

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2015-2019) for the City of Cleveland Heights described the needs of low- and moderate-income residents, persons with special needs, and homeless individuals and families. The Strategic Plan section outlined the goals, strategies, partners, and anticipated financial resources that will be available to implement projects using HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. This document, the Annual Action Plan, sets forth the specific projects that will be implemented during FY 2019. At the conclusion of each year, the City submits the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), describing the results in implementing projects.

HUD funding is intended to assist individuals and families that earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI) in a metropolitan area. HUD defines these categories based upon household income, adjusted for family size. The maximum income for a family of four in 2018 is: \$25,100 (0-30% of MFI), \$35,350 (31-50% of MFI), and \$56,550 (51-80% of MFI).

Cuyahoga Housing Consortium

The City of Cleveland Heights is a member of the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium. The five Consortium members – the HUD entitlement jurisdictions of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, Parma, and the Cuyahoga County Urban County – formed the HUD-approved Consortium in the early 1990's to leverage HOME program funds for their communities. By acting jointly, the funding amount received by the group is greater than the amount of money that could be obtained by the jurisdictions individually. The Consortium also uses the opportunity of having 55 communities working together – representing 66% of all county residents (850,000) – to ensure broader planning and coordination on affordable housing issues within Cuyahoga County.

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.

HOUSING NEEDS

Cleveland Heights has 19,530 households and 46,384 persons (2010-14 ACS). Housing affordability is one of the most prevalent housing problems. Poverty also continues to put low-income individuals and families with children at-risk.

The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) collects data on the extent and nature of homelessness in Cuyahoga County through the Continuum of Care (CoC) providers utilizing HMIS. The City does not receive HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funds, however residents can utilize the CoC's services.

HUD has defined a number of special needs categories of persons within the low- and moderate-income population. A network of providers delivers housing and supportive services in Cuyahoga County to meet the needs of special needs populations.

HOUSING MARKET

Cleveland Heights had over two-thirds of its housing construction occur pre-1950. According to the 2007-11 American Community Survey almost 88% of the 22,223 housing units in the City were occupied and 12% were vacant. Of the occupied housing units, about 58% were owner-occupied, while 42% were renter-occupied.

The overall housing market in Cleveland Heights has remained relatively affordable. During the Great Recession, rents remained stagnant and home values fluctuated substantially. In recent years, the median home sales price has stabilized and started to increase. No significant change is anticipated in the overall affordability of the housing market relative to home values or rent levels.

About 94% of the housing units in the City were built in 1979 or earlier, meaning that maintenance is an ongoing need. Lead based-paint (LBP) hazard is an ongoing issue due to the quantity of pre-1980 housing stock. While lead remediation has occurred in a limited number of units, childbirth and/or the movement of households to unremediated units creates new situations of LBP hazards for small children.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The City of Cleveland Heights has identified four goals, through which activities will be implemented:

Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing: provide programs for renters and owners, including down-payment assistance, home improvement, weatherization/energy efficiency, and correction of building code violations. Eligible areas will receive building code enforcement services.

Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods: improve the physical condition, health, and safety of neighborhoods with projects such as improvements to rights-of-way, water and/or sewer lines, and/or public facilities. The City may also fund activities to demolish blighted structures.

Provide Needed Public Services: focus on the elderly, frail elderly, persons with physical disabilities, and persons with developmental disabilities to improve the condition and energy efficiency of housing, as well as services to assist persons to remain in their homes.

The City will also assist public service activities on issues such as – but may not be limited to – youth, diversity, food assistance, homebuyer/foreclosure counseling, and fair housing.

Increase Economic Opportunities: provide public infrastructure improvements to aid economic development; assist commercial or industrial firms with rehabilitation, removal of blighted structures or

conditions in commercial districts, and/or new construction activities designed to create or retain jobs; eliminate substandard or blighted building conditions.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Anticipating that housing market conditions will gradually continue to improve, the City of Cleveland Heights will continue to program its Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds for activities that significantly address neighborhood and community issues. For example, housing rehabilitation work eliminates significant health and safety deficiencies; the downpayment assistance program strengthens neighborhoods and supports community property values by creating new homeowners; code enforcement activities over time have resulted in a decrease in the number of housing units with serious exterior violations; and the storefront renovation and commercial loan programs strengthen local businesses and retain/create jobs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

During the development of the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan, the City of Cleveland Heights utilized notices in a newspaper of general circulation, public meetings, and internet outreach to solicit public comment. During the 30-day public comment period, hard copies of the documents were available in public places, such as government offices and libraries. The public notices and documents were also posted on the City's website.

The City of Cleveland Heights has a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), which reviewed funding proposals from the local government and nonprofit organizations. In a series of public meetings, the CAC hosted presentations from the applicants and discussed the proposals. The CAC presented their FY 2019 Annual Action Plan funding recommendations to Cleveland Heights City Council. The Council held discussions at committee-of-the-whole and full Council meetings and approved the document.

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.

The Draft 2019 Annual Plan was presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee at a Public Hearing on November 20, 2018. Members were frustrated that City Council approved in their entirety the recommendations put forth by City Staff at the Council meeting in November. Three comments were received during the public comment period. The first was in regards to the funding of non-profits that promote the use of the School Choice Voucher for non-public schools that is allowed by the State of Ohio. The second comment supported the first comment but also added that the Cedar Lee Mini-Park is not in need of improvement. The third comment was from the CAC asking for better communication between the CAC and Council so as to better understand the priorities of both bodies.

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

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

The City Of Cleveland Heights worked closely with our residents through our Citizens Advisory Committee and partner organizations to consider the needs of the community. City Council considered all recommendations and determined the final budget for CDBG funding accordingly.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS	
CDBG Administrator	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS	Dept. of Planning & Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

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

1. Introduction

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

The following are several examples of existing coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and government health, mental health, and service agencies in Cuyahoga County that have the potential to involve residents of Consortium jurisdictions:

- While being treated for mental health issues that require a stay in an institutional setting, persons may be located in either a public or private facility. Upon release, it is the portion of this group in the public facilities that is more likely to be at-risk of homelessness. The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, through its network of provider agencies, works to retain and add housing units for persons that are part of the mental health system caseload. The housing units can include public or assisted housing, depending upon the circumstances of the person involved.
- There are also persons released from physical health institutions that could be at-risk of homelessness, such as persons who have lost employment during their hospital stay, do not have sufficient savings to pay ongoing housing and housing-related costs during their hospital stay, and do not have a support network of other persons to assist them through this period. Social workers at physical health institutions have access to resources such as United Way of Greater Cleveland's 211/First Call For Help, an information clearinghouse staffed 24-hours-a-day to provide information on a variety of health, housing, and human service needs. In addition to United Way and its more than 100 partner organizations, the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services is also available to assist in an effort to prevent a homelessness situation from occurring.
- Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police officers participate in a training program to better handle social problems they confront, such as poverty, domestic violence, drug abuse, and child welfare. The project is a partnership that includes CMHA, Case Western Reserve University, Partnership for a Safer Cleveland, and Kent State University. For example, officers will be able to refer at-risk youth and their families to social services agencies to address their problems. Counselors will respond within 72 hours for mental health, substance abuse, and child welfare needs.

