

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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

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

HUD funding is intended to assist individuals and families that earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI) in a metropolitan area. HUD defines these categories based upon household income, adjusted for family size. Alliance is part of the Canton-Massillon Metropolitan Statistical Area (Stark and Carroll Counties). The FY-2023 income categories for a family of four are: Extremely Low Income; Very Low Income; and Low Income, also known as Moderate Income for some program definitions.

The Community Development Block Grant was established by Congress in 1974 with the passage of the Housing and Community Development Act. As a recipient of federal funds, the City of Alliance is required to submit to HUD each year an Annual Action Plan, which is based on the jurisdiction's 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan, for the years 2019-2023, defines the direction the City will take in utilizing CDBG federal funds to address the national objectives in a manner that will produce the greatest measurable impact on our community. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan was developed in accordance with the Consolidated Plan Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs Final Rule published in Part 92 Volume 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations for Community Planning and Development Programs.

This document provides information on program year FY-2023 and year five (5) of the City's Strategic Consolidated Plan 2019-2023. This fourth year Annual Action Plan will explain how the City of Alliance intends to use its CDBG and HOME allocations in 2023/2024, 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 Department of P&D focuses on creating viable neighborhoods, empowering community organizations, and providing decent housing and economic opportunities. Recognized is that decent, affordable housing is a critical part of a viable neighborhood system, which also includes public safety, education, employment opportunities, business development and social service providers. These priorities represent a comprehensive approach to neighborhood vitality, housing availability, and affordability for all residents and adding value and opportunities to the community as a whole.

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

Improve the living conditions of distressed neighborhoods.

Fair Housing education and outreach.

Increase Affordable Housing.

Create and Preserve Economic Opportunities.

Increase Self- sufficiency.

Strengthen Neighborhoods and the quality of life for its residents.

Invest in community services and non-profit facilities.

Invest in Historic Preservation as economic development.

- The provision of the goals is important for the city and its interest in providing quality services as a tool in the overall effort to promote Alliance as a healthy choice community and the mainstay of an economically thriving area. Outcomes are: Availability/Accessibility/Affordability/Sustainability.
- Availability refers to the programs that make services, housing, infrastructure, and public services accessible to low to moderate income persons, including those with disabilities and special needs.
- Affordability refers to programs that provide affordability too low to moderate income persons and includes affordable housing.
- Sustainability refers to programs that improve communities and promote viability such as removing slum and blight and other services that sustain communities.

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 and are primarily funded by Community Development Block Grant funds.

Prior activities have contributed to providing decent housing for homeless persons, improving the safety and sustainability of the stock of affordable housing, 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 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-2022/2023, 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-2022 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 -2023 year. Through the FY-2023 fiscal year, the City will continue this effort of creating an affordable and sustainable residential and economic environment for the residents of Alliance.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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

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

The Citizen Participation plan outlines the efforts to broaden public participation in the CDBG program. Public outreach includes print and electronic media, mailings to citizens, area social service agencies, schools, governmental agencies, and other community organizations, as well as innovations in the use of social media. In addition, the city offers to make arrangements for those who are non-English speaking and those who are hearing impaired when advanced notice is given. The public hearings are held in an ADA compliant environment so that persons with disabilities may attend and offer input.

The City requested proposals for funding under the FY-2023 CDBG Program. Applicants requesting CDBG funding must meet one or more HUD National Objectives and be consistent with the priority needs of the City.

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

Applications were accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2022, at the office of Planning and Development, 504 E. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Alliance, OH 44601.

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

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

5. Summary of public comments

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

No written comments were submitted.

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

No comments or views were received nor accepted regarding the FY-2023 Action Plan.

7. Summary

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

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

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

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

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

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

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For information regarding the City of Alliance's Year fifth (5) Annual Action Plan, contact Joe Mazzola, Director of Planning and Development at (330) 829-2235. The Plan is available for public viewing by visiting the City website at www.cityofalliance.com, or you may inquire about the plan at the information desk at Rodman Library located at 215 E. Broadway in Alliance, Ohio.

