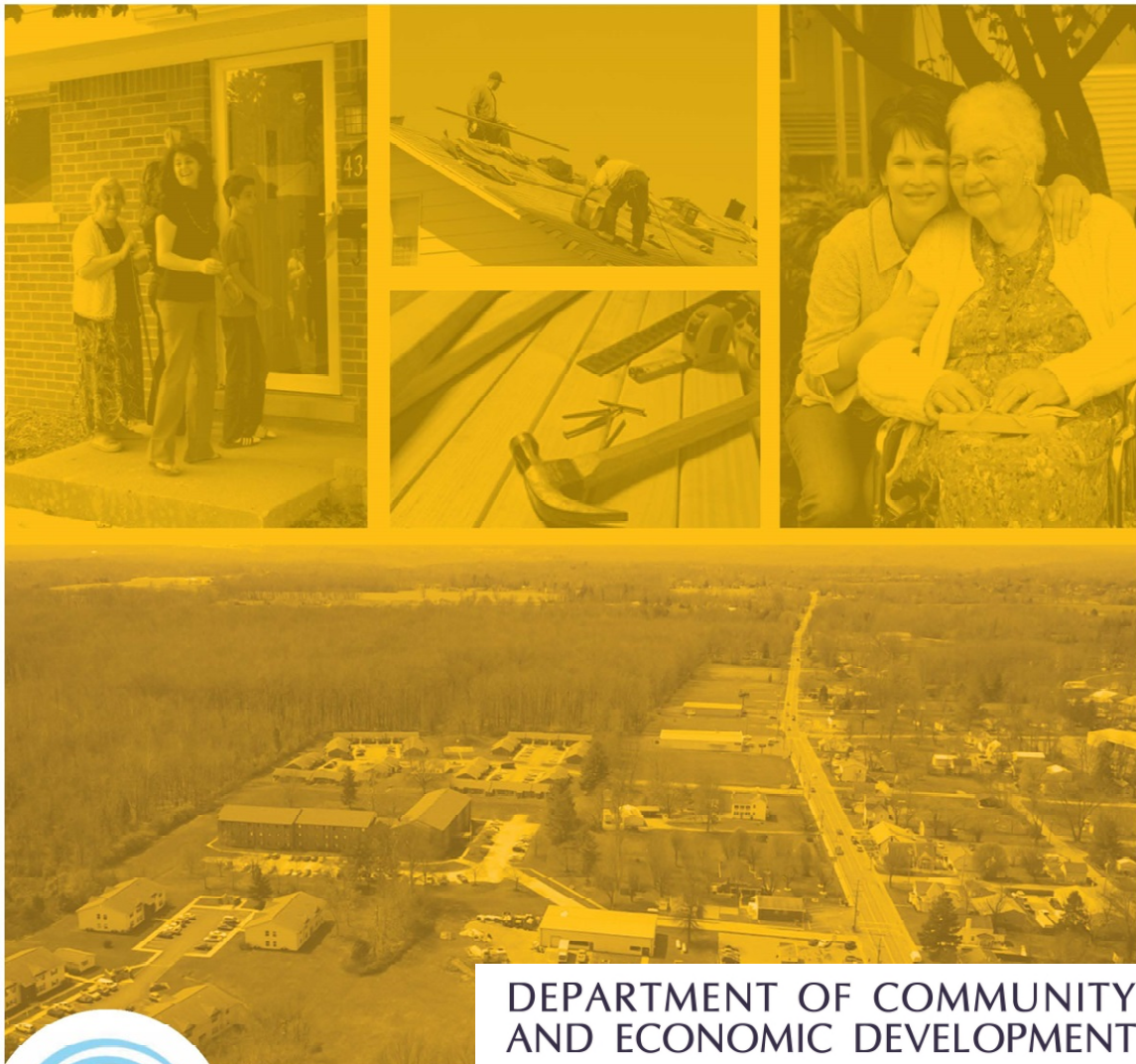


2022 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Program
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023



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8/12/22

Sondra King
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning & Development
200 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2499

RE: 2022 Action Plan

Dear Sondra,

Clermont County is pleased to present to you the 2022 Action Plan along with SF-424, SF-424D, and Certifications. If we have left out any information that you need please let us know at dmaaytah@clermontcountyohio.gov or at 513-732-7907 and we will get it to you in short order.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Desmond J. Maaytah".

Desmond J. Maaytah
Community Development Administrator

Enclosure

CC: Michael McNamara- Development Director, File

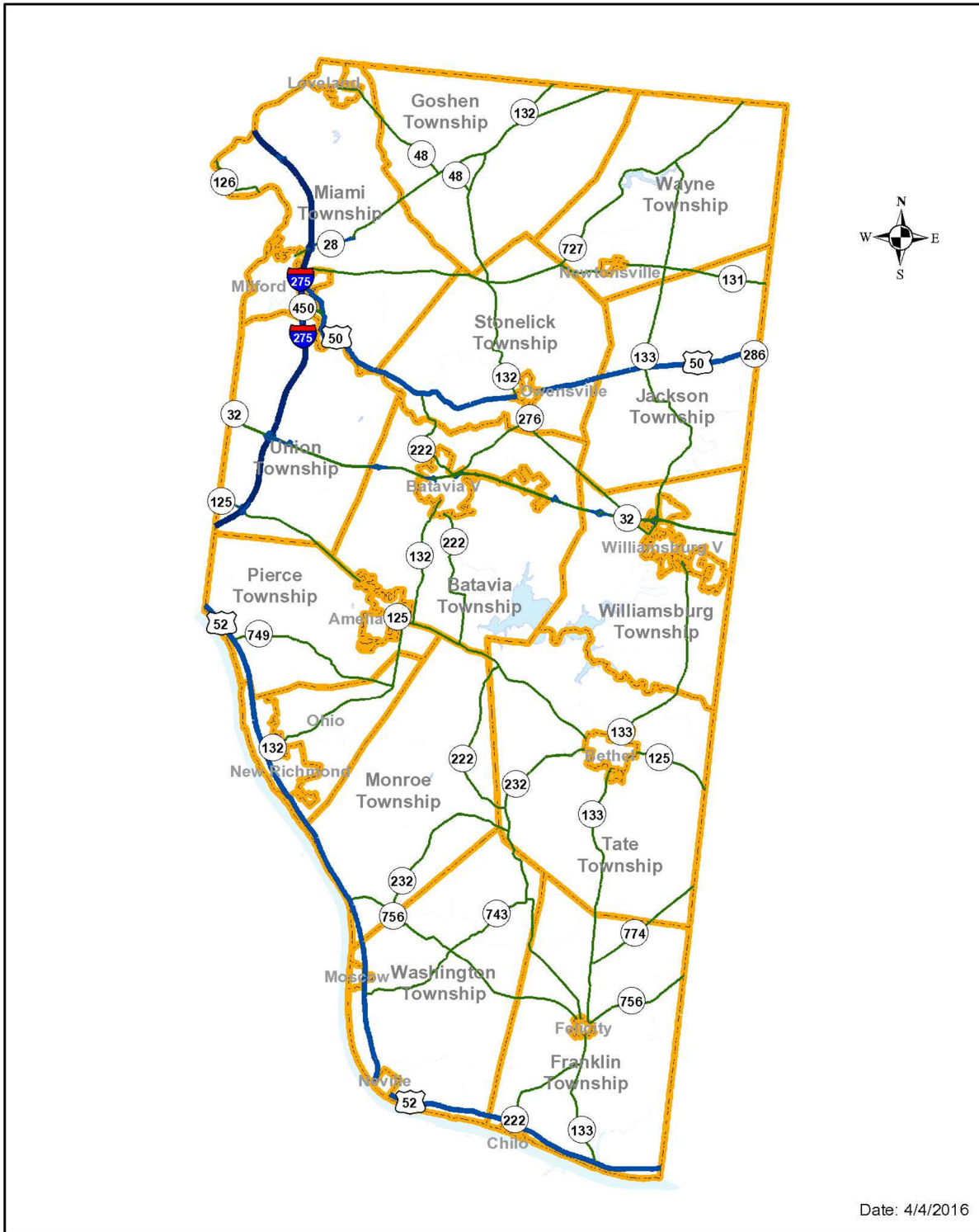
Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Clermont County, Ohio was established in December 1800 and is Ohio's eighth oldest county and the state's furthest county west in Appalachia. It is bounded by Warren and Clinton Counties to the north, Brown County to the east, Hamilton County to the West and the Ohio River on its South and Southwest borders. Clermont County is approximately 24 miles South East from Cincinnati and encompasses 460 square miles, of which 452 square miles is land and 7.7 square miles is water. Clermont County consists of 14 Townships (Batavia, Franklin, Goshen, Jackson, Miami, Monroe, Ohio, Pierce, Stonelick, Tate, Union, Washington, Wayne, Williamsburg), 2 cities (Loveland and Milford), 10 Villages (Batavia, Bethel, Chilo, Felicity, Moscow, Neville, New Richmond, Newtonsville, Owensville, Williamsburg) and 8 Census-designate Places (Day Heights, Goshen, Miamiville, Mount Carmel, Mount Repose, Mulberry, Summerside, Withamsville).

