



1st Public Information Meeting
October 5, 2015

Community Development – Program Year 2016

AGENDA

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Community Development Program Grants:
- ▶ HOME – Community Housing & Impact Preservation (CHIP)
 - ♦Eligible activities
 - ♦CHIP proposed timeline
- ▶ CDBG – Entitlement (Urban County Status)
 - ♦Consolidated Plan / Annual Action Plan
- ▶ Discussion of CDBG eligible activities and national objectives
- ▶ Census Data & Income Surveys
- ▶ CDBG 2016 Application and Rating System
- ▶ Application Timelines – 2016 and beyond
- ▶ Contact Info and Links

Community Development Programs

- ▶ Clermont County is eligible in 2016 to receive funding under the following grant programs:
- ▶ HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
 - Clermont County must apply through the Ohio Development Service Agency (ODSA) for the PY2016 Community Housing and Impact Preservation Program (CHIP)
 - CHIP is a competitive program and funding is not guaranteed
 - The county can apply for up to \$250,000.00 in HOME funds only
- ▶ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Entitlement (also known as urban county)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

▶ Eligible activities under HOME include:

<u>Eligible Project Categories with Respective Activities</u>	<u>Eligible Funding Source</u>
▶ Rehabilitation Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Owner Rehabilitation◦ Rental Rehabilitation	HOME , CDBG, and OHTF
▶ Repair Assistance (<i>capped at 30 percent of the total grant request</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Owner Home Repair◦ Rental Home Repair	CDBG and OHTF
▶ Homeownership Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Homeownership (Down Payment Assistance/Rehabilitation or Down Payment Assistance only)◦ New Construction with Habitat for Humanity	HOME only
▶ Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	HOME only
▶ <u>Administration Costs</u>	<u>Eligible Funding Source</u>
▶ Administration	HOME and CDBG
▶ Fair Housing	CDBG only

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

- ▶ All communities will be required to evaluate their housing needs and opportunities for collaboration prior to application submission. The housing needs evaluation requires having at least **one (1)** HAC meeting (Housing Advisory Committee).
- ▶ Prior to submitting the application, CHIP Program applicants are required to conduct two public hearings; one general public hearing regarding all Community Development Block Grant/HOME–funded programs the applicant administers; and one application-specific public hearing for each proposed program.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

▶ **CHIP application timelines:**

- HAC meeting – Late January/Early February 2016
 - Discussion of distress data, survey forms, eligible activities, recommendations
- 1st Public information meeting – October 5, 2015
 - Eligible Activities & program information
- 2nd Public information meeting – Early April 2016
 - Discussion of proposed activities for grant application
 - Board of Clermont County Commissioner approval & resolution

CHIP application due to the state – May 2, 2016

CDBG Entitlement

- ▶ Clermont County was notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it was eligible to participate in the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as an Entitlement County. This change in the county's status is due to a 2013 U.S. Census update showing Clermont County's population at over 200,000.
 - ▶ The FY2016 funding allocation for Clermont County will not be determined until early next year; the FY 2015 funding level was \$932,702.00. Funding reductions, if any, and the addition of new entitlement recipients will be determining factors.
 - ▶ Clermont County has adopted a consolidated plan to guide the program over a five year funding cycle (FY 2015-2019).
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CDBG Entitlement

Consolidated Plan Process

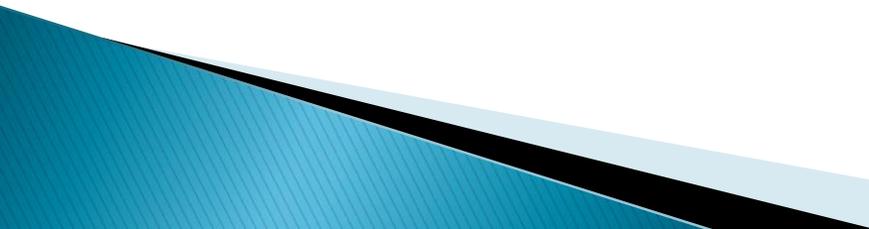
The Consolidated Plan describes the jurisdiction's community development priorities and multiyear goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions and available resources.

Consultation and Citizen Participation: Through the Consolidated Plan (often called the "Con Plan"), grantee jurisdictions engage the community, both in the process of developing and reviewing the proposed plan, and as partners and stakeholders in the implementation of CPD programs.

CDBG Entitlement

The Annual Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). In the CAPER, grantees report on accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the prior year.