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.

Housing providers and health and service agencies in Cuyahoga County have a long record of working together to address the needs of homeless persons, including the chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth, as well as persons at risk of homelessness. The following are selected projects.

Guaranteed Access to Shelter

The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care (CoC) and government officials, county and city departments, and non-profit housing and service providers guarantee that everyone will have access to emergency shelter, or, if a shelter is full, transportation and space at another facility.

HousingFirst Initiative (HFI)

HFI is a successful public/private partnership effort to develop permanent supportive housing and end chronic homelessness countywide. HFI moves chronically homeless persons into stable housing and then links the person to comprehensive support services on-site. About 80% of residents remain in their apartments, with almost all engaged in services. The rate of emergency room visits and hospitalizations has been substantially reduced. About 20% of the residents move on to more independent housing situations and/or reunite with family. Only a small percentage of persons return to a shelter.

Hospital Protocols for the Homeless

One difficulty for shelters, hospitals, and homeless persons who are hospitalized is when the patient is about to be discharged. If the patient has recovered sufficiently, the hospital cannot continue to keep him/her, however a shelter often does not have the medical expertise or appropriate accommodations to care for someone with more extensive medical needs. Through the Care Alliance and the CoC, a coalition of shelter providers, hospital social work staff and administrators, and local foundations implemented screening guidelines at time of discharge. If the patient is homeless at discharge but does not meet ten basic, functioning measures, the hospital sends the patient to a nursing home or alternative care facility until such time as the person can be safely discharged to a non-medical living situation.

211/First Call for Help

The United Way of Greater Cleveland administers this 24-hour/7 day-a-week hot line. This resource, developed collaboratively by United Way and social service providers, allows anyone, including homeless persons or persons at risk of homelessness, to call with questions regarding service needs and receive an answer or a referral on the spot. United Way also provides a searchable internet database, available free at any library.

Discharge Policies

The McKinney-Vento Act requires State and local governments to develop and implement Discharge Coordination Policies and Protocols to ensure that a person being discharged from a publically funded institution or system of care, such as health care facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program and institution, is not discharged into homelessness. The CoC has adopted existing State policies and procedures or developed its own policies and procedures to address this need.

Cuyahoga County Office of Re-Entry

The Cuyahoga County Office of Re-entry addresses the needs of persons returning to Cuyahoga County from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. In collaboration with the City of Cleveland, United Way, and local foundations, the comprehensive re-entry strategies include housing, behavioral health access, and employment support. For youths, the Ohio Department of Youth Services' (ODYS) written policy is to return youth to their own home, if possible. Release planning for all youth begins within 60 days of admission to the facility and continues for the duration of commitment.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights is not a recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant funding.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Health Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members and the Continuum of Care have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cleveland Heights - Housing Programs
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis 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?	This City department and the City Department of Planning and Development have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the housing needs of Cleveland Heights residents.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cleveland Heights - Office on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This City office and the City Department of Planning and Development have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the needs of elderly Cleveland Heights residents.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members work with OHS staff, its Advisory Board, and committees on an ongoing basis to coordinate the needs of homeless and at-risk homeless county residents.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Cleveland Tenants Organization
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Non-Profit organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Fair Housing

	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As an organization providing fair housing services to the City of Cleveland Heights, the Department of Planning and Development and CTO have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address housing issues in Cleveland Heights.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium and the Continuum of Care have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Board of Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Health Health Agency Other government - County
	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?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan, implement, and administer programs that are part of the countywide lead-based paint strategy.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Department of Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy 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?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents. This agency is the lead entity for the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium for HOME funds. Consortium members partner with this agency on economic development projects.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the infrastructure needs of county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office
0	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis related to real estate data for county communities. Condition of housing data was obtained from this agency and analyzed as part of this plan.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation
1	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address foreclosure and property disposition issues in county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement projects that impact low- and moderate-income areas, including acquisition, sale, demolition, and rehabilitation of buildings.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
2	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy 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?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis related to planning, community development, and neighborhood revitalization issues. As a U.S. Census Bureau affiliate, this agency also provides data, data analysis, and customized products to Consortium members. This agency served as the consultant to the Consortium in the preparation of this plan.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
3	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Regional organization
	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?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents. In addition, on a regular basis this agency shares countywide program usage information with the member communities.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	FutureHeights
4	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education non-profit organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Cleveland Heights and this organization have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis concerning neighborhood revitalization and various community issues.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
5	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the current public transit system and needs of county communities, particularly the impact on low- and moderate-income areas.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Heights Community Congress
6	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Non-profit organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As an organization providing fair housing services to the City of Cleveland Heights, the Department of Planning and Development and HCC have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address housing issues in Cleveland Heights.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce
7	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Cleveland Heights Department of Planning and Development and the Chamber of Commerce have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address economic development issues in Euclid. The City of Cleveland Heights is a member of the Board of Directors.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Home Repair Resource Center

8	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Non-profit organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Cleveland Heights and this organization have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the housing needs of Cleveland Heights residents and housing market issues in Cleveland Heights.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
9	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the infrastructure and transit needs of county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas. All five Consortium jurisdictions have seats on the NOACA Board of Directors.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium
0	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Non-profit organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The eighteen community members of this Council of Governments work to maintain and revitalize their mature, developed communities and raise public and political awareness of the problem and inequities associated with urban sprawl and urban disinvestment. Cuyahoga County has policy and program discussions with this organization on an ongoing basis to address housing and other community needs. The four suburban members of the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma) are members of the organization.
2 1	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/ Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address sewer infrastructure needs of county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas. Note: Euclid and Lakewood manage their own sewer infrastructure.
2 2	Agency/Group/Organization	Parma Public Housing Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Regional organization
	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?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents. In addition, this agency makes available countywide program usage information.

