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Stark County, Ohio

FY 2025 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan covers various programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME). Stark County is an Urban County under the CDBG program and a Designated Consortium under the HOME program. The County receives direct allocations of funding for both programs. This one-year action plan is the second year of the FY2024-2028 Consolidated Plan, making it the FY2025 Annual Action Plan. It summarizes the activities the County will undertake utilizing CDBG and HOME funding.

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.

In preparing this Action Plan, the County addressed needs meeting one of the three national objectives of the CDBG program: benefit low-to moderate-income persons (LMI), elimination of slum and blighting conditions or meet an urgent community need. Specific goals, objectives and outcomes include:

Preservation of affordable housing;

Provide targeted public services for persons that are LMI;

Provide technical assistance to microenterprise business or potential businesses;

Public facility and infrastructure improvements.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The projects chosen for funding this program year must meet one of the three National Objectives.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The public was notified throughout the year of all public meetings which are outlined in section AP-12. Notification of the public hearings on March 4, 2025 and March 19, 2025 was published in a newspaper of general circulation on February 18, 2025.

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 30-day comment period began March 5, 2025 and ended April 4, 2025. A separate attachment is provided outlining any public comment.

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

No comments were not accepted.

7. Summary

Section AP-12 provides a list of consultations held during the year. The encouragement and opportunity for public involvement is also described in the attached Stark County Citizen Participation Plan. Throughout the plan, objectives to encourage public participation are outlined in detail.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	STARK COUNTY	Stark County Regional Planning - CD
HOME Administrator	STARK COUNTY	Stark County Regional Planning - CD

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Board of Stark County Commissioners is the grantee of the CDBG funds and the lead entity for the HOME Consortium which includes the cities of Alliance and Massillon. The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) is under contract with the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the administration of the CDBG and HOME programs. SCRPC works with the cities of Alliance and Massillon for the development of the annual HOME budget.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

SCRPC is the contact for the Stark County Consolidated Plan.

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

1. Introduction

SCRPC works to conduct active outreach with various entities, organizations and providers to develop a robust public participation process which aids in the development of strong and effective plans to meet the needs of the County.

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

To enhance coordination among providers, health, mental health and service agencies, SCRPC held one-on-one meetings with providers to educate entities about Stark County CDBG and HOME funding. All meetings are listed in AP-12. An extensive listserv contains several hundred recipients who receive notification of workshops and meetings. SCRPC maintains close working relationships with the cities of Alliance, Canton and Massillon and the Stark Housing Network Inc. (SHN) to strengthen coordination and collaboration.

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.

SHN serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care (CoC) operating as the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC: OH-508). SHN coordinates 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.

Throughout the past year, SCRPC worked closely with the city of Canton and SHN through early implementation of the County's HOME-ARP allocation. SHN has the most current data regarding homelessness in the County and was able to provide valuable expertise. Additional implementation of HOME-ARP is expected to continue into program year 2025.

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

The city of Canton is the only ESG recipient in Stark County. The city of Canton contracts with SHN for administration of ESG funds.

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

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	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?	Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority was consulted to provide current information on public housing and its future plans for section AP-60 of this action plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Stark Housing Network
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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 Stark Housing Network was consulted to provide information on homelessness and other special needs activities for future plans. Stark Housing Network also contributed current information in section AP-35 of this plan.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	STARK COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair Housing

Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Stark County Fair Housing department was consulted to provide information on barriers to affordable housing, housing discrimination and other information in section AP-75.
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County	

