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&
Including CARES Act Funding**

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Housing and Community Development Action Plan for 2020-2021 is a part of the City of Cleveland's Consolidated Submission to HUD for Community Planning and Development Programs, also known as The Consolidated Plan. Each year the City of Cleveland must develop an Action Plan detailing resources expected to be available during the coming program year and the specific activities to be carried out in implementing its strategic plan.

The City of Cleveland expects to receive four entitlement grants for the 2020-2021 Program Year (June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021):

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities through the provision of improved living environments, expansion of economic opportunity and decent housing. Funds are intended to serve low and moderate income residents and areas.
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME): The HOME program is dedicated to increasing the availability as well as the access to affordable housing for low-income households.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): The purpose of the ESG program is to assist individuals and families regain housing (temporary and permanent) after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA): HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs for the benefit of individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Citizen participation in decisions on housing and development needs and on planning for the best use of available resources is an ongoing effort in the City of Cleveland. Department of Community Development staff members have worked closely with residents, neighborhood-based groups, lenders, developers and other interested parties throughout the year to determine how best to improve City programs, attract additional resources or undertake innovative approaches to meeting identified priority needs. Staff meet on a monthly basis with representatives of Cleveland's extensive network of neighborhood-based Community Development Corporations to exchange ideas about current and future programs and policies related to the use of available resources.

PRIORITY NEEDS

The City of Cleveland has identified 5 High Priority needs and 1 Low priority need:

- **Affordable Housing:** prioritize housing-related funding on maintaining and creating rental housing and homeownership opportunities, through rehabilitation and new construction activities.
- **Homelessness:** provide funds to the nonprofit organizations to the Continuum of Care through a competitive process, to further the goals of preventing and ending homelessness and rapidly returning people who have become homeless to housing.
- **Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs:** focus programs and services on the frail elderly, persons with physical disabilities, persons with developmental disabilities, and persons with HIV/AIDS to enable them to remain within the conventional housing market whenever possible.
- **Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets:** invest in neighborhoods for market recovery through judicious demolition, rehabilitation of older housing stock, and market-rate construction.
- **Non-Housing Community Development:** revitalize commercial/industrial areas with infrastructure/public service investments and economic development programs, address problem properties, and support the community development corporation network, to retain and attract residents and offer a desirable environment for business to invest and retain/expand employment.
- **Public Housing:** Low priority need due to the countywide system of agencies that assist persons.

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2020 ENTITLEMENT AND CARES ACT

2020 ENTITLEMENT FUNDING

CDBG \$21,719,035

HOME \$4,894,062

ESG \$1,858,769

HOPWA \$1,579,911
 CDBG Program Income \$2,110,000
 HOME Program Income \$700,000

CARES ACT FUNDING- FIRST ROUND

CDBG-CV \$12,777,258
 ESG-CV \$6,409,548
 HOPWA-CV \$229,922

SECTION 108 LOAN \$6,750,000

NSP PI \$900,000

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

For details regarding the objectives and outcomes targeted in the Consolidated Plan and this Annual Plan in relation to each of the six goals listed above, please refer to sections AP-20 (Annual Goals and Objectives), AP-35 (Projects), and Project Summaries.

Project Number	Project	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	Total
1	Demolition, Board-Up & Acquisition	\$2,210,000				\$2,210,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	\$3,755,000	\$744,862			\$4,499,862
3	Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO)	\$300,000	\$4,361,859			\$4,691,877
4	AIDS Awareness & HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS)	\$284,393			\$1,579,911	\$1,864,304
5	Emergency Solutions (ESG) and Homeless Prevention	\$672,308		\$1,858,769		\$2,531,077
6	Public Service	\$1,513,016				\$1,513,016

7	Vacant Lot Clean-Up	\$1,210,999				\$1,210,999
8	Community Gardens	\$126,057				\$126,057
9	Storefront Renovation Program	\$309,889				\$309,889
10	Neighborhood Development Activities (NDA) and Community Development Corporation (CDC) Activities	\$8,897,288				\$8,897,288
11	Citywide Development Organizations Activities	\$305,000				\$305,000
12	Land Reutilization	\$495,000				\$495,000
13	Fair Housing and Consumer Protection	\$90,000				\$90,000
14	General and Program Administration	\$3,660,085	\$487,341			\$4,147,426
-----	Total	\$23,829,035	\$5,594,062	\$1,858,769	\$1,579,911	\$32,861,777

Table 1 - Table 1 - List of Projects- 2020-2021 Funding & Program Income

Project Number	Project	CDBG-CV	HOME-Prior Year	ESG-CV	HOPWA-CV	Total
5	Emergency Solutions (ESG) and Homeless Prevention			\$6,409,548		\$6,409,548
15	CV- Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)	\$6,400,000	\$1,000,000			\$7,400,000
16	CV- AIDS Awareness & HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS OHH20-FHW002)	\$229,922			\$229,922	\$459,844
17	CV- NDA, CDCs and Third-Party Public Service	\$4,250,000				\$4,250,000
18	CV- Storefront Renovation Program and Small Business Assistance	\$1,250,000				\$1,250,000
19	CV- General and Program Administration	\$647,336				\$647,336
-----	Total	\$12,777,258	\$1,000,000	\$6,409,548	\$229,922	\$20,416,728

Table 2 - Table 2 - List of Project- CARES Act Funding

Project Number	Project	CDBG+CDBG-CV	HOME+HOME PY	ESG+ESG-CV	HOPWA+HOPWA-CV	Total
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1	Demolition, Board-Up & Acquisition	\$2,210,000				\$2,210,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	\$3,755,000	\$744,862			\$4,499,862
3,15	Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO)	\$6,700,000	\$5,361,859			\$12,061,859
4,16	AIDS Awareness & HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS)	\$514,315			\$1,809,833	\$2,324,148
5	Emergency Solutions (ESG) and Homeless Prevention	\$672,308		\$8,268,317		\$4,540,625
6,17	Public Service	\$5,763,016				\$5,763,016
7	Vacant Lot Clean-Up	\$1,210,999				\$1,210,999
8	Community Gardens	\$126,057				\$126,057
9,18	Storefront Renovation Program & Small Business Assistance	\$1,559,889				\$1,559,889
10	Neighborhood Development Activities (NDA) and Community Development Corporation (CDC)	\$8,897,288				\$8,897,288
11	Citywide Development Organizations Activities	\$305,000				\$305,000

12	Land Reutilization	\$495,000				\$495,000
13	Fair Housing and Consumer Protection	\$90,000				\$90,000
14,19	General and Program Administration	\$4,307,421	\$487,341			\$4,794,762
-----	Total	\$36,606,293	\$6,594,062	\$8,268,317	\$1,809,833	\$53,278,505

Table 3 - Table 3 - List of Projects with 2020-2021 Funding and CARES Act Funding

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City in partnership with numerous partners continues to monitor and evaluate the performance of the City’s HUD Programs while ensuring regulatory compliance. For example, the following list identifies some of the accomplishments realized during FY 2019 – FY 2020:

- Financial assistance was provided for the expansion and/or establishment of over 900 microenterprise businesses (CDBG);
- Shelter was provided to over 6,000 homeless persons (CDBG & ESG);
- Over 300 beds were maintained to house persons with AIDS/HIV and their families (HOPWA);
- Over 430 individuals and/or their families were given needed financial assistance for housing (HOPWA);
- HOME funds leveraged with other financial resources were invested in the development and/or rehabilitation of over 300 affordable housing units (for rental purposes); and,
- Over 480 households received financial assistance for the acquisition of housing or to subsidize rental expenses (HOME).

The City’s Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) have provided many details about the innovations, projects and programs completed by the City over the past (documents may be viewed and/or downloaded from the City’s website).

The City recognizes that the evaluation of past performance is critical to ensuring the City and its sub-recipients are implementing activities effectively and that those activities align with the City’s overall strategies and goals. The performance of programs and systems are evaluated on a regular basis.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

To a significant extent, the work required to shape Cleveland’s neighborhood priorities and strategies occurs outside of the specific procedural steps required for the development of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. Assessment of Cleveland’s housing and development needs and planning for the best use of available resources is an ongoing process. Department of Community Development staff members attend community meetings and work closely with residents, neighborhood-based groups, lenders, developers and other interested parties throughout the year to provide information and discuss ways to improve City programs, attract additional resources or undertake innovative approaches to meeting identified priority needs. Other ongoing citizen participation efforts include

In March 2020, the Department presented at three community meetings to inform the public about the City's efforts with federal entitlement funds and to provide the public an opportunity to provide input to the Director of Community Development and other staff members concerning the use of HUD resources during the 2019-2020 Program Year. The meetings were publically advertised in The Plain Dealer newspaper; and were also promoted through press releases and media public service announcements.

For details regarding the outreach efforts during the citizen participation process and consultation process, please refer to sections AP-10(Consultation) and AP-12(Participation).

2020 ENTITLEMENT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

The City of Cleveland performed a 30 day public comment period and an online public hearing noticed in the Plain Dealer. For details regarding the outreach efforts during the citizen participation process and consultation process, please refer to sections AP-10(Consultation) and AP-12(Participation).

CARES ACT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

The City of Cleveland sent written notification to utilize an available waiver to permit a 5 day public comment period and hold a public hearing online. For details regarding the outreach efforts during the citizen participation process and consultation process, please refer to sections AP-10(Consultation) and AP-12(Participation).

5. Summary of public comments

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

The City of Cleveland made a concerted effort to seek comments from the public. A list of questions and comments from the April 9, 2020 public hearing and the May 12, 2020 public hearing are found in the Appendix.

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

The City of Cleveland accepted all comments for consideration. The only comments that may not of been accepted are comments that were specific to the individual and might not have been relevant to the overall needs of the community. These comments were still acted on in the appropriate manner by staff on a case by case basis.

7. Summary

Significant Programmatic changes included in the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan includes:

- Incorporation of CARES Act funding in to the 2020-2021 plan
- Written Notification of intent to use available waivers related to CARES Act and 2020 Entitlement Funding, and
- Close the four Neighborhood Stabilization Program projects and roll Program Income to Cleveland's CDBG Program and allocate to projects (Estimated \$909,000 CDBG Program Income).

The 1st Amendment of the 2020 Annual Action Plan included the followings changes:

- Make technical changes to align 2020 project goals with 5-year consolidated plan goals (minor amendment),
- Make technical changes to adjust the 2020 HUD Entitlement amounts following communication from HUD regarding formula calculation errors,
- Authorize the allocation of additional CARES Act CDBG-CV funding in the amount of \$2,595,267 to various programs, such as food, rental assistance,
- Authorize the reallocation of \$125,000 in CDBG-CV funding to a homeless sanitation,
- Authorize the allocation of additional CARES Act ESG-CV funding in the amount of \$5,494,002 to various programs, such as shelter, homeless prevention and rental assistance, and
- Authorize approximately \$24,000,000 in Section 108 loan funds for the purpose of City of Cleveland Department of Economic Development programs and projects, including but not limited to Fairfax Grocery and The Centennial Projects.

Incorporation of CARES Act funding in to the 2020-2021 plan

As discussed above, this 2020 Annual Action Plan includes the City of Cleveland's proposed use of CARES Act. The CARES Act funding is intended to enable grantees to prevent, prepare for and respond to

COVID-19 and related economic downturn and recovery. For planning purposes the City adopted the following framework for the first round of funding to respond to the challenges of the Coronavirus:

- Basic Needs Public Services \$3,750,000
- Rental Assistance \$11,300,000
- Small Business Assistance \$1,250,000
- Special Needs Assistance \$2,000,000
- Broadband Assistance \$500,000
- General Administration \$647,336

This framework is folded into the City existing priorities and projects for the purposes of consistency reporting in the CAPER. How this framework was allocated to existing projects can be found in PR-35.

Written Notification of intent to use available waivers related to CARES Act and 2020 Entitlement Fu

The CARES Act allows flexibility based on available waivers that have been issued by HUD. The criteria for using the waivers is a federal emergency declaration, written notification at least two days prior to usage to HUD and emergency procedures for utilization of the waivers.

The following conforms to the first two parts and the emergency written procedures are located in the appendix.

Declared-disaster area(s) where the waivers will be used:

- Ohio Covid-19 Pandemic (DR-4507), March 30, 2020
- Ohio Covid-19 (EM-3457), March 12, 2020

Date on which the grantee anticipates first use of the waiver flexibility: May 8, 2020

List of the waiver flexibilities the grantee will use:

1. CoC Program - Fair Market Rent for Individual Units and Leasing Costs
2. CoC Program - Disability Documentation for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
3. CoC Program – Limit on Eligible Housing Search and Counseling Services
4. CoC Program - Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing Monthly Case Management
5. CoC Program - Housing Quality Standards (HQS) – Initial Physical Inspection of Unit
6. CoC Program - HQS – Re-Inspection of Units
7. CoC Program – One-Year Lease Requirement
8. Consolidated Planning Requirements – HOME, CDBG, HTF, ESG, and HOPWA Programs – Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plan Amendment 2
9. Consolidated Planning Requirements – HOME, CDBG, HTF, ESG, and HOPWA Programs – Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment

10. ESG Program - HMIS Lead Activities
11. ESG Program - Re-evaluations for Homelessness Prevention Assistance
12. ESG Program - Housing Stability Case Management
13. ESG Program - Restriction of Rental Assistance to Units with Rent at or Below FMR
14. HOPWA Program – Self-Certification of Income and Credible Information on HIV Status
15. HOPWA Program – FMR Rent Standard
16. HOPWA Program – Property Standards for TBRA
17. HOPWA Program - Space and Security
18. HOME Program- Consolidated Plan- HOME Certification, Analysis of Local Market Conditions, and Citizen Participation
19. HOME Program- Tenant Selection and Targeted Assistance
20. HOME Program- Rent Reasonableness
21. HOME Program- Eligible Tenant-based Rental Assistance Costs and Maximum TBRA Subsidy
22. HOME Program- Term of Rental Assistance Contract
23. HOME Program- Tenant Protections- Lease
24. HOME Program- Housing Quality Standards
25. HOME Program- Annual Inspection of Units Occupied by Recipients of HOME TBRA
26. HOME Program- Income Determinations
27. HOME Program- 10% Administration and Planning Cap
28. HOME Program- CHDO Set-aside Requirement
29. HOME Program- Limits and Conditions on CHDO Operating Expense Assistance
30. HOME Program- Matching Contribution Requirements
31. HOME Program- On-Site Inspections of HOME-assisted Rental Housing
32. HOME Program- Annual Inspection of Units Occupied by Recipients of HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
33. HOME Program- Four-Year Project Completion Requirement
34. HOME Program- Nine-Month Deadline for Sale of Homebuyer Units
35. HOME Program- Use of HOME Funds for Operating Reserves for Troubled HOME Projects
36. HOME Program- Timeframe for a Participating Jurisdiction’s Response to Findings of Noncompliance
37. CDBG Program- Public Services Cap Elimination
38. CDBG Program- Reimbursement of Costs

NSP Close-Out and Program Income Reprogramming

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The City of Cleveland is in the process of closing-out four NSP programs:

- City of Cleveland NSP 1 program
- City of Cleveland NSP 3 program

- Cuyahoga County Land Bank NSP 2 program
- State of Ohio NSP program

The City of Cleveland expects to close out these four program in calendar year 2019-2020 and will record approximately \$1 million in program income. The City will allocate these funds the Department of Building and Housing Demolition Program to improve public safety and eliminate blight in Cleveland's Low and Moderate Income neighborhoods designated as Slum and Blight Areas (SBA). The City is including these funds in this years annual action plan, since these close-outs have begun and will be completed during the program year.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	CLEVELAND	
CDBG Administrator		City of Cleveland Dept. of Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		Cleveland Department of Public Health
HOME Administrator		City of Cleveland Dept. of Community Development
ESG Administrator		City of Cleveland Dept. of Community Development
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 4 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Consolidated Plan approach is the means to meet the submission requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) formula programs, which are the four formula programs available to jurisdictions:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These funds are used for a variety of community development, neighborhood revitalization, or economic development programs, with the intent of assisting low and moderate income people and improving deteriorated areas.
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). These funds are used specifically for housing-related projects, such as first-time homebuyer assistance or housing rehabilitation.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These funds are intended to assist persons and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA). In Northeast Ohio, the regional allocation of HOPWA funds from HUD is assigned to Cleveland, and that city coordinates funding for all communities in Cuyahoga County and specific surrounding counties.

