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You're Invited!
Come Celebrate The Stock Pile's
20th Birthday

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Food and beverage trucks!
Kids' activities!
50/50 raffle!
Entertainment!
Handmade vendors!

Free admission!



The Stock Pile turns 20, and we're throwing a party!

Saturday, August 10th 2019
11am-3pm

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Canton, Ohio 44710

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Housing Rehabilitation Program

Recently, some of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) staff reached out to the various municipalities in Stark County in an effort to bring more awareness to the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Staff sent out flyers, brochures, and general information about the program to be handed out to residents in each community.

The RPC offers Housing Rehabilitation programs to qualified low- to moderate-income (LMI) residents who need financial help with home repairs. Applicants must be the owner-occupant of a single-family residential property. The RPC administers the Housing Rehabilitation Department, which utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), on behalf of the Stark County Commissioners, to operate the programs.

The Housing Rehabilitation Department currently offers four different programs: (1) The full rehabilitation program covers things such as plumbing, electric, roofs, siding, windows, etc. that will make the home decent, safe, sanitary and will bring the house into compliance with Stark County Residential Rehab Standards. (2) The accessibility program offers funds to qualified individuals with a permanent physical disability(s), that limits access to, or limits the use of their house. Work can include the alteration of architectural barriers, such as the installation of wheelchair ramps, doorway alterations, bathroom accessibility, and stair lifts. (3) The emergency program covers issues such as no water, no heat, electrical hazards, etc. (4) The last program offered is our septic/sewer program where a septic system can be repaired or replaced, or a connection can be made to the sewer system. For a full description of these programs, please visit our website – www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to be put on our waiting list, please contact Jill Ross at 330-451-7399 or jeross@starkcountyohio.gov.



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Process to Begin

Now is the time to start thinking about future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects in your community! CDBG staff is currently available to meet with your municipality, township, or non-profit to discuss potential projects in your area. An application workshop has been scheduled for **Wednesday, August 28th** for the next three fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022, but now is the time to begin the ground work on your application.

The workshop will be open to all Stark County municipalities, townships, and non-profit agencies & organizations interested in receiving CDBG funding for economic development and public service projects for the FY '20 funding cycle, and for public facility or infrastructure projects seeking to be funded between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2023. Invitations will be mailed this summer to those who have expressed interest in the CDBG program in the past, including eligible municipalities, townships, and previously funded non-profits.

Applications for this 3-year funding round will be due in early November. All information provided at the workshop will also become available on the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's website after the workshop is held. In the meantime, you are encouraged to look at past CDBG application workshop materials, as well as Stark County's recently updated low/moderate income maps. These materials are available on our website (www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Phillips, Senior Community Development Planner, at 330-451-7247 or Katie Puleo, Community Development Planner, at 330-451-7031. Remember, additional ranking points will be awarded to all applications in which the applicant attended the workshop, so we hope to see you there!



Stormwater Billboard Contest

As part of the Stormwater Education Program, middle and high school students had the opportunity to enter a Billboard Contest. The four winning entries had their original artwork displayed on actual billboards throughout Stark County. This year's theme is "When You Have a Spill, Know the Drill." "Clawd," the county's stormwater mascot is dressed in a hazmat suit in an effort to help inform the public of the proper authority to contact when there is a hazardous spill, or if someone is pouring something down a storm sewer.



Emma Huwig
Edison Middle School
8th Grade

Mya Hoskins
Edison Middle School
8th Grade



Tealee Taylor
Edison Middle School
8th Grade

Laila Seery
Edison Middle School
8th Grade



FY '19 FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Project Awards

FY2019 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funding available for Stark County was \$298,060. Applications totaling \$412,052 were submitted to the Stark County Mobility Coordination Committee for review and award. This FTA 5310 program assists Stark County nonprofit organizations with capital and operating funding in support of transportation for seniors and those with disabilities.

The Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Policy Committee approved funding for seven Stark County projects totaling \$298,060. Funding is authorized only for 5310 program-related transportation services. Awards were based on criteria of how organizations filled gaps in transportation services within Stark County based on the 2019 Stark County Human Services Public Transportation Plan.

First Christian Church was awarded \$47,145 to assist in 5310 operating expenses.

JR Coleman Adult Day Care was awarded \$5,321 to assist in 5310 operating expenses.

The Association for Better Community Development, Inc. was awarded \$73,749 to assist in the purchase of two ADA accessible vans for various ADA and senior transportation services and \$20,258 to assist in 5310 operating expenses.

The Workshops Inc. was awarded \$61,950 to assist in the purchase of a Dodge Caravan Wheelchair Assisted Vehicle and \$26,637 to assist in 5310 operating expenses.

SARTA was awarded \$63,000 to assist in the purchase of an ADA accessible vehicle.

