another portion of the 5 year plan is to develop and confirm what the local priorities and objectives are related to housing programs. In the last 5 year plan from 2014-2018, Alliance placed a high priority on rehabilitation of existing houses, public services, public improvements and infrastructure, economic development as well as contributing funds to the Continuum of Care, fair housing, and planning & administration. 5 year plan also includes what the community is saying about developing & confirming the plan for assessing yearly performance, which Alliance has in place already. Also, discussing with public, private and other non-profit organizations the kind of exchange of ideas and information that is

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necessary to help come to the best conclusion to where the money is best spent. The P&D department of Alliance works continually throughout the year to keep in touch with citizens and other communities not just annually when a funding event comes up or every 5 years when the plan is due.

The meeting is turned back over to Mazzola. He states to King & Starn-Tapyrik that they are aware of the funding received and where the funding is spent, and now is an opportunity to comment where they would like to see things going in the future. Sferra stepped in and suggested they talk about the groups being funded.

Starn-Tapyrik started the conversation talking about the high group of individuals that do not live in the same house as last year. Her programs deal with homelessness and believes the large number is due to eviction which is approximately a 3 month cycle when dealing with the courts and believes the eviction is because of the high poverty level. The thing that spoke to her most was the 80% of female HOH with children under the age of 5.

Noted that there has always been a collaboration with the Continuum of Care, but recently found out that SCRPC provides funds to the HMIS and homeless hotline. Understands that sometimes even though funds are allocated to a program, they may not be able to access them. Prior to SCRPC releasing funds, numbers must be provided stating how many individuals came from the SCRPC zip code. Just wants to verify because only 15% of the block grant is set aside for public services that funds for Alliance are used for programs in Alliance.

Starn-Tapyrik questioned the Consortium between Alliance & Stark County and if Alliance could hire additional staff to administer program itself. Sicha answered that Consortium's are very common throughout the state of Ohio. When HOME Program was created by HUD, they looked at criteria for the formula and took available monies and ranked all jurisdictions by allocation & drew a line. Everyone above the line will receive funds (this included Stark County & Canton) and all jurisdictions below the line have no access to funds unless you are contractually joined with someone above the line. Starn-Tapyrik stated Alliance is in the Consortium not by choice. Sicha confirmed that without the Consortium, Alliance would miss out on funds available to help its residents. The other notation about the Consortium is that if Alliance does not have any residents that need assistance through the Home Program, the funds are able to be used by the other cities in the Consortium so that no funds are returned to HUD.

Mazzola interjected that in East Cleveland the Home Program was run in-house and was unsuccessful. Discussed the benefits of SCRPC being the point person for the Home Program. Sicha noted that HUD likes the fact the Consortium makes communities communicate with each other.

Sferra asked that Sharn-Tapyrik talk about projects for her organization that have been funded in the past, clarified CDBD funding.

Starn-Tapyrik stated that funds have been used for construction, noted Davis Bacon Act and requirements for HUD.

Spoke about meeting with Mac Trailer & the medical clinic run by Aultman. Offers an employment protection program that helps employees retain jobs. An article written in the paper in July stated that Mac Trailer went from a 33% retention up to 69% retention rate.

Starn-Tapyrik then talked about specific examples of the way her programs helps employees; helping to fill out applications, finding child care, assisting with transportation, temporary & permanent housing, securing health insurance until it becomes available from the employer. Employer will reach out to Starn-Tapyrik for help with troubled employees, or the proper way to discipline or lay-off.

Also, work with Trilogy, who comes onsite for training to un-demerit demerit points earned by the employees. While employees are there, they offer additional services like financial literacy programs.

Mazzola and Sferra agreed that the program is phenomenal and the majority of the program is geared towards workforce development, benefits both the employer and employee.

Starn-Tapyrik talked about expanding the program to other companies and adding a health clinic. Also willing to work with other program owners in Alliance to keep funding and moving Alliance forward. Stressed the importance of planning and communication between departments and programs.