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

1. Introduction

This question is intentionally left blank. Please refer to other responses in this section.

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))

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

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

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

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

Guaranteed Access to Shelter

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

Housing First Initiative (HFI)

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

Hospital Protocols for the Homeless

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

211/First Call for Help

The United Way of Greater Cleveland administers this 24-hour/7 day-a-week hot line. This resource, developed collaboratively by the United Way and social service providers, allows anyone, including homeless persons or persons at-risk of homelessness, to call with questions regarding service needs and

receive an answer or a referral on the spot. United Way also provides a searchable internet database, available free at any library.

Discharge Policies

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

Cuyahoga County Office of Re-Entry

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

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

Funding Allocation

The City of Cleveland is a recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant funding. The Strategic Plan sectino of this Five-Year Consolidated Plan describes goals, objectives, and strategies for addressing the problem of homelessness. The Plan references the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care's (CoC) Blue Print for Change, which states: "...the Coc has developed an approach to transform the current community response to homelessness to emphasize prevention and rapid re-housing." Among the specific strategies included in the Blue Print for Change plan are:

- Implement a Centralized Intake System whereby all persons seeking shelter are assessed immediately to determine if there are any potential options to shelter.
- Within the shelter system provide assessment and linkages to case management and mainstream social services.
- Utilize rapid re-housing resources to reduce the length of shelter stays.

The City of Cleveland's ESG allocation is made available to all interested nonprofit institutions and participating units of local government who have the capacity and interest in delivering services that meet the priorities described above. The process is administered by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) under the supervision of Cuyahoga County's Office of Procurement and Diversity.

Performance Standards and Outcome Evaluation

OHS is the Systems Administrator for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Agencies receiving sub-awards of ESG are required to participate in the HMIS. Non-publicly funded providers are encouraged and welcome to participate in HMIS. The HUD-required sixteen data elements are entered for every client accessing ESG services.

HEARTH Act regulations prohibit homeless data for persons who identify as victims of domestic violence (DV) from being entered into the HMIS data collection system. The DV shelter participants in an HMIS comparable data system unique to domestic violence shelter providers. The aggregated data related to numbers served, demographics of the population, and program services and outcomes is provided to the HMIS Administrator to add to the CoC aggregated numbers. Exit data is also collected. The HMIS data, combined with the DV data, enables outcomes to be evaluated based on the following measures:

- Diversion: 20% of persons/households, seeking shelter will be successfully diverted to alternative, safe housing.
- Length of Stay: Implementing rapid exit strategies will shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) by 10%. The ALOS benchmark will be determined based on the 2011 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR).
- Return to Shelter: Utilizing the 2011 AHAR, the benchmark for the percentage of persons who return to shelter from CoC funded services will be established. ESG participants who return to shelter will be tracked in HMIS and demonstrate a reduction of 5%.

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

Table 5 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Department of Community Development staff work closely with this department, which is responsible for code enforcement, building demolition, and other key aspects of the City's neighborhood revitalization strategies.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cleveland - Department of Public Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Health Agency Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department of Public Health is responsible for developing plans for HOPWA funds and other resources for addressing the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS, and implementing lead-based reduction strategies.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Cleveland Housing Advisory Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This board provides guidance to the City on the use of local resources for housing purposes and housing aspects of the Consolidated Plan process. The board includes representatives of for-profit and non-profit developers, rental housing developers, real estate brokers, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, a tenant advocacy organization, non-profit intermediaries, and neighborhood residents.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Non-Profit Organization Community Development Financial Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization is a major non-profit housing developer and manager, with ongoing interaction with City staff.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City works with OHS staff, its Advisory Board, and committees on an ongoing basis to coordinate the needs of homeless and at-risk homeless county residents.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City and the Continuum of Care have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	The City and the Continuum of Care have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional 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?	The City has policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address foreclosure and property disposition issues in Cleveland. The City and this agency jointly plan and implement projects that impact low- and moderate-income areas, including acquisition, sale, demolition, and rehabilitation of buildings.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City has policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of Cleveland residents.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Cleveland Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Business Leaders
	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?	GCP is the regional chamber of commerce for the greater Cleveland area. It concentrates on business retention and civic initiatives of interest to business leaders. The City discusses business retention and expansion issues with the organization.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Services- Transportation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Non-Housing Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City has program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the current public transit system and needs of Cleveland residents, particularly the impact on low- and moderate-income areas.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Resilience
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City has seats on the NOACA Board of Directors, and the City has policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the infrastructure and transit needs of Cleveland. The City of Cleveland and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Services- Utilities & Resilience
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As the sanitary sewer provider in Cleveland, the City has policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address sewer infrastructure needs. The City and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Team NEO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Team NEO is the regional business attraction organization for Northeast Ohio including Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Economic development staff work with Team NEO staff to understand the conditions that will best attract new businesses to the region. These conditions include place-based considerations which can be addressed by community development activities.

16	Agency/Group/Organization	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Planning organization Non-Profit Organization Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, formerly Neighborhood Progress Inc., is a funding intermediary that provides financial support, training, and capacity building to the community development corporation network. CNP's subsidiary, Village Capital Corporation provides real estate financing to community projects. The City and CNP coordinate on many projects and programs.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	DigitalC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Broadband Access
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City of Cleveland, Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) are partnering with DigitalC to address the challenge that Cleveland is the fifth worst connected city in the nation. 80% of households within some Cleveland neighborhoods are entirely within internet connection. The partnership is working to connect 37,000 Cleveland public school students with high-speed internet access at an affordable fee, less than \$20 per month.

18	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Department of Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development 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?	The City and County are coordinating CDBG funding to address ensure that initiative can pool City and County resources or where program have similar requirements.

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

All Agency Types were consulted

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		<p>The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals support the goals of the Continuum of Care (CoC). The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) serves all 59 communities in Cuyahoga County and coordinates the CoC, an extensive network of public, private, and non-profit agencies that facilitate and/or provide, either direct or indirectly, assisted housing, health services, and/or social services to persons in Cuyahoga County who are chronically homeless, homeless, or are at-risk of homelessness. Blue Print for Change.</p> <p>http://development.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_development/en-US/Appendix-A%202009HPRBLue%20Print.pdf</p>
Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan	Cleveland City Planning Commission	<p>This comprehensive plan for the City of Cleveland and its neighborhoods utilizes the theme of connections in terms of people, places, and opportunities. The document also includes tools to implement the plan, such as a future land use map to guide upcoming development patterns, zoning map and zoning code recommendations, identification of development opportunity zones in each neighborhood including housing, retail, office, and industrial uses, bike route and greenway connectors, transportation and infrastructure improvements, and policy recommendations for development and community services program. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Goals focus on investing in neighborhoods, their assets, and creating new opportunities to both physically improve places and communities.http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/cwp/cpc/html</p>
Economic Development Plan	Cuyahoga County	<p>This plan, updated annually by Cuyahoga County government, focuses on the areas of innovation, investment, collaboration, and education as themes for County economic development decisions. The Plan emphasizes that investments anywhere in Cuyahoga County should create high-quality, well-connected places, ensure access to and preparation for jobs and careers, and accelerate business growth. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus on investing funds in housing, businesses, and infrastructure in neighborhoods, which reinforces the goals of the Economic Development Plan. http://development.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/EDCPlan-ExeSummary-053111.aspx</p>

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
2040	Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium Initiative	Funded by a HUD/USDOT/USEPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities Initiative grant, this twelve county regional project guided by 33 organizations developed a vision for the future of Northeast Ohio. The eight objectives include promoting investment in established communities, developing the regional economy with accessible employment opportunities, and enhancing the regional transportation network. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus on investing funds in housing, businesses, and infrastructure in developed neighborhoods, commercial districts, and industrial areas, which reinforce the goals of Vibrant NEO 2040. http://vibrantneo.org

Table 6 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Describe efforts to enhance coordination with private industry, business, developers, and social service agencies (91.215(I)).

Private sector entities such as lenders and developers are an integral part of the City of Cleveland's community development process. The following are several examples of existing coordination involving private industry, business, and developers with the City of Cleveland:

- The Cleveland Housing Advisory Board provides guidance to the City on the use of local resources for housing purposes and housing aspects of the Consolidated Plan process. The board includes representatives of for-profit and non-profit developers, rental housing developers, real estate brokers, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, a tenant advocacy organization, non-profit intermediaries, and neighborhood residents (PR-10 Consultation).
- The Affordable Housing priority discussed in this document states that the City of Cleveland will support developers for the use of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and use funds to leverage LIHTC dollars for the creation of affordable rental housing (SP-25 Priority Needs).
- As a method to ameliorate barriers to affordable housing, the City of Cleveland works closely with the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office to assure timely foreclosure of tax delinquent vacant land. Most properties are transferred to the City's Land Bank and held for redevelopment. Developers of affordable housing can obtain buildable sites at \$100 per unit (SP-55 Barriers to Affordable Housing).
- The City of Cleveland has a long-standing policy of monitoring Community Reinvestment Act performance of lenders and reaching agreement with lenders to substantially expand the availability and affordability of credit in its neighborhoods, emphasizing low income

minority neighborhoods. The City's preference is to negotiate agreements with lenders detailing specific new loan products and lending goals for Cleveland neighborhoods. Today, investment agreements are in place with 9 local financial institutions, plus Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (SP-55 Barriers to Affordable Housing).

- The City of Cleveland's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area program creates jobs and economic opportunities by revitalizing business areas. One strategy in the program specifically states that the City will identify new business locations and attract new companies by working with for-profit entities to leverage new Market Tax Credits and assist with project financing (SP-10 Geographic Priorities and Appendix).

For examples of efforts to enhance coordination with social service agencies, please refer to other responses in this section, as well as the table in this section discussing organizations participating in the consultation process.

Describe other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan (continued):

2009 Urban Agenda for Securing Cleveland's Future

City of Cleveland

This document originated as an effort during the 2008 presidential campaign to raise awareness about the needs of urban areas and to encourage candidates to commit to implementing pro-urban policies and increase funding to cities. In January 2009, the document evolved into an agenda specifically to Cleveland, outlining how local commitment, strong public-private partnerships, and federal investment could be combined to produce continuous investment in the local economy, Cleveland's neighborhoods, public safety, education, public health, urban infrastructure, and City government.

http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/sites/default/files/forms_publications/UrbanAgenda.pdf?id=300

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

The Cleveland Department of Community Development noticed 4 public meetings in the Plain Dealer with the following ads:

- February 22, 2020 for two public meetings
- March 20, 2020 for a public hearing on the 2020 Annual Action Plan
- April 3, 2020 to public notice that the public hearing will be a teleconference
- May 8, 2020 to for a public hearing on the 2020 Annual Action Plan and CARES Act funding

To a significant extent, the work required to shape Cleveland's neighborhood priorities and strategies occurs outside the specific procedural steps required for the development of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. Assessment of Cleveland's housing and development needs and planning for the best use of available resources is an ongoing process. Dept. of Community Development staff members attend community meetings and work closely with residents, neighborhood-based groups, lenders, developers and other interested parties throughout the year to provide information and discuss ways to improve City programs, attract additional resources, or undertake innovative approaches to meeting identified priority needs. Other ongoing citizen participation efforts include:

- The Director of Community Development and other senior staff meet monthly with the extensive network of neighborhood-based Community Development Corporations to exchange ideas about current and future programs and policies related to the use of available resources.
- The Mayor holds Community Dialogue meetings throughout the City to give citizens the opportunity to directly express their ideas, concerns, and priorities about their specific neighborhoods. The Director of Community Development is in attendance.
- The Housing Advisory Board (HAB) meets with the Director of Community Development and staff throughout the year to provide input into City decisions on new housing policy initiatives and development projects. HAB members represent non-profit and for-profit developers, lenders, real estate brokers, the public housing authority, and interested residents.

- The Consumer Council is a seven-member advisory board established to assist the Office of Consumer Affairs in its effort to educate consumers and advocate for their collective interests through leadership and partnerships on issues such as utility rates, health care access, and personal finance.
- The Fair Housing Board (FHB) administers the City's fair housing ordinances. It is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing through education, collaboration, and enforcement. The FHB reviews housing discrimination complaints and meets monthly to discuss fair housing issues. FHB members are active in the community, knowledgeable about fair housing laws, and exhibit a strong desire to advocate for equitable access to housing choices.
- The Housing Council reviews tax abatement policy and projects receiving tax abatement. The Council annually inspects properties within the City's Community Reinvestment Areas.

The City engages the community throughout the year to inform and seek input. City representatives attend community events and programs and make presentations. They attend block club/street club meetings and similar gatherings, upon invitation. The City sponsors activities and programs to raise awareness about local resources and encourages grantees to improve their community engagement efforts. The Dept. of Community Development also distributes a citizen participation survey seeking input on community needs and the potential use of HUD funds. The City of Cleveland Dept. of Community Development was responsible for overseeing the development of this Five-Year Consolidated Plan, with assistance from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Table 4 shows the public comment process undertaken by the City of Cleveland.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted /broad community	Published in the Plain Dealer Newspaper on February 22nd,2020 to announce two public meetings	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	

2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted /broad community	Thursday, February 6, 2012 7pm at 1st Police District Meeting, 10205 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44111	Approximately 30 people attended.	Questions and comments received covered land bank parcels and the need for public	The department accepted all comments and answered general questions.
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
				services in the area.		

