

2023 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2023 Action Plan is based on awarded CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. If grant awards are increased or decreased, the County will make adjustments to these proportional adjustments in each grant category. For CDBG, these program categories are Community Projects; County Wide Programs; and Planning / Administration; for HOME Investment Partnership and ESG the categories are Programs / Projects and Administration. Hamilton County receives funding from HUD which is administered to 43 jurisdictions that participate in the HUD program.

Hamilton County presents the 2023 Annual Action Plan, which outlines the housing and community development needs and objectives for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Programs in the plan are funded through these three grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the 2023 Action Plan is based the four actual grant awards as listed below:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at \$3,405,167
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) at \$1,711,675
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) at \$295,937

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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All of the HUD grant programs address one or more of the following goals:

- Provide and Preserve Affordable Housing for Homeowners
- Provide Affordable Housing for Renters
- Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness
- Spur Economic Development
- Eliminate Slum and Blight

- Further Fair Housing
- Improve Public Facilities
- Improve Public Infrastructure
- Improve Quality of Life

Community Development Block Grant

The 2023 CDBG allocation is \$3,405,167 and program income is estimated at about \$71,639.15 for a total allocation of \$3,476,806.15.

Over 70% of the CDBG projects will benefit low to moderate income persons and areas, including 15% for public services. Overall, no more than 30% of the grant will be used for slum blight; no projects will result in relocation. Program income includes repayment for CEDAP project loans, repayment of two outstanding loans from the Harrison RLF that we took over from the City and a small number of home repair loans from 15+ years ago.

In 2023, CDBG funds will be allocated between community projects in the 43 local governments and county wide programs including the community economic development assistance program (CEDAP), mini-grants for planning projects and for services from nonprofit agencies through a competitive process as we did in years past. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will review and recommend awards for nonprofit services programs. The CEDAP Program applications will be reviewed by the CEDAP Advisory Committee made up of CDAC members and Alloy Development Co., Economic Development Committee. Recommendations are made to the County Administration.

HOME

The 2023 HOME grant award is \$1,711,675; no program income is anticipated. The majority of funds (about \$1.5 million) will be directed towards rental and homeownership housing development projects, including acquisition, new construction and/or rehab and down payment assistance. A “Request for Proposals” (RFP) will be published to solicit potential projects and programs for HOME funding. 15% of the funds may be set aside for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) projects as required by HUD. CDAC members also review and recommend HOME funding to the County

Emergency Solutions Grant

The ESG allocation for 2023 is \$295,937 with no program income.

All of these funds will be provided to Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) for administration and rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention programs. STEH serves as the Continuum of Care agency for the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County as required by HUD. City funds are allocated to shelter operations, homeless prevention programs and administration.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The Hamilton County Community Development division (HCCD) experienced turnover of the entire department in late 2021 and the Planning & Development Department spent late 2021 and most of 2022 hiring a new Community Development Administrator who in turn hired and trained four (4) new program managers to pick up and move projects, and request and process invoices for payment.

The new CD team were able to close out over 50 projects and distributed approximately \$6.7 million dollars to HUD participating communities and non-profit organizations throughout Hamilton County in 2022. In 2022, HUD also approved Hamilton County's request to change the Program Year from March 1st - February 28th to July 1st- June 30th to enable the County to better serve its participating jurisdictions.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The draft 2023 Annual Action Plan was written with the allocations given by HUD for the 2023 grant amounts and similar funding allocations. Hamilton County will hold public hearings on March 30, 2023, and May 11, 2023, to consider this proposed plan as well as projects and programs to be funded during the 2023 program year. The following communities Green Township, Deer Park, Cheviot, Norwood and Colerain Township, published public notices and allowed public comments prior to making requests for funding for the 2023 Action Plan. All these hearings and public participation fulfill the requirements of Hamilton County's Citizen Participation Plan. A draft 2023 Action Plan is available, both online and in our offices, for public review and comment between April 7, 2023, and May 11, 2023. Feedback will be added to this document prior to submission to HUD.

5. Summary of public comments

The Board of County Commissioners held two public hearings. The first public hearing for the 2023 Action Plan was held on March 30, 2023 and the second public hearing was held on May 11, 2023. Comments could also be received through the online survey. Hamilton County received the following two comments:

1. Comment received through the online survey: We need to loosen zoning restrictions so that more infill and medium density housing can be built throughout the county. More mixed used and single family only zones.

2. A comment was made at the public hearing #2 but did not pertain to the Action Plan.

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

All comments that were received were accepted.

7. Summary

Overall, the Action Plan appears to be meeting community needs.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	HAMILTON COUNTY	Planning and Development
HOME Administrator	HAMILTON COUNTY	Planning and Development
ESG Administrator	HAMILTON COUNTY	Planning and Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Comments and questions concerning Hamilton County's Consolidated Plan can be directed to the contact information listed below.

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

1. Introduction

To assess the needs that exist within Hamilton County and to complete the Consolidated Plan and thus our Action Plan, the Planning + Development Department consulted with a wide array of organizations including housing, homeless, social services, fair housing, elderly and disability agencies, as well as the local housing authority. Outreach was made to gather data, determine needs, and identify service gaps. The County continues to maintain and develop relationships with these organizations to aid in implementing portions of our Consolidated Plan and to coordinate services. In addition, the County will solicit applications to allocate 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for county-wide nonprofit services. The County will utilize the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to review and recommend services for funding. This committee was appointed by the Board of Commissioners and has representatives of participating jurisdictions as well as housing and community development professionals working in the County.

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

Hamilton County actively works to enhance coordination between housing providers and service agencies. The list below provides a description of the activities that are currently being undertaken:

- Hamilton County works with The Housing Network of Hamilton County, an organization that was established to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. The Housing Network works in conjunction with the Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services (HCDDS) to plan new types and locations of housing that meet the ongoing and future needs of people served by HCDDS. HCDDS provides referrals of people who wish to reside in Housing Network homes.
- The local Continuum of Care collaborative applicant, Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH), coordinates the efforts of organizations which provide services to the homeless and other special populations.
- County staff are active in the Homeless Clearinghouse with STEH, the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, as well as Affordable Housing Advocates. In total, over 60 agencies are represented in these organizations and provide vital feedback to the County on HUD funded programs and projects.

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 City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Homeless Clearinghouse (CoC Board) and Strategies to End Homelessness (CoC Collaborative Applicant) have consistently utilized the Consolidated Plan as the primary documentation of the strategies, planning, and services being used to address homelessness, particularly chronic homelessness, in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The Homeless Section of the Consolidated Plan has been developed for both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio as part of the local HUD Continuum of Care for the Homeless (CoC) program of the combined jurisdictions. Pursuant to HUD's guidance and the communities method of conducting planning and facilitating processes for homeless, the jurisdictions have standardized and identical elements within their Consolidated Plans, increasing coordination and reducing duplication of efforts. The Homeless Clearinghouse (CoC Board) oversees CoC planning and gaps analysis, coordinates project outcomes review, priority setting, funding allocation, and monitors elements of the Consolidated Plan. The Homeless Clearinghouse annually reviews program performance in relation to HUD outcome priorities and uses outcomes data to propose changes to the local CoC program prioritization process and presents these outcome performance measures to CoC membership. Such performance-based prioritization is accompanied by community input to select projects to be included in the annual CoC application. The Homeless Clearinghouse also oversees allocation and planning processes for ESG funds and the monitoring of ESG-funded program performance.

The local homeless services system is working to reduce homelessness by doing the following: 1) Offering comprehensive Homelessness Prevention/Shelter Diversion services, 2) Improving the services that are available to people who are currently homeless, 3) Developing and offering housing resources so that households can exit and not return to homelessness.

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

Hamilton County, as well as to fund a homelessness prevention program that STEH coordinates.

STEH facilitates the proportion of ESG funds that will be used for prevention and shelter. STEH then facilitates a community allocation process to distribute the shelter funds, and contracts with the individual service providers. Performance measures related to housing and income are included in the allocation process for shelter funding. STEH uses data collected in the Claritas HMIS system to determine a starting point allocation for each eligible provider. The starting point allocation divides the funding between shelters based on their number of bed nights and their outcomes related specifically to income and positive housing results. Each annual allocation uses prior calendar year data. In 2013, funds dedicated to the shelters were distributed amongst eight agencies (10 total programs) and spent on operational expenses including: rent, maintenance and repair, food, furnishings, supplies and other necessities of the shelter.