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

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

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	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notification of the HOME-ARP application workshop was e-mailed to community stakeholders on 7/2/2024.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notification of the FY 2025-2027 CDBG workshop was e-mailed to community stakeholders on 7/17/2024.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notification of the FY 2025-2027 CDBG workshop was e-mailed to community stakeholders on 7/25/2024.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	A virtual HOME-ARP application workshop on 7/23/2024. The session had more than 35 attendees.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	
5	Meeting with local non-profit	Non-targeted/broad community	Staff met with Domestic Violence Project Inc to discuss potential project ideas utilizing CDBG and HOME-ARP funding.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	
6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The FY 2025-2027 CDBG application workshop was held virtually on 8/9/2024. The session had more than 40 attendees from various organizations.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
7	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Staff met with the Director of United Way of Greater Stark County to learn more about the mission of the organization.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	
8	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notification of the FY 2025 HOME application workshop was e-mailed to community stakeholders on 8/26/2024.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	
9	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notification of the FY 2025 HOME application workshop was e-mailed to community stakeholders on 9/10/2024.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
10	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The FY 2025 HOME application workshop was held virtually on 10/4/2024. The session had more than 10 attendees from various organizations.	No comments were received.	No comments were not accepted.	
11	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Notification of the proposed FY 2025-2027 CDBG and FY 2025 HOME budgets with information on the upcoming public hearings was published in the Canton Repository on 2/18/2025.		No comments were not accepted.	
13	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on 3/4/2025 in which the proposed FY 2025-2027 CDBG and FY 2025 HOME budgets were presented to the RPC Board.		No comments were not accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
14	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Board of Stark County Commissioners held a public hearing on 3/19/2025 in which the proposed FY 2025-2027 CDBG and FY 2025 HOME budgets were presented.		No comments were not accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Stark County receives HUD formula funding allocations under the CDBG and HOME programs. Neither Stark County nor its Consortium members receive a direct allocation of ESG funds.

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	0.00	5,000.00	23,248.32	28,248.32	4,426,329.00	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	0.00	25,000.00	128,110.52	153,110.52	2,635,666.00	Prior year resources is comprised of prior year program income that will be used for land acquisition, new construction and/or housing rehabilitation.

Table 2 - 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

The County strives to fund projects and activities that maximize other funding sources. Whenever possible, CDBG infrastructure projects are leveraged with local funds and/or OPWC funds. Generally, large HOME-funded projects with multiple funding sources provide match.

For the County to meet its annual HOME match liability, a large bank of match is carried over year-to-year. The current banked balance is more than six million dollars.

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

It is not anticipated that any publicly owned land within the Consortium will be used to meet the needs addressed.

Discussion

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Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2024	2028	Affordable Housing	County-wide	Affordable Housing		
2	Public Services	2024	2028	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	County-wide	Public Services		
3	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	2024	2028	Non-Housing Community Development	County-wide	Public Improvements and Infrastructure		
4	Homeless Assistance	2024	2028	Homeless	County-wide	Homeless Assistance		
5	Economic Development	2024	2028	Non-Housing Community Development	County-wide	Economic Development		
6	Administration and Planning	2024	2028	Administration and Planning	County-wide	Administration and Planning		

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Affordable housing activities to include: single-family housing rehabilitation and acquisition of vacant residential land for development of single-family units.
2	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public service activities shall include Beacon Charitable Pharmacy, The Stock Pile and Vantage Aging.
3	Goal Name	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Activities to consist of the Perry Drive Reconstruction project, ADA rehabilitation work at Quail Hollow Carriage House and playground upgrades for Stark County Board of Development Disabilities students.
4	Goal Name	Homeless Assistance
	Goal Description	Homeless assistance activities shall consist of Alliance for Children & Families, CommQuest Services, Inc., Domestic Violence Project Inc., and Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery.
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Economic development consists of microenterprise technical assistance programs as Kent State University's Small Business Development Center program and the Economic and Community Development Institute.
6	Goal Name	Administration and Planning
	Goal Description	Overall administration and planning for both the CDBG and HOME programs to ensure compliance with HUD regulations.

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AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The County utilizes a three-year funding cycle for CDBG funding requests. Applications are solicited and received annually helping to develop a three-year cycle for potential CDBG activities. The current program year is the second of the new three-year funding cycle. Applications for the FY25-FY27 years were accepted during the Fall of 2024. CDBG applications were reviewed by staff and a “Review Committee” to arrive at an average score for each.