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

All agency types were consulted

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	Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care	The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals support the goals of the Continuum of Care (CoC). The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) serves all 59 communities in Cuyahoga County and coordinates the CoC, an extensive network of public, private, and non-profit agencies that facilitate and/or provide, either directly or indirectly, assisted housing, health services, and/or social services to persons in Cuyahoga County who are chronically homeless, homeless, or are at-risk of homelessness. Blue Print for Change http://development.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_development/en-US/Appendix-A%202009HPRPBLue%20Print.pdf
Economic Development Plan	Cuyahoga County	This plan, updated annually by Cuyahoga County government, focuses on the areas of innovation, investment, collaboration, and education as themes for County economic development decisions. Although primarily intended to be implemented with funds other than dollars provided by HUD, the Plan emphasizes that investments should create high-quality, well-connected places, ensure access to and preparation for jobs and careers, and accelerate business growth. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals, using HUD funds, reinforce these investment objectives of the Cuyahoga County Economic Development Plan. http://development.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/EDCPlan-ExeSummary-053111.aspx
Rebuilding as One: A Common Sense Approach to Housing	Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium	This 2013 report outlines issues and strategies to address housing issues, particularly in the Cuyahoga County suburbs that geographically form the first ring of development beyond Cleveland. Building on the Cuyahoga County Economic Development Plan goal of creating high-quality, well-connected places that provide our residents with great communities to live, work, and play, the report emphasizes strategies focusing on the four policy areas of preserving older housing stock, reducing vacancy and blight, tax base strengthening, and promoting stability. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus significant housing funds on investment in existing housing through rehabilitation and homebuyer programs plus code enforcement, which reinforce the strategies of the Rebuilding as One report. http://www.organizeohio.org/uploads/2/8/7/7/2877533/fsc_county_housing_policy_agenda.pdf

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Vibrant NEO 2040	Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium Initiative	Funded by a HUD/USDOT/USEPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities Initiative grant, this twelve county regional project guided by 33 organizations developed a vision for the future of Northeast Ohio. The eight objectives include promoting investment in established communities, developing the regional economy with accessible employment opportunities, and enhancing the regional transportation network. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus on investing funds in housing, businesses, and infrastructure in developed neighborhoods, commercial districts, and industrial areas, which reinforce the goals of Vibrant NEO 2040. http://vibrantneo.org
Western Reserve Plan	Cuyahoga County	This 2012 document approved by Cuyahoga County government is a framework for addressing the issue of consolidating and improving service delivery among the many communities in the county. The plan contains 12 key areas including incorporating economic inclusion as a guiding principle in economic development strategies, adopting a collaborative approach to the foreclosure crisis and its aftermath, and aligning and coordinating public and private resources to address human service needs. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus on investing funds in economic opportunities, housing programs, and public services for low-and moderate-income individuals and families, which reinforce the goals of the Western Reserve Plan. http://www.westernreserveplan.org

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

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

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

The City of Cleveland Heights takes actions to encourage participation by all residents. For example, the City conducts outreach on a communitywide basis through various types of media, such as community based newspapers and newsletters, websites, and public access cable TV channels. Outreach is also expanded through members of citizen advisory committees or special interest groups, as well as program subrecipients. Outreach is also conducted at community facilities, such as posting notices at recreation centers, senior centers, libraries, and municipal buildings. These actions increase the opportunity for residents from throughout the community to participate in the process, including low- and moderate-income residents, minorities, and residents living in HUD-assisted housing.

The City also undertakes the following types of actions to encourage citizen involvement:

- Translation services can be provided for non-English speaking residents.
- Meeting locations and office space housing staff are accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Meetings, hearings and all other public activities are scheduled at times and locations convenient to encourage attendance.
- Reasonable and timely access is provided to information and records relating to the Consolidated Plan and use of HUD assistance.
- The City has a Citizen Participation Plan, which is available on request.

The table shows the public comment process undertaken by Cleveland Heights. The public meetings were publicized in a newspaper of general circulation within the community. Citizens were invited to provide comments via telephone, mail, or email. During the 30-day public comment period, copies of the Annual Plan document were available in public places, such as government offices and libraries. The document was also posted on the City's website.

All public meetings were held on weekday evenings at City Hall which is accessible to persons with disabilities. The discussions included presentations of background information, data, and priorities, and time was allotted for audience questions.

CDBG-CV related amendments to this plan were advertised on the City's website and followed a 5-day public comment period. Copies of the plan were posted to the City's website (www.clevelandheights.com/CDBG).

City staff provided technical assistance to groups developing proposals for funding assistance under the Consolidated Plan. Offers of technical assistance are included as part of application materials, published notices, and/or made verbally during group meetings. Staffs also provide their contact information on their respective websites. Technical assistance, on a one-on-one basis, often includes explanations concerning programs, potential projects, application procedures, or application content.

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	The City published a public notice in the Sun Press on May 10, 2018 asking for citizen views regarding the development of goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2019 (YR45). The meeting was also listed on the City's website.	n/a	n/a	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearing to discuss Goals and Objectives for FY 2019 (YR45) was held May 15, 2018, Cleveland Heights City Hall. 7:30 p.m.	No comments were received at the public hearing.	n/a	

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)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	The City published display advertisements in the Sun Press on August 2, 2018, and August 9, 2018 inviting the public to attend Public Hearings held on August 7, 2018 and August 14, 2018 where they could hear presentations from organizations requesting CDBG funding for 2019. The public was also invited to comment on how Federal funds can make a difference in the community. The meetings were also listed on the City's website and flyers were distributed	n/a	n/a	

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)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearings were held on August 7, 2018 and August 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Presentations from organizations requesting CDBG funding for 2019 were heard. The public was invited to comment on how Federal funds can make a difference in the community.	A representative from the CHUH Teachers Union expressed concern over the State of Ohio's school voucher system. He asked that the CAC consider the effect this has on the public schools when voting for organizations that may promote this practice.	n/a	

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)
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee presented their recommendations for FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to City Council at their Committee of the Whole meeting, October 8 & 29, 2018, Cleveland Heights City Hall, 7:30 PM.	One comment was received by a member of the public after the meeting. The commenter felt that there was no need to improve the Cedar Lee Mini-Park and that the City shouldn't fund organizations that promote School Choice Vouchers.	n/a	
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	The City published a public notice in the Sun Press on November 1, 2018 the proposed Annual Action Plan, listing the second public hearing date, and inviting citizen review and comment. The meeting was also listed on the City's website.	n/a	n/a	