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

Attachment E – AP-10 Participation – Table 1 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	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?	Email and meetings
2	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Fair Housing Issues
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email and meetings
3	Agency/Group/Organization	St Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services / County-wide programs- CDBG
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email and meetings

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Freestore Foodbank
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email and meetings
5	Agency/Group/Organization	HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email and meetings; better planning and metrics for 2022 programs
6	Agency/Group/Organization	The Housing Network of Hamilton County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	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?	Emails and meetings

7	Agency/Group/Organization	ANDERSON TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
8	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF CHEVIOT OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
9	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF CLEVES, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
10	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF DEER PARK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
11	Agency/Group/Organization	DELHI TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
12	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF FOREST PARK, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
13	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF GLENDALE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
14	Agency/Group/Organization	GOLF MANOR
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
15	Agency/Group/Organization	GREENHILLS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation

16	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF HARRISON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
17	Agency/Group/Organization	HARRISON TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
18	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
19	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Madeira
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Miami Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
21	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF MT. HEALTHY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
22	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
23	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
24	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SHARONVILLE, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation

25	Agency/Group/Organization	SPRINGDALE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
26	Agency/Group/Organization	SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
27	Agency/Group/Organization	WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
28	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF WYOMING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Newtown
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
30	Agency/Group/Organization	WEST COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email and in-person consultation
31	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF ADDYSTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Amberley Village
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
33	Agency/Group/Organization	ARLINGTON HGTS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
34	Agency/Group/Organization	COLERAIN TOWNSHIP, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
35	Agency/Group/Organization	GREEN TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
36	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF LOVELAND
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
37	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ST. BERNARD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation

38	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SILVERTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Lydia's House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County-wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process, email consultation
40	Agency/Group/Organization	WORKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services -CDBG- County-wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process
41	Agency/Group/Organization	LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Mortgage Assistance, Foreclosure Prevention
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process

42	Agency/Group/Organization	COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
43	Agency/Group/Organization	CROSBY TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
44	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PLACE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
45	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF FAIRFAX
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
46	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
47	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Montgomery Ohio
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
48	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF NORTH BEND
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
49	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF READING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
50	Agency/Group/Organization	Sycamore Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation

51	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
52	Agency/Group/Organization	MORTAR Cincinnati
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- Workforce Development, Business Planning
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process
53	Agency/Group/Organization	Pro Seniors Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- Legal Services for Seniors to access government benefits
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County Wide Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process
54	Agency/Group/Organization	IKRON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Service- workforce development, life skills
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process

55	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Mariemont
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
56	Agency/Group/Organization	Symmes Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
57	Agency/Group/Organization	La Soupe
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- provide food for food-insecure families
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
58	Agency/Group/Organization	Pink Ribbon Girls
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- direct services (meals, ride to treatment, housecleaning), education, and support
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process

59	Agency/Group/Organization	Women Helping Women
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Service- support for direct and indirect victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process
60	Agency/Group/Organization	Cincy Smiles Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- oral health education, disease prevention, and treatment services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process

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

None

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	Strategies to End Homelessness	Housing and homelessness goals match.
Housing Our Future	LISC	Housing strategies are being implemented in community specific Housing Action Plans.

Table 2 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The 2022 Action Plan will include actions to implement portions of the County wide Housing Our Future Housing Strategy (Housing Our Future | LISC Greater Cincinnati), related community Housing Action Plans currently under development and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy at <https://hcdc.com/development/downloads-and-publications/> .

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

Hamilton County took a variety of approaches to broaden citizen participation (see Citizen Participation Plan in Appendix A). During the third year of the Community Development 3-Year Plan, local governments need only reaffirm projects that were part of the plan. If a local community changes a project scheduled for year three (2023) of the plan, the stage one, Community Level Assessment process, must be followed of the Citizen Participation Plan.

Two County-wide public hearings will be conducted to seek comments on both proposed/changed projects and the draft Action Plan. The Plan will also be made available for public comment for a 30-day period. The draft Action Plan will be emailed to a variety of county stakeholders, public notices published in the Cincinnati Enquirer and Herald newspapers, posted on the County website and an online survey initiated to solicit input to the Action Plan.

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	(5 of 43) jurisdictions held public meetings in their respective communities to obtain input on changes to potential projects.	(0 number of comments were received). A summary of all comments received is included in the appendix to the Action Plan.	All comments were accepted.	

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)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Two public hearings were held by Hamilton County Board of Commissioners on March 30, 2023 and May 11, 2023.	(1 of comments were received). A summary of all comments received is included in the appendix to the Action Plan.	All comments were accepted.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Public notices were posted in the newspaper notifying the public of public hearings and public comment period. A copy of the affidavit of publication is included in the appendix to the Action Plan.	N/A	N/A	
4	Emails to Stakeholders	Nonprofits, Local governments, Housing Developers, Affordable Housing Advocates	The County notified 83 non-profit organizations of the draft Action Plan Summary and Budget, link to the draft Action Plan document, link to the survey.	(0 of comments were received). A summary of all comments received is included in the appendix to the Action Plan.	All comments were accepted.	

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	Online survey	Non-targeted/broad community	16 responses were received	1 comment received	All comments were accepted	
6	Website	Non-targeted/broad community	The county posted all notices regarding the Action Plan including public hearings and comment period on the county's website. A copy of the draft Action Plan and Action Plan Summary and Budget was posted on the county's Commissioners webpage and the Community Development webpage.	No comments were received via this mode of outreach.	N/A	

Table 3 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The original Consolidated Plan and Action Plan assumed that HUD grants will be the same as 2022 grants and stipulated that any increases or decreases in grant amounts, proportional cuts, or additions will be made by grant category – for example: CDBG Admin / Planning; CDBG County Wide Programs; CDBG community projects; HOME admin and HOME programs / projects; ESG admin and programs. The estimated and actual grant amounts are listed below:

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	3,405,167	71,639	0	3,476,806	3,329,139	Includes actual grant amounts

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,711,675	0	0	1,711,675	1,692,687	Includes actual grant amounts
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	295,937	0	0	295,937	288,593	Includes actual grant amounts
Other	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 4 - 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

CDBG projects leverage funds from a variety of sources. Communities undertaking large capital improvement projects often receive State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funds and or Local Transportation Improvement Program funds (LTIP). The funds are awarded by the State of Ohio on a competitive basis. Some take advantage of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, which is a tax incentive program designed to increase the supply of quality, affordable rental housing by helping developers offset the costs of rental housing developments for individuals with low- to moderate-income. Additionally, some communities generate local funds through Tax Increment Financing (TIF). TIF is an economic development mechanism available to local governments in Ohio to finance public infrastructure improvements and, in certain circumstances, residential rehabilitation. A TIF works by locking in the taxable worth of real property at the value it holds at the time the authorizing legislation was approved. Payments derived from the increased assessed value of any improvement to real property beyond that amount are directed towards a separate fund to finance the construction of public infrastructure defined within the TIF legislation. Often, participating communities will contribute their capital improvement or general funds to a project to fill a gap. Additionally, the Community and Economic Development Assistance Program has leveraged funds for catalytic projects; the complexity and value of projects is expected to increase in the next 5 years.

All PJs must contribute or match no less than 25 cents for each dollar of HOME funds spent on affordable housing. As PJs draw funds from HOME Investment Trust Funds, they incur a match liability, which must be satisfied by the end of each federal fiscal year. The matching contribution adds to the resources available for HOME-assisted or HOME-eligible projects and must come in the form of a permanent contribution to affordable housing. Generally, investments from state or local governments or the private sector qualify as matching contributions, whereas federal funds (such as CDBG) do not qualify. Eligible sources of a match for HOME funds include: cash; donated construction materials or volunteer labor; value of donated land or real property; value of foregone interest, taxes, fees, or charges levied by public or private entities; investments in on-or offsite improvements; proceeds from bond financing; the cost of supportive services provided to families living in HOME units; and the cost of homebuyer counseling to families purchasing HOME-assisted units.

Matching funds for HOME Program activities are provided by volunteer labor in Habitat for Humanity projects. The volunteer labor generated annually more than covers HOME match requirements. Other possible sources of match include the value of labor, donated materials, equipment, and professional services donated to County CHDOs constructing or rehabbing affordable housing. Significant leverage comes from housing development programs, down payment assistance programs, and CHDO capacity building.

Match requirements for the ESG Program are met through donations from the business community or other private sources received by our Continuum of Care lead agency, Strategies to End Homelessness.

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

Each jurisdiction has separate plans, control of zoning, and land use development. Some communities have recently become active by buying parcels, assembling property for redevelopment, soliciting developers – one such example includes the community of Loveland and its acquisition of 501 Loveland Madeira Road. We anticipate that this assemblage will increase.

Housing Plans for five communities (Addyston, Cheviot, Deer Park, Norwood and Silverton) have just been completed and include an analysis of city/village/township owned properties. Three more plans are scheduled for 2023. Additionally, some communities have worked with the Hamilton County Landbank, a managed entity of The Port, to stabilize and preserve historical landmarks throughout Hamilton County for redevelopment and reuse. The County and Landbank have also worked to control vacant parcels such as those acquired by Lincoln Heights for new affordable single-family housing.

