

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

Priority Goal 1: Increase Affordable Housing: Currently, the City has made progress in carrying out this portion of the strategic plan and continue to work towards meeting the identified five-year goal by providing safe and decent affordable housing through the owner-occupied housing rehab program. In FY-2024 CDBG funds were used to complete two full rehabs and ten emergency housing rehabs.

Priority Goal 2: Improve Living Conditions of Distressed Neighborhoods: The City's Code Enforcement Administrator continues to work on property maintenance issues throughout the community. Target areas were developed by the City for the housing rehabilitation program. These are in areas with the greatest amount of low to moderate individuals. The City's housing strategy includes elimination of the most blighted structures in the target areas beginning with achievable goals for the homeowners and building on those successes.

Priority Goal 3: Fair Housing Education and Outreach: The City of Alliance funded activities, programs, and public marketing that raised awareness and knowledge of fair housing rights. The City established an Affirmative Marketing Policy in which the staff monitors its progress. The Fair Housing office continued to accomplish the goal of fair housing education and outreach by sponsoring training, presentations, and workshops. In addition, the staff continued to counsel tenants, landlords, students, and representatives from social service agencies to increase their knowledge on the fair housing and landlord-tenant laws.

Priority Goal 4: Create and Preserve Economic Opportunities: Several programs continued to be sponsored by the City through its CDBG program that work towards creating and preserving Economic Opportunities. The YWCA assists dislocated workers with transportation and other assistance; the Educational Services project at the Domestic Violence Shelter works with victims through outreach programs which offer counseling, GED preparation training, and lifestyle classes including financial literacy, employment training and how to disengage from the cycle of long-term abuse.

Priority Goal 5: Strengthen Neighborhoods: Full and emergency rehabilitations provided safe, affordable, and decent living conditions for low to moderate income households within the City's specified target areas. The HOME Program brought qualified home owners into code enforcement compliance in the target area. Demolitions, tree removal and greening of the lots have reduced the number of blighted structures

and raised property values of contiguous structures.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		200	0	0.00%
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	550	7	1.27%	110	7	6.36%
Increase Economic Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%	500	0	0.00%

Planning and Administration	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
Provide Needed Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2800	0	0.00%	2500	0	0.00%
Provide Needed Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	1000	0	0.00%			
Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	1000	0	0.00%	400	0	0.00%
Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		300	0	0.00%
Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	3000	0	0.00%	600	0	0.00%
Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	50	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%

Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	1500	0	0.00%	300	0	0.00%
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Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

To date, there have been no changes to program objectives in the planning and administration of the City of Alliance’s Consolidated Plan and CDBG program. The City will continue to provide decent housing, safe living environments and help provide job assistance for low to moderate income individuals. Alliance will continue to find ways to increase awareness of the issues and programs that are offered to serve the needy as it begins focusing on a more aggressive public participation program.

The Domestic Violence Shelter located within the City of Alliance has assisted victims of domestic violence and their families who may find themselves without a place of residence, funds, and the skills necessary to change their lives for the better. Also, the City of Alliance has provided required employment materials and shelter through the YWCA Employment Assistance Program and transitional housing.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	9,576
Black or African American	2,135
Asian	6
American Indian or American Native	98
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	11,815
Hispanic	293
Not Hispanic	11,522

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The tracking of client racial and ethnic data is reported to the City of Alliance by CDBG subrecipients via monitoring. Data is reported to City administration monthly, quarterly, and yearly.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	655,510	478,398

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The total amount of HUD CDBG funding allocated during FY-2024 was \$633,510.00. CDBG revenue and program income information can also be found in the Revenue/Program Income Report, located in the Appendix.

The City of Alliance has developed priority areas for allocation of CDBG funds. The rationale for the creation of the boundaries was based on the percentage of low to moderate income individuals in each area, the age and condition of housing structures and the age and condition of the public infrastructure. The goal was to coordinate funds into planned areas to match housing rehabilitation with street improvements in an effort to build viable neighborhoods. Recipients of CDBG funds should provide benefits to residents of at least one of the four priority/target areas in the City of Alliance.

Applications from subrecipients 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 the target areas. The remaining balance, but not more than the 20% of the cap, will be used for administrative purposes.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Citywide	20	20	ADMINISTRATION
Target Areas 1 through 4	80	80	TARGET AREAS

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The majority of the City's minority and low-income households are clustered in the priority or target areas. Some of the individual census tracts in these target areas exceed the 75 percent low to moderate income levels. All CDBG funding received for FY-2024 is used in the designated target areas. Funding was not broken down by percentages for the individual areas because all of the designated areas qualify.

Target Area 1: Target Area Number 1 is a 73 percent low to moderate income area which is bound on the north by East Broadway Street, on the south by South Street, on the west by South Union Avenue and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Census Tracts 7104 and 7105 are the foundations of this target area. Projects in this target area receive 20 points.

Target Area 2: Target Area Number 2 is a 65 percent low to moderate income area which is bound on the north by a rail line, on the south by East Broadway Street, on the west by East Union and on the east by Mahoning Avenue. Census Tracts 7014 and 7105 are the foundations of this target area. Projects in this target area receive 15 points.

Target Area 3: Target Area Number 3 is a 86 percent low to moderate income area which is bound 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. This target area is the eastern section of Census Tract 7102. Projects in this target area receive 10 points.

Target Area 4: Target Area Number 4 is a 46 percent low to moderate income area which is bound 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. This target area is the central and western portion of Census Tract 7102. Projects in this target area receive 5 points.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The City of Alliance utilizes CDBG entitlement funds which it receives directly from HUD and HOME funding, made possible through participation in the Stark County Consortium. To ensure that the projects funded with CDBG funds are eligible, the project applications are ranked and scored on a variety of topics. One of those topics is the availability of matching/leveraging funds.

Federal CDBG resources from HUD permitted local non-profit organizations and other service providers to leverage with other public and private partners to better utilize a variety of federal, state and local funding to carry out their activities can be seen as follows:

Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter- Locally committed \$0.00 non-local committed \$24,520.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$0.00.

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

YWCA of Alliance Navigators Program – Locally committed \$45,000.00; non-local committed \$8,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$5,000.00.

YWCA of Alliance Employment Program - Locally committed \$5,000.00; non-local committed \$20,000.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$5,000.00.

SPARK Alliance –Locally committed \$72,500.00; non-local committed \$153,992.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$40,500.00.

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy – Locally committed \$27,500.00; non-local committed \$97,410.00; Additional funding applied for but not yet awarded \$74,820.00.

Family Empowerment Ministries – Locally committed \$0.00; non-local committed \$0.00; Additional funding applied for but yet awarded \$0.00.

StarkFresh Mobile Grocery Market – Locally committed \$10,000.00; non-local committed \$12,000.00; Additional funding applied for \$90,800.00.

Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates - Locally committed \$35,000.00; non-local committed \$30,000.00; Additional funding applied for \$0.00.

Stark Mental Health & Addiction Recovery - Locally committed \$9,810.00; non-local committed \$180,023.00; Additional funding applied for \$281,500.00.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	12
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	0	12

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

Preserving existing housing stock (single family home repair): Activities that were supported with CDBG funds included the rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family housing of low to moderate income individuals. The three major goals and objectives of the program are: neighborhood revitalization, decent, safe, and sanitary housing, and being in compliance with the property maintenance code of Alliance. Improvements to low to moderate neighborhoods continue to be made that will result in the provision of quality affordable housing as homeowners take more pride and interest in their properties and surroundings. Rehabs included five homes in Priority Target Area 1, two homes in Priority Target Area 3, one home in Priority Target Area 4, one home within census tract 7103, two homes within

census tract 7106, one home withing census tract 7107, and the demolition of vacant and abandoned blighted properties.

Rehabilitation Relocation Assistance Programming: For the FY-2024 program, relocation was not being funded, impacting progress towards this goal. The City currently has more than adequate affordable housing stock and will work toward preserving existing housing stock (single family home repair).

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Preserve Existing Housing Stock (Single Family Home Repair): The single-family rehab program not only assists low to moderate families with maintaining affordable housing but also works to improve the conditions of the housing stock for all of Alliance’s residents. Future Annual Action Plans will provide updates on program changes that are currently in development. The City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development has maximized all available funding for the benefit of low to moderate income individuals and has worked to increase the supply of, or access to, affordable housing. The affordable housing activity assisted thirteen families with the Single-Family Emergency Home Rehabilitation and Repair Program. Homebuyer Assistance and Multifamily Housing Programs are on the horizon to be developed into active programs.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	10	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	10	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Rehab: CDBG and HOME funds are being used for the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Program for qualifying single-family residents. The (CRA) Community Reinvestment Area enables property owners to rehab or build additions to existing units without real estate taxes increasing. The three main goals and objectives of the program are neighborhood revitalization, decent, safe, and sanitary housing and remaining in compliance with the property maintenance codes for the City of Alliance.

Housing: The Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter provided affordable, safe, transitional housing to low to moderate income residents suffering from acts of domestic violence

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City of Alliance has a domestic violence shelter for those in need. The domestic violence shelter has been in operation since January 1989 and in FY-2024 \$9,019.39 in CDBG funds were allocated to the shelter. During the period from 7/1/24 to 6/30/25, there were 254 men, women and children were served. Often, the shelter can reduce the impact of possible temporary housing displacement for many individuals in the City and surrounding areas by providing them with multiple nights of shelter.