Clermont County, Ohio



2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The overall objective of this plan is to provide, facilitate, or encourage the services in the following areas:

1. Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities through meetings with community leaders regarding funding available through HUD and presentations to the communities and their leaders regarding fair housing and renter's rights under the law.
2. Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure with the use of CDBG funds in the communities to improve parks, sidewalks and facilities that service low-income residents in Clermont County.
3. Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes with funds allocated to the Clermont County Health District for septic rehabilitation and Clermont County EMA to assist the low-income population with home repairs and those affected by a recent tornado in the Goshen Township area.
4. Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families through the Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) fair housing program.
5. Increase Quality of Affordability of Rental Units by partnering with the Affordable Housing Coalition of Clermont County. This Coalition meets regularly to assess the homeless and housing situations in the county and charts a course of action to help alleviate the issues presented.
6. Provide and Expand Public Services with support of the Clermont County Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) drug and alcohol counseling for low-income qualified residents.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Community Development Block Grant funds continue to be a vital resource to Clermont County and its residents. In the first two years of the 2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan, over \$3 million in CDBG funds awarded have assisted extremely low, low, and moderate income households with affordable housing, public services and public facilities and infrastructure.

We still continue to evaluate projects by answering the following questions:

Does the project align with Clermont County's Objectives? In 2020, Clermont County defined six objectives in their Consolidated Plan, based on the citizen participation process and community needs. They are (in order of importance) Enhance Economic Development/Training Programs; Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure; Increase Quality and Affordability of Owner Occupied Homes; Address

Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families; Increase Quality and Affordability of Rental Housing and Provide new or Expand Public Services.

Does the project align with Priority Needs? Twenty priority needs were defined in this same participation process. The projects are reviewed and points are given based on the needs the project would meet within those identified as priority for Clermont County.

Does the project meet a HUD National Objective? Each project is reviewed to determine if it meets HUD defined eligibility and National Objective category or sub categories.

Has the jurisdiction and/or public service received prior funding? When applications are received, they are reviewed on all of the above, however prior funding is used as a scoring method when multiple applications meet all of the evaluation methods. This permits Clermont County the opportunity to ensure that money is disbursed throughout all the eligible communities.

The answers to these questions were considered in selecting the projects in our 2022 Annual Action Plan.

There have been many challenges in completing projects due to the increase of costs of materials and the demand on labor in the area. Clermont County has increased its area for advertising for contractors to Hamilton, Warren, Clinton and Brown counties as well as the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber, Clermont County Chamber and the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce Minority Business Accelerator in hopes of increasing the possible contractors and professional service providers for Engineering and consulting services. Our County was hit with a tornado this summer in the Goshen Township area which caused damage to commercial and residential structures in LMI areas of the County. The Plan works to alleviate these costs and provide assistance in the LMI areas affected.

First Public Notice/ Information Session

Clermont Sun

For publication in legal section

Thursday, December 2, 2021 and

Thursday, December 9, 2021 editions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE CLERMONT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2022

A public meeting for informational purposes relative to the 2022 CDBG Entitlement Program of Clermont County, Ohio will be held on **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM**, located in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the third floor of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

This public meeting will address the commencement of the 2022 Program Year of the Entitlement Program of Clermont County. The 2022 Entitlement allocation has yet to be determined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), however it is expected to be approximately \$1,000,000 dollars.

This meeting will provide citizens with pertinent information about the CDBG program, including an explanation of eligible activities, program requirements and application deadlines. The CDBG Program can fund a broad range of activities, including economic development projects; street, water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements; demolition of unsafe structures, rehabilitation of housing; public services; improvements to neighborhood facilities and training. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight, or meet an urgent need of the community.

A public hearing will be held prior to the County's submittal of grant activities in the CDBG Annual Action Plan to HUD. Local CDBG project applications will be due to the Department of Community and Economic Development by **Friday, February 11, 2022**. Applications can be obtained on the County website at <https://clermontcountyohio.gov//community-development/> or by calling 513-732-7907. A link to the Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities will also be available on the website.

Eligible village and townships, the general public and other interested agencies or persons are encouraged to attend to discuss available programs, the application process, and program eligibility

requirements. The Clermont County Administration Building is a handicapped accessible facility. Clermont County will provide assistance to persons with disabilities needing interpreters or other auxiliary aids and services in order to participate in this hearing. Any request for such assistance must be made no later than 72 hours in advance of the hearing, by contacting the Department of Community and Economic Development at (513) 732-7907.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Clermont County held a public information session on December 16, 2021 to review the application process and inform the communities of the LMI data and timeline of the application process. The final public hearing was held on August 1, 2022 for public comment of the Annual Action Plan submission. The first and second public information session were advertised in the local newspaper. Our office of Public Information also assists in getting the word out about our projects and successes in their newsletters and on our County Facebook Page.

5. Summary of public comments

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

There were no public comments received.

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

There were no comments not accepted.

7. Summary

Citizen participation is a pathway for all citizens to exercise their voice and influence decisions that affect their communities, neighborhoods and way of life. It is the mission of the Clermont County Community and Economic Development Office to administer federal grant funds in a manner that will positively impact the quality of life of the residents of the County and to do so, it is imperative that a healthy civic engagement take place. Clermont County has expanded their outreach through media, public forums and social media in order to inform more Clermont County residents about CDBG projects and funding. This year, we sent out hard copies of our application that had all the application information as well as forms for completion to all Community Services as well as all Villages, Cities and Township offices that did not have a representative at the first information session. We placed a fillable application on our website and emailed this link to all of our interested applicants. We also advertised our application process on the County Website at <https://clermontcountyohio.gov//community-development/>. Our office of public information keeps the public informed on our County Facebook Page.