Discussion

The County will continue to build partnerships and lead efforts to maximize all public funds with creative financial leverage including HOME American Rescue Plan funds.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Eliminate Slum/Blight	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$170,000	Buildings Demolished: 6 Buildings
2	Fair Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing fair housing		Increasing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$75,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Households Assisted
3	Public Facility Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$271,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70000 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 28000 Households Assisted
4	Improve Quality of Life	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Increasing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$520,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1500 Persons Assisted Other: 15000 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$582,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 80000 Persons Assisted Other: 5 Other
6	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Increasing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$227,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1500 Household Housing Unit Other: 15000 Other
7	Provide Affordable Housing for Renters	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Increasing Affordable Housing	HOME: \$1,540,507	Rental units constructed: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit
8	Spur Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Spur Economic Development	CDBG: \$1,131,306	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 3 Business Businesses assisted: 6 Businesses Assisted
9	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless		Increasing Affordable Housing	ESG: \$295,937	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 300 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
10	Administration	2020	2024	Administration		Spur Economic Development Public Improvements and Infrastructure Increasing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$500,000 HOME: \$171,168	Other: 0 Other

Table 5 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Goal Description	Eliminate slum and blight throughout the County through Acquisition/Demo; Community and Economic Development Assistance Program (CEDAP), Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Programs, Section 108 Loan pool
2	Goal Name	Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Further fair housing through the Fair Housing Program with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.)
3	Goal Name	Public Facility Improvements
	Goal Description	Improve public facilities throughout the County as requested by participating jurisdictions. Frequently, funds are used for parks and senior centers, playgrounds, etc. Includes Grosbeck Strategic Plan Implementation.
4	Goal Name	Improve Quality of Life
	Goal Description	Improve Quality of Life through nonprofit public services throughout the County as well as Code Enforcement / Property Maintenance and funding to West College Hill Neighborhood Services

5	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Improve Public Infrastructure throughout the County as requested by participating jurisdictions. This could include streetscape improvements, street paving, ADA sidewalk installation, fire hydrant replacement, etc.
6	Goal Name	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners
	Goal Description	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners throughout the County through the Emergency Housing Repair Services and Single Family Housing Development (HOME)/Homebuyer Assistance Programs, Grants/Loans, Home Improvement Repair Programs. HOME funding amount for SF Housing Development to be finalized after issuance of RFP.
7	Goal Name	Provide Affordable Housing for Renters
	Goal Description	Provide Affordable Housing for renters and homeownership through housing rehabilitation and or new construction. Final funding will be determined after issuance of RFPs.
8	Goal Name	Spur Economic Development
	Goal Description	Spur Economic Development through the CEDAP Program, Mini-Grants, and Alloy (formerly HCDC) programs, the County's contractual agency for all economic development related activities, and their programs. Programs may include corridor development studies, small business loans, planning services, etc. Facade improvements for businesses included in this goal.
9	Goal Name	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness
	Goal Description	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness through STEH as well as Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing, ESG Administration programs. Related programs and outcomes under Provide Affordable Housing for Renters. They are not included here to avoid duplication in the outcomes totals.
10	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administration of CDBG, ESG, and HOME Investment Partnership grant funded projects and programs; includes internal staffing costs, training, monitoring, compliance, legal ads, technology, software, and related supportive services. Also includes external consultants for development projects, community specific housing action plans, mini-grants for planning projects and county wide housing assessments.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This Consolidated Plan includes a new focus on homeownership repair housing programs, including Lead testing, abatement and lead poisoning prevention and revolving loan program. Section 8 loan pool funds may be used for this purpose as well.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Acquisition and Demolition
3	Fair Housing
4	Public Facility Improvements
5	Public Infrastructure Improvements
6	Public Services
7	Homeowner Assistance Programs
8	Housing Development Projects and Programs
9	All HESG - ESG and ESG-CV Programs
10	Economic Development

Table 6 - Project Information

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

Allocations are made based on community needs. CDBG is equally split between community specific projects and county wide services. HOME funds are to preserve, rehabilitate, or create new affordable housing; allocation will depend on RFP applications. ESG funds are based on the Continuum of Care decisions.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Increasing Affordable Housing Public Improvements and Infrastructure Spur Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000 HOME: \$171,168
	Description	This includes Planning and Administration for CDBG and HOME grants, as well as housing action plans and mini-grants for planning projects in specific communities and county wide affordable housing assessment and action plan. HESG Administration funds are included in the project for all HESG funding.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	See other projects - no goal outcomes are included below to avoid double counting.
2	Project Name	Acquisition and Demolition
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Eliminate Slum/Blight Spur Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Spur Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$170,000
	Description	Projects to be determined based on priorities identified by communities and CEDAP program
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A

	Location Description	Addyston, Amberly Village, Lockland, and Reading have all requested A+D funding; additional projects may be added via the CEDAP competitive process.
	Planned Activities	Each community will identify projects in the coming months. All communities will work with the Port Authority for possible projects as well.
3	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Increasing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Services provided by Housing Opportunities Made Equal for landlord / tenant issues; paired testing for apartment rentals; training for realtors, local governments, landlords, etc.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 individuals to be served
	Location Description	Countywide
Planned Activities	Respond to complaints; provide mediation with LL and tenants; educate realtors and local government leaders	
4	Project Name	Public Facility Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$271,000
	Description	Public facility improvements in six participating communities, Amberley Village, Colerain Township, Green Township, Madeira, North College Hill, Whitewater Township
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated 70,000 people - at 2.5 avg persons per HH, estimate 28,000 HH
	Location Description	Amberley Village Colerain Township Green Township Madeira North College Hill Whitewater Township
	Planned Activities	Green Asbestos Abatement Tree Planting Senior Center Audio/Visual Meeting Room Upgrade McDonald's Park ADA Playscape Design Dumele Park Demo & Water Park Senior Center Drive and Parking Lot Reconstruction
5	Project Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$582,000
	Description	Public Infrastructure Improvements in nine participating communities, Anderson Township, Deer Park, Delhi Township, Lincoln Heights, North Bend, North College Hill, Norwood, Reading, Woodlawn
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80000 individuals - avg 2.5 people per HH – 32,000 HH

	Location Description	Anderson Township Deer Park Delhi Township Lincoln Heights North Bend North College Hill Norwood Reading Woodlawn
	Planned Activities	Replacement of ADA Ramps and Sidewalks Chamberlain Park Pathway Repavement Delhi Park ADA Pathway Paving Lincoln Heights Street Reconstruction Miami Ave Street Reconstruction Traffic Calming on Galbraith Rd Smith Rd ADA Reconstruction Reading Street Improvements Woodlawn Fire Hydrant Replacement
6	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$520,000
	Description	Services will be identified via RFP process for contracts July 1 to June 30 Also includes \$45K for senior services at West College Hill Neighborhood Services center
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD - estimate 15,000 to 25,000 HH
	Location Description	Countywide services in all participating jurisdictions
	Planned Activities	TBD

7	Project Name	Homeowner Assistance Programs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Increasing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$227,500
	Description	Includes Homeowner Improvement Repair Programs, Emergency Repairs for Homeowners, and Home Repair Loan / Grant programs
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4100
	Location Description	Colerain Township Forest Park Golf Manor Greenhills Springdale Silverton Countywide
Planned Activities	Emergency Home Repairs Home Improvement Repair Program Residential Property Owner Repair Homeowner Repair Program Home Repair RLF Homeowner Repair Program Home Improvement Repair Program	
8	Project Name	Housing Development Projects and Programs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeowners Provide Affordable Housing for Renters
	Needs Addressed	Increasing Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$1,540,508

	Description	HOME projects and programs to be determined by RFP - could include single family homes; rental housing development; senior housing; housing for people with disabilities; permanent supportive housing; etc.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD based on RFP process
	Location Description	TBD based on RFP process
	Planned Activities	TBD based on RFP process
9	Project Name	All HESG - ESG and ESG-CV Programs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Increasing Affordable Housing
	Funding	ESG: \$295,937
	Description	STEH, Inc. will serve Homeless Families and Reduce Homelessness with ESG funds. Budget includes administration. Rapid Rehousing - \$273,742.00; Administration - \$22,195.00
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300
	Location Description	TBD
	Planned Activities	Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention and Admin via CoC
10	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Spur Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Spur Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,131,306

Description	TBD via the Community and Economic Development Assistance Program. Eligible project types include business facade, business district streetscaping, mini grants for planning purposes, and economic development services.
Target Date	6/30/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
Location Description	Alloy (formerly known as HCDC) Colerain Township Mt. Healthy TBD based on RFP process
Planned Activities	Economic Development Services Business District Facades Business District Streetscaping Planning TBD based on RFP process

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

Based on community asks – plus competitive processes for RFPs such as nonprofit services, mini-grants, HOME, and CEDAP – future years may include more competitive funding programs.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Community Specific	50%
County Wide	50%

Table 7 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Each community can ask for funds and no allocation priorities are made by geography. Competitive funding for programs including mini-grants, affordable housing and community and economic development assistance programs determines the balance of spending. Geographically, funding is spread throughout the county.

The County will be working with each community to create housing plans and inclusion plans for each community and will give preference for projects in these communities.

Discussion

Communities with more need are prioritized for competitive funding in nonprofit services, mini-grants, and CEDAP awards. Communities range in size from 700 to 40,000 people and have varying degrees of staffing, budgets, etc.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

As housing costs continue to rise, the County will utilize HOME funding to develop safe, decent, affordable housing for low and moderate income households. HOME funds will primarily be utilized for the development of affordable housing for homeownership and affordable rental housing development. CDBG funds will be utilized for the rehabilitation of existing units.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	100
Non-Homeless	500
Special-Needs	25
Total	625

Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	25
Rehab of Existing Units	500
Acquisition of Existing Units	25
Total	550

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

Discussion

HOME funds will be provided via the RFP process to include homeowner rehab, new construction, and rehab of rental units; CDBG funds will help existing homeowners with repairs and foreclosure prevention.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Hamilton County will continue to partner with CMHA for addressing affordable housing needs throughout the County.