Homeless activities for the City of Alliance and Stark County are handled through the Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC is housed at the Stark County Resource Planning Commission (SCRPC) in Canton.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Alliance is a member of the Stark County Interagency Council on Homelessness. Its purpose is to develop and implement strategies and solutions to address the problem of homelessness and include the development of supportive housing options. Goals are to prevent and end chronic homelessness in Stark County, ensure a coordinated safety net of emergency services for those in short term housing crisis and coordinate and consolidate local efforts to provide a cost effective and streamlined system for addressing homelessness.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City of Alliance continues to watch for opportunities for establishing activities that promote job training, education programs and homeless services that offer transportation, expanded outreach, and shelter. In FY-2024, the City continued to support agencies such as the YWCA to provide low to moderate income individuals with job training and education and to provide other homeless services programs. The City's

Department of Planning & Development will continue to support and partner with organizations that provide education, job training and placement, supported employment, transportation, and day shelter for persons with and without disabilities.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City's Mayor attended meetings for the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC) interagency council. This membership allowed the Mayor to assist in the creation of innovative strategies and solutions to address the problem of homelessness and 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. With each meeting the City comes closer to the end goal as the Mayor stays informed on the topics of homelessness and housing opportunities for at risk Alliance residents. Working with subrecipients, the City is in a position to help minimize the trauma and dislocation that homelessness causes to individuals, families, and communities.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Alliance Administration and Planning and Development Department does not operate a public housing program. This is operated by the Stark County Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The City of Alliance CDBG Program does not operate the local public housing program and its resident's initiatives. This is administered by the Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA), the local public housing authority.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority has not been designated as a troubled PHA.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City of Alliance's Code Enforcement Administrator attends the Zoning Inspectors Task Force meetings. This is a group comprised of local zoning inspectors, code enforcement officials and housing specialists. These individuals have been educated on how the effects of zoning ordinances may affect fair housing in a negative manner. City of Alliance representatives have made presentations to the Zoning Inspectors Task Force.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

All of the objectives set forth in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans are designed to address the needs of the underserved in the City of Alliance. Actions can be identified with both the City's and the subrecipients CDBG activities which include housing rehabilitation (both CDBG & HOME) which assist homeowners in improving their homes by making them safe, sanitary, and cost effective. The CDBG funds provided to the City's subrecipients provide public services that are geared toward low to moderate income residents within the City of Alliance.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The age and condition of the housing stock in the City of Alliance is a matter of concern in regard to lead-based paint. Most homes built before 1980 are at risk of lead contamination. Because of age and the poor condition of the housing stock, the City of Alliance Health Department conducts environmental assessments on all children reported with elevated blood lead levels in the City of Alliance. This program is coordinated with the nursing division of the Health Department. The nurses conduct home visits to assess the environment. During the visits they provide information for preventative measures regarding proper cleaning of surfaces or abatement procedures and other helpful information to assist in lowering exposure to lead. The Health Department has educational information available to the clients that they serve and to the public.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

In order to reduce the number of poverty level families within the City of Alliance, the YWCA Employment Assistance Program helps low to

moderate income women by eliminating barriers to work through aid with transportation, clothing, personal care and other work-related items.

In FY-2024 the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter provided outreach and educational services to victims of domestic violence. The total number of recipients assisted was 254. The Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter is an advocate to those who fear homelessness and the ability to start or maintain employment. This program is necessary to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Alliance works directly with City departments, County and State agencies, local business partners, public service agencies and faith-based organizations to carry out the objectives in the strategic plan. Below is the list of institutional structures that the City collaborates with:

- The Homeless CoC of Stark County
- The Stark County Regional Planning Commission
- The Planning & Development Committee
- Alliance for Children & Families
- The Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter
- Beacon Pharmacy
- The YWCA of Alliance
- Ohio Means Jobs
- Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- SARTA
- The Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce
- Ohio Housing Finance Agency
- The Alliance Mission Encounter
- Hammer & Nails

The City of Alliance's Mayor has been an active member of the Homeless CoC of Stark County for many years. The Homeless CoC of Stark County has been in operation since 2013. The Director of Planning & Development is on the Stark County Housing Network Board which is a part of the

Homeless CoC of Stark County.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

In the future, the City of Alliance and The Stark County Regional Planning Commission will look for efficient ways to acquire properties for low to moderate income family housing and minimize delays.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

Please note the section on action plans and subsequent actions undertaken for the City of Alliance for the response to 91.520(a).

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Monitoring: Programs and projects have direct oversight by the Department of Planning and Development. Compliance with federal guidelines, achievement of goals and objectives and the collection of data is completed by the department.

To ensure compliance with timeliness for the CDBG program, the City of Alliance Department of Planning and Development followed these actions:

- Screening and selecting subrecipients and activities that will meet timeliness standards.
- Incorporating project milestones and drawdown schedules into subrecipient contracts.
- Implementing sanctions for untimely subrecipients.
- Reallocating funds for untimely subrecipients.

Funding provided to sub-recipients requires monthly-based activity monitoring forms. The activity monitoring forms must report how CDBG funds were expended and how many clients benefited from the use of these funds. The Planning and Development Department does not release funding until it is verified that the expenditure meets all requirements included in the contract including the budget line items between the City of Alliance and the subrecipient.

The purpose of this monitoring plan is to provide an internal control mechanism to review performance over a period of time and to evaluate compliance of non-profit subrecipients funded with CDBG funds pursuant to 24 CFR 570.502, Applicability of uniform administrative requirement, (a) (14) and with 24 CFR Section 5, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to states and local governments, 24 CFR Section 85.40 “monitoring and reporting program performance”, and other laws and regulations based on the funding source.

The monitoring plan positions the City of Alliance Planning & Development Department to make informed judgments about subrecipient’s program effectiveness, efficiency, ability to prevent fraud, and waste and abuse of public funds. Monitoring also allows the City of Alliance to

provide technical assistance to help subrecipients comply with applicable laws and regulations, improve technical skills, increase and stay updated on regulations relevant to CDBG or other funding agencies. Additionally, monitoring helps to identify deficiencies, and highlight accomplishments and best practices that can be duplicated.

In addition, the Building Official completes inspections on work being done by contractors for homes for the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Program. A "Work Progress Report" is completed for each inspection visit. Communication between the homeowner, contractor and inspector is key to achieving a successful rehab.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The public notice for the City of Alliance's FY-2024 C.A.P.E.R. was published in the Alliance Review on September 12, 2025. A copy was made available at the Office of Planning and Development and online at the City's website at Cityofalliance.com. For each formula grant program, the grantee shall identify the total amount of funds available (including estimated program income), the total amount of funds committed during the reporting period, the total amount expended during the reporting period, and the geographic distribution and location of expenditures. Jurisdictions are encouraged to include maps in describing the geographic distribution and location of investment (including areas of minority concentration). The geographic distribution and expenditure requirement may also be satisfied by specifying the census tracts where expenditures were concentrated.

The City received no comments or concerns on the FY-2024 CAPER Draft.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction’s program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The City of Alliance continues to review the reporting process for the subrecipients to ensure the most accurate demographic information.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

Table 8 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					

Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					
Other.					

Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The City of Alliance does not have any projects awarded that would trigger Section 3 requirements.

Activity	Funds Committed	Funds Expended	Balance
Administration Planning & Development	\$126,702.00	\$108,163.91	\$18,538.09
Emergency Board Up	\$3,006.46	\$2,560.00	\$446.46
Housing Rehab & Repair	\$150,323.18	\$148,167.69	\$2,155.49
Code Enforcement Administration	\$110,237.00	\$119,055.67	(\$8,818.67)
Demolition	\$77,866.31	\$0.00	\$77,866.31
YWCA – Navigators After School	\$10,021.55	\$10,021.55	\$0.00
YWCA – Employment	\$6,836.90	\$6,836.90	\$0.00
ECEA – SPARK Alliance	\$11,023.70	\$11,023.70	\$0.00
Domestic Violence Shelter (AADVS)	\$9,019.39	\$9,019.39	\$0.00
Stark Fresh	\$14,030.16	\$14,030.16	\$0.00
Historic Preservation Capacity Building	\$501.08	\$0.00	\$501.08
Beacon Charitable Pharmacy	\$10,021.55	\$10,021.55	\$0.00
Fair Housing	\$8,017.24	\$8,000.00	\$17.24
Alliance Community Pantry	\$9,019.39	\$9,000.19	\$19.20
Family Empowerment Ministries	\$5,010.77	\$5,000.11	\$10.66
Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity – Project	\$40,086.18	\$0.00	\$40,086.18
Stark Mental Health & Addiction	\$7,015.08	\$7,015.08	\$0.00
YWCA of Alliance – Project	\$24,051.71	\$0.00	\$24,051.71
Hammer & Nails – Project	\$24,953.65	\$2,721.48	\$22,232.17
Family Empowerment Ministries – Project	\$2,755.93	\$2,750.00	\$5.93
Tri-County for Ohio Graduates	\$5,010.77	\$5,010.77	\$0.00
FY-2024 Totals	\$655,510.00	\$478,398.15	\$177,111.85

FY-2024 Activity Funding Table

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

The overall purpose of the CAPER is to describe in detail all CDBG funded activities the City of Alliance undertook with FY-2024 funds for program year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. It includes information on how the City addressed housing, homelessness, community, neighborhood public facilities, infrastructure, public social services, economic development, and elimination of slum, blight, and fair housing issues. Housing rehabilitation, public facility assistance and demolition are some of the specific projects that were funded. Public Services include support for organizations serving adult and youth education, prescription assistance, domestic violence affected families, homelessness, and employment assistance.

The City of Alliance is an entitlement community under the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. As an entitlement community the City of Alliance’s Department of Planning and Development, is awarded annual funding allocations from the Federal government to fund selected activities to address the HUD National Objectives. In addition, Alliance is a member of the HOME Consortium with Stark County and the City of Massillon. Through this membership, the City collaborates with these local government entities to perform a variety of tasks, including the Consortium’s Consolidated Plan.

As a recipient of federal funds, the City of Alliance and the Consortium are required to submit to HUD each year an Annual Action Plan and at the conclusion of the year, a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. These reports define the work that was accomplished during the program year and the end results the City utilized to address the national objectives in a manner that will produce the greatest measurable impact on our community. This CAPER provides an in-depth explanation of the projects and organizations which worked towards fulfilling the goals of the FY-2024 year.

FY-2024 CDBG Program	
Funds Received	\$633,510.00
Program Income	\$ 0.00
<u>Recaptured Funds</u>	<u>\$ 22,000.00</u>
Total	\$655,510.00

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Housing Rehab - The City of Alliance utilized \$148,167.69 in CDBG funding and additional funds from the HOME program to provide housing rehabilitation and emergency home repair through the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Housing Program.

Program Accomplishments: There were ten contracts signed for emergency repairs (CDBG Funds) through the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Program totaling \$148,167.69. Stark Regional Planning Commission completed two projects using the HOME program in the amount of \$48,165.00. These emergency and fully rehabbed homes are now a sustainable structure for these families without the financial burden falling on their shoulders.