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

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

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

| Agency Role | | Name | Department/Agency |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| CDBG Administrator | CLERMONT COUNTY | Clermont County Community and Economic Development | |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Community Development Administrator

Clermont County Community and Economic Development

101 East Main Street, 3rd Floor

Batavia, OH 45103

dmaaytah@clermontcountyohio.gov

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

1. Introduction

A major strength of our program is the County's communication, coordination, and integration work. A broad cross section of housing and social service resources has fostered an excellent communication network. The various groups, agencies and organizations which the County works with on housing and community economic development issues have been identified in the consultation process of our Consolidated Plan. Clermont County Economic Development Staff are members and have coordinated with Ohio Regional Development Commission (OVRDC). OVRDC is currently completing a broadband assessment of its member counties including Clermont County. We are coordinating to receive this information from them to better target dollars from possible source such as CDBG-CV, Federal Infrastructure dollars, and Rescue Act funds to increase broadband service in underserved areas.

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

and service agencies (91.215(I))

Clermont County holds public meetings in which the cities, villages and townships were encouraged to attend. During this meeting, CDBG funding is discussed. The Grants Coordinator regularly takes calls and questions from various municipalities and private non-profits through the year regarding funding.

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

The County will continue to work with the Clermont County Affordable Housing Coalition to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health and social service agencies. The Grants Coordinator is a member of the Affordable Housing Coalition. The Housing Advisory Committee is also a valuable resource for information and communication.

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

The Housing Advisory Committee and the Clermont County Affordable Housing Coalition were both integral parts of the planning process and evaluation of the Consolidated and Annual Plan

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Service-Fair Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Public Housing Needs |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Housing Opportunities helps us fulfill our Fair Housing component of our services in Clermont County. They provide rental testing, fair housing education and training, and talk with clients who are at risk of eviction in Clermont County. They have a good handle on the rental markets and find search out cases of discrimination in our County before it spreads. The director and staff are consulted each time they invoice us for fair housing services and we get an update of what they are seeing on the ground. |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | Clermont Senior Services Inc. |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |
| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Quality of Housing Needs |

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| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | People Working Cooperatively (PWC) is working to assist home owners with needed home repairs. PWC is our partner using CDBG funds for these emergency repairs. We often consult with PWC to determine how we may best meet needs of home owners and ways to help them remain in their homes. |
| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | Clermont County Public Health |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Health Agency |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Lead-based Paint Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Meetings were held with representatives of agencies throughout Clermont County. Health Dept. was also consulted during the COVID-19 pandemic to they could advise us of any quickly changing situations on the ground. |
| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | Clermont Continuum of Care/Affordable Housing Commission |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Other government - County Business and Civic Leaders |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Public Housing Needs |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | |

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

No agencies were intentionally excluded from this process. An effort was made by the County to make all meetings open and to distribute information about the planning process to interested agencies. Our Department works to have an open and

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

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Continuum of Care | Clermont Metropolitan Housing Authority | They provide counseling and assistance with housing to individuals seeking assistance. |

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Public Meetings were held on December 4, 2018, June 5, 2019 and July 1, 2019. Information was posted in the Clermont Sun, on YouTube and Clermont County’s website as well as Facebook that invited citizens to participate in our process. While we typically receive little feedback from our public hearings, we consider all comments received and answer questions.

Citizen Participation Outreach

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (if applicable) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | Several people interested in CDBG PRograms attended | Only questions about the process of applying for CDBG funds. | No comments were not accepted | |
| 2 | Newspaper Ad | Non-targeted/broad community | no responses received | no comments received | No comments that were not accepted. | |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Clermont County will receive CDBG 2022 Allocation of \$1,015,543. Clermont County primarily uses CDBG funds to accomplish specific objectives as part of our 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | 970,487 | 0 | 0 | 970,487 | 1,940,974 | |

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Community Development Block Grant funds will leverage additional resources as follows:

- Public Infrastructure & public facility projects will be supported with other funds from participating jurisdictions including OPWC funds and local townships and villages.
- Rehabilitation funds will leverage other sources to expand the scope of rehabilitation assistance and home repairs.
- Some jurisdictions provide local match in their CDBG projects.

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

Publically owned land may be used but there are no specific projects or strategies to note.

Discussion

No match is required for CDBG funds however matching funds from other sources is a factor in selecting projects and does score points for the application. Our Board does encourage leveraging CDBG funds with other sources for maximum impact.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|--|------------|----------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | LMI Census Tracts | Accessibility Improvements Economic Development Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Streets, Sidewalk, Water/Sewer/Septic Improvements | CDBG: \$601,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Persons Assisted |
| 2 | Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs | LMI Census Tracts | Accessibility Improvements Owner Housing Rehabilitation | CDBG: \$175,000 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 68 Household Housing Unit |
| 3 | Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless | LMI Census Tracts | Fair Housing | CDBG: \$15,000 | Homelessness Prevention: 50 Persons Assisted |

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|--|------------|----------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 5 | Provide and Expand Public Services | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | LMI Census Tracts | Supportive Services | CDBG: \$71,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Persons Assisted |
| 6 | Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities | 2020 | 2024 | Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | LMI Census Tracts | Local and Regional Planning | CDBG: \$125,000 | Other: 10 Other |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure |
| | Goal Description | Improvements to public facilities will be performed in LMI areas including sidewalks, community room remodels, maintenance garage additions, and fire station additions. |

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| 2 | Goal Name | Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes |
| | Goal Description | This category will be assisted by repairing non-functioning septic tanks through the Septic Rehab Program as well as home repairs carried out through the Home Repair Program. |
| 3 | Goal Name | Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families |
| | Goal Description | Our Fair Housing activities will address these needs through our partnership with our Fair Housing Provider: Housing Opportunities Made Equal. Tenants facing discrimination are at risk of becoming homeless. Intervening in these cases keeps them stably housed. |
| 5 | Goal Name | Provide and Expand Public Services |
| | Goal Description | |
| 6 | Goal Name | Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities |
| | Goal Description | |

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects scored the highest and most aligned with the 5 year Consolidated Plan:

Projects

| # | Project Name |
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| 1 | Pierce Township SR 125 Sidewalk Addition |
| 2 | Village of Bethel- Paving of Residential Streets |
| 3 | Clermont County EMA- Goshen Area Tornado Restoration Project |
| 4 | Clermont County CED-County Comprehensive Housing Study |
| 5 | Housing Opportunités Made Equal- Fair Housing Outreach |
| 6 | Clermont Senior Services- Home Safety Repair Program for Seniors |
| 7 | Clermont County Port Authority- Grant Birthplace Museum Sculpture |
| 8 | Clermont County EMA- Hazard Mitigation of Flood Prone Structure |
| 9 | CASV Drug & Alcohol COounseling |
| 10 | Clermont County Administration & Planning |