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

County will support competitive RAD projects through its HOME funding RFP cycle. Most recently, HOME funds have been awarded for the following projects: \$400,000 for single-family homes in Lockland and Springfield Township; \$300,000 for single-family homes in Lincoln Heights; \$500,000 for Pedretti Place apartments in Delhi Township; and \$100,000 for Victory Vistas PSH apartments in Cincinnati. The County will continue to award funds using Requests for Proposals and Community Development Advisory Committee recommendations to County Administration.

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

Support CMHA's homeownership and self-sufficiency fair held twice a year by promoting it on social media and with community leaders.

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

N/A

Discussion

The County continues to work with CMHA on strategic projects to address public housing needs throughout the county.

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

Introduction

Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) acts as the Unified Funding Agency for the Hamilton County Continuum of Care and is responsible for overseeing all homelessness activities across the region. The Coc is in the process of completing a strategic plan to set goals for the next year. Hamilton County participates in the Coc as a voting member.

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 2020- 2023 Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care (CoC) strategic plan outlines goals with related actions for reducing and ending homelessness, the result of that strategic plan was a set of goals that focus on increased partnership and looking inward to improve operations within the CoC including the following:

- Advocacy for federal, state, and local initiatives that reduce homelessness such as an affordable housing trust fund and secure stable housing for families.
- Increase ECV and HCV payment standards to increase the likelihood that families will secure

quality stable housing;

- Security of a dedicated source of funds for the Housing Trust Fund
 - Strengthen the CoC's operations
- Research and share best practices for CoCs and agencies;
- Implement policies that empower working groups to give more decision-making authority.
 - Engage Landlords to increase and retain affordable housing and remove barriers
- Improvement of landlord recruitment through community engagement and incentive programs;
- Early and frequent advocacy with landlords to prevent evictions;
- Implementation of specialized systems to engage landlords such as Padmission;
 - Coordinated Entry Refinement as an effort to capture homeless population reflective of County
- Expansion of Progressive Engagement Program to increase RRH resources for higher barrier citizens;
- Replacement/Updating the Homeless Screening Tool (VI-SPDAT) to further capture most vulnerable citizens facing or experiencing homelessness;
- Conduct Focus Groups with persons with lived experience to identify areas of improvement;
- Ensure racial equity and highlight voices of persons with lived experience through workgroups and panels
 - Increase supportive services
- Dedicated funds to leverage Aftercare programs;
- Streamline partnerships in the community for linkages to ongoing Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, Transportation, and/or Emergency Assistance Services;
- Increase Peer Support across the system with engagement from persons with lived experience;

Strategies to End Homelessness coordinates street outreach efforts with community partners that employ trained social workers to provide case management to homeless persons in our community. Social workers reach out directly and build crucial relationships with people experiencing homelessness

to assist them in finding resources and shelter. Local street outreach partners include:

- GeneroCITY513, through Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health and 3CDC
- PATH Team, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health
- Community Outreach Division, Cincinnati VA Medical Center
- Street Outreach Team, Lighthouse Youth & Family Services

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Homeless transition efforts start with utilization of emergency shelters: Over the past 10 years, the number of shelters has decreased and the services at each shelter have increased. They now include:

Lighthouse Youth & Family Services Sheakley Center for Youth - Young Adult Shelter

Talbert House-Substance Abuse Treatment Facility

City Gospel Mission - Men's Faith-Based Shelter

Shelterhouse: Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women - Women-Only Shelter

Shelterhouse: David and Rebecca Barron Center for Men -Safe & Step-Up Shelter for Men

Bethany House: Family Shelter

Upgrades to the community's shelter facilities and services include:

Improved shelter facilities, which encourage people to come in off the streets at night; plus, the improved shelters no longer turn residents back to the streets during the day;

Daytime services, which include drug and alcohol treatment, mental and medical health services, and job search and placement;

Higher quality and increased case management services to help residents navigate complex systems effectively, and receive the assistance they need to exit homelessness;

Step-up model, which incentivizes residents to engage in the services that will assist them out of homelessness.

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

Beyond the emergency shelter system is a three-pronged approach to reducing the period of time persons experience homelessness and ensuring they find permanent housing solutions via Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing offerings:

- Rapid Rehousing utilizes a housing first approach to move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing as quickly as possible.
- Permanent supportive housing combines services and housing to support persons with serious mental illness or other disabilities that need professional care, advocacy and assistance to find stability.
- Transitional Housing are those programs, through the Continuum of Care, that facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing via short or medium term assistance lasting from one month to two years.

In addition to the three-pronged approach, adoption of the Progressive Engagement Rapid Rehousing model has been implemented to serve high barrier clients quickly to reach stabilization. The program methodically reduces the length of time high barrier, chronically homeless individuals experience living in spaces not meant for human habitation or shelter.

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 Center for Respite Care assists persons coming from health care facilities who need shelter.
- There is an inadequate supply of recovery housing for persons dealing with addiction.
- The Office of ReEntry provides supportive services for anyone with a criminal background, but housing remains the largest need.
- CMHA has received Housing Choice Vouchers and HUD-VASH recipients who may be coming from mental health and/or health care facilities

Discussion

The County will continue to partner with outside agencies and seek additional funding to meet these needs.

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

Introduction:

Many of the barriers to affordable housing are also barriers to fair housing and have been studied in several housing and development studies in the past three year including 2017 Affordability Study, 100% Housing report, 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (available at this link: <https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=15912327>)

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

Establish a city and a county affordable housing trust fund(s)Cities and regions across the country are pledging millions of dollars to create and maintain affordable housing in places where the market is no longer adequately keeping up with demand. This need is heightened as private market property owners are able to command higher rents in strengthening real estate markets, and because as properties age and are not maintained, they are no longer livable and are being demolished. Furthermore, wages are not keeping up with the cost of living. Hamilton County has very high rates of people living in poverty as well. The scale of this problem demands that significant resources be dedicated to this purpose.

Support catalytic economic and community development investments in north central Hamilton County The communities in north central Hamilton County (in both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County) have affordable housing, both rental and ownership, and they have social networks that have included Black families and immigrant and refugee families for decades. These are mostly small political jurisdictions that have a difficult time generating the funds necessary for catalytic economic and community development projects. The region needs to support these communities and provide resources for the kinds of projects that can improve the trajectory of these places, so they stay welcoming communities of choice.

Support regional and community-based organizations that create and support affordable housing Regional development organizations like the Port, the Hamilton County Landbank, Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC), Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, Habitat for Humanity Greater Cincinnati, Volunteers of America, Working in Neighborhoods, the Housing Network of Hamilton County, and the myriad of private and non-profit agencies working to provide stable, supportive affordable housing options should be supported to maximize production. Community-based community development corporations (CDCs) and other kinds of community and housing organizations play an important role in comprehensive community development. They provide and maintain affordable housing, engage residents, are accountable to them, and help create positive local change. When these organizations are well staffed and properly resourced, they can accomplish great

things in the communities where they work. We do not necessarily need to create more CDCs, but we need to support those that are doing good work and encourage them to work in more communities.

Support agencies which protect vulnerable households There is an existing network of organizations that support vulnerable protected class household, including the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), Community Action Agency (CAA), Freestore Foodbank, Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, Talbert House, Strategies to End Homelessness, Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, Lighthouse Youth Services, St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, and many others. While the right long-term solution to issues these organizations work on is that all households should have the resources and the capacity to support themselves, we are a long way from that today. These organizations need to be adequately resourced to follow their missions, and then held accountable for agreed upon outcomes.

Discussion:

ACTIONS NEEDED TO CHANGE OUR SYSTEMS:

Expand public transportation

Access to public transportation is poor in many communities because service is limited, routes are not well designed, and location stops are restricted. Access to reliable public transportation needs to be extended throughout Hamilton County and to employment and other opportunities throughout the region.

Create more lending products that work for protected class households

Access to capital for mortgages and home improvement loans remains a challenge for protected class households. The housing crisis and the following tightening of credit standards has only made an already difficult situation worse. Banks are often unwilling to lend smaller mortgage amounts or make loans for purchase and rehabilitation. These issues, along with racial disparities, as evidenced by Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data, and people with poor credit histories, all conspire to limit access to capital in communities that would be great options.

Improve housing crisis response

Being evicted, unable to find housing you can afford or becoming homeless are among the most traumatic, chaotic, stressful, destabilizing situations a household can endure. The current network of help lines, support services, and intake systems designed to support these most vulnerable households are tremendously overburdened, in part due to the lack of affordable housing units. During focus group meetings, vulnerable households reported feeling abandoned by the systems that are designed to help them at this critical “intake” moment. There needs to be a better way to humanize this process and

provide a more effective response to households in crisis.

Engage in active, consistent professional code enforcement

Poor property conditions are a huge problem for protected class households, especially in rental and owner-occupied units. Lack of access to capital, as described above, is part of the problem. Unscrupulous property management practices by large Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), who now own significant numbers of multi-family and single-family homes in the region, is another. Active, consistent, professional code enforcement is a critical part of what it takes to manage these kinds of units. In small political jurisdictions, this function is often a part-time position. In bigger cities, competing interests often limit resources. Good code enforcement is the only protection many protected class households have to ensure their units are safe and healthy.