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)
7	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee held a Public Hearing on November 20, 2018 where the Draft 2019 Annual Plan was presented.	The CAC provided the following comment: The Cleveland Heights Citizens Advisory Committee members are requesting better communication between the CAC members and City Council. The CAC allocates a great amount of time and expertise developing CDBG funding recommendations and thinks a regular Council presence at CAC meetings would assist Council in understanding CAC's deliberation process for its rationale and recommendations of the	n/a	

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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)
8	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	City Council meeting December 3, 2018 Council approval for a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the Community Development Block Grant entitlement application for the year beginning January 1, 2019.	No comments were received at the public hearings.	n/a	
9	Online Public Notice	Non-targeted/ broad community	The City published the notice for the CDBG-CV related amendments, the related Public Hearing and the amended document.			www.clevelandheights.com/CDBG

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)
10	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee held a public hearing to review the proposed CDBG-CV amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The 5-year Consolidated Plan for 2015 - 2019 identifies the federal, state, local, and private resources expected to be available to the City of Cleveland Heights to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan (Tables 14 and 18). The City of Cleveland Heights is a direct entitlement community for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City is also a member of the Cuyahoga County Consortium through which it receives funds from the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program.

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	2,560,512	150,000	136,393	1,890,690	0	CDBG Funds will leverage private funding, as well as other public funding from local, state, federal funding sources. \$956,215 of CDBG-CV funds were added to this section.

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of Cleveland Heights has been successful in leveraging additional funds. Many of the City’s rehabilitation programs require the homeowner to match funds they receive. Home Repair Resource Center, one of our subrecipients, has established good working relationships with several area banks that contribute to their ability to leverage additional funds. The City works to maximize our infrastructure projects by leveraging federal, state and county resources where possible. Most of our Public Service subrecipients receive funding from a myriad of public and private agencies and individuals. The City also requires a minimum match of 10% from all commercial businesses which participate in our Commercial Loan or Storefront Renovation projects.

The City of Cleveland Heights is also a partner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to implement the Lead Safe Cuyahoga program. This program assists with the removal of lead hazards in low- and moderate-income households where children under the age of six are residing in the home. Homeowners must provide a match of 10% or more to participate in the program unless exempted by an administrative decision.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights does not anticipate using any publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction to address any of the needs identified in the plan.

Discussion

Contingency Plan

In the event that there is an increase in the FY 2019 CDBG grant or in the amount of carryover funds from FY2018 to FY 2019, City Council will increase the Strategic Impact Opportunity activity. Should there be a decrease in the FY 2019 grant, the City will attempt to reconcile such shortfall by first, decreasing the Strategic Impact Opportunity, second, by reprogramming carryover funds and third, by reducing budgeted amounts for the lowest priority programs. Prior to any final decision on such amendment the City will consult with the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Cleveland Heights	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$938,220	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 210 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 8 Households Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 400 Household Housing Unit
2	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Cleveland Heights	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$332,550	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7190 Persons Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 20 Household Housing Unit
3	Provide Needed Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Cleveland Heights	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs	CDBG: \$897,740	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 11955 Persons Assisted
4	Increase Economic Opportunities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Cleveland Heights	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$651,200	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 4 Business Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City of Cleveland Heights will work to ensure the availability and sustainability of decent housing and a suitable living environment for all residents by offering projects to help preserve and maintain the housing stock and create housing opportunities, especially for low- and moderate-income persons.
2	Goal Name	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	The City of Cleveland Heights will work to maintain safe, functional and healthy neighborhoods by providing activities which improve the physical environment, especially in Low - and Moderate-Income eligible areas.
3	Goal Name	Provide Needed Public Services
	Goal Description	The City of Cleveland Heights will work to encourage the integration of population groups within the community and promote an increase in the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods. The City will also provide support services to youth, identifiable Low- and Moderate-income persons and special population groups in the community and maximize the independence of targeted population groups by providing services which expand choices. The City will assist households and non-profits respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
4	Goal Name	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	The City of Cleveland Heights will work to expand opportunities for persons of low- and moderate-income by offering programs which help to alleviate physical and economic distress and create viable commercial areas through the prevention of the deterioration of commercial areas. The City will also offer help to stimulate private investment to create and retain employment opportunities, especially for low and moderate income persons. The City will support small businesses respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

There are three national objectives under the CDBG program that all projects must meet.

1) CDBG regulations require that no less than 70% of a grant can be awarded to projects that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

2) CDBG funds may aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blighted conditions.

3) CDBG funds may be utilized to address other community development needs having a 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.

The CDBG Program is flexible and allows the City to determine how best to meet the needs of its low- and moderate-income residents. The goals established in the Consolidated Plan guide the City in awarding CDBG funds.

The City of Cleveland Heights will certify that 70% of the aggregate expenditure of CDBG funds over three years (2017, 2018, and 2019) will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.

The figures listed for programs do not include funds that will be matched or leveraged through financial institutions and property owners on individual projects. Program income is budgeted back into the program that generated it, with the exception of funds being repaid to programs that no longer operate under CDBG. The Deferred and No Interest housing loan repayments will be budgeted to the Commercial Loan fund (**Table 20**).

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Fair Housing Activities
3	Neighborhood Engagement
4	Business District Assistance
5	Youth Programs
6	Emergency Assistance
7	Senior Adult Programs
9	Housing Counseling
10	Minor Home Repairs
11	Housing Rehabilitation LMI
12	LMI Code Enforcement
13	Housing Rehabilitation S/B
14	Commercial District Revitalization
15	Public Facilities
16	Neighborhood Relations Program
17	Geographic Information Systems
18	Strategic Impact Opportunity
19	Emergency Assistance
20	Small Business Assistance
21	Subrecipient Support

Table 3 – Project Information

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

Programs that benefit low-mod households and limited clientele populations receive priority in annual funding. The City has budgeted 13.4% of our estimated 2019 CDBG funding to Public Service activities. Nearly all programs are offered city wide to low- and moderate-income residents. This includes our Public Facilities Improvement Funds that in prior years prioritized certain Low-Mod Areas within the City. For 2019, our Public Facilities Improvement dollars are being used city-wide to install ADA curb ramps in areas of the City that lack adequate accessibility for the physically disabled.