3	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-targeted /broad community	Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7pm at 4th Police District Meeting, 3342 East 119th Street, Cleveland, OH 44120	Approximately 30 people attended .	Questions and comments received covered land bank parcels in the neighborhood , ques	The department accepted all comments and answered general questions.
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
				tions regarding need for housing repair.		
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted /broad community	Published in the Plain Dealer Newspaper on March 20th,2020 to announce 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan available for review and public meeting.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted /broadcast community	Friday, April 3, 2020 published a notice in the plain dealer that the public hearing scheduled March 12, 2020 "Order targeted at preventing the spread of COVID-19", and US. Department of Housing Urban Development's guidance.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	

6	Public Hearing	Non-targeted /broad community	On April 9, 2020, the Department of Community Development held a public meeting via teleconference on the 2020 Annual Actin Plan. The teleconference had 70 participants.	Questions and comments were recorded and a written summary and answers can be found in the appendix.	All comments were considered.	
7	Public Meeting	Non-targeted /bro	On May 4, 2020 at 5:40pm, Mayor Frank G. Jackson held a telephone town hall regarding the Coronavirus and his Restart CLE plan. The Mayor	The Mayor resp	All comments	https://vekeo.com/mayorfra

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)
			<p>Mayor Jackson's economy amid the pandemic in a safe and responsible manner. His plan has a special focus on assisting residents and local businesses with resources aimed at helping them weather economic turmoil brought on by the coronavirus. In addition to sharing more about his plan, Mayor Jackson took citizen questions.</p>			

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
8	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted /broad community	On Friday, May 8, 2020, the Department of Community Development published a public notice in the Plain Dealer announcing a public hearing for 2020 Entitlement Funding, CARES Act funding, and an amendment the Cleveland's Citizen Participation Plan to allow the use a HUD waiver to shorten the comment period to 5 days.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	

9	Public Hearing	Non-targeted /broad community	<p>On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, the Department of Community Development held a teleconference public hearing to hear comments on the 2020 Entitlement Funding, CARES Act funding, and an amendment the Cleveland's Citizen Participation Plan to allow the use a HUD waiver to shorten the comment period to 5 days. 45 participants were on teleconference submitting questions. 92 participants watched the live stream of the presentation and the recording of the meeting has been watched by over 5,000 people in the first 3 days of the video being posted.</p>	<p>Questions and comments were recorded and a written summary and answers can be found in the appendix. A video recording</p>	<p>All comments were considered.</p>	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
				ording is available on the City of Cleveland facebook page .		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
10	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted /broad community	Published in the Plain Dealer Newspaper on December 2nd,2020 to announce amendment to Annual Action Plan. The City used a CARES Act waiver to that amended the Cleveland's Citizen Participation Plan to allow the use a HUD waiver to shorten the comment period to 5 days. Public Comment period ran from December 2nd through December 8th.	No Comments were received.	All comments were considered.	

Table 7 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

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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	21,716,850	2,110,000	0	23,826,850	0	<p>The Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan is Year 3 figure multiplied by two. The three-year figure is a conservative estimate based on recent allocations. Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan assumes an annual 1% reduction in the grant award starting in Year 3. The City of Cleveland anticipates that each year, Prior Year Resources will be available. Due to the fact that the dollar amount can vary and it is not assigned to specific activities as of the start of a program year, this amount and the possible Goal Outcome Indicators are not included as part of the Funding or Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in Section SP-45 Goals. Program Income, which impacts only a few programs and can be more reliably forecast based on previous year Program Income amounts, is included as part of the Funding and Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in Section SP-45 Goals. This year approximately \$900,000 in NSP2 program income, \$370,000 in NSP</p>
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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: \$		
								State and \$200,000 in NSP1 & NSP3 will be converted to CDBG program income as a result of the NSP2 close-out initiated by the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Commission (CCLRC).

HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	4,893,256	700,000	1,000,000	6,593,256	0	The three-year figure is a conservative estimate based on recent allocations. Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan assumes an annual 1% reduction in the grant award starting in Year 3. The City of Cleveland anticipates that each year, Prior Year Resources will be available. Due to the fact that the dollar amount can vary and it is not assigned to specific activities as of the start of a program year, this amount and the possible Goal Outcome Indicators are not included as part of the Funding or Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in Section SP-45 Goals. Program Income, which impacts only a few programs and can be more reliably forecast based on previous year Program Income amounts, is included as part of the Funding and Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in Section SP-45 Goals. The City is utilizing \$1,000,000 of prior year HOME funds towards the City's Rental Assistance program the primarily uses CDBG-CV and ESG-CV
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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: \$		
								funding. This HOME funding will utilize the TBRA available waivers.

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: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	1,579,911	0	0	1,579,911	0	The three-year figure is a conservative estimate based on recent allocations. Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan assumes an annual 1% reduction in the grant award starting in Year 3. The City of Cleveland anticipates that each year, Prior Year Resources will be available. Due to the fact that the dollar amount can vary and it is not assigned to specific activities as of the start of a program year, this amount and the possible Goal Outcome Indicators are not included as part of the Funding or Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in Section SP-45 Goals. Program Income, which impacts only a few programs and can be more reliably forecast based on previous year Program Income amounts, is included as part of the Funding and Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in Section SP-45 Goals.

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: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	1,858,769	0	0	1,858,769	0	The three-year figure is a conservative estimate based on recent allocations. Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan assumes an annual 1% reduction in the grant award starting in Year 3. The City of Cleveland anticipates that each year, Prior Year Resources will be available. Due to the fact that the dollar amount can vary and it is not assigned to specific activities as of the start of a program year, this amount and the possible Goal Outcome Indicators are not included as part of the Funding or Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in Section SP-45 Goals. Program Income, which impacts only a few programs and can be more reliably forecast based on previous year Program Income amounts, is included as part of the Funding and Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in Section SP-45 Goals.

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: \$		
Section 108	public - federal	Other	6,750,000	0	0	6,750,000	0	The City is applying and intends to accept a Section 108 loan to be use as a pool for lending to assist hundreds of small businesses located in the City, specifically NRSA areas. Loans would be provided to assist with working capital expenses associated with maintaining the business through the impact of the Stay-At-Home order beginning in March (rent, utilities, etc.) and to assist businesses with working capital and equipment needs as they begin to re-open.
Other	public - federal	Other	27,505,997	0	0	27,505,997	0	HOPWA-CV funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus.

Table 8 - 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 funds are often part of larger funding pools to implement activities. For example, Section 108 loans leverage other private and public funds for economic development projects. In addition, public service funding through CDBG can be supplemented.

HOME match requirements are met by funds provided from various sources by project partners.

ESG match requirements are met with County funds, all of which contribute to the funding pool made available to implement the programs of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care.

HOPWA funds address specific financial needs, such as ongoing rental assistance or short-term assistance with a mortgage, rent, or utility payments. These specific uses of funds represent only a portion of the financial and other support services being received by a person.

SECTION 108 funds leverage economic development opportunities within the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) to increase job-creating investments by closing financing gaps and leveraging other funds.

CDBG-CV funds will primarily be issued through Request for Proposals. These proposals will have matching requirements in order to leverage other resources.

ESG-CV funds will primarily be issued through Request for Proposals. These proposals will have matching requirements in order to leverage other resources.

HOPWA-CV funds will primarily be issued through Request for Proposals. These proposals will have matching requirements in order to leverage other resources.

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

The City of Cleveland currently has over 15,000 parcels in its Land Bank. Many of these parcels are in locations suitable for aggregation into larger development sites. The City leverages CDBG with other funding sources to support the creation of green spaces and community gardens on city-owned property for use by residents, schools, faith-based groups, and nonprofit agencies. The City uses this resources whenever possible to encourage new housing, commercial, and industrial development. In addition, the Cuyahoga Land Reutilization Corporation partners with the City of Cleveland to acquire properties, which are either demolished or sold in an as-is condition or rehabilitated and resold.

Discussion

CDBG Float Loans

Per HUD regulations, CDBG grantees have a line of credit that covers the amount of CDBG funds available for the grantee to expend. The grantee can use the funds available in the line of credit to provide short-term financing for projects such as, but not limited to, economic development or housing.

The City of Cleveland has used Float Loans in the past. As of early 2017, the City has no outstanding CDBG Float Loans. During the FY 2016-2020 period, the City may consider using this program. If the program is used, the City will follow the regulations at 24 CFR 570.301. As stated in 24 CFR 570.301(b), each "float-funded activity" will be individually listed and described in the annual action plan. If the need for a float-funded activity occurs after a program year has started, the annual action plan will be amended to accommodate the specific activity.

Revolving Loan Fund

A revolving loan fund is established for carrying out specific activities, which, in turn, generate payments to the fund for use in carrying out the same activities.

During the FY 2016-2020 period, the City may consider establishing this type of program with CDBG funds. The revolving loan fund would be used for activities located in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs). The purpose of the revolving loan fund would be to undertake activities such as acquiring land and/or other activities to attract investment in NRSA areas to create jobs or provide housing for low-income persons.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
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1	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	City of Cleveland	Affordable Housing Homelessness Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets Non-Housing Community Development Public Housing	CDBG: \$10,365,000 HOME: \$6,086,072 ESG: \$3,900,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 89 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 264000 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Households Assisted Rental units constructed: 424 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 191 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 50 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 371 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 40 Households Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 100 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 100 Buildings
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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
								Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 885 Household Housing Unit Other: 264000 Other

2	Revitalize Neighborhoods	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Cleveland	Affordable Housing Homelessness Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets Non-Housing Community Development Public Housing	CDBG: \$12,759,700	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 89 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 264000 Persons Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 35 Business Rental units constructed: 424 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 191 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 50 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 371 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 40 Households Assisted Businesses assisted: 612 Businesses Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 100 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 100
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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
								Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 885 Household Housing Unit Other: 264000 Other
3	Provide Needed Public Services	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Cleveland	Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs	CDBG: \$6,367,331 HOPWA: \$1,809,833	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 264000 Persons Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 40 Households Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 100 Household Housing Unit Other: 264000 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Increase Economic Opportunities	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Cleveland	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$1,559,889	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 264000 Persons Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 35 Business Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 40 Households Assisted Businesses assisted: 612 Businesses Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 100 Household Housing Unit Other: 264000 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness	2016	2020	Homeless	City of Cleveland	Homelessness	CDBG: \$623,454 ESG: \$3,858,769	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 300 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 770 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 85 Beds Other: 264000 Other

Table 9 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	<p>CDBG Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance \$3,655,000</p> <p>CDBG Housing Trust Fund \$300,000</p> <p>CDBG Total \$3,965,000</p> <p>HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance \$740,000</p> <p>HOME Housing Trust Fund \$ 3,615,060</p> <p>HOME CHDO Affordable Housing \$731,012</p> <p>HOME Total \$5,086,072</p> <p>CDBG-CV \$6,400,000</p> <p>ESG-CV \$3,900,000</p> <p>HOME (Reallocation) \$1,000,000</p> <p>CARES Act Total- \$11,300,000</p>

2	Goal Name	Revitalize Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	CDBG Neighborhood Development Activities (excluding Senior Transportation) \$7,400,000 CDBG CDC Activity Grants \$1,112,644 CDBG Citywide Dev. Support Services \$305,000 CDBG Vacant Land Clean Up \$1,210,999 CDBG Community Gardens \$126,057 CDBG Land Reutilization Activities \$495,000 CDBG Demolition and Board Up Program \$1,210,000 CDBG Total \$11,859,700 NSP PI Transfer Demolition and Board Up Program \$900,000

3	Goal Name	Provide Needed Public Services
	Goal Description	CDBG Public Services AIDS Prevention \$284,393 CDBG Public Services: Third Party \$1,308,016 CDBG Neighborhood Development Activities: Senior Transportation \$205,000 CDBG Fair Housing \$90,000 CDBG Total \$1,887,409 HOPWA \$1,579,911 HOPWA Total \$1,579,911 CDBG-CV \$4,479,922 HOPWA-CV \$229,922 CARES Act Total \$4,709,844
4	Goal Name	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	CDBG Storefront Renovation \$309,889 CDBG Total \$309,889 CDBG-CV Small Business Assistance \$1,250,000

5	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness
	Goal Description	CDBG Public Services: Homeless Assistance \$623,454 CDBG Total \$623,454 ESG \$1,858,769 ESG Total \$1,858,769 ESG-CV \$2,000,000

Projects

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Introduction

Funds provided through HUD formula programs will be focused primarily on neighborhoods where most residents qualify as low/moderate income; or in areas designated as blighted, based on existing building conditions. Many Cleveland neighborhoods qualify under both criteria. Limited activities may be carried out in higher income, non-blighted areas if they are addressing needs of specific low/moderate income individuals or conditions of blight.

Three planning documents play a key role in targeting neighborhood development resources: the Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan, the Neighborhood Typology, and Reclaiming Cleveland Target Area Plans. The Citywide Plan outlines policies and strategies of citywide and neighborhood significance (e.g. housing, economic development, education, arts and culture, and safety), and the assets, trends, challenges and opportunities in Cleveland neighborhoods. The Typology identifies the relative market strength of neighborhoods, and provides information to assist in the development of urban revitalization strategies; and Reclaiming Cleveland serves as a guide for utilizing community development, as well as other resources, in a contextually-specific manner to bring about immediate, targeted and sustainable improvements in areas substantially affected by economic decline or disinvestment.

Assessing Cleveland's housing and development needs and planning for the best use of available limited resources is an ongoing process. Throughout the year, Department of Community Development staff attends community meetings and works closely with residents, Cleveland's extensive Community Development Corporation network (CDCs), and other stakeholders to determine how best to improve City programs, attract additional resources, and undertake innovative approaches to meeting identified priority needs.

NOTE: The City of Cleveland anticipates that each year, Prior Year Resources will be available. Due to the fact that the dollar amount can vary and it is not assigned to specific activities as of the start of a program year, this amount and the possible Goal Outcome Indicators are not included as part of the Funding or Goal Outcome Indicator boxes in the Projects in this section.

CARES ACT Projects

During the planning process the Cares Act funding was established under planning project names, but for the purposes of the Annual Action Plan these projects were incorporate in the the existing Annual Action Plan Projects. Here is a list of the CARES Act project names and the Annual Action Plan project

they can be found under:

- Basic Needs Public Services -> NDA, CDCs and Third-Party Public Service
- Rental Assistance -> Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
- Small Business Assistance -> Storefront Renovation Program
- Special Needs Assistance -> Emergency Solutions and Homeless Prevention & AIDS Awareness & HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS)
- Broadband Assistance -> NDA, CDCs and Third-Party Public Service

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Demolition, Board-Up & Acquisition
2	Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
3	Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
4	AIDS Awareness & HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS)
5	CV- (and 2020) Emergency Solutions and Homeless Prevention
6	NDA, CDCs and Third-Party Public Service
7	Vacant Lot Clean-up
8	Community Gardens
9	Storefront Renovation Program and Small Business Assistance
10	Neighborhood Development Activities (NDA) and Community Development Corporations (CDCs) Activities
11	Citywide Development Organizations Activities
12	Land Reutilization
13	Fair Housing and Consumer Protection
14	General and Program Administration
15	CV- Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
16	CV- AIDS Awareness & HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS OHH20-FHW002)
17	CV- NDA, CDCs and Third-Party Public Service
18	CV- Storefront Renovation Program and Small Business Assistance
19	CV- General and Program Administration

Table 10 - Project Information

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

The current allocation priorities were developed from the 2016 Consolidated Plan development process.