HOME applications are received on an annual basis and are reviewed by SCRPC staff.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	2050 Stark County Comprehensive Plan
3	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
4	Housing Rehabilitation
5	Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence
6	CommQuest Services Inc. - Family Living Center
7	Domestic Violence Project Inc. - Flexible Program Funds
8	Beacon Charitable Pharmacy - Access to Medications and Clinical Pharmacy Services
9	Stark Mental Health & Addiction Recovery - Coordinated Entry System
10	The Stock Pile
11	Vantage Aging - Feeding Stark County Seniors
12	Kent State University - Microenterprise Technical Assistance
13	Economic and Community Development Institute - Microenterprise Technical Assistance
14	Stark County Engineer's Office - Perry Drive Reconstruction
15	Stark County Park District - Quail Hollow Carriage House Rehabilitation
16	Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Playground Improvements
17	HOME Administration
18	City of Alliance Housing Rehabilitation
19	City of Massillon Housing Rehabilitation
20	Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio Property Acquisition and Construction
21	Contingencies

Table 4 – Project Information

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

All CDBG and HOME applications are awarded on a competitive basis. Eligible CDBG projects are evaluated based upon an objective scoring system. Highest priority for HOME funding is for viable projects with all funding sources committed and are ready for construction and/or expenditure of funds

during the program year.

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Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$180,000.00
	Description	To provide the administration of the CDBG program for Stark County.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	This will serve residents County-wide.
	Planned Activities	Day-to-day administration and oversight of the CDBG program and its work elements.
2	Project Name	2050 Stark County Comprehensive Plan
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000.00
	Description	Staff cost associated with the next Stark County Comprehensive Plan.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	This will serve residents County-wide.
	Planned Activities	Planning associated with the county-wide comprehensive plan. These comprehensive plans provide a guide for growth and development and encourage participation from Stark County residents.
3	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$145,000.00
	Description	Provide staffing for the housing rehabilitation program and miscellaneous soft costs associated with the program, including but not limited to location surveys, title work, credit reports, pest inspections and program marketing.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Throughout Stark County's CDBG program areas.
	Planned Activities	Undertaking qualified single-family, owner-occupied housing rehab.
4	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$415,717.71
	Description	Housing rehabilitation costs for LMI owner-occupied households within Stark County. The budget for this program year combines a portion of the CDBG allocation (\$303,123.00) and anticipated usage of approximately \$112,594 from the housing rehabilitation revolving loan fund (RLF).
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated 15 LMI households will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Housing rehabilitation projects will take place throughout Stark County, excluding the cities of Alliance and Massillon.
	Planned Activities	Direct financial support of the loans/grants for LMI owner-occupied households.
5	Project Name	Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence
	Target Area	County-wide

	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,320.00
	Description	Provision of housing/essential support services provided by the Case Manager at the Alliance Emergency Residence, a homeless shelter, in the city of Alliance.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 150 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	The public service is available to all Stark County residents.
	Planned Activities	The funding is utilized to provide half of the Case Manager's salary. The Case Manager provides direct services to the clients including case management, shelter intakes and exits as well as assisting with other various responsibilities.
6	Project Name	CommQuest Services Inc. - Family Living Center
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000.00
	Description	Provision of housing/essential support services provided by the Case Manager at the Family Living Center, a homeless shelter, in the city of Massillon.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 150 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This public service is available to all Stark County residents.
	Planned Activities	The Family Living Center is a homeless shelter located in the city of Massillon and is the only emergency shelter for homeless individuals in the western portion of Stark County. CDBG funding will be utilized for salary cost of the Case Manager in order to operate the facility.