Sferra asked with regard to housing and homelessness what would be the needs in the next five years. Discussed the housing market and property owners wanting to sell the rentals and the effects of Sanders Market closing. How can she help to get other investors to come to Alliance and maintain the same standards? Mazzola added that “good landlords are worth their weight in gold” and how can we keep those kind of individuals in Alliance?

Sferra offered King (council woman and life-long resident) the opportunity to weigh in on the conversation and thanked Starn-Tapyrik for all of her input.

King started off by asking about Starn-Tapyrik’s program and only rehabbing existing homes, which is correct, she does not do demolitions.

Mazzola noted that NIP is coming to an end and what will the new direction be? Talked about the land banks for other communities and how they are making a strong movement towards rehab. Starn-Tapyrik

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believes that Alliance is a little ahead of the curve based on the work she does in other communities. It is helpful that Alliance is an open community and that everyone works to share the little bit that we have.

King stated her concern for the future is from the properties that have been torn down and with only three years of maintenance allotted from the county what will happen with them because not everyone will want to purchase side lots.

Mazzola answered that the goal has been to build up KAB to keep money in the till to cut grass as a sort term solution.

King stated she doesn't have any complaints about the City lots now and they look beautiful, but her fear is that residents will "junk" them up with cars, and trash. Mazzola noted that the goal is raising community standards in every way, shape and form especially in physical appearance of this City.

Sferra asked King what is needed in the future. King stated "housing". Suggested that constituents need credit classes, starting from the ground up. Spoke about individuals from Alliance Castings who have lost their jobs almost two years ago. King then speaks about the importance of credit for housing but also pride in their property. Everyone in the meeting notes examples of debris or trash they have seen throughout the City.

Starn-Tapyrik interjected about housing and spoke about her rental program and how they are able to work with residents on the amount of rent and when situations arise help work out payment arrangements for rent instead of losing their homes.

Mazzola goes back to King's reference of Alliance Castings closing how it was one step back for the City but Trilogy and Mac Trailer are steps forward.

Discussed the challenges of finding work after a certain age and the physical demands of the positions at Trilogy and Mac Trailer. Starn-Tapyrik talked about the ripple effect on the community after Alliance Castings closed and talked about the funds given to her program from Castings.

Sferra asks if anyone would like to express anything else. Starn-Tapyrik expressed gratitude to the City. Noted you can walk in with a problem, spur of the moment, not have an appointment and any individual will help solve the problem and handle the urgent needs of the community. Grateful for the friendly atmosphere.

Mazzola stated that it is a team effort in this City. Sicha stated that it is clear that the City does a good job of communicating and coordinating and trying to make more out of less.

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Mazzola asked if there were any other questions or comments and closed meeting.

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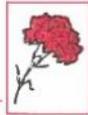
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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HAVE SCHEDULED A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019
TIME: 11:30 A.M.
PLACE: CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
504 E. MAIN STREET
ALLIANCE, OH 44601
SUBJECT: TO REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FY-2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN CDBG FUNDING AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

Dated: January 23, 2019

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Public Meeting Notice

ADGENDA

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, January 28, 2019 11:30 A.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. DISCUSS CDBG PROJECT PROPOSALS
- III. CDBG BUDGET
- IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- V. ADJOURNMENT

Public Meeting Agenda

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINTUES
Monday, January 28, 2019**

The Community Planning and Development Committee met at the City Administration Building, 504 East Main Street, Second Floor Conference Room, Alliance, Ohio on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Cindy King, Chairperson, Sheila Cherry, Council Committee, Brian Simone, Council Committee, Haven Ackley, Jennifer Mastroianni, Emily Rhome