CDBG-CV funds will prioritize assistance to low- and moderate-income households and small businesses that serve low- and moderate-income households.

The Nuisance Abatement Program addresses blighted properties in the City and meets the national objective of the removal of slum and blight. This program represents a very small percentage of the entire CDBG budget.

There are no obstacles to addressing underserved needs with the exception of the amount of funds available to the City.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$267,358
	Description	CDBG funds contribute to salaries and related administrative expenses for staff in the Department of Planning and Development and for accounting assistance from the Finance Department. CDBG funds contribute to a HUD approved Indirect Cost Plan.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	not applicable
	Location Description	not applicable
	Planned Activities	not applicable
2	Project Name	Fair Housing Activities
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	Activities to affirmatively further fair housing choice.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All city residents will benefit.
	Location Description	Programs are performed on a city wide basis
	Planned Activities	A variety of Fair Housing activities will be implemented to assist the City in maintaining a viable, diverse community with a fair and open housing market. Activities will include testing of the housing market, diversity training and landlord tenant counseling.

3	Project Name	Neighborhood Engagement
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,000
	Description	This project will provide funding for programs that will support community capacity building in Cleveland Heights neighborhoods.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All residents will benefit from stronger neighborhoods.
	Location Description	Program will be available on a city wide basis but will target Low Mod Neighborhoods, LIHTC multifamily complexes and protected classes.
Planned Activities	The FutureHeights Community Capacity Building Program consists of the following components: 1) Resident Engagement and Recruitment for Neighborhood Leadership Program, 2) Developing a pilot neighborhood leadership workshop series, 3) Ongoing community building work in neighborhoods	
4	Project Name	Business District Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The vitality of the City's commercial districts directly impacts the residential neighborhoods that surround them. These funds will allow business districts to enhance and maintain the amenities in their areas.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All residents and visitors who patronize the businesses in the area as well as the surrounding residential neighborhood, approximately 790 LMI households out of 1,350 total households.
	Location Description	Funds will be used in the Cleveland Heights portion of the Cedar Taylor commercial district, located in Census Block Groups 1407.02-1 and 1416.02-1.

	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used to assist the Cedar Taylor Business District in their efforts to maintain and improve the streetscape of their commercial area.
5	Project Name	Youth Programs
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$72,015
	Description	Funds will be provided to support activities which address the needs of youth in low- and moderate-income families.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 391 unduplicated LMI youth and their families will benefit from the programs offered.
	Location Description	Programs are available city wide
Planned Activities	<p>1) Family Connections - a program for pre-kindergarten children and their families to help prepare them for school (Family-School Connection Program and Parent Café program).</p> <p>2) Open Doors Academy - an after school and summer enrichment program for middle school and high school youth.</p> <p>3) Heights Youth Club - The <i>Learning Place</i> program which is designed to reinforce and enhance the skills and knowledge young people are expected to learn in school. Members are engaged in high-yield learning activities.</p> <p>4) Lake Erie Ink - an after school activity which provides creative expression opportunities and academic support for elementary school children.</p>	
6	Project Name	Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$43,510
	Description	This project will assist low- and moderate income individuals and families that seek assistance due to unemployment, fixed income or any emergency that has left them in need of adequate food, shelter, etc.
	Target Date	12/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 5,614 unduplicated LMI individuals and/or families will be assisted
	Location Description	Service is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	<p>1) Heights Emergency Food Center - provides low- income households with a three-day supply of food one time per month.</p> <p>2) Start Right Food Center - provides low- income households with a three-day supply of food one time per month.</p> <p>3) Gesher - provides low- and moderate-income families with information about local, state and federal benefits for which they are eligible.</p>
7	Project Name	Senior Adult Programs
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,000
	Description	This project will provide Cleveland Heights senior citizens with social work services as needed.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 700 unduplicated residents aged 60 and over.
	Location Description	Program is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	<p>CDBG funds are provided to the City's Office on Aging for social workers that assist low- and moderate-income seniors to access necessary services to maintain a healthy and safe living environment. This allows seniors to live as independently as possible in their homes.</p> <p>CDBG funds are also provided to the Central Bible Baptist Church's Neighborhood Senior Resource Center. This program connects Seniors in a targeted neighborhood to services that can assist them with aging in place, wellness, and technology education.</p>
8	Project Name	Housing Counseling
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	This project provides counseling on financial literacy, first-time homebuyer issues, budgeting for home repair projects and other appropriate topics.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 150 unduplicated LMI prospective homebuyers and community residents will be assisted.
	Location Description	Program is available city wide
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will assist the Housing Counseling program of Home Repair Resource Center, a HUD certified counseling agency. It is a service with two purposes: (1) to improve financial literacy by assisting community residents with personal financial issues, such as establishing a workable household budget and understanding refinancing options; and (2) to provide Home Buyer Education to prospective purchasers that will enable them to make wise home buying decisions and become responsible owners who care for and maintain their properties, thereby improving community stability. Both purposes are achieved through individual counseling and group education.
9	Project Name	Minor Home Repairs
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$160,500
	Description	This project includes several programs which will help to improve, maintain and expand owner-occupied housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 175 LMI households.
	Location Description	Programs are available city wide.

	<p>Planned Activities</p> <p>1) Exterior Paint - provides senior or permanently disabled low- and moderate-income homeowners with a grant of up to \$3,500 for labor and paint.</p> <p>2) Violation Repair for Seniors - provides rebates of up to \$2,000 to low- and moderate-income senior and disabled homeowners to complete minor home repairs addressing code violations or health and safety issues.</p> <p>3) Short Term Deferred Loan - provides grant funds of up to \$1000 for low- and moderate-income homeowners to assist with diverting downspouts and/or installation of back flow preventers</p> <p>4) Senior Home Stability Grant (HRRC) - provides grant funds for up to \$1000 to assist senior homeowners with the repairs to their home that, if not repaired, may lead to health and safety issues in their homes</p> <p>5) Sewer Repair – provides assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners with storm or sanitary sewer back-up issues to install back flow preventers and/or divert downspouts</p> <p>6) Strategic Home Repair - This program seeks to offer the Exterior Paint, Violation Repair Program, Short Term Deferred Loan, and Sewer Repair Program to LMI residents in targeted areas without the restriction of having to be a senior citizen or permanently disabled in order to qualify.</p>																		
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Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights																		
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Target Date	12/31/2019																		
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 43 unduplicated LMI households.																		
Location Description	Programs are available city wide																		