The allocation priorities are:

- Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing- Investments in construction, rehabilitation and preservation of existing affordable housing.
- Revitalize Neighborhoods- Provide grants to improve housing occupied by seniors, those at risk of lead-based hazards and provide strategic investments to support a functioning housing market either through lending or appraisal issues.
- Provide Needed Public Services- Provide a wide range of services to meet the basic needs of low and moderate income residents of Cleveland, especially youth, seniors and families.
- Increase Economic Opportunities- Provide assistance to neighborhood scale commercial or retail corridors that provide basic necessities and good quality of life.
- Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness- Ensure that homelessness is brief and infrequent for the residents of Cleveland with a goal to find permanent housing as a solution to homelessness.

The primary obstacle to meeting the underserved needs of Cleveland's population has been the lack of sufficient resources. For several years, Cleveland has had one of the nation's highest poverty rates among large cities. The recent recession has resulted in declining employment and tax revenues. HUD assistance has been on a downward trend for several years. Cleveland's 2016-2017 CDBG allocation is 21% lower than in 2006-2007 and the HOME allocation has declined by 43% over that same period. Overall, the CDBG allocation is 50% lower than the peak of CDBG funding in 1980-1981, and 61% lower than peak funding for HOME funding in 2001.

While the ability to increase local public revenues has been limited, Cleveland has actively sought to leverage additional resources. Cleveland voters narrowly approved an income tax increase in 2017 that will bring in \$80 million in new resources that will enhance City services, including programs for senior citizens, a comprehensive violence-prevention strategy, more housing inspections and a better response to the city's backlog of lead-poisoning cases among children, and help offset the loss of \$30 million in revenue as a result of the Great Recession of 2008.

The City pursues all funding opportunities made available. A recent notable success is the award of a second Lead Hazard Demonstration Grant from HUD in the amount of \$3.4 million. This new award, announced in July 2017, will continue the efforts and partnerships developed with the first Lead Hazard Demonstration Grant award in 2015.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Demolition, Board-Up & Acquisition
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,210,000
	Description	The Department of Building and Housing will administer a demolition program for condemned structures that pose a threat to the health/safety of Cleveland Residents
	Target Date	5/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project does not directly benefit families, but rather the neighborhoods citywide by removing blight. There are 173,025 households, of which 78,875 are families. The majority (60%) are low and moderate income with a median income of \$47,000.
	Location Description	The Department of Building and Housing operated this program Citywide and maintains a list of blight properties.

	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used for the demolition of condemned and vacant properties. CDBG funds will be used for the boarding of condemned or fire damaged structures that are open and pose a hazard to the surrounding community. CDBG funds will be used for the abatement of nuisances through administrative and civil actions.
2	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,755,000 HOME: \$744,862
	Description	The Division of Neighborhood Services will provide direct assistance to low to moderate income occupants for rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of owner-occupied residential structures. Programs offered include Repair-A-Home (RAH), Senior Housing Assistance Program (SHAP), Homeowner Rehab Gap Financing (AAH); Furnace Repair; Furnace Replacement; Hot water Tank Replacement, Tree Trimming and Gutter Program. The Division also operates the following programs for owner occupants and tenants: Lead Hazard Control Program and Healthy Home Program. Citywide Project.
	Target Date	5/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 435 families will benefit directly from proposed activities, primarily seniors and the elderly.
	Location Description	This project operates Citywide.
	Planned Activities	Single family code compliant repair/rehabilitation assistance; Critical Repair Items for Seniors or Disabled owner occupants; Handicap Accessibility; Lead Hazard Reduction Work; Health and Safety Work in single family properties; Energy Efficiency Measures; Gutter Replacement; Tree Trimming; Furnace Repair; Furnace Replacement; Hotwater Tank Replacement; Referral to Third Party and private repair financing options.
3	Project Name	Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000 HOME: \$4,346,072

<p>Descrip tion</p>	<p>Through a competitive proposal process administered by the Department of Community Development, the Housing Trust Fund will provide a source of public capital for investment in housing development projects that will increase the supply of affordable housing units and/or assist in addressing housing related neighborhood revitalization strategies. Activities under this project CHDO administration support for eligible CHDOs in Cleveland and a new NHS City of Cleveland 2nd Mortgage Homeownership Program.2020 Entitlement Funding- HOME \$4,391,877.00CARES ACTRental Assistance (\$11.3 million) This is the largest category of assistance available to residents because this is where, outside of food assistance which has an established network of providers, we are seeing the largest increase in calls for service.Rental assistance has the ability to have a significant impact in two ways. First, it will provide immediate relief to individuals on the verge of eviction. Our goal is to prevent residents from becoming homeless as a result of the coronavirus. Cleveland City Council, under the leadership of Council President Kelley, successfully negotiated a moratorium on evictions with the Housing Court. This is an important part of the effort to combat this problem.Second, it will provide assistance to small landlords who have deferred rent payments from tenants during this pandemic. There are three sources of funds available to address the immediate and short-term housing needs of individuals impacted by the coronavirus.The City will partner with agencies who have experience providing short term emergency rental assistance. The agencies will work with residents to determine how much assistance they require for up to 90 days utilizing CDBG for household earning up to 80% of AMI. If further is needed for families earning up to 50% AMI, then ESG will be used for short term shallow subsidy for an additional 90 days. If further is needed for families earning up to 50% AMI, then HOME will be used for medium term shallow subsidy (TBRA) for an additional 180 days.This money is targeted to individuals without income. In order to maximize the effect of this money, it will require monthly recertification of individuals who have returned to work or have obtained unemployment benefits.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>5/31/2021</p>

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>2020 Entitlement Funds-</p> <p>At least 400 families will benefit directly from proposed activities.</p> <p>CARES Act Funds</p> <p>At least 5,000 low and moderate income families will benefit from the rental assistance program. The goal is to exceed 10,000 depending on future funding.</p>
Location Description	<p>All programs are Citywide.</p>

	Planned Activities	<p>2020 Entitlement Funding</p> <p>Provide HOME financing, including grants and loans to affordable housing projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lofts at Lions Mills • Hough Heritage Housing • Cedar I and II • Heritage View IV • Emerald Alliance IX & X • Circle North 1-4 Family homes • EDEN Inc. portfolio preservation • East Cedar 12 unit apartment • other 1-4 family owner occupied homes • other 1-4 family lease-purchase homes • other 5-20 unit apartment buildings • other 21+ unit apartment buildings <p>CARES Act Funding</p> <p>CDBG- Emergency Payments authorized under 24 CFR 570.207, on behalf of the family for rent for not more than 90 days. Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p> <p>ESG- Short-term shallow subsidy on behalf of the family for rent for not more than 90 days. Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p> <p>HOME- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) medium-term shallow subsidy on behalf of the family for rent for not more than 180 days. Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
4	Project Name	AIDS Awareness & HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS)
	Target Area	City of Cleveland

Goals Supported	<p>Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing</p> <p>Revitalize Neighborhoods</p> <p>Provide Needed Public Services</p> <p>Increase Economic Opportunities</p>
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	<p>CDBG: \$284,393</p> <p>HOPWA: \$1,579,911</p>
Description	<p>The Department of Public Health will contract with neighborhood-based service providers in a five-county area to develop long-term comprehensive strategies and incentives to promote community awareness about AIDS, and to provide resources to address the housing needs of persons with AIDS and related diseases and their families. 2020 Entitlement Funding HOPWA \$1,579,911 CDBG \$284,393 CARES Act Special Needs Assistance (HOPWA-CV \$229,922) (CDBG-CV \$229,922) This funding targets individuals with HIV/AIDS. Department of Public Health has an effective infrastructure to assist our HIV/AIDS population. These services, however, have seen immediate cost increases due to the coronavirus and our funding will support their existing efforts. Activities under this category include, but are not limited to:- Deconcentrating of shelters through the renting of hotel rooms;- Increases to sanitation costs and port-o-let rentals;- Increased staffing costs due to hazard pay;- Increased costs to quarantine individuals with compromised immune systems;- Short-term supported housing Assistance; - Workforce Development; and- Other Direct Costs related to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID 19 Workforce Development/ Employment Assistance - Employment is an essential focus within the coordinated response to HIV/AIDS. Employment is critical to improving the economic and personal well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS. It has been shown to impact health and can increase a person's ability to live a satisfying, productive and meaningful life. Employment can also increase self-sufficiency and reduce reliance on publicly funded benefits as well as other services. Short-Term Supported Housing Assistance Short-term supported housing facilities are an eligible activity under the HOPWA program. Short-term facilities are intended To provide temporary shelter to eligible individuals to prevent homelessness and allow an opportunity to develop individualized housing and service plan to guide the client's linkage to permanent housing.</p>
Target Date	5/31/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 2140 families will benefit directly from proposed activities.
Location Description	These program operate citywide.

	Planned Activities	<p>CDBG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV Prevention Education • HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services <p>HOPWA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) • Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) assistance • Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) • Supportive Services of Case Management & Nutritional Services <p>CDBG-CV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV Prevention Education • HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services • Workforce development • Rental Assistance • Other Direct Costs related to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 <p>Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p> <p>HOPWA-CV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) • Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) assistance • Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) • Supportive Services of Case Management & Nutritional Services • Other Direct Costs related to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 <p>Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
5	Project Name	CV- (and 2020) Emergency Solutions and Homeless Prevention
	Target Area	City of Cleveland

Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness
Funding	CDBG: \$672,308 ESG: \$13,762,319
Description	As a result of continued high demand for shelter services, CDBG funds are used to supplement Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The combined ESG and CDBG homeless services funds for shelter services are allocated through a proposal process carried out in cooperation with the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services. 2020 Entitlement Funding ESG \$1,858,769 CARES ACT Funding Special Needs Assistance for Homeless (\$2 million) This funding targets individuals who are homeless and those with HIV/AIDS. Cuyahoga County Homeless Service has an effective infrastructure to assist our homeless population. These services, however, have seen immediate cost increases due to the coronavirus and our funding will support their existing efforts. Activities under this category include, but are not limited to:- Deconcentrating of shelters through the renting of hotel rooms;- Increases to sanitation costs and port-o-let rentals;- Increased staffing costs due to hazard pay; and- Increased costs to quarantine individuals with compromised immune systems; and- Other Direct Costs related to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID 19 ESG Funds (\$4.65 million) will also be for Rental Assistance under Project 15. Please see this project for more information. ESG Funds (\$500,000) will also be for Public Service as homeless outreach and prevention under Project 17. Please see this project for more information. 1st Amendment- Increase CARES Act ESG funds by \$5,494,002 to a total of \$11,903,550.
Target Date	5/31/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 3000 families will benefit from proposed activities.
Location Description	2100 Lakeside Ave 2227 Payne Ave 1710 Prospect Ave 3135 Lorain Ave 3470 East 152 St 2710 Walton Ave 6001 Woodland Ave

	Planned Activities	<p>2020 Entitlement Funds</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shelter 2. Transitional Housing/Temporary Housing 3. Coordinated Entry 4. Diversion/Prevention 5. Rapid Rehousing <p>CARES Act Funds</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shelter 2. Transitional Housing/Temporary Housing 3. Coordinated Entry 4. Diversion/Prevention 5. Rapid Rehousing 6. Street Outreach <p>Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
6	Project Name	NDA, CDCs and Third-Party Public Service
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,308,016

Descrip tion	The Department of Community Development will contract with various non-profit organizations to administer CDBG eligible public service activities for families, youth and senior adults. This includes \$170,000 NDA Senior Transportation. This year's funding recommendations to all public service (social service) activities can be found in the attachments.2020 Entitlement FundingCDBG- \$1,308,016CARES ActBasic Needs Assistance (\$4.25 million) Basic needs support includes funding to assist residents through:- Food banks,- Food delivery,- Utility assistance,- Senior service;- Homelessness outreach; and- Referrals to other services.We will partner with agencies who have experience running these types of programs, and this will allow us to leverage additional funding and assistance.
Target Date	5/31/2021
Estimat e the numbe r and type of familie s that will benefit from the propos ed activiti es	At least 55000 families will benefit directly from proposed activities.
Locatio n Descrip tion	These programs operate city wide or at the community development corporation service area level.

	Planned Activities	<p>2020 Entitlement Funding</p> <p>Main focus is matrix code 05 and all its sub-categories including elderly meals and socialization, after school programming, child and health care services, etc.</p> <p>This includes \$170,000 NDA Senior Transportation.</p> <p>CARES Act Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food banks • Food delivery • Utility assistance • Senior service • Homelessness outreach • Referrals to other services • Broadband access <p>Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
7	Project Name	Vacant Lot Clean-up
Target Area	City of Cleveland	
Goals Supported	Revitalize Neighborhoods	
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets	
Funding	CDBG: \$1,210,999	
Description	Seasonal work crews are hired during the spring and summer to clean and cut vacant blighted city-owned lots, primarily in low/moderate income areas. These lots are targeted for redevelopment through the city's land reutilization program.	
Target Date	5/31/2021	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project does not directly benefit families, but rather the neighborhoods citywide by removing blight. There are 173,025 households, of which 78,875 are families. The majority (60%) are low and moderate income with a median income of \$47,000.
	Location Description	The Division of Park Maintenance and Properties operates the program citywide during spring, summer and early fall months.
	Planned Activities	Hire seasonal workers. Clean debris and cut vacant city-owned lots.
8	Project Name	Community Gardens
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$126,057

	Descrip tion	Funding supports the use of vacant, city-owned property as garden sites, provision of gardening supplies, and technical assistance to developers of neighborhood gardens. Produce generated is distributed among the Cleveland residents maintaining the sites and is donated to local food pantries.
	Target Date	5/31/2021
	Estimat e the numbe r and type of familie s that will benefit from the propos ed activiti es	This project does not directly benefit families, but rather the neighborhoods citywide by removing blight. There are 173,025 households, of which 78,875 are families. The majority (60%) are low and moderate income with a median income of \$47,000.
	Locatio n Descrip tion	The approximately 190 community gardens are dispersed throughout the entire city on vacant land, typically controlled by the City's Land Bank. A list of current community gardens is maintained by Division of Neighborhood Development.
	Planne d Activiti es	Plowing/rototilling; provide seeds, plants, humus/fertilizer/soil amendments; soil testing of new sites; garden leadership training; newsletter; on and off site technical assistance & workshops.
9	Project Name	Storefront Renovation Program and Small Business Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Support ed	Revitalize Neighborhoods

Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
Funding	CDBG: \$309,889 Section 108: \$24,000,000