Table 7 - Project Information

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

These priorities assist our local jurisdictions, Imi residents, and non-profits with items outlined in 5 year consolidated plan.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

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| 1 | Project Name | Pierce Township SR 125 Sidewalk Addition |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |
| | Goals Supported | Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure |
| | Needs Addressed | Streets, Sidewalk, Water/Sewer/Septic Improvements Accessibility Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$179,000 |
| | Description | Construct 877' sidewalk along SR 125 in areas where there are 'Gaps" in sidewalk. This is an LMI are with mobile home park. Residents are walking along this busy state route to get to businesses and jobs with no sidewalk currently. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | There are 1580 persons in this LMI block group to be served. 54% of the people are LMI. There is a mobile home park adjacent to this area with low income people, many without transportation. The sidewalk is needed to allow person to go to businesses along SR 125 in this area safely. Currently residents are walking along the side of the road very close to traffice creating a dangerous situation. |
| | Location Description | The project is located along SR 125 in area of intersection of SR 132. THis was previously the Village of Amelia which has now dissolved. |
| | Planned Activities | Construct 877' sidewalk along SR 125 in areas where there are 'Gaps" in sidewalk. Also properly stripe a pedestrian crossing at SR 125 and SR 132 for safely crossing the street. |
| 2 | Project Name | Village of Bethel- Paving of Residential Streets |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |
| | Goals Supported | Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure |
| | Needs Addressed | Streets, Sidewalk, Water/Sewer/Septic Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$200,000 |
| | Description | Approximately 4,500 feet of Village streets would be improved as part of the project. These streets would be planed and resurfaced, with spots of full depth reconstruction to improve the durability of the pavement. Additionally, any existing striping will be replaced with new paint. These improvements will enhance the safety and accessibility of the neighborhood containing approximately 350 homes just in the service area alone. |

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| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | approximately 350 homes just in the immediate service area. The Village is 2740 in population and all residents will be served by this project. This village is 64% LMI |
| | Location Description | Paving of various residential streets that are in the worst condition due to pavement age. Streets include Charity Street, Main Street, Union Street. Census Designated Place- Village of Bether, OH |
| | Planned Activities | Approximately 4,500 feet of Village streets would be improved as part of the project. These streets would be planed and resurfaced, with spots of base repair where the failures in pavement are....full depth reconstruction to improve the durability of the pavement. Additionally, any existing striping will be replaced with new paint. |
| 3 | Project Name | Clermont County EMA- Goshen Area Tornado Restoration Project |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |
| | Goals Supported | Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families |
| | Needs Addressed | Streets, Sidewalk, Water/Sewer/Septic Improvements Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing Food Security |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$100,000 |
| | Description | Restoration of the areas affected by recent Tornado centered in Goshen Township Area which also affected Miami Township Area. Activities needed are being identified by EMA and may include reimbursement for storm debris removal, assistance for residents affected or displaced, and housing, structure, or infrastructure repairs. The locations to be served are in LMI area. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | We estimate 350 families will be served by the activities. |
| | Location Description | Goshen Township and Miami Townships LMI areas will be served with the storm clean up activities, repairs of housing, infrastructure, and buildings that were affected. |

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| | Planned Activities | EMA is still assessing needs of the people affected and will recommend best ways to help lmi persons affected. Goshen Township and Miami Townships LMI areas will be served with the storm clean up activities, repairs of housing, infrastructure, and buildings that were affected. We would expect around 500 persons to be assisted in the area. |
| 4 | Project Name | Clermont County CED-County Comprehensive Housing Study |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |
| | Goals Supported | Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes |
| | Needs Addressed | Local and Regional Planning |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$75,000 |
| | Description | Develop criteria from County housing advisory committee and have consultant perform comprehensive housing study of Clermont County. Study will provide more detail about how much and what type of rental units, owner occupied, senior housing units, etc. we currently have. We will develop strategies moving forward to help us in our 5 year consolidated plan and in planning long term for a good mix of housing types in the County. This will help with addressing any short falls in affordable and senior units. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | we hope this study will be used to guide our planning of housing units and additional affordable and senior units. We hope 100 lmi families could be assisted in short term after study is completed. Number actually helped will be determined by what study finds. Study will use admin funds in 20% cap |
| | Location Description | County wide- comprehensive housing study. Admin funds to be used for study |
| | Planned Activities | Develop criteria from County housing advisory committee and have consultant perform comprehensive housing study of Clermont County. Study will provide more detail about how much and what type of rental units, owner occupied, senior housing units, etc. we currently have. We will develop strategies moving forward to help us in our 5 year consolidated plan and in planning long term for a good mix of housing types in the County. This will help with addressing any short falls in affordable and senior units. |
| 5 | Project Name | Housing Opportunities Made Equal- Fair Housing Outreach |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |

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| | Goals Supported | Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families |
| | Needs Addressed | Fair Housing Supportive Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$15,000 |
| | Description | Education for landlords, Realtors, and Citizens on rights and responsibilities regarding Fair Housing. Client assistance with Fair Housing Issues. Testing for Fair Housing Complaints. Referrals for Fair Housing and legal assistance to clients. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | With marketing efforts and education included we would hope to assist 1000 residents directly or indirectly. Most clients served will be those in rental units that need fair housing advice, questions answered, and assistance. with their landlords or other housing issue. |
| | Location Description | Location is county wide for persons needing fair housing assistance, education, and training. |
| | Planned Activities | Education for landlords, Realtors, and Citizens on rights and responsibilities regarding Fair Housing. Client assistance with Fair Housing Issues. Testing for Fair Housing Complaints. Referrals for Fair Housing and legal assistance to clients. With marketing efforts and education included we would hope to assist 1000 residents |
| 6 | Project Name | Clermont Senior Services- Home Safety Repair Program for Seniors |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |
| | Goals Supported | Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families |
| | Needs Addressed | Owner Housing Rehabilitation |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$100,000 |
| | Description | Income qualified senior citizens in home owner occupied units will receive assistance with home repairs or accessibility improvements such as grab bars, high toilet seats, wheel chair ramps, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC repairs. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 25 families will be assisted |

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| | Location Description | County wide program for seniors who qualify at 80% lmi or below. |
| | Planned Activities | Income qualified senior citizens in home owner occupied units will receive assistance with home repairs or accessibility improvements such as grab bars, high toilet seats, wheel chair ramps, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC repairs. |
| 7 | Project Name | Clermont County Port Authority- Grant Birthplace Museum Sculpture |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |
| | Goals Supported | Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities |
| | Needs Addressed | Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Economic Development |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$75,000 |
| | Description | A full size sculpture of President Grant installed outdoors at his birthplace museum in this LMI area. The sculpture will feature an American Indian as well as an African American as part of the sculpture who were in his administration to show the diversity of President Grant and help bring people of all ethnicities together. Multiple school groups from this LMI Appalachian area of the County visit the museum for educational opportunities. Also helps bring in additional guests for economic development to the area |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | A total of 14 block groups make up the service area and includes many schools that can attend the Grant Birthplace Museum. A total of 18350 persons are in the service area and 54.25% of them are LMI. Families as well as schools will attend the museum and events here. |
| | Location Description | A total of 14 block groups make up the service area and includes many schools that can attend the Grant Birthplace Museum. A total of 18350 persons are in the service area and 54.25% of them are LMI. The museum is located at Point Pleasant, OH in Monroe Township along US route 52 |
| | Planned Activities | A full size sculpture of President Grant installed outdoors at his birthplace museum in this LMI area. Multiple school groups as well as people from the area from this LMI Appalachian area of the County visit the museum for educational opportunities and attend the historical events here. Also helps bring in additional guests to help with economic development of the area. |
| 8 | Project Name | Clermont County EMA- Hazard Mitigation of Flood Prone Structure |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |

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| | Goals Supported | Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities |
| | Needs Addressed | Demolition, Clearance and Remediation |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$33,000 |
| | Description | Local Match for FEMA Grant to be used to demolish flood prone residential home and return property for use by Clermont Park District. Slum and blight removal. Park land will be used to bring in additional guests for economic development in area. CDBG dollars used for demolition of blighted structure. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | The new proposed bike trail/ river access parking is estimated to assist 500 people in the area. |
| | Location Description | Local Match for FEMA Grant to be used to demolish flood prone residential home and return property for use by Clermont Park District. Slum and blight removal. Park land will be used to bring in additional guests for economic development in area. CDBG dollars used for demolition of blighted structure. |
| | Planned Activities | Local Match for FEMA Grant to be used to demolish flood prone residential home and return property for use by Clermont Park District. Slum and blight removal. Park land will be used to bring in additional guests for economic development in area. CDBG dollars used for demolition of blighted structure. |
| 9 | Project Name | CASV Drug & Alcohol COounseling |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |
| | Goals Supported | Provide and Expand Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Supportive Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$71,000 |
| | Description | This project will specifically assist with drug and alcohol counseling of LMI qualified residents of Clermont County through their participation in the Clermont County Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC). The program will provide necessary treatment, therapy and life and vocational skills. Goals are to reduce recidivism by providing drug and alcohol treatment, cognitive therapy and other related services. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 25 LMI families are expected to be assisted with getting and staying clean from drugs and alcohol issues. |
| | Location Description | The program will be housed in available space located at the Clermont County Adult Detention Center; Clients will be provided temporary living arrangements at the facility while participating in the program, which is anticipated to be 30-90 days in length. The address of the facility is Clermont County Adult Detention Center, 4700 Filager Road, Batavia, OH 45103. |
| | Planned Activities | This project will specifically assist with drug and alcohol counseling of LMI qualified residents of Clermont County through their participation in the Clermont County Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC). The program will provide necessary treatment, therapy and life and vocational skills. Goals are to reduce recidivism by providing drug and alcohol treatment, cognitive therapy and other related services. |
| 10 | Project Name | Clermont County Administration & Planning |
| | Target Area | LMI Census Tracts |
| | Goals Supported | Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities |
| | Needs Addressed | Economic Development |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$122,487 |
| | Description | Includes activities for the general administration of the CDBG grant and other related administrative activities. |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 100 |
| | Location Description | N/A |
| Planned Activities | Includes activities for the general administration of the CDBG grant and other related administrative activities. | |

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Clermont allocates as much CDBG funding as possible to its 26 member communities, listed below, less program administration, housing rehabilitation, and public services.

- Batavia Twp.
- Franklin Twp.
- Goshen Twp.
- Jackson Twp.
- Miami Twp.
- Ohio Twp.
- Monroe Twp.
- Pierce Twp.
- Stonelick Twp.
- Tate Twp.
- Union Twp.
- Washington Twp.
- Wayne Twp.
- Williamsburg Twp.
- Batavia Village
- Bethel Village
- City of Chilo
- Felicity Village
- City of Loveland
- Moscow Village
- City of Milford
- Neville Village
- New Richmond Village
- Newtonsville Village
- Owensville Village
- Williamsburg Village

In 2022 the County will continue management of an annual funding cycle for CDBG funds to communities and applicants based on how well the proposed projects meet the priority needs and goals of this Comprehensive Plan. The communities are charged with identifying activities and assistance areas, based on citizen input informed by law and regulation, to address local needs and priorities that were consistent with the consolidated plan.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| LMI Census Tracts | 100 |

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Clermont County operates an Urban County CDBG program that encompasses a large geographic area including diverse participating communities. In the 2010 census, many of the census tracts previously defined as LMI were eliminated due to rising incomes in the County; however, many of these tracts still contain eligible LMI areas. To confront this barrier, individual communities will and do conduct income surveys to document eligibility of projects. 2020 Census helped some communities qualify, while others became ineligible as factors changed in the County.

The County's philosophy is that the local communities know local needs best. As a result, communities are encouraged to submit project applications that fit their local needs. Project applications are evaluated by the County as to how well they address the goals and priority needs included in this Consolidated Plan. CDBG funds, less administration, housing rehabilitation, and public services, are distributed via this process.

Discussion

The projects selected this year continue to focus on our most low income areas that do not receive much private development at this point as well as targeting lmi persons in need.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Programmed projects for the 2021 Annual plan include the following:

- Funding CASC to support substance abuse and counseling services (25 persons)
- Funding Clermont County EMA for Tornado Relief to complete home repairs for LMI families (20 LMI families)
- Funding HOME to help a minimum of 50 LMI families with Fair Housing Services (50 LMI families)

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
|---|-----|
| Homeless | 50 |
| Non-Homeless | 50 |
| Special-Needs | 25 |
| Total | 125 |

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through | |
|---|----|
| Rental Assistance | 0 |
| The Production of New Units | 0 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 50 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 50 |

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

Discussion

We continue to look for additional sources of funds to provide more affordable housing that will complement our CDBG Funds.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

On May 10, 1967, CMHA was duly organized to provide assistance to families located in Clermont County, Ohio. CMHA through its various instrumentalities and programs provides assistance to low-income families, including those who are disabled, handicapped, and elderly, with safe, affordable, and accessible housing opportunities, as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives.

CMHA provides over 1,000 units of subsidized housing throughout Clermont County. These units include 816 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) (formerly referred to as Section 8), 75 Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers, 40 Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers, 196 Public Housing Units (which includes 4 multifamily projects and over 50 scattered sites), 26 Project-Based Vouchers (PBV), and 3 privately owned, unsubsidized units. In addition to these units, CMHA operates a non-profit instrumentality, Clermont Housing Corporation, which supports another 100+ housing units throughout Clermont County.

We continue to work and meet with CMHA to insure we work toward the same goals in our County.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The County received applications for public housing activities in the 2022 program year from CMHA. None of these were awarded as we want to meet further with CMHA to understand their long range plans and get a better idea of their goals. We hope to award CDBG funds to CMHA in future years once we have more details about their plans.

As stated in NA-35, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires that 5% of all public housing units be accessible to persons with mobility impairments and another 2% be accessible to persons with sensory impairments.

While the County did not receive award any applications, during the course of the five-year plan, new units, if any, funded by the County will be evaluated for accessibility issues to assure ongoing compliance with section 504.