	Planned Activities	<p>1) Assist Incentive and 0% Grants (HRRC) - The Assist Grants are HRRC programs that provide a grant to LMI homeowners to assist with rehabilitation activities. Assist Grants are composed of two activities: the Assist 0% Program and the Assist Incentive Grant. <i>Assist 0%</i> funds are used to guarantee bank loans and to reduce the principal of bank loans so that the applicant pays an effective rate of 0% interest on a loan. <i>Assist Incentive Grants</i> offers a grant of \$500 to \$1500 as an incentive for LMI homeowners to complete major repairs including: roof, plumbing, electrical and/or heating systems. This program is used in conjunction with other programs offered by HRRC.</p> <p>2) Major Systems Deferred Loan Match -Program allows deferred payments for up to one-half the cost of replacing major systems for LMI homeowners (i.e., heating, electrical, plumbing, roofs). The maximum loan amount is \$3,000.</p> <p>3) Home in the Heights – Program seeks to establish a purchase/rehab program to provide affordable single family homes to qualified home buyers.</p>
11	Project Name	LMI Code Enforcement
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This project provides Code Enforcement services in areas identified by HUD as low- and moderate-income areas.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 400 households in Low- and Moderate-Income areas will benefit from Code Enforcement.
	Location Description	Low- and Moderate-Income areas of the city.
	Planned Activities	This program uses CDBG funds to pay the salary for a full time Housing Inspector who conducts systematic inspections for health and safety violations in LMI census blocks of the City.
12	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation S/B
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$98,750

	Description	The Nuisance Abatement Program addresses blighted properties within the City. CDBG funds also contribute to the administration of the Nuisance Abatement Program.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 20 properties will receive a nuisance abatement action benefiting at a minimum 100 households in the immediate vicinity.
	Location Description	Program is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	Properties that are in a state of serious disrepair and causing a blighting influence on the neighborhood are evaluated by staff to determine if they are able to be rehabbed or there is a need for demolition. In addition, funds are used on an emergency basis to secure properties that may cause unsafe conditions for the neighborhood.
13	Project Name	Commercial District Revitalization
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$351,200
	Description	This program provides funding for various activities which address the revitalization of the numerous commercial districts located in Cleveland Heights. CDBG funds also contribute to the administrative costs associated with the program. Due to higher demand for the Storefront Rebate Program, \$50,000 of prior year funds are being reprogrammed from the Storefront Loan Program to the Storefront Rebate Program.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Economic Development loans are evaluated for their ability to create jobs, particularly for low- and moderate-income persons.
	Location Description	Programs are available city wide.

	<p>Planned Activities</p> <p>1) Commercial Loan Program - This program provides gap financing for worthy development projects throughout the City. City Council acts as the Loan Review Committee.</p> <p>2) Storefront Renovation Rebate Program - This program offers rebates for 50% of the total project costs, up to a maximum of \$25,000, for exterior renovations to commercial properties throughout the City.</p> <p>3) Storefront Renovation Loan Program - This program offers loans for exterior renovations, up to a maximum of \$100,000, for exterior renovations to commercial properties throughout the City.</p> <p>4) Microenterprise Program - designed to provide capital and technical assistance financing for Cleveland Heights businesses with five or fewer employees. The intent of the program is to provide assistance to businesses which will create and/or retain jobs, along with increasing the commercial base of the community</p> <p>Each individual project is evaluated to determine if it is addressing a blighted condition (determined by survey) or will serve a low-mod population.</p>
14	<p>Project Name Public Facilities</p>
	<p>Target Area City of Cleveland Heights</p>
	<p>Goals Supported Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods</p>
	<p>Needs Addressed Non-Housing Community Development</p>
	<p>Funding CDBG: \$200,800</p>
	<p>Description CDBG funds contribute to the LMI Streets Improvement and Water and/or Sewer Line Replacement programs addressing streets in Low- and Moderate-Income Eligible Areas.</p>
	<p>Target Date 12/31/2019</p>
	<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities Approximately 1,783 residents of Low- and Moderate-Income eligible areas. Approximately 5,407 residents with a disability will benefit from the improved accessibility resulting from the ADA Curb Ramp Program.</p>
	<p>Location Description City wide (ADA Curb Ramp Program), Census Block Group 1416.02 (Cedar Lee Mini Park) and 25 Severance Circle (Severance Tower ADA Garden).</p>

	Planned Activities	<p>2019 ADA Curb Ramp Program – This program seeks to add or update ADA curb ramps throughout the City.</p> <p>Cedar Lee Mini-Park Placemaking Project – This program seeks to renovate and reinvigorate a pocket park in a LMA.</p> <p>Severance Tower ADA Community Garden – This project seeks to convert an existing community garden into an accessible garden in a subsidized housing unit that predominately serves seniors and the physically disabled.</p>
15	Project Name	Neighborhood Relations Program
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This program addresses issues that affect the quality of life for residents of LMI neighborhoods. Problems addressed by staff may include loud parties, run-down properties and inappropriate or illegal behavior. CDBG funds are used for the portion of work done by this staff position in qualifying LMI neighborhoods of the City.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 5000 families will benefit.
	Location Description	Program is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	Residents and the Neighborhood Relations Specialist work together to develop strategies and solutions that will improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. The Specialist reports directly to the Housing Manager and works closely with the City's Community Relations staff and the Police Department. When appropriate, he also works with Cleveland Tenants Organization and other nonprofits as necessary.
16	Project Name	Geographic Information Systems
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	<p>Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing</p> <p>Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods</p> <p>Provide Needed Public Services</p> <p>Increase Economic Opportunities</p>
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development

	Funding	CDBG: \$37,500
	Description	This administrative activity will provide data analysis and mapping capabilities to the community development program.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All residents will benefit from the information derived from the GIS system.
	Location Description	The program is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	The City provides services and programs that create large amounts of data and has a need to effectively and efficiently utilize and overlay this data to provide and focus government services and programs. The system provides a platform to share this information between City departments and partners, share this data with the public and to receive information from the public.
17	Project Name	Strategic Impact Opportunity
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$77,195
	Description	This activity is the result of an increased allocation for FY 2018. The community is offering an opportunity for non-profits and City Departments to competitively apply for funding for projects that will: assist low- and-moderate income households with housing needs; satisfy the community development needs of a larger LM area; remove blight; or provide a needed public service for LMI clientele; and; is consistent with the objectives of the City's Master Plan; promotes neighborhood stability and promotes private investment.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 2,065 low- and-moderate income households may benefit from the resulting activities.