Others Present: Joe Mazzola, Director of Planning and Development
Vanessia Freeman, Planning & Development
Barb Sferra, Safety Service Coordinator
Rebecca Mozden, Planning & Development
Jennifer Merriman, Planning & Development
Stephanie Ujhelyi, Alliance Review
Danille Kemp, Alliance Fire Dept.
Shirene Stan Tapyrik, Alliance For Children and Families, Inc.
Carol Risaliti, Beacon Charitable Pharmacy
Jennifer Keaton, Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery
Robert Shaffer & Jodine Koenigseker, Alliance Community Pantry
Nancy Donato & Jim Justice, Canton Ex-Newsboys
Raymont & Brenda Johnson, Multi-Use Community Center
Elizabeth Hibbs, Early Childhood Ed. (SPARK)
Richard Sicha & Marcia Moll, Placemark Collaborative

I. CALL TO ORDER

Seeing a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Cindy King, Committee Chairperson.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

The purpose of the meeting is to review the FY-2019 CDBG projects received and make recommendations to Alliance City Council for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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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 made note of a new committee member was present. Mazzola announces the City had not yet received the allocated amount from HUD for the 2019 fiscal year, so he noted that he was going to use the FY-2018 amount from the previous year's allocation of \$599,873.00 and adjusted amounts will be made at a later date.

Mazzola stated that the recaptured amount of \$65,111.72 was from Code which brought the total allocated anticipated amount to \$617,111.72. The information sheet below was distributed to members to explain the breakdown of funds.

The maximum amount that can be used for Public Service activities per HUD regulation is \$89,980.00 (15%) and the maximum amount for Administration is \$119,974.00 (20%). Code enforcement is recommended for \$110,000.00 to keep up with what the N.I.P. program has accomplished for the city. Mazzola also recommended \$50,587.00 to go towards Demolitions so the city doesn't fall behind again and it will help maintain the progress the N.I.P. program has accomplished. Historic preservation will get \$1000.00 to cover annual fees that are required. Housing rehab will continue to get the recommended amount of \$150,000.00 that will also cover the cost of Stark County Regional Planning who administer the rehab program. Mazzola asked they cover the projects last and go right to the Public Services.

FY 2019 Entitlement Allocation	\$599,873.00	
Recaptured	-0-	
Total To Allocate	\$599,873.00	
Maximum available for public service 15%	\$89,980.00	
Maximum available for administration 20%	\$119,974.00	
Eligible Activity Name		Recommended
Administration		\$119,974.00
Code Enforcement Administration		\$110,000.00
Demolition		\$50,587.00
Historic Preservation		\$1,000.00
Housing Rehab		\$150,000.00
Eligible Project Name	Request	Recommended
Multi Use Community Center	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Handicap Accessible Bathroom AADVS	\$4,065.00	\$4,065.00
Roof Resurfacing Alliance Community Pantry	\$24,266.87	\$24,267.00
Public Services	Request	Recommended
Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter	\$13,560.00	\$12,500.00
Alliance Career Center	\$24,000.00	\$12,500.00
Beacon Charitable Pharmacy	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00

Canton Ex- Newsboys Association	\$10,000.00	\$7,338.00
Early Childhood Education (SPARK)	\$20,000.00	\$12,500.00
Fair Housing (HUD Requirement)	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Stark County CoC Homeless Hotline	\$14,142.00	\$14,142.00
YWCA Employment Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
YWCA Navigators Program	\$13,000.00	\$12,500.00

Public Service funding requests came in just under \$108,000.00 with eight applications turned in. We had \$89,980.00 to divide among the eligible applicants. Mazzola explained the point system on how applications rank on the scale of eligibility. *Please see above table for requested amounts and recommended funding.

Seven requests were received for 2019 project funding totaling almost \$300,000.00. Monies left for projects is about \$80,000.00. Mazzola used 3 key criteria for deciding how that funding was going to be best used to better our community.

1. The impact the project would have on the community.
2. Past support the city has given projects
3. Alternative funding sources that the projects may have for what they are looking for.

Based on those Mazzola is looking to fund 3 of the 7 projects.

#1 Multi-Use Community Center: This projects potential impact is huge for the surrounding neighborhoods. This project could generate help for one of the neighborhoods in greatest need. Location: SE corner of Liberty and Columbia. This covers only building costs.