7	Project Name	Domestic Violence Project Inc. - Flexible Program Funds
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Funding will be utilized to support various needs of shelter residents, such items may include security deposits, clothing and/or personal care items.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated this activity will benefit 30 LMI persons.
	Location Description	This public service will benefit Stark County residents.
	Planned Activities	Funds to assist clients with various emergent needs.
8	Project Name	Beacon Charitable Pharmacy - Access to Medications and Clinical Pharmacy Services
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Provision of funds to provide vulnerable LMI persons with access to medication and other pharmaceutical services.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 75 LMI Stark County residents will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This public service activity will serve LMI Stark County residents.
	Planned Activities	Funding will be used to dispense low-cost medications by a licensed pharmacist to LMI Stark County residents.
9	Project Name	Stark Mental Health & Addiction Recovery - Coordinated Entry System
	Target Area	County-wide

	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Funding will be utilized to fund personnel expenses associated with the Coordinated Entry System of the Stark County Homeless Hotline.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 250 LMI persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This public service will benefit Stark County residents.
	Planned Activities	Activities performed by personnel associated with the Coordinated Entry System of the Stark County Homeless Hotline include oversight and supervision of the database/phone center specialists. Employees gather data from homeless or precariously housed callers, undertake an initial assessment, provide referrals and service information as well as coordinate with area agencies to provide shelter.
10	Project Name	The Stock Pile
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Funding will be utilized to fund personnel expenses associated with The Stock Pile (TSP), a Stark County non-profit organization. TSP is a building reuse store, offering new and gently used building materials at a reduced cost.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated 150 LMI persons will benefit from this public service activity.
	Location Description	This project serves all persons throughout Stark County.

	Planned Activities	TSP Staff interact with the public and assist customers in locating merchandise, stocking shelves with new products and assist with pick-up and delivery of goods.
11	Project Name	Vantage Aging - Feeding Stark County Seniors
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Provision of meals provided by Vantage Aging to Stark County Seniors.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated this public service activity will benefit 75 Stark County seniors.
	Location Description	This public service will serve eligible Stark County seniors.
	Planned Activities	Funding will be utilized to assist with the expenses associated with making, serving and delivering meals to LMI Stark County seniors.
12	Project Name	Kent State University - Microenterprise Technical Assistance
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000.00
	Description	Technical assistance to be provided to LMI persons, businesses and potential businesses by the Kent State University Small Business Development Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 10 businesses owned by LMI persons will be provided TA from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This project will encompass all CDBG participating jurisdictions. Physical locations are available at a satellite office in downtown Canton and also at the Small Business Development Center at Kent State Tuscarawas.

	Planned Activities	The KSU Small Business Development Center will provide TA to LMI persons interested in developing microenterprise business and other businesses.
13	Project Name	Economic and Community Development Institute - Microenterprise Technical Assistance
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000.00
	Description	Funding will support operations of the program that provides technical assistance to entrepreneurs.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that two businesses owned by LMI persons will be provided TA from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	This activity will be available to Stark County residents.
14	Planned Activities	Technical assistance to clientele which is likely to include resource information, loan readiness, loan application assistance and resource referrals for microenterprises.
	Project Name	Stark County Engineer's Office - Perry Drive Reconstruction
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000.00
	Description	Funding will be utilized for construction costs of storm sewer replacement, sidewalk replacement and street lighting as a part of the reconstruction project.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated at least 130 households will benefit directly and indirectly from this activity.

	Location Description	The entirety of the project consists of the area south of SR 172 along Perry Drive extending to Southway Street SW. CDBG funding will be utilized for the construction which is to occur in the following low-income areas: Census Tract 7134.02 Block Group 2 and 7134.01 Block Group 3.
	Planned Activities	Construction costs associated with the improvements to low-income, residential areas.
15	Project Name	Stark County Park District - Quail Hollow Carriage House Rehabilitation
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$350,000.00
	Description	Funding will be utilized for accessibility and barrier removal improvements to the facility. Additional work will consist of construction of ADA-compliant restrooms which will be available to the public.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated 200 persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Quail Hollow Park is located at 13480 Congress Lake Avenue in Hartville.
	Planned Activities	ADA-rehabilitation work to a historic property. Such work will include construction of ADA restrooms, grading improvements and wayfinding.
16	Project Name	Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities - Playground Improvements
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000.00