<p>Descrip tion</p>	<p>Financial and design assistance provided to commercial property owners and retail business owners to comprehensively rehabilitate buildings in targeted retail neighborhood districts and targeted retail buildings. Improvements will only address the exterior appearance of commercial buildings and, as needed, restore the architectural integrity of the structure according to federal design standards. Where mixed use structures are involved (commercial/residential), program focus is the commercial presence of the building in the retail district. Exterior improvements will address maintenance, code and aesthetic items on the building as well as business signage that is within City codes; as well as functionally appropriate for the building. The Program does not address interior, residential code related items and does not result in decent, safe and sanitary units (DSS).2020 Entitlement funding for the Storefront Renovation is \$309,889.CARES Act- Small Business AssistanceThe activities required to control COVID-19 have had a substantial impact on business operations. The effect has been hardest on our smallest businesses and on businesses that focus on personal services or rely on the gathering of large groups of people. Specifically, restaurants, salons & barbershops, and small retail have been closed and, to re-open, will have to operate with reduced capacity and make significant investments in customer and employee safety for an unforeseen period of time. Many of these businesses are owned by individuals who have traditionally been unable to access favorable or traditional credit. These businesses also have had difficulty accessing the SBA programs provided in the CARES Act.To alleviate the need, the City of Cleveland is prepared to undertake three programs for financing businesses:1) Emergency Working Capital Program: the City would provide \$10,000 loans to small businesses throughout the City to support working capital costs through the COVID-19 scenario.2) Emergency Working Capital Program: Specially-Impacted Businesses: the City would provide loans up to \$20,000 to small businesses in the restaurant, retail, and personal care sectors who will have to take extraordinary measures to operate their business. Up to \$10,000 of the loan will be forgivable in order to offset the costs of personal protective equipment that these businesses have had to incur3) Restoration Working Capital Program: the City will provide loans up to \$100,000 for businesses that are in need of patient working capital to pay bills and to overcome disruptions in their supply chains or delayed payments from vendors.CARES Act funding for Small Business Assistance is \$1,250,000. The Department of Economic Development shall administer these funds.1st Amendment- Authorize approximately \$24,000,000 in Section 108 loan funds for the purpose of City of Cleveland Department of Economic Development programs and projects, including but not limited to Fairfax Grocery and The Centennial Projects.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>5/31/2021</p>

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>The Storefront Renovation Program assists business, but the projects typically support the retention and creation of up to 30 jobs that in turn benefit 30 low and moderate income jobs.</p> <p>The Small Business Assistance program is anticipated to result in the retention of at least 300 jobs, meeting the requirement of \$35,000 in assistance per job as required by 24 CFR 570.209. By focusing on our NRSAs, all the projects will be located in an NRSA where the residents' poverty rate exceeds 20%, meeting the standard of 24 CFR 570.209(b)(2)(v)(F).</p> <p>Retention of at least 300 jobs- As stated above, these projects will be located in the City's NRSAs. The projects themselves will impact hundreds of jobs and help to retain the small business and social fabric of our commercial corridors.</p> <p>In turn these jobs will benefit 300 low and moderate income families.</p>
	Location Description	<p>The Storefront Renovation Program is citywide. The Small Business Assistance program is Citywide.</p> <p>All Projects funded using HUD 108 or CDBG will be in a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). As a result, projects will meet the national objectives of area benefit under 24 CFR 570.208 (d)(5)(i).</p> <p>Other resources may be used to fund projects outside of the NRSA or will qualify under another National Objective. Over 90% of Cleveland census tracts fall within the NRSA.</p>
	Planned Activities	<p>Rebate assistance on a competitive basis to those eligible commercial properties and business owners who complete their building renovations according to the design and scope of work specs provided by the Storefront Renovation Program (SRP) staff.</p> <p>Small Business Assistance in the form of loans and grants. 24 CFR 570.203(b) for special economic development activities. Funded activities would include equipment and working capital expenses that fall within the categorical exclusion of 24 CFR 58.35(b)(4)</p> <p>Authorize approximately \$24,000,000 in Section 108 loan funds for the purpose of City of Cleveland Department of Economic Development programs and projects, including but not limited to Fairfax Grocery and The Centennial Projects.</p>
10	Project Name	Neighborhood Development Activities (NDA) and Community Development Corporations (CDCs) Activities
	Target Area	City of Cleveland

Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets Non-Housing Community Development
Funding	CDBG: \$8,897,288
Description	This program provides activity grants to nonprofit CDCs for CDBG eligible services and real estate development activities in strategic geographic areas and neighborhoods. The primary objective is to fund activities that stabilize existing housing, provide housing opportunities for low-income residents, and improve the quality of life in Cleveland neighborhoods. CDC's either operate programs that provide a direct benefit to low- and moderate-income residents or help support City programs that provide the direct benefit to low- and moderate-income residents. This year's funding recommendations CDC activities can be found in the attachments. The City is also seeking to support the creation of the Mercado on West 25th Street in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. The Mercado is a public facility to support public service activities and small business incubator type space for businesses to service a Low/Mod Area.
Target Date	5/31/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 55000 families will benefit directly from proposed activities.

	Location Description	Programs funded by the NDA provide services or undertake projects within wards. Frequently projects and programs include multiple wards or citywide.
	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single and Multi-family Residential Rehabilitation Model Block Acquisition, Sale and Rehabilitation New Housing Construction Storefront Renovation Commercial Tech Assistance Design Review and Retail Marketing Activities Commercial Rehabilitation/Redevelopment Vacant Land Nuisance Prevention Abatement and Reutilization Foreclosure Prevention Fair Housing Assistance Consumer Affairs Housing Program Referral Services Community Engagement Branding and Education Activities Strategic Planning Community-Based Development Organization (CBDOs) Public Services Neighborhood Facility projects
1 1	Project Name	Citywide Development Organizations Activities
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revitalize Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$305,000
	Description	This program provides operating support to nonprofit CDCs for CDBG eligible services and real estate development activities in strategic geographic areas and neighborhoods.

	Target Date	5/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 100 families will benefit directly from proposed activities.
	Location Description	Programs operate Citywide.
	Planned Activities	Training and Technical Assistance to nonprofits and small businesses, Marketing and Public Relations; low interest loans for housing rehabilitation; pre-and post-purchase counseling and foreclosure prevention services; landlord-tenant rights information, workshops and referral services; tool loan rental, furnace repair and replacement services.
1 2	Project Name	Land Reutilization
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Neighborhoods Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets
	Funding	CDBG: \$495,000

	Description	The purpose of the City Land Bank is to acquire vacant and abandoned tax delinquent residential property and to market the property to individuals, developers and non-profit organizations for productive reuse. The City is also seeking to support the creation of the Mercado on West 25th Street in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. The Mercado is a public facility to support public service activities and small business incubator type space for businesses to service a Low/Mod Area.
	Target Date	5/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project does not directly benefit families, but rather the neighborhoods citywide by maintaining and positioning vacant lots for development. There are 173,025 households, of which 78,875 are families. The majority (60%) are low and moderate income with a median income of \$47,000.
	Location Description	The Land Bank currently has an inventory of over 15,000 lots spread throughout the City. The Land Bank maintains the inventory.
	Planned Activities	Acquire properties, and market entire Land Bank inventory.
13	Project Name	Fair Housing and Consumer Protection
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000
	Description	Equal opportunity (EO) and fair housing enforcement and education activities to reduce incidences of housing discrimination. Administered through the Office of Fair Housing & Consumer Affairs.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	264000 families will benefit indirectly from proposed activities. At least 89 families will benefit directly from proposed activities.
	Location Description	Provide fair housing and consumer protection assistance citywide.
	Planned Activities	Develop education materials; Analyze local impediments to housing choice; Provide information through community meetings, resource fairs and other outreach events; Complaint intake, investigation and case management; Increase citizens' understanding of their rights under Federal, State, and Local Fair Housing Laws.
14	Project Name	General and Program Administration
	Target Area	City of Cleveland

Goals Supported	<p>Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing</p> <p>Revitalize Neighborhoods</p> <p>Provide Needed Public Services</p> <p>Increase Economic Opportunities</p> <p>Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness</p>
Needs Addressed	<p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>Homelessness</p> <p>Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs</p> <p>Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets</p> <p>Non-Housing Community Development</p>
Funding	<p>CDBG: \$3,660,085</p> <p>HOME: \$487,341</p>
Description	<p>2020 Entitlement Funds Direct program administration costs for approximately 68+ staff salaries and benefits expenses, as well as direct operating expenses for CDBG paid employees. Also included are Equipment and Indirect Costs. CARES Act Funds Direct program administration costs for staff salaries and benefits expenses, as well as direct operating expenses for CDBG paid employees. Also included are Equipment and Indirect Costs. (CDBG-CV \$647,336)</p>
Target Date	5/31/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	<p>2020 Entitlement Funds</p> <p>Contract administration, fair housing and consumer affairs, housing development coordination, compliance monitoring, accounting services, budget administration, information services and data/mapping analysis.</p> <p>CARES Act Funds</p> <p>Contract administration, fair housing and consumer affairs, housing development coordination, compliance monitoring, accounting services, budget administration, information services and data/mapping analysis.</p> <p>Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
15	Project Name	CV- Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	<p>Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing</p> <p>Revitalize Neighborhoods</p> <p>Provide Needed Public Services</p>
	Needs Addressed	<p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>Homelessness</p> <p>Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs</p> <p>Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets</p>
	Funding	<p>HOME: \$1,000,000</p> <p>CDBG-CV: \$7,410,267</p>

<p>Descrip tion</p>	<p>Through a competitive proposal process administered by the Department of Community Development, the Housing Trust Fund will provide a source of public capital for investment in housing development projects that will increase the supply of affordable housing units and/or assist in addressing housing related neighborhood revitalization strategies. Activities under this project CHDO administration support for eligible CHDOs in Cleveland and a new NHS City of Cleveland 2nd Mortgage Homeownership Program.2020 Entitlement Funding- HOME \$4,391,877.001st Amendment- Increase Rental Assistance by \$1,760,267 and provide \$250,000 in funds to help ensure housing passes first inspection for ESG rental assistance.CARES ACTRental Assistance (\$13 million) This is the largest category of assistance available to residents because this is where, outside of food assistance which has an established network of providers, we are seeing the largest increase in calls for service.Rental assistance has the ability to have a significant impact in two ways. First, it will provide immediate relief to individuals on the verge of eviction. Our goal is to prevent residents from becoming homeless as a result of the coronavirus. Cleveland City Council, under the leadership of Council President Kelley, successfully negotiated a moratorium on evictions with the Housing Court. This is an important part of the effort to combat this problem.Second, it will provide assistance to small landlords who have deferred rent payments from tenants during this pandemic. There are three sources of funds available to address the immediate and short-term housing needs of individuals impacted by the coronavirus.The City will partner with agencies who have experience providing short term emergency rental assistance. The agencies will work with residents to determine how much assistance they require for up to 180 days utilizing CDBG for household earning up to 80% of AMI. If further is needed for families earning up to 50% AMI, then ESG will be used for medium term shallow subsidy allowable under the regulations. If further is needed for families earning up to 50% AMI, then HOME will be used for medium term shallow subsidy (TBRA) allowable under the regulations.This money is targeted to individuals without income. In order to maximize the effect of this money, it will require monthly recertification of individuals who have returned to work or have obtained unemployment benefits.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>9/30/2022</p>

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>CARES Act Funds</p> <p>At least 5,000 low and moderate income families will benefit from the rental assistance program. The goal is to exceed 10,000 depending on future funding.</p>
	Location Description	All programs are Citywide.
	Planned Activities	<p>CARES Act Funding</p> <p>CDBG- Emergency Payments authorized under 24 CFR 570.207, on behalf of the family for rent for not more than 90 days. Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p> <p>ESG- Medium term shallow subsidy on behalf of the family for rent. Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p> <p>HOME- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) medium-term shallow subsidy on behalf of the family for rent. Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
16	Project Name	CV- AIDS Awareness & HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS OHH20-FHW002
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	<p>Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing</p> <p>Provide Needed Public Services</p>

Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$229,922
Description	<p>The Department of Public Health will contract with neighborhood-based service providers in a five-county area to develop long-term comprehensive strategies and incentives to promote community awareness about AIDS, and to provide resources to address the housing needs of persons with AIDS and related diseases and their families. 2020 Entitlement Funding HOPWA \$1,579,911 CDBG \$284,393 CARES Act Special Needs Assistance (HOPWA-CV \$229,922) (CDBG-CV \$229,922) This funding targets individuals with HIV/AIDS. Department of Public Health has an effective infrastructure to assist our HIV/AIDS population. These services, however, have seen immediate cost increases due to the coronavirus and our funding will support their existing efforts. Activities under this category include, but are not limited to:- Deconcentrating of shelters through the renting of hotel rooms;- Increases to sanitation costs and port-o-let rentals;- Increased staffing costs due to hazard pay;- Increased costs to quarantine individuals with compromised immune systems;- Short-term supported housing Assistance; - Workforce Development; and- Other Direct Costs related to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID 19 Workforce Development/ Employment Assistance - Employment is an essential focus within the coordinated response to HIV/AIDS. Employment is critical to improving the economic and personal well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS. It has been shown to impact health and can increase a person's ability to live a satisfying, productive and meaningful life. Employment can also increase self-sufficiency and reduce reliance on publicly funded benefits as well as other services. Short-Term Supported Housing Assistance</p> <p>Short-term supported housing facilities are an eligible activity under the HOPWA program. Short-term facilities are intended to provide temporary shelter to eligible individuals to prevent homelessness and allow an opportunity to develop individualized housing and service plan to guide the client's linkage to permanent housing.</p>
Target Date	9/30/2022

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 2140 families will benefit directly from proposed activities.
Location Description	These program operate citywide.

	Planned Activities	<p>CDBG:</p> <p>HIV Prevention Education HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services</p> <p>HOPWA:</p> <p>Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) assistance Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) Supportive Services of Case Management & Nutritional Services</p> <p>CDBG-CV:</p> <p>HIV Prevention Education HIV/STD Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services Workforce development Rental Assistance Other Direct Costs related to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p> <p>HOPWA-CV:</p> <p>Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) assistance Permanent Housing Placement (PHP) Supportive Services of Case Management & Nutritional Services Other Direct Costs related to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
17	Project Name	CV- NDA, CDCs and Third-Party Public Service
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$4,760,000

Descrip tion	The Department of Community Development will contract with various non-profit organizations to administer CDBG eligible public service activities for families, youth and senior adults. This includes \$170,000 NDA Senior Transportation. This year's funding recommendations to all public service (social service) activities can be found in the attachments.2020 Entitlement FundingCDBG- \$1,308,016CARES ActBasic Needs Assistance (\$4.25 million) Basic needs support includes funding to assist residents through:- Food banks,- Food delivery,- Utility assistance,- Senior service;- Homelessness outreach; and- Referrals to other services.We will partner with agencies who have experience running these types of programs, and this will allow us to leverage additional funding and assistance.1st Amendment- Increase funding for basic needs by \$510,000Basic Needs Assistance (new amended amount is \$4.76 million) Basic needs support includes funding to assist residents through:- Food banks,- Food delivery,- Utility assistance,- Senior service;- Homelessness outreach;- Foreclosure Prevention;- Referrals to other services; and- Broadband Assistance.We will partner with agencies who have experience running these types of programs, and this will allow us to leverage additional funding and assistance.
Target Date	9/30/2022
Estimat e the numbe r and type of familie s that will benefit from the propos ed activiti es	CARES Act Funds At least 56000 families will benefit directly from proposed activities.
Locatio n Descrip tion	These programs operate city wide or at the community development corporation service area level.