#2 Handicap accessible restrooms Domestic Violence Shelter: This project was asking for so little for such a great need a no was not an option.

#3 Roofing for the Alliance Community Pantry: Food supplies are compromised due to the condition of the roof.

Mazzola pointed out that CDBG funding is good seed money to help programs get running but it can't be used for a perpetual source of funding. With that being mentioned Mazzola opened the idea that they may not be funding programs 2020 CDBG year because the need of housing rehab is so abundant. By using this funding Mazzola feels it will raise community standards.

Committee Chair King asked for a motion to approve the recommendations. Shelia Cherry made the motion to approve the recommendations noted in the agenda and Brian Simone Second the motion. All committee members in favor. Motion carries.

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

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.

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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

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

The City of Alliance is not a recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds. Throughout FY-2019 the Department of Planning & Development will continue to solicit and evaluate applications from all interested parties through the open and competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The Department of Planning and Development will continue to work closely with all housing and service providers, and with other resources, such as the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, to ensure funded programs meet the 5-Year Consolidated Plan needs.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For inquiries please contact the Director of Community Development at the City of Alliance Department of Planning & Development at 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, OH 44601 or by phone at (330)829-2235. The FY-2019 Annual Action Plan is available for public viewing by visiting the City website at www.cityofalliance.com, or you may inquire about the plan at the information desk of the Rodman Library located at 215 E. Broadway in Alliance, OH 44601.

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

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan is designed to be a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. The process offers the City of Alliance the opportunity to shape its housing and community development strategies. The plan is developed with input from housing and service providers, a list of which is included in this plan. Through the FY-2018 year and into the FY-2019 year, the City of Alliance has worked diligently to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health & mental health, local government and service agencies as directed by section 24 CFR (91.215(l)). During FY-2019 the City of Alliance will continue to pursue collaboration between public and private sector resources to improve the amount of funding committed to affordable and supportive housing resources.

The 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan was developed by the Stark County Consortium, with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) serving as the lead entity throughout the planning process. Since that time, the City continues to be committed to the continued coordination of all community development initiatives. The City continues to be committed to facilitating partnerships between City Departments and community-based organizations, State and County government, neighborhood residents, businesses, faith-based entities and others in the private sector to efficiently link resources and carry out joint planning and program activities. This spirit of cooperation is further supported by the City's Administration and is carried out on a daily basis through many channels of communication including face-to-face and group meetings, phone conversations, e-mail, and other correspondence.

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 and governmental health, mental health, and service providers, the City has consulted with the following agencies: the AADVS, Alliance for Children and Families, the YWCA, the CoC and the SCRPC.

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 Family, and ICAN have a strong presence in Alliance and the City will continue to work with them throughout FY-2019. The Planning and Development 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. A qualification for the program is that there must be a Medicaid eligible child living in the home or visiting the home more than 6 hours per week or

a Medicaid eligible pregnant woman. Rentals do qualify, however, the property owner must pay half of the cost. The City of Alliance Health Department has flyers that are available to the public. The child does not have to have lead poisoning to qualify for the program. The program is also to be utilized as a preventative measure. The City of Alliance's Health Commissioner and the City of Alliance's Director of Nursing sit on various boards and committees at local, county and state levels. They also have regular communication with local, county and state agencies via e-mail and phone conversations.

In conjunction with SCRPC, 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 emails and phone conversations and meets regularly with the SCRPC.

In coordination with the Alliance Health Department, the City provides free and confidential HIV rapid testing and counseling with results that are available in twenty minutes. Testing is available every Thursday morning 9-11:00 a.m. If a client is not able to make the day or time they can schedule an appointment for a more convenient time. Follow up services are made available to the appropriate public social service entity. Printed information is available in both English and Spanish. Last year HIV testing was provided for 172 clients. The Department of P&D has daily meetings with the City's Health Commissioner.

The P&D Department does not work directly with any corrections 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 person's work off their fines by assisting with needs throughout the City. This is not a CDBG Program, but has provided financial assistance and has helped individuals acquire needed skills for employment. Through a countywide effort, the City has removed the section of 'Have you been convicted a Felony' from the employment application.