Emergency Board Up – In FY-2024, \$3,006.46 was allocated to the emergency board ups of doors, windows, and other access points of the vacant, abandoned structures in low to moderate income areas for the health and safety of the public.

Program Accomplishments: During FY-2024, the City boarded up four separate vacant, abandoned structures that were deemed unsafe by the City of Alliance Health Department and Police Department.

Code Enforcement - The City of Alliance utilized \$119,055.67 in CDBG funds for City wide code enforcement to assist with property maintenance and zoning code related problems.

The Planning and Development department continues to require a homeowner to clean up their property of clutter both indoor and outdoor prior to signing a contract for either a home rehab or repair loan. This regulation allows the City to use the CDBG grants as just another tool in promoting economic development and enhancing the aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight. The Vacant Property Ordinance and the enforcement of the cleanup standards of the housing rehabilitation guidelines are prime examples of the Code Enforcement department working in conjunction with the Department of Planning and Development to create and maintain the City's existing neighborhoods and promote sustainability.

Program Accomplishments: During the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, 526 properties were inspected. These inspections resulted in 96 grass violations and 209 violations for property maintenance issues. Twenty-eight properties were registered as vacant for FY-2024.

Demolition Program - The City of Alliance allocated \$77,866.31 in FY-2024 CDBG funds for the demolition of vacant, dilapidated structures that blight high priority neighborhoods. This will allow for the demolition of seven blighted and dilapidated homes across all target areas.

Program Accomplishments: The demolition program for the City of Alliance is spearheaded by the Alliance City Health Department and the Department of Planning and Development. The demolitions for FY-2024 are still in progress. During FY-2024, the Health Commissioner who was

with the City for over 40 years retired. A replacement was hired and trained, but not quickly enough to complete prior to the June 30, 2025 deadline.

PUBLIC FACILITIES ACTIVITIES

Family Empowerment Ministries – The City of Alliance allocated \$2,755.93 to the Family Empowerment Ministries in FY-2024 (FEMI). This project will fund repairing and replacing the handicap entrance at the rear of the building which is the primary entrance to the building. This change will make access easier for those in wheelchairs and or other disabilities that may impede or make it difficult for them to walk on the surface. The surface is a tripping hazard to handicap and senior citizens at this time.

Program Accomplishments: This funding is another vital step in the conservation of this building. These repairs will allow the building to remain open and continue to serve the low to moderate individuals in the area.

Hammer & Nails – The City of Alliance allocated \$24,953.65 to the Hammer & Nails organization. Code enforcement in the City addresses code violations and remediation efforts for low to moderate income community members residing in the City. The project will focus on preserving, maintaining and improving affordable housing while ensuring safety and health related home repairs.

Accomplishments: Funding was spent on several small projects throughout the City. As this was the first year, the process moved a little slower than expected. All repairs made will continue to help the owners create a sustainable, safe and secure environment to live.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Alliance Community Food Pantry – The City Alliance allocated \$9,019.39 to the Alliance Community Food Pantry. The Pantry strives to provide nutritional food choices for those who are in need and meet the requirements. The bulk of the food purchases are made through the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, but due to the problems presented and continuing by COVID 19, including supply chain breakdown and higher prices, the anticipated cost of food is steadily increasing.

Program Accomplishments: During the FY-2024, the Alliance Community Pantry assisted 13,988 low to moderate income households consisting of 41,627 individuals.

Stark Fresh – The City Alliance allocated \$14,030.16 to the Stark Fresh Mobile Grocery. Now in its tenth year, the Mobile Grocery Market brings a grocery store on wheels to low-income individuals living with mobility challenges. The Market travels through Stark County to provide affordable groceries to residents of senior complexes, public housing authority properties, public service centers, and neighborhoods where affordable healthy eating options are limited.

Program Accomplishments: During FY-2024, the Stark Fresh Mobile Grocery continued to be a great success for the City of Alliance and its residents. Because of the achievements of the Mobile Grocery Market the City can continue to help and support the low income seniors, public housing residents, public service centers and the neighborhoods where affordable, healthy foods are not readily available.

YWCA (Navigators) Program - The City of Alliance allocated \$10,021.55 in CDBG funds for the Navigators After School Program. The Navigator program is for grades 6 through 8 and the Pilot program for grades 9 through 12. The mission of the after-school program is to provide enrichment activities which support the ideas and curriculum taught in the classroom. Students benefiting from the program are seen in grade promotions and improved social interactions with parents, friends, and community members. Services include transportation, snacks, academic intervention, homework assistance and enrichment activities that built youth assets and competency in support of academic and life success.

Program Accomplishments: The YWCA tracked the successes of students in grades 6 through 8 who participated in the YWCA Navigators program. The YWCA Navigators program reported that all students assisted came from households that were low income.

YWCA (Employment) Program - The City of Alliance allocated \$6,836.90 in CDBG funds for the Employment program. This activity is considered an effective program that meets the National Objectives for employment services. The services provided include fuel cards, bus passes, background checks, clothing, and other necessities for low to moderate income women that help to lessen the struggles that come between working and finances.

Program Accomplishments: During the program, it was reported that several individuals were assisted with transitional housing, gas cards, and bus passes. These tools helped to aid in employment and pre-employment transportation costs, assistance with specific work-related needs, and mentoring opportunities. One hundred percent of recipients in FY-2024 identified transportation as their greatest barrier to work and one hundred percent reported a recent crisis that impacted their income.

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy - The City of Alliance allocated \$10,021.55 in CDBG funds for Beacon Charitable Pharmacy. The program is considered effective in providing access to pharmacy services for low to moderate income Alliance residents. Beacon Charitable Pharmacy has provided access to pharmaceuticals for low to moderate income persons and families for twenty-three years and has operated a pharmacy for sixteen years.

Program Accomplishments –The Beacon Charitable Pharmacy program reported that one hundred and two people were served. Of these individuals, four were non-moderate/low income, twenty-five were low income and the remaining seventy-three were extremely low income.

Domestic Violence Educational Services Project - The City of Alliance allocated \$9,019.39 in CDBG funds to provide victims of domestic violence with emergency shelter as well as education, teacher-tutor, and abuse prevention community programs. The Education Services Coordinator

assisted with child development, tutoring, and recreational activities. She acted as a liaison between shelter clients and the school systems. She held financial literacy classes and provided individual case management to assist clients with budgeting and reviewing their credit report and score. She represented the Shelter's various events and implemented Teen Dating Violence Awareness Education at local schools and colleges. In addition, she assisted adults with finding and establishing employment as well as with assistance in obtaining a GED. This program is of high importance because it is an unduplicated program within the City of Alliance.

Program Accomplishments: During FY-2024, crisis counseling, support, information, and referrals were given through support calls. A total of 254 individuals from 118 households were assisted with 118 households being female led.

SPARK Alliance – The City of Alliance allocated \$11,023.70 in CDBG funds to help three and four year old children of low-income families prepare for kindergarten. Services offered to individuals and families include parent- partner meetings to assist in the enrollment of new students in kindergarten, home and group visits, developmental screenings, and various educational programs. When needed, the SPARK organization provides referrals to students' families who show signs of learning disabilities. This is a service to the student and their families, so the learning process does not become a struggle later in the child's education. Services are advertised through word of mouth and publications through the Alliance school system.

Program Accomplishments: A total of 2,280 children were assisted using FY-2024 CDBG funds. There were 550 students from moderate income households and 590 from low-income households. Out of 2,280 individuals, 658 came from female led head of households.

Fair Housing Services – In FY-2024 \$8,017.24 of CDBG funds was allocated to further engage the City of Alliance in fair housing activities. The fair housing practices include making individuals aware of the range of housing options, enforcement, education, and outreach, avoidance of concentrations of individuals with low to moderate income, testing, and any other appropriate activities deemed necessary to provide fair housing to residents in the City of Alliance.

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission administers the City's Fair Housing Program. The Stark County Fair Housing Department (SCFHD) works to secure the rights of individuals and to eliminate policies and practices that deny housing opportunity. The persistence of racial segregation, residential preferences in zoning, blatant discrimination against people of color, treating persons with disabilities differently, steering families with children to certain units, and sexual harassment continue to limit opportunities to fair and equal access to housing.

The Stark County Fair Housing Department will continue to root out discrimination and represent victims of housing discrimination. Necessary actions will be taken to ensure that the fair housing law is properly and fairly enforced throughout the City of Alliance. The Department of Planning & Development will continue to take the appropriate steps necessary to eliminate potential impediments and to set goals for improving fair housing choices and access to opportunity.

Program Accomplishments: During FY-2024, the staff at SCFHD set a focus on advertising and promotions to continue educating the public on fair housing to increase the awareness of discrimination. News releases and advertisements were provided in the newspaper as well as a quarterly newsletter distributed to communities throughout Stark County.

Alliance Historic Preservation – The City of Alliance allocated \$501.08 in FY-2024 of CDBG funds to the continued effort in preserving the City’s historic landmarks. The funds will be utilized for public education materials and consultation fees for a historic preservationist to develop a plan for a National Historic District. The goal would be for the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Historic District on the Main Street Commercial Corridor in the City’s downtown area.

Program Accomplishments: During FY-2024, funds were used from the Historical Preservation allotment for a City of Alliance membership to Heritage Ohio. The Heritage Ohio membership allows for the City of Alliance to stay current on Historic Preservation guidelines, attend educational workshops and assist with consultations regarding historic preservations.

Family Empowerment Ministries – The City of Alliance allocated \$5,010.77 in FY-2024 of CDBG funds to the Infant/Youth supplies and training incentive program run by Family Empowerment Ministries (FEMI). This program is designed to provide educational and nutrition classes for women of poverty who are pregnant or have a child up to the age of two. Evidence based training in areas of safe sleep, education, home training, CPR classes, second-hand smoke dangers, and understanding brain development.

Program Accomplishments: The program was a success for the City and all of the funding was expensed by FEMI. An incentive program was created to remove barriers that could hinder attendance that included childcare, meals, transportation, wet wipes and pull ups for toddlers.