	Location Description	Mid-City Neighborhoods (1407.01-2, 1407.01-3, 1407.02-1 and 1407.02-2 and the neighborhood bordered by Mayfield Rd/Ivydale Rd/ Euclid Heights Blvd/Lee Rd.) and Neighborhoods along the Noble Road Corridor.
	Planned Activities	Activities that assist low- and-moderate income households, low- and-moderate income job seekers, low- and-moderate income areas or neighborhoods, services that assist low- and-moderate income clientele, and/or activities that remove slum and/or blight.
18	Project Name	Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	\$550,000
	Description	Emergency Assistance will assist low- and moderate-income households respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10,000 meals delivered to senior citizens and severely disabled residents. 160 LMI households with housing assistance. 125 households with counseling services.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	This program will assist low- and moderate-income households respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Funds are intended to provide enhanced senior services, mortgage/rental.utility assistance, enhanced food pantry assistance, and enhanced counseling services.
19	Project Name	Small Business Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	\$290,000
	Description	Emergency Assistance will assist small businesses respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	18 Microenterprises, 20 small businesses.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	This program will assist microenterprises and small businesses adapt to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
20	Project Name	Subrecipient Support
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	\$25,000
	Description	Subrecipient Support will assist our non-profit subrecipient partners respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 391 unduplicated LMI youth and their families will continue to benefit from the programs offered.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	This program will assist subrecipients adapt their programming to the COVID-19 environment in order to continue to support youth, special populations and their families.

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

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

The City of Cleveland Heights is a diverse community that prides itself on its integrated neighborhoods. The city has a minority population of 23,137, representing 48.9% of the total population according to the 2010 census. The most recent data provided by HUD from the 2006-2010 ACS shows that there are 12 census block groups in the city which qualify as low- and moderate-income eligible areas.

Improvement Target Areas have been identified through a survey developed and conducted by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. This process was approved by HUD. The Improvement Target Area survey instrument is used to evaluate the condition of individual properties. An update to the Improvement Target Area study was conducted in 2012 and a completed report from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission was received in 2013. The areas determined to be ITAs are the following: the intersection of Noble and Mayfield Roads (north side); the intersection of Mayfield and Lee Roads (south side) and the intersection of Cedar and South Taylor Roads (south side).

This updated Improvement Target Area study will be utilized in implementing the Storefront Renovation programs described in this plan that address area slum and blight.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Cleveland Heights	100

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Most programs are available to low and moderate income households throughout the city as they are a direct low-mod housing benefit, low-mod area benefit or limited clientele benefit (Public Service activities). The exceptions are the programs that eliminate a slum/blight condition as determined by a HUD approved blight survey. The Strategic Impact Opportunity targets neighborhoods around Cain Park (1407.01-2, 1407.01-3, 1407.02-1, 1407.02-2 and a portion of 1407.01-1) and Neighborhoods along the Noble Road Corridor, as identified in the City's Master Plan.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City of Cleveland Heights maintains great diversity in its housing stock, both in form and in affordability. The city has a reputation for being a welcoming and inclusive community. Land use regulations, zoning requirements and other public policies are designed to preserve the historic nature of our neighborhoods, preserve and improve connections to/from/between neighborhoods, expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life.

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

Actions are being proposed to improve the affordability of the City's housing stock. Following the foreclosure crisis, many of the City's housing units turned vacant and the City continues to provide incentives to bring these units into code compliance. A city-wide property tax abatement program currently incentivizes investment in low-mod neighborhoods, improving both residential and commercial opportunities. Further, the City is exploring partnering with various non-profits to become developers of affordable mixed-use and infill housing. The City also updated its zoning code's definition of family in order to prevent housing discrimination of non-traditional family units and group quarters.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City of Cleveland Heights works closely with public and private partners to leverage its resources including various grants from Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio. This applies to many of our nonprofit partners including the Home Repair Resource Center, Heights Community Congress and FutureHeights.

In addition, the City also prides itself on the level of civic engagement that we enjoy. In 1999 Cleveland Heights Council began a visioning process to determine priorities that would guide our community into the future. Council selected 25 residents to form the Visioning Committee.

The Visioning Report recommendations and ideas continue to be addressed by the Committees of Council. Some of the initiatives which were and continue to be implemented are:

- Beautification of neighborhoods, parks and green spaces
- Capital projects to ensure the viability of our infrastructure
- Supporting our youth
- Civic vitality
- Promoting an arts environment
- Improving the quality of life:
- New construction and revitalization of existing housing stock and commercial districts
- Zoning Code Review
- Preservation of existing housing
- Traffic calming
- Customer-driven City services

In 2015 the City began a Master Planning process, in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, which was completed in 2017. The Master Plan includes policies and implementation strategies to accomplish the City's vision. These are organized into 11 major topic areas: Future Land Use, Vibrant Neighborhoods, Complete Transportation Network, Environmentally Sustainable Community, Business Friendly, Strong Business Districts, High Quality Infrastructure, Hub for Arts and Culture, A Diverse and Open Community, A Safe and Engaged Community, and A Healthy Community. The Master Plan attempts to be a fully integrated plan addressing the various elements that makes Cleveland Heights a viable community and it does recognize the efforts already being undertaken and described in this Consolidated Plan. The implementation section will provide additional potential revenue sources that the City can apply for in order to strengthen and expand the community development efforts already undertaken and described in this Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The greatest obstacle to meeting underserved needs in our community is the uncertainty of the amount of Community Development Block Grant as well as other federal and state resources. City Council and staff work diligently to ensure that all residents are able to have the highest quality of life and healthy sustainable neighborhoods.

City staff continually works to identify, apply and utilize funding from additional sources to strengthen our Community. Recently, the City has been able to secure Demolition Funds from Cuyahoga County enabling the removal of blighted, vacant and abandoned structures. Additionally the City participates in the Lead Safe Cuyahoga rebate program, administering approximately \$110,000 per year in lead abatement/remediation funds.

The City has also been fortunate to receive grants from various sources in recent years that have enabled us to undertake projects that have or will benefit the community when completed. These include three Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) grants through the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, two Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF) grants from the Ohio EPA and transportation enhancement funds from the state of Ohio.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to offer programs that make or keep housing affordable in the city. Cleveland Heights is a community with a wide variety of housing opportunities including: apartment buildings, modest single family homes, two-family homes, medium priced to very high end single family homes, townhomes and condominiums. With our large rental market and competitive house prices, the city is often affordable with regard to housing options.