	Planned Activities	<p>2020 Entitlement Funding</p> <p>Main focus is matrix code 05 and all its sub-categories including elderly meals and socialization, after school programming, child and health care services, etc.</p> <p>This includes \$170,000 NDA Senior Transportation.</p> <p>CARES Act Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food banks • Food delivery • Utility assistance • Senior service • Homelessness outreach • Foreclosure Prevention • Referrals to other services • Broadband access <p>Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
18	Project Name	CV- Storefront Renovation Program and Small Business Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	Section 108: \$6,750,000 CDBG-CV: \$2,000,000

<p>Descrip tion</p>	<p>Financial and design assistance provided to commercial property owners and retail business owners to comprehensively rehabilitate buildings in targeted retail neighborhood districts and targeted retail buildings. Improvements will only address the exterior appearance of commercial buildings and, as needed, restore the architectural integrity of the structure according to federal design standards. Where mixed use structures are involved (commercial/residential), program focus is the commercial presence of the building in the retail district. Exterior improvements will address maintenance, code and aesthetic items on the building as well as business signage that is within City codes; as well as functionally appropriate for the building. The Program does not address interior, residential code related items and does not result in decent, safe and sanitary units (DSS).2020 Entitlement funding for the Storefront Renovation is \$309,889.CARES Act- Small Business AssistanceThe activities required to control COVID-19 have had a substantial impact on business operations. The effect has been hardest on our smallest businesses and on businesses that focus on personal services or rely on the gathering of large groups of people. Specifically, restaurants, salons & barbershops, and small retail have been closed and, to re-open, will have to operate with reduced capacity and make significant investments in customer and employee safety for an unforeseen period of time. Many of these businesses are owned by individuals who have traditionally been unable to access favorable or traditional credit. These businesses also have had difficulty accessing the SBA programs provided in the CARES Act.To alleviate the need, the City of Cleveland is prepared to undertake three programs for financing businesses:1) Emergency Working Capital Program: the City would provide \$10,000 loans to small businesses throughout the City to support working capital costs through the COVID-19 scenario.2) Emergency Working Capital Program: Specially-Impacted Businesses: the City would provide loans up to \$20,000 to small businesses in the restaurant, retail, and personal care sectors who will have to take extraordinary measures to operate their business. Up to \$10,000 of the loan will be forgivable in order to offset the costs of personal protective equipment that these businesses have had to incur3) Restoration Working Capital Program: the City will provide loans up to \$100,000 for businesses that are in need of patient working capital to pay bills and to overcome disruptions in their supply chains or delayed payments from vendors.CARES Act funding for Small Business Assistance is \$1,250,000. The Department of Economic Development shall administer these funds.1st Amendment- Increase CARES Act funding for Small Business Assistance by \$750,000, for a total amount of \$2 million. The Department of Economic Development shall administer these funds.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>9/30/2022</p>

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>The Storefront Renovation Program assists business, but the projects typically support the retention and creation of up to 30 jobs that in turn benefit 30 low and moderate income jobs.</p> <p>The Small Business Assistance program is anticipated to result in the retention of at least 300 jobs, meeting the requirement of \$35,000 in assistance per job as required by 24 CFR 570.209. By focusing on our NRSAs, all the projects will be located in an NRSA where the residents' poverty rate exceeds 20%, meeting the standard of 24 CFR 570.209(b)(2)(v)(F).</p> <p>Retention of at least 300 jobs- As stated above, these projects will be located in the City's NRSAs. The projects themselves will impact hundreds of jobs and help to retain the small business and social fabric of our commercial corridors.</p> <p>In turn these jobs will benefit 300 low and moderate income families.</p>
	Location Description	<p>The Storefront Renovation Program is citywide. The Small Business Assistance program is Citywide.</p> <p>All Projects funded using HUD 108 or CDBG will be in a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). As a result, projects will meet the national objectives of area benefit under 24 CFR 570.208 (d)(5)(i).</p> <p>Other resources may be used to fund projects outside of the NRSA or will qualify under another National Objective. Over 90% of Cleveland census tracts fall within the NRSA.</p>
	Planned Activities	<p>Rebate assistance on a competitive basis to those eligible commercial properties and business owners who complete their building renovations according to the design and scope of work specs provided by the Storefront Renovation Program (SRP) staff.</p> <p>Small Business Assistance in the form of loans and grants. 24 CFR 570.203(b) for special economic development activities. Funded activities would include equipment and working capital expenses that fall within the categorical exclusion of 24 CFR 58.35(b)(4).</p>
19	Project Name	CV- General and Program Administration
	Target Area	City of Cleveland
	Goals Supported	<p>Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing</p> <p>Revitalize Neighborhoods</p> <p>Provide Needed Public Services</p> <p>Increase Economic Opportunities</p> <p>Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness</p>

Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Stabilizing Neighborhood Housing Markets Non-Housing Community Development
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$847,336
Description	2020 Entitlement Funds Direct program administration costs for approximately 68+ staff salaries and benefits expenses, as well as direct operating expenses for CDBG paid employees. Also included are Equipment and Indirect Costs. CARES Act Funds Direct program administration costs for staff salaries and benefits expenses, as well as direct operating expenses for CDBG paid employees. Also included are Equipment and Indirect Costs. (CDBG-CV \$647,336) 1st Amendment- Increase of \$200,000 for direct program administration. Direct program administration costs for staff salaries and benefits expenses, as well as direct operating expenses for CDBG paid employees. Also included are Equipment and Indirect Costs. (new total CDBG-CV \$847,336)
Target Date	9/30/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>2020 Entitlement Funds</p> <p>Contract administration, fair housing and consumer affairs, housing development coordination, compliance monitoring, accounting services, budget administration, information services and data/mapping analysis.</p> <p>CARES Act Funds</p> <p>Contract administration, fair housing and consumer affairs, housing development coordination, compliance monitoring, accounting services, budget administration, information services and data/mapping analysis.</p> <p>Pursuant to all regulatory requirements or flexibility granted with available waivers upon written notification to HUD. See appendix for available waivers.</p>
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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

The jurisdiction consists of the boundaries of the City of Cleveland, an area of 77.6 square miles. Based on the 2010 Census, the city has a population of 396,890, with 207,536 housing units. In the 2010 Census, only 27 of Cleveland’s 175 residential Census tracts did not have a majority of residents qualifying as low/ moderate income.

The median income for a household in the city was \$25,928, and the median income for a family was \$30,286. Males had a median income of \$30,610 versus \$24,214 for females. The per capita income for the city was \$14,291. 26.3% of the population and 22.9% of families were below the poverty line. Out of the total population, 37.6% of those under the age of 18 and 16.8% of those 65 and older were living below the poverty line.

Over the years an increasing percentage of the city’s population has been non-white. The segregation of African Americans from whites and of African-Americans from Hispanics exceeds the averages for many large cities. Cleveland’s African-American population is concentrated on the east side of the city and in the near eastern suburbs. Hispanics are concentrated in the city’s west side neighborhoods.

Whites are about 33 percent of Cleveland's population. Most live in areas in the West side of Cleveland, with areas further away from downtown and close to Lakewood and Parma being near exclusively white. Downtown Cleveland and Little Italy on the East side also have large white populations.

Blacks are about 52 percent of Cleveland. Most live in areas in the Eastside of Cleveland. Areas immediately south and west of downtown also have notable black populations. There is also a small West Indian population.

Hispanics are about 10 percent of Cleveland. The Clark-Fulton neighborhood has the highest concentration of Hispanics in the city. Though, other neighborhoods immediately west and south of downtown, such as Tremont, Ohio City, and Broadway, also have significant Hispanic populations. The vast majority of Hispanics in Cleveland are of Puerto Rican descent.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Cleveland	100

Table 11 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Funds provided through the HUD entitlement programs will primarily be focused on the neighborhoods

where the majority of residents qualify as low/moderate income or the area has been designated as blighted, based on the condition of the structures. Many neighborhoods qualify under both criteria.

Limited activities may be carried out in higher income, non-blighted areas if they are addressing needs of specific low/moderate individuals or conditions of spot blight.

Three planning documents play a key role in targeting decisions for available neighborhood development resources: the Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan, the Neighborhood Typology, and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategic Area Plans.

The Connecting Cleveland 2020 Citywide Plan outlines policies and strategies of citywide and neighborhood significance such as housing, retail, economic development, education, recreation, arts and culture, and safety. The 2020 Citywide Plan provides a general overview of each topic area, and explains the assets, trends, challenges and opportunities in Cleveland related to each.

The creation of the Neighborhood Typology and its relation to strategic approaches to varying neighborhood market conditions was discussed in detail in the introductory overview to The Consolidated Plan (2011-2016), submitted to HUD in 2011. A new version of the document, the 4th iteration, was released in early 2012. It was updated using initial 2010 Census data and the most current local data for demolitions, property values and land use. In addition to the Typology; a new tool, the Housing Index will be used in 2015 to show impact over time.

The current NRSA boundaries were approved by HUD in 2009 and included four areas encompassing most of the City. NRSA program information was incorporated into the FY 2011-15 Consolidated Plan.

Since that Five-Year Plan was issued, the Census Bureau released updated data. In early 2016, Economic Development Dept. staff analyzed the new Census data, noting that 1) the 2010 census changed some census tract boundaries, and 2) more census tracts qualified as part of NRSAs, situated at the perimeter of Cleveland. The 2016 updated NRSAs include the entire City of Cleveland except for 9 far west side census tracts and 4 south side census tracts. Also, as part of the qualification of additional areas, the 4 NRSAs have been combined into 3 areas (West, Southand Central; the East area was combined into the existing Central area).

As part of this Annual Action Plan submission, the City of Cleveland is including an updated NRSA boundary map (attachment), a description of NRSA strategies (attachment), and the entire NRSA

Strategies & Monitoring Plan, 2016-2020 (appendix).

Discussion

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)

The three NRSA areas are:

- Central NRSA-
- West NRSA
- South NRSA

The 2020-2021 NRSA projects are:

1. CBDO Public Services through CDCs that qualify.
2. Aggregation of Housing Units rehabilitated or constructed by partner CDCs.
3. Storefront Renovation Program
4. Small Business Assistance Program providing loans and grants.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

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One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	132
Non-Homeless	667
Special-Needs	0
Total	799

Table 12 - 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	606
Rehab of Existing Units	193
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	799

Table 13 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Homeless: The Two Year Goal reflects new permanent supportive housing units that will be completed.

Rehab of Existing Units/Acquisition of Existing Units: The goals in this line item reflect a combination of single and multi-family new construction, and rehabilitated single- and multi-family units. The two year goal for new construction includes 50 single family units, and 424 multi-family units (474 total).

Rehabilitated units consist of 70 single-family and 123 multi-family (193 total). The unit counts are based on project funding awards and proposed projects that have reached a stage making the project likely to occur. Per HUD instructions, the total unit count represents the production of 606 new units and 193 rehabilitated units that, by excluding acquisition units, are not counted twice.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) expects to receive \$60,0000 operating grant, \$18,400,056 capital fund grant, \$94,900,000 housing choice voucher grant (Section 8) and another \$4,839,944 in other resources during the 2019-2020 grant year. CMHA manages 9,284 public housing units and 15,269 housing choice vouchers. The most recent waiting list for public housing units is 20,226 families and the waiting list for housing choice vouchers is 5,632.

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

During the next year, the City of Cleveland will assist CMHA in its efforts to maintain the availability of public housing units by retaining the existing inventory to the fullest possible extent or providing replacement units for housing deemed obsolete. One example of coordination activities with CMHA includes submitting appropriate funding applications that may occur. In addition, the City will continue to work with CMHA, when or where appropriate, as a financial partner in the rehabilitation or new construction of housing units.

All capital fund grant resources will go to boiler and elevator repair/replacement projects during the 2020-2021 grant year.

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

In terms of management, both the Cuyahoga MHA and Parma PHA have systems in place for residents and administrators to meet on an ongoing basis to discuss management/building issues, which the City believes is appropriate for that purpose. Public housing facilities are also subject to the City building codes, when repair issues arise.

In terms of homeownership and self-sufficiency, a strategic goal of CMHA is to promote the self sufficiency and asset development of its assisted households. CMHA partners with various community agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide programs and activities to help residents, both youth and adult, achieve self-sufficiency goals. Residents can participate in programs that include job training, health and financial literacy, youth and adult education, and home ownership. These programs are designed to help residents develop skills that will reduce or eliminate the need for government assistance.

Primary resident initiatives objectives include: Increasing the level of employment opportunities for assisted families; Making available supportive services to improve the employment skills of residents; Making available supportive services to increase independence for the elderly and families with

disabilities; and Increasing homeownership opportunities

A major tenant homeownership initiative is the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program, which allows eligible assisted families that have completed prepurchase counseling and homeownership training to apply to a mortgage lender and search for a home. The Housing Choice Voucher pays a portion of the homebuyer's mortgage for 15 years.

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

Not applicable. Neither the Cuyahoga MHA nor the Parma PHA are designated as "troubled" by HUD.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City of Cleveland intends to combine its 2018? Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds with those received by Cuyahoga County, along with any Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) funds allocated to Cuyahoga County by the Department of Development for the State of Ohio, for programs designed to rapidly exit families, Youth, and single adults from homelessness.

These funds will be administered by the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS), which is the designated CoC Lead Agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC). The OHS manages the Continuum of Care (CoC), a network of homeless service providers that implements homeless services and housing assistance through a Coordinated Community response to homelessness.

The goals of the CoC's strategic plan are:

- a. To assure that homelessness is Rare, Brief, and non-recurring
- b. Reduce the number of individuals and families who experience homelessness;
- c. To comply with HEARTH Act requirements that remove barriers to individuals and families accessing housing and service
- d. To adhere to CPD Notices related to Prioritization of Chronic Homeless persons and families
- e. To implement a Coordinated Entry System that is accessible, resolves homelessness, and allocates limited resources to the highest need households.
- f. To end Chronic Homelessness by 2019;
- g. To end Family and Youth Homelessness by 2020;
- h. To end Veteran Homelessness by 2018;
- i. To end all homelessness as quickly as possible;

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 CoC utilizes several outreach efforts that operate 365/days a year:

- 1) PATH workers, supported by mental health funding, work early morning and in the evening visiting camps and places known to be used by unsheltered persons. PATH refers many persons to the permanent supportive housing/chronically homeless units;
- 2) Care Alliance, the Federally Qualified Health Center serving homeless persons, also conducts street outreach on a daily basis;
- 3) The Louis Stokes Veterans Medical Center supports a Homeless Outreach Team specifically reaching

out to unsheltered veterans who are identified by the coordinated community efforts;

4) in addition, two organizations are funded by the VA for the Supportive Services to Veteran Families (SSFV) Program which includes street outreach to veterans;

5) one agency receives “Runaway and Homeless Youth Act” (RHY) funding to conduct street outreach to youth, ages 14 – 21;

6) Shelter Outreach – many street homeless spend some nights at the publicly funded shelters. Shelter staff attempts to engage them in permanent supportive housing/chronically homeless housing and services;

7) The CoC funds a cold weather, weekend shelter for people who refuse ‘traditional’ shelter. Outreach teams visit this site to engage this shelter resistant group. The CoC implemented a single site, Coordinated Entry system (CES) in 2012. All newly homeless individuals and families are assessed prior to entering shelter. If possible, safe, alternative permanent housing is identified. CE utilizes mediation to reunify families to avoid a shelter stay. Domestic Violence victims, veterans, youth, and other sub populations are able to be identified at CES and linked with community resources specifically targeted to their needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Since FY 2009, the CoC has been implementing policies and practices intended to shift the shelter and transitional housing paradigm focused on facility based programming and services intended to “prepare” someone for housing, to instead, a “Housing Crisis Response System” that sees the role of shelter as a safety net for the most vulnerable and at risk, with the goal of having the shelter stay be as brief as possible. The traditional “Transitional Housing” model that permitted a residential stay of up to 24 months has been replaced with a “housing first” approach informed by client needs. All the CoC funded programs (including ESG funded activities) are low barrier in their entrance policies. There are no requirements that individuals or families undergo ‘drug testing’, comply with behavioral health medications as an entry requirement, or, for the single adult shelters, be sober at the time of entrance. Single site, longer term residential programs are referred to as “temporary housing” and target the highest barrier families and single adults, matching households that require more interventions to programs that have more resources. Lack of income is not a barrier for referral to shelter or to access Rapid Re-Housing assistance. Implementation of CE has enabled the CoC to coordinate resources to match client needs much more effectively and efficiently.