	Description	Funding will be utilized for playground improvements. Project funding will come from the current year entitlement allocation (\$40,000.00) and reallocation of prior year funds (\$10,000.00).
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	More than 150 persons are expected to benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	The playground improvements will occur at a Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities location.
	Planned Activities	Improvements will consist of adaptive and ambulatory upgrades to the playground.
17	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	HOME: \$84,522.16
	Description	Administration of the Consortium's HOME program.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	This project will benefit persons throughout Stark County.
	Planned Activities	Administration of the Consortium's HOME program.
18	Project Name	City of Alliance Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$231,013.35
	Description	Housing rehabilitation assistance to LMI homeowners in the city of Alliance. All units will meet Residential Rehab Standards upon completion of the rehab work.

	Target Date	6/30/2028
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated this project will benefit nine LMI households.
	Location Description	This activity will benefit LMI persons within the city of Alliance.
	Planned Activities	HOME funding will be provided to qualified LMI homeowners in the city of Alliance to assist with housing rehabilitation.
19	Project Name	City of Massillon Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$231,013.35
	Description	Use of HOME funding for housing rehabilitation assistance to qualified LMI single-family homeowners to bring their houses up to Residential Rehab Standards within the city of Massillon.
	Target Date	6/30/2028
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated this project will benefit nine LMI households.
	Location Description	This project will benefit LMI persons located in the city of Massillon.
20	Planned Activities	HOME funding will be provided to LMI city of Massillon residents to help with single-family, owner-occupied rehab.
	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio Property Acquisition and Construction
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$300,000.00
	Description	Funding will be utilized to acquire vacant lots for later development of four, single-family units. Funding will come from the current year HOME allocation (\$171,889.48) and prior years program income (\$128,110.52).

	Target Date	10/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Four LMI families are proposed to benefit from the activities.
	Location Description	The project sites are vacant residential lots in Perry Township.
	Planned Activities	Activities will consist of acquisition of residential lots and construction of four single-family homes in Perry Township by the developer, Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio. Each activity will provide long-term affordable housing for a LMI homeowner(s).
21	Project Name	Contingencies
	Target Area	County-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,248.32
	Description	Reallocated prior year funds to be used to pay for potential cost overruns for infrastructure and/or public facility projects and for items such as Section 3 monitoring, Davis Bacon compliance and associated soft costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Reallocated prior year funds to be used to pay for potential cost overruns for infrastructure and/or public facility projects and for items such as Section 3 monitoring, Davis Bacon compliance and associated soft costs.

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

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

Affordable housing goals for FY 2025 shall be met through eligible activities such as single-family, owner-occupied rehab and new construction of affordable single-family housing.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
County-wide	

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Stark County does not focus on a particular geographic area, as all CDBG projects are awarded on a competitive basis. HOME funding is allocated to the cities of Alliance and Massillon with the remaining funds utilized in the balance of the County. The County discusses HOME funding with each Consortium member. The most recent HOME Consortia Percentage Report is reviewed and used as a guide when developing the annual budget.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

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

Table 6 - 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	4
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	4

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

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

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

Discussion

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AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