Change zoning codes to open new areas to protected class households

Zoning codes and land use decisions often constrain housing choices in communities. Many of these codes and plans have been in place, and unchanged, for decades. Restrictive single-family zoning districts, large lot size requirements, onerous planned unit development regulations, and hearing processes often constrain housing variety in a place.

Jurisdictions in the County with these kinds of restrictive codes should be encouraged to eliminate restrictive provisions and seek to expand options for their residents and be more welcoming to new residents. Elected and appointed officials should be supporting expanded housing options throughout Hamilton County and supporting organizations and jurisdictions that pursue them.

Discussion

These goals and recommendations will be measured and re-evaluated to remain organic as strategies and programs are tested, revised, refined, and shared. The progress will be measured in annual Action Plans and CAPERs as well as public meetings, reports, and complimentary planning efforts.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Community Development works with outside agencies, internal County divisions and departments and other government officials on many needs listed below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The County will continue to invest funds strategically to make the most impact in the community with priority given to projects that leverage of HOME and CDBG funds.

The County will seek other funding and will assist stakeholder partners to do so as well.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Community Wide Housing Strategy was implemented in 2022; housing plans have been created for 6 local government as requested. The HOME RFP for affordable housing projects will continue to be improved. County staff will continue engagement with the Greater Cincinnati Affordable Housing Advocates and the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

CDBG funds will be used as matching funds for the Lead Pollution Control Grant with Hamilton County Public Health. Community Development will reach out to communities to expend those funds and any other grant funds.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Hamilton County developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to administer the \$5.4 million from HUD to address housing assistance needs and supportive services primarily to serve qualifying populations in the county. The funds will be awarded through an RFP process in the coming months.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

In the past few years CHDO operating support was provided for a new CHDO, Lydia's House. A contract was signed in December for 2021 support of \$50,000 for technical assistance and long-term planning.

Currently, the Homesteading & Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC) has applied to become a CHDO and staff is working on assisting them. Through partnerships with a variety of federal and state agencies, the HURC provides communities with property acquisition assistance to confront some of the most pervasive problems facing disinvested communities, including vacancy and blight. The HURC is the regional contact for National Community Stabilization Trust, which facilitates access to national lenders

working to resolve complex issues facing communities with foreclosed properties.

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

The community wide “Housing Our Future” housing strategy was released in June 2022 with monthly webinars on specific subjects. County HOME funds were used to develop housing action plans for six communities, including Cheviot, Silverton, Deer Park, Addyston, Springfield Township and Norwood. The County will conduct 3 more plans with Forest Park, Lincoln Heights and Golf Manor this coming year.

During 2020, County staff developed new relationships with nonprofits throughout the County that were funded with general CARES funds. This translated into more and new nonprofit organizations applying for CDBG funds through our Nonprofit Services RFP in 2022. In 2023, our staff is engaging current and prospective nonprofit grant recipients through frequent office hours and learning opportunities.

Discussion:

County staff and leadership will be defining specific goals, action steps and pilot programs for 2023 and beyond. This will include input and feedback from current and new partners and stakeholders. It is assumed that multi-year goals and programs will continue to be created, tested, measured, tweaked, changed, improved, and grown to ensure the best outcomes.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The FY 2023 Action Plan and Budget includes a CDBG budget of \$3,405,167 in Entitlement funds and approximately \$71,639 anticipated in Program Income.

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	71,639
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:	71,639

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.	85.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

All activities are as listed in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The County utilizes the prorated reduction method of recapturing HOME funds for all assistance to homebuyers as required in 24 CFR § 92.254(a)(5). Depending on the length of the period of affordability, a percentage of the assistance is forgiven each year until there is no balance remaining. As an example, assistance provided requiring a 5-year period of affordability would be forgiven at a rate of 20% per year. If a home is sold prior to the end of the original homebuyers' affordability period, the County recaptures the appropriate portion of HOME funds from the homebuyer and reports it as program income.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Hamilton County will use the HOME Program guidelines as a minimum in determining the period of affordability for NSP funds. Funding provided per rental or homeownership unit <\$15,000 will have a 5-year period of affordability, funding provided between \$15,000 and \$40,000 per unit will have a 10-year period of affordability, and funding >\$40,000 per unit will have a 15-year period of affordability.

New construction rental projects will have a 20-year period of affordability, regardless of amount of subsidy, as required by the HOME regulations.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Hamilton County will not use HOME funds for this purpose.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Strategies to End Homelessness (CoC lead) administers the County's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. In order for Strategies to End Homelessness to receive ESG funds, the County

requires that any agencies receiving ESG funds be monitored and in compliance with the Emergency Shelter Grant Program regulations. Staff at Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) must monitor all agencies annually for compliance. Hamilton County's ESG Policies and Procedures are attached for reference.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Cincinnati and Hamilton County utilize a Central Access Point (CAP). CAP currently screens and schedules intakes for the four family shelters, a shelter for 18 to 24 year old individuals, a single men's shelter, and a transitional housing program for single men with substance abuse issues. CAP also refers to a Shelter Diversion program, a case management program, to help individuals avoid entering shelter. Everyone who calls CAP is screened in the same manner to determine which program is best suited the caller's needs. The caller is finally referred to the appropriate program and contacts the agency directly to complete their intake.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Annually, Strategies to End Homelessness prepares an Emergency Solutions Grant application for funding. The application is sent via email to the prior year's providers and posted on the STEH website for any other applicants interested in applying. Agencies with interest in applying must be active in the community's HMIS, VESTA and have the prior year data available before the allocation process begins. The Emergency Solutions Grant allocation process is an inclusive process of the ESG provider network. Providers gather annually to review the needs within the community and to allocate funds.

As defined in the CoC's Governance Charter, membership is determined by fully participating in the most recent Large Group Scoring Process. The Large Group Scoring Process took place in July 2014 by the Homeless Clearinghouse. All nonprofits participating in the 2014 CoC Competition to submit some basic program information to be made available to all Large Group scoring attendees in advance of the Large Group Scoring event. This information was submitted by each of the programs up for renewal, categorized by program type, and was shared in advance of the Large Group Scoring Event. The programs addressed one of the following four needs:

- Permanent Supportive Housing Programs
- Rapid Re-Housing Programs
- Services Only Programs
- Transitional Housing Programs

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

24 CFR 576.405(a) requires the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policy-making entity of the recipient. CoC membership currently fulfills this requirement.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

STEH meets the homeless participation requirement outlined in 24 CFR 576.405(a). All sub-recipients are in compliance and have at least one board member representing the homeless or formerly homeless.

Performance measures are included in the allocation process for Emergency Solutions Grant funding. STEH uses data collected in VESTA to determine a starting point allocation for each eligible provider. The starting point allocation divides the funding based on outcomes related specifically to increased income and positive housing results. A full year's data is used from the prior operating year.

2023 Annual Action Plan

Hamilton County, Ohio

April 11, 2023



Hamilton County 2023 Annual Action Plan

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2023 Annual Action Plan by Grant, Community and Programs & Activities

CDBG Community Specific Programs

CDBG

CDBG Community Specific Programs		
Community	Project/Program	Amount
Addyston	Acquisition and Demolition	\$ 25,000
Amberley Village	Amberley Green Asbestos Abatement	\$ 22,000
Amberley Village	Amberley Green Demolition?	\$ 51,000
Anderson Township	Replacement of ADA Ramps and Sidewalks	\$ 195,000
Colerain Township	Emergency Home Repairs	\$ 10,000
Colerain Township	Façade Improvement Program	\$ 55,000
Colerain Township	Playground Replacement	\$ 73,000
Deer Park	Chamberlin Park Pathway Repavement	\$ 82,000
Delhi Township	Delhi Park ADA Pathway Paving	\$ 40,000
Forest Park	Home Improvement Repair Program	\$ 7,500
Golf Manor	Residential Property Owner Repair	\$ 15,000
Greenhills	Homeowner Repair Program	\$ 15,000
Green Township	Senior Center Audio/Visual Meeting Room Upgrade	\$ 15,000
Lincoln Heights	Street Reconstruction	\$ 60,000
Lockland	Acquisition and Demolition	\$ 32,000
Madeira	McDonald's Park ADA Playscape Design	\$ 48,000
Mt. Healthy	Business District Façade Grants	\$ 25,000
Mt. Healthy	Business District Streetscaping	\$ 65,000
North Bend	Miami Ave Street Reconstruction	\$ 10,000
North College Hill	Traffic Calming on Galbraith Road	\$ 50,000
North College Hill	Dumele Park Demo & Water Park	\$ 55,000
Norwood	Smith Rd ADA Reconstruction Phase II	\$ 75,000
Reading	Acquisition and Demolition	\$ 62,000
Reading	Street Improvements	\$ 61,000
Silverton	Homeowner Repair RLF	\$ 20,000
Springdale	Homeowner Repair Program	\$ 10,000
White Water Township	Senior Center Drive and Parking Lot Reconstruction	\$ 58,000
Woodlawn	Fire Hydrant Peplacement	\$ 9,000
Total Community Specific Projects & Programs		\$ 1,245,500