CDBG Entitlement

- ▶ Project selections will be submitted to HUD in the form of the Annual Action Plan
 - ▶ Once projects are selected the Annual Action Plan will be developed and is subject to a 30 day comment period.
 - ▶ The Annual Action plan must be formally adopted by the Board of County Commissioners via a public hearing.
 - ▶ The plan must be submitted to HUD 45 days prior to the grant start date of July 1st.
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CDBG PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

- ▶ Development of viable urban communities, *principally for low/mod persons*, through:
 - Decent housing
 - Suitable living environment
 - Expanded economic opportunity

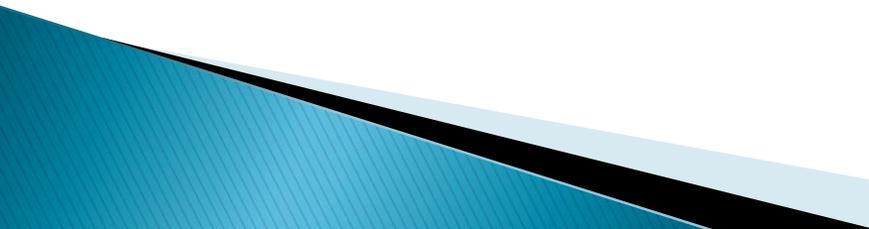
SELECTING CDBG ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Six key questions prior to funding activity
 1. Is it outlined in the approved Con Plan and Action Plan?
 2. Is the activity eligible?
 3. Is it ineligible?
 4. Will it meet a national objective?
 5. Will it help to meet the low/mod income targeting requirements?
 6. Will it comply with all “other federal requirements”?
- ▶ Answers critical to determine prior to assisting project

THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN

- ▶ Helps determine activities and organizations to fund
 - ▶ Components:
 - Lead agency description
 - Housing and homeless needs assessment
 - Housing market analysis
 - Strategic plan
 - One-year action plan
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THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN (cont)

- ▶ Citizen participation required
 - ▶ Con Plan/Action Plan reviewed and approved by HUD
 - Submitted to field office at least 45 days prior to start of program year
 - ▶ Amendments allowed
 - ▶ Annual performance reporting measured against Con Plan goals and activities
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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Wide variety possible
 - Housing & other real property activities
 - Economic development
 - Public facilities
 - Public services
 - CBDO activities
 - Planning and administration
 - Others

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES (cont.)

- ▶ For detailed descriptions and assistance in activity selection and meeting a National Objective, please visit the HUD website for an electronic copy of the Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities:
 - ▶ <http://bit.ly/1LObR9a>

▶ Links are available on the County website at <http://www.clermontcountyohio.biz/programs.aspx>

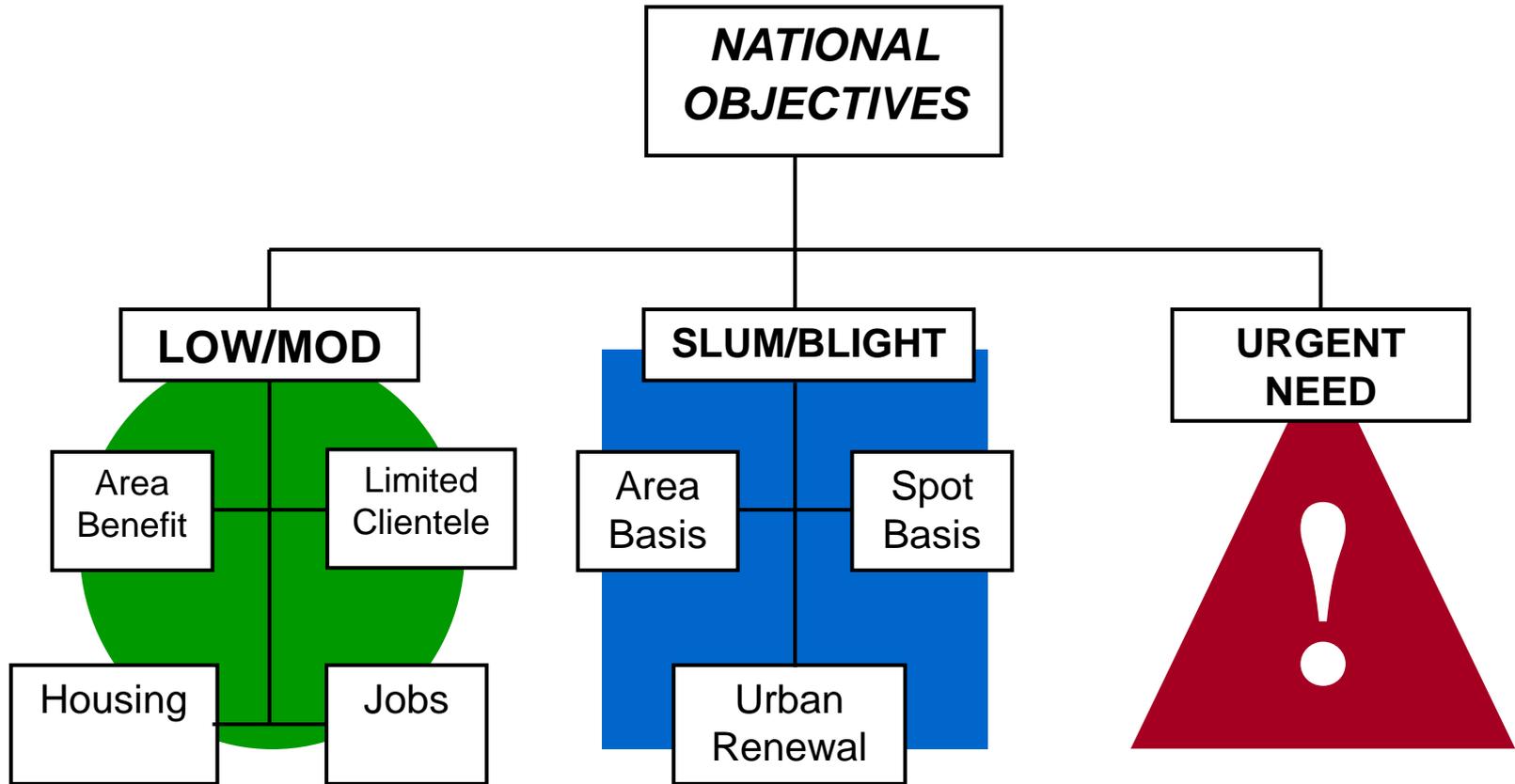
INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Regs expressly prohibit:
 - Buildings for conduct of government & general government expenses
 - Political activities
 - New housing construction (some exceptions)
 - Income payments
 - Purchase of equipment
 - Operating and maintenance expenses
- ▶ Some exceptions for ED and CBDO activities, interim assistance