The Mayor and Law Director for the City of Alliance recently met with SMHA and their resident council to discuss how collaboration may be enhanced.

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

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

better informed on the topics of homelessness and housing opportunities for disadvantaged Alliance residents and together with the Director of P&D, the Community Development Committee and City Council progressively move toward decisions and actions that will better address the needs of the homeless.

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

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

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

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted with the Domestic Violence Shelter 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 un-duplicated service in the City of Alliance. The project involves working with families victimized by domestic violence to help them learn to lead abuse-free, healthier, and safer lives. The shelter is a confidential location to ensure the safety of shelter residents. Anticipated outcomes of this program will be education to the residents and community about domestic violence with the goal of preventing re-occurrence of domestic violence in future relationships. Additionally, another anticipated outcome is to help clients better themselves through higher education, receiving employment, and acquiring life skills necessary to achieve their ultimate goal of living a life free from abuse. The Director for the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter attended the 2018 CDBG workshop.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness 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 Mayor and Director of P&D of the City of Alliance attend regular meetings with the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County to discuss the need to establish a partnership between the City and the CoC. The City of Alliance will fund the CoC for the third year in FY2019. The CoC is the centralized point of entry for persons seeking assistance with housing and social service needs. The purpose of this project includes centralized intake, expanded diversion efforts, coordinated assessment, triage and referral to homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, emergency shelters, and permanent supportive housing programs. This program benefits individuals and families who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness (evicted, etc.). The anticipated outcomes include service to over 500 individuals and or families of low to mod income. Services will include for all eligible households that are seeking shelter, they will be referred to shelter immediately, if openings exist. If no shelter is currently available, households will be referred immediately upon notification of a vacancy. Households who are not in immediate need of shelter will be diverted to other community resources such as job training programs, employment resources, food assistance programs, educational opportunities and mainstream resources. The anticipated goal is that 100 percent of eligible households seeking permanent housing will be prioritized for either rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing.</p>

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Stark County Regional Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Service-Fair Housing Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City meets regularly with the staff of the SCRPC to review CDBG/HOME housing issues. In addition, the City and County have meet several times to address improving the services of Fair Housing and the need to improve awareness. In FY-2018, the City completed with the partnership of the Stark County Consortium and consultants an updated Analysis of Impediments (AI). The updated AI can now be used as a tool for better understanding how City and County resources can be used to better serve the under served population with housing obstacles.

