

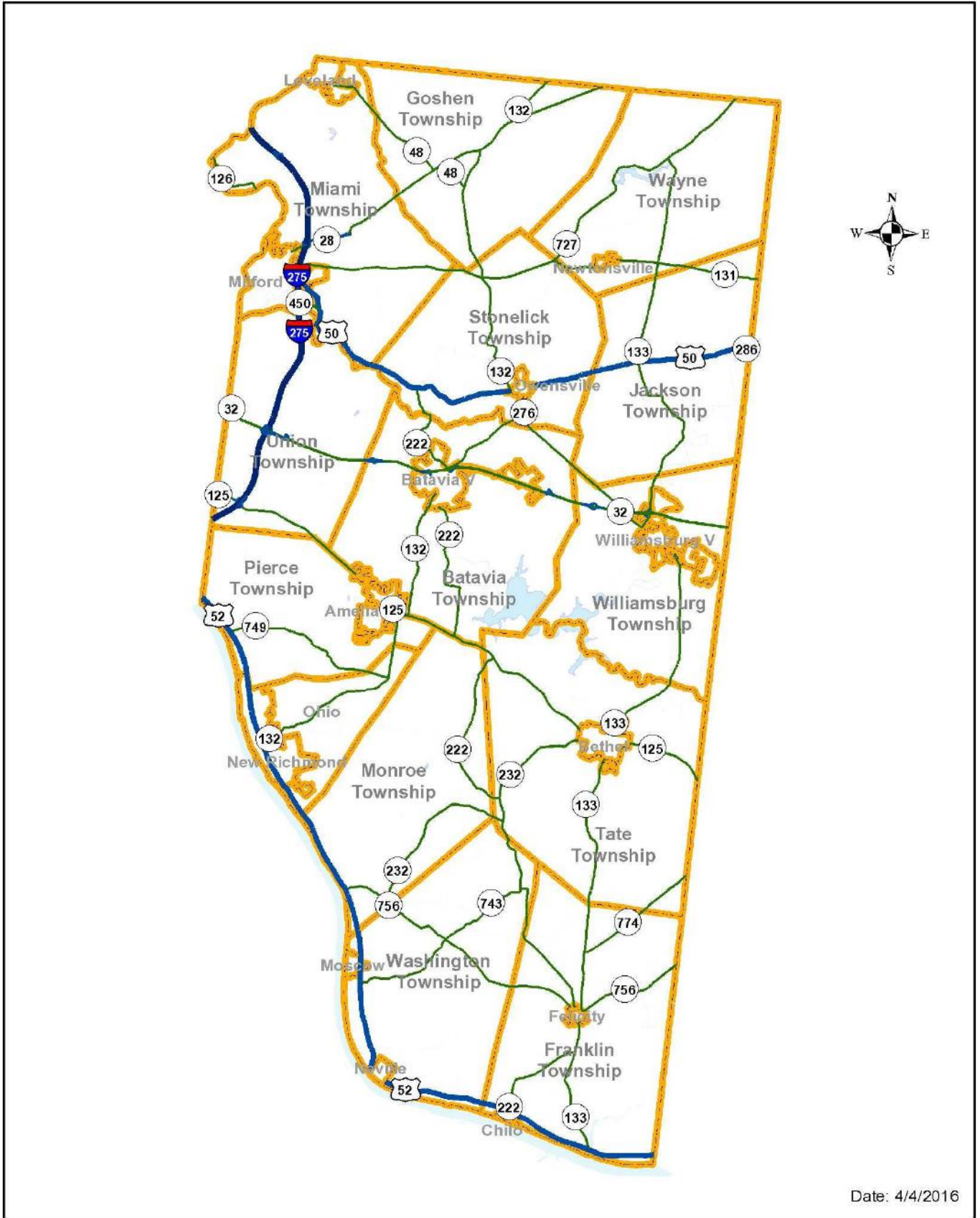
Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Clermont County, Ohio was established in December 1800 and is Ohio's eighth oldest county and the state's furthest county west in Appalachia. It is bounded by Warren and Clinton Counties to the north, Brown County to the east, Hamilton County to the West and the Ohio River on its South and Southwest borders. Clermont County is approximately 24 miles South East from Cincinnati and encompasses 460 square miles, of which 452 square miles is land and 7.7 square miles is water. Clermont County consists of 14 Townships (Batavia, Franklin, Goshen, Jackson, Miami, Monroe, Ohio, Pierce, Stonelick, Tate, Union, Washington, Wayne, Williamsburg), 2 cities (Loveland and Milford), 11 Villages (Amelia, Batavia, Bethel, Chilo, Felicity, Moscow, Neville, New Richmond, Newtonsville, Owensville, Williamsburg) and 8 Census-designate Places (Day Heights, Goshen, Miami, Mount Carmel, Mount Repose, Mulberry, Summerside, Withamsville).

Clermont County, Ohio



Date: 4/4/2016

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

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

1. Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities
2. Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
3. Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes
4. Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families
5. Increase Quality of Affordability of Rental Units
6. Provide and Expand Public Services

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The County has evaluated previous projects based on the following areas:

Timeliness: Did projects begin and end on time?

Finances: Were engineer estimates reasonable? Were invoices correct and submitted on time? Was prevailing wage used, when applicable?

Outcome: did the project meet the need that it was designed to meet?

Issues: If any issues occurred, were they rectified quickly?

The answers to these questions were considered when choosing which projects to fund.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

5. Summary of public comments

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

7. Summary

Clermont County is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the CDBG program and desires to continue to reach out to its residents by performing projects that meet one or more of the national objectives set up by HUD.

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

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

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

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

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

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))

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Fair Housing is a large part of what we do and we consult with them regularly. We anticipate more people becoming aware of our programs through flyer distribution.

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Clermont Metropolitan Housing Authority	They provide counseling to individuals who receive assistance from HUD-funded programs.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Public Meetings were held in (date of first meeting) and (date of finalizing plan). Information was posted on Clermont County’s website that invited citizens to participate in our process. While we typically receive little feedback from our public hearings, we consider all comments received and answer questions.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Several people interested in CDBG programs attended	Only questions regarding the CDBG process were submitted	There were no comments not accepted	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community				
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community				

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public-federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvement Public Services	900,466	73,000	0	973,466	2,939,742	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

matching requirements will be satisfied

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

- Public Infrastructure & public facility projects will be supported with other funds from participating jurisdictions.
- Rehabilitation funds will leverage other sources to expand the scope of rehabilitation assistance

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

Publically owned land may be used but there are not specific projects or strategies to note.

Discussion

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Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities	2015	2020	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	LMI Census Tracts	Economic Development Streets, Sidewalk, Water/Sewer/Septic Improvements Job Training Activities Transportation Services Rental Housing Rehabilitation Permanent Supportive Housing Owner Housing Rehabilitation Down Payment Assistance Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Code Enforcement Lead Paint Remediation Urgent Need	CDBG: \$27,930	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2015	2020	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	LMI Census Tracts	Economic Development Streets, Sidewalk, Water/Sewer/Septic Improvements Transportation Services Senior and Youth Facilities and Services Accessibility Improvements Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Urgent Need	CDBG: \$450,518	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Persons Assisted
3	Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes	2015	2020	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	LMI Census Tracts	Fair Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Owner Housing Rehabilitation Down Payment Assistance Property Acquisition/Resale Urgent Need	CDBG: \$303,584	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 40 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families	2015	2020	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	LMI Census Tracts	Fair Housing Job Training Activities Rental Housing Rehabilitation Permanent Supportive Housing Owner Housing Rehabilitation Senior and Youth Facilities and Services Supportive Services Accessibility Improvements Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing Down Payment Assistance Local and Regional Planning Property Acquisition/Resale Food Security Demolition, Clearance and Remediation Code Enforcement Lead Paint Remediation Urgent Need	CDBG: \$34,001	Slum Blight, Low Income Housing, 1 Household/Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Increase Quality and Affordability of Rental Units	2015	2020	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	LMI Census Tracts	Economic Development Streets, Sidewalk, Water/Sewer/Septic Improvements Fair Housing Rental Housing Rehabilitation Permanent Supportive Housing Accessibility Improvements Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing Property Acquisition/Resale Code Enforcement Urgent Need	CDBG: \$18,215	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Provide and Expand Public Services	2015	2020	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	LMI Census Tracts	Economic Development Fair Housing Job Training Activities Transportation Services Senior and Youth Facilities and Services Supportive Services Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing Local and Regional Planning Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Food Security Code Enforcement Lead Paint Remediation Urgent Need	CDBG: \$86,218	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Persons Assisted

Goal Descriptions

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities
	Goal Description	No specific projects are planned for 2016; however, the general administration and planning activities undertaken by the County contribute to this goal, including providing ongoing training and support to local applicants to the County's CDBG program. Additionally, septic rehabilitation and public infrastructure and facilities projects implement the economic development strategies of this plan.

2	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	2016 Public Facilities and Infrastructure projects include CDBG funds is being allocated to fund parks, sidewalks, and facilities that service low-income residents in Clermont County.
3	Goal Name	Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes
	Goal Description	2016 projects include funding the Clermont County Health District Septic Rehab Program and funding for People Working Cooperatively Home Repairs as well as Senior Services for Home Repairs to the Senior Citizen population.
4	Goal Name	Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families
	Goal Description	The County is funding Habitat for Humanity which benefits this population, Additionally, Fair Housing services, and drug rehabilitation services are expected to benefit individuals and families at risk of being homeless.
5	Goal Name	Increase Quality and Affordability of Rental Units
	Goal Description	2016 projects supported include the Clermont County provision of Fair Housing Services.
6	Goal Name	Provide and Expand Public Services
	Goal Description	The 2016 projects supported include drug and alcohol counseling of low income qualified residents of Clermont County through their participation in the Clermont County Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC).

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Table 8 – Project Information

#	Project Name
1	Clermont County Health District Septic Rehab Program
2	Village of Williamsburg Sewer Improvements
3	Village of Owensville Cross Street Improvements
4	City of Milford Riverside Park Improvements
5	CASC Substance Abuse Counseling
6	People Working Cooperatively Home Repairs
7	Clermont Senior Services Home Repairs
8	Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) Fair Housing
9	Habitat for Humanity Clearing
10	Administration and Planning

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

Starting in 2015, the County initiated management of an annual funding cycle for CDBG funds to communities and applicants based on how well the proposed projects meet the priority needs and goals of this Comprehensive Plan. The communities are charged with identifying activities and assistance areas, based on citizen input informed by law and regulation, to address local needs and priorities that were consistent with the goals of the Consolidated Plan.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Clermont County Health District Septic Rehab Program
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes
	Needs Addressed	Owner Housing Rehabilitation Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	This project will provide assistance with septic system repairs or replacement to LMI qualified homeowners in Clermont County; and/or sewer connections if available in the area. CDBG funds in the amount of \$150,000 will be allocated to assist approximately 7 households, with an average benefit of 25 LMI persons.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated at least 7-10 LMI qualified households could be assisted with septic system repair, replacement or possible sewer connect (where applicable). The average number of beneficiaries is approximately 25-30 persons.
	Location Description	County-wide, applicants are selected via an application process to determine income eligibility requirements.
Planned Activities	To repair or replace malfunctioning sewer systems or connect to public sewer system where available.	

2	Project Name	Village of Williamsburg Sewer Improvements
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements/Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Replace failing septic systems with new sewer lines
	Target Date	8/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that at least 25 LMI residents will benefit from the sewer extension project in Williamsburg.
	Location Description	SR 133 between Main Street and SR 32
	Planned Activities	New sewer lines for low and moderate income residents who currently have failing septic systems as well as extending sewer lines for future economic development areas
3	Project Name	Village of Owensville Cross Street Improvements
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements/Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,000; Local Match \$13,000
	Description	Widening Cross Street from 8' to 16' wide until it reaches Gauche Park Drive
	Target Date	8/31/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 387 Low to Moderate Income Households will benefit.
	Location Description	Cross Street between Short Street and Gauche Park Drive in the Village of Owensville.
	Planned Activities	Installing approximately 400' of storm sewer to allow proper drainage into the creek so that the park will no longer flood, in addition to widening the road from 8' to 16'.
4	Project Name	City of Milford Riverside Park Improvements
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements/Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$68,000
	Description	Installation of an amphitheater at Riverside Park
	Target Date	8/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are 958 low to moderate income households that access this park
	Location Description	425 Victor Stier Drive, Milford
	Planned Activities	Install pre-built structure at Riverside Park, in conjunction with an update to the park masterplan.
5	Project Name	CASC Substance Abuse Counseling
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Provide and Expand Public Services

Needs Addressed	Supportive Services
Funding	CDBG: \$71,000
Description	This public service project will specifically assist with drug and alcohol counseling of LMI qualified residents of Clermont County through their participation in the Clermont County Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC). The program will provide necessary treatment, therapy and life and vocational skills. Goals are to reduce recidivism by providing drug and alcohol treatment, cognitive therapy, and other related services. The program will be housed in available space located at the Clermont County Adult Detention Center; Clients will be provided temporary living arrangements at the facility while participating in the program, which is anticipated to be 30-90 days in length. The proposed CDBG allocation of \$71,000 is committed to this program with approximately 25 LMI beneficiaries being served.
Target Date	6/30/2017
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The drug and alcohol counseling and life skills services will be made available to LMI eligible clients of the Clermont County Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC), who are recommended for participation in CASC through the Clermont County Court System. It is estimated to help at least 25 clients (maybe more) depending on the number of hours a client participates in counseling sessions.
Location Description	The program will be housed in available space located at the Clermont County Adult Detention Center; Clients will be provided temporary living arrangements at the facility while participating in the program, which is anticipated to be 30-90 days in length. The address of the facility is Clermont County Adult Detention Center is 4700 Filager Road, Batavia, Ohio 45103.
Planned Activities	This public service project will specifically assist with drug and alcohol counseling of LMI qualified residents of Clermont County through their participation in the Clermont County Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC). The program will provide necessary treatment, therapy and life and vocational skills. Goals are to reduce recidivism by providing drug and alcohol treatment, cognitive therapy, and other related services. The program will be housed in available space located at the Clermont County Adult Detention Center; Clients will be provided temporary living arrangements at the facility while participating in the program, which is anticipated to be 30-90 days in length. The proposed CDBG allocation of \$71,000 is committed to this program with approximately 25 LMI beneficiaries being served.

6	Project Name	People Working Cooperatively Home Repairs
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes
	Needs Addressed	Owner Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	As a sub recipient, the People Working Cooperatively agency will provide home repair services to eligible LMI homeowners in Clermont County.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated at least 25 LMI families will be assisted with home repair services in Clermont County.
	Location Description	Location of home repair services is a county wide effort and is based on need and income eligibility to meet program participation requirements.
	Planned Activities	The People Working Cooperatively agency will provide home repair services to eligible LMI homeowners in Clermont County through an application process.
7	Project Name	Clermont Senior Services Home Repairs
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Increase Quality of Owner Occupied Homes
	Needs Addressed	Owner Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000

	Description	As a sub recipient, the Clermont County Senior Services agency will provide home repair services to eligible senior citizen LMI homeowners in Clermont County.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated at least 25 LMI families will be assisted with home repair services in Clermont County.
	Location Description	Location of home repair services is a county wide effort and is based on need and income eligibility to meet program participation requirements.
	Planned Activities	Clermont County Senior Services agency will provide home repair services to eligible senior citizen LMI homeowners in Clermont County through an application process.
8	Project Name	Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) Fair Housing Program
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Provide and Expand Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Includes activities for the training, planning and provision for Fair Housing Services for the county.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated at least 50 LMI families will be assisted with Fair Housing Services.
	Location Description	Countywide.
	Planned Activities	Fair Housing Services and education for the county.
9	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Address the Needs of Homeless and At-Risk Families Slum/Blight
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing Supportive Services Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$28,000
	Description	Demolition of home destroyed by fire and clearing on lot to prep for new construction.
	Target Date	6/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A single family dwelling with by constructed to house a Low Income family.
	Location Description	6134 Belfast Road, Stonelick Township
	Planned Activities	The Habitat for Humanity will clear the lot where the existing structures were destroyed by fire and will prep the lot for future construction of a home to be purchased by a low-income family.

10	Project Name	Administration and Planning
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Enhance Economic Development & Training Activities Increase Quality and Affordability of Rental Units Provide and Expand Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$178,466
	Description	Includes activities for the general administration of the CDBG grant, economic development, training, planning and other related administrative activities including promotion for Fair Housing Community Outreach through the Cool Tools for Schools program, in the amount of \$8,000 for FY2016.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Includes activities for the general administration of the CDBG grant and other related administrative activities including the provision for Fair Housing Services for the county. It is estimated at least 500 LMI families will be assisted with Fair Housing "Cool Tools for Schools" Community Outreach Program.
	Location Description	Countywide.
	Planned Activities	Includes activities for the general administration of the CDBG grant and other related administrative activities including the provision for Fair Housing Outreach for the county.

Table 9 – Project Summary

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

Clermont allocates as much CDBG funding as possible to its 27 member communities, less program administration, housing rehabilitation, and public services.

Starting in 2015, the County began management of an annual funding cycle for CDBG funds to communities and applicants based on how well the proposed projects meet the priority needs and goals of this Comprehensive Plan. The communities are charged with identifying activities and assistance areas, based on citizen input informed by law and regulation, to address local needs and priorities that were consistent with the goals of the Consolidated Plan.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
LMI Census Tracts	

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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

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

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	30
Non-Homeless	25
Special-Needs	25
Total	80

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	50
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	82
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	132

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

The County received no applications for public housing activities in the 2016 program year.

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

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

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

The CMHA is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

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

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The County 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan addresses homeless and homelessness prevention in four separate priorities: #3 Fair Housing, #8 Permanent Supportive Housing, # 10 Supportive Services, and #12 Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing. This Plan implements these priorities by providing funding to the CoC for coordination of prevention and housing activities, as well as funding prevention, emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing. Projects that address these priority needs have been ranked accordingly. It should also be noted that homelessness is also addressed through the various housing, public housing and community development programs mentioned throughout this Annual Plan.

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

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

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

Providing human services to address the root causes of homelessness

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

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

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

Discussion

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

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

Introduction

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

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

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

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Introduction

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

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The County will continue to collaborate and partner with a wide network of housing and human service providers, to identify areas of need in the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County will foster affordable housing including, with rehabilitation programs and encourage enhancements of code enforcement in low-income neighborhoods.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The County will make sure complete lead risk assessments are done on all housing rehabilitation projects.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County will continue to offer services to families in poverty and support outside human service programs administered by community service providers.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

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

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

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Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

Discussion