CDBG Total Community Wide Programs

Agency	Project/Program	Amount
Alloy	Economic Development Services	\$ 50,000
Housing Opp Made Equal	Fair Housing Services	\$ 75,000
To Be Determined	Mini-Grants for Planning	\$ 100,000
To Be Determined	Nonprofit Services	\$ 475,000
West College Hill Neighborhood Services	WCHNS	\$ 45,000
To Be Determined	Homeowner Housing Programs	\$ 150,000
To Be Determined	Community and Economic Development Assistance Program (CEDAP)	\$ 836,306
To Be Determined	Section 108 Loan Pool	\$ -
Total Community Wide Programs		\$ 1,731,306
Planning + Development	Planning + Administration	\$ 500,000
Total CDBG		\$ 3,476,806

HOME

Agency	Project/Program	Amount
Planning + Development	Administration	\$ 171,167
TBD	CHDO	\$ 256,752
To Be Determined	Housing Development Projects & Programs	\$ 1,283,756
Total HOME Projects & Programs		\$ 1,711,675

ESG

Agency	Project/Program	Amount
Strategies to End Homelessness	Rapid Rehousing Program + Homeless Prevention	\$ 273,742
Strategies to End Homelessness	Administration	\$ 22,195
Total ESG Projects & Programs		\$ 295,937

Hamilton County and City of Cincinnati 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

In 2019, County and City staff worked together to solicit and hire an outside consulting firm to conduct this analysis. Xavier University's Community Building Institute met with community stakeholders, analyzed data and made recommendations for improvements to further fair housing. The recommendations are broken into two areas: RESOURCES NEEDED and SYSTEMATIC CHANGES NEEDED as outlined below. Each section below includes progress made in 2020, 2021, and 2022, as well as Plans for 2023.

RESOURCES NEEDED TO MAKE A MEASUREABLE DIFFERENCE

Establish a city and a county affordable housing trust fund(s)

Cities and regions across the country are pledging millions of dollars to create and maintain affordable housing in places where the market is no longer adequately keeping up with demand. This need is heightened because federal funds for this purpose are declining significantly and because private market property owners are able to command higher rents in strengthening real estate markets, and because as properties age and are not maintained, they are no longer livable and are being demolished. The scale of this problem demands that significant resources be dedicated to this purpose.

Over the next several years both the City and the County should be aspiring to make up to \$10 million available annually until the need is reduced.

- **2020 Progress:** A Housing Trust Fund was established in 2019 for the City of Cincinnati, but no funding source has been identified. Petitions are being circulated to collect enough signatures to put this on the November 2021 ballot. Historically, County HOME funds were used primarily for tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) programs until 2016. Since then, County HOME funds have been awarded to create 524 units of affordable housing with \$5.4 million leveraging \$112 million in investments.
- **2021 Progress:** Local Charter Amendment that would require the City to make an annual contribution to the affordable housing trust fund of \$50 million was defeated on the ballot for initiatives for the City of Cincinnati. It had almost 3 quarters of the votes in opposition. Resources for funding are still in progress.
- **2022 Progress:** In 2022 The Housing our Future Collaborative was successful in securing \$8.53 million in grant funding for the City of Cincinnati Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Funding sources for the grant include \$7.78 million in City funds and \$750 thousand from Elm and Liberty (developer donation).
- **2023 Plans:** The Cincy Action for Housing Now is mobilizing to pass a November 2023 ballot measure that would require City of Cincinnati to levy a 0.3% earnings tax increase to generate between \$40 - \$50 million annually toward affordable housing. The funds would go into the

Affordable Housing Trust, created in 2018. looking for additional funding for affordable housing trust fund.

Support catalytic economic and community development investments in north central Hamilton County

The communities in north central Hamilton County (in both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County) have affordable housing, both rental and ownership, and they have social networks that have included Black families and immigrant and refugee families for decades. These are mostly small political jurisdictions that have a difficult time generating the funds necessary for catalytic economic and community development projects. The region needs to support these communities and provide resources for the kinds of projects that can improve the trajectory of these places so they stay welcoming communities of choice.

- **2020 Progress:** “Housing Our Future” housing strategy outlined suggestions and County HOME funds are being used to develop Housing Action Plans for six communities to identify and create these investments.
- **2021 Progress:** The “Housing Our Future” Plan is being taken to the RPC for adoption by the County. Housing Action Plans have thus far been developed for five communities to analyze and identify opportunities in their housing systems.
- **2022 Progress:** The Housing Action Plan program generated plans for three more communities: Lincoln Heights, Golf Manor and Forest Park.
- **2023 Plans:** Hamilton County will work with LISC to provide technical support for the County and participating communities with implementation of the Housing Action Plans. Additionally, LISC will reach out to at least two additional communities to develop Housing Action Plans.

Support regional and community-based organizations that create and support affordable housing

Regional development organizations like the Port, the Hamilton County Landbank, Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC), Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, Habitat for Humanity Greater Cincinnati, Volunteers of America, Working in Neighborhoods, the Housing Network of Hamilton County, and the myriad of private and non-profit agencies working to provide stable, supportive affordable housing options should be supported to maximize production.

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- **2020 Progress:** Given the global pandemic and changes it brought in 2020, progress was stalled in this area. County staff will be working with these and other partners to brainstorm and test

new programs.

- **2021 Progress:** The county took requests for proposals and will award \$1 million in general funds and \$500,000 in HOME funds for future affordable housing projects. Five affordable housing proposals within the County were awarded funds during 2021.
- **2022 Progress:** In 2021 the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) completed Housing Action Plans for Addyston, Cheviot, Silverton, Deer Park, and Norwood. In 2022 LISC completed three additional Housing Action Plans which included, Lincoln Heights, Golf Manor and Forest Park in 2022.
- **2023 Plans:** Hamilton County Community Development has amended its contract with LISC to include the provision of technical support for the County and participating communities with implementation of the Housing Action Plans. Community Development will be meeting with LISC and the participating communities in the Spring of 2023 to identify priorities and action steps towards achieving goals. Under the new amendment LISC will also reach out to at least two additional communities to develop Housing Action Plans.

Support agencies which protect vulnerable households

There is an existing network of organizations that support vulnerable protected class household, including the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), Community Action Agency (CAA), Freestore Foodbank, Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, Talbert House, Strategies to End Homelessness, Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, Lighthouse Youth Services, St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, and many others. While the right long-term solution to issues these organizations work on is that all households should have the resources and the capacity to support themselves, we are a long way from that today. These organizations need to be adequately resourced to follow their missions, and then held accountable for agreed upon outcomes.

- **2020 Progress:** CARES funding provided over \$25 million in support for these and other agencies to assist homeowners, renters, small businesses, etc. During this year, the need for stronger partnerships, centralized data sharing, and technical assistance was quite apparent.
- **2021 Progress:** County staff is working with the National Community Development Association and HUD to allow for capacity building training, especially for nonprofit with people of color in leadership positions to be exempt from the planning and administration cap of the CDBG program. Locally, the Greater Cincinnati United Way has also volunteered to assist in this effort.
- **2021 Progress:** Community Development worked with local organizations to provide protection of vulnerable households. Providing CDBGs to help capacity building in smaller organizations that provide vital services is the vulnerable population throughout Hamilton County.
- **2022 Progress:** Community Development allocated \$450,000 in CDBG funds for eligible public services from agencies that serve vulnerable populations. These organizations have provided services for legal aid, food access, pharmaceutical access, kinship, and workforce development. Community Development has also dedicated a program manager to serve as a liaison and point of contact for increased engagement and support for nonprofit organizations, specifically those

who provide support to vulnerable households.

- **2023 Plans:** Inclusion of small capacity organizations in the nonprofit RFP that are directly centered in public services within high poverty populations throughout our participating jurisdictions. Expansion of CDBG eligible public services to expand reach to vulnerable populations, approximately 15 eligible public services.