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

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan is designed to be a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. The process offers the City the opportunity to shape its housing and community development strategies. The Plan is developed with input from housing service providers, a list of which is included in this plan. Through the FY-2022 year and into FY-2023 the City has worked diligently to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health & mental health, local government and service agencies as directed by Section 24 CFR (91.215(l)). During the FY- 2023 the City will continue to pursue collaboration between public and private sector resources to improve funding committed to affordable and supportive housing resources.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

In order to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private governmental health, mental health and service providers the City has consulted with the following agencies: the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter, Alliance for Children & Families, the YWCA, the CoC and Stark County Regional Planning Commission for CDBG .

The City will continue to partner with the CoC in efforts to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness. SMHA, Alliance for Children and Families, and ICAN, have a strong presence in the City. The City will continue to work with these agencies through-out FY-2023. The P&D staff will continue to meet with any entity as requested or the need arises to enhance coordination. Ohio Department of Health is prequalifying individuals for lead testing programs. Qualifications include the applicant must be Medicaid eligible, child living in the home/visiting more than 6hrs/wk or a Medicaid eligible pregnant woman. Rentals do qualify; however, the property owner must pay half of the cost. The City Health Department provides flyers to the public. The child does not have to have lead poisoning to qualify for the program. The program acts as a preventative measure. The City Health Commissioner and Director of Nursing are on various boards and committees at local, county and state levels.

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

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

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

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

The Mayor is an attending member of the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC) interagency council. This membership allows the Mayor to assist in the creation of innovative strategies and solutions to address the problem of homelessness to include the development of supportive housing options. The HCCSC's goals are to prevent and end chronic homelessness in Stark County, to ensure a coordinated safety net of emergency services for individuals in short term and chronic homelessness and to coordinate and consolidate local efforts to provide a cost effective and streamlined system for addressing homelessness. The end goal as a member is that the Mayor stay informed on the topics of homelessness and housing opportunities for disadvantaged residents. This knowledge assists the Director of P&D, the CDBG Committee and City Council to move progressively toward decision and actions that will better address the needs of the homeless.

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

The City of Alliance is not a recipient of ESG funds.

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

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

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The Department of Planning and Development has contracted with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to provide administrative assistance with the owner-occupied housing rehab program. The City of Alliance is under a contract with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to administer the city's HOME and Fair Housing piece of the Consolidated Plan. Ongoing coordination takes place between Stark County and the City of Alliance on a regular basis regarding community needs, planning and programs. The City rehab programs, CDBG & HOME, are operated by SCRPC staff carry out inspections via contract with the City. In addition, the city's Fair Housing program is administered by SCRPC staff.

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

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

The public meeting and comment period requirements were held in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The minutes of the public meetings for FY-2023, request for proposals and the annual plan for citizens participation are included in the Plan.

All public hearings / meetings are held in an ADA compliant environment so that persons with disabilities may attend and offer comment. The meetings are open to the public and agendas are distributed via e-mail, internet posting and hard copy postings. Meeting notes summarizing the discussion items and actions taken are posted online and made available at subsequent meetings to keep interested parties informed. All meetings are open to the public and provide a forum for citizens to participate in matters related to the City of Alliance's HUD Programs as well as provide staff an opportunity to review policy issues and obtain public feedback. In addition, City staff along with partner agencies, receive feedback from the public and other community stakeholders regarding the implementation of its HUD funded programs through presentations and attendance at various public meetings. The process involved for the allocation of each entitlement grant are based on goals and strategies outlined in the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Twelve members of the public, committee and City employees were in attendance.	Comments arose regarding the public services and allocations allotted to each; requests that monitoring forms and information regarding residents/households assisted be shared with the public; are funds for public services available from sources other than CDBG.	All comments were accepted and addressed.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Ten members of the public, committee and City employees were in attendance.	Comments arose regarding the public services and allocations allotted to each; requests that monitoring forms and information regarding residents/households assisted be shared with the public; are funds for public services available from sources other than CDBG.	All comments were accepted and addressed.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	An estimated amount of subscribers for the Alliance Review is 2,300 daily.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
4	Internet Outreach	Public Services	Varies	No comments received.	No comments received	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

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

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

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	632,148	0	39,604	671,752	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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

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

The City of Alliance is committed to leveraging funding resources from other types of public and private resources for community development projects funded through the Department of Planning and Development. Coordination of housing providers and knowledge of the housing process are keys to maximizing resources. The City of Alliance reasonably expects to collaborate with community organizations who are willing to commit resources in FY-2023 towards affordable and supportive housing and other goals that meet National Objectives. The City of Alliance continues to identify ways to leverage or apply matching funds for new housing and continues to identify ways to leverage or apply matching funds for new housing and non-housing programs from local resources, foundations, and state funding.