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

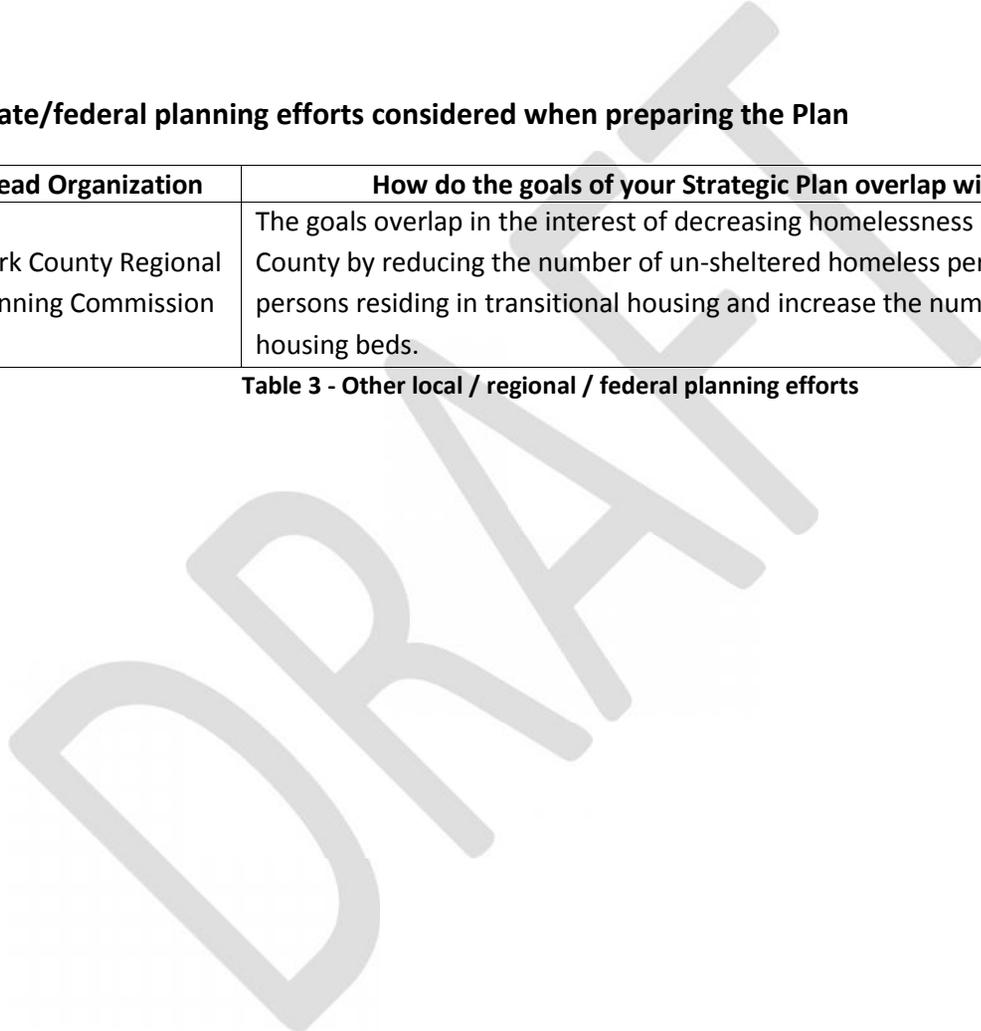
All public meetings have been advertised. The City continues to make efforts at improving its openness to discussion from residents and organizations throughout the area.

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

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



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 public meeting for the FY-2019 Request for Proposals was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 and the FY-2019 CDBG Workshop was held on Tuesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 13, 2018. The minutes are attached after the Certifications section of the 2019 Annual Action Plan. The minutes indicate that citizen comments are included in the Plan and that the Alliance Development Director addressed comments that may have been requested. The minutes for the Monday, January 28, 2019 Community Development Committee meeting are also attached. This meeting was for the award and allocation of the FY-2019 CDBG funds. The City of Alliance Citizen Participation plan outlines the efforts to broaden public participation in the development of the plan. Public outreach includes print and electronic media. Mailings were sent to citizens, area social service agencies, schools, governmental agencies, and other community organizations. In addition, the City with reasonable notice is willing to make arrangements for those who are non-English speaking and those who are hearing impaired.

All public hearings are held in an ADA compliant environment so that persons with disabilities may attend and offer input. The meetings are open to the public and agendas are distributed via e-mail, internet posting, and hardcopy posting. Meeting notes summarizing the discussion items and actions taken are posted online and made available at subsequent meetings to keep interested parties informed. All meetings 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, such as the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, 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 processes involved for the allocation of each entitlement grant are based on goals and strategies outlined in the City's 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)
1	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Likes to the City's FaceBook page have increased by 231 from last year up to 1,198 and 1,229 individuals following the site. It is the City's hope that with the increase in individuals viewing the website that they also are viewing the CDBG page which hosts plans, programs, accomplishments and other information regarding the funding of the program.	The City continues to expand its outreach to include social media along with more traditional outlets. The input received has been on topics related to roadways and sidewalk improvements.	No comments or recommendations have been excluded.	https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Government-Organization/City-Government-of-Alliance-OH-436907839695927/

2	Email	Public Services Agencies	Varies	<p>The City sends out regular e-mails notifying sub recipients and applicants of any actions related to the annual and consolidated plan, meetings and requests or requirements regarding the CDBG program. The City's goal is to expand</p>	<p>No comments or recommendations have been excluded.</p>	
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				the email register to include all service providers within Alliance.		