Stark County Mental Health – During FY-2024 the City of Alliance allocated \$7,015.08 in CDBG funds to assist persons seeking assistance with housing and social service needs. This program has utilized a process for centralized intake and a coordinated assessment to assist in the support of rapid rehousing, emergency shelters, transitional housing, and other housing programs. Homeless Navigation Specialists gather data from callers who are homeless or precariously housed, providing them referral and service information. This program works with area agencies to provide shelter. Specialists collect information during the initial contact utilizing a diversion tool which allows them to pre-screen callers to ascertain if additional assessment is needed. Data is then entered in the Homeless Management Information system (HMIS) for individuals who have not been diverted. All eligible individuals are placed on the Central Prioritization List for emergency shelter and/or housing (if not immediately available).

Program Accomplishments: CDBG funding for FY-2024 allowed the City to assist 144 households of which 141 were low income and three were moderate income.

Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates – The City Alliance allocated \$5,010.77 to Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOG). JOG will expand its dropout prevention/recovery services and career pathway programming for youth who are residents of Alliance. This program helps youth at risk of dropping out of high school, and those who have already done so, complete their education and successfully transition to employment at a livable wage or post-secondary job training.

Program Accomplishments: During FY-2024, the funding allowed for a full-time professional staff person to expand the opportunity to serve an additional thirty-five to forty young adults that are facing significant barriers to graduation. This program is open to any resident of the City of Alliance between the ages of fourteen and twenty-four years of age in need of a high school diploma.

Program Administration and Other Activities

The City of Alliance CDBG Program Administration for the FY-2024 included an allocation of \$126,702.00 in CDBG funds for the planning, administration, and overall management of the CDBG program. Of this \$85,000.00 was allocated for payroll and \$24,840.00 was allocated for fringe benefits such as monies to be set aside for the Public Employees Retirement system, workers compensation, and other benefits. An additional \$16,613.08 in funds were set aside to cover the cost of office, advertising, legal, and other expenses.

The following Target Area Map is in reference to CR-20 – Affordable Housing for Clients assisted.



Low to Moderate Income Family Target Areas

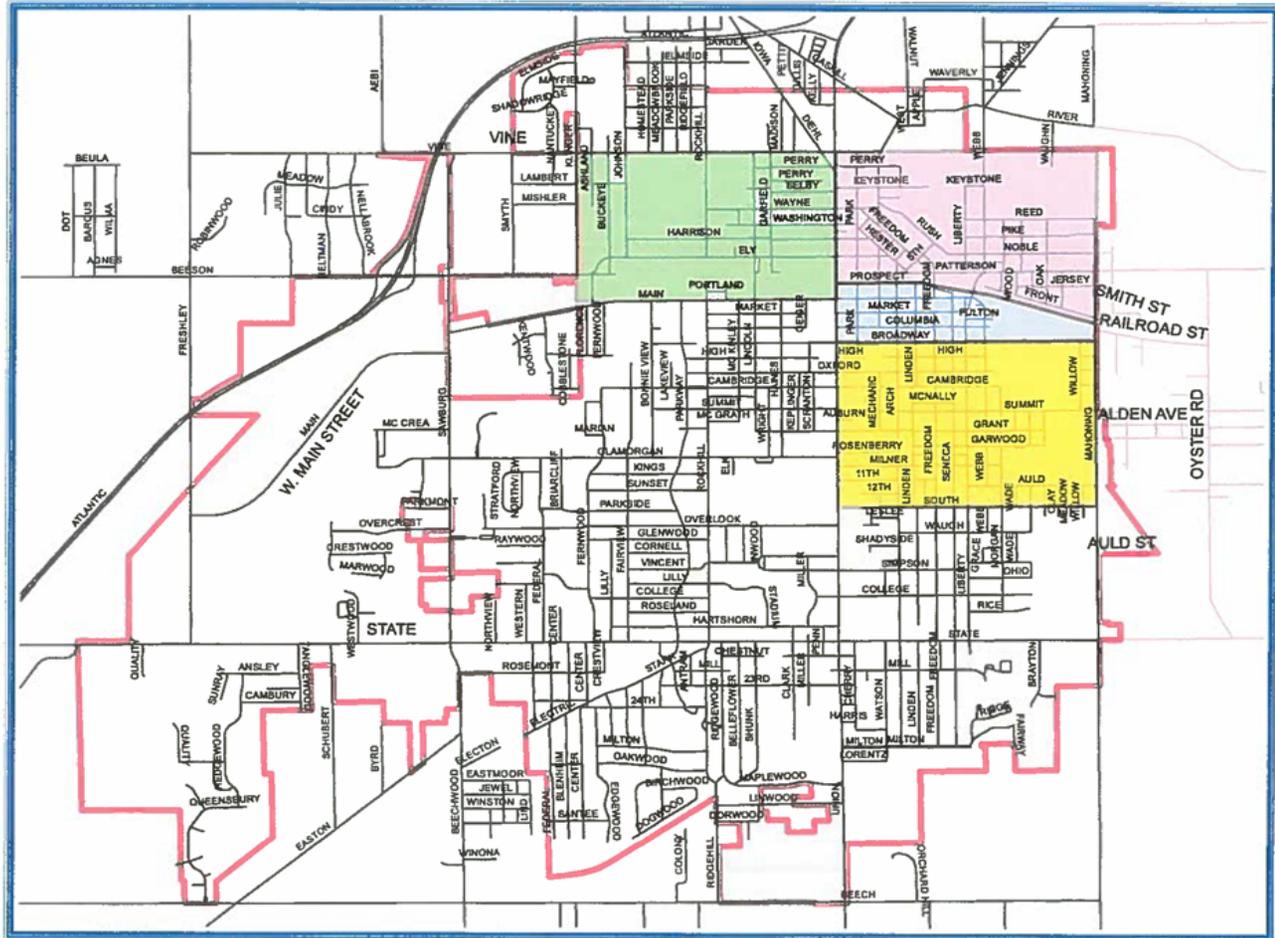
Areas of Interest

- Target Area 1
- Target Area 2
- Target Area 3
- Target Area 4

City of Alliance, OH



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1 inch = 3,000 feet



Coordinate System: North American 1983, Datum: StatePlane Ohio North FIPS Feet; Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic
Map Created August 19, 2021 by Dave Woodrum

Map of Public Facilities by Target Area



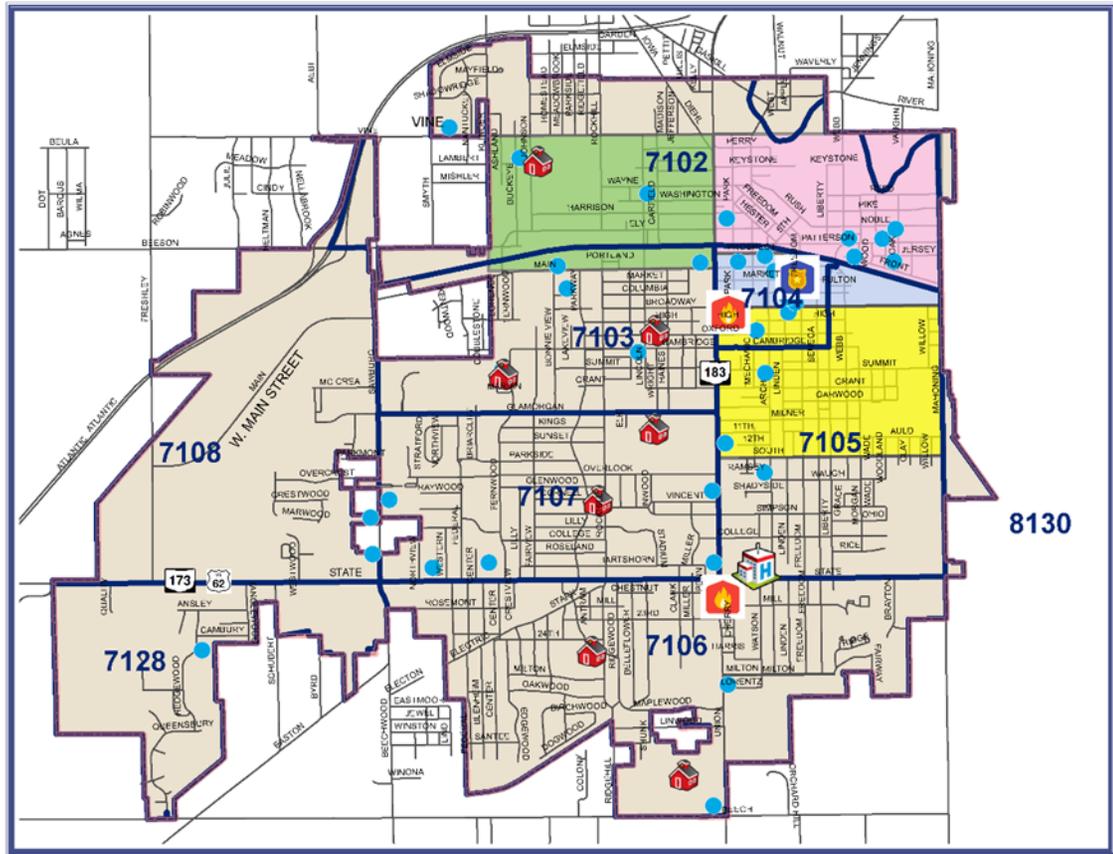
Public Facilities - Alliance, Ohio

Areas of Interest

- Hospital
- Police Stations
- Fire Stations
- Schools
- Houses of Worship
- Alliance City Boundary
- Census Tracts
- Target Area 1
- Target Area 2
- Target Area 3
- Target Area 4



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Citizen Participation Plan

PROPOSED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

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

Citizen Participation Plan Development Process

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

Community Development

Public Participation General Information

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

Holding a “public meeting” entail:

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

All meetings held by the Community Development Department are normally during the day and held at the City Administration Office located at 504 E. Main Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601. If necessary, meetings may be held in the evening. By holding meetings or hearings at the City Administration office building, they are accessible to the community through the following ways:

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

Community Development Programs / Plans

1. Community Development Block Grant Program

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

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

- Providing 2 public meetings each at different stages of the program.
- Providing citizens with reasonable advance notice of and the opportunity to comment on proposed activities.
- Providing citizens with contact information for submitting complaints and then responding to complaints in a timely manner.