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

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

The system of care for people experiencing homelessness in the jurisdiction is coordinated by the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC). HCCSC established a Coordinated Entry System Committee in 2013 which worked diligently to develop policies and procedures between 2013-2014 for a centralized intake and assessment system/coordinated entry which would be compliant with all HEARTH regulations, cost efficient, client oriented and engage the entire homeless system. The system began rolling out in September 2014 and continues to evolve based on the guidance provided by HUD, and community need. The system establishes protocols for reaching out to people experiencing homelessness and assessing their individual needs. Outreach programs are operated through ICAN Housing via the PATH program, which targets those with severe mental illness and those with substance use issues, and some additional outreach for persons who do not meet the PATH eligibility criteria. ICAN's outreach staff and other service agencies across the county immediately connect people experiencing homelessness with to homeless navigation. During the call with homeless navigation, people who are experiencing or are at-risk of homelessness are assisted with alternatives whenever possible to identify other resources and to solve problems where possible to avoid entry into the homeless system. When there are no possible alternatives other than emergency shelter, living on the street or a location not meant for human habitation, homeless navigation completes an assessment to determine severity of need and prioritization on the referral lists for shelter, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. Those who are in a current state of chronic homelessness, with the highest assessment scores, are assisted with entry into available shelter openings first. Those who do not want to enter shelter are referred to the outreach program where staff attempt to follow up and address the individual's needs. Once homeless navigation completes the assessment and places someone on the prioritization list, all homeless housing programs, that are approved HMIS users, can view the secure list. A weekly By Names meeting is held and attended by members of coordinated entry, homeless navigation, behavioral health providers, housing providers, shelter providers, and the outreach program. During these weekly meetings, families and individuals who are at the top of the prioritization list are referred to housing providers. Attendees of the By Names meeting coordinate services, when needed, to ensure the family or individual is properly connected with their housing opportunity or opportunities. Housing providers are in regular contact with shelters, outreach, client's case managers and other service agencies when attempting to contact a client on the prioritization list to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that people who are still experiencing homelessness are being found and assisted. In 2024, the Coordinated Entry System underwent an assessment by an outside

consultant to identify areas for improvement. The first focus area based on this assessment is moving to a phased assessment process to reduce the number of questions and time it takes to gain access to a shelter and allow for more diversion related housing problem solving conversations prior to assessing an individual or family for literally homeless housing resources such as rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing.

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission partners with the Stark Housing Network, Inc. (the county's collaborative applicant for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding) to provide an annual update on the status of homelessness and the programs to address it throughout the county.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Stark County's strategy for addressing the emergency shelter needs of homeless people is to target its limited shelter beds to those who cannot be diverted from shelter. The primary goal is to make emergency shelter stays as short as possible while helping clients access permanent housing either through a homeless program such as rapid re-housing or permanent supportive housing or through affordable housing via public housing, Section 8 or other low-income housing opportunities. The secondary goal is to connect clients to mainstream resources, health and mental health as needed, education, employment opportunities, and community support which will be necessary for the client to gain stability in maintaining their housing long term.

Case workers at all shelters and outreach programs work to link clients to other mainstream resources, such as medical, mental health, dental, food assistance, education & employment services as well as assisting them with applying for other low-income housing opportunities outside of the homeless programs.

Stark County saw an increase in the total number of people experiencing homelessness from 2023 to 2024 in the Point-in-Time Count data. The total number of people experiencing homelessness rose from 320 to 330. The total number of the sheltered homeless subpopulation increased from 264 to 265 and the number of the unsheltered subpopulation increased from 56 to 65.

The efficacy of the Coordinated Entry System has allowed people to become quickly housed and receive assistance with much more rapidity. With the use of the assessment tool, a natural diversion process occurs because the homeless navigation workers can have a conversation with the caller to provide a truly accurate assessment of the need. This diversion process is the way in which callers are diverted into areas of the most appropriate assistance level, and many times this may not be the homeless system. Along with the Coordinated Entry System, the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County has become more established and recognized, and this has allowed providers and community stakeholders to provide more input by assessing gaps, analyzing current procedures, and recommending strategies. HCCSC has also invested in a System Modeling project that is led by outside consultants to analyze a process that models an optimized organization of system responses for all people who experience a housing crisis in Stark County. The System Model process identified needs and gaps and investigated

how existing resources could be more efficiently deployed to address client needs. The System Modeling identified Stark County's greatest need is Permanent Supportive Housing. Based on the System Modeling that was completed in the fall of 2023, Stark County has a gap of 118 beds/service slots for individuals needing Permanent Supportive Housing. This need is followed by a gap of 51 service slots for homeless prevention/diversion.

Primarily the individuals and families entering shelter have very little to no income and have many barriers to gaining employment and/or other benefits. HCCSC has phased out all CoC funded transitional housing projects. All CoC projects have opted to abide by the Housing First principal of providing more rapid entrance into permanent housing projects including rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. Non-CoC funded transitional housing is provided by either Domestic Violence or Alcohol and Other Drugs (AoD) agencies.