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3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	This varies, but for the Annual and Consolidation Plan, there were no comments.	The City has expanded the use of its website to include postings for meetings, documents, applications, and public information. There are several staff members that work to administer the site. In March of 2019, the City updated	No comments or recommendations have been excluded.	http://www.cityofalliance.com/
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				its website to allow for a more user friendly site. Improve ments continue to be made in the hopes that more individual s will view postings regarding the CDBG program.		
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	No responses were received.	Used for posting public and legal notices.	No comments or recommendations have been excluded.	

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5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Six sub recipients and two City Council members were in attendance for the two meetings to discuss the FY-19 Annual Action & Consolidated Plan.	Comments included the use of CDBG funds for non-public service projects, demolitions and housing rehab and repairs.	No comments or recommendations have been excluded.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Alliance is a CDBG Entitlement Community and receives its annual allocation directly from HUD. The City receives HOME funding

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from HUD which is administered by Stark County Regional Planning Commission.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	599,873	13,861	136,818	750,552	0	Applicants submitting CDBG applications are required to identify matched and leveraged funding sources. Additional scoring points are awarded to projects that provide leveraged funds. The City of Alliance has developed priority areas for allocation of CDBG funds. Applications from sub-recipients are scored on a diversity of measures and assigned numerical values. If the project is not located in one of the priority areas it receives a zero in the geographic location category. The City of Alliance would estimate that approximately 80 percent of CDBG funds will be dedicated to target areas. The remaining balance, but not more than the 20% of the cap, will be used for administrative purposes.

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

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-2019 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 non--housing programs from local resources, foundations, and state funding.

Applicants applying for CDBG funding receive points for additional sources of leveraged funds for their project. Below is a list of the FY-2019 Projects and their additional funding sources.

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 Project: Locally committed \$4,000.00; Non-local committed \$370.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$16,000.00.

Adult Education Assistance Project: Locally committed \$30,000.00; Non-local committed \$0.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$50,000.00

AADVS Education Services Project: Locally committed \$6,927.00; Non-local committed \$27,708.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy Project: Locally committed \$1,500.00; Non-local committed \$261,385.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$126,698.00.

Stark County CoC Homeless Hotline Project: Locally committed \$0.00; Non-local committed \$160,024.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$40,000.00.

Early Childhood Education Project: Locally committed \$88,500.00; Non-local committed \$115,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$5,000.00.

Canton Ex-Newsboys Project: Locally committed \$0.00; Non-local committed \$5,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$22,000.00.

The Union Avenue Corridor Project: Locally committed \$190,901.73; Non-local committed \$1,421,756.40; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00. These are FY 2018 funds that have not yet been expended.

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

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

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

Discussion

Applicants submitting CDBG applications are required to identify matched and leveraged funding sources. Additional scoring points are awarded to projects that provide leveraged funds. The City of Alliance has developed target areas for allocation of CDBG funds. Applications from sub-recipients are scored on a variety 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. The City of Alliance would estimate that approximately 80% percent of CDBG funds will be dedicated to low to moderate income areas (LMI). The remaining balance, but not more than the 20% of the cap, will be used for administrative purposes.

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: 500 Other
5	Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness	2019	2023	Homeless	Citywide	Homelessness	CDBG: \$25,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 3 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary
Annual Action Plan
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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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
3	Goal Name	Provide Needed Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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.

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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-2019 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 2019.