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

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

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

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

CDBG Substantial Amendments:

An amendment is deemed “substantial” when:

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

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

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

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

The submission of the CP also contains the first year AAP. During the next four years only, the AAP is submitted.

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

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

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

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

Consolidated Plan and Action Plan "Substantial" Amendments:

An amendment is deemed "substantial" when:

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

Public participation is required when a substantial amendment is needed. The proposed substantial amendment is presented to the Community Development Committee in a special meeting. A public notice of the proposed amendment is published allowing for a 30-day comment period. If comments are received by the citizens, they will be considered prior to finalizing the amendment. In cases where urgency is a consideration,

the comment period may be reduced to 15 days or less. The Plan is then presented to the City Council for approval and sent to HUD and published as the final Plan.

Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) is completed annually by the Community Development Department staff and submitted to HUD within 90 days after the end of the City's program year (June 30). Once the draft is completed the actions are as follows to encourage citizen participation:

- The draft CAPER is made available on the City's website and the Rodman Public Library for a 30-day comment period.
- A copy is available at the Department of Planning & Development
- All comments are reviewed by the staff of Planning & Development and included in the final CAPER.

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

HOME Program and Fair Housing Program

The Home and Fair Housing Program is administrated by Stark County Regional Planning Commission for the City of Alliance. All public meetings and hearings for these programs are held by the County and information for these meetings is available on the Commissions website at <http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/regional-planning>. Information on both programs can be found on their website as well. For more information on the processes and procedures please visit their website or call the Stark County Community Development Department at (330) 451-7399.

**Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
City of Alliance**

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 (FY 2024)

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 was signed into law on April 11, 1968, seven days following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year commemorates the 57th anniversary of the passage of the civil rights law that made discrimination in housing transactions unlawful. After the tireless fight of Dr. King to bring equal access to housing and economic opportunity, Congress passed the Fair Housing Act to address the systemic and overt housing discrimination faced by people of color, families with children, people with disabilities, women, religious groups and persons born from another country. While we have made significant progress, many of the pressing issues that existed in 1968 are still in the forefront. We still have a lot of work to do. Landlords are still refusing to rent to persons of color. Property managers are still denying reasonable accommodations or modifications. Families with children are still being denied or steered to certain buildings or floors. We still have racial segregation and residential preferences in zoning. In many ways, we are still separate and unequal.

The Fair Housing Act not only prohibits discrimination in housing-related activities but also imposes a duty to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH). As recipients of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds, the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's Fair Housing Department (SCFHD) is required to take meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. This duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all of a program participant's activities and programs relating to housing and urban development.

In March 2025, HUD posted an interim final rule revision on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. The interim final rule, which went into effect on April 2, 2025, returns to the original understanding of what the statutory AFFH certification was prior to 1994 - a general commitment that grantees will take active steps to promote fair housing. Grantee AFFH certifications will be deemed sufficient providing they take action during the relevant period rationally related to promoting fair housing, such as helping eliminate housing discrimination. This interim final rule does not reinstate the obligation to conduct an Analysis of Impediments or mandate any specific fair housing planning mechanism. Prior to April 2, 2025, SCFHD continued to implement and address the 2018 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) that was completed in collaboration with the cities of Alliance, Canton and Massillon. The Stark County Fair Housing Department certifies to affirmatively further fair housing and continues to promote fair housing.

Below are the Potential Impediments, Recommended Action Plans and Subsequent Actions Undertaken for the City of Alliance:

1. *Potential Impediment:* The City's regulation of group homes places restrictions that are not consistent with fair housing standards.

Recommended Action Plan: Amend the ordinance to allow group homes in the same residential districts as single-family dwelling units for non-disabled persons and permit them by right without any conditions.

Action Undertaken: The City has started a substantial update to its Planning and Zoning Code and will investigate ways to address its regulations with group homes.

2. *Potential Impediment:* The City's definition of family is narrow and could discriminate against a variety of nontraditional family types.

Recommended Action Plan: Amend the definition of family so that it does not have a numerical limit and instead emphasizes the functioning of the individuals as a single housekeeping unit.

Action Undertaken: The City has started a substantial update to its Planning and Zoning Code and will investigate ways to address its definition of family to ensure that non-traditional family types are not discriminated against.

3. *Potential Impediment:* The City's appointed public boards relating to housing issues are not demographically representative of the community at large.

Recommended Action Plan: Consider the composition of race, gender, and disability when appointing new members to the City's boards and commissions that could influence housing issues.

Action Undertaken: The City continues to seek qualified residents of a broad background to better represent the demographics of the community at large.

4. *Potential Impediment:* The Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the City's zoning ordinance discourage the development of multi-family rental housing.

Recommended Action Plan: Update the City's land use plan to include a statement to encompass its fair housing aims and ensure that the intent and effect of the housing policies established are consistent with that statement.

Action Undertaken: The City has started a substantial update to its Planning and Zoning Code. It has been recognized that changes are needed to encourage a broader variety of housing types to meet the needs of its residents, including multi-family rental housing.

5. *Potential Impediment:* The City has no Language Access Plan.

Recommended Action Plan: Conduct a four-factor analysis and create a Language Access Plan.

Action Undertaken: The City has reached out to different partners to seek aid in conducting a four-factor analysis and create a Language Access Plan.

6. *Potential Impediment:* Some landlords are not making investments to improve and maintain their properties, leaving low-income tenants living in unhealthy environments.

Recommended Action Plan: Create a landlord registry that includes unit inspections and fair housing training.

Recommended Action Plan: Create a database of complaints against landlords. Share database with SCRPC in order to fight noncompliance with fair housing across the County.

Action Undertaken: The City is working on creating a landlord registry. Alliance City Council's Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee is working on a proposal to regulate rental properties. No legislation has been drafted yet. A landlord registry will encourage landlords to maintain units in a healthy and safe place for tenants to live.

7. *Potential Impediment:* The City has areas consisting of concentrated LMI persons and racial and ethnic minorities.

Recommended Action Plan: Allocate CDBG funding to enhance and revitalize LMI areas and improve the existing housing stock.

Action Undertaken: The staff has encouraged City Administration to allocate CDBG funding to non-profit organizations to rehab units, as well as other things, in order to improve the existing housing stock.

Strategies for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

The following section addresses the efforts to further fair housing for all Alliance residents.

Housing Discrimination

Although it has been 57 years since the passage of the Fair Housing Act, work is still needed to address the systemic barriers that prevent equal access to housing. Fair Housing agencies have seen an increase in housing discrimination complaints in recent years. Reported cases only tell part of the story of housing discrimination. Many cases go unreported because they are difficult to identify, people believe nothing will be done about it, or they fear the consequences. Others simply put up with discrimination and decide not to report it. Although persons around the country and city have benefitted from the protections of the fair housing laws, housing discrimination continues, which affects us all. Housing discrimination prevents our country from living up to equitable opportunity. The National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) estimates that 4 million acts of housing discrimination occur per year in the rental market alone. It is estimated that less than one percent of housing discrimination complaints is reported. Housing discrimination can significantly impact home seekers by limiting their housing options, creating financial burdens, steering and perpetuating systemic inequality. For example, black homeownership rates are significantly lower than white homeownership rates, partly due to discriminatory practices in appraisals and lending. Oftentimes, lenders provide different customer service and apply different standards or requirements. Equality to housing is fundamental to meeting essential needs and pursuing personal, educational, employment and other goals.

The Stark County Fair Housing Department (SCFHD) operates at the forefront of the housing crisis by educating the community and the housing industry and by enforcing the laws intended to protect all against housing discrimination. The SCFHD tests, investigates, mediates, and files administrative complaints of housing discrimination with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and HUD. Cases are resolved through conciliation or litigate where necessary.

Housing Discrimination Complaints

The case featured in this section is an example of the issues and challenges consumers face each day as they fight for equal housing opportunity. All of the complaints reported during this period are rental related. As in prior years, rental-related housing discrimination complaints are the most numerous of any complaint transaction type. This is due primarily to the fact that rental transactions are the most frequent type of housing transaction, and the simplicity of the transaction can make it easier to identify suspected discrimination. Rental-related complaints account for more than 80 percent of all transaction types reported around the country.

Below highlights the most notable case during this reporting period:

Disability Discrimination

The Stark County Fair Housing Department resolved a case alleging a violation of the Fair Housing Act against a property management company in the city of Alliance. The company agreed to pay \$4,500 for allegedly refusing to rent to an African American woman because of race. After being approved for senior housing in Alliance, Ohio, the complainant started getting the runaround. The Complainant's rent and security deposit check was returned due to management not agreeing with the dates format on the money order. Management then instructed the complainant to pay online, but calls were allegedly not returned to provide the required link for online payments. When the complainant finally spoke with management, she was told that the apartment was rented because they didn't have first month's rent and deposit on hand. Management did not offer the complainant another unit, nor did they place her on a waiting list.

Under the terms of a Conciliation Agreement approved by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission on January 16, 2025, the property management company will pay the complainant \$4,000 and all the defendants will submit to fair housing training. The defendants deny any violation of the law, and their entering into the Conciliation Agreement doesn't constitute an admission of wrongdoing. During this fiscal year, the SCFHD staff investigated and processed one (1) complaint of housing discrimination in Alliance. The complaint was resolved. Other cases were determined to fall within the guidelines of the Landlord-Tenant Law and not the Fair Housing Law. Therefore, clients were counseled on their rights and obligations under the Landlord-Tenant Law.

Education, Workshops, Trainings and Outreach

The staff continues its ongoing process to educate the public on the fair housing law through counseling, workshops, presentations, and training in an attempt to increase the awareness of discrimination. Educational materials are distributed to various agencies and residents of Alliance. The staff distributed 150 brochures to property owners, managers, tenants, Alliance Municipal Court, City of Alliance Community Development Department, Alliance Water Department, Stark County Real Estate Investor's Association, and Stark County Regional Planning Commission.