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

The HCCSC gives priority to chronically homeless individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness and severe service needs. The chronically homeless individuals or head of households who have been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation or an emergency shelter for at least 12 months either continuously or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years, where the cumulative length of the four occasions equals at least twelve months; and the individuals or head of household have identified as having "severe service needs" that are identified and verified by the standardized assessment are prioritized for permanent supportive housing.

A member of the Coordinated Entry team participates in Veteran Task Force meetings. The objective of the meeting is to quickly identify homeless Stark County veterans and link them with either VA or HCCSC (CoC) housing resources.

The 2024 Point in Time Count revealed an increase from the 2023 count from 0 to 11 unaccompanied homeless youth. There were no youth under 18 that reported as unaccompanied homeless. However, the data from local school districts and the Ohio Department of Education reveal that there are many youths, both under 18 and over, in unstable doubled up situations and very much at-risk of homelessness which must be addressed pro-actively through more prevention programs targeted to youth. HCCSC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stark County Educational Service Center to be aware of the number of youths experiencing homelessness in local school districts and to share information and resources. Homeless Education Liaisons from the local school districts are invited to monthly meetings through a Homelessness Learning Community to share information and

learn about new and existing programs in the community to support youth experiencing homelessness. The Education Service Center worked directly with Stark County school districts to complete a school-based count of students experiencing homelessness during the time of the 2024 Point in Time Count (PIT). While the PIT completed by the HCCSC/CoC counts individuals and families experiencing literal homelessness, the count conducted by the Education Service Center was based on the homeless definition according to the McKinney-Vento Act which is a broader definition including shared housing situations. According to the Education Service Center's count, 628 students in Stark County schools are experiencing homelessness with 157 of the 628 students experiencing literal homelessness. Unaccompanied youth account for 144 of the total 628 students.

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.

Stark County has an Emergency Assistance Collaborative, funded through the United Way that targets clients who are in a temporary crisis, have low income, and are behind in rent and/or utilities and can prove on-going income for sustainability. There are four agencies within the Collaborative who offer this rental/utility assistance to eligible applicants. Stark County has one other prevention program offered by the Stark County Community Action agency. The HCCSC coordinates initial eligibility and referrals for a limited amount of Emergency Solutions Grant funding that is available to households residing within the city limits of Canton. This prevention program is focused on households who are at imminent risk of homelessness and who are non-leaseholders (or "doubled up" households). Focusing on serving non-leaseholder households ensures that the limited resources are being used to help households who are closest to entering the shelter system and have similar demographics of households who currently reside in Stark County shelters, this includes demographics such as income and disability. Serving households with the highest risk of becoming homeless (e.g. non-leaseholders) requires homelessness preventions programs to have robust services, strong connections to other systems of support, and reduced numbers of participants served.

The HCCSC partners with several committees/work groups focus on identifying the challenges and needs of those being discharged from various publicly funded institutions. These sub-committees address mental illness and addiction, youth homelessness, the re-entry population and health care discharge planning. The sub-committees explore other funding opportunities through Health & Human Services, Department of Justice and Mental Health & Addiction Services for example, to develop other housing options for those exiting other systems of care. Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery funds a local provider to administer an OhioMHAS licensed residential facility that provides a temporary place

to stay for individuals who are homeless, referred by their mental health and/or addiction treatment provider, meet the level of care criteria, and are transitioning back into the community from hospitalization or jail/prison stay.

The Coordinated Entry System implemented simplified referral processes for agencies serving foster youth who are transitioning out of foster care and are eligible for Stark County's transitional age youth housing project and created a link for Stark County Jail Liaisons (Stark County's only jail, there are no prisons) to quickly and easily connect inmates with the homeless navigation registration process 24/7.