The City of Cleveland Heights has entered into an agreement with Cuyahoga County and the cities of Euclid, Lakewood and Parma to jointly participate in HOME program funding by creating the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium. The consortium has allowed for the coordination of housing program delivery by CDBG entitlement communities.

Most of our housing was built prior to 1945 and therefore home repairs can be a barrier to low- and moderate-income homeowners. Housing rehabilitation costs are barriers that we are addressing to assist low and moderate-income households remain in their homes. We work closely with our Housing Inspections Department and our Office on Aging to provide information to low- and moderate-income homeowners who are cited for code violations about the availability of the City's federally-funded grants and low-interest financing for home improvement projects. Home Repair Resource Center programs also provide education, counseling and funding opportunities to low-and moderate-income residents to help prevent code violations and related safety issues. We also have a HOME funded down-payment assistance program that assists LMI households to be able to afford purchasing their own homes.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Cleveland Heights will continue to partner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Cuyahoga Department of Development to implement the Lead Hazard Control/Lead Hazard Reduction Grants. Funds for these programs were successfully secured from the department of Housing and Urban Development. The programs provide grants of up to \$9,500 per unit for the removal of lead hazards from LMI households where children under the age of six reside. Most applicants must provide a minimum of 10% matching funds. Thirty units were made lead safe in 2017. A new contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will begin in November of 2018.

All contractors which are under contract for Federally-funded rehabilitation projects are monitored to ensure that they are following lead-safe practices.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Cleveland Heights utilizes its Commercial Loan program as a method to reduce the number of households living below the poverty line. The fund provides assistance to businesses for acquisition, expansion, and rehabilitation activities. The City looks for the creation of low-moderate income jobs as a result of these loan activities. Also, housing counseling is provided to low- and moderate-income homeowners. The counseling includes financial management of the household budget, which assists those persons having few financial means.

In addition, CDBG funds are used to support public service activities that have an impact on poverty. CDBG funds provide support to the Heights Emergency Food Center and Start Right Food Center, which provide low- and moderate-income families a three-day supply of food every month.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Cleveland Heights administers its Community Development Block Grant entitlement grant through its Department of Planning and Development. The institutional structure through which Cleveland Heights carries out its affordable and supportive housing strategy consists of public sector agencies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights continues to foster coordination among public and private housing and social service agencies through several methods. The City allocates CDBG resources to subrecipients who handle a variety of issues, such as housing rehabilitation, fair housing and landlord/tenant concerns. Also, through the allocation of CDBG resources to city departments and social services organizations, the City is assisting entities who are linked into networks of service providers within the metropolitan area, such as the Cleveland Heights Office on Aging, Family Connections of NE Ohio, the Heights Emergency Food Center and many more.

The CDBG funds augment other revenue sources for these organizations, such as memberships, grants, fund-raising efforts, and other in-kind donations of goods and/or services.

Discussion

FAIR HOUSING

The City of Cleveland Heights is committed to fair housing. The City of Cleveland Heights has a Fair Practices Ordinance and staff who work to encourage fair housing. The City has established a Fair Practices Board comprised of three residents who are charged with the following duties:

- to investigate all complaints which are filed with it pertaining to discrimination in housing as well as in other areas;
- to endeavor by conciliation to resolve complaints when appropriate; and
- to recommend action to be taken through local, state and federal court.

In October of 2013, The City, as a part of the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, completed a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Fair Housing and Equity Assessment. The City has allocated funding to on-going programs that assist in furthering fair housing. These include landlord and tenant counseling, diversity programming, sales and rental audits, leadership training that targets members of protected classes, and efforts to monitor lending institutions to ensure and promote fair lending. The City expects to begin undertaking an update Analysis of Impediments that will be completed in 2019.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The City of Cleveland Heights is estimating \$150,000 of Program Income for FY 2018. Program income is budgeted back into the program that generated it, with the exception of funds being repaid to programs that no longer operate under CDBG. The Deferred and No Interest housing loan repayments will be budgeted to the Commercial Loan fund.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	83.31%

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(5)

1. Distribution of Funds

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).

Not applicable.

b. Describe the jurisdiction's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.

Not applicable.

c. Describe the selection criteria that the jurisdiction will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.

Not applicable.

d. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on geographic distribution, which is a description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year.

Not applicable.

e. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.

Not applicable.

f. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which rents for units in the rental project are affordable to extremely low-income families.

Not applicable.

g. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.

Not applicable.

h. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the jurisdiction (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).

Not applicable.

i. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the location of existing affordable housing.

Not applicable.

j. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources.

Not applicable.

2. Does the jurisdiction's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds?

3. Does the jurisdiction's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements?

4. Performance Goals and Benchmarks. The jurisdiction has met the requirement to provide for performance goals, consistent with the jurisdiction's goals established under 24 CFR 91.215(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

5. Rehabilitation Standards. The jurisdiction must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The jurisdiction's description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the

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required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The jurisdiction must attach its rehabilitation standards below. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds for the rehabilitation of housing, enter “N/A”.

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; and Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable).

Not applicable.

6. Resale or Recapture Guidelines. Below, the jurisdiction must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter “N/A”.

Not applicable.

7. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the jurisdiction intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter “N/A”.

Not applicable.

8. Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences. Describe how the jurisdiction will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan. If the jurisdiction will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter “N/A.”

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the jurisdiction must not limit or give preferences to students. The jurisdiction may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303 only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

Not applicable.

9. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the jurisdiction’s refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the jurisdiction will refinance existing rental housing

project debt. The jurisdiction's refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the jurisdiction will not refinance existing debt, enter "N/A."

Not applicable.

Discussion

The City of Cleveland Heights will certify that 70% of the aggregate expenditure of CDBG funds over three years (2017, 2018, 2019) will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

2019 ANNUAL PLAN CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMENTS

The Draft 2019 Annual Plan was presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee at a Public Hearing on November 20, 2018. Members were frustrated that City Council approved in their entirety the recommendations put forth by City Staff at the Council meeting in November. Three comments were received during the public comment period. The first was in regards to the funding of non-profits that promote the use of the School Choice Voucher for non-public schools that is allowed by the State of Ohio. The second comment supported the first comment but also added that the Cedar Lee Mini-Park is not in need of improvement. The third comment was from the CAC asking for better communication between the CAC and Council so as to better understand the priorities of both bodies.