The following events and activities were conducted by SCFHD to educate and reach out to the community:

- Placed advertisements or articles in various places to include the following:
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - Alliance Review newspaper
 - Alliance website
 - Alliance Newsletter
 - Stark County Regional Planning Commission website
 - Stark County Regional Planning Commission Annual Report
 - Alliance Newsletter
- Conducted a “*Fair Housing and Landlord-Tenant Seminar*” in the city of Alliance. Seminar topics included the following:
 - Fair Housing Overview
 - How Criminal Background Screening Relates to the Law
 - Landlord and Tenant Rights and Responsibilities
 - Rent Withholding
 - Self-Help Evictions
- Emailed the Fair Housing newsletter on a quarterly basis to educate individuals on housing discrimination.
- Spoke to countless individuals from community-based organizations to help them identify residents’ right to fair housing and to increase the awareness of discrimination.
- Disseminated 150 educational brochures to tenants, landlords and representatives from various agencies and organizations in order to educate them on the fair housing law.

Monitoring

During this period, 3 housing providers were monitored. The owners and managers were monitored on a quarterly basis due to some questionable illegal rental practices in the past.

Landlord and Tenant Relations

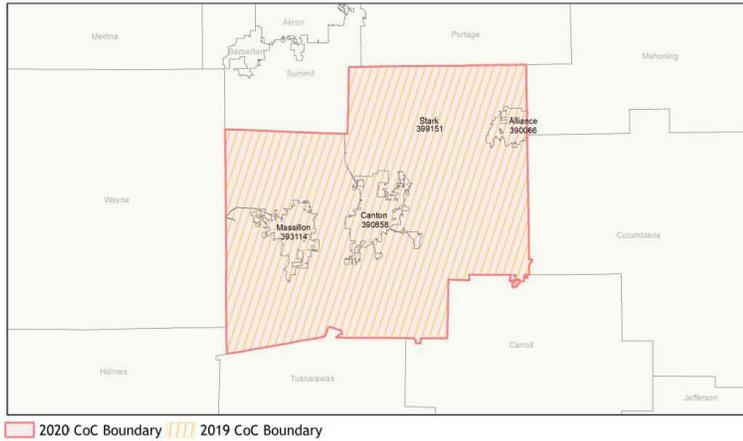
In addition to counseling home seekers on the laws that govern discrimination, the staff counsels on landlord and tenant issues to the citizens of Alliance. Property owners, managers, tenants and representatives from social service agencies are counseled on their rights, obligations, and responsibilities under the Ohio Landlord Tenant Law. Many landlord-tenant and discrimination calls are resolved through counseling and mediation.

Conclusion

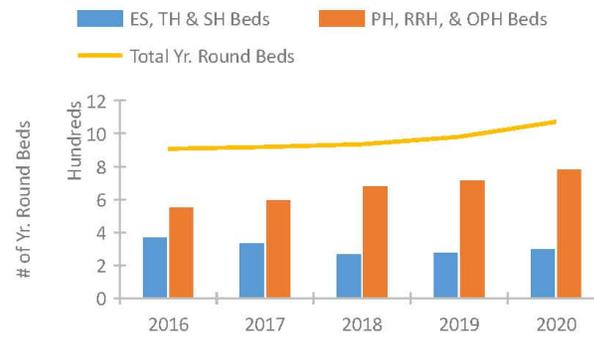
Fifty-seven years ago, the passage of the Fair Housing Act acknowledged the need to address housing discrimination. Today, the need still remains. The need remains to protect people of color from being steered to certain sections of the city or denied housing altogether. The need remains to protect families with children from being steered to lower-level apartments, from dealing with overly restrictive rules about children's use of the common areas or from eviction due to a child joining the family through birth, adoption or custody. The need remains to protect persons with disabilities when they are denied a reserved parking space, an emotional support animal or a change in the rental due date to accommodate alternate forms of income. The need to address housing discrimination is undeniable. The need for the Fair Housing Law still remains.

Since the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, many changes in the housing and financial markets have been made. This country has come a long way but still has a long way to go. The Stark County Fair Housing Department has fought to fulfill its mission of eliminating housing discrimination and ensuring equal housing opportunity for all people. SCFHD will continue to fight and advocate for the victims of housing discrimination. The fair housing office will continue to identify barriers to fair housing in order to help counteract and eliminate discriminatory housing practices. Necessary actions will be taken to ensure that the fair housing law is properly and fairly enforced throughout the city of Alliance. The SCFHD will continue to put forth an effort to promote, educate, counsel, and further fair housing through leadership, testing, education, and outreach. The department certifies to affirmatively further fair housing.

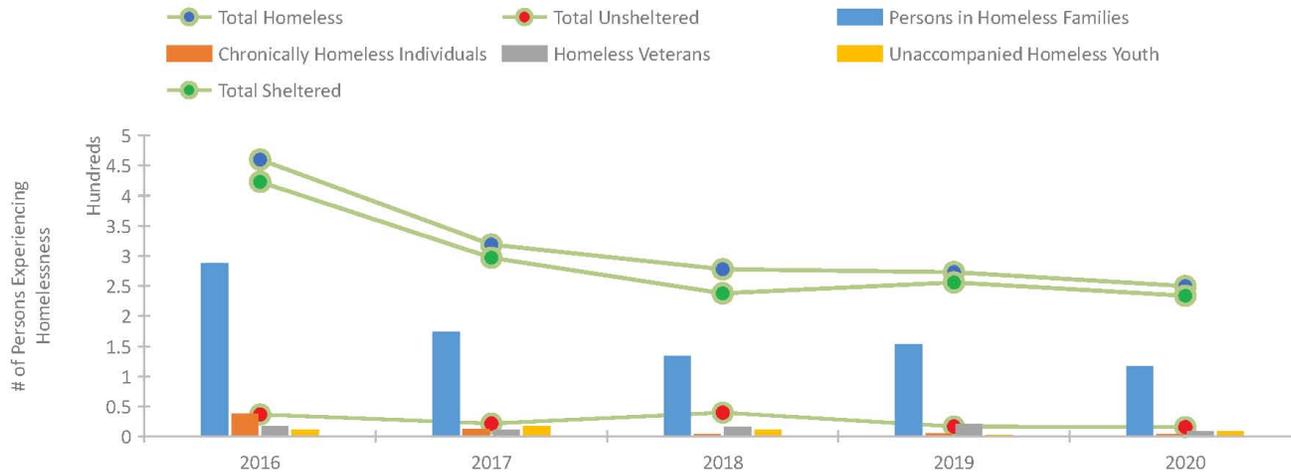
CoC Performance Profile OH-508
Canton, Massillon, Alliance/Stark County CoC



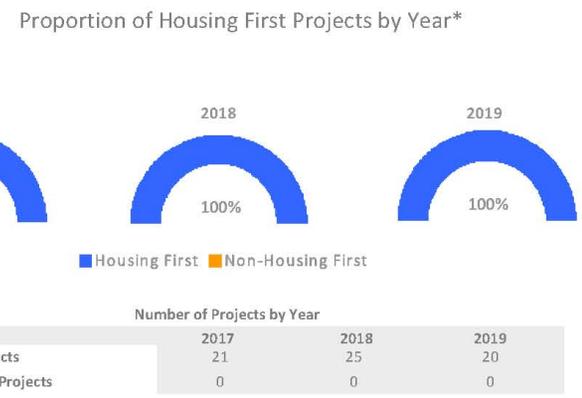
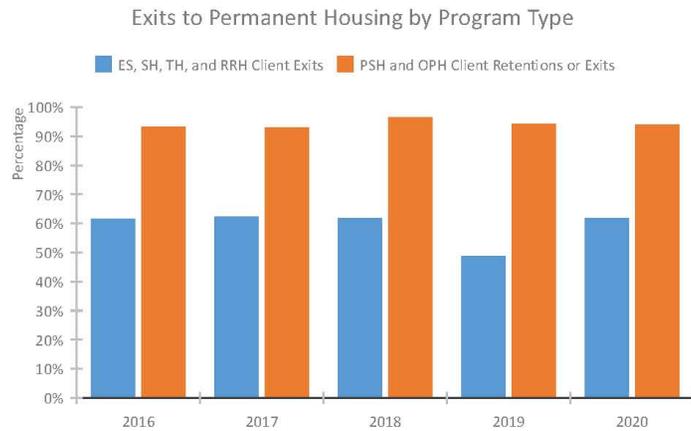
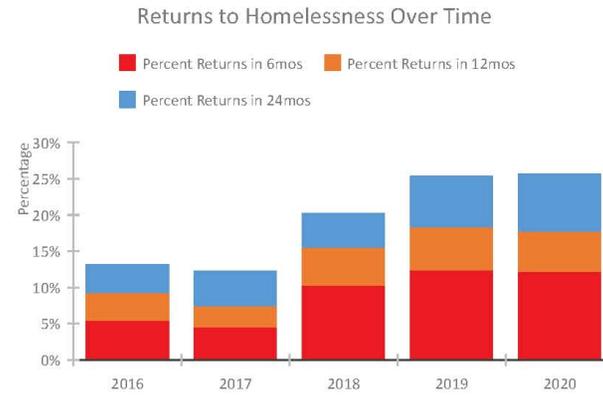
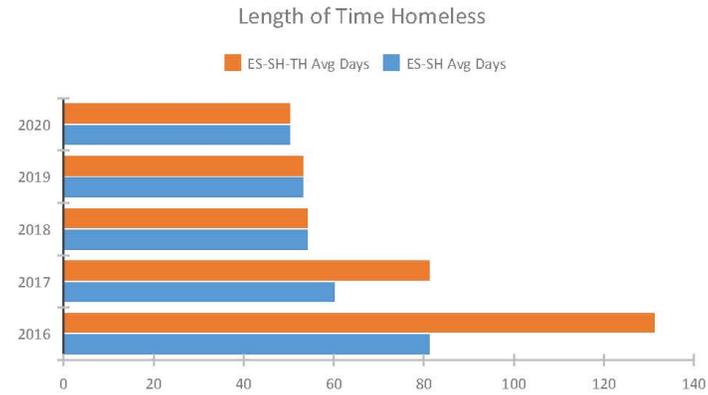
Housing Inventory Count by Program Type



Homeless Population – Point-in-Time (PIT) Count



**CoC Performance Profile OH-508
Canton, Massillon, Alliance/Stark County CoC**



*In 2020 HUD awarded renewal projects noncompetitively, therefore no new data was collected and Housing First data remains the same from 2019 to 2020.