A significant number of homeless individuals and families also have involvement with one or more systems. While the CoC is engaged with these systems to encourage more effective discharge planning, the CoC is also identifying ways to relink persons once they become homeless. Specifically, through CE and Diversion Assessment at the shelter front door, families and individuals that currently have case managers in other systems, can be contacted for interventions to prevent the client from entering

shelter: a) Veterans and their families are identified and referred to the VA's Supportive Services to Veterans Families (SSVF) Project, which provides homeless prevention assistance and links clients with other VA resources; b) persons over 65 are linked with the aging system; and c) 18-24-year-old youth who have aged out of foster care, may be relinked with that the Child Welfare system for system resources and supports.

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

For the past 5 years, the CoC has focused on a "housing first" approach. The community has endorsed the US Interagency Council on Homelessness goal that: "Homelessness is BRIEF, RARE, and NONRECURRING". The CoC is utilizing ESG RRH funding, State funded Homeless crisis response Program funding, and CoC Homeless Assistance PH RRH funding to provide short term rental assistance (security deposit + 4 months rent) to all populations to reduce the shelter length of stay. Shelter services are focused on assisting clients to apply for RRH and working with RRH funded Housing Locators to identify safe decent housing as quickly as possible, have the unit inspected, and move on. Cleveland has implemented a "Progressive Engagement" model for families receiving RRH which does not require that families have income in order to begin receiving RRH assistance. Two agencies are funded by the Veterans Administration to provide Supportive Services to Veterans Families (SSVF) which provides both prevention assistance to currently housed veterans or short term rental assistance to expedite veterans leaving homelessness. Both the SSVF and the RRH programs are required to provide case management to the HH during the subsidy period to assure that the household will remain stably housed after the subsidy is finished. Cleveland/Cuyahoga County are co-sponsors with the YWCA, "A Place 4 Me" of the Strategy to Reduce and End Homelessness for Youth". Homeless youth are identified at Coordinated Entry and immediately linked with a "Navigator" to assist them to access housing and the resources required to maintain their housing.

Cleveland has been a primary partner in the HOUSING FIRST INITIATIVE, which has developed over 600 PSH units targeted to chronically homeless individuals. Cleveland expects to announce an end to chronic homelessness within the next 18 months. The HFI provides stable housing with supportive services on site. Since its inception in FY 2006, less than 2% of the participants have returned to homelessness.

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

employment, education, or youth needs.

Foster Care Discharge Planning

In FY 2015, an initiative to address youth homelessness was launched by “A Place 4 Me”. A strategic plan that includes 4 major goals with detailed strategies and objectives aligned with each goal, calls out the importance of engaging the Child Welfare system to improve emancipation practices. In 2016, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services, announced a goal to never again exit a youth into homelessness. Specific practice changes include reorganizing the Independent Living unit; creating an Emancipation Unit; including youth and youth identified community support people in the exit planning process; forging a referral process for public housing with the local PHA; having a second review of the plan prior to ending DCFS involvement; following up on the youth frequently to determine ongoing stability in the community.

Health Care Discharge Planning

Although the Ohio Department of Health policy prohibits discharging people requiring ongoing medical care to shelter, the practice continues. A CoC Hospital Discharge Planning Group, established in FY 2011, focuses on the discharge policies and protocols of area nursing homes and hospitals. The group developed written “Health Status” guidelines which clearly state the minimum health status threshold to enter a shelter. This information has been distributed to all area nursing homes and hospitals. Further, the protocol states that prior to sending someone to a shelter by cab or by ambulance, the facility must call CE, who will discuss the referral in order to prevent someone who is medically inappropriate from being discharged to the shelter. Hospital and nursing home staff attend the Discharge Planning Group meetings. CE staff track medical discharges that are inappropriate. Facilities are contacted and held accountable to stop the practice.

Mental Health Discharge Planning

The Cuyahoga County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board monitors state requirements prohibiting discharge to shelters. In addition, it provides a 10 bed mental health crisis shelter. The respite beds provide additional time for case workers to develop safe, permanent housing options for persons who may have been homeless prior to hospitalization. Chronically homeless individuals leaving the state hospital may access a permanent supportive housing/chronically homeless unit. Safe Haven placement is another option provided the client was homeless prior to the state hospital stay. Mentally ill persons living on the streets and in the shelter are prioritized for permanent supportive housing/chronically homeless units.

Corrections Discharge Planning

In 2009, Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland established an Office of Re-entry to link returning offenders with resources in order to reduce recidivism. A strategy to prevent homelessness that has been promoted by the Office on Re-entry is outreach to inmates to assess housing, employment, and behavioral health needs, and begin the process of linking clients with resources prior to release. Two current programs are noteworthy: a) the VA goes into the institutions and identifies veterans, provides

ID's, benefit determination, medical services and housing upon release; and b) The Corporation for Supportive Housing has sponsored a program that focuses on identifying persons who have serious mental health issues, engaging with them and providing housing upon release. Both programs have documented success with reducing homelessness for these high risk populations as a result of the program interventions.

Discussion

Helping Low Income Individuals.... Narrative
(continued)

Assistance from Other Public or Private Agencies

In 2017, 65% of participants accessed non-employment income sources. Over the next two years, improving on the percentage of participants increasing income from entry to exit will be accomplished through focused efforts to assess and link clients more quickly. Through CE, the CoC is better able to assess clients at shelter entrance to identify current income sources and potential benefit sources. The standardized data is entered into HMIS. The open HMIS system enables the agency accepting the client referral from CE to begin addressing client income issues more quickly. In addition, the State of Ohio has established an online "Benefit Bank." Using client data, case workers can identify additional income sources for which the client may qualify. Through CE, veterans are identified and referred immediately to the VA Homeless Outreach Coordinator to link the client with VA resources. Performance on income attainment is discussed at bi-monthly provider meetings.

In 2017, 93% of participants in CoC funded projects obtained mainstream benefits. The CoC will attempt to increase this percentage over the next two years by continuing the following strategies. The CoC requires all providers to participate in CE, which identifies client eligibility for income supports and mainstream benefits. It identifies veterans and links them immediately with the VA Homeless Outreach Coordinator for the CoC. Chronically homeless individuals are prioritized for permanent supportive housing. Enrolling chronically homeless clients in mainstream resources is a primary activity during the engagement and housing process. Mainstream benefit enrollment achievement is tracked through monthly HMIS reports generated by the HMIS Systems Administrator. Performance is discussed at bimonthly provider meetings.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	475
Tenant-based rental assistance	50
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	525

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

Introduction:

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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

The City of Cleveland makes every possible effort to establish public policies that will remove barriers to, and facilitate the development of, decent and safe affordable housing.

Development and Land Use Controls

The City of Cleveland does not impose any of the following barriers to affordable housing:

- growth controls
- impact fees
- exclusionary zoning
- large lot zoning
- excessive subdivision control
- rent control
- Tax Policies

a. Tax Abatement

City policies utilize abatement of property tax to enhance the affordability of new or substantially rehabilitated housing. Properties meeting established criteria can have taxes on the increase in value resulting from improvements abated for a period of 10 to 15 years, depending on location, housing type, and whether it is new construction or rehabilitation.

b. Tax Foreclosure - Land Bank

The City works closely with the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office to assure timely foreclosure of tax delinquent vacant land. Most properties are transferred to the City's Land Bank and held for redevelopment. Developers of affordable housing can obtain buildable sites at \$100 per unit.

Issuing RFP for new AFH

The City of Cleveland is in the process of developing and receiving approval within the City of Cleveland to issue a request for proposals to undertake an Analysis of Impediments and draft a new plan to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. It is expected that the City will procure a consultant in the 2020-2021

grant year with a report due in late 2020-2021 or early 2021-2022.

Discussion:

1. Describes how input was sought into how the goals identified in the AFH inform the priorities and objectives in the consolidated plan.

In 2013, the City of Cleveland participated through the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC) to create and adopt a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Fair Housing and Equity Assessment. This document prescribed 10 private sector and 6 public sector strategies to be pursued to affirm fair housing in the City of Cleveland and its surrounding communities.

Specifically, there are 3 priorities in that are informed by goals identified in the 2013 Regional Analysis of Impediments and Fair Housing Choice:

- **Priority 1- Affordable Housing**
- Providing access, increasing access and expanding the stock of affordable housing, including Rental Assistance.- \$11,300,000
- Funding for Fair Housing activities is used to directly resolve issues with housing discrimination of available affordable housing units, or where available units are failing to make reasonable accommodations.
- **Priority 2- Homelessness**
- This priority addresses the Cost Burden problem for renters.
- **Priority 6- Public Housing**
- Continued support of public housing provides decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, elderly and persons with disabilities. These informed priorities have resulted in the allocation of at least \$7,110,723 for the following projects/activities to be undertaken in the 2020-2021 grant year:
- Project # 3 Housing Trust Fund and Community Housing Development Organizations- \$4,391,877.00
- Through a competitive proposal process administered by the Department of Community Development, the Housing Trust Fund will provide a source of public capital for investment in housing development projects that will increase the supply of affordable housing units and/or assist in addressing housing related neighborhood revitalization strategies. This funding also is utilized to support public housing improvements and development.
- Project #5 Emergency Solutions and Homeless Prevention- \$4,540,625.00
- As a result of continued high demand for shelter services, CDBG funds are used to supplement Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The combined ESG and CDBG homeless services funds for shelter services are allocated through a proposal process carried out in cooperation with the

Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services.

- Project #12 Citywide Development Organizations Activities - \$305,000.00
- This program provides operating support to nonprofit CDCs for CDBG eligible services and real estate development activities in strategic geographic areas and neighborhoods. Services include assisting tenants of rental properties and real estate development activities support the creation of affordable housing.
- Project #13 Fair Housing and Consumer Protection- \$90,000.00
- Equal opportunity (EO) and fair housing enforcement and education activities to reduce incidences of housing discrimination. Administered through the Office of Fair Housing & Consumer Affairs.
- Project #6 NDA, CDCs and Third-Party Public Service
- The entire budget for this project is not solely directed at AFFH efforts, many of the public services funded do support AFH efforts, therefore the \$ 1,683,016 is not included in the above total, but it should be recognized as an important part of Cleveland's efforts. The Department of Community Development will contract with various non-profit organizations to administer CDBG eligible public service activities for families, youth and senior adults.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

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Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The major obstacle to meeting underserved needs in the community is the lack of resources. Between 2006 and 2016, Cleveland's CDBG allocation declined by 21.1% and the HOME allocation by 45.7%. The peak of funding occurred in 1995 when these programs combined totaled almost \$41 million. Since then current entitlement amounts less than 43% peak amounts. The decline in CDBG and HOME funds was offset by the receipt of federal assistance through the Housing and Recovery Act of 2008 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; these funds were also needed because of the collapse of the housing market and the economy as a whole. Most of these funds have now been expended. With the continued impact of the foreclosure crisis on housing vacancy and abandonment in Cleveland neighborhoods, along with slow growth in local employment opportunities, obstacles to meeting underserved needs remain high.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Cleveland will continue to foster and maintain affordable housing through a variety of programs directed toward renters, homebuyers, and homeowners. For additional information, refer to section AP-38 Project Summaries.

In addition, the City considers fair housing efforts to be an important tool to foster and maintain affordable housing. The Department of Community Development works with the City's Community Relations Board to affirmatively further fair housing and neighborhood stabilization objectives:

- Promote cultural diversity as a positive value in the development and maintenance of stable, integrated neighborhoods.
- Assure that all protected classes of persons, as outlined in the City's Fair Housing Ordinance, have equal access to all segments of the City's housing market. The Fair Housing Ordinance covers discrimination in housing rental and sales transactions, lending, homeowners insurance, and appraisals. It also provides protection against discrimination in retail and commercial activities.

The primary enforcement vehicle is the Fair Housing Review Board and its staff, which receives individual complaints of discrimination in the housing market; monitors real estate professionals for patterns and practices which illegally restrict housing opportunities for minorities, women, and others protected under the City's ordinance; and facilitates community education programs to promote understanding of fair housing laws, appreciation of cultural diversity, and affirmative marketing of

Cleveland neighborhoods.

The Community Relations Board also contracts with local non-profit fair housing organizations to monitor real estate sales and rental activities to identify discriminatory practices.

In August 2014, the City of Cleveland completed a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice plan, including a Fair Housing Plan of Action.

In addition, the City's monitoring of lending institutions has important fair housing implications. A key factor of lender evaluation is equal access of minority borrowers to all forms of housing credit. Past CRA challenges filed by the City have been based significantly on statistical evidence of apparent discriminatory lending practices. This will continue to be a focus of all future evaluations of lending institution performance.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Cleveland recognizes that a large proportion of elevated blood level cases occur in Cleveland.

The City will continue to utilize HUD funds to reduce childhood lead exposure in the Cleveland housing stock and will comply with federal regulations to remediate lead hazards. The City will also leverage funds across its available programs to address lead hazards and will work in collaboration with other public and private entities to extend lead poisoning prevention services to Cleveland residents.

In November 2015, the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development was awarded a three-year \$3.7 million HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration and Healthy Homes Grant. The grant includes a goal to perform lead hazard remediation work in a total of 220 housing units and address health and safety hazards in 80 income-eligible owner-occupied and rental housing units located throughout the City where a child under the age of six resides or frequents.

In Spring of 2018, the City of Cleveland applied and was awarded a second HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant. The \$3 million in funding will address 200+ housing units over three years.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Taken at the most basic level, the key to escaping poverty is finding and holding full-time employment with health care and other job benefits. The City of Cleveland's extensive economic development efforts are focused on retaining and creating employment generating activity in Cleveland, thereby reducing the overall poverty level. The following initiatives are specifically directed at expanding economic

opportunities for low-income Cleveland residents.

Workforce Development

The City of Cleveland will continue to work jointly with Cuyahoga County in a collaborative workforce system, Employment Connection, to help local employers meet their human capital needs and assist residents with the tools necessary for a successful job search, including maintaining strong partnerships with business, the public sector and local educational institutions to ensure that training programs supply the skills employers seek.