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

As described in the Strategic Plan, the County supports PHAs developing programs to encourage residents to participate in management, community programming, and resident councils.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be

provided or other assistance

The CMHA is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The community development administrator has began meeting with CMHA to determine areas we can work more closely together to support public housing and support their Action Plan moving forward.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The pandemic we are currently coming out of has had an effect from our providers (Clermont Community Services and the YWCA) on how they provide shelter for the homeless. Much of this time our two local organizations have used hotels due to the pandemic and to insure non-congregate living situations in lite of trying to reduce spread of COVID-19. We realize, as our providers do, that hotels are not an ideal situation for homeless. We hope to safely return clients to shelters as we follow CDC guidance and as staff is available. Both providers have provided good service as we have experienced lack of staffing and need to socially distance.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

The County's local shelters, operated by Clermont Community Services and the YWCA are staffed with people who are in a good position to assess the needs of homeless people. Outreach efforts are managed through the CoC to reduce duplications efforts to ensure that the greatest number of persons is assisted. The agencies included in the coordination include emergency shelters, warming centers(s), transitional housing programs, permanent housing programs, the youth shelter and street outreach and those providing short-term rental and financial assistance to very low income and homeless individuals and families.

We are having montly meetings with the YWCA as they look to the future to expand their DV shelter and will quite possibly need a new facility or relocate to another location with expanded room for shelter and services. We fully suppor the YWCA as they work to expand their level of service.

As mentioned prior, Clermont County is a part of the Ohio Balance of Care and embraces the strategies described in the Ohio Consolidated Plan prepared by the Ohio Development Services Agency.

The state of Ohio's approach to homelessness in Ohio includes programs and services addressing each stage of the homeless continuum: homeless prevention, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing and aftercare programs. The state of Ohio has restructured these homeless programs to emphasize priority on preventing individuals and families from experiencing homelessness and, where homelessness does occur, rapidly moving individuals and families into permanent, sustainable housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The County 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan addresses homeless and homelessness prevention in four separate priorities: #2 Fair Housing, #7 Permanent Supportive Housing, # 9 Supportive Services, and #11 Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing. This Plan implements these priorities by providing funding to the Continuum of Care for coordination of prevention and housing activities, as well as funding prevention, emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing. Projects that address these priority needs have been ranked accordingly. It should also be noted that homelessness is also addressed through the various housing, public housing and community development programs mentioned throughout this Annual Plan.

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

As mentioned, the County is a part of the State of Ohio Balance of Care CoC. Through the organizations that support CoC services in Clermont County, including Clermont Community Services, the County will continue to support programs that provide services to temporarily and chronically homeless families and individuals. This will occur through:

- Continuing strategic and tactical planning
- Continued applications for assistance made available by HUD, the State of Ohio, and other appropriate agencies,
- Seeking ways to expand the reach and effectiveness of the CoC in Clermont County through financial and other means of support.
- Considering the feasibility of applications made by agencies to provide affordable transitional and permanent housing to homeless and at-risk populations,
- Providing human services to address the root causes of homelessness.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The County will implement the goals and strategies contained in Ohio Consolidated Plan prepared by the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Clermont County, through its CDBG programs, will continue to collaborate with service agencies to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing, as well as assistance to homeless individuals and those at risk of becoming homeless. It will also financially support public services designed to address the root causes of homelessness and provide interim assistance to help those affected address their daily needs.

Discussion

Moving forward we will be doing a thorough review of the needs of homeless locally and determining if additional space is needed and if other providers can assist. We take homelessness in our County seriously and will put in every effort to provide shelter, transitional housing, wrap around services, treatment as needed, with the goal of eventual job training, employment, and self sufficiency for those that are able. We realize manytime mental illness leads to a substance abuse so these issues have to be addressed on a case by case basis.

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

Introduction:

Like many communities our County does need more units of affordable housing that is descent and safe. There are many levels and price ranges of housing in our County...however rentals in particiular are needed and we will work to increase these.

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

Clermont County has a variety of housing types in all price ranges. It does not control municipal decision-making, but advises communities about land use policies and controls, zoning ordinances, and other actions that can promote affordable housing. It also identifies trends and helps communities plan for them, e.g. the Clermont County Comprehensive Plan, with results shared with municipalities so that they can factor design considerations into their ordinances. Other planned actions include:

- Implement its housing activities in a fair and equitable manner as required by law.
- Work on elderly housing issues and assist local municipalities that have expressed improving senior housing.
- Continue collaborative efforts with housing providers to promote both affordable home ownership and rental housing opportunities for LMI households.
- The County will continue to strengthen existing relationships, and build new relationships in its efforts to increase affordable housing opportunities.
- Support, if possible, other reasonable proposals for affordable housing.
- Work to address other barriers outlined in the strategic plan as opportunities arise.

Additionally, the following Fair Housing goals related to affordable housing barriers were identified as moderate to high-priorities in the 2020 Fair Housing Assessment for Clermont County:

- Amend Zoning Ordinances throughout the County to eliminate barriers to fair housing choice in 1 to 2 years.
- Improve fair housing education programs for real estate agents and landlords in 1 to 2 years.
- Develop new publicly supported housing in the southern part of the County where there is an unmet need for affordable housing, in 3-4 years.
- Use both public and private funds to invest in the housing stock in older, poorer communities in the County, in 1-2 years
- Continue programs to assist foreclosure victims and prevent foreclosures, in 3-4 years
- Create a County program to help relocate households from housing in the Ohio River flood plain,

in 3-4 years

- Develop additional affordable accessible housing for non-seniors. in 3-4 years
- Continue to fund HOME's fair housing enforcement from Clermont County CDBG to ensure the most effective enforcement, ongoing.

Finally, the County will continue to work with HOME, People Working Cooperatively, and CASC to ameliorate the negative effects of public policy through implementation of work programs on an annual basis.

Discussion:

We continue to look for opportunities where we can increase both affordable rental and owner occupied units. Our Community will work to have diverse people and a diverse mix of housing....which leads to a successful community.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The County will engage in a variety of activities through public and private partnerships to further address community needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The County will continue to collaborate and partner with a wide network of housing and human service providers, to identify areas of need in the community. The County will continue to collaborate and partner with a wide network of housing and human service providers, to identify areas of need in the community. This includes People Working Cooperatively, the YWCA, Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County will foster affordable housing including, with rehabilitation programs and encourage enhancements of code enforcement in low-income neighborhoods. This coordination will be primarily accomplished through the regular meetings of the Housing Advisory Committee and consultation with the Clermont County Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The County will make sure complete lead risk assessments are done on all housing rehabilitation projects and any other residential projects will follow the Lead Based Paint Rule. See Lead Based Paint Strategy SP-65 in Consolidated Plan

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County will continue to offer services to families in poverty and support outside human service programs administered by community service providers. See Anti-Poverty Strategy SP-70 in Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The County will make a continued effort to improve services and service delivery, to customers, employees and partners in the community.

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

The County will continue to partner with the Clermont Community Services, the YWCA and other service agencies to promote coordination of services.