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Reg cite §570.208, 570.480
- ▶ All CDBG activities must:
 - Benefit low/mod income persons
 - Prevent or eliminate slums and blight
OR
 - Meet an urgent need

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES



Urban renewal objective not for state program

SEE HANDOUTS

- ▶ A Summary of National Objectives and Eligible Expenditure Categories is included in the folder.

LOW/MOD BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

- ▶ Ties to primary objective of CDBG Program
- ▶ Requires that 70% of all CDBG expenditures benefit low/mod persons (i.e., meet LMI national objective)
 - Cumulative expenditures, not budgeted
 - Certification period of 1-3 years—grantee's choice
 - Section 108 is a CDBG expenditure
 - Planning/admin not included
- ▶ Reported in CAPER

OTHER FEDERAL REGULATIONS

- ▶ Myriad of other Federal regulations may apply to CDBG-funded activities
- ▶ List includes regulations about:
 - Fair housing and equal opportunity
 - Handicapped accessibility
 - Financial management
 - Environmental review
 - Lead paint hazard reduction
 - Relocation/acquisition and one-for-one replacement
 - Davis Bacon labor standards and related acts
 - Excluded parties (debarred/suspended)
 - Others, as applicable
- ▶ Refer to other regulations for applicability

CENSUS DATA

- ▶ Since the release of the most recent census updates, Clermont County has experienced a significant reduction in 51% or higher areas of Low/Moderate Income populations.
- ▶ See Census Map Handout Package:
 - Clermont County Map - LMI Designations by Tract & Block Group
 - 2014 LMI Summary Data for Ohio Census Tracts & Block Groups – Clermont County
 - 2014 LMI Summary Data for Clermont County – Eligible Census Tracts and Block Groups by township/village

Income Surveys

- ▶ Income Survey Handouts:
 - Confidential Income Survey
 - Income Survey Summary
 - Surveyor Agreement Form
 - HUD Requirements for conducting surveys CPD-14-013
 - CPD-14-11 HUD Transition Policy for LMI Income Summary Data Updates during Fiscal Year 2014
 - A list of records for income surveys that must be kept for HUD files and monitoring

CDBG APPLICATION 2016

Included in folder:

- ◆ 2016 CDBG Application
- ◆ Evaluation Criteria and Priority Needs & Objectives (based on Consolidated Plan)

Application Rating System

- ▶ Ratings will include alignment with the Consolidated Plan objectives and priority needs, and prior funding.