Applicants applying for CDBG funding receive points for additional sources of leveraged funding for their project. Below is a list of the FY-2023 projects and additional funding sources.

AADVS Education Services Project: Locally committed \$3,788.00; Non-local committed \$15,153.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy: Locally committed \$20,000.00; Non-local committed \$20,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

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

Early Childhood Education Alliance: Locally committed \$72,500.00; Non-local committed \$153,992.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet

awarded \$40,500.00.

YWCA Navigators After School Project: Locally committed \$47,881.00; Non-local committed \$0.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$20,000.00.

YWCA Employment Assistance: Locally committed \$8,500.00; Non-local committed \$2,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$12,952.00.

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

Family Empowerment Ministries: Locally committed \$0.00; Non-local committed \$0.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00

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

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

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

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

Discussion

In FY- 2023 the City of Alliance received HUD CDBG funding in the amount of \$632148.00.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	2019	2023	Affordable Housing	Target Areas 1 through 4	Affordable Housing Public Housing	CDBG: \$150,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit
2	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	Target Areas 1 through 4	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$205,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 7 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: \$74,151	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
4	Increase Economic Opportunities	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	Target Areas 1 through 4	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$64,000	Other: 15 Other
5	Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness	2019	2023	Homeless	Citywide	Homelessness	CDBG: \$19,500	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 25 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Planning and Administration	2019	2023	Planning and Administration	Target Areas 1 through 4	Affordable Housing Homelessness Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$125,367	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Provide Needed Public Services
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	

5	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	

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-2023 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.
- 6) To prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus.

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 -2023.

#	Project Name

Table 7 – Project Information

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

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

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

HOME: HOME funds are dedicated to housing activities that typically preserve or create affordable housing. Uses may include rehabilitation, repair, and new construction. The intent of the HOME program is to provide safe and affordable housing to lower-income households, expand the capacity of nonprofit housing providers, strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing, and leverage private sector participation in housing projects.

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

Housing needs in Alliance are great. Citywide, 57.60% of all persons are low to moderate income (HUD, Entitlement Year 2018, CDBG Entitlement Grantees), 25.4% of all persons are in poverty, and 45.5% of housing units are renter-occupied. In the Target Areas, these percentages rise to as much as 67% in poverty (CT 7104) and the number of renter-occupied units are as high as 91% (CT 7104). The City contains a mismatch between existing and needed housing units, yet there are many barriers to increasing the affordable owner-occupied housing stock, such as:

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

However, the majority of the City’s minority and low-income households continue to be clustered in certain geographic areas for which the City of Alliance has developed Target Areas to assist in the allocation of CDBG funds. The rationale for the creation of the boundaries was based on the percentage of low to moderate income individuals in each area, the age and condition of housing structures and the age and condition of the public infrastructure. This information was extracted from census tract and block group information data provided by the United States Census Bureau and HUD Exchange. The goal

is to coordinate funds into planned areas to match housing rehabilitation, street improvements, and public service delivery in an effort to build viable neighborhoods and communities.

No new Target Areas have been determined for the FY-2023 Annual Action Plan. The current Target Areas are as follows: Priority Area 1 is about 73% percent low to moderate income persons (block groups ranging from 60% to 86%); Priority Area 2 is about 65% percent low to moderate income persons (one block group); Priority Area 3 is about 86% percent low to moderate income persons (one block group); and Priority Area 4 is about 46% percent low to moderate income persons (block groups ranging from 41% to 53%).