Discussion:

We will continue to work with our PR department and utilize social media to inform citizens of services and programs available to them.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

In the current climate the CDBG funds are distributed as grants and program income is not currently derived from these funds as the local jurisdictions and service agencies are not in a position to return funds to us and are using the funds for the projects.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

| | |
|---|---------|
| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 100.00% |

Our current CDBG projects do not provide us program income.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

2022 Entitlement Program
CDBG



Action Plan- Public Hearing Outline

August 1, 2022 10:00am

101 East Main St, 3rd Floor
Batavia, OH 45103

Public Hearing Information

- This is a Public Hearing for the 2022 Entitlement Program with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. The public hearing is to provide information to the public and discuss project selections and the 2022 Action Plan, to take public comments, and answer questions about the upcoming 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- Over 60 applications were mailed and sent electronically to organizations in the County for 2022 Program Year. These applications were also available on the Clermont County Department of Community & Economic Development Website.
- The Budget for 2022 funds is \$970,487.00 in CDBG funds. CDBG are used to assist LMI areas and persons, eliminate slum and blight, and assist limited clientele persons such as homeless or disabled. The Commissioners have assisted thousands of LMI persons and many areas of the County since becoming an Urban County.
- Applications reviewed were from 2022 project applications sent to all interested jurisdictions and non-profits and made available on the Butler County Website.
- Once applications were received by Clermont County they were assembled by Community Development Staff and reviewed and scored by Development Staff and County Administration. The Board of Commissioners ultimately selected projects to be submitted to HUD in this Action Plan for approval by Commissioners resolution. See attached. No comments were received in regard to the resolution selecting projects for the 2022 Action Plan when it was passed.
- Questions will be answered and Comments will be documented from this public work session about the 2022 Action Plan for submission to HUD.

Action Plan Legal Ad published in Cincinnati Enquirer on
7-17-2022 and 7-24-2022
Public Hearing 8-1-22
Citizen Comments will be received for 30 days.
No comments received as of 8/12/22.

**CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & DRAFT 2022
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

The Action Plan of the Clermont County Entitlement Program will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2022 Program Year. The 2022 HUD CDBG Allocations have been announced and Clermont County's portion will be \$970,487. Projects and programs selected are to meet the intent of providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income throughout Clermont County.

A public hearing to review the Action Plan and receive comments from the public will be held on August 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. local time in the Conference Room on the third floor of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street, Batavia, Ohio.

Clermont County will provide assistance to persons with disabilities needing interpreters or other auxiliary aids and services in order to participate in this hearing. Any request for such assistance must be made no later than 72 hours in advance of the hearing, by contacting the Department of Community and Economic Development at (513) 732-7825.

The 2022 Action Plan can be reviewed at the Department of Community and Economic Development web site at clermontcountyohio.gov/community-development or in the Clermont County Community and Economic Development Office. Citizen comments will be received until August 17, 2022 at the Clermont County Department of Community and Economic Development, located on the third floor of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

By order of the Clermont County Board of Commissioners.

Desmond Maaytah, Community Development Administrator
Community and Economic Development

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Please forward one Proof of Publication and Invoice, setting forth a true and complete copy of said notice and the exact dates on which it was published to:

If there are any questions, please contact this office at 732-7825.

Thank you.

BILL TO:

Clermont County Department of
Community and Economic Development
101 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor
Batavia, Ohio 45103



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**CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-
ING & DRAFT 2022
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

The Action Plan of the Clermont County Economic Program will be presented to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2022 Program Year. The 2022 HUD CDBG Allocations from the seasonal and Clermont County's action will be \$970,487. Projects and programs selected are to meet the need of providing decent housing, viable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities, principally Hispanics of low and median income throughout Clermont County.

A public hearing to review the Action Plan and receive comments from the public will be held on August 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. local time in the Conference Room on the third floor of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street, Xenia, Ohio.

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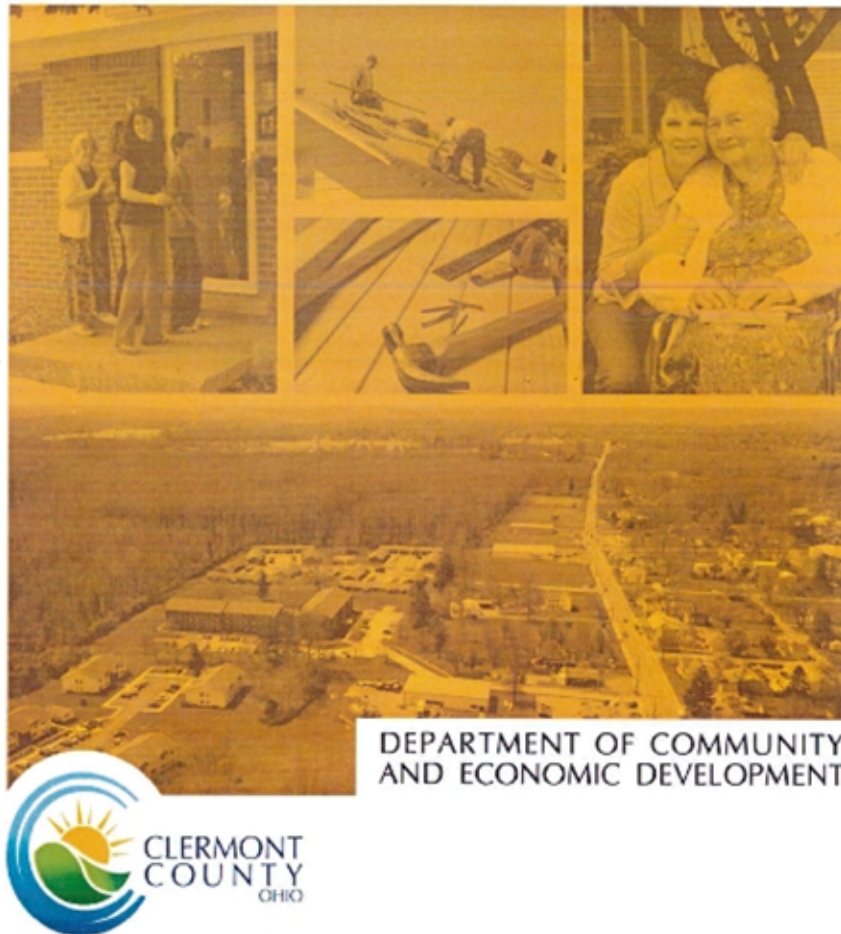
The 2022 Action Plan can be reviewed at the Department of Community and Economic Development web site at clermontcountyohio.gov/community-development or in the Clermont County Community and Economic Development Office. Comment cards will be received on 7 August 17, 2022 at the Clermont County Department of Community and Economic Development, located on the third floor of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street, Xenia, Ohio 45128.

By order of the Clermont County Board of Commissioners.

Deborah Magaña, Community Development Administrator
Community and Economic Development
CEN, July 17, 2022 25327776

2022 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Program
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023





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8/12/22

Sondra King
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning & Development
200 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2499

RE: 2022 Action Plan

Dear Sondra,

Clermont County is pleased to present to you the 2022 Action Plan along with SF-424, SF-424D, and Certifications. If we have left out any information that you need please let us know at dmaaytah@clermontcountyohio.gov or at 513-732-7907 and we will get it to you in short order.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Desmond J. Maaytah".