Data Summary: OH-508 Canton, Massillon, Alliance/Stark County CoC

Point-In-Time Count Summary

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019-20 Change	% Change
Number of Sheltered Persons in Families	286	172	133	152	115	-37	-24%
Number of Unsheltered Persons in Families	0	0	0	0	0	0	--
Number of Sheltered Individuals	137	125	105	104	119	15	14%
Number of Unsheltered Individuals	37	22	40	17	16	-1	-6%
Total Homeless Persons	460	319	278	273	250	-23	-8%
Number of Sheltered Families	92	52	43	46	38	-8	-17%
Number of Unsheltered Families	0	0	0	0	0	0	--
Number of Total Families	92	52	43	46	38	-8	-17%
Sheltered Chronically Homeless Individuals	20	3	0	3	2	-1	-33%
Unsheltered Chronically Homeless Individuals	17	8	3	1	1	0	-0%
Total Chronically Homeless Individuals	37	11	3	4	3	-1	-25%
Sheltered Veterans	14	8	10	16	6	-10	-62%
Unsheltered Veterans	2	2	5	4	2	-2	-50%
Total Veterans	16	10	15	20	8	-12	-60%
Sheltered Unaccompanied Youth (up to 24)	8	14	6	0	7	7	100%
Unsheltered Unaccompanied Youth (up to 24)	2	2	4	2	1	-1	-50%
Total Unaccompanied Youth (up to 24)	10	16	10	2	8	6	300%

System Performance Measures Summary

	2016	2017	2018	2018	2020	2019-20 Change	% Change
Average Length of Time Homeless (days)	131	81	54	53	50	-3	-5.7%
Rate People Return to Homelessness in 6 Months	5.5%	4.6%	10.4%	12.5%	12.3%	-0.2%	N/A
Number of People who are Homeless for the First Time	968	998	901	920	830	-90	-9.8%
Rate People Exit from ES, SH, TH, and RRH to PH	61.2%	62.1%	61.4%	48.5%	61.6%	13.1%	N/A
Rate People in PSH and OPH Retain or Exit to PH	93.1%	92.6%	96.2%	93.9%	93.7%	-0.2%	N/A

Housing Inventory Count Summary

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019-20 Change	% Change
Emergency Shelter (ES)	232	243	246	257	271	14	5%
Transitional Housing (TH)	110	85	14	13	23	10	77%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	458	499	566	549	563	14	3%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	87	91	109	147	200	53	36%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	--	--	--	14	14	0	-0%

Award Summary

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019-20 Change	% Change
Continuum of Care (CoC)	\$2,696,040	\$3,021,970	\$2,965,295	\$3,128,202	\$3,106,639	(\$21,563)	-1%
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	\$212,400	\$213,203	\$212,944	\$219,197	\$227,312	\$8,115	4%

SELF EVALUATION

- A. Describe the effect programs have in solving neighborhood and community problems.
 - B. Describe progress in meeting priority needs and specific objectives and help make community's vision of the future a reality.
 - C. Describe how you provided decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunity principally for low and moderate-income people.
 - D. Indicate any activities falling behind schedule.
 - E. Describe how activities and strategies made an impact on identified needs.
 - F. Identify indicators that would best describe the results.
 - G. Identify the barriers that had a negative impact on fulfilling the strategies and overall vision.
 - H. Identify whether major goals are on target and discuss reasons for those that are not on target.
 - I. Identify any adjustments or improvements to strategies and activities that might meet your needs more effectively.
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- A) FY-2024 projects had quantifiable effects on neighborhood and community issues. The City of Alliance returned 526 housing violations back to property maintenance code compliance and the City resolved 276 nuisance complaints for trash and/or tall grass.
 - B) All activities funded during FY-2024 made an impact on the needs and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan as measured by the number of persons and households directly and indirectly benefiting from the activities.
 - C) In FY-2024, the City provided decent, safe, and affordable housing through a variety of housing rehab projects funded through CDBG as well as code enforcement initiatives. The City utilized HOME funds to assist two low to moderate income families by bringing these homes up to code. CDBG funds were used to do emergency repairs to ten low to moderate-income owner-occupied homes.
 - D) Nothing to report.
 - E) The demolition of dilapidated and abandoned housing continues to be a priority for the City of Alliance. Demolition, housing rehab and aggressive code enforcement have produced noticeable, visual revitalization progress in the target neighborhoods. The City continues to pursue irresponsible homeowners and landlords that contribute to the decay of the housing stock in the City of Alliance. The City has also utilized other State/County funds to assist in the demolition of vacant, dilapidated, commercial buildings in the downtown area that have jeopardized public health and safety.
 - F) Success is measured by the number of properties inspected and found to have code violations compared to the number of violating properties that were resolved. Success is also measured by comparing the total number of blighted/vacant properties against the total number that were demolished and removed from the City's housing stock. Success is also measured by the number of small achievements on a property that has the domino effect on the larger goals.

- G) The largest barrier to meeting community needs is ongoing sufficient funding. Programs like NIP have helped significantly but more long-term sustainable funding is needed to ensure revitalization efforts keep moving forward.
- H) The City of Alliance reports that most major goals are on target; and strategies are being implemented.
- I) Access to funding is always an adjustment that is faced by the City to meet the needs of low to moderate income citizens of Alliance.

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City of Alliance
Community Development Department
504 East Main Street
Alliance, Ohio 44601
Telephone: 330-821-3110
Email:

gurneysr@allianceoh.gov
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The City of Alliance's draft FY 2025 Annual Action Plan will be available for public review at the following locations from June 2, 2025, to July 1, 2025:

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Alliance, Ohio 44601
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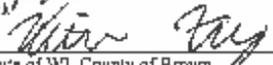
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September 30, 2025

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Attn: Julie Goodrich
Columbus Office, Region V
200 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2499

RE: FY-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (C.A.P.E.R.)

Dear Ms. Goodrich,

The City of Alliance hereby certifies that during the program year of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have been used to meet the Community Development program objectives as specified in the City's 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan addressing housing, homelessness, public facilities, infrastructure, public services, prevention and elimination of slum and blight removal and the implication of fair housing.

Additionally, funding was used as directed under the CDBG guidelines for housing rehabilitation, code enforcement and public facilities. Public Services included the support for organizations servicing adult education and counseling on domestic violence.

I further state that to the best of my knowledge all information stated in the FY-2024 C.A.P.E.R. is true and accurate.

Respectfully,

Andrew D. Grove
Mayor, City of Alliance

9/30/2025
Date



PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG RESOURCES

01 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	883,262.63
02 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	633,510.00
03 SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL	0.00
04 SECTION 108 GUARANTEED LOAN FUNDS	0.00
05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
05a CURRENT YEAR SECTION 108 PROGRAM INCOME (FOR SI TYPE)	0.00
06 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
06a FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
07 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	0.00
08 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 01-07)	1,516,772.63

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG EXPENDITURES

09 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	312,418.62
10 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT	0.00
11 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 09 + LINE 10)	312,418.62
12 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	220,080.83
13 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	0.00
14 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00
15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 11-14)	532,499.45
16 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 08 - LINE 15)	984,273.18

PART III: LOW/MOD BENEFIT THIS REPORTING PERIOD

17 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	0.00
18 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD MULTI-UNIT HOUSING	0.00
19 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	312,023.06
20 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT	0.00
21 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 17-20)	312,023.06
22 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 21/LINE 11)	99.87%

LOW/MOD BENEFIT FOR MULTI-YEAR CERTIFICATIONS

23 PROGRAM YEARS(PY) COVERED IN CERTIFICATION	PY: PY: PY:
24 CUMULATIVE NET EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT CALCULATION	0.00
25 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES BENEFITING LOW/MOD PERSONS	0.00
26 PERCENT BENEFIT TO LOW/MOD PERSONS (LINE 25/LINE 24)	0.00%

PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CAP CALCULATIONS

27 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	50,674.18
28 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
29 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
30 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS	0.00
31 TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS (LINE 27 + LINE 28 - LINE 29 + LINE 30)	50,674.18
32 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	633,510.00
33 PRIOR YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	8,600.00
34 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP	0.00
35 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP (SUM, LINES 32-34)	642,110.00
36 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 31/LINE 35)	7.89%

PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP

37 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	220,080.83
38 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
39 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
40 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS	(94,915.14)
41 TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS (LINE 37 + LINE 38 - LINE 39 +LINE 40)	125,165.69
42 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	633,510.00
43 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
44 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP	0.00
45 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP (SUM, LINES 42-44)	633,510.00
46 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 41/LINE 45)	19.76%