Fannie M. Lewis Cleveland Resident Employment Law

The City of Cleveland will continue to enforce this local ordinance, which requires many construction activities receiving assistance through a City of Cleveland contract to hire City of Cleveland residents and low-income persons as a share of their workforce.

Community Benefits Agreement

The City and its partners will continue to emphasize this 2013 public-private agreement focusing investment to create direct benefits for Cleveland residents by increasing pre-apprentice and apprenticeship training opportunities, connecting qualified local residents with job opportunities, increasing utilization of minority, female and locally owned business enterprises as both prime and subcontractors, and convening a committee to monitor progress.

Use of HUD Resources for Job Creation Activities

Cleveland will continue to identify specific job creating economic development projects that can be supported through the use of HUD's Section 108 financing (both in the Pooled Bond Fund and the Supplemental Empowerment Zone funding) and Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds. The City of Cleveland will also utilize its Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NSRAs) to create jobs and eliminate slum and blight in these areas by providing enhanced economic development and job training activities.

For additional information, refer to section SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy, in the FY 2016-2020 Five-Year Plan.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Department of Community Development recognizes that in this era of devolution of funds, effective solutions to the challenges Cleveland neighborhoods face must cross disciplinary lines. Coordination is embraced in our program operations. The Department's institutional structure for the delivery of housing and community development activities consists of a broad array of public, private and nonprofit organizations described in more detail in section SP-40. The City always seeks to strengthen this

institutional structure.

Through the end of the grant year, 2020-2021, the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development will be undertaking the following to help develop the institutional structure of the Entitlement program in the Department and with its partners.

- Standardization Policies and Procedures
- Increase public participation

Review and Implement greater use of technology

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

The City of Cleveland's Department of Community Development is the lead agency for planning and administering programs funded through the four HUD entitlement programs included in the Consolidated Plan. In carrying out this responsibility, the City will continue to work in cooperation with other public entities, and by extension their networks of health, mental health, and service agencies, to provide programs and services to Cleveland residents:

- The Cleveland Department of Building and Housing, which is responsible as a subgrantee for code enforcement, building demolition and other key aspects of the City's neighborhood revitalization strategies.
- The Cleveland Department of Public Health, which is responsible as a subgrantee for developing plans for HOPWA funds and other resources for addressing the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS.
- The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services, which is a joint effort of the city and county governments. It has primary responsibility for the development of the Continuum of Care for the
- homeless and the annual application to HUD for competitive supportive housing program funding. It also assists the City with the allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), which is the local public housing agency, managing more than 10,000 public housing units and administering more than 14,000 rental housing

Discussion:

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Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

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:

Not applicable.

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 City uses recapture when HOME funds are used for homebuyer activities. If HOME Program funds are utilized to assist low-income homebuyers, the following loan terms and recapture provisions will be implemented to assure compliance with program regulations:

- HOME Program funds will be used as 0% deferred loans. Each loan will be secured by a subordinate mortgage and promissory note.
- The term of the loan will be equal to the required HOME affordability period.
- The loan will be reduced monthly on a pro-rata basis throughout the loan term for each month that borrower occupies the property as the borrower's primary residence. If the borrower has not disposed of, sold, refinanced, transferred, ceased to occupy the property as borrower's primary residence, or otherwise defaulted on any provision of the loan until the maturity date, then the principal amount of the loan will be forgiven.
- A property foreclosure or a transfer in lieu of foreclosure to the first mortgage holder may prematurely end the affordability period, as long as either action is not for the purpose of avoiding low-income affordability restrictions.

The following are the recapture provisions in the event of foreclosure or if the borrower decides to sell the property during the affordability period (the sale of the property must be at fair market value): the amount due to City is the outstanding loan balance payable from net proceeds. Net proceeds of a sale are the sales price minus the amount due under the first mortgage, taxes due, and any closing costs. If there are insufficient net proceeds remaining after the sale to pay the full outstanding loan balance, net proceeds will be shared under the following formula. The amount due to City will be the outstanding Loan balance at the time of the sale divided by the sum of the outstanding loan balance due to City at the time of the sale and the borrower's Investment multiplied by the net proceeds. Borrower's Investment is defined as the portion of the initial downpayment paid by the borrower combined with the value of any capital improvements made with the borrower's funds (borrower will have to document the capital investments made up to the time of sale of the property). If there are no net proceeds, the City will not recover the HOME investment.

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:

In the event of foreclosure, or if the borrower decides to sell the property during the affordability period (the sale of the property must be at fair market value): the amount due to City is the outstanding loan balance payable from net proceeds. Net proceeds of a sale are the sales price minus the amount due under the first mortgage, taxes due, and any closing costs. If there are insufficient net proceeds remaining after the sale to pay the full outstanding loan balance, net proceeds will be shared under the following formula. The amount due to City will be the outstanding Loan balance at the time of the sale divided by the sum of the outstanding loan balance due to City at the time of the sale and the borrower's Investment multiplied by the net proceeds. Borrower's Investment is defined as the portion of the initial downpayment paid by the borrower combined with the value of any capital improvements made with the borrower's funds (borrower will have to document the capital investments made up to the time of sale of the property).

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:

Not Applicable. Cleveland does not intend to use HOME funds to refinance existing multifamily debt.

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

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

Continuum of Care is managed by the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) which receives partial operating support from the City of Cleveland. Policies and procedures for use of ESG funds are made through the OHS and the OHS Advisory Board. Combined City and County ESG funds are allocated through a request for proposals issued by the OHS. The OHS also manages the Homeless Management Information System which generates HUD required information for the CAPER.

Because ESG is an essential component of funding for basic emergency shelter services in Cleveland, up to

60% of ESG allocations will be used for this purpose; the balance will be focused on Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) services. Policies and procedures for use of ESG funds for RRH and prevention are as follows:

Rapid Re-Housing assistance is available to homeless households under the following circumstances: sleeping in an emergency shelter; sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g. cars,

abandoned buildings, sidewalks); or fleeing domestic violence.

The purpose of RRH is to help eligible program participants quickly obtain and maintain permanent housing. A household's ability to sustain housing will not be a threshold requirement for program assistance.

Homeless prevention assistance is available under the following circumstances:

- Coordinated Entry staff have determined a Household can be diverted from shelter only if ESG assistance is made available;
- Cleveland's Department of Aging has determined an elderly person is facing imminent homelessness through loss of their current housing unless ESG assistance is provided.

Homeless prevention assistance is available to households with incomes below 30% of the area median.

Financial Assistance

In no case may financial assistance be made directly to program participants. Payments must be made to third parties, such as landlords and utility companies. Financial assistance is limited to payment of rent, rental arrears, security deposits, utility payments and deposits when the assistance is necessary for a move from homelessness to stable housing.

Tenant - based rental assistance may be provided to help households obtain and remain in suitable rental units. Rental assistance may be provided for a specific timeframe as determined through operating policies and procedures of the RRH program implementation plan. The overall objective is to assure the household does not return to homelessness.

Service providers must verify and retain documentation showing client need for assistance and calculation of ESG assistance provided.

Rental assistance may not exceed the actual rental cost, which must be in compliance with HUD's standard of "reasonableness." Rent reasonableness means the total rent charged for a unit must be reasonable in relation to rents charged during the same time period for comparable units in the private unassisted market; and must not be in excess of rents being charged by the owner during the same time period for comparable non-luxury unassisted units. ESG funds may be used to pay security and/or utility deposits, if these are required for program participants to obtain housing.

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

Program participants may receive assistance with housing placement and stabilization. Relocation services may include housing location, inspection and negotiation of lease terms. Stabilization services may include case management designed to link program participants to community resources and mainstream benefits and working with participants to develop a plan to prevent future housing instability.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that

meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The City of Cleveland, through support for the Office of Homeless Services (OHS), is utilizing available ESG funds to the fullest extent possible to support services aimed at reducing the number of people entering homeless shelters, and helping those experiencing homelessness to move into permanent housing as quickly as possible. This includes the development of a single site, Coordinated Entry System for single adults, families, and youth.

Coordinated Entry (CE) enables limited available resources to be used most effectively by matching client need with the appropriate level of services. The Coordinated Entry system provides three key activities:

- a) Diversion
- b) Immediate shelter
- c) A housing plan to leave shelter

Diversion: ESG funds for homelessness prevention will be focused very specifically at the door of the shelter by diverting newly homeless persons and households. Persons seeking entry into an emergency shelter are assessed to determine if they have a safe alternative to shelter. If there is a safe, stable alternative, the household may be diverted from entering the shelter system. This diversion effort is not intended to discourage persons and families who have critical shelter needs. Diversion is intended to identify specific issues leading to homelessness that can be immediately addressed so a stay in a shelter may be avoided.

Immediate Shelter: Individuals and families who cannot be diverted and who are literally homeless will be provided a more complete assessment to determine other immediate critical needs, emergency shelter placement and barriers to accessing permanent housing. Households needing emergency shelter are provided space that night.

Housing Exit Plan: Individuals and families entering shelter have a “Housing Exit Plan” to accompany them to the shelter site. Shelter Staff are responsible for beginning to work with the individual/family, immediately to help the household leave shelter as quickly as possible.

HEARTH ACT regulations prohibit homeless data for persons who identify as victims of domestic violence from being entered into the HMIS data collection system. Victims of DV who seek emergency shelter through Coordinated Entry are assisted to access shelter in a DV shelter. If space is not available in a DV specific shelter, DV victims are referred to safe and secure shelter in a confidential shelter location and linked with a victim services provider immediately to develop a safety plan and legal protections if needed. The DV shelter participates in an HMIS comparable data system unique to domestic violence shelter providers. The aggregated data related to numbers served, demographics of the population, and program services and outcomes are provided to the HMIS Administrator to add to the CoC aggregated numbers.

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).

A small portion of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds will be retained by the City of Cleveland for the provision of services through Cleveland's Department of Aging for elderly persons at risk of losing their home. The balance of program funds will be allocated through the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS). The OHS has been designated by the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board as the Collaborative Applicant and lead agency for the Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care. The City of Cleveland's ESG funds, together with Cuyahoga County's ESG funds, ESG allocations to Cuyahoga County from the State of Ohio, and local levy dollars will be awarded to experienced and qualified non-profit service providers through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The RFP is made available to any interested non-profit provider and units of local government. The RFP process must comply with the County's Office of Procurement & Diversity requirements as described in the County's Charter.

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.

The City of Cleveland, in collaboration with the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) consults with homeless and formerly homeless persons on a regular basis, in considering and making policies and decisions regarding facilities, services, or other assistance that will receive ESG funding, assuring City of Cleveland compliance with 24CFR 576.405(a). There are four primary ways that this communication is facilitated:

a) Continuum of Care (CoC) and ESG goals, strategies, and implementation plans are developed through the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board, which meets every other month. The OHS Advisory Board is comprised of representatives of the City, the County, the VA, the Public Housing Authority, the Coalition for the Homeless, providers, stakeholders, and homeless and formerly homeless persons. The Advisory Board establishes subcommittees that address specific policy issues. Participation on these committees is open to anyone in the community - including homeless/formerly homeless persons. One of the Subcommittees which was established in FY2012 is the Emergency Solutions Grant Steering Committee. The HEARTH act requires communities to provide oversight to the ESG program. This Committee meets every other month and includes provider reports on implementation, clients served, performance outcomes, and emerging issues. The Board and every committee the Board has established has benefitted from the inclusion and participation of homeless/formerly homeless individuals.

b) The City of Cleveland enacted an Ordinance in 1999 that requires ESG sub- recipients to include one or more homeless, or formerly homeless, clients on the Board of the provider organization. The OHS reviews sub-recipient compliance with this requirement annually as part of the contract award

process.

c) The local Homeless Coalition has created a group called the Homeless Congress. Homeless and formerly homeless persons attend the monthly meetings. Staff from the OHS as well as provider staff attends these meetings to be aware of client concerns, to share CoC information, and to receive feedback on CoC policies/initiatives.

d) As part of the annual Review & Ranking process for the HUD Homeless Assistance Grant NOFA, clients are solicited for input via a Consumer Satisfaction Survey. The responses have a scoring metric which is factored into the project's overall rating and ranking. If the Consumer Survey score is below a certain value, or if there is less than a 30% return rate for survey responses, the Committee automatically follows up with the provider agency and the clients to assure that client concerns are clearly articulated and responded to in a positive way.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The City of Cleveland helps to develop, and supports, the ESG Performance Standards administered by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) and approved by the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board. The OHS has been designated by the OHS Advisory Board as the lead Homeless Management Information System agency. The CoC has selected "ServicePoint," a software solution, to support the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The OHS provides ServicePoint licenses, training, and support to all homeless service providers in the CoC. ESG/HUD sub-recipients are required by the HEARTH Act to participate in HMIS. Non-publicly funded providers are encouraged by the OHS to participate in HMIS. Participants are required to enter the 16 prescribed data element points into HMIS consistently, accurately, and in a timely manner. The Domestic Violence shelter participates in an HMIS comparable data system unique to domestic violence shelter providers. The aggregated data related to numbers served, demographics of the population, and program services and outcomes are provided to the HMIS Administrator to add to the CoC aggregated numbers.

The following standards are aligned with the HEARTH Act's objectives to reduce and end homelessness. The OHS Systems Administrator will provide reports monitoring outcome data on the following outcome measures:

1. Diversion: A minimum of 20% of newly homeless households seeking shelter will be successfully diverted to a safe alternative to shelter placement;
2. Length of Stay: Implementing rapid exit strategies will shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) by 10%. The ALOS benchmark will be the actual ALOS of the previous year.
3. Returns to shelter: Using the percentage return rate from two years previous as the benchmark, the CoC will target reducing returns to shelter by 5% per year.

An ESG Steering Committee established by the OHS Advisory Board tracks performance outcome information on a quarterly basis and presents a report to the OHS Advisory Board annually.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE
2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
CITY OF CLEVELAND
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

In accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Cleveland Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan is now available for public comment.

The purpose of the Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan is to:

- Make technical changes to align 2020 project goals with 5-year consolidated plan goals (minor amendment),
- authorize the allocation of additional CARES Act CDBG-CV funding in the amount of \$2,595,267 to various programs, such as food, rental assistance,
- authorize the reallocation of \$125,000 in CDBG-CV funding to a homeless sanitation, and
- authorize the allocation of additional CARES Act ESG-CV funding in the amount of \$5,494,002 to various programs, such as shelter, homeless prevention and rental assistance.

The public comment period for the amendment to the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan is December 2, 2020 through December 8, 2020. A copy of the draft amended Plan is available for review at www.city.cleveland.oh.us/cd , and at the following locations:

Department of Community Development
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 320
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Public Administration Library
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 100
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Written and/or verbal comments on the amendment should be directed to:

Department of Community Development
Attention: Joy Anderson
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 320
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Written comments will be forwarded to HUD, as required by Federal Regulations. For information on the Action Plan or any aspect of federally-funded programs administered by the Department of Community Development, contact Joy Anderson at 216-664-2055.