Desmond J. Maaytah
Community Development Administrator

Enclosure

CC: Michael McNamara- Development Director, File

RESOLUTION NO. 100-22

The Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 20th day of July, 2022, with the following members present:

Bonnie J. Batchler, President

David L. Painter, Vice President

Claire B. Corcoran, Commissioner

Mrs. Corcoran moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CLERMONT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ONE-YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FY2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SUBMIT THE ONE-YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND EXECUTION OF APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

WHEREAS, Clermont County, with a threshold population in excess of 200,000, is an "Urban Entitlement County" and therefore receives direct annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and other special grants from time to time; and

WHEREAS, these grants and programs are utilized to assist the low-income residents of Clermont County by providing assistance in obtaining and maintaining safe housing and other needed infrastructure projects, and

WHEREAS, as an Entitlement County, in order to maintain compliance with said grant programs, Clermont County is required to submit an Annual Action Plan that guides grant programming through measurable goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Economic Development is developing the 2022 Annual Action Plan working with local sub-recipients and sub-grantees and will

address objectives as presented in the County's Five Year Consolidated Plan effective year 2020 through year 2024 per HUD requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Clermont County Commissioners hereby approves Clermont County Department of Community and Economic Development to submit the following projects to be included in the 2022 Action Plan of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, subject to the enactment of the 2022 HUD Budget and Congressional Release of Allocated Funds for CDBG to Clermont County, to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

CDBG Program

| Jurisdiction | Project | Amount |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| CEO Administration/ Planning | Staff Administration of Grants | \$122,487.00 |
| CASC | Drug & Alcohol Counseling | \$71,000.00 |
| Clermont County EMA | Hazard Mitigation of Flood Prone | \$33,000.00 |
| Clermont County Port Authority | Grant Birthplace Museum Statue | \$75,000.00 |
| Clermont Senior Services | Home Safety Repair Program for Seniors | \$100,000.00 |
| Housing Opportunities Made | Fair Housing | \$15,000.00 |
| Pierce Township | SR 125 Sidewalk Extension | \$179,000.00 |
| Village of Bethel | Paving of Village Residential Streets | \$200,000.00 |
| Clermont County EMA | July 2022, Storm Restoration Project | \$100,000.00 |
| Clermont County CEO | County Comprehensive Housing Study | \$75,000.00 |
| Total: | | \$970,487.00 |

SECTION I

That the Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board, or in her absence, any other Board member, to execute the 2022 Applications for Federal Assistance, General Certifications, specific CDBG Certifications, and any subsequent Grant Agreement by and between the County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the provision of funding pursuant to any approved Application, including all understandings and assurances therein, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for submittal of the 2022 Action Plan, and to

act in accordance with the Application/Agreement and to provide such additional information as might be required.

SECTION II

That the Board of County Commissioners finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mrs. Batchler seconded the Resolution and upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Batchler Yes
Mr. Painter _____
Mrs. Corcoran Yes

This Resolution was duly passed on the 20th day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:
Holly Isaacs
Holly Isaacs, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Clermont County, Ohio

July 20, 2022
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
[Signature]
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Clermont County, Ohio

7-15-22
Date

| Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 | | |
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| * 1. Type of Submission: | | * 2. Type of Application: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Charged/Corrected Application | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision |
| | | * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/> |
| * 3. Date Received: | | * 4. Applicant Identifier: |
| <input type="text"/> | | <input type="text"/> |
| 5a. Federal Entity Identifier: | | 5b. Federal Award Identifier: |
| B-22-UC-39-0010 | | <input type="text"/> |
| State Use Only: | | |
| 6. Date Received by State: | | 7. State Application Identifier: |
| <input type="text"/> | | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. APPLICANT INFORMATION: | | |
| * a. Legal Name: Clermont County | | |
| * b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): | | * c. Organizational DUNS: |
| 31-6000067 | | 077436543 |
| | | UEI: GR1JFLSDX7K5 |
| d. Address: | | |
| * Street1: | 101 East Main Street | |
| * Street2: | <input type="text"/> | |
| * City: | Batavia | |
| * County/Parish: | <input type="text"/> | |
| * State: | OH: Ohio | |
| * Province: | <input type="text"/> | |
| * Country: | USA: UNITED STATES | |
| * Zip / Postal Code: | 45103 | |
| e. Organizational Unit: | | |
| Department Name: | | Division Name: |
| Department of Community & Economic Development | | <input type="text"/> |
| f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: | | |
| * First Name: | Desmond | |
| * Middle Name: | J | |
| * Last Name: | Maaytah | |
| * Suffix: | <input type="text"/> | |
| * Title: | Community Development Administrator | |
| Organizational Affiliation: | | |
| Clermont County, OH | | |
| * Telephone Number: | 513-732-7907 | * Fax Number: 513-732-7366 |
| * Email: | dmaaytah@clermontcountyohio.gov | |

| Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 | |
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| * 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="County Government"/> | |
| Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> | |
| Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> | |
| * Other (specify): <input type="text"/> | |
| * 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/> | |
| 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.218"/> | |
| CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="CDBG Entitlement"/> | |
| * 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="3-22-UC-38-0010"/> | |
| * Title: <input type="text" value="CDBG Entitlement"/> | |
| 13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/> | |
| Title: <input type="text"/> | |
| 14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> | |
| * 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="Clermont County 2022 CDBG Funding"/> | |
| Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/> | |

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| 16. Congressional Districts Of: | |
| * a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="2nd"/> | * b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="2nd"/> |
| Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed. | |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> |
| 17. Proposed Project: | |
| * a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="7/1/22"/> | * b. End Date: <input type="text" value="6/30/23"/> |
| 18. Estimated Funding (\$): | |
| * a. Federal | <input type="text" value="970,487.00"/> |
| * b. Applicant | <input type="text"/> |
| * c. State | <input type="text"/> |
| * d. Local | <input type="text"/> |
| * e. Other | <input type="text"/> |
| * f. Program Income | <input type="text"/> |
| * g. TOTAL | <input type="text" value="970,487.00"/> |
| * 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> . | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. | |
| * 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| If "Yes", provide explanation and attach | |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> |
| 21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE | |
| ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions. | |
| Authorized Representative: | |
| Prefic: <input type="text" value="Honorable"/> | * First Name: <input type="text" value="Bonnie"/> |
| Middle Name: <input type="text"/> | |
| * Last Name: <input type="text" value="Batchler"/> | |
| Suffix: <input type="text"/> | |
| * Title: <input type="text" value="President, Board of County Commissioners"/> | |
| * Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="513-732-7300"/> | Fax Number: <input type="text" value="513-732-7366"/> |
| * Email: <input type="text" value="bbatchler@clermontcountyohio.gov"/> | |
| * Signature of Authorized Representative: <input type="text" value="Bonnie J. Batchler"/> | * Date Signed: <input type="text" value="7/20/22"/> |

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PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4753) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683 and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1917 (42 U.S.C. §§290 d1 3 and 200 c 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§8001 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §275c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-203).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11503 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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| SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL | TITLE |
| <i>Ronnie J. Balchley</i> | PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS |
| APPLICANT ORGANIZATION | DATE SUBMITTED |
| COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OH | 7-20-22 |

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CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


Signature of Authorized Official


Date

President, Board of County Commissioners
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that assures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Bonnie J. Batchler 7/20/22
Signature of Authorized Official Date

President, Board of County Commissioners
Title

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

N/A
Signature of Authorized Official

N/A
Date

N/A
Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance – If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs – It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering – Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

N/A

Date

N/A

Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

N/A
Signature of Authorized Official

N/A
Date

N/A
Title

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities – Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building – Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

N/A
Signature of Authorized Official

N/A
Date

N/A
Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.