#	Project Name

Table 7 – Project Information

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

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AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

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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/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 priority areas it receives a zero in the geographic location category. Some of the individual census tracts in these target areas exceed the 75% percent low/moderate income levels. The Targeted Areas are:

- J **Target Area Number 1** is bound on the north by East Broadway, on the south by South Street, on the west by S. Union and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Priority Area Number 1 is a 60% percent low/moderate income area. This priority area is in Census Tracts 7104 and 7105 and projects in this area receive 20 points.
- J **Target Area Number 2** is bound on the north by a rail line, on the south by E. Broadway, on the west by E. Union and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Priority Area Number 2, comprising the City's historic downtown, is an 84% percent low/moderate income area. This priority area is in Census Tracts 7104 and 7105 and projects in this target area receive 15 points.
- J **Target Area Number 3** is bound on the north by Vine Street and the City border, on the south by a rail line, on the west by N. Union Avenue and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Priority Area Number 3 is a 74% percent low/moderate income area. This priority area is in Census Tract 7102 and projects in this target area receive 10 points.
- J **Target Area Number 4** is bound on the north by W. Vine Street, on the south by W. Main Street, on the west by Klinger Avenue and Lexington Township and on the east by N. Union Avenue. Priority Area Number 4 is a 63% percent low/moderate income area. This priority area is in Census Tract 7102 and projects in this target area receive 5 points.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

While the majority of the sub-recipients receiving funding do not allocate service by identifying low to moderate income areas, most of their clients tend to reside in these targeted areas. Therefore, 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 sub-recipients are scored on a diversity of measures and assigned numerical values. The City of Alliance would estimate that approximately 80% percent of CDBG funds will be dedicated to target areas. The remaining balance, but not more than the 20% of the cap, will be used for administrative purposes. In an effort to build viable neighborhoods, the Department of Planning and Development will review and coordinate all City plans for street improvements with funding for housing rehabilitation within targeted areas.

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-2019, 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 (HUD) defines affordable housing as “housing available for rental or purchase to low or moderate income households in which the occupants pay no more than 30 percent of their income for total housing costs, including utilities.” HUD considers affordable housing to be those homes with a purchase price that does not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area. It is not uncommon for land use policies, rules and regulations to have unintended impacts on developers' ability to construct or reinvest in affordable housing.

The following strategies will be used by the City in FY-2019 to remove or reduce barriers to affordable housing in the City of Alliance.

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

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 the SCRPC of Neighborhoods in an effort to maximize the impact of limited affordable housing funds. Funds are maximized by pursuing revitalization initiatives in priority zones including targeted areas in the City of Alliance. Cooperation between the for-profit and non-profit housing and housing support groups is encouraged. Components of this approach are likely to include purchase and rehabilitation of for sale units, homeowner rehabilitation, new construction, rental rehabilitation, rigorous code enforcement,

homebuyer education and other supportive services.

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

Promotional and educational literature and landlord/tenant brochures are available and are distributed to individuals, landlords and various organizations such as Stark County Legal Aid, the City of Alliance Police Department, the Mayor's Office, Planning and Development, Code Enforcement Department and the Alliance Health Department. Promotional items and literature are shared with interested residents.

Working with SCRPC, the City seeks to make efforts at improving the support services for seniors to help maintain independent living. Strategies to address this need include promotion of coordination among a greater range of support services. This includes but is not limited to: home maintenance, housing rehabilitation aimed at improving handicapped accessibility, and assistance in daily activities.

The SCRPC is the lead agency responsible for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice contract for the City of Alliance. SCRPC in conjunction with the City of Alliance and the City of Massillon have completed an updated Analysis of Impediments in accordance with Sections 104(b) (2) and 106(d)(5) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, amended which requires that CDBG grantees certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing.

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 accommodations 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

Looking forward into FY-2019 and beyond, the City acknowledges the difficulties that lie ahead as we face a consistent decrease in federal funding levels. 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-2019, 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.

- J **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-2019 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 increasing the opportunities for the number of families that are able to rise above the poverty level opens avenues that allow residents to expand their resources for continued success. Choices that the individuals have for obtaining a skill, trade, improving life skills and financial management services can be expanded through the provision of CDBG funded public service agencies and public private collaborations.

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-2019 that the City will focus includes the following:

- J 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 City 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 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.

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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 demolition to the structure that was on the property. Currently, there are no property's or homeowner's that have been required to pay back any of the block grant funding.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

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-19, 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-2019:

-) 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

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