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Target Date	Estimate and the from act
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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 to moderate income levels and hardest hit commercial and residential units. In addition, a majority of the City's minority and its lowest income households are clustered in the Target Areas. Applications from sub-recipients are scored on a diversity of measures and assigned numerical values. If the project is not located in one of the Target Areas it receives a zero in the geographic location category. Some of the block groups in these Target Areas exceed 80% percent low to moderate income levels. The Targeted Areas are:

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

Geographic Distribution

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

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Alliance has developed priority levels based on these areas for the allocation of CDBG funds. The rationale for the creation of the boundaries was based on the percentage of low/ moderate income

individuals in each area, the age and condition of housing structures and the age and condition of the public infrastructure. Recipients of CDBG funds should provide benefits to residents of at least one of the four Target Areas in the City of Alliance. Applications from subrecipients are scored on a diversity of measures and assigned numerical values. All of the CDBG funds are dedicated to target areas. In an effort to build viable neighborhoods, the Department of Planning and Development will review and coordinate all City plans for street improvements with funding for housing rehabilitation within target areas. Eighty percent of the CDBG allocation will be dedicated to the target areas. The remaining, but not more than 20% will be used for administrative purposes.

Discussion

The City would estimate that approximately 80% of the CDBG funding will be dedicated to the target areas with 20% used for administrative purposes. In FY-2023, the City will continue its efforts to work closely with the sub-recipients and Stark County GIS mapping center to create templates for tracking where CDBG monies are spent.

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

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

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines affordable housing as "housing available for rental or purchase to low or moderate income households in which the occupants pay no more than 30 percent of their income for total housing costs, including utilities." HUD considers affordable housing to be those homes with a purchase price that does not exceed ninety five percent of the median purchase price for the area. It is not uncommon for land use policies, rules and regulations to have unintended impacts on developers' ability to construct or reinvest in affordable housing. The following strategies will be used by the City in FY-2023 to remove or reduce barriers to affordable housing in the City of Alliance.

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

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

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

code enforcement, homebuyer education and other supportive services.

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

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

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

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is the lead agency responsible for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice contract for the City of Alliance. Regional Planning, Alliance and Massillon have recently completed an Analysis of Impediments to certify that they will affirmatively further fair housing. The final Analysis is on the City website.

Discussion

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

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

Introduction

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

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

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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

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

The YWCA Alliance is also awarded funding for Employment Assistance. This program assists low to moderate income women in Alliance to secure and or sustain employment through the employment assistance program. The program helps to eliminate small barriers to work including: transportation

(gasoline cards or bus passes); appropriate job clothing and footwear; basic personal care; assistance with work-related credentialing, licensing and background check fees.

Funds will continue to be made for the educational services project operated by the Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter. This is an educational program for the clients of the shelter and the community as a whole. It focuses on basic day to day education such as hygiene, financial management and domestic violence education.

The 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 testing to its Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Program. To date, the City has completed lead testing through its full rehab program. During FY-2023, the City will continue to seek public and private partners to increase the amount of funding for lead abatements. In addition, the City will look into pursuing additional Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grants.
- **Improve Regulatory Dialogue:** The City will continue to encourage a dialogue between appropriate state and federal officials to minimize any conflicts between state and federal laws

pertaining to the identification or treatment of LBP hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Alliance has an informal plan 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.

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-2023 that the City will focus on includes the following:

- Program development, directing investment, influencing outcomes, leveraging and geographic targeting, and increasing administrative efficiencies.

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

community by reducing the number of the City's homeless population.

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

The City of Alliance will continue to contract with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to administer the Housing Rehab program for single family, owner-occupied, and income qualified residents. In addition, the City of Alliance will be providing funding to various non-housing community development needs. It is the view of the City of Alliance Department of Planning & Development that by improving neighborhoods, assisting low-income residents, increasing the supply of affordable safe housing, and rehabilitating residential properties the City's housing can become an engine for community development. The City will use funds for building demolition in low to moderate income tracts that have been condemned by the Alliance Health Department. Demolition of these properties will improve the appearance of the neighborhoods and address the health and safety issues associated with them. The Alliance City Health Department has a condemnation list of houses and commercial buildings across the City that are set for demo. CDBG funds will be expended to demolish as many properties on that list as funding will allow.

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

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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 the demolition to the structure. Currently, no homeowner has been required to pay back any of the block grant funding in FY-2023.

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-2023, 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-2023:

- 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
- Continuation of pamphlets translated to Spanish.