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LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2023	2	1185	6926936	Emergency Board Up	04	LMA	\$60.00
2023	2	1185	6947706	Emergency Board Up	04	LMA	\$230.00
2023	5	1187	6926936	1044 Homestead Ave - Demolition	04	LMA	\$2,494.00
2023	5	1189	6926936	247 Hester - Demo	04	LMA	\$802.00
2023	5	1191	6926936	1036 S Mahoning Demo	04	LMA	\$1,930.00
2023	5	1194	6926936	1187 S Mahoning	04	LMA	\$970.00
2023	5	1195	6926936	678 S Linden - Demo	04	LMA	\$1,414.00
2023	5	1196	6926936	774 N Webb Demo	04	LMA	\$1,790.00
2023	5	1197	6926936	400 Johnson Demo	04	LMA	\$1,680.00
2023	5	1207	6926936	1335 S. Arch - Demo	04	LMA	\$1,550.00
2023	5	1208	6926936	707 Walnut - Demo	04	LMA	\$2,170.00
2024	14	1231	6996508	Emergency Board Up 2024	04	LMA	\$680.00
2024	14	1231	7030144	Emergency Board Up 2024	04	LMA	\$800.00
2024	14	1231	7039317	Emergency Board Up 2024	04	LMA	\$650.00
					04	Matrix Code	\$17,300.00
2024	13	1242	7039317	FEMI - Infant & Youth Services	05D	LWC	\$4,522.86
					05D	Matrix Code	\$4,522.86
2023	4	1169	6926936	Alliance Area Domestic Violence	05G	LWC	\$5,103.08
					05G	Matrix Code	\$5,103.08
2023	6	1176	6935649	Fair Housing Program	05J	LMA	\$2,000.00
					05J	Matrix Code	\$2,000.00
2024	10	1250	7056213	Stark County Mental Health and Recovery	05O	LMA	\$7,015.08
					05O	Matrix Code	\$7,015.08
2024	8	1247	7056213	Alliance Community Pantry	05W	LMA	\$9,000.19
					05W	Matrix Code	\$9,000.19
2023	11	1188	6926936	YWCA Employment Assistance	05Z	LMA	\$3,922.20
2023	13	1212	6926936	ECEA (SPARK)	05Z	LMA	\$14,500.00
2024	17	1239	7056213	Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates	05Z	LMA	\$5,010.77
					05Z	Matrix Code	\$23,032.97
2023	3	1217	6947706	Habitat For Humanity - 942 Patterson	12	LWH	\$8,045.52
2023	20	1218	6947706	Habitat For Humanity - 325 Green Ave	12	LWH	\$10,000.00
					12	Matrix Code	\$18,045.52
2023	8	1186	6926936	SCLRC Rehab Soft Costs	14A	LWH	\$5,050.54
2023	8	1186	6947706	SCLRC Rehab Soft Costs	14A	LWH	\$6,884.36
2023	8	1210	6926936	1241 Noble - Napier - Roof	14A	LWH	\$11,355.00
2023	8	1215	6947706	1145 Avalon - Smith - Furnace	14A	LWH	\$4,733.00
2023	8	1216	6947706	1634 S. Arch - Taylor - Furnace	14A	LWH	\$4,705.00
2023	8	1219	6957472	740 Noble - Main Lines	14A	LWH	\$4,675.00
2023	21	1213	6947706	803 E. Grant - Plummer - Roof	14A	LWH	\$11,823.00
2023	21	1214	6947706	1306 South St - Petti - Roof	14A	LWH	\$9,705.00
2024	7	1227	6991118	SCLRC Rehab Soft Costs	14A	LWH	\$1,272.25
2024	7	1227	6996508	SCLRC Rehab Soft Costs	14A	LWH	\$14,704.39
2024	7	1227	7030144	SCLRC Rehab Soft Costs	14A	LWH	\$20,342.85
2024	7	1227	7039317	SCLRC Rehab Soft Costs	14A	LWH	\$3,211.65
2024	7	1227	7056213	SCLRC Rehab Soft Costs	14A	LWH	\$2,711.60
2024	7	1228	6994779	1091 Glenwood Dr Murashigle Roof	14A	LWH	\$12,310.00



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Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2024	7	1235	7020798	638 S Haines Furnace	14A	LWH	\$4,325.00
2024	7	1236	7030144	257 Franklin Ave - Roof	14A	LWH	\$14,404.20
2024	7	1237	7030144	2402 Clark Ave - Roof	14A	LWH	\$9,175.65
					14A	Matrix Code	\$167,645.19
2023	19	1209	6947706	YWCA - Porch Rebuild	14E	LMA	\$2,203.38
					14E	Matrix Code	\$2,203.38
2023	9	1181	6916534	Code Payroll	15	LMA	\$9,390.23
2023	9	1181	6926936	Code Payroll	15	LMA	\$8,567.55
2023	9	1181	6935649	Code Payroll	15	LMA	\$8,039.16
2023	9	1181	6947706	Code Payroll	15	LMA	\$6,345.33
2023	9	1181	6957472	Code Payroll	15	LMA	\$6,016.65
2023	9	1182	6916534	Code Fringes	15	LMA	\$3,562.78
2023	9	1182	6926936	Code Fringes	15	LMA	\$2,690.49
2023	9	1182	6935649	Code Fringes	15	LMA	\$3,046.03
2023	9	1182	6947706	Code Fringes	15	LMA	\$3,499.20
2023	9	1182	6957472	Code Fringes	15	LMA	\$3,166.04
2023	9	1183	6916534	Code Operating Costs	15	LMA	\$262.97
2023	9	1183	6926936	Code Operating Costs	15	LMA	\$509.19
2023	9	1183	6935649	Code Operating Costs	15	LMA	\$729.82
2023	9	1183	6947706	Code Operating Costs	15	LMA	\$207.24
2023	9	1183	6957472	Code Operating Costs	15	LMA	\$122.11
					15	Matrix Code	\$56,154.79
Total							\$312,023.06

LINE 27 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 27

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus	Activity Name	Grant Number	Fund Type	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2024	13	1242	7039317	No	FEMI - Infant & Youth Services	B24MC390031	EN	05D	LHC	\$4,522.86
								05D	Matrix Code	\$4,522.86
2023	4	1169	6926936	No	Alliance Area Domestic Violence	B23MC390031	EN	05G	LWC	\$5,103.08
								05G	Matrix Code	\$5,103.08
2023	6	1176	6935649	No	Fair Housing Program	B23MC390031	EN	05J	LMA	\$2,000.00
								05J	Matrix Code	\$2,000.00
2024	10	1250	7056213	No	Stark County Mental Health and Recovery	B24MC390031	EN	05O	LMA	\$7,015.08
								05O	Matrix Code	\$7,015.08
2024	8	1247	7056213	No	Alliance Community Pantry	B24MC390031	EN	05W	LMA	\$9,000.19
								05W	Matrix Code	\$9,000.19
2023	11	1188	6926936	No	YWCA Employment Assistance	B23MC390031	EN	05Z	LMA	\$3,522.20
2023	13	1212	6926936	No	ECEA (SPARK)	B23MC390031	EN	05Z	LMA	\$14,500.00
2024	17	1239	7056213	No	Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates	B24MC390031	EN	05Z	LMA	\$5,010.77
								05Z	Matrix Code	\$23,032.97
				No	Activity to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus					\$50,674.18
Total										\$50,674.18

LINE 37 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 37

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2023	1	1178	6916534	Planning Payroll	21A		\$8,707.11
2023	1	1178	6926936	Planning Payroll	21A		\$6,014.31
2023	1	1178	6935649	Planning Payroll	21A		\$5,634.77
2023	1	1178	6947706	Planning Payroll	21A		\$6,133.91
2023	1	1178	6957472	Planning Payroll	21A		\$5,898.83
2023	1	1179	6916534	Planning Fringes	21A		\$3,024.06
2023	1	1179	6926936	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,157.66
2023	1	1179	6935649	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,201.47
2023	1	1179	6947706	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,562.06
2023	1	1179	6957472	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,670.65
2023	1	1180	6916534	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$204.21
2023	1	1180	6926936	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$88.45
2023	1	1180	6935649	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$1,435.16
2023	1	1180	6947706	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$536.08



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Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2024	2	1224	6996508	Code Payroll	21A		\$6,659.72
2024	2	1224	6998080	Code Payroll	21A		\$6,308.69
2024	2	1224	7006715	Code Payroll	21A		\$6,647.58
2024	2	1224	7020798	Code Payroll	21A		\$6,647.58
2024	2	1224	7030144	Code Payroll	21A		\$6,574.69
2024	2	1224	7039317	Code Payroll	21A		\$9,729.34
2024	2	1225	6991118	Code Fringes	21A		\$2,749.29
2024	2	1225	6994779	Code Fringes	21A		\$2,729.62
2024	2	1225	6996508	Code Fringes	21A		\$4,534.66
2024	2	1225	6998080	Code Fringes	21A		\$3,068.75
2024	2	1225	7006715	Code Fringes	21A		\$3,033.53
2024	2	1225	7020798	Code Fringes	21A		\$3,234.80
2024	2	1225	7030144	Code Fringes	21A		\$3,963.40
2024	2	1225	7039317	Code Fringes	21A		\$3,068.33
2024	2	1226	6991118	Code Operating Costs	21A		\$857.00
2024	2	1226	6994779	Code Operating Costs	21A		\$449.74
2024	2	1226	6996508	Code Operating Costs	21A		\$688.38
2024	2	1226	6998080	Code Operating Costs	21A		\$27.82
2024	2	1226	7006715	Code Operating Costs	21A		\$618.33
2024	2	1226	7020798	Code Operating Costs	21A		\$210.04
2024	2	1226	7030144	Code Operating Costs	21A		\$1,479.71
2024	2	1226	7039317	Code Operating Costs	21A		\$332.42
2024	3	1221	6991118	Planning Payroll	21A		\$6,502.04
2024	3	1221	6994779	Planning Payroll	21A		\$7,838.02
2024	3	1221	6996508	Planning Payroll	21A		\$5,428.74
2024	3	1221	6998080	Planning Payroll	21A		\$5,777.21
2024	3	1221	7006715	Planning Payroll	21A		\$6,417.10
2024	3	1221	7020798	Planning Payroll	21A		\$6,357.45
2024	3	1221	7030144	Planning Payroll	21A		\$6,184.59
2024	3	1221	7039317	Planning Payroll	21A		\$9,515.12
2024	3	1222	6991118	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,271.89
2024	3	1222	6994779	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,220.58
2024	3	1222	6996508	Planning Fringes	21A		\$3,953.76
2024	3	1222	6998080	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,362.90
2024	3	1222	7006715	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,432.90
2024	3	1222	7020798	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,655.03
2024	3	1222	7030144	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,965.38
2024	3	1222	7039317	Planning Fringes	21A		\$2,487.46
2024	3	1223	6991118	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$104.29
2024	3	1223	6994779	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$116.70
2024	3	1223	6996508	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$183.79
2024	3	1223	6998080	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$76.98
2024	3	1223	7006715	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$541.24
2024	3	1223	7020798	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$172.41
2024	3	1223	7030144	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$564.47
2024	3	1223	7039317	Planning Operating Costs	21A		\$870.58
					21A	Matrix Code	\$214,080.83
2024	5	1230	6996508	Fair Housing Program 2024	21D		\$2,000.00
2024	5	1230	7030144	Fair Housing Program 2024	21D		\$2,000.00
2024	5	1230	7039317	Fair Housing Program 2024	21D		\$2,000.00
					21D	Matrix Code	\$6,000.00
Total							\$220,080.83