ACTIONS NEEDED TO CHANGE OUR SYSTEMS:

Expand public transportation

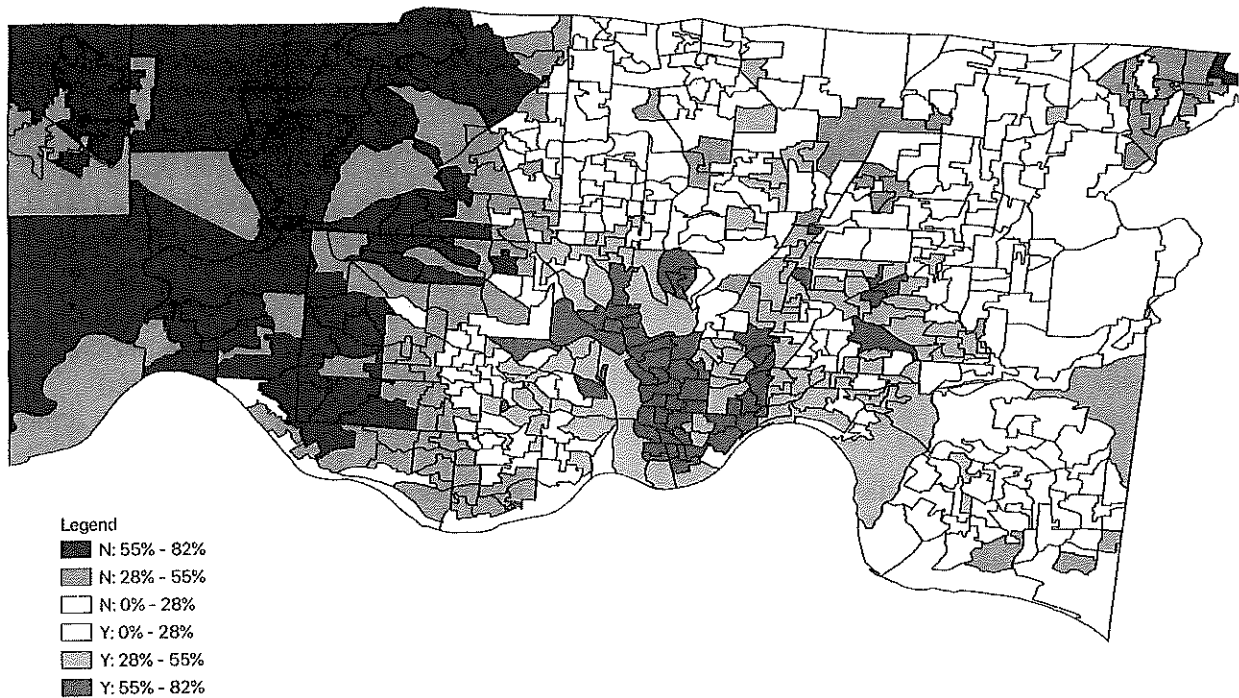
Much of Hamilton County remains off limits to protected class households who need public transportation. Access to public transportation is poor in many communities because service is limited, routes are not well designed, and location stops are restricted.

Access to reliable public transportation needs to be extended throughout Hamilton County and to employment and other opportunities throughout the region.

- **2020 Progress:** In April 2020, Hamilton County residents passed a new funding mechanism to expand the public transportation system and upgrade current routes, vehicles, and related infrastructure to improve access for many communities. A map of the election results follows:



**Issue 7 Performance Map
Hamilton County 2020 Primary**



- **2021 Progress:** 513 Relief Bus, the Hamilton County Equity and Resources Mobile Tech Bus, has reached over 50 destination stops and provides resources directly to those who need it most. It

provides social services as well as access to COVID-19 vaccines within the County. In May, Phase One of the Reinventing Metro plan began, involving service improvements on 10 routes, earlier and later hours of operation, and seven will now run 24 hours a day. The City of Springdale is improving two bus shelters, one on Kemper and the other on Springfield Pike with the help of CDBG funds.

- **2022 Progress:** Colerain Township was awarded Community and Economic Development Assistance Program (CEDAP) funding for their Groesbeck Streetscape project, which will reduce traffic causing access points, support local businesses, and improve safety and aesthetics of this critical corridor. SORTA/METRO conducted detailed technical analyses of each of the four corridors considered for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). These considered each corridor's ability to:
 - Attract riders and increase mode share
 - Improve transit speed and reliability
 - Enhance transportation network connectivity
 - Provide equitable access to frequent services
 - Support the installation and operation of BRT infrastructure (smart traffic signals, BRT stations, designated travel lanes, etc.)
 - Support economic development opportunities

- **2023 Plans:** Continue efforts to expand public transportation network to improve access to jobs.

Create more lending products that work for protected class households

Access to capital for mortgages and home improvement loans remains a challenge for protected class households. Access to good, affordable home ownership opportunities is often limited because people cannot get appropriate loan products. The housing crisis and the following tightening of credit standards has only made an already difficult situation worse.

There are thousands of single-family homes in Hamilton County available for sale for under \$100,000. This could translate into monthly housing expenses of under \$800 a month and provide very affordable options for people.

Banks are often unwilling to lend smaller mortgage amounts or make loans for purchase and rehabilitation. These issues, along with racial disparities, as evidenced by Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data, and people with poor credit histories, all conspire to limit access to capital in communities that would be great options.

- **2021 Progress:** A \$5 million mortgage and relief program in CARES funding was launched in October by the Hamilton County Commissioner's Office to help relieve financial burdens which is essential after the COVID-19 impacts on housing. The County has reached out to real estate agents and lenders to develop new products such as a down payment assistance program.

- **2022 Progress:** The County's Home Improvement Program (HIP) provided loans to homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes at interest

rates 3% below the lowest rate a bank would normally offer.

- **2023 Plans:** The County will continue to work with lenders and realtors to develop new products that help underserved populations.

Improve housing crisis response

Being evicted, unable to find housing you can afford or becoming homeless are among the most traumatic, chaotic, stressful, destabilizing situations a household can endure. This is the definition of a crisis for a family. When a household is in the midst of this kind of situation, they need immediate support. The current network of help lines, support services, and intake systems designed to support these most vulnerable households are tremendously overburdened, in part due to the lack of affordable housing units.

During focus group meetings, vulnerable households reported feeling abandoned by the systems that are designed to help them at this critical “intake” moment. There needs to be a better way to humanize this process and provide a more effective response to households in crisis.

- **2020 Progress:** The COVID-19 pandemic only exacerbated this need. Weekly and monthly meetings took place to address the rental assistance and eviction crisis.
- **2021 Progress:** ESG funds were allocated to provide shelter operations, homeless prevention programs and administration. The county used \$1 million in general funds and \$400,000 in HOME funds for affordable housing projects that faced a gap due to covid, helping 133 units reach completion. Additionally, HCJFS has played a bigger role this year in responding to eviction prevention needs. The County also still funds Legal Aid
- **2022 Progress:** The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) continues to go to Strategies to End Homelessness as the Hamilton County Continuum of Care. In 2022, \$289,593 of ESG funding was provided for Rapid Rehousing and Administration. Community Development has maintained attendance in the Homeless Clearinghouse to participate in dialogue and action steps spearheaded by the Continuum of Care including shelter programming, racial equity, and affordable housing. HOME entitlement funds in the amount of \$1.7 million has been distributed for the development of affordable housing throughout the county, including jurisdictions that have high poverty populations. Community Development has also maintained partnership with the National Development Council to build recommendations for the HOME-ARP plan.
- **2023 Plans:** Execution of HOME-ARP recommendations, which currently includes \$1 million for Supportive Services to maintain housing, \$3.7 million for development of affordable housing, \$273K in nonprofit operating, and \$491K in administration and planning. Community Development will also adhere to ongoing outreach within participating jurisdictions to coach development of affordable housing in LMI areas.

Engage in active, consistent professional code enforcement

Poor property conditions are a huge problem for protected class households, especially in rental and owner-occupied units. Lack of access to capital, as described above, is part of the problem.

Unscrupulous property management practices by large Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), who now own significant numbers of multi-family and single-family homes in the region, is another. There are also

Attachment C - Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Action Plan Update

smaller rental property owners, some who are local and some who are not, who are not properly maintaining their properties.

Active, consistent, professional code enforcement is a critical part of what it takes to manage these kinds of units. In small political jurisdictions, this function is often a part-time position. In bigger cities, competing interests often limit resources.

In all of these places, good code enforcement is the only protection many protected class households have to ensure their units are safe and healthy. Helping shore up this function of government is important to safe sanitary housing and to protection of vulnerable households.

- **2020 Progress:** The COVID-19 pandemic only exacerbated this need. No progress made.
- **2021 Progress:** Housing Action Plans were created for five communities and provided recommendations to alleviate poor property maintenance and improve code enforcement.
- **2022 Progress:** In 2022 Hamilton County engaged in a partnership with the City of Cincinnati Department of Buildings and Inspections to work towards establishing a professional code policy that can be shared and adapted by each of our jurisdictions. Community leaders were introduced to the Housing Code for the City of Cincinnati and the International Property code for foundation. The City instituted a Special Code Enforcement Unit to address negligent landlords/property owners through the court system. The Special Code Enforcement Unit partners with the Hamilton County Prosecutor and City Solicitor to target high density rental properties and businesses that are blighted, registering a high volume of calls for service, and have impacted the residents and the surrounding community through failure to respond to code violations. The Unit coordinates with police, fire departments, health departments and the court to carry out Administrative and Criminal Searches of nuisance properties. The cases are then brought to court under either an Environmental or Criminal complaint. Frequently landlords or property owners are brought up on both complaints and sanctioned accordingly.
- **2023 Plans:** The County has begun working with LISC through the Housing Action Plans to institute code enforcement policies for our jurisdictions and will continue to do so. The County will also coordinate code enforcement strategies that assist homeowners and renters to include Home Improvement/ Repair funding sources and connection to social/economic resources through our 513 Bus and Housing Court Docket in partnership with Legal Aid. The Housing Court Docket additionally provides a Housing Services Coordinator through Harbor, a social service agency that specializes in the needs of individuals and families having low to moderate income who either rent or own.

Change zoning codes to open new areas to protected class households

Zoning codes and land use decisions often constrain housing choices in communities. Many of these codes and plans have been in place, and unchanged, for decades. Restrictive single-family zoning districts, large lot size requirements, onerous planned unit development regulations, and hearing processes often constrain housing variety in a place.