This completed the round of funding using FY 2019 FTA funds. The next round of funding is expected to be in early 2020. If your nonprofit organization is interested in applying for future FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funding, please contact Karl Lucas, SCATS at 330-451-7386, kblucas@starkcountyohio.gov or Debbie Swickard, SARTA, dswickard@sartaonline.com for additional information or to be placed on a contact list.

Adopted FY 2019 - 2023 Stark County Consolidated Plan & the FY 2019 Stark County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs - One Year Action Plan

On May 15th, the Board of Stark County Commissioners adopted the new five year Consolidated Plan, FY 2019 – 2023, which includes the FY 2019 One-Year Action Plan, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This adoption took place after the 30-day comment period expired on April 10th and the funding allocation was announced by HUD on April 15th. Both the Consolidated Plan and the FY 2019 One-Year Action Plan were previously adopted by the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Council in late February and the Stark County Regional Planning Commission in early March, prior to the March 20th public hearing. The Consolidated Plan covers those activities expected to be undertaken with both CDBG and HOME funding during the next five years. The breakdown of the FY 2019 One-Year Action Plan for the CDBG and HOME programs is as follows:

FY 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Stark County Commissioners will undertake the following housing and community development activities during FY 2019.

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
CDBG Administration	\$ 161,000
Comprehensive Planning	\$ 107,018
Housing Rehab - Full/Emergency Rehab	\$ 227,330
Housing Rehab - Direct/Program Operation	\$ 240,000
Fair Housing	\$ 85,000
Stark Co. Mental Health Board - Coordinated Entry System	\$ 30,000
CommQuest Services, Inc. - Family Living Center	\$ 18,000
Alliance for Children & Families - Alliance Emergency Residence	\$ 16,640
Beacon Charitable Pharmacy - Prescription Medication Access	\$ 25,000
Goodwill Industries - Voucher Program	\$ 5,000
Kent State Stark - KSU Micro Enterprise Development Program	\$ 31,423
Village of Minerva - West Lincoln Way Water Main Replacement*	\$ 135,000
North Canton - 7th St. NE Reconstruction/Storm Sewer Replacement*	\$ 249,500
Contingencies	\$ 9,181
Total Available FY '19	\$ 1,340,092

*Since the time of application submittal, HUD has required the use of the new Low/Moderate Income Summary 2011- 2015 Data (LMISD). As such, these projects are no longer located in a qualified Low-to Moderate Income Area (LMA) and do not qualify for the receipt of CDBG funding. Project funding will be reallocated to qualified projects in the future.

Stark County has a balance of \$100,000 in the housing rehab revolving loan fund (RLF) for use with the program. All program income earned from the RLF will revolve back into this program.

FY 2019 HOME PROGRAM

The Board of Stark County Commissioners, as the lead agency for the HOME Consortium, will undertake the following expenditure of funds for the HOME program, which follows the same program year as the CDBG program.

PROJECTS

FY 2019

CHDO Project	\$	123,083
ICAN Housing - Navarre Rd. Rehab of Permanent Supportive Housing - CHDO Project	\$	19,252
Future CHDO Set-aside Project	\$	94,119
Stark County Housing Rehabilitation	\$	326,839
City of Massillon - Homebuyer and Housing Rehab Activities	\$	123,083
City of Alliance - Housing Rehabilitation	\$	116,928
Administration	\$	75,580
TOTAL FY '19 funding	\$	755,801

Allocation of FY '18 CHDO Funding to Eligible Projects (\$123,083)

ICAN Housing - Mississippi/Pershing Rehab of Permanent Supportive Housing - CHDO	\$	71,060
ICAN Housing - Navarre Rd. Rehab of Permanent Supportive Housing - CHDO	\$	52,023
Grand Total Available for Use in FY '19	\$	878,884

In addition, HOME program income earned, \$100,000, will be utilized under the Stark County Housing Rehabilitation project.

After adoption by the Board of Stark County Commissioners, the Stark County CDBG program submitted the fully-approved "Stark County FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2019 CDBG and HOME Programs - One-Year Action Plan" to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for their acceptance. It is expected that HUD will release funding under the FY 2019 in the late summer/early fall 2019.



During FY '18, Stark County CDBG funding was utilized to help replace an aged water main and waterlines in a designated low-income block group in the Village of Minerva along a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue. The water main and waterlines were over 70 years old, undersized and in need of constant repair. The project replaced approximately 1,170 linear feet of pipe and added 3 new fire hydrants. Road restoration has been completed and yard restoration is still to be completed. The newly replaced water main and waterlines have an approximate 50 year lifespan.

Village of Minerva - Pennsylvania Ave.
Water Main Replacement Project



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Upcoming Events

July

8	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
9	SCRPC	7:30 PM
22	SCATS	1:30 PM

August

5	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
6	SCRPC	7:30 PM
26	SCATS	1:30 PM

September

3	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
3	SCRPC	7:30 PM
23	SCATS	1:30 PM

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