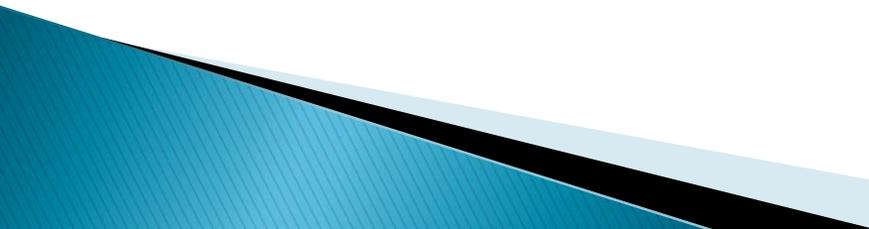
Application Rating System

Clermont County CDBG Evaluation Criteria – FY16			
Category (Max Points)	Description	Points	Score
Alignment with Objectives (45)	Enhance Econ. Dev. / Training Programs	10	
	Improve Public Facilities & Infrastructure	9	
	Increase Quality & Afford. of Owner Occupied Homes	8	
	Address Needs of Homeless & At-Risk Families	7	
	Increase Quality & Afford. of Rental Housing	6	
	Provide & Expand Public Services	5	
		Total Score	
Alignment with Priority Needs (30)**	Needs Met Ranked 1–5	5	
	Needs Met Ranked 6–10	3	
	Needs Met Ranked 11–19	2	
		Total Score	
Prior Funding (25)	Received No Funding Past 3 Years	25	
	Received Funding for Part of Multi-Phase Project	15	
	Received Funding	5	
		Total Score	
		GRAND TOTAL	0

2015–2019 Priority Needs	Rank
Economic Development	1
Fair Housing	2
Job Training Activities	3
Housing Rehabilitation	4
Transportation Services	5
Rental Housing Rehabilitation	6
Permanent Supportive Housing	7
Senior and Youth Facilities and Services	8
Supportive Services	9
Accessibility Improvements	10
Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing	11
Down Payment Assistance	12
Local and Regional Planning	13
Property Acquisition/Resale	14
Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities	15
Food Security	16
Demolition Clearance and Remediation	17
Code Enforcement	18
Lead Paint Remediation	19

2015–2019 Plan Objectives	Rank
Enhance Economic Development Activities and Provide Customized Training Opportunities to Residents	1
Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2
Increase Quality and Affordability of Owner Occupied Homes	3
Address the Needs of the Homeless and At-Risk Families	4
Increase Quality and Affordability of Rental Housing	5
Provide and Expand Public Services	6

CDBG APPLICATION 2016

- ▶ Some notes or changes to the 2016 application include:
 - ▶ No more than two (2) applications per applicant may be submitted
 - ▶ Be aware: Cost estimates should take into consideration that most project start dates would be 1 ½ to 2 years from time of this application
 - ▶ Provide a “projected” project schedule to the best of your knowledge
 - ▶ Describe the coordination effort and/or notification of adjoining jurisdictions/residents that may be impacted by this project. Include details of proposed detours (if applicable)
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APPLICATION TIMETABLE

- ▶ Deadline for receipt of applications to the Community and Economic Development Department is

Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 4:30 pm

- ▶ The Community and Economic Development Department will evaluate and rank the applications according to the established rating system.
- ▶ The Board of County Commissioners will hold a 2nd public hearing to discuss project selection approximately early March, 2016.

APPLICATION TIMETABLE (CONT.)

- ▶ 1st Public Information Date: Monday, October 5, 2015 at 1:00 pm
- ▶ Applications due to county: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 by 4:30 pm
- ▶ Informal session with BCC: Late January – Early February 2016
- ▶ (selection of projects)
- Develop Annual Action Plan February – March, 2016
- 30 day comment period for Annual Action Plan March – April, 2016
- ▶ 2nd Public Hearing Date: April, 2016
- ▶ (adoption of Annual Action Plan
- ▶ & projects)
- ▶ Submission of Annual Action Plan by 3rd week of May, 2016
- ▶ to HUD
- ▶ Grant Start Date: July 1, 2016
- ▶ *Funds are not available until after the acceptance of the Annual Action Plan by HUD and all Environmental Review work has been completed – it is anticipated funds to be available by late August – September, 2016

FUTURE APPLICATION TIMETABLE

- ▶ 1st Public Hearing / Information meeting: Early October 2016
- ▶ Applications due to county: First week of January, 2017
- ▶ Review of Projects Mid to late January, 2017
- ▶ Informal session with BCC:
(selection of projects) February 2017
- ▶ Preparation of Annual Action Plan February – March, 2017
- ▶ 30 day review period of Annual Action Plan March – April 2017
- ▶ 2nd Public Hearing (adoption of Annual
Action Plan by BCC) April 2017
- ▶ Submission of Annual Action Plan to HUD May 2017
- ▶ Grant Start Date: July 1, 2017

For more information contact

If your community would like more information or would like to schedule a meeting please contact:

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Resources and Links

- ▶ Applications and other information can be found on the Clermont County website:
- ▶ <http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/communityprograms.aspx>