Discussion

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

Introduction

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

Discussion

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

Introduction

Stark County works to strengthen the community by carrying out the actions of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The major obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the need for more funding. Whether it is adequate numbers of affordable housing units, adequate emergency shelter beds or upgrades to public facilities and/or infrastructure, funding is frequently the missing piece. To overcome this obstacle, Stark County generally looks to support projects that have other contributing funding sources.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Affordable housing units will be maintained through rehabilitation of owner-occupied units and the development of four new single-family homes.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All projects are required to be carried out in a lead-safe manner. Every home that undergoes rehabilitation is evaluated for lead and all work is required to be carried out in a lead-safe manner by licensed contractors. Applicants are given the EPA brochure on lead hazards and the brochure is reviewed with the homeowner and housing counselor. Properties built prior to 1978 are tested for lead once rehabilitation work is completed and must pass lead clearance.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

As discussed in SP-70 of the 2024-2028 Stark County Consolidated Plan, to address poverty the County plans to use funding toward homeless and various public services that serve low-to moderate-income persons and other vulnerable populations. Many critical programs provide supportive services which are important toward addressing medical and mental health needs, life skills, job/employment training and linkages to other services. Additional actions planned to take place to reduce the number of poverty-level families includes continued funding toward single-family housing rehabilitation and supporting the development of new affordable single-family units.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

SP-40 of the 2024-2028 Stark County Consolidated Plan outlines institutional delivery structure by explaining the coordinated entry process within the County. Additionally, SHN as the Collaborative applicant for the CoC, provides leadership through the organization of various committees and

subcommittees which have been formed to assume responsibility for various tasks under the HEARTH Act. Some committees include the System Performance Committee, Coordinated Entry Committee, Youth and Veterans Subcommittees, and By-Names Committee. This By-Names Committee works by regularly reviewing the real-time, up-to-date list of those experiencing homelessness that have been prioritized for housing. The By-Names Committee consists of lead staff members representing the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the Collaborative Applicant and Shelter, housing and supportive service providers. The sub-committees provide valuable insight into the needs and challenges faced by providers.

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

Ongoing interaction takes place between Alliance, Massillon and Stark County, as members of the HOME Consortium. SCRPC is under contract with both cities to assist with various aspects of their housing rehab programs.

Discussion

SCRPC coordinates with NEFCO in the creation of its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which is submitted annually to the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The CEDS committee is comprised of private industry representatives, foundations and public agencies working together to identify economic goals and priorities for Stark, Summit, Portage and Wayne counties.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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.	80.00%

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:

Stark County will not utilize any other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section

92.205.

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

The County will utilize resale or recapture based upon how the HOME funds were invested.

If the HOME assistance is used in the form of a development subsidy in which the funds are used to develop the unit and are not used to lower the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price, resale will be used.

Recapture will be used if the HOME assistance, including program income, is provided and allows the homebuyer to buy a unit, also called a direct subsidy. Assistance could be: down payment assistance, closing cost, interest subsidy or other direct assistance to the homebuyer. A direct subsidy includes any assistance that reduces the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price.

If a development subsidy is used in conjunction with a direct subsidy, this triggers recapture.

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:

The County will revise HOME policies and procedures to align with the 2025 HOME program rule when such rule takes effect.

Homebuyers are required to maintain HOME funded properties as affordable based on the total amount of HOME funds invested in the house (resale) or the amount of direct HOME subsidy which allowed the buyer to purchase the unit (recapture). Additionally, the homebuyer is required to maintain the unit as their principal residence for the affordability period. The guidelines are as follows:

Under \$15,000 per unit - 5 years

\$15,000 - \$40,000 per unit - 10 years

Over \$40,000 - 15 years

A deed restriction and restrictive covenant will be prepared by SCRPC. A homebuyer agreement must also be signed by SCRPC, the developer (if applicable) and the homebuyer. These documents will establish the occupancy and affordability requirements for the property as well as the owner's

obligations to the Board of Stark County Commissioners.

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:

Stark County does not plan to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Stark County does not have any planned HOME TBRA activities for FY25.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Stark County does not have any planned HOME TBRA activities for FY25.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Rental housing projects must abide by all requirements at 24 CFR 92.253. During monitoring of said projects, lease agreements are evaluated to ensure there are no prohibitive items in the agreements.