These regulations are enacted to protect property values, but they also sometimes effectively limit choice and options for protected class households. Jurisdictions in the County with these kinds of restrictive codes should be encouraged to eliminate restrictive provisions and seek to expand options

for their residents and be more welcoming to new residents.

Elected and appointed officials should be supporting expanded housing options throughout Hamilton County and supporting organizations and jurisdictions that pursue them.

- **2020 Progress:** No progress made.
- **2021 Progress:** Hamilton County has held meetings for a “Model Zoning Code,” to modernize zoning codes and create tighter, better-defined codes.
- **2022 Progress:** The Model Zoning Code was officially approved by the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission. The approval was the culmination of over a year’s worth of work to provide Hamilton County jurisdictions an option to update to a modern zoning code.
- **2023 Plans:** Hamilton County Planning & Development staff will work with interested jurisdictions to adopt and implement the new model zoning code. Several lower capacity jurisdictions have expressed an interest in going through the process of adopting the new zoning code and staff will begin that process in 2023.

DISCUSSION

Over the next few years, these goals and recommendations will be measured and re-evaluated to remain organic as strategies and programs are tested, revised, refined, and shared. The progress will be measured in annual Action Plans and CAPERs as well as public meetings, reports, and complimentary planning efforts.

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LEGAL NOTICE

City of Deer Park, Ohio

On Monday, April 17, 2023 the City of Deer Park, Ohio will hold a public hearing in preparation for Chamberlin Park Pathway Project CDBG 2023:

Public notice is hereby given that the City of Deer Park, Ohio, proposes to modify its three-year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects as funded by Hamilton County, Ohio. Deer Park proposes to amend its three-year MOU with Hamilton County in order to reallocate \$82,000 in CDBG funds from the Acquisition and Demolition project to the Chamberlin Park Pathway project. A public hearing will be held Monday April 17th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road, Deer Park, Ohio 45236. Public comment period is from April 17th, 2023 to May 1st, 2023. All comments will be considered, and changes made if such changes are deemed appropriate prior to signing the amendment. Send written comments to <wjetter@deerpark-oh.gov> or mail to William Jetter at the above address.

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Public Notice

Public notice is hereby given that Green Township, Ohio, proposes to modify its three-year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects as funded by Hamilton County, Ohio. Green Township proposes to amend its three-year MOU with Hamilton County in order to reallocate \$15,000 in CDBG funds from the 2023 Senior Center audio/visual meeting room upgrade to the 2023 Senior Center Door ADA Upgrade. A public hearing will be held May 8, 2023, 5:30 pm 6303 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. Public comment period is from April 24 – May 8, 2023. All comments will be considered, and changes made if such changes are deemed appropriate prior to signing the amendment. Send written comments to fbirkenhauer@greentwp.org or the above address.

Cincinnati, Ohio. May 2, 2023.

Attachment E – AP-10 Participation – Table 1 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	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?	Email and meetings
2	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Fair Housing Issues
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email and meetings
3	Agency/Group/Organization	St Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services / County-wide programs- CDBG
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email and meetings

4	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Freestore Foodbank</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Employment Regional organization</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Email and meetings</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY</p> <p>Planning organization</p> <p>Market Analysis Economic Development</p> <p>Email and meetings; better planning and metrics for 2022 programs</p> <p>The Housing Network of Hamilton County</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Emails and meetings</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Housing Network of Hamilton County</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Emails and meetings</p>

7	Agency/Group/Organization		ANDERSON TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
8	Agency/Group/Organization		CITY OF CHEVIOT OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
9	Agency/Group/Organization		VILLAGE OF CLEVES, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
10	Agency/Group/Organization		CITY OF DEER PARK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
11	Agency/Group/Organization		DELHI TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Email consultation</p>
<p>12 Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>CITY OF FOREST PARK, OHIO</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Community Needs</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Email consultation</p>
<p>13 Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>VILLAGE OF GLENDALE</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Community Needs</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Email consultation</p>
<p>14 Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>GOLF MANOR</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Community Needs</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Email consultation</p>
<p>15 Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>GREENHILLS</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Community Needs</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Email consultation</p>

16	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF HARRISON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
17	Agency/Group/Organization	HARRISON TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
18	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
19	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Madeira
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Miami Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation

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21	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF MT. HEALTHY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
22	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF NORTH COLLEGE HILL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
23	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
24	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SHARONVILLE, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation

25	Agency/Group/Organization		SPRINGDALE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
26	Agency/Group/Organization		SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
27	Agency/Group/Organization		WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
28	Agency/Group/Organization		CITY OF WYOMING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
29	Agency/Group/Organization		Village of Newtown
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs

	Email consultation	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
30	WEST COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	
	Services-Elderly Persons	Agency/Group/Organization Type
	Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Needs	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?
	Email and in-person consultation	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
31	VILLAGE OF ADDYSTON	Agency/Group/Organization
	Other government - Local	Agency/Group/Organization Type
	Community Needs	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?
	Email consultation	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
32	Amberley Village	Agency/Group/Organization
	Other government - Local	Agency/Group/Organization Type
	Community Needs	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?
	Email consultation	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
33	ARLINGTON HGTS	Agency/Group/Organization
	Other government - Local	Agency/Group/Organization Type
	Community Needs	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?
	Email consultation	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?

34	Agency/Group/Organization	COLERAIN TOWNSHIP, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
35	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
	Agency/Group/Organization	GREEN TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
36	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF LOVELAND
37	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
38	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ST. BERNARD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
39	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SILVERTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
40	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	Email consultation
39	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	Lydia's House
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	Services - Housing Services-Employment
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County-wide services
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	RFP process, email consultation
40	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	WORKING IN NEIGHBORHOODS
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	Services - Housing
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	Nonprofit Services -CDBG- County-wide Services
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	RFP Process
41	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	Services - Housing Mortgage Assistance, Foreclosure Prevention
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County Wide Services
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	RFP Process
42	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	Other government - Local
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	Community Needs
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	Email consultation

43	Agency/Group/Organization		CROSBY TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
	Agency/Group/Organization		VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PLACE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
	Agency/Group/Organization		VILLAGE OF FAIRFAX
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
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	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
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	Agency/Group/Organization		VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND, OHIO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?		Email consultation
	Agency/Group/Organization		City of Montgomery Ohio
	Agency/Group/Organization Type		Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?		Community Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	Email consultation
48	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	VILLAGE OF NORTH BEND
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	Other government - Local
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	Community Needs
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	Email consultation
49	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	CITY OF READING
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	Other government - Local
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	Community Needs
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	Email consultation
50	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	Sycamore Township
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	Other government - Local
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	Community Needs
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	Email consultation
51	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN, OHIO
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	Other government - Local
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	Community Needs
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	Email consultation

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53	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>IKRON</p> <p>Services-Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Service- workforce development, life skills</p> <p>Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County wide services</p> <p>RFP Process</p>
54	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Village of Mariemont</p> <p>Other government - Local</p> <p>Community Needs</p> <p>Email consultation</p>
55	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County wide services</p> <p>RFP Process</p>

56	Agency/Group/Organization	Symmes Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
57	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Email consultation
	Agency/Group/Organization	La Soupe
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- provide food for food-insecure families
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP process
58	Agency/Group/Organization	Pink Ribbon Girls
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- direct services (meals, ridge to treatment, housecleaning), education, and support
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process
	Agency/Group/Organization	Women Helping Women
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Service- support for direct and indirect victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking
59	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process

60	Agency/Group/Organization	Cincy Smiles Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service- oral health education, disease prevention, and treatment services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Nonprofit Services - CDBG - County wide services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RFP Process

Attachment F
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On the motion of Ms. Reece, seconded by Ms. Driebeaus, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING FILING OF THE
FY2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED

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BY THE BOARD:

WHEREAS, consistent with ORC 307.85, Hamilton County, Ohio qualifies as an entitlement grantee under the urban county provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for FY2020-2024 funding by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs; and

WHEREAS, an Action Plan for FY2023 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of said Housing and Community Development Act, said Plan attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11625 and OMB A-102 Attachment O, Section 9 requires affirmative action be taken to ensure MBE participation in federally funded contracts. A MBE participation goal of 10% has been established for Hamilton County Community Development funded contracts. For contracts of \$25,000 or more, the prime contractor is required to document 10% MBE participation or a good faith effort to obtain such participation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio that Hamilton County's application for FY2023 Federal Funding of the Hamilton County CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs, as described in the Action Plan, said Plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and hereby is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized and directed to finalize and file said Plans with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to initiate and implement other activities, including execution of requisite Funding Approval Grant Agreements, execution of requisite contracts and other actions, as appropriate to obtaining the grant and administering the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board be and she hereby is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Community Development Administrator.

ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio this 11th day of May, 2023.

Ms. Reece

[Signature]

Ms. Driebeaus

[Signature]

Ms. Summerow-Dumas

[Signature]

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by this Board of County Commissioners in session the 11 day of May, 2023.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of Office of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio this 11 day of May, 2023.

Leslie Hervey, Interim Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio