

# **Executive Summary**

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

### **1. Introduction**

Cuyahoga County's present form of government was launched in the November election of 2010 with the passage of Issue 6 under which the voters of Cuyahoga County approved a charter amendment in which three County Commissioners would be replaced by 1) an elected Executive who would manage the affairs of the county, 2) numerous elected positions were placed under the Executive's leadership and 3) an elected eleven-member council would be created and given legislative powers. Under the new charter government there were 12 chapters that described standard governmental functions such as County Organization, Contracts and Purchasing, Revenue and Finance. Department of Housing and Community Development

With the election of a new County Executive in 2023, the Department of Housing and Community Development was created to serve as a standalone department. The Department of Housing and Community Development became was approved by Cuyahoga County Council effective April 25, 2023. The new department allows the county to place greater emphasis on affordable housing.

Federal resources noted in this Plan are invested in low-moderate income areas throughout the counties 51 urban county communities while making investments in affordable housing for the county's residents as directed by the Cuyahoga HOME Consortium. Federal requirements govern the appropriate target populations for location and for incomes of these federal dollars. This document, , follows a format required by HUD to receive its annual CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. Information about the other programs and initiatives being undertaken by Cuyahoga County and its many partnerships can be found on its website <https://cuyahogacounty.us>

### **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.

Both the 2024 Annual Plan and the HUD Approved Five-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2020-24 are located on the Department's website. This Annual Plan describes the needs of low- and moderate-income residents, persons with special needs, and homeless individuals and families in the 51 member communities of the Cuyahoga County Urban County (Urban County). The Annual Plan outlines the goals, strategies, partners, and anticipated financial resources that will be available to implement projects

using several HUD funding programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This document sets forth the specific projects that will be implemented during FY 2024. At the conclusion of each year, Cuyahoga County submits the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), describing the community's results in implementing projects.

HUD funding is intended to assist individuals and families that earn less than 80% of the Area Median Family Income (AMI) in a metropolitan area. HUD defines these categories based upon household income, adjusted for family size. Using published current 2024 HOME categories, that translates to the maximum income for a family of four to be \$29,150 (0-30% of AMI), \$48,600 (31-50% of AMI), and \$77,750 (51-80% of AMI) based on the definition of Extremely Low–Income Family (ELI) as described in Consolidated Submission for CPD Programs section of **24 CFR part 91.5**. Therefore, the ELI Limit is calculated as 30 percent of median family income for the area and may not be the same as the Section 8 ELI Limit for your jurisdiction. The Section 8 Limit is calculated based on the definition of ELI as described in **the 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act**, (Section 238 on page 128 Stat 635) which defines ELI as very low–income families whose incomes do not exceed the higher of the Federal poverty level or 30% of area median income.

### **Cuyahoga Housing Consortium**

Cuyahoga County is the lead administrative entity for the Cuyahoga HOME Consortium . The five Consortium members are the HUD CDBG entitlement jurisdictions of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, Parma, and the Cuyahoga Urban County. The Cuyahoga HOME Consortium—was formed in the early 1990's to leverage HOME program funds for their communities. By acting jointly, the funding amount received by the group is greater than the amount of money that could be obtained by the jurisdictions individually. The Consortium also uses the opportunity of having 55 communities working together – representing 66% of all county residents to ensure broader planning and coordination on affordable housing issues within Cuyahoga County. The County's Annual Plan also incorporates discussions pertaining to the Consortium as a whole.

The 5-Year Consolidated Plan contains very detailed analysis of housing needs assessment, housing market analysis and strategies for addressing needs. Because issues and needs do not change rapidly in the industrial areas of the Midwest and East, like Cuyahoga County, the detailed discussion in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan on the identification of needs is still accurate as of 2024.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

Due to the pandemic in 2020, Cuyahoga County had to increase the amount of funding for foreclosure prevention counseling and rental assistance. Many residents experienced job loss, job reduction and/or

increased housing related expenses because of the pandemic. This has caused a decrease in the number of affordable homes and rental units. Rental rates have increased in some areas of the County by more than 50 percent since the pandemic. The same problem has arisen with home purchases. The median listed home price in Cuyahoga County as of April 2024 is \$200k which means homes are currently trending at 13.1 percent year after year per Realtor.com and Zillow. On average, the cost of rent in Cuyahoga County is approximately \$1,395 per month per Renthop.com but in 2019 the average rental cost was only \$831.

In the years of 2020-2024 Cuyahoga County provided the following funding for housing related assistance:

The County provided over \$1.1 million dollars in CDBG funds for financial education counseling; and CDBG-Cares Act funds were also provided for mortgage and rental assistance for approximately \$3.3 million.

Additionally, ERA 1 and ERA 2 funds were provided for rental and utility assistance; to increase affordable housing efforts and to maintain housing stability. The total amount of ERA funds provided was a little over \$97 million dollars.

The County will continue to provide financial counseling, foreclosure prevention, fair housing, home repair and downpayment assistance to help those who are struggling to maintain and obtain affordable housing. These programs help to strengthen neighborhoods and communities by preventing homelessness and maintaining property values. Cuyahoga County will continue to create programming to sustain housing efforts and economic stability to ensure its residents have increased housing choices.

The County also funds municipalities through a competitive process in their efforts to improve streets, parks, senior centers, exterior home repairs, storefront renovations, etc. Forty percent of the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation funds are dedicated to these types of projects which amounts to approximately \$1.2 million dollars.

Cuyahoga County has approximately 5,000 people who are homeless every year. The Office of Homeless Services has unveiled a Strategic Action Plan to combat Homelessness.

Cuyahoga County unveiled today its Strategic Action Plan for Homelessness: Advancing Pathways to Housing Through Equity. The plan was launched at a gathering of homeless advocates and community leaders this morning.

The plan is aimed at elevating the response to homelessness in the county with a goal of 25% reduction in homelessness by the year 2027. The plan was developed by the Office of Homeless Services and Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care (CoC), a team made up of partners from homelessness assistance organizations, philanthropy, government, faith leaders, law enforcement, public health, behavioral health, education, and persons with lived experience of homelessness.

The goals of the action plan include improving client engagement and access, improving the experience of clients in crisis housing, expanding housing stabilization capacity, connecting clients to income and benefits, and building system capacity.

“The plan will also chart a path for future reductions and improvements to the homeless system for years to come,” said Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Director Melissa Sirak.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

During the development of the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan, the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development utilized notices in a newspaper of general circulation, public meetings, and internet outreach to solicit public comment.

The documents were also posted on the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development’s website. For more specific details about the citizen participation process, please refer to section AP-10 Consultation in the following Section.

In addition, the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development is active throughout the year in consulting with its 51-member communities, nonprofit organizations, and public agencies to gain input and feedback on countywide issues and departmental programs. In 2017, and again in 2022, the county worked with these stakeholders to identify specific issues related to housing that need to be addressed and created a county wide housing plan. Stakeholders continue to meet regularly, and this ongoing dialogue helps to create programs that are both proactive and reactive to change and remove unnecessarily complex program requirements while ensuring that any restrictions are followed.

#### **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 Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development placed a Public Notice in the Plain Dealer for meetings held on August 25th, 2023 and June 14, 2024 as well as made the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan Draft available through the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development's main webpage. In addition, the entire HUD approved 2020-2024 5-Year Strategic Plan and the past Performance Reports were also available on the county's web site and could be downloaded. Another Public Notice was placed to inform the Public of our 2024 Annual Plan Public Meeting held on June 14, 2024 at the Cuyahoga County Council Chambers and also virtually via Youtube.



Comments and responses were as follows: (In the Text Attached)

## **Public Comments from June 14, 2024 Public Meeting**

### **2024 Annual Plan Public Meeting 6.14.24**

#### **Comments/Questions during the session:**

##### **#1 – Pat Salemi of Garfield Hts**

On the application, for activity summary, etc. are we still cutting and pasting to the document or are we typing right in?

**Response by Daray Broadus and Kellie F. Glenn** – Can actually type right in the excel document as is more effective and efficient. The application was updated to be more user friendly as we knew that there were concerns and therefore the committee reviewed and updated for everyone's convenience and efficiency.

##### **#2 – Rachel Gardiner of Richmond Hts**

Can these funds be used for funding a strategic plan in a low/mod area?

**Response by Kellie F. Glenn** – That would be of your master Plan in which you would put your strategic plan inside your Master plan and, yes, that project is eligible.

##### **#3 – Joe Sebes of Parma Hts**

We are all grateful for the awards we receive (\$150K), however has there been any talk with the federal government to increase the appropriations we receive to maybe \$300k or \$1M, as \$150K is not much when seeking to complete resurfacing or streets, etc.?

**Response by Sara Parks Jackson and Kellie F. Glenn** - Our CDBG allocation is approximately \$4M while the City of Cleveland is approximately \$19M as we do not know what the formula is to determine our allocation, however we do know that Cuyahoga County serving 51 communities receives significantly less. I do not believe the formula has changed since the program's inception.

However, we have discussed changing the amount, which would decrease the number of awards we can provide, especially when the new administration began, and we had to inform them of the funding

allocations and usage. They inquired on increasing the amounts and we responded that if we increased the amounts per community then that would essentially decrease the number of awards. Also looked at if you received funding in '24 then you could not apply for '25 which would give other communities an opportunity to apply and obtain , however we knew that would not sit well with our municipalities.

Yes, we have had a variety of conversations on how to modify the program and this structure is where we have landed with providing ten (10) awards for \$1.5M. Moreover, we have been, in good practice, adding back funds from prior years that were decertified to increase the funds available for the Municipal grant award as a means to get the funding back to the communities.

To add, we actually had awarded 16 Municipal grants from 2023 but funds were also decertified from prior years which allowed us to provide four (4) more awards for 2023.

#### **#4 – Steve Holowicki of North Olmsted**

Is there a specific cap on Affordable Housing Gap financing?

**Response by Sara Parks Jackson** - We typically provide \$450K and also have been known to provide \$500K. Via the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA 2) we were able to provide up to \$1M for several projects due to the need to expend the funds within a certain timeframe. However, the HOME funding from HUD is generally \$450 and the Housing Consortium has been known to go to \$500K if needed. Preference is given to projects that are in the Suburban communities because that is our target area, and the City of Cleveland gets their own allocation for their target areas in the City of Cleveland.

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

All comments received were reviewed and responded to (See Above)

#### **7. Summary**

It is important that Cuyahoga County continues to not only increase affordable housing efforts but also provide community programming i.e. public service activities such as foreclosure prevention and fair housing related activities that will enhance all residents with these additional housing needs. It is also important to note that grants are made available on a competitive basis yearly to 51 urban areas within Cuyahoga County to provide street improvements, senior citizen center improvement, park improvements, exterior housing repairs, ADA compliance, etc.

## 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 |  | CUYAHOGA COUNTY | Cuyahoga County Dept of Housing and Community Dev |
| HOME Administrator |  | CUYAHOGA COUNTY | Cuyahoga County Dept of Housing and Community Dev |
| ESG Administrator  |  | CUYAHOGA COUNTY | Health & Human Services, Office Homeless Services |

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

### Narrative

This document discusses the Community Development Block Grant funds received directly by Cuyahoga County on behalf of the 51-member Cuyahoga County Urban County.

This document is also part of a submission to HUD by the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium, representing the five jurisdictions of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, Parma, and the Cuyahoga County Urban County.

### The Cuyahoga Housing Consortium

In 1991, the City of Cleveland Heights, City of Euclid, and the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development received HUD approval to form the Cuyahoga HOME Consortium. After several years, the Cities of Lakewood and Parma received HUD approval to join the Consortium. The Consortium represents 55 communities, or two-thirds of all Cuyahoga County residents.

The Consortium is governed by a seven-member Board consisting of the Mayor or City Manager of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma, along with 3 Cuyahoga County appointees.. By creating the Consortium, the total amount of HOME funds received by the group is

greater than the amount if HOME funds that could be obtained by the individual jurisdictions. Cumulatively, that decision has brought millions of dollars for local housing programs. Actions taken as the Cuyahoga HOME Consortium do not affect allocations of CDBG funds or other federal funds to the individual members.

In addition to receiving HOME funds, the Consortium leverages the fact that 55 communities in Cuyahoga County work together for the Consolidated Plan process. This provides an opportunity to ensure broader planning and coordination on affordable housing issues within the county. The following CDBG entitlement communities are not members of the Consortium and file Consolidated Plan documents directly with HUD: Cleveland and East Cleveland.

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). These three funding sources represent the formula allocations provided to Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These funds are used for a variety of community development and neighborhood revitalization, with the intent of assisting low-and-moderate income persons 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. The funds are received directly from HUD by the Cuyahoga County Housing Consortium on behalf of its five partner jurisdictions, and Cuyahoga County serves as the lead administrative entity.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Based upon HUD formulas, Lakewood, Cleveland, and the Cuyahoga County Urban County receive ESG funds directly from HUD. These funds are intended to assist families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The funds can be spent in any community in Cuyahoga County.

### **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

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

### **1. Introduction**

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**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)).**

- The Board of Cuyahoga County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) provides housing related activities through several programs, such as the Housing for Persons on MAT (Medication-Assisted Treatment), funded through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)-State Opioid Response program.
- There are also persons released from health care institutions that could be at-risk of homelessness, such as persons who have lost employment during their hospital stay, due to not having sufficient income 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. United Way, through its partner organizations, also available to assist in an effort to prevent a homelessness situation from occurring. Lastly, through a recent partnership with the Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services, United Way serves as the primary point of screening for shelter intakes for persons experiencing homelessness.
- Established in 1933 as the first chartered public housing authority in the country, the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) owns and manages property and administers rent subsidy programs to provide eligible low-income individuals and families quality, safe, affordable housing in Cuyahoga County. The mission of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority is to create safe, quality, affordable housing opportunities and improve the quality of life for the communities we serve. CMHA has partnered with the Cuyahoga Continuum of Care in a collaborative effort to assist homeless individuals and families through Emergency Housing Voucher. In addition, CMHA has dedicated vouchers annually to assist homeless persons served in Permanent Supportive Housing in moving to other affordable housing options.
- Cuyahoga County Diversion Center -The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is a first-of-its kind facility in Ohio, working with law enforcement to help individuals who are exhibiting signs and symptoms of a mental illness and/or addiction. These individuals receive the help, care and linkage to

community resources they need in a treatment environment rather than going to the County jail. The Diversion Center has also expanded eligibility beyond law enforcement referrals to include calls from friends, family members and individuals in need of and wanting care for a mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Click here for more information: [Guide for Friends, Family, and Individuals - Using the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center.](#)

- The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is a 50-bed facility, with staff onsite 24/7. Services can include assessment, medical evaluation, case management, counseling, medications, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), withdrawal management (detox), NAMI educational groups, referral and linkage to other community services. Treatment costs are covered by Medicaid or the local ADAMHS Board. Treatment services are certified through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).
- The Cuyahoga County Housing and Community staff meet monthly with the housing and community staff of the other six (6) entitlement communities to discuss the needs of the county as a whole. Through that collaboration we have been able to create programming that serves all members of the county and increase housing stability countywide.

**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, health, and service agencies in Cuyahoga County have a record of collaborating to address the needs of literally homeless persons, chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, and persons at-risk of homelessness.

The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) is a department within Cuyahoga County and is the lead agency for the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC). In partnership with elected officials, county/city departments, and non-profit housing/service providers, the CoC supports a Homeless Crisis Response System that strives to assure that all homeless persons have access to emergency shelter or transportation to and space at an Overflow Shelter location.

**Housing First Initiative (HFI)** HFI is a successful public/private partnership to develop permanent supportive housing and end chronic homelessness countywide. HFI moves chronically homeless persons into stable housing and links the person to comprehensive support services on-site. 99% of residents remain in their unit or exit to a positive destination, with almost all engaged in services. The rate of emergency room visits/hospitalizations has been substantially reduced and only a small percentage return to a shelter.

**Hospital Protocols for the Homeless** A difficulty for shelters, hospitals, and hospitalized homeless persons is the discharge process. If the patient has recovered sufficiently, the hospital cannot continue to accommodate. A shelter often does not have the medical expertise or appropriate accommodations to care for someone with more extensive medical needs. Through a coalition of CoC providers, hospital social work staff/administrators, and local foundations discharge screening guidelines were implemented. If the patient is homeless at discharge but does not meet ten basic functioning measures, the CoC hospital protocols require relocation to a nursing facility.

**211/First Call for Help** United Way of Greater Cleveland administers a 24-hour/7 day-a-week hot line. This resource allows anyone to call with questions regarding service needs and immediately receive an answer or referral. United Way also provides dedicated staff to assist in screening for intakes of persons identifying as homeless and seeking assistance.

**Discharge Coordination Protocols** Per HEARTH Act requirements, the CoC developed and implemented protocols to ensure persons discharged from publicly funded institutions/systems of care are not released into homelessness.

**Re-Entry Strategies** The Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry addresses the needs of persons returning to Cuyahoga County from federal and state prison and local jails. In collaboration with the City of Cleveland, United Way, and local foundations, comprehensive re-entry strategies include housing, behavioral health access, and employment support. For youth, the Ohio Department of Youth Services written policy is to return youth to their 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.

**Ending Youth and Young Adult Homelessness** The CoC initiated an eight-month shared-ownership planning process through a combined effort of 28 core community and system partners to address youth and young adult homelessness in Cuyahoga County. This has resulted in the development of the Cuyahoga County Coordinated Community Plan which details the strategy to serve this vulnerable population. The plan was officially approved by HUD in 2023 and the planning group has initiated the implementation phase of this work.

**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 Cuyahoga Urban County is a recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant funding. The Strategic Plan section of the Cuyahoga County 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) Strategic Plan, which emphasizes the CoC's approach to housing and access to services. Among the specific strategies included are:

- A Coordinated Entry System whereby all persons seeking shelter are assessed immediately to determine diversion opportunities or shelter options.
- Within the shelter system, develop a housing plan and provide assessment and linkages to case management and mainstream social services.
- Utilize rapid re-housing resources to reduce the length of shelter stays. The Cuyahoga Urban County'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 System Administrator for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and serves as the CoC's HMIS Lead. All 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 data/program 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 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 is provided to the HMIS System Administrator. The HMIS data, combined with the DV data, enables outcomes to be evaluated based on the following measures:

- Diversion: 11% of households seeking shelter are 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 for Rapid Re-housing has been determined based on the 2023 HUD System Performance Measures (SPM) data with the current CoC standard at 30 days or less.
- Return to Shelter: Utilizing the 2023 HUD System Performance Measures (SPM), the benchmark for the percentage of persons who return to shelter from CoC funded services has been established and should not exceed 4% within 0-6 months or 8% within 7-12 months of exit. ESG participants who return to shelter are tracked in HMIS and monitored for performance according to the CoC approved standard.

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



**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

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| 1 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services - Housing<br>Services-Children<br>Services-Elderly Persons<br>Services-Persons with Disabilities<br>Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS<br>Services-Victims of Domestic Violence<br>Services-Health<br>Services-Education<br>Services-Employment<br>Services - Victims<br>Health Agency<br>Other government - County |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Non-Homeless Special Needs  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members and the Continuum of Care have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents.  |

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| 2 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | City of Cleveland - Department of Community Development  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services - Housing<br>Services-Elderly Persons<br>Services-homeless<br>Services-Health<br>Services-Education<br>Services-Employment<br>Service-Fair Housing<br>Other government - Local<br>Grantee Department   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Public Housing Needs<br>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless<br>Homeless Needs - Families with children<br>Homelessness Needs - Veterans<br>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth<br>Homelessness Strategy<br>Market Analysis<br>Economic Development<br>Anti-poverty Strategy<br>Lead-based Paint Strategy |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | County and City of Cleveland Department of Community Development staff meet frequently throughout the year to coordinate funding and programming in many areas including economic development, fair housing, housing services, and regional planning.  |

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| 3 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | CLEVELAND HOUSING NETWORK   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services - Housing<br>Non-profit Organization  |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Market Analysis  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | County staff meet at least monthly with agency staff on counseling and foreclosure prevention issues. The agency is also a major nonprofit housing developer and manager, with ongoing interaction between County staff and agency staff on development issues.   |
| 4 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services - Housing<br>Services-Children<br>Services-Elderly Persons<br>Services-Persons with Disabilities<br>Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS<br>Services-Victims of Domestic Violence<br>Services-homeless<br>Services-Health<br>Services-Education<br>Services-Employment<br>Services - Victims<br>Other government - County |

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|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless<br>Homeless Needs - Families with children<br>Homelessness Needs - Veterans<br>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth<br>Homelessness Strategy  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members work with OHS staff, its Advisory Board, and committees on an ongoing basis to coordinate the needs of homeless and at-risk homeless county residents.  |
| 5 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services - Housing<br>Services-Children<br>Services-Elderly Persons<br>Services-Persons with Disabilities<br>Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS<br>Services-Health<br>Services-Education<br>Services-Employment<br>Other government - County |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Non-Homeless Special Needs  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium and the Continuum of Care have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents.  |

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| 6 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Cuyahoga County Board of Health   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Services - Housing<br>Services-Children<br>Services-Health<br>Health Agency<br>Other government - County  |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Lead-based Paint Strategy   |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan, implement, and administer programs that are part of the countywide lead-based paint strategy.     |
| 7 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Other government - County   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Non-housing Community Development   |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the infrastructure needs of county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas. |
| 8 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Services - Housing<br>Services-Elderly Persons<br>Services-Persons with Disabilities<br>Services - Victims<br>Other government - County   |

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|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Non-Homeless Special Needs   |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | County development staff meet several times each year with county senior and adult services staff to coordinate programming and assess housing needs of the elderly and disabled adult population.  |
| 9  | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Other government - County   |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Market Analysis   |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis related to real estate data for county communities. Condition of housing data was obtained from this agency and analyzed as part of this plan.  |
| 10 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation  |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services - Housing<br>Regional organization  |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Market Analysis   |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address foreclosure and property disposition issues in county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement projects that impact low- and moderate-income areas, including acquisition, sale, demolition, and rehabilitation of buildings. |

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| 11 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | PHA<br>Regional organization  |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Public Housing Needs  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents. In addition, on a regular basis this agency shares countywide program usage information with the member communities. |
| 12 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Service-Fair Housing<br>Non-profit Organization   |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Market Analysis<br>Fair Housing  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | As an organization providing fair housing services to the Cuyahoga County Urban County, the Cuyahoga County Department of Development has policy and program discussions with this organization on an ongoing basis to address housing issues in the 51-member communities. |
| 13 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Greater Cleveland Partnership   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Regional organization<br>Business and Civic Leaders   |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Market Analysis<br>Economic Development   |

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|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Greater Cleveland Partnership is the regional chamber of commerce for the greater Cleveland area. It concentrates on business retention and civic initiatives of interest to business leaders. County economic development staff work closely with Greater Cleveland Partnership staff to understand the factors that motivate businesses to remain and expand in Cuyahoga County, and to coordinate resources for business retention and expansion. |
| 14 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Regional organization  |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Non-Homeless Special Needs<br>Economic Development<br>Non-Housing Community Development  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the current public transit system and needs of county communities, particularly the impact on low- and moderate-income areas.   |
| 15 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Heights Community Congress   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Service-Fair Housing<br>Non-profit Organization  |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Market Analysis   |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | As an organization providing fair housing services to the Cuyahoga County Urban County, the Cuyahoga County Department of Development and HCC have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address housing issues in the 51-member communities.  |



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| 16 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Home Repair Resource Center  |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services - Housing<br>Services-Education<br>Non-profit Organization   |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Market Analysis   |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | County staff and agency staff meet at least monthly to discuss foreclosure prevention and housing counseling issues. The agency serves as a HOME program subrecipient for homebuyer assistance and as such provides insight into homebuyer market conditions.  |
| 17 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Jobs Ohio  |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Other government - State<br>Business and Civic Leaders<br>Private Sector Banking / Financing   |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Market Analysis<br>Economic Development  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Jobs Ohio is the nonprofit organization created by the State of Ohio to carry out State funded economic development activities statewide. County economic development staff work closely with Jobs Ohio staff to understand business financing needs and coordinate resources for business attraction and retention. |
| 18 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Service-Fair Housing<br>Regional organization<br>Non-profit Organization   |

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|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Market Analysis   |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | As an organization providing fair housing services to the Cuyahoga County Urban County, the Cuyahoga County Department of Development has policy and program discussions with this organization on an ongoing basis to address affordable housing issues in the 51-member communities.   |
| 19 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency  |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Regional organization<br>Planning organization   |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Non-housing Community Development  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the infrastructure and transit needs of county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas. All five Consortium jurisdictions have seats on the NOACA Board of Directors. |
| 20 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium  |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Regional organization<br>Planning organization<br>Non-profit Organization  |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Non-Homeless Special Needs<br>Market Analysis   |

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|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | The nineteen community members of this Council of Governments work to maintain and revitalize their mature, developed communities and raise public and political awareness of the problem and inequities associated with urban sprawl and urban disinvestment. Cuyahoga County has policy and program discussions with this organization on an ongoing basis to address housing and other community needs. The four suburban members of the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma) are members of the organization. |
| 21 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District  |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Regional organization   |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Non-housing Community Development   |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address sewer infrastructure needs of county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas. Note: Euclid and Lakewood manage their own sewer infrastructure.   |
| 22 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Parma Public Housing Agency   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | PHA<br>Regional organization  |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Public Housing Needs  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the needs of county residents. In addition, this agency makes available countywide program usage information.   |

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| 23 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Team NEO   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Regional organization<br>Business and Civic Leaders  |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Market Analysis<br>Economic Development  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Team NEO is the regional business attraction organization for Northeast Ohio including Cuyahoga County. Economic development staff of Cuyahoga County work closely with the staff of Team NEO 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 programming. |

**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**

| <b>Name of Plan</b> | <b>Lead Organization</b>                    | <b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>  |
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| Continuum of Care   | Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care | The 2024 Annual Plan supports the goals of the Cuyahoga Continuum of Care (CoC). The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) serves all 59 communities in Cuyahoga County and is the Lead Agency for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development designated by the CoC, an extensive network of public, private, and non-profit agencies that facilitate and/or provide, either directly or indirectly, emergency shelter, assisted housing, health services, and/or social services to individuals in Cuyahoga County who are chronically homeless, homeless, or are at-risk of homelessness. Cuyahoga County Strategic Action Plan for Homelessness - Advancing Pathways to Housing through Equity 2023 - 2027 and Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Annual Overview. |

| Name of Plan  | Lead Organization                         | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?   |
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| Economic Development Plan                             | Cuyahoga County                           | 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. Although primarily intended to be implemented with other than dollars provided by HUD, the Plan emphasizes that investments should create high-quality, well-connected places that ensure access to and preparation for jobs and careers, and accelerate business growth. The 2023 Annual Plan goals, using funds, reinforce these investment objectives of the Cuyahoga County Economic Development Plan.<br><a href="https://www.cuyahogacounty.us/docs/default-source/development/economicdevelopmentplan.pdf">https://www.cuyahogacounty.us/docs/default-source/development/economicdevelopmentplan.pdf</a>   |
| Cuyahoga County Housing Plan                          | Cuyahoga County                           | The Cuyahoga County Housing Plan was developed in coordination with countywide stakeholders from 2015-2017, and updated in 2022. The plan identified six primary objectives that need to be addressed to improve housing conditions and values. 1. Capital 2. Tax Collection and Delinquency 3. Housing Insecurity 4. Special Populations 5. Fair Housing 6. Confidence in the Market In February 2019, Cuyahoga Council passed legislation to create the Cuyahoga County Housing Program. A featured program is to support home repair and low-dollar mortgages starting in 2020 using \$1 million of revenue from casino taxes. The programming will be designed to complement strategies in the 2020-2024 Consolidated plan including expanding the capacity of local counseling agencies to support low-income homeowners, new tools for first mortgage lending that could leverage the down payment assistance programming, and expanding the homeowner repair programs that currently exist. Currently, a new plan is being prepared with anticipated completion by the end of 2024. |
| Rebuilding as One: A Common Sense Approach to Housing | Northeast Ohio's First Suburbs Consortium | This 2024 report outlines issues and strategies to address housing issues, particularly in the Cuyahoga County suburbs that geographically form the first ring of development beyond Cleveland. Building on the Cuyahoga County Economic Development goal of creating high-quality, well-connected places that provide our residents with great communities to live, work, and play, the report emphasizes strategies focusing on the four policy areas of preserving older housing stock, reducing vacancy and blight, base strengthening, and promoting stability. The 2023 Annual Plan goals focus significant housing funds on investment in housing through rehabilitation and homebuyer programs plus code enforcement, which reinforce the strategies of the Rebuilding as One report.<br><a href="http://nebula.wsimg.com/dcb273f93355b0f0d3ee06c9cd4429ee?AccessKeyId=09E1CA301C4A0B66503D&amp;disposition=0">http://nebula.wsimg.com/dcb273f93355b0f0d3ee06c9cd4429ee?AccessKeyId=09E1CA301C4A0B66503D&amp;disposition=0</a>   |

| Name of Plan     | Lead Organization  | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?  |
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| Vibrant NEO 2040 | Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium Initiative | Funded by a HUD/USDOT/USEPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities Initiative grant, this twelve-county regional plan 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, business, and infrastructure in developed neighborhoods, commercial districts, and industrial areas, which reinforce the goals of Vibrant NEO 2040. <a href="http://vibrantneo.org">http://vibrantneo.org</a> |

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

## Narrative

- Cuyahoga County government, on behalf of the 51-member Cuyahoga County Urban County, entered into agreements with the Cities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma to jointly participate in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding. The joint funding process creating the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium began with FY 1993 federal funds and has provided an opportunity for better coordination of housing program delivery by CDBG entitlement communities, such as rehabilitation work and homebuyer programs. The Consortium has also coordinated on other issues, such as successfully obtaining federal grants to address lead-based paint issues in older homes.

All seven communities in Cuyahoga County that receive CDBG entitlement funding (Cuyahoga County on behalf of 51 Urban County member suburbs, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma) have jointly participated in ongoing coordinated efforts on Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice studies and updates. From 2011-2013, all seven Cuyahoga County entitlements participated in a broader, twelve-county, regional fair housing equity study carried out under a HUD Sustainable Communities grant. The regional study, completed in 2013 and extended to add specific local impediments in 2014, was recognized by HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as an appropriate method to update each jurisdiction's existing Analysis of Impediments. We are currently in the process of securing a consultant to complete the County's Fair Housing Impediment Study by the end of 2024.

- The City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, through the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services, coordinate homeless prevention and homeless recovery funding and programming countywide. This collaboration includes development of a single countywide homeless prevention strategy, implemented by a single Continuum of Care process that brings Shelter Plus Care and

Supportive Housing program funding into the county. Likewise, Emergency Shelter Grant and stimulus-era Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing funds were and are managed on a countywide basis. Homeless prevention and recovery activities are available countywide; they benefit Consortium jurisdiction residents when the need arises.

- Cuyahoga County cooperates with the State of Ohio Department of Development Services Agency (ODSA) through the Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services alignment with ODSA as a subrecipient of “Homeless Crisis Response Program” funding on behalf of the County. These funds are used to leverage County ESG dollars targeted to Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention. The Office of Homeless Services represents Cuyahoga County on the State’s Supportive Housing Planning Council which meets annually to advise ODSA on the development of the State’s Consolidated Plan.
- **The Cuyahoga County Department of Development regularly coordinates specific economic development projects that involve a business and host community, along with partners such as the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority and the State of Ohio. Also, local communities within Cuyahoga County, including the Cuyahoga County Urban County, prepare joint funding applications and work cooperatively on projects with the State of Ohio.**
- **The Cuyahoga County Department of Development website, training sessions, and community meetings are all used as vehicles to communicate and interact with Urban County communities as well as interested members of the public. The other Consortium jurisdictions utilize similar outreach strategies.**

## **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**

The five Consortium jurisdictions take actions to encourage participation by all residents. For example, jurisdictions conduct outreach on a communitywide basis through various types of media, such as community-based newspapers and newsletters, electronic newsletters, home mailings, websites, and public access TV channels. Outreach is expanded through members of citizen advisory committees or special interest groups, as well as program sub recipients. Outreach is conducted at community facilities, such as posting notices at recreation centers, senior centers, libraries, web pages, social media, and municipal buildings. These actions increase the opportunity for residents throughout a community to participate in the process, including low- and-moderate income residents, minorities, and residents living in HUD-assisted housing.

The Consortium jurisdictions undertake the following types of actions to encourage citizen involvement:

- Translation services for non-English speaking residents. (Available Upon Request)
- Meeting locations and office space for housing Consortium staff are accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Meetings, hearings, and other public activities are scheduled at times and locations convenient to encourage attendance. Electronic meetings via Microsoft Teams were utilized due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Reasonable and timely access is provided to information and records relating to the 2024 Annual Plan and Consolidated Plan and use of HUD assistance via CAPER reports.
- Each Consortium jurisdiction has a Citizen's Participation Plan.

The Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development, as the lead administrative entity for the Consortium, is tasked by HUD for overseeing physical submission of all 5 CDBG Entitlement entities as one group. HUD's software requires submission by the lead entity (the County).

**Table 4** shows the public comment process undertaken by the Cuyahoga County Urban County. The public meetings were publicized in a newspaper of general circulation. Citizens were invited to provide comments electronically in the meetings or via telephone, mail, or email. During the 30-day comment period, copies of the Draft FY 2024 Annual Plan document were available in public places, such as government offices and libraries. The document was also posted on the County's website at <https://cuyahogacounty.gov/housing-and-community-development>

Public meetings were held electronically on weekdays during the day. The meetings linked the 5-Year Plan and FY 2024 Annual Plan, providing continuity for discussing short-term and long-term timeframes.



The discussions included presentations of background information, data, and priorities, and time was allotted for audience questions.

County staff provides technical assistance to groups developing proposals for funding assistance under the Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan. Offers of technical assistance are included as part of application materials, published notices, and/or made verbally during group meetings. Staff also provide contact information on their website. Technical assistance, on a one-on-one basis, often includes explanations concerning programs, potential projects, and application procedures.

### 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) |
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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) |
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| 1          | Internet Outreach | Non-targeted/<br>broad community | <p>The Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development invited Mayors, City Admin, Non-profits, service agencies, and all residents who would like to hear Program, Funding, and Project information to participate in early discussions of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) utilization for the upcoming FY'24 projects and activity. Emails were retrieved from a past list of invitees, awardees, grantees, and vendors. The list was compiled and emails were sent to more than 80 representatives on August 15, 2023 at 1.53 pm via Prentis Jackson Jr to attend the in-</p> | N/A                          | N/A  |                     |

| 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) |
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| 2          | Newspaper Ad     | Non-targeted/<br>broad community | <p>The Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development placed an Ad in the Plain Dealer on August 18th, 2023 detailing the Public Meeting event to be held on August 25th, 2023 at The Lyndhurst Community Center 1341 Parkview Drive Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124 at 10:00 am. We invited citizen review and comment. The information was also placed on the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development's website for public review. Comments available were to be sent to Prentis Jackson, Annual Action Plan Department of 2024 Development 7th Floor 2079 E. 9th Street, Cleveland,</p> | N/A                          | N/A  |                     |

| 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) |
|------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 3          | Public Meeting   | Non-targeted/<br>broad community | Public Meeting Session (August 25, 2023) to engage and solicit comments for the HUD allocation of the 2024 Annual Plan based on projected/estimated appropriations from HUD. We invited review and comment on the discussion of estimated HUD appropriations/al locations and potential programs and projects anticipated in the county as a result. Comments available were to be sent to Prentis Jackson Jr, Department of Housing and Community Development 7th Floor 2079 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 or at <a href="mailto:pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us">pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us</a> or 216-443-8856 | N/A                          | N/A  |                     |

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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)  |
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| 4          | Newspaper Ad     | Non-targeted/<br>broad community | <p>The Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development placed an Ad in the Plain Dealer on May 15th, 2024 detailing the Public Meeting event to be held on June 14th, 2024 at The Cuyahoga County Council Chambers 2079 East 9th Street 4th Floor Cleveland, Ohio 44115 at 10:00 am. We invited citizen review and comment. The information for the meeting and a draft of the 2024 Annual Plan was also placed on the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development's website, and at Regional Libraries for public review.</p> <p>Comments available were to be sent to Prentis Jackson Jr,</p> | N/A                          | N/A  | <p><a href="https://cuyahogacounty.gov/housing-and-community-development">https://cuyahogacounty.gov/housing-and-community-development</a></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)   |
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| 5          | Public Meeting   | Non-targeted/<br>broad community | Public Meeting Session (June 14, 2024) to engage and solicit comments for the HUD allocation of the 2024 Annual Plan based on actual appropriations from HUD. We invited review and comment on the discussion of actual HUD appropriations/al locations and potential programs and projects anticipated in the county as a result. Comments available were to be sent to Prentis Jackson Jr, Department of Housing and Community Development 7th Floor 2079 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 or at pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us or 216-443-8856. | No Comments Received         | N/A  | <a href="https://cuyahogacounty.gov/housing-and-community-development">https://cuyahogacounty.gov/housing-and-community-development</a> |

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**



## Expected Resources

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

### Introduction

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2020-2024 identifies the federal, state, local, and private resources expected to be available to the Cuyahoga Urban County to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan ***of the Consolidated Plan 2020-2024***. The Cuyahoga Urban County is a direct entitlement community for the HUD-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The Cuyahoga Urban County is a member of the Cuyahoga County Consortium through which it manages all Consortium funds for the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. Below are the Expected Resources per the Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2024.

### Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 |                       |                             |              | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan | Narrative Description |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------|
|         |                 |               | Annual Allocation:<br>\$         | Program Income:<br>\$ | Prior Year Resources:<br>\$ | Total:<br>\$ |  |                       |
|         |                 |               |                                  |                       |                             |              |  |                       |

| 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<br>Admin and Planning<br>Economic Development<br>Housing<br>Public Improvements<br>Public Services | 4,055,322                        | 291,829            | 204,897                  | 4,552,048 | 3,900,000   | Annual allocation is the recent Fiscal Year allocation received from HUD. Program Income is based on recent years average. Program Income is technically Revolving Loan Program Income earned on loan repayments and used for similar purposes according to HUD regulations. Program Income is calculated as an average of the aggregated amounts received over several (often two) years. Annual allocation amounts available in the future depends on the will of Congress to keep program. The remainder of Con Plan expected amount is an estimate based on FY 2024 allocation multiplied by four years. Annual allocations may fluctuate. |

| 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<br>Homebuyer assistance<br>Homeowner rehab<br>Multifamily rental new construction<br>Multifamily rental rehab<br>New construction for ownership<br>TBRA | 2,642,112                        | 405,971            | 0                        | 3,048,082 | 3,000,000   | HOME public - federal Multifamily rental new constructionMultifamily rental rehab New construction for ownershipCHDO<br>2,642,111.54 405,970.77<br>3,048,082.31 Annual allocation is the recent Fiscal Year allocation received from HUD. Program Income is based on recent years average. Program Income is technically Revolving Loan Program Income earned on loan repayments and used for similar purposes according to HUD regulations. Program Income is calculated as an average of the aggregated amounts received over several (often two) years. Annual allocation amounts available in the future depends on the will of Congress to keep program. The remainder of Con Plan expected amount is an estimate based on FY 2024 allocation multiplied by four years. Annual allocations may fluctuate. |

| 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<br>Financial Assistance<br>Overnight shelter<br>Rapid re-housing (rental assistance)<br>Rental Assistance Services<br>Transitional housing | 345,109                          | 0                  | 0                        | 345,109   | 330,000   | Annual allocation is the recent Fiscal Year allocation received from HUD. Annual allocation amounts available in the future depends on the will of Congress to keep program. The remainder of Con Plan expected amount is an estimate based on FY 2024 allocation multiplied by four years. Annual allocations may fluctuate. |

**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**

Housing construction and renovation activities funded by HOME typically leverage tax credit equity and loans from other funding sources that exceed the HOME funds invested. Also, where necessary private development funding such as stocks, bonds, equity financial instruments will be utilized to develop affordable housing efforts.

ESG match requirements are met with local government contributions, foundations, philanthropic donations, and charitable event fundraising sponsored by homeless providers funded with county ESG.

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

County government does not itself own substantial amounts of vacant land or buildings suitable for redevelopment in the suburban communities for which this plan is developed. Several suburbs have acquired ownership of vacant residential lots through a land banking program, and Cuyahoga County has an innovative Land Bank which holds an increasing number of vacant houses and vacant lots for redevelopment. Land Bank owned houses do not remain vacant for long periods. They are either renovated for re-occupancy or demolished if the cost of needed repairs would make renovation and re-occupancy economically unsound.

**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          | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing | 2020       | 2024     | Affordable Housing                | Cuyahoga Urban County | Affordable Housing<br>Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs | CDBG: \$981,323<br>HOME: \$2,053,314 | Rental units constructed: 40<br>Household Housing Unit<br>Homeowner Housing<br>Rehabilitated: 60 Household Housing Unit<br>Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 60 Households Assisted<br>Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 16 Households Assisted |
| 2          | Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods             | 2020       | 2024     | Non-Housing Community Development | Cuyahoga Urban County | Non-Housing Community Development                             | CDBG: \$2,273,376<br>HOME: \$67,451  | Public Facility or Infrastructure<br>Activities other than<br>Low/Moderate Income Housing<br>Benefit: 12000 Persons Assisted   |
| 3          | Provide Needed Public Services                   | 2020       | 2024     | Non-Homeless Special Needs        | Cuyahoga Urban County | Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs                       | CDBG: \$194,323                      | Homelessness Prevention: 8<br>Persons Assisted   |
| 4          | Increase Economic Opportunities                  | 2020       | 2024     | Non-Housing Community Development | Cuyahoga Urban County | Non-Housing Community Development                             | CDBG: \$0                            | Jobs created/retained: 0 Jobs<br>Businesses assisted: 0 Businesses Assisted  |



| Sort Order | Goal Name                                    | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area       | Needs Addressed | Funding                                  | Goal Outcome Indicator  |
|------------|--|------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| 5          | Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness | 2020       | 2024     | Homeless | Cuyahoga Urban County | Homelessness    | CDBG: \$0<br>HOME: \$0<br>ESG: \$345,109 | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 400 Persons Assisted<br>Homelessness Prevention: 1000 Persons Assisted |

**Table 3 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

|   |                         |  |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing   |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | <p>The Cuyahoga Urban County will administer activities to improve, maintain, and expand owner- and renter-occupied housing. The activities may include but may not be limited to: down-payment assistance, rehabilitation, new construction, weatherization and energy efficiency improvements, home modifications for disabled persons and elderly homeowners to assist them to remain in their homes, and rental assistance.</p> <p>Some activities under this goal will utilize HOME funds provided by HUD and administered by the Cuyahoga Urban County as the lead jurisdiction.</p> <p>Opportunities for linking of projects that increase the availability of affordable housing units in areas where jobs are being created but low wage workers cannot find affordable housing units, in turn creating excessive travel times, is a goal for 2024. Funding will come from existing appropriations in prior year HOME appropriations.</p> |

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|---|-------------------------|---|
| 2 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | <p>The Department of Housing and Community Development will work with the 51 communities that comprise the Urban County to assist in improving the quality of life by investing in projects nominated by communities in the Competitive Municipal Grant Program under CDBG. Projects awarded funding meet the announced criteria and improve quality of life by improving neighborhood streets, investing in upgrading deteriorated public infrastructure and upgrading senior centers that meet HUD guidelines.</p> <p>The second element of the Municipal Grant Program may be used again to work with communities that have signed an agreement for financing the cleaning and relining of sanitary sewer lines, as well as the separation of sewer and storm sewer lines. Participants must have signed agreements with the Department of Public Works. Funding would come from CDBG prior year unused Municipal and other CDBG appropriations. Such work immediately improves the quality of life and livability of neighborhoods that have experienced sewer backups into basements during rain-storm events.</p> <p>In communities with Improvement Target Areas (ITA's), the Department works with an agency to perform litter control services in public rights-of-way to reduce the blighting effect of litter and improve the livability of neighborhoods.</p> |
| 3 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Provide Needed Public Services  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> |   |
| 4 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Increase Economic Opportunities   |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Program has not been utilized for small business/economic grants and/or loans and therefore funds have been reappropriated to various programs/projects   |

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|---|-------------------------|---|
| 5 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | <p>In carrying out all of its homeless assistance programs, the Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC), works in close collaboration with the City of Cleveland’s Department of Community Development and homeless service providers. The OHS is the Collaborative Applicant for the annual CoC Homeless Assistance Grant application. The OHS administers both the Cuyahoga County ESG entitlement and the City of Cleveland’s ESG entitlement through a single RFP process. This promotes coordination and alignment with HEARTH Act goals. The State of Ohio and the Ohio Development Services Agency have awarded OHS funding through its “Homeless Crisis Response Program “(HCRP). The funding source is the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. Project activities are intended to align with ESG and CoC program priorities and activities.</p> <p>In addition to the current Homelessness Prevention programs and strategies administered by the Office of Homeless Services, there is a need for non-congregate shelter for county residents that are homeless or at risk of being homeless due to conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of receiving additional HOME funds via the American Rescue Plan (ARP), we amended our 2021 Annual Plan to create a HOME program for affordable housing that addresses this need for non-congregate shelter via the Cuyahoga County HOME Consortium.</p> |

## **AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)**

### **Introduction**

**The attached projects are proposed for 2024 based on the HUD allocations for CDBG, HOME, and ESG for Cuyahoga County**

# Project Name

1 CDBG Competitive Municipal Grant (PROJECT)

2 CDBG Home and Furnace Repair Program 14A (PROJECT)

3 CDBG Foreclosure Prevention (PUBLIC SERVICES)

4 HOME Consortium (PROJECT)

5 CDBG General Admin (ADMIN and PLANNING)

6 CDBG Down Payment Assistance (Including Counseling and Homeownership Counseling) (PROJECT)

7 HOME CHDO Funding (Set-Aside; Max 15%) (PROJECT)

8 HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program (PROJECT)

9 HOME Administration Costs (Max 7%) (ADMIN)

10 CDBG Fair Housing - Testing (ADMIN and PLANNING)

11 HESG - ESG24 (PROJECT)

12 CDBG Fair Housing Counseling (PUBLIC SERVICES)

13 CDBG Home and Furnace Repair Program - ADMIN 14H

14 CDBG Fair Housing Impediment Study (ADMIN and PLANNING)

15 CDBG Public Service - Municipal (PUBLIC SERVICES)

16 CDBG Slum and Blight Study (ADMIN and PLANNING)

| #  | Project Name   |
|----|--|
| 1  | CDBG Competitive Municipal Grant (PROJECT)   |
| 2  | CDBG Home and Furnace Repair Program 14A (PROJECT)   |
| 3  | CDBG Foreclosure Prevention (PUBLIC SERVICES)  |
| 4  | HOME Consortium (PROJECT)  |
| 5  | CDBG General Admin (ADMIN and PLANNING)  |
| 6  | CDBG Down Payment Assistance (including Counseling and Homeownership Counseling) (PROJECT) |
| 7  | HOME CHDO Funding (Set-Aside; Max 15%) (PROJECT)   |
| 8  | HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program (PROJECT)   |
| 9  | HOME Administration Costs (Max 7%) (ADMIN)   |
| 10 | CDBG Fair Housing - Testing (ADMIN and PLANNING)   |
| 11 | HESG-ESG24 (PROJECT)   |
| 12 | CDBG Fair Housing Counseling (PUBLIC SERVICES)   |
| 13 | CDBG Home and Furnace Repair Program - ADMIN 14H   |
| 14 | CDBG Fair Housing Impediment Study (ADMIN and PLANNING)                                    |
| 15 | CDBG Public Service - Municipal (PUBLIC SERVICES)  |
| 16 | CDBG Slum and Blight Study (ADMIN and PLANNING)  |

**Table 4 – Project Information**

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

The Cooperation Agreements currently in force with the 51 local communities participating in the Urban County provide that *not less than forty percent (40%) of the total Urban County Entitlement Funds for Cuyahoga County will be expended by Cuyahoga County on behalf of the participating political subdivisions to finance, through a Municipal Grant Program, eligible Community Development activities and projects in said participating political subdivisions.*

This commitment to expend funds on behalf of municipalities is realized by the Competitive Municipal Grant Program (CMGP). There are two elements to the county's Municipal Grant Program. 1) the Competitive Municipal Grant Program under which communities submit applications for CDBG funding that are scored under a point system disclosed when the application process begins. These projects must be eligible under the CDBG regulations and meet a national objective Expenditures in the Municipal Grant Program have been applied in situations where CDBG expenditures must be made to meet HUD requirements for timeliness. Under this program communities submit applications for CDBG funding that are scored under a point system disclosed when the application begins.

In the Competitive Municipal Grant Program, communities are encouraged to coordinate their proposed CDBG activities with other investments occurring in their communities in an attempt to obtain more synergistic investments. To take advantage of the bulk of the 2024 construction season, the competitive applications were received in September 2023 with expected projects to start May 1, 2024. All recommended projects will undergo environmental review before awards are announced.

All other programs operated by the Department of Housing and Community Development require an application from an individual for a homeowner rehabilitation loan, from a family for down payment assistance, from a business to apply for a commercial revitalization/rehabilitation loan/grant, or from a business to request assistance to expand its operations. The new county government is attempting to coordinate/concentrate activities with other investments, both public and private, to increase the quality of place and quality of lives for the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

In addition, the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant program (CDSG) is mirrored after the Federal Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) to provide needed funds to municipalities and non-profits to further the aims and goals of their respective communities with repairs, renovations, and upgrades to keep the community safe, livable, and thriving.

Any potential reductions in HUD funding present the greatest obstacle in meeting underserved needs.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

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|---|--|--|
| 1 | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Competitive Municipal Grant (PROJECT)   |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods   |
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Non-Housing Community Development  |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$1,982,686  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | At least 40% of the CDBG Entitlement grant is committed to assisting participating jurisdictions - that commitment is fulfilled through this project. Funding is for eligible activities under codes 1-5,10,15,17 & 20 and also includes potential national objective codes 570.208(a) (1), (2) and (4) and 208(b)(1). If any repayments are received from communities, the amounts will be included with 40% for distribution.                            |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
| 2 | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 03J Water/Sewer Improvements; 03K Street Improvements; 03F Parks recreational Facilities; 03E Neighborhood Facilities; Public Facilities & Improvements (General); 03(A) Senior Centers all 570.201(c): 14A Home Rehab; 17B Storefront Rehab; 03(G) Parking Facilities; 03L Sidewalks; and other CDBG eligible activities  |
|   | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Home and Furnace Repair Program 14A (PROJECT)   |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing   |
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing   |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$500,000  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | Included in this project are activities that provide loans for needed home repairs to income eligible recipients. Also provides heating unit repairs for low- and moderate-income homeowners and tenants. A portion of the funding is also available for furnace replacement. The program also supports the replacement of old electrical wiring (knob and tube) to updated electrical wiring. Pre-agreement costs would use carry forward appropriations. |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |



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|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 14A Rehab Single Unit Residential and 14F Energy Efficiency Improvements 570.202 Note: 14 (H) Rehabilitation Administration of the program   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Foreclosure Prevention (PUBLIC SERVICES)  |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods<br>Provide Needed Public Services<br>Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness   |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Homelessness   |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$450,000  |
|          | <b>Description</b>   | Due to the continued high foreclosure rate in the Urban County, funds will be allocated to counsel persons on budget management, credit repair, mortgage foreclosure or tax delinquency prevention and assistance and home purchase. Non-profit organizations will provide this service via a competitive process. Those organizations awarded funding contracts must be HUD certified and be in full standing with HUD. |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |
|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 05U Housing Counseling 24 CFR 570.201  |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | HOME Consortium (PROJECT)  |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods   |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing   |

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|   | <b>Funding</b>   | HOME: \$824,339  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | Allocations for HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)<br>Cuyahoga County Home Consortium: Cuyahoga County, City of Cleveland Heights, City of Euclid, City of Lakewood, and the City of Parma. Of the HOME allocation, 15% is set aside for CHDO and 7% for County Planning and Administration. Of the remaining balance, 60% is allocated to Cuyahoga County, 10% to Cleveland Heights, 10% to Euclid, 13% to Lakewood, and 7% to Parma. Projects and activity consist of Down Payment Assistance (DPA), Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Affordable Rental Housing Development, and Homeowner Rehab. |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County and Home Consortium Communities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma.   |
|   | <b>Planned Activities</b>  |  |
| 5 | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG General Admin (ADMIN and PLANNING)  |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods<br>Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness   |
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs<br>Non-Housing Community Development<br>Homelessness   |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$656,064  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | General administration of the Community Development Program operated by the Department of Development. This includes staffing and support costs as well as indirect and space maintenance charges. Pre-agreement operating costs would be incurred to maintain administration of ongoing programming.  |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |

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|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|   | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 21A Administration<br><br>19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loans. These funds will not be recorded in the budget as the funds would then raise the amount of administrative funds available as IDIS is presently constituted. |
| 6 | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Down Payment Assistance (including Counseling and Homeownership Counseling) (PROJECT)  |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness  |
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Homelessness  |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$600,000   |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | Provides Counseling and financial assistance to new homebuyers with the purchase of a home either newly constructed or renovated in the Urban County  |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024  |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|   | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 13A Direct Home Assistance 570.201(h)   |
| 7 | <b>Project Name</b>  | HOME CHDO Funding (Set-Aside; Max 15%) (PROJECT)  |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing  |

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|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Homelessness   |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | HOME: \$396,317  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | Financial assistance to organizations recognized by Cuyahoga County as CHDOs (Community Housing Development Organizations) that undertake eligible housing activities.   |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|   | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 14B Multi-unit   |
|   |  |  |
| 8 | <b>Project Name</b>  | HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program (PROJECT)   |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness   |
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Homelessness   |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | HOME: \$1,642,479  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | HOME funds are proposed to assist two or more projects that would create additional affordable housing units. Projects could involve construction of new units or rehabilitation of existing structures. Plans are developing to maximize our resources and provide incentive funding. The Department will explore one or more partnerships in assisting low- and moderate-income workers obtain housing near employment clusters. |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|   | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | Construction of Rental Housing   |

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| 9  | <b>Project Name</b>  | HOME Administration Costs (Max 7%) (ADMIN)  |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness  |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Homelessness  |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | HOME: \$184,948   |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | General administration of the HOME Program operated by the Department of Housing and Community Development and four Consortium municipal partners. This includes staffing and support costs as well as indirect and space maintenance charges. Pre-agreement operating costs would be incurred to maintain administration of ongoing programming. |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024  |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | HOME Adminstration  |
| 10 | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Fair Housing - Testing (ADMIN and PLANNING)  |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing  |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs<br>Homelessness   |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$140,000   |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | The Department coordinates a comprehensive fair housing program from CDBG and local government resources. Activities include the systematic audits of sales. An RFP process for housing services is combined with low/moderate benefit activities to achieve a comprehensive grouping of services.  |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024  |

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|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 21D Fair Housing Activities (subject to 20% Admin cap) 570.206   |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | HESG-ESG24 (PROJECT)   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs<br>Non-Housing Community Development<br>Homelessness<br>Public Housing   |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | ESG: \$345,109   |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | Funding supports a) Basic shelter services, including outreach and daytime shelter for single adults, families, and youth; and b) Rapid re-housing, short term rental assistance to reduce shelter length of stay and promote housing stability. |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | Existing Homeless Service Organizations  |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | HomesHELTER, Supportive Services, and Rapid Rehousing  |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Fair Housing Counseling (PUBLIC SERVICES)   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods<br>Provide Needed Public Services<br>Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs<br>Homelessness  |

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|-----------|--|--|
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$110,000  |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | Fair Housing Counseling for residents of the Cuyahoga Urban County to assist with Housing Rights. The Department coordinates a comprehensive fair housing program from CDBG and local government resources. Activities include education and outreach and discrimination complaint services. |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | Fair Housing Activities<br>21D Fair Housing Activities (subject to 20% Admin cap) 570.206  |
|           |  |  |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Home and Furnace Repair Program - ADMIN 14H   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing   |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$50,000   |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | Funding for the administration of Home and Furnace repair program.   |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024   |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  |  |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Fair Housing Impediment Study (ADMIN and PLANNING)  |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods   |

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|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs<br>Non-Housing Community Development<br>Homelessness<br>Public Housing  |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$7,500   |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | RFP for CDBG Fair Housing Impediment Study 2024   |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024  |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 21D Fair Housing Activities (subject to 20% Admin cap) 570.206 , this activity will be a fair housing study that covers the 51 urban communities under Cuyahoga County's jurisdictional area. |
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| 15 | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Public Service - Municipal (PUBLIC SERVICES)   |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Provide Needed Public Services  |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Non-Housing Community Development   |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$48,298  |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | CDBG Public Service - Municipal Grants that are Public Services   |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024  |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  |   |
| 16 | <b>Project Name</b>  | CDBG Slum and Blight Study (ADMIN and PLANNING)   |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing<br>Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods  |



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|  | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Affordable Housing<br>Non-Housing Community Development                             |
|  | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$7,500   |
|  | <b>Description</b>   | CDBG project for updating study on Slum/Blight "ITA" areas of county municipalities |
|  | <b>Target Date</b>   | 12/31/2024  |
|  | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|  | <b>Location Description</b>  | Cuyahoga Urban County   |
|  | <b>Planned Activities</b>  |   |

## **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**

Cuyahoga County is the second most populated County in Ohio with Franklin County being number one. The County has a population of 1, 264,817 persons. The City of Cleveland is the largest city and the county seat. Unfortunately, the County's population has been decreasing steadily since 2020 the population has decreased by 2.5% per the United States Census Bureau. The County's median household income is \$60,736, which is slightly below the State of Ohio's average of \$65,720.

The County has 6 (six) Entitlements cities: Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, Parma and Cuyahoga County. In addition to these areas there are 51 Urban Communities within Cuyahoga County boundaries.

There are two non-participating areas of the County Hunting Valley and Brecksville. Hunting Valley (Village), nestled in Cuyahoga and Geauga counties, but is one of the wealthiest cities in Ohio. Despite its modest population of just over 760 people with 306 households, the median home value is around \$1.4 million with the median income being \$93,558. The other area is the City of Brecksville with a population of just under 14,000 residents and a median income of \$67,520. The average home value in the city according to Zillow.com is \$396,806.

The remaining portion of Cuyahoga County is made up of 51 urban communities which is where federal funding efforts are concentrated. These are areas are as follows: \*Due to character limit, the information is continued in the "Rationale..." Section below.

### **Geographic Distribution**

| <b>Target Area</b>    | <b>Percentage of Funds</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Cuyahoga Urban County | 90                         |

**Table 5 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The Cooperation Agreements currently in force with the 51 local communities participating in the Urban County in program year 2024 provide that "not less than forty percent (40%) of the total Urban County Entitlement Funds for Cuyahoga County will be expended by Cuyahoga County on behalf of the participating political subdivisions to finance, through a Municipal Grant Program, eligible Community

Development activities and projects in said participating political subdivisions.”

### **51 Urban County Communities**

- Bay Village, Beachwood, Bedford, Bedford Hts, Bentleyville Village, Berea, Bratenahl Village, Broadview Hts, Brook Park, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Hts, Chagrin Falls Township, Chagrin Falls Village, Cuyahoga Hts, Fairview Park, Garfield Hts, Gates Mills, Glenwillow Village, Highland Hills, Highland Hts, Independence, Linndale, Lyndhurst, Maple Hts, Mayfield Hts, Mayfield Village, Middleburg Hts, Newburgh Hts, North Olmsted, North Randall, North Royalton, Oakwood Village, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, Orange Village, Parma Hts, Pepper Pike, Richmond Hts, Rocky River, Seven Hills, Shaker Hts, Solon, South euclid, Strongsville, University Hts, Valley View, Walton Hills Village, Warrensville Hts.

All other programs operated by the Department of Housing and Community Development require an application from an individual for a homeowner rehabilitation loan, from a family for down payment assistance, from a business to apply for a commercial revitalization/rehabilitation loan/grant, or from a business to request assistance to expand its operations. The Department is attempting to coordinate/concentrate activities with other investments, both public and private, to increase the quality of place and life for the citizens of Cuyahoga County. Even with the increase in HUD funding, demand for more resources presents the greatest obstacle in meeting underserved needs.

### **Discussion**

Two additional urban communities are Westlake and Woodmere Village

Cuyahoga County has many inner ring suburban areas that are concentrated with low to moderate residents. The median income for Cuyahoga County is \$71,175 which is higher than the median income for the United States. More than 44 percent of the of the population in the suburban areas of the County are struggling to maintain stable living conditions.

The United Way of Greater Cleveland conducted a study in 2022 the provided this assessment. Cuyahoga County has 13 percent of its residents that live in poverty, which is about 207,000 people living below the poverty line. An additional 209,000 persons are in or near poverty. Many of those people reside in the City of Cleveland but the remainder of the population, which is 44 percent, live in the suburban areas. Many studies have documented the mitigation of low-income residents from urban centers. It is not different in Cuyahoga County. Studies have been conducted by the Council of Economic Opportunities, the Mandel School at Case Western Reserve University, and the College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University that show the movement of poverty from the urban center to the suburban zones. The concentration of poverty is caused by limited progress in economic development, mobility, housing instability and health initiatives which have remained unchained over the past few years. These areas have faced additional challenges due to the peak of the pandemic in 2020.

Areas of blight are identified every ten years in cooperation with our municipal partners. The methodology and process has been consistent for over thirty years and is approved by HUD. These areas, known as Improvement Target Areas (ITAs) are used to identify areas where activities fundable under HUD's national objective of eliminating conditions of slum and blight can occur. An RFQ is issued, and contracts are awarded to the County Planning Commission to undertake new ITA surveys. These surveys are paid for with CDBG Administration/Planning funds. New maps of the areas that meet HUD's slum and blight national objectives have been shared with our municipal partners and submitted to the Columbus Field Office of HUD. These maps are maintained within the Department of Housing & Community Development. The surveys help the department develop and determine what areas within the County's boundaries for funding have the greatest need for funding eligible programs and/or activities.

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

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| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported |     |
|---|-----|
| Homeless  | 80  |
| Non-Homeless  | 125 |
| Special-Needs   | 20  |
| Total   | 225 |

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through |     |
|---|-----|
| Rental Assistance   | 20  |
| The Production of New Units                                   | 45  |
| Rehab of Existing Units                                       | 80  |
| Acquisition of Existing Units                                 | 80  |
| Total   | 225 |

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

#### Discussion

N/A

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

### **Introduction**

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

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

Within the Cuyahoga County Urban County, there are only two (2) small public housing developments totaling 116 units. Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) has responsibility for both, Oakwood Garden and Oakwood Villas. Oakwood Villas has 91 one-bedroom units and one two-bedroom unit, all for elderly persons. Oakwood Garden consists of 25 three-bedroom, single-family homes designated for families. These properties have been constructed on bus routes, with retail establishments accessible by walking, bus, or automobile.

The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) has a maintenance and improvement plan for the facilities and allocates funds on an ongoing basis to accomplish those tasks. Cuyahoga County does not intend to fund any activities related to these two (2) facilities.

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

In terms of management, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) has a system in place for residents and administrators to meet on an ongoing basis to discuss management/building issues, which Cuyahoga County believes is appropriate for that purpose. Public housing facilities are also subject to the building codes of the local communities, when repair issues arise. In addition, Cuyahoga MHA staff has met with the staff of the County Department of Development and Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Assistance to work together to identify suitable units to accommodate formerly homeless persons.

In terms of participation in homeownership, the 91 units in Oakwood Villas are occupied by elderly residents. It is likely that many residents would feel that the physical burden and financial responsibility of maintaining a home would be beyond their capabilities. The 25 units at Oakwood Garden are occupied by families. A shift to homeownership for a family may be possible under the proper set of circumstances, such as steady employment and appropriate financial management skills. If a resident wishes to pursue the possibility of homeownership, Cuyahoga County has existing programs to assist that family.

In addition, Section 3 reporting requires us to encourage and promote, to the greatest extent feasible, employment and training opportunities for very low- and low-income county residents that are within the project area. Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by

certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

Targeted Section 3 worker is:

- 1) is employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
- (2) currently fits or when hired fit at least one of the following categories, as documented within the past five years:
  - (i) A resident of public housing or Section 8-assisted housing;**
  - (ii) A resident of other public housing projects or Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance; or**
  - (iii) A YouthBuild participant.

A Section 3 Business Concern is:

1. At least 51 percent owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons;
2. Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers; or
- 3. A business at least 51 percent owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.**

**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 Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) nor the Parma PHA is designated as “troubled” by HUD.

## **Discussion**

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

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

### **Introduction**

Cuyahoga County intends to combine its 2024 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds with those received by the City of Cleveland, along with Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) funds allocated to Cuyahoga County by the State of Ohio's Department of Development, for HEARTH Act defined activities intended to reduce homelessness, shorten shelter lengths of stay, and promote housing stability. Cuyahoga County is aligned with the US Interagency Council's goals to make homelessness "Brief, Rare, and Non-recurring."

These funds will be administered by the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS), recognized by HUD as the lead agency for the Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care. The staff of the OHS supports the CoC Advisory Board which is in compliance with the HEARTH Act requirements for representation and membership.

The goals of the CoC's strategic plan are:

1. To make homelessness Brief, Rare, and Non-recurring;
2. Reduce the number of individuals and families who experience homelessness;
3. Implement a Coordinated Intake and Assessment system to allocate limited resources in the most effective and efficient way;
4. Implement strategies and to use CoC resources to move people from shelter and the streets to housing as quickly as possible;
5. Align resources to promote rapid re-housing; and
6. Increase the supply of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, families, and youth.

The CoC has four primary outreach efforts that operate 365/days a year:

1. CoC Outreach workers, supported by both local and mental health funding, work early morning and in the evening visiting camps and places known to be used by homeless. Outreach workers refer many persons to the permanent supportive housing/chronically homeless units;
2. Care Alliance, the Federally Qualified Health Center serving homeless persons, also searches streets, under bridges, and empty buildings to find street homeless and provide medical assistance and to engage with clients;
3. Supportive Services to Veterans Families (SSVF): the SSFV program is funded through the Veterans Administration. In addition to providing short term rental assistance, SSFV funding provides outreach staff to identify homeless veterans sleeping in places not fit for human habitation. SSFV outreach staff are able to link homeless veterans with CoC resources as appropriate;
4. The CoC funds a cold weather, weekend shelter for people who refuse 'traditional' shelter. Outreach staff go to this site to engage these chronic homeless persons.

### **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**

Homeless persons are assessed through Coordinated Intake and Assessment (CI). The CoC implemented CI in FY2012. CI enables the CoC to:

- Use limited resources most effectively, by matching client need with CoC resources.
- Permits a single door of entry at which a standardized HMIS assessment form is utilized, promoting consistency and quality of data entry and outcomes.
- Enables every household seeking shelter to have the opportunity to be assessed for Diversion – an intervention to keep the household from entering the shelter system.
- Assures that all CoC funded beds are available and being used by legitimately homeless persons;
- Permits the CoC to assess housing barriers for each household and recommend an exit housing plan to be implemented by the receiving shelter.
- Enables the CoC to track the Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing referrals initiated through CI.

## **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

In FY 2012, the CoC implemented Coordinated Intake (CI) at the 365 bed Men's Shelter and at the 160 bed Norma Herr Women's Shelter. CI also began to include families, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the utilization of HUD funded housing and services for homeless persons. Prior to the implementation of CI, some individuals and families seeking shelter were turned away by nonprofit agencies because of behavioral health issues. This resulted in there being unused resources and people on the street, or doubling up in unsafe situations. Other resources in the CoC system were also being allocated in a less than effective way. Since higher barrier individuals and families were being denied access, that meant that households with fewer or very low barriers, were being referred for the more costly and high intensity programming of transitional and permanent housing resources. This mismatch of services with needs was corrected by implementing a system wide Coordinated Intake.

Agencies which receive federal homeless funding, (ESG, CoC, ARPA, or State Funded HCRP) must align with the HEARTH Act's directions to serve the highest barrier persons. People may not be turned away because of behavioral or physical health challenges, low or no income, or criminal justice background.

CI operates from 8 AM to 8 PM M- F, and can be accessed by phone after hours and on weekends through 2-1-1.

CI plays a critical role in re-linking individuals and families with systems and resources in the community. During the Assessment, case manager relationships with other community agencies may be identified and contacted. Sometimes these other systems will be able to provide resources to prevent the individual or family from entering shelter. Specific examples include:

- a) Veterans are identified immediately and referred to the VA's Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) so that their eligibility for VA services and resources can be quickly verified. If a veteran received a dishonorable or less than honorable discharge, they will still receive services and housing funded through the CoC resources.
- b) persons over 60 are linked with the resources targeted to senior citizens;
- c) a youth focused Assessment tool at CI screens youth for system specific involvement and service linkage.
- d) Families are screened for diversion when appropriate.

**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 CoC has stated a goal of making homelessness "brief, rare, and non-recurring". The CoC was awarded funding through the HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant process for Rapid Re-Housing for single adults, families, and youth. With these additional resources, the CoC is able to offer RRH, and twelve months of rental assistance to all populations experiencing a housing crisis. The community is engaged in the effort to end Veteran homelessness which has as one of the benchmarks that newly identified homeless veterans will be provided Permanent Housing in less than 90 days.

**PSH:** The Housing First Initiative (HFI) is the CoC's Plan to end Chronic Homelessness. Established in FY 2003, the HFI set a goal of developing 1,217 units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for chronically homeless individuals by FY 2017. To date, there are over 782 units occupied with an additional 50 units either under construction, or in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit application process. In FY 2011, the HFI expanded the target population from CH Individuals to include CH Families and Youth. The housing model for these subpopulations is scattered site units. Applying the HUD definition of chronic homelessness to the families and youth in the shelter system resulted in a very low number of eligible households. These households have been housed. As newly chronically homeless youth and families are identified at CI, they are added to the By Name List to access PSH subsidies as they become available.

**RRH:**

**1. Families:** The CoC implemented a "Progressive Engagement" model for RRH for families. Through this model, all families, regardless of income or other barriers, are offered RRH, short term rental assistance within 7 days of shelter placement. Prior to the pandemic, 70% and 75% of families were able to maintain their housing on their own after 4 months of assistance. Currently, all RRH households receive an additional 8 months of subsidy with more intensive case management. At the end of this time period, about 50% of the cohort is stable; the remaining families are bridged to either a public housing subsidy or a PSH subsidy if eligible. This approach meets the two objectives of 1) reducing the shelter length of

stay, and 2) of assuring that the family does not return to homelessness. Since the implementation of RRH for families, the average shelter length of stay in 2022 reflected a decrease from 76 days to 69 days. Due to COVID, the length of stay has remained above the 6-day benchmark. The CoC has expanded efforts to again reduce length of stay and enable the CoC to serve more families experiencing a housing crisis through diversion and supportive services.

**2. Single Adults:** RRH for single adults is being implemented within a larger strategy to better serve the adult population experiencing a housing crisis. RRH will be offered to single adults who are on a clear path to income stability. For persons ages 25 and over, there is an income requirement with no set threshold for the amount of income eligibility. Shelter staff will also work the client to document the ability to maintain housing and increase income at the end of the RRH rental assistance period. The CoC is also encouraging a “shared housing” model to encourage rapid exit and housing stability for very low-income persons.

**3. Youth:** The Cuyahoga County CoC is committed to ending Youth Homelessness. Currently the CoC has developed a “By Name” List of homeless youth to identify and track progress toward ending their homelessness quickly and permanently. For those enrolled in RRH, there is no income requirement and rental assistance is provided for a full twelve months. Through bi-weekly meetings, Youth “Navigators” track RRH referrals, income efforts, housing placement and housing retention.

**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**

Through CI, youth aging out of foster care are identified at the shelter front door. CI staff contact the Department of Children and Family Services staff liaison to relink the client with agency services and divert them from shelter. In 2013, the CoC joined the Jim Casey Youth Opportunity Initiative to improve youth outcomes related to permanence, employment, health, education, housing, and financial capability, to prevent youth homelessness. The Jim Casey model will be replicated with the youth justice and mental health systems. Also in 2013, the CoC converted a 26-bed adult male shelter and a 26-bed adult male transitional housing program to provide shelter services for both males, females, transgender, and non-binary individuals ages 18-24. The objective is to have a safe emergency housing alternative for youth who are on the street, and who are less likely to go to the larger shelter facilities who traditionally serve older adults ages 25 and older.

### **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 CA/I, 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. CA/I 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**

#### **Assistance from Other Public or Private Agencies**

Above 90% of CoC program participants accessed non-employment income sources. Over the year, maintaining this percentage of participation will be attempted through maintaining focused efforts to assess and link clients 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/shared 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 CA/I, 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.

## **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**

The county has focused on the elimination of the multitude of barriers that exist in Cuyahoga County and numerous community stakeholders in Northeast Ohio are focused on identifying and mitigating barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

- Increasing fair housing training and testing to ensure all residents and property owners are aware of their rights and responsibilities.
- Financial assistance to cities and developers to build new construction or preserve affordable single-family housing and multi-family housing projects.
- Down payment assistance to first time homeowners.
- Home repair funds for landlords of single family or double/duplex structures.
- Home repair assistance to income eligible homeowners.
- Increased assistance with outdated zoning codes

### **Discussion**

#### **Current State of Housing Market**

According to a report commissioned by the Cuyahoga County Council (Home Mortgage Lending in Cuyahoga County - A Report Prepared for the Reinvestment Advisory Sub-Committee of the Community Development Committee of Cuyahoga County Council Frank Ford-Frank Ford Consulting, LLC March 20, 2023; Updated May 7, 2023) the following issues exist as it relates to mortgage lending:

There continues to be a significant disparity in access to mortgage lending in Cuyahoga County for Black

borrowers and majority Black communities when compared to their White counterparts. Lack of access to home purchase and home repair loans undermines housing market recovery in the East Side of Cleveland and a significant number of Cuyahoga County suburbs. Slow market recovery in these communities undermines the county's property tax base and much needed revenue for municipal, school, police, fire, and social services.

- Black borrowers continue to be rejected more often than White borrowers. In fact, high income Black borrowers continue to be denied loans more often than high income White borrowers. Even more troubling, high income Black borrowers continue to be denied loans more frequently than middle-and-moderate income White borrowers.
- Across five (5) regions of the county, access to home improvement loans decreases as the percentage of the Black population increases. The least access to home improvement loans was on the East Side of Cleveland, where a survey conducted by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy found the greatest need for home repairs.
- Lack of access to smaller dollar home purchase mortgage loans continues to be a problem, particularly in areas like the East Side of Cleveland where low median home sale prices (below \$100K) may exist. These low prices represent an opportunity for affordable home ownership, but they are a missed opportunity when there is a lack of lending activity. Meanwhile, distressed neighborhoods are becoming "cash markets" where potential home buyers have to compete with cash investors who often convert these low-priced properties to rentals, further eroding the homeownership base of these communities.

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

### **Introduction**

The County will apply its federal and non-federal resources to assist low- and moderate-income persons and families. Cuyahoga County rec Cuyahoga County received over \$125 million in Emergency Rental Assistance 1 and 2 funds allowing for assistance to low and moderate income persons to receive funding to assist with their past due rent and utilities. The ERA 2 funding further allowed for the funding of affordable housing of which the county spent \$6 million of those funds providing gap financing to developers of affordable housing units for those whose incomes do not exceed 80% of AMI. In addition, the county used \$3 million of its ARPA dollars to support affordable housing in Cuyahoga County.

With its allocation of HOME-ARP funding the county is providing Tenant Based Rental Assistance in two communities; utilizing the remaining funds to provide funding to a non-profit organization to construct a new non-congregate shelter in the City of Cleveland.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development and the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission ("County Planning") have partnered to identify, address, mitigate, and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation as part of three key initiatives: community planning updates, the Single-Family Zoning Analysis, and a Transit-Oriented Development Zoning Study.

County Planning provides free or reduced cost planning services to the communities of Cuyahoga County through the Planning Grants program. County Planning has completed or has underway Master Plans and other planning processes in 27 communities, and these plans have included specific zoning and housing recommendations that address barriers to housing production. For instance, the 2016 City of Beachwood Master Plan includes actions to "Remove building code and zoning code obstacles to modernizing single-family homes," "reimagine Richmond Road as a multi-family corridor," and "encourage and incentivize universal design to allow aging in place."

Second, County Planning has undertaken a Single-Family Zoning Analysis project in collaboration with the Cuyahoga First Suburbs Consortium, the first government-led advocacy organization in the country working to revitalize mature developed communities and raise public and political awareness of the problems and inequities associated with urban sprawl and urban disinvestment. The study determined the extent to which zoning regulations were hindering infill development on vacant lots in older, inner-ring suburbs. Core findings showcase the deep need to reform zoning.

It was determined that many existing homes could not be built under current regulations. An estimated 30% of existing homes would not meet existing front setback requirements.

Moreover, multiple communities do not have the ability to update their zoning maps. In some cases,



maps are only available in paper form at City Hall. Some communities have setback, height, or use district maps that are separate from their official zoning map, making updating maps more difficult.

As a result of this work, County Planning and the First Suburbs created a Phase 2 Pilot Program to build off the analysis completed in the Phase 1. Two (2) East Side communities—the cities of Euclid and South Euclid—were randomly selected to receive updates or re-writes of their single-family zoning districts code to incorporate best practices and modern text to better facilitate infill development and to assist the communities to adopt the revised code. In both instances, proposed changes expand the allowable uses to include two-family dwellings and in certain instances three-family dwellings within existing single-family neighborhoods.

Additionally, changes to minimum lot size and width requirements dramatically reduced the need for variances to build on vacant lots.

To facilitate changes beyond the pilot communities, County Planning produced educational pamphlets, a best practices guide, an incentives guide, and a design guidebook all aimed at providing communities the resources to address zoning issues for infill housing development. Independently, communities such as the cities of Brooklyn, Maple Heights, and Berea have all updated their zoning as a result of this study in order to better facilitate infill development.

(CONTINUED BELOW IN DISCUSSION SECTION)

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

To date, County initiatives to address barriers to affordable housing have included:

1. Providing gap financing to developers of affordable housing. For the past ten years, Cuyahoga County has used its annual allocation of federal HOME Investment Partnership Act funds to provide gap financing to developers of affordable housing projects in an effort to increase the number of affordable units. These funds are provided as zero interest, forgivable loans. Cuyahoga County requires that for each \$150,000 loaned one unit be assigned as a HOME unit and must be maintained as affordable for a period of time designated in the loan agreement. The provision of these funds as gap financing allows the developers to close the financial gap, thus allowing the projects to move forward.

*Cuyahoga County has expended over \$2.2 million to 61 projects to create or retain affordable housing units in the County. Through this funding we have assisted in the retention or creation of 3,081 affordable housing units.*

In addition to the use of federal HOME funds, in the past two years the county has allocated \$6.5 million dollars of its Emergency Rental Assistance 2 funds from the U.S Treasury Department to provide financing to developers of affordable housing using the HOME program guidelines.

*The use of the Treasury's ERA 2 funds for affordable housing has allowed us to assist eight projects for a total of 403 newly constructed affordable housing units in Cuyahoga County.*

2. Offering down payment assistance to home buyers. Since 2012, Cuyahoga County has provided down payment assistance to homebuyers whose income does not exceed 80% of the area median income.

*In the past two years down payment assistance has been provided to 62 households for a total of \$1,052,835.*

3. Funding for home repairs. Cuyahoga County provides funding for home repair assistance to allow low-to-moderate (LMI) income households to make the necessary repairs to their homes to ensure these residents are able to remain in their homes and not become displaced.

4. Addressing zoning issues. The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission ("County Planning") has completed or is in the process of completing Master Plans and other planning processes in 27 municipalities, and these plans have included specific zoning and housing recommendations that address barriers to housing production. County Planning is an independently-governed arm of Cuyahoga County that is focused on "advancing Cuyahoga County's social, economic and environmental health through equitable community planning."

5. Educational Opportunities. Cuyahoga County provides financial education to the community to prevent foreclosure and the resulting displacement of residents.

Moving forward, Cuyahoga County will continue with the programs noted above and introduce a new housing initiative, the Housing Fund, to target the population of residents who are currently above the CDBG and HOME AMI limit of 80%. Cuyahoga County will leverage funds to support those residents whose incomes do not exceed 120% of AMI as was used in the administration of federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funding.

Cuyahoga County has and will continue to work with communities to identify and change the zoning codes that are barriers to affordable housing. We will also continue to provide gap financing to developers of affordable housing whether it be multifamily, senior or supportive housing rental units or lease to own single family units. We will continue to provide down-payment assistance to provide a step up for those that need it the most. Our mission is to create and retain affordable housing.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The program is operated by the Board of Health with Development staff providing eligibility and

inspection services for the grant. County projects will comply with federal regulations to remediate lead hazards when cases occur. If necessary, the Department of Housing and Community Development will use CDBG or HOME funds to comply with federal regulations to remediate lead hazards on rehabilitation cases in the Urban County.

Cuyahoga County recently received over \$8 million from the State of Ohio to further our efforts in reducing lead based paint hazards in the county.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

Please refer to the extensive discussion on this topic in **Section SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy** of the 5-Year Plan located at <https://www.cuyahogacounty.us/docs/default-source/development/hud-5yrplan.pdf>

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The institutional network utilized by the Cuyahoga Urban County jurisdictions to implement their housing strategies includes agencies and organizations from the public, private and non-profit sectors. Several of these agencies and organizations have an extensive service area and play a role throughout the Consortium jurisdictions. Other agencies and organizations have a service area that is limited to the 51-member communities of the Cuyahoga Urban County, and in the situation of a municipal government implementing an activity as a sub-recipient of the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development, only within that respective community.

Within the public sector, Cuyahoga County government has one department with the lead role in the issue of affordable housing. The Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development (DOD) manages the federal funds received by the Cuyahoga Urban County (CDBG) and the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (HOME). The Office of Homeless Services manages the Emergency Shelter.

Grant (ESG) received by the County in conjunction with EGS funds received by the City of Cleveland.

The Cuyahoga County DOD will continue to promote leveraging HOME funds with the private sector in activities implemented in conjunction with the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium.

The County has qualified partners capable of carrying out their activities. There are no major gaps in the institutional delivery system. The Cuyahoga County DOD will continue to use an open Request for Proposals process to solicit proposals from qualified nonprofit partners, so that newly formed or growing organizations will have the opportunity to be considered for funding.

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

Cuyahoga County government already supports numerous coordination activities between a wide variety of housing and social service agencies. These activities include regular meetings between County staff and nonprofit agency representatives in the areas of homeless services, foreclosure prevention and affordable housing. A very detailed listing of these agencies can be found in Section AP-10 Consultation of this 2023 Annual Plan. Additionally, County government provides financial support to the United Way First Call for Help 2-1-1 System which maintains accurate and timely information on thousands of public, private, religious, nonprofit, and charitable service organizations offering a wide variety of social services to all residents.

## Discussion

Cuyahoga County participates in the Vacant and Abandoned Properties Action Coordinating Council (VAPAC) with local government officials representing the City of Cleveland and suburban leadership, to identify and promote best practices to reduce vacant and abandoned properties.

(From "Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs")

To facilitate changes beyond the pilot communities, County Planning produced educational pamphlets, a best practices guide, an incentives guide, and a design guidebook all aimed at providing communities the resources to address zoning issues for infill housing development. Independently, communities such as the cities of Brooklyn, Maple Heights, and Berea have all updated their zoning as a result of this study in order to better facilitate infill development.

Third, County Planning began a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Zoning Study in collaboration with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority in 2022. The study aims to understand whether mixed-use, walkable development with housing over retail or similar use could be built adjacent to frequent bus routes. By building housing in close proximity to transit, we can better connect transit riders to areas of opportunity throughout the county. The study identified the following barriers to housing development:

- The majority of land even in close proximity to transit is zoned for single-family housing. More than 53% of land within ¼ mile of a bus stop or ½ mile of a train station is zoned for single-family housing, limiting the density of housing near transit.
- More land near transit is being used for parking than for buildings. Near transit, 25.3% of land is used for parking while only 17.1% is used for buildings.
- Only 5.5% of land near frequent transit would allow mixed-use, walkable Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). Within 26 communities along 22 bus and train routes, there are 455 different zoning districts covering 54,422 acres of zoned land. Only 2,990 acres met five basic criteria that we defined as being supportive of TOD. The analysis of single-family zoning and transit-oriented development zoning shows that outdated, inappropriate zoning codes are standing in the way of allowing new housing development. This is even true for single-family housing, which is typically the most easily developed option. Outdated zoning increases the

administrative challenges and makes housing more expensive to construct. Zoning that fails to allow infill development in older communities means disinvestment in existing neighborhoods, less access to jobs and transit, decreased revenue for historic communities, and continues sprawl to green fields and farmlands, and areas without existing infrastructure. County Planning has partnered with government entities across Cuyahoga County to address these issues by updating zoning to eliminate barriers and reduce burdensome approval processes, thus making housing investments—including affordable housing investments—buildable by-right.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

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

#### 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.

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| 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  | 181,941        |
| 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              |
| <b>Total Program Income:</b>   | <b>181,941</b> |

#### Other CDBG Requirements

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|---|--------|
| 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:

Other forms of assistance are considered on a case-by-case basis after an application from a

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developer has been received and our staff has completed an analysis of the project to ensure that the additional subsidy is warranted and falls within existing federal guidelines to not unduly enrich developers. Also, that the project conforms to the requirements for underwriting analysis, review of market conditions for project feasibility, and any additional requirements of the new HOME rule.

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:

Repayment and Recapture of HOME Assistance Homeownership Activities Cuyahoga County routinely uses HOME funds to provide deferred payment loans to income eligible homebuyers purchasing single family houses and condominium units that meet HOME program property standards. Proceeds of these deferred payment loans cover the down payment, in excess of the 3% that the buyer must provide from their own funds or a bona fide gift and closing costs. Normally there is no other HOME assistance involved in developing the house or condo unit, so the amount of HOME funds invested exactly equals the amount of the deferred loan.

Cuyahoga County will continue to use recapture as its method of assuring continued affordability for the required period. The Note and Mortgage will continue to reflect the following amounts due upon sale of the property during the period of affordability:

If the sale is from a foreclosure, the amount due is the net proceeds of foreclosure sale, if any, up to the full amount of the HOME funded deferred payment loan to the buyer.

If the sale is not from a foreclosure, the amount due is the full amount of the HOME funded deferred payment loan to the buyer. (Any forgiveness of the deferred payment loan will occur only upon completion of the required period of HOME affordability.)

The Note and Mortgage will also provide that the buyer's failure to occupy the unit as their principal residence for the entire affordability period will make the full amount of the deferred payment loan immediately due and payable, since Cuyahoga County must repay this amount.

When other HOME funds were invested as a development subsidy, the Note and Mortgage will also provide that a buyer who converts their unit to rental property during the period of affordability must conform to current HOME program income and rent limits, to preserve the unit as affordable housing.

Some units may be sold to eligible owner-occupants under a Land Trust model. In this situation, resale restrictions may be used instead of recapture restrictions, to conform with other program design elements of the Land Trust program.

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:

Please refer to Section 2 above.



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:

Additional Note on HOME Program as administered for the Cuyahoga County HOME Consortium

In the 2018 Annual Plan, comments were specifically sought on raising the per unit subsidy for HOME funded multi-family projects. No official comments were received, however, the HOME Consortium Board at a public meeting before the 2018 Annual Plan was submitted did discuss the issue and gave direction to County staff to review a possible maximum per unit subsidy of \$125,000.

Staff were directed to use the CPI Inflation Calculator to create a present value for \$75,000 in 1993 to a present (2019) dollar value. If the result was greater than \$125,000, the new limit for future multi-family projects would be a maximum per unit HOME subsidy not to exceed \$125,000. We have continued to use this process.

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)).

N/A

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)).

N/A

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).

N/A

### **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

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

As indicated, the primary focus for the use of Emergency Solutions Grant funds is on providing rapid-

re-housing services and assistance that will allow homeless persons to move from shelter to permanent housing as quickly as possible. Homeless prevention activities will be carried out under specified circumstances.

### **Policies and Procedures for evaluating eligibility for ESG Assistance**

Rapid re-housing assistance is available to homeless individuals and families who are in one of the following circumstances:

- sleeping in an emergency shelter;
  - sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, abandoned buildings, streets/sidewalks;
  - graduating from or timing out of a transitional housing program, with a documented status of homelessness before entering the program;
  - fleeing domestic violence.
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Based on the local experience with the former HPRP program and the very clear directive from HUD concerning ESG, Cuyahoga County continues to make Coordinated Intake/Assessment, Diversion and Rapid Re-housing activities a priority using the following procedures:

Leveraging the strategies of Coordinated Intake, ESG funds for homelessness prevention will be focused very specifically at the door of the shelter through **diverting** newly homeless persons and households.

As part of the **Coordinated Intake** process, all persons seeking entry into emergency shelter are assessed to determine if they may have a safe, preferable 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 that have critical shelter needs. Diversion is intended to identify specific issues leading to homelessness that can be immediately addressed, so that a stay in shelter may be avoided. In such cases, the use of ESG funds for **diversion/prevention** can directly reduce the number of persons utilizing emergency shelter.

The Five-Year Strategic Plan element of Cuyahoga County's Consolidated Plan 2020-24 describes the Coordinated Entry system in more detail.

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).

The Five-Year Strategic Plan element of Cuyahoga County's Consolidated Plan 2020-24 describes

goals, objectives and strategies for addressing the problem of homelessness.

Within the discussion of **Priority Homeless Needs**, the Consolidated Plan document has included the CoC document: *A Blueprint 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 *Blueprint for Change* plan are:

- Having a **Centralized or Coordinated 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. Funding is made available to all interested nonprofit institutions and participating units of local government who have the capacity and interest in delivering services through an open RFP process administered by the Office of Homeless Services under the supervision of the County's Office of Procurement and Diversity. These strategies have shaped Cuyahoga County's funding priorities for the use of the ESG funds. The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services has been utilizing funds to support a comprehensive program of homeless prevention, diversion, and rapid re-housing services aimed at reducing the number of person entering homeless shelters and helping those in shelters move into housing as quickly as possible. The experience gained and lessons learned from implementing activities form the basis for the funding priorities for ESG allocation.

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 Cuyahoga County's Office of Homeless Services, in collaboration with the City of Cleveland, will consult with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering and making policies and decisions regarding any facilities, services or other assistance that will receive ESG funding. In so doing, the Office of Homeless Services is in compliance with the requirements of 24 CFR 576.

The policies of the OHS are directed by an Advisory Board which meets no less than every 2 months throughout the year. The Advisory Board also has committees that work closely with OHS staff to develop policy recommendations to bring before the full board for review and approval. The Advisory Board includes representation of both formerly homeless individuals and the advocacy organization that has ongoing contact with shelter residents.

In addition to the OHS Advisory Board, an oversight committee specifically review policies and

monitors the performance of the activities funded. Participation by formerly homeless persons is actively encouraged.

Office of Homeless Services staff also attend meetings of the Homeless Congress, a group organized by the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH). The Congress includes persons currently staying in local shelters.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

OHS maintains procedures and performance standards for evaluating the ESG program on an annual basis. For additional information see the documents prepared by OHS and refer to other sections of this annual plan and the Cuyahoga Urban County's annual Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments

Accepted: 2023 ANNUAL GRANTS MEETING @ Fri Aug 25, 2023 10am - 3pm (EDT) (Prentis Jackson Jr.)

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Greetings to All,

Please mark your calendars and join Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development for our annual Grants Meeting!

We will cover the rules and regulations governing the Community Development Supplemental Grant (CDSG) program and the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded Municipal Grant program, as well as the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). This meeting is open to all who wish to learn about these and other grant programs. Non-profit organizations and Cuyahoga County municipalities interested in applying for any grant should plan to attend.

A flyer is attached, and details are below. I am available should you have any questions.

WHEN: Friday, August 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: The Lyndhurst Community Center  
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**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:**  
**CUYAHOGA URBAN COUNTY FY2024 ACTION PLAN (Grants Information Session)**

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Housing Act) as amended and implemented through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR 91, requires local governments to create a Five-Year Local Strategic Planning document, the HUD Consolidated Plan (Plan), and submit One-Year Action Plans. The Action Plan is an application for three programs administered by Cuyahoga County through the Department of Housing and Community Development. These programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The 2024 application enables the County to access and use new funding of approximately \$7,000,000.

The purpose of the Plan is to determine appropriate programs and services to be made available to low- and moderate-income persons and households. During the next several months, the Department of Housing and Community Development will draft a new One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2024 and provide another Public Hearing in which the draft will be made available for Public Review and Comment.

The Housing Act also enables the cities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma to join with the Urban County to form the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (HOME Consortium) in an effort to submit a coordinated application for HOME funding. Each of these cities will develop strategies and One-Year Action Plans for their respective jurisdictions and will also host a Public Hearing and submit their Action Plans for Public Comment in their communities.

Notice is hereby given that the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development will host a grant information session regarding the 2024 Annual Plan on **Friday August 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at The Lyndhurst Community Center at 1341 Parkview Drive Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124**. This meeting is open to all who wish to learn about our grant programs as Non-profit organizations and Cuyahoga County municipalities interested in applying for either grant should plan to attend.

This notice of the grant session will be available on the department's website at <https://cuyahogacounty.us/housing-and-community-development> and also published in the Plain Dealer in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to attend and review the grant information associated with our 2024 Annual Plan. This information, as well as how to join the meeting remotely or in-person, is below and will also be posted on the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development webpage:

Call-In (Audio Only) Tel: +14404622064,659316690# United States, Cleveland  
Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 268 900 134 961 Passcode: 3XcVEV  
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Interested persons may also submit comments in writing or by email. Comments should be directed to Prentis Jackson Jr, Senior Development Specialist, Cuyahoga County Department of Development, 2079 East 9th Street, 7th Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, to (216) 443-8856, or at [pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us).

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This notice of the grant session will be available on the department's website at <https://cuyahogacounty.us/housing-and-community-development> and also published in the Plain Dealer in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to attend and review the grant information associated with our 2024 Annual Plan. This information, as well as how to join the meeting remotely or in-person, is below and will also be posted on the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development webpage:

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## 2024 Annual Plan Public Meeting 6.14.24

### Comments/Questions during the session:

#### #1 – Pat Salemi of Garfield Hts

On the application, for activity summary, etc. are we still cutting and pasting to the document or are we typing right in?

**Response by Daray Broadus and Kellie F. Glenn** – Can actually type right in the excel document as is more effective and efficient. The application was updated to be more user friendly as we knew that there were concerns and therefore the committee reviewed and updated for everyone's convenience and efficiency.

#### #2 – Rachel Gardiner of Richmond Hts

Can these funds be used for funding a strategic plan in a low/mod area?

**Response by Kellie F. Glenn** – That would be of your master Plan in which you would put your strategic plan inside your Master plan and, yes, that project is eligible.

#### #3 – Joe Sebes of Parma Hts

We are all grateful for the awards we receive (\$150K), however has there been any talk with the federal government to increase the appropriations we receive to maybe \$300k or \$1M, as \$150K is not much when seeking to complete resurfacing or streets, etc.?

**Response by Sara Parks Jackson and Kellie F. Glenn** - Our CDBG allocation is approximately \$4M while the City of Cleveland is approximately \$19M as we do not know what the formula is to determine our allocation, however we do know that Cuyahoga County serving 51 communities receives significantly less. I do not believe the formula has changed since the program's inception.

However, we have discussed changing the amount, which would decrease the number of awards we can provide, especially when the new administration began, and we had to inform them of the funding allocations and usage. They inquired on increasing the amounts and we responded that if we increased the amounts per community then that would essentially decrease the number of awards. Also looked at if you received funding in '24 then you could not apply for '25 which would give other communities an opportunity to apply and obtain , however we knew that would not sit well with our municipalities.

Yes, we have had a variety of conversations on how to modify the program and this structure is where we have landed with providing ten (10) awards for \$1.5M. Moreover, we have been, in good practice, adding back funds from prior years that were decertified to increase the funds available for the Municipal grant award as a means to get the funding back to the communities.

To add, we actually had awarded 16 Municipal grants from 2023 but funds were also decertified from prior years which allowed us to provide four (4) more awards for 2023.

**#4 – Steve Holowicki of North Olmsted**

Is there a specific cap on Affordable Housing Gap financing?

**Response by Sara Parks Jackson** - We typically provide \$450K and also have been known to provide \$500K. Via the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA 2) we were able to provide up to \$1M for several projects due to the need to expend the funds within a certain timeframe. However, the HOME funding from HUD is generally \$450 and the Housing Consortium has been known to go to \$500K if needed. Preference is given to projects that are in the Suburban communities because that is our target area, and the City of Cleveland gets their own allocation for their target areas in the City of Cleveland.

RE: Department of Housing and COMMunity Development Public Meeting on Youtube

Todd C. Mooney <tcmooney@cuyahogacounty.us>

Mon 6/17/2024 7:38 AM

To: Prentis Jackson Jr. <pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us>

Cc: Sara P. Jackson <spjackson@cuyahogacounty.us>; Kellie F. Glenn <kglenn@cuyahogacounty.us>; Daray Broadus <dbroadus@cuyahogacounty.us>; Ricky Bouyer <rbouyer@cuyahogacounty.gov>

Good morning, Prentis. The Chat Replay feature was ready when I checked in this morning. As the YouTube sessions are now unlisted, I am copying the chats below.



Charles Bichara Charles Bichara is watching representing the City of Middleburg Heights.



Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium Jennifer Kuzma with City of Bedford / First Suburbs is here.



Gary Yelenosky Gary Yelenosky Olmsted Township



Mark Schneider Parma is present-Mark Schneider



Todd Mooney Hello, everyone!



Tony Armagno Tony Armagno with the City of Berea



Monica Monica Bartkiewicz, City of Brecksville



Joe Gigliotti Joe Gigliotti of Walton Hills is here



Ian Russell Ian Russell - city of North Royalton



Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium Jennifer Kuzma / City of Bedford First Suburbs back



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Monica Monica Bartkiewicz, City of Brecksville



Gary Yelenosky Gary Yelenosky Olmsted Township



Sarah Risher Sarah Risher, Village of Cuyahoga Heights



James Sickels James Sickels with Newburgh Heights & Garfield Heights

I hope this helps. Thanks again and have a great start to the week!

Todd

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**June 14, 2024**

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| Pat Salemi          | Garfield Heights    | psalemi@garfieldhts.org           |
| Pequita Hansberry   | Maple Heights       | phansberry@mapleheightsdiv.com    |
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## Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

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| <b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>   |   |  |
| <b>Prefix:</b> <input type="text" value="Mrs."/>  | <b>* First Name:</b> <input type="text" value="Sara"/>  |  |
| <b>Middle Name:</b> <input type="text"/>  |   |  |
| <b>* Last Name:</b> <input type="text" value="Parks Jackson"/>  |   |  |
| <b>Suffix:</b> <input type="text"/>   |   |  |
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| <b>* Telephone Number:</b> <input type="text" value="216-443-8160"/>  |   | <b>Fax Number:</b> <input type="text"/>  |
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| Middle Name: <input type="text"/>   |   |
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| * Signature of Authorized Representative:   | * Date Signed: <input type="text" value="5/5/24"/>  |

**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

  
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| <p><b>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):</b></p> <p>34-6000817</p>  |  | <p><b>* c. UEI:</b></p> <p>CCVRH08ENH43</p>                                |
| <p><b>d. Address:</b></p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>* Street1:</b> 2079 East 9th Street, 7th Floor</p> <p><b>Street2:</b></p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>* City:</b> Cleveland</p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>County/Parish:</b> Cuyahoga</p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>* State:</b> OH: Ohio</p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>Province:</b></p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>* Country:</b> USA: UNITED STATES</p>  |  |  |
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| <p><b>Prefix:</b> Mrs.</p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>* First Name:</b> Sara</p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>Middle Name:</b></p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>* Last Name:</b> Parks Jackson</p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>Suffix:</b></p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>Title:</b> Director - Dept of Housing and Community Dev</p>  |  |  |
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| <b>* Other (specify):</b><br><input type="text"/>  |  |
| <b>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</b><br><input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>  |  |
| <b>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b><br><input type="text" value="14-239"/>   |  |
| <b>CFDA Title:</b><br><input type="text" value="HOME Entitlement Grant to Consortium"/>  |  |
| <b>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</b><br><input type="text" value="pl-116-6"/>  |  |
| <b>* Title:</b><br><input type="text" value="Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Local Governments"/>  |  |
| <b>13. Competition Identification Number:</b><br><input type="text"/>  |  |
| <b>Title:</b><br><input type="text"/>  |  |
| <b>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b><br><input type="text" value="Urban County Communities and the Cities of Cleveland Hqs, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> |  |
| <b>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</b><br><input type="text" value="One Year Action Plan for the Cuyahoga County HOME Consortium funding for 2024"/>   |  |
| <input type="text" value="Cuyahoga County is the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) for the Cuyahoga County Consortium"/>   |  |
| Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.<br><input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>   |  |

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| 18. Estimated Funding (\$):  |   |
| * a. Federal   | 2,642,111.54  |
| * b. Applicant   |   |
| * c. State   |   |
| * d. Local   |   |
| * e. Other   |   |
| * f. Program Income  | 405,970.77  |
| * g. TOTAL   | 3,048,082.31  |
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| Middle Name: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>  |   |
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### Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



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| <b>18. Estimated Funding (\$):</b>   |   |
| * a. Federal   | <input type="text" value="345,109.00"/>                 |
| * b. Applicant   | <input type="text"/>                                    |
| * c. State   | <input type="text"/>                                    |
| * d. Local   | <input type="text"/>                                    |
| * e. Other   | <input type="text"/>                                    |
| * f. Program Income  | <input type="text"/>                                    |
| * g. TOTAL   | <input type="text" value="345,109.00"/>                 |
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## Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

**Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation** – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

**Essential Services and Operating Costs** – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

**Renovation** – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

**Supportive Services** – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

**Matching Funds** – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

**Confidentiality** – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

**Homeless Persons Involvement** – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

**Consolidated Plan** – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

**Discharge Policy** – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

  
Signature of Authorized Official      Date 5/14/24

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## **APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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## **Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications**

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

**1. Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

**2. Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2021, 2022, 2023 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

**3. Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

## CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

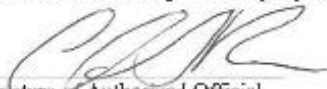
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1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
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3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

5/23/24  
Date

Cuyahoga County Executive  
Title



## CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

### Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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| * Last Name: Rosayne                                  | Suffix:                   |              |
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


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4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
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HOME-ARP

## **HUD-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN**

**Cuyahoga Housing Consortium, Ohio**

**MARCH 31, 2023**  
**Revised May 15, 2023**  
**Revised May 31, 2023**



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## HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

### Introduction

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA or ARP) into law, enabling more than \$1.9 trillion in relief funding to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. As part of the legislation, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Program to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These eligible activities include: (1) development and support of affordable housing; (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA); (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters.

The 651 State and local participating jurisdictions (PJs) eligible to receive HOME-ARP grants, including the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium, are required to submit a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD for review. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan describes how the participating jurisdiction intends to distribute its HOME-ARP funds, including how it will use these funds to address the needs of HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

The Cuyahoga Housing Consortium has been allocated a total of \$ 9,879,339 in HOME-ARP funding. HUD issued the Community Planning Division (CPD) [Notice 21-10](#), outlining the requirements for the use of funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program. The Notice requires that the Allocation Plan be submitted to HUD by March 31, 2023 as a substantial amendment to the Consortium's Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan. All funds must be spent by September 30, 2030.

### The Cuyahoga Housing Consortium

In 1991, the City of Cleveland Heights, City of Euclid, and the Cuyahoga County Department of Development—at that time representing the 43 communities of the Cuyahoga County Urban County—received HUD approval to form the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium. Over several years, the Cities of Lakewood and Parma received HUD approval to join the Consortium. With later community additions to the Cuyahoga County Urban County, in 2020 the Consortium represents about 840,000 persons in 55 communities, or two-thirds of all Cuyahoga County residents.

The Consortium is governed by a seven-member Board consisting of the Mayor or City Manager of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma, along with 3 Cuyahoga County appointees. These jurisdictions formed a consortium to receive HOME funds jointly from HUD. By creating the Consortium, the total amount of HOME funds received by the group is greater than the amount of HOME funds that could be obtained by the individual jurisdictions. Cumulatively, that decision has brought millions of dollars for local housing programs. Actions taken as the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium do not affect allocations of CDBG funds or other federal funds to the individual members.





## Consultation

*In accordance with Section V.A of the Notice (page 13), before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, at a minimum, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must consult with:*

- *CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area,*
- *homeless service providers,*
- *domestic violence service providers,*
- *veterans' groups,*
- *public housing agencies (PHAs),*
- *public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and*
- *public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.*

### ***Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:***

The Cuyahoga County Department of Development and the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS), the lead agency of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care (CoC), convened an online meeting of more than 50 stakeholder agencies and organizations on October 13, 2022. Information shared with participants included background on the HOME-ARP program, as well as the Qualifying Populations and eligible activities. OHS staff shared information with the CoC partners about community needs and how additional funding could positively affect specific projects, including information from the CoC's report submissions to HUD. The HOME-ARP Program was also discussed at one or more meetings of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board. It is important to note that communication among the dozens of agencies and organizations is an ongoing process. For example, ongoing communication among the stakeholders informs the CoC's report submissions to HUD, which in turn is utilized when special funding opportunities such as the HOME-ARP Program arise.

This broad range of agencies and organizations were notified again through OHS at the start of the public comment period, informing them that the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was available for review and comment.

### ***List the organizations consulted:***

Note: Agencies/organizations are listed only once, even though the agency/organization may be active in more than one category.

Note: \* means member of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board.

Note: Method of Consultation was the October 13, 2022 input meeting, plus emailed comments provided by organizations, plus discussions held by the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board. This consultation outreach included Lived Experience members of the CoC's Advisory Board. Their names are not listed here for privacy reasons.

Note: Feedback is summarized following the table.

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March 31, 2023, revised May 15, 2023; revised May 31, 2023

| Type of Agency/Organization (Consultation Categories Listed in HUD Notice 21-10)             | Agency/Organization Consulted  |
|--|--|
| Continuum of Care  | Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care                                |
| Public Housing Authority   | * Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority                                  |
| Veterans   | * U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs                                      |
| Public Agencies that address the Qualifying Populations                                      | * City of Cleveland – City Council   |
|  | * City of Cleveland – Dept. of Aging                                       |
|  | * City of Cleveland – Department of Community Development                  |
|  | City of Cleveland – Dept. of Public Health                                 |
|  | City of Euclid   |
|  | City of Lakewood   |
|  | * Cleveland Metropolitan School District                                   |
|  | * Cuyahoga County – Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board |
|  | * Cuyahoga County – County Council   |
|  | * Cuyahoga County – Department of Children and Family Services             |
|  | Cuyahoga County – Department of Development                                |
|  | Cuyahoga County – Department of Health and Human Services                  |
|  | Cuyahoga County – Prosecutor’s Office -Social Work Division                |
|  | Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority                               |
|  | * Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services                                |
| Homeless Service Providers (including Organizations that address the Qualifying Populations) | AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland  |
|  | * Bellfaire JCB  |
|  | Care Alliance  |
|  | Catholic Charities   |
|  | CHN Housing Partners   |
|  | * City Mission   |
|  | Cleveland YMCA   |
|  | * Collaborative to End Human Trafficking                                   |
|  | * Community West Foundation  |
|  | * Emerald Development and Economic Network (EDEN)                          |
|  | Enterprise Community Partners  |
|  | Famicos Foundation   |
|  | Family Promise Cleveland   |
|  | Focus North America  |
|  | Front Steps Housing & Services   |
|  | * FrontLine Service  |
|  | * Humility of Mary Housing   |
|  | Jewish Family Service Association  |
|  | * Joseph and Mary’s Home   |
| (domestic violence)  | * Journey Center for Safety & Healing                                      |
|  | Lakewood Community Service Center  |
|  | * Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry   |

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|   | Metanoia Project  |
|   | * MetroHealth System  |
|   | * Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless                                       |
|   | Ohio City, Inc.   |
|   | Salvation Army  |
|   | Sisters of Charity Health System  |
|   | Stella Maris  |
|   | The Haven Home  |
|   | United Way  |
|   | University Settlement   |
|   | Volunteers of America   |
|   | West Side Catholic Center   |
|   | Western Reserve Land Conservancy – Vacant and Abandoned Properties Action Council |
|   | * YWCA of Cleveland   |
| Public or Private Organizations that Address Fair Housing, Civil Rights, and the Needs of Persons with Disabilities | City of Cleveland – Department of Community Development – Fair Housing            |
|   | Cleveland Mediation Center  |
|   | Equality Ohio   |
|   | Legal Aid Society of Cleveland  |
|   | LGBT Community Center   |
|   | Organize! Ohio  |
|   |   |

***Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:***

At the October 13, 2022 meeting, participants provided feedback on the discussion. Participant comments focused on the overall need for more affordable housing, the need to assist households at-risk of homelessness, as well as the need for more non-congregate shelter facilities.

In addition, the City of Cleveland’s HOME-ARP consultation survey completed in April 2022 was available to Cuyahoga County ([here](#)), which also reached similar conclusions for Cleveland concerning the overall need for more affordable housing, as well as the need for more non-congregate shelter facilities.

## Public Participation

*In accordance with Section V.B of Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (page 13), the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, the PJ must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment" for plan amendments in its current Citizen Participation Plan. In addition, PJs must hold **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.*

*PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:*

- *The amount of HOME-ARP Cuyahoga County will receive, and*
- *The range of activities Cuyahoga County may undertake.*

*Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, the PJ must follow its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current Citizen Participation Plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.*

***Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:***

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 3/3/2023***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 3/13/2023 end date - 3/28/2023***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 3/13/2023***

***Describe the public participation process:***

*In accordance with Section V.B of Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (page 13), Cuyahoga County (the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ)) provided for and encouraged citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, Cuyahoga County provided residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. Cuyahoga County followed its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment" for plan amendments in its current Citizen Participation Plan. In addition, Cuyahoga County held **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.*

*Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, Cuyahoga County followed its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and provided meaningful access*

to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current Citizen Participation Plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.

The draft of this document was posted for public review on the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's website at <https://cuyahogacounty.us/development> under Public Notices.

Agencies and organizations that were part of the October 13, 2022 stakeholder input meeting were also notified of the availability of the draft document.

At the public meeting for the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program, the agenda included the following items:

- Background on the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium;
- Background that the meeting is to amend the 2021 HUD Annual Action Plan;
- Background of the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program;
- The eligible activities of the HOME-ARP Program;
- Amount of funds that the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium will receive;
- Activities that the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium intends to fund;
- Content sections of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan;
- Audience questions and answers.

**HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Public Contact Information**

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***Describe efforts to broaden public participation:***

For the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan public meeting, Cuyahoga County, on behalf of all Consortium members, undertook the following steps:

- Offered the public hearing simultaneously in-person, via the internet, and with a telephone connection.
- Held the meeting in a location accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Held the meeting in a location located on a major public transit route.
- Held the meeting in a location provided with proximity to off-street parking and on-street parking meters, including meters designated for accessibility.
- Scheduled the meeting at a mid-morning time, after morning rush hour and during the time of frequent public transit operation.
- Offered translation services for non-English speaking residents, upon request.

There were no comments received at the public hearing. There were no comments received during the public comment period.

Not applicable.

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Housing Act) as amended and implemented through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR 91, requires local governments to create a Five-Year Local Strategic Planning document, the HUD Consolidated Plan (Plan), and submit One-Year Action Plans. The Action Plan is an application for three programs administered by Cuyahoga County through the Department of Development. These programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The purpose of the Plan is to determine appropriate programs and services to be made available to low- and moderate-income persons and households within Cuyahoga County.

An amended One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 has been prepared for notice and is available for public comment due to receiving an allocation of HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), totaling \$9,879,339.00. The HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARPP) provides funding to HOME Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

The Housing Act also enables the cities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma to join with the Urban County to form the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (HOME Consortium), to submit a coordinated application for the HOME-AFHA funding. The member cities have developed strategies and amended One-Year Action Plans for their respective jurisdictions and are providing notice of their amended Action Plans for public comment in their communities per the HUD guidelines.

Notice is hereby given that the Cuyahoga County Department of Development has amended the One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 and will make the Draft available for public review on the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's website at <https://cuyahogacounty.us/development> under Public Notices.

A Public Meeting will be held on Monday March 13, 2023 at 10:30 am via Microsoft Teams @ <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting?mc=1>

Meeting ID: 265124340760 Passcode: 19HIU2

Call-In: +1 440-462-2084 Fax: 36182184

Limited in-Person seating available 2079 E. 9th St 7th Floor Rm 301 Cleveland, Ohio 44115

The Annual Plan will be available for a fifteen (15) day comment period beginning March 13, 2023, and ending March 28, 2023. This notice is being published to afford all interested persons an opportunity to comment after reviewing a copy of the amended One-Year Action Plan.

Interested persons may also submit comments on the Action Plan in writing or by email. Comments should be directed to Pranita Jackson Jr., Development Specialist, Cuyahoga County Department of Development, 2079 East 9th Street, 7th Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44116, to (216) 443-8956, or at [pranita.jackson@co.cuyahoga.oh.us](mailto:pranita.jackson@co.cuyahoga.oh.us).

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## Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

*In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of **all four** of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. If the PJ does not evaluate the needs of one of the qualifying populations, then the PJ has not completed their Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.*

### Overview

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), “homelessness is one of our nation’s most misunderstood and vexing social problems.” It is also an issue that cuts across race, age, gender, marital status, family composition, and geography, causing “families with children, single adults, teenagers, and elderly individuals...to struggle with [its] devastating effects.” Homelessness is extremely difficult to quantify with complete accuracy due to the fluid and complex nature of the issues and the definitions, assumptions, and methodologies used by various organizations.

HUD’s 2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress states that on a single night in January 2022, about 582,500 people were homeless in the U.S. While nearly two-thirds of all homeless were in sheltered locations, over one-third were staying in unsheltered locations, such as on the streets, in abandoned buildings, or in other places not suitable for human habitation. Tabulations are available on a statewide basis in AHAR, as well as on the HUD website. On that single night in January 2022, 10,654 persons experiencing homelessness were counted in Ohio, which made the state the 11<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation in terms of the number of persons experiencing homelessness.

The Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (Consortium) jurisdictions include the Cities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, Parma, and the 51 communities that comprise the Cuyahoga Urban County. The Consortium contains 837,106 persons; 355,253 households, and 388,043 total housing units (2013-2017 ACS). Of the total housing units, 355,277 are occupied housing units, of which 116,889 are rental units and 288,388 are owner-occupied units. The Consortium’s population, households, and housing units are roughly two-thirds of Cuyahoga County’s population, households, and housing units.

The Consortium and its member jurisdictions coordinate with the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS), as well as the many housing and service agencies serving the homeless when homeless needs arise among each jurisdictions’ residents. Residents to be assisted include persons/households who are homeless; persons/households who are at-risk of homelessness; persons fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and housing instability. While the OHS and those housing and service agencies assisting the homeless provide aid to persons from all 59 communities in Cuyahoga County, many of the housing options and services are physically located in Cleveland.

The OHS has been designated by the Continuum of Care Advisory Board as the Systems Administrator for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS collects HUD defined, standardized data elements on the extent and nature of homelessness in Cuyahoga County. The HEARTH Act requires

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all HUD funded ESG and CoC recipients to enter data into HMIS. Additionally, the OHS/CoC conducts the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count, in accordance with HUD standards. Point-in-time (PIT) estimates are counts taken at homeless shelters and on the street on a single night in mid- to late January. An additional estimation method is the utilization of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data. HMIS data are unduplicated counts of people in shelters usually compiled on an annual basis.

**OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table**

| Homeless                     |                   |            |             |            |           |                              |                      |      |               |              |            |             |            |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------|------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                              | Current Inventory |            |             |            |           | Homeless Population          |                      |      |               | Gap Analysis |            |             |            |
|                              | Family            |            | Adults Only |            | Vets      | Family HH (at least 1 child) | Adult HH (w/o child) | Vets | Victims of DV | Family       |            | Adults Only |            |
|                              | # of Beds         | # of Units | # of Beds   | # of Units | # of Beds |                              |                      |      |               | # of Beds    | # of Units | # of Beds   | # of Units |
| Emergency Shelter            | 347               | 95         | 959         | 959        | 6         |                              |                      |      |               |              |            |             |            |
| Transitional Housing         | 10                | 5          | 76          | 76         | 68        |                              |                      |      |               |              |            |             |            |
| Permanent Supportive Housing | 2,437             | 695        | 3,122       | 3,122      | 636       |                              |                      |      |               |              |            |             |            |
| Other Permanent Housing *    | 607               | 187        | 217         | 217        | 84        |                              |                      |      |               |              |            |             |            |
| Sheltered Homeless           |                   |            |             |            |           | 103                          | 1,221                | 105  | 60            |              |            |             |            |
| Unsheltered Homeless         |                   |            |             |            |           | 0                            | 84                   | 3    | 0             |              |            |             |            |
| <b>Current Gap</b>           |                   |            |             |            |           |                              |                      |      |               | **           | **         | **          | **         |

**Suggested Data Sources:** 1. 2022 Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3.

Consultation

\*Rapid Re-housing

\*\*Gap Analysis can not be computed because the table draws on two different sources utilizing non-comparable data.

**OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table**

| Non-Homeless  |                   |                 |                 |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | Current Inventory | Level of Need   | Gap Analysis    |
|   | # of Units        | # of Households | # of Households |
| <b>Total Rental Units</b>   | <b>116,889</b>    |                 |                 |
| Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)                  | 5,332             |                 |                 |
| Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)                        | 19,563            |                 |                 |
| 0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness) |                   | 20,133          |                 |
| 30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)      |                   | 6,962           |                 |
| <b>Current Gap</b>  | <b>24,895</b>     | <b>27,095</b>   | <b>- 2,200</b>  |

**Suggested Data Sources:** 1. 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) Report from HUD CPD Maps; 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

***Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:***

Qualifying populations who may be assisted using HOME-ARP Allocation funds are limited to those who are:

- Homeless;
- At-Risk of Homelessness;
- Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking; and
- Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability.

The definitions for the above-listed four qualifying populations who may be assisted have been published in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR). The CFR is an arrangement of the general and permanent rules published in the *Federal Register* by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government, and is updated daily. The definitions for each category, as well as the size and demographic characteristics, where available, are explained below.

***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

Homelessness is defined in 24 CFR 91.5 as:

**Definition:**

*“(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:*

*(i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;*

*(ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or (iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;*

*(2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:*

*(i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;*

*(ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and*

*(iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing;*

*(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:*

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*(i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);*

*(ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;*

*(iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance;*

*and*

*(iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment."*

#### **Homeless Persons/Households/Families – Determining Size of Population and Demographic Composition**

The OHS, which has been in existence for over 30 years, collects data on the extent and nature of homelessness in Cuyahoga County through both the annual Point-in Time (PIT) counts, which is conducted in accordance with HUD standards, and through tabulations submitted by the CoC providers at emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing facilities utilizing the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The PIT count counts sheltered persons staying at shelters and transitional housing, as well as unsheltered homeless persons on one night in mid- to late January. The PIT count provides a snapshot of homelessness. It is not a definitive assessment of homelessness in a community, but when done in a consistent method, each year, it can be used as a benchmark for trends in the community, particularly for the sub-populations that are counted. PIT counts for 2022 are shown on *Attachment 1 – HUD 2022 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations*.

As shown, of the 1,331 households counted, 1,247 households were sheltered (at emergency shelters or in transitional housing) and 84 households were unsheltered. The sheltered households were composed of 1,137 households without children, 103 households with children (that included 346 persons), and seven households that were only children. The 84 unsheltered households were all households without children.

**Age** was listed for both sheltered and unsheltered persons. For sheltered households that included persons in households without children, 80 persons were age 18 to 24 and 1,057 persons were over age 24. For the sheltered households that included persons in households with children, 235 persons were under age 18, 24 persons were age 18 to 24, and 87 persons were over age 24. Ages were not

listed for the seven persons in households with only children. For the 84 unsheltered households, five persons were age 18 to 24 and 79 persons were over age 24.

**Ethnicity** was also listed for both sheltered and unsheltered persons. For sheltered persons, 74 persons identified as Hispanic/Latino and 1,416 persons identified as Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino. For unsheltered persons, four persons identified as Hispanic/Latino and 80 persons identified as Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino.

**Gender** was also listed for both sheltered and unsheltered persons. For sheltered persons, 556 persons identified as female, 922 persons identified as male, and 12 persons identified as transgender. For unsheltered persons, 18 persons identified as female and 66 persons identified as male.

**Race** was also listed for both sheltered and unsheltered persons. For sheltered persons, 1,074 persons identified as Black or African American, 378 persons identified as White, 13 persons identified as Asian, two persons identified as American Indian or Alaska Native, and 23 persons identified as Multiple Races. For unsheltered persons, 58 persons identified as Black or African American and 26 persons identified as White.

The PIT count also listed both sheltered and unsheltered **chronically homeless households and persons**. For sheltered persons, there was one chronically homeless household that contained six persons. There were also 178 persons in households without children. There were 20 persons who were unsheltered, none of whom had children.

The PIT count also listed both sheltered and unsheltered **other homeless persons**. For sheltered persons, 432 persons were severely mentally ill; 279 persons had chronic substance abuse; 102 persons were Veterans; 15 had HIV/AIDS; 60 were Victims of Domestic Violence; 87 were unaccompanied youth (seven were under age 18 and 80 were age 18-24); 20 were parenting youth age 18-24; and 27 were children of parenting youth. For unsheltered persons, 45 persons were severely mentally ill; 40 persons had chronic substance abuse; three persons were Veterans; one had HIV/AIDS; and five were unaccompanied youth age 18-24.

Through HMIS data, it was estimated by the OHS/CoC that about 2,044 persons experience homelessness on any given night; about 7,250 persons experience homelessness each year; and about 3,441 persons – both individuals and families – lose their housing and become homeless annually.

The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH) has also calculated estimates of the homeless population for over a decade (<http://www.neoch.org/research-and-stats/>). Utilizing a methodology based on U.S. Census estimated population figures, and using the broader Department of Education definition of homelessness, NEOCH estimated that:

- The number of homeless persons in Cuyahoga County was 19,000 persons in 2020,
- According to local Homeless Management Information System data reported through Cuyahoga County's Office of Homeless Services, 5,470 individuals utilized emergency shelter in 2020, and
- 3,805 adults and 1,292 children went through Coordinated Intake (the "front door" of the community's homeless system) in 2020.

***At-Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

Persons At-Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 are:

**Definition:**

*"(1) An individual or family who:*

*(i) Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;*

*(ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the "Homeless" definition in this section; and*

*(iii) Meets one of the following conditions:*

*(A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;*

*(B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;*

*(C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;*

*(D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;*

*(E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;*

*(F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or*

*(G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan;*

*(2) A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section, but qualifies as "homeless" under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(l) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(l)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or*

*(3) A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section but qualifies as "homeless" under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him."*

### **At-Risk of Homelessness – Determining Size of Population and Demographic Composition**

As illustrated in the above definition of at-risk of homelessness, there are numerous factors that increase an individual's or family's risk of being homeless, including poverty, low income, cost burden, housing condition problems, evictions or foreclosures, and lack of health care.

#### **Poverty**

The 2013-2017 ACS data from the CPD Maps Reports showed that in the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium, 84,652 persons were in poverty. Of those, 65% (54,917 persons) were persons in family households and 35% (29,735 persons) were persons in non-family households. Of the 15,546 family households in the Consortium with incomes below the poverty level, 69% (10,727 families) were renters and 31% (4,819 families) were owners.

#### **Income Below 30% of the Area's Median Family Income (MFI)**

Having an income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area's median family income (MFI) puts extremely low-income individuals and families with children at-risk of homelessness because there are so few housing options that are affordable. The 2013-2017 ACS data from the CPD Maps Reports showed that in the Consortium, 24,555 households had an income that was below 30% of the MFI. Of those households, 16,165 (66%) were renters and 8,390 (34%) were homeowners. Household types that were most likely to have extremely low incomes included small family households and elderly households.

#### **Cost Burden of Greater Than 30%.**

Paying a high percentage of one's income for housing (cost burden) is another indicator of housing fragility. The 2013-2017 ACS showed that in the Consortium 44,906 renter households (38% of all renters) had a cost burden of greater than 30%. Of these 44,906 renter households, 24,682 renter households had incomes that were 0-30% AMI and 20,224 renter households had incomes that were 30-50% AMI.

#### **Substandard Housing**

Substandard housing, where the unit lacked complete plumbing or kitchen facilities, was uncommon, affecting a total of 1,563 extremely-low and low renter households. While the Census definition of substandard (lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities) does not capture the extent of repair needs, the age of housing can be an indicator of condition. The 2013-2017 ACS CPD Maps Report showed that 80% of the housing stock in the Consortium (283,625 units) was built between 1950 and 1980 and 25% (89,375 units) was built before 1950. These homes are now at least 40 years old, requiring systems replacement and a significant rehabilitation investment.

#### **Overcrowding**

The 2013-2017 ACS CPD Maps Report also showed that very few renter households experienced overcrowding (1.01 -1.5 people per room), but of the 173 renter households that did, most had incomes that were 50% or less of the HAMFI. There were 704 renter households who experienced severe overcrowding (>1.51 people per room). Most were renters with incomes that were 50% or less of the HAMFI.



### **“Doubling Up”**

Persons “doubling up” by staying with family or friends or “couch surfing” from house to house because of economic hardship or housing loss are at-risk of homelessness. Doubling up may be a temporary arrangement, the precursor of living in a shelter or on the street, or part of an ongoing cycle of housing instability and homelessness. Even those able to find housing after doubling up may not remain stably housed due to a high rent burden and a shortage of affordable rental units. In 2019, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimated that 3.7 million people lived in doubled-up households. Using poverty figures, the National Alliance to End Homelessness estimated that 16% of persons in poverty (12,445 persons) were doubled-up in Cuyahoga County.

### **Eviction From Rental Property**

An eviction happens when a landlord expels people from property he or she owns. Evictions are landlord-initiated involuntary moves that happen to renters, and causes a family to lose their home. They are often also expelled from their community and their children have to switch schools. Families regularly lose their possessions, which are piled on the sidewalk or placed in storage, only to be reclaimed after paying a fee. A legal eviction comes with a court record, which can prevent families from relocating to decent housing in a safe neighborhood, because many landlords screen for recent evictions. Studies also show that eviction causes job loss, as the stressful and drawn-out process of being forcibly expelled from a home causes people to make mistakes at work and lose their job. Eviction also has been shown to affect people's mental health. According to the Eviction Lab at Princeton University, 13,957 evictions have been filed in Cuyahoga County since March 2020.

### **Mortgage Foreclosure of Owner-Occupied Housing**

A mortgage foreclosure occurs when a homeowner is no longer able to make mortgage payments as required. This allows the lender to seize the property, removing the homeowner and selling the home, as stipulated in the mortgage contract. Cuyahoga County, Ohio – located in the Cleveland-Elyria metropolitan area – has one of the highest foreclosure rates of any U. S. county. According to a recent report from Attom Data Solutions, a total of 3,100 housing units were in foreclosure in the first half of 2022, up 175.8% from the first half of 2021. The foreclosure rate in Cuyahoga County of one in every 199 homes ranks as the second highest of the more than 1,700 counties and county equivalents reviewed.

### **Youth Who Age Out of Foster Care**

Youth who age out of foster care have little or no support system on which to fall back. According to the Public Children Services Association of Ohio Factbook, published June 2021, in Cuyahoga County there were 152 youth who aged out of foster care in 2020 and 147 youth who aged out 2021.

### **Housing Insecure Disabled Persons**

HUD states that Federal laws define a person with a disability as “any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment.” A person who is housing insecure disabled conforms to the above definition and is low or extremely low income.



**Persons Without Health Insurance**

The 2013-2017 ACS showed that an estimated 6.6% (81,514 persons) of all persons in the Cuyahoga County were without health insurance.

**Young, Single Parent, Female-Headed Households**

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Ohio Department of Health data showed that in 2018 there were 710 live births to mothers age 19 and under.

**Victims of Domestic Violence**

The Ohio Attorney General's Domestic Violence Report for Suburban Cuyahoga County showed there were 1,391 domestic violence incident charges that occurred in the Consortium in 2022.

**Incarcerated Persons Eligible for Release**

The Cuyahoga County Office of Re-entry showed that there were approximately 6,000 to 7,000 incarcerated persons eligible for release in Cuyahoga County annually.

**Older Adults with Low or Extremely Low Incomes**

A HUD mandated table in the Consolidated Plan showed that for older adults by income category, there were 34,556 elderly households (10% of the total population) age 62+.

**Recent Immigrants**

The 2018 U.S. Census, Population Estimates, Estimates of the Components of Resident Population Change, (GCT-PEPTCOMP): April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2018 showed that there were 5,113 persons who were recent immigrants between 2017-18 in the Cleveland-Elyria Metro Area.

**Persons With Previous Episodes of Homelessness**

A shelter usage study looking at persons with previous episodes of homelessness was undertaken at Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development in 2009 using OHS's HMIS data. It found that about "5.5% stayed three or more times in shelter (usually emergency shelter) in a 3-year period" and OHS 2019 PIT count counted 257 total chronically homeless persons.

**Socially Isolated Persons**

A socially isolated person is a person who has one or more characteristics for being at-risk of homelessness and no financial resources or support networks. There is no estimate of the number of people falling into this category.

**Living in a Condemned Property**

This category refers to a person (or persons) who take up residence in a vacant and/or condemned property without paying rent and without permission of the owner of the property. These structures usually have no utilities, and may be open, vacant, and vandalized. In the Consortium communities, a person squatting in a vacant property is not a significant issue. There is no estimate of the number of people falling into this category.

***Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice***

Persons who are Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as **defined by HUD** in the Notice are:

**Definitions:**

*"For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This population includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. In the case of sexual assault, this also includes cases where an individual reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the individual remains within the same dwelling unit that the individual is currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-day period preceding the date of the request for transfer.*

*Domestic violence, which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:*

- 1) A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term "spouse or intimate partner of the victim" includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship);*
- 2) A person with whom the victim shares a child in common;*
- 3) A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;*
- 4) A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving HOME-ARP funds; or*
- 5) Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.*

*Dating violence which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means violence committed by a person:*

- 1) Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and*
- 2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:*
  - a. The length of the relationship;*
  - b. The type of relationship; and*
  - c. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.*

*Sexual assault which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.*

*Stalking which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:*

- 1) Fear for the person's individual safety or the safety of others; or*
- 2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.*

*Human Trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102). These are defined as:*

- 1) Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or*
- 2) Labor trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.*

#### **Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking – Determining Size of Population and Demographic Composition**

Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking cause devastating impacts for both the victims, as well as their families. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that over a lifetime, 1,629,000 (35.6%) Ohio women and 1,274,000 (30.0%) Ohio men will be the victim of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner (*National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS)*, 2010, Tables 7.4 and 7.5). In 2022, Ohio witnessed 310 cases (2.61 per 100,000 persons) of human trafficking (WorldPopulationReview.com, Human Trafficking by State).

#### **Victims of Domestic Violence**

Domestic or "Intimate partner violence:" is one or more of four types of behavior occurring between two persons (and sometimes related children) in a close relationship, including current and former spouses and dating partners: Physical abuse, sexual abuse, threats of physical or sexual abuse, or emotional abuse (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)). It can also include economic threats and harm by one person against another person who live together or did live together. Perpetrators of domestic violence use power and control to hurt, scare and isolate the victim.

An incident of intimate partner violence frequently results in a sudden loss of housing, as a victim seeks safety. This situation often includes the children of the victim. Emergency shelters temporarily meet housing needs and provide support services such as counseling, support groups, legal assistance, health care, housing, transportation, money, and referrals. For the longer term, affordable housing is needed to assist a person, and their children, to stabilize their situation.

Determining exact numbers regarding the incidents of domestic violence is difficult, however there are several sources that provide estimates of these incidents (or subsets of these incidents). The CoC is one of the agencies that provide estimates, primarily through the annual PIT counts. While HEARTH ACT regulations prohibit homeless data for persons who identify as survivors of domestic

violence (DV) from being entered into the HMIS data collection system from an abundance of caution to maintain the confidentiality of DV survivors. DV providers are required however, to enter data about their clients in a "Comparable Data Base" system that includes the standardized HUD required data elements.

The CoC HUD 2022 PIT count showed that there were 60 survivors of domestic violence, all of whom were sheltered. Of the 60 persons, 59 persons were staying at emergency shelters and one person was staying in transitional housing.

The State of Ohio's Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation is another entity that compiles estimates of domestic violence. Their annual Domestic Violence Report statistics show domestic violence incidents by county, by year. In 2022, there were 1,391 domestic violence charges filed in the Consortium, 87 other charges filed, and 807 incidents, but no charges filed. In 2021, there were 1,508 domestic violence charges filed in the Consortium, 68 other charges filed, and 881 incidents, but no charges filed. In 2020, there were 1,830 domestic violence charges filed in the Consortium, 105 other charges filed, and 1,096 incidents, but no charges filed.

#### **Victims of Dating Violence**

Dating and relationship violence is a pattern of coercive and abusive tactics employed by one person in a relationship to gain power and control over another person. It can take many forms, including physical violence, coercion, threats, intimidation, isolation, and emotional, sexual or economic abuse.

A CDC study stated that 9.4% of high school students reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend/girlfriend in the 12 months prior to the survey (*2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey*). About 1 in 5 women and nearly 1 in 7 men who ever experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age (*NIPSVS, 2010*). The number of persons experiencing dating violence is not listed in the CoC HUD PIT count.

#### **Victims of Sexual Assault**

Sexual violence is sexual activity when consent is not obtained or freely given. It is a serious public health problem in the United States that profoundly impacts lifelong health, opportunity, and well-being. Anyone can experience or perpetrate sexual violence. The perpetrator of sexual violence is usually someone the survivor knows, such as a friend, current or former intimate partner, coworker, neighbor, or family member. Sexual violence can occur in person, online, or through technology, such as posting or sharing sexual pictures of someone without their consent, or non-consensual sexting.

The CDC estimates that over a lifetime, 1,886,000 (41.2%) Ohio women and 1,048,000 (24.7%) Ohio men will be the victim of sexual violence other than rape (*NIPSVS, 2010, Tables 7.1b and 7.2*). The number of persons experiencing sexual assault is not listed in the CoC HUD PIT count.

#### **Victims of Stalking**

Stalking is a public health problem that affects millions of people in the United States. Stalking involves a perpetrator's use of a pattern of harassing or threatening tactics that are both unwanted and cause fear or safety concerns in a victim. Tactics can include following, harassing or threatening the victim repeatedly; telephoning and text messaging constantly; waiting on the victim outside or inside places; watching the victim from afar; or sending unwanted letters or emails.

Sexual violence affects millions of people each year in the United States. Researchers know the numbers underestimate this problem because many cases are unreported. While the number of persons experiencing stalking is not listed in the CoC HUD PIT count, a sense of the magnitude of the problem can be seen by reviewing state and national statistics by several agencies, including the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) and the CDC.

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) reports that about 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men have been stalked at some point in their lives. While most women and men first experience being stalked as adults, approximately 24% of female victims and 19% of male victims reported being stalked as minors, with nearly 58% of female victims and 49% of male victims having experienced stalking before the age of 25. The CDC estimates that over a lifetime, 818,000 (17.9%) Ohio women will be the victim of stalking (NISVS, 2010, Table 7.3). The number of persons experiencing stalking is not listed in the CoC HUD PIT count.

#### **Victims of Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking is a serious crime and a violation of human rights. It involves force, coercion, or fraud to exploit a person into slave labor or sexual exploitation, and can happen to people of all ages, genders, races, or religions. Cases have been reported in all 50 states, the territories of the United States, and the District of Columbia. There are two types of a severe form of trafficking in persons. The first type is known as *labor trafficking*, in which individuals are compelled to work or provide services. The second type is known as *sex trafficking*, in which individuals are compelled to engage in commercial sex. Both types employ the use of force, fraud, or coercion to control their victims. Women are often used for sexual exploitation, while men are usually used for forced labor. It is believed that one in five human trafficking victims are children, exploited for begging, child pornography, or child labor. There were 310 cases (2.61 per 100,000 persons) of human trafficking in Ohio in 2022 (WorldPopulationReview.com, Human Trafficking by State). The number of persons experiencing human trafficking is not listed in the CoC HUD PIT count.

#### ***Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice***

##### **Definition:**

*“Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice, “where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family’s homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability. HUD defines these populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:*

- (1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness is defined as households (i.e., individuals and families) who have previously been qualified as “homeless” as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.*

(2) *At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability* is defined as household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below:

(i) *has annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, as determined by HUD and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs);*

(ii) *has annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, AND meets one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the "At-risk of homelessness" definition established at 24 CFR 91.5:*

(A) *Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;*

(B) *Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;*

(C) *Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;*

(D) *Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;*

(E) *Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;*

(F) *Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or*

(G) *Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan."*

**Other Populations Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness –  
Determining Size of Population and Demographic Composition**

Other populations refer to individuals and families who have previously been qualified as "homeless" as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness. Other populations can include the following types of populations:

**Persons With Previous Episodes of Homelessness**

One group that would qualify is persons with previous episodes of homelessness, primarily chronically homeless persons. A shelter usage study looking at persons with previous episodes of homelessness was undertaken at Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development in 2009 using OHS's HMIS



data. It found that about “5.5% stayed three or more times in shelter (usually emergency shelter) in a 3-year period.” Additionally, the OHS 2022 PIT count showed that 204 persons were chronically homeless. Of those persons, 184 persons were sheltered and 20 persons were unsheltered. Of the persons who were sheltered, 165 persons were chronically homeless persons in households without children and six persons were chronically homeless persons in households with at least one child. All 171 persons were at emergency shelters. There were 13 chronically homeless persons in households without children who were at transitional housing.

#### **Youth Who Age Out of Foster Care**

Another group who would qualify is youth who age out of foster care. These persons are being released from a supervised housing setting and have little or no support system to fall back on. According to the Public Children Services Association of Ohio Factbook (published June 2021), in 2020 there were 152 youth who aged out of foster care and in 2021 there were 147 youth who aged out.

#### **Persons Released from Physical Health Institutions**

While the number of persons being released from physical health institutions who would be at-risk of homelessness is not believed to be a major problem within the Consortium, there are some exceptions. The persons most at-risk in this situation would be those 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. The number of at-risk persons released from physical health institutions is not easily obtainable.

#### **Persons Released from Mental Health Institutions**

While being treated for mental disabilities that require staying 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 develops additional housing units for persons that are part of the mental health system caseload. One of the groups specifically targeted for assistance through this program are persons being released from public mental health institutions who are returning to Cuyahoga County and are at-risk of homelessness. The number of at-risk persons released from mental health institutions is not easily obtainable.

#### **Incarcerated Persons Eligible for Release**

The Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry, under the auspices of the Department of Health and Human Services, exists to create an organizational structure that supports reentry research, community education, and best practices in the delivery of services for re-entrants. The Office is designed to assist policy makers, community leaders, and service providers in identifying reentry challenges and convening such entities to work together to target resources and comprehensive and cost-effective solutions. Incarcerated persons eligible for release is also a group that is more likely to be at-risk of homelessness, because not only do they have little income, they also have a much more difficult time obtaining employment or housing due to the incarceration. The Cuyahoga County Office of Re-entry showed that there were approximately 6,000 to 7,000 incarcerated persons eligible for release in Cuyahoga County annually.

**Other Populations at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability – Determining Size of Population and Demographic Composition**

Being low income, which HUD defines as having an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the MFI, **AND** having one or more factors that put individuals and families with children at-risk of homelessness, puts them at the greatest risk of housing instability.

The 2013-2017 ACS data from the CPD Maps Reports showed that in the Consortium, 75,624 households had an income that was below 50% of the MFI. Household types that were most likely to have low incomes included small family households (18,877 households) and elderly households (34,260 households).

The factors that put individuals and families with children at-risk of homelessness include:

Individuals and families with children who have moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance. The number of at-risk individuals and families with children who have moved because of economic reasons two or more times is not easily obtainable;

Individuals and families with children who are living in the home of another person because of economic hardship (doubling-up). The number of at-risk individuals and families with children who are doubled-up can be estimated using poverty figures released by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, who estimated that 16% of persons in poverty (12,445 persons) were doubled-up in Cuyahoga County;

Individuals and families with children who have been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance. According to the Eviction Lab at Princeton University, there have been 13,957 evictions filed in Cuyahoga County since March 2020, putting those individuals and families with children at-risk of homelessness;

Individuals and families with children who live in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income persons. The number of at-risk individuals and families with children who live in a hotel or motel is not easily obtainable;

Individuals and families with children living in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment units in which there resides greater than 1.5 persons per room (severe overcrowding). The number of at-risk individuals and families with children who live in single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment units that are severely overcrowded is not easily obtainable by unit size, however severe overcrowding in housing units in the Consortium is not a significant issue generally;

Individuals and families with children who are exiting a publicly funded institution, including a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution. The number of at-risk individuals and families with children who are exiting a health-care facility or a mental health facility is not easily obtainable. The number of at-risk individuals and families with children who are exiting foster care or other youth facility, according to the *Public Children Services Association of Ohio Factbook*, showed that in Cuyahoga County in 2020 there were 152 youth who aged out of foster care and 147 youth who aged out 2021. The number of at-risk individuals and individuals in families with children in Cuyahoga County who are



exiting a correction program or institution is estimated by the Cuyahoga County Office of Re-entry to be approximately 6,000 to 7,000 incarcerated persons eligible for release annually; **OR**

Individuals and families with children who live in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, such as at-risk individuals and families with children who were below the poverty rate; persons living in substandard or condemned housing or moderately overcrowded conditions; renters or owners whose housing was in mortgage foreclosure; housing insecure disabled persons; persons without health insurance; young, single parent, female-headed households; older adults with low or extremely low incomes; recent immigrants; or socially isolated persons without any support systems.

***Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):***

In Cuyahoga County, the extensive network of public, private, and non-profit agencies that comprise the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care (CoC) work in concert to meet the needs of homeless persons, actively promoting an approach that focuses on preventing and ending homelessness and rapidly returning people who have become homeless to housing. The network includes providers of housing and supportive services for the homeless, as well as governmental departments and area non-profit agencies that provide services and link persons to mainstream benefits, helping the homeless to find, and retain, housing.

**CURRENT HOUSING RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

In Cuyahoga County, Emergency Housing facilities (congregate shelter units) for persons experiencing a housing crisis include emergency shelters, Temporary Housing, and Veteran Grant and Per Diem programs. Permanent housing options (non-congregate shelter units) include Safe Havens, Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), as well as Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers. The CoC supports a continuum of housing and services to homeless individuals and families throughout Cuyahoga County. Shelter resources are physically located in the City of Cleveland. Permanent housing is available throughout the county. This inventory is shown on ***Attachment 2 - HUD 2022 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs, Housing Inventory Count Report (HIC)*** and includes bed counts for the following facility types:

***Emergency Shelter***, as defined by HUD, is “any facility, the primary purpose of which, is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless, and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.”

The 2022 HIC shows there are 26 emergency shelter facilities with 1,563 total year-round beds, of which 85 are seasonal beds and 151 are overflow beds. Of these 1,563 beds, six are for Veterans and 61 are for Youth. The inventory includes three facilities for families with 60 family units (231 beds and 16 overflow beds); two mixed population facilities with 35 family units (116 beds) and 41 beds for adult-only individuals; 14 facilities for adult-only individuals (918 beds); and three facilities for child-only individuals (21 beds).

**Transitional Housing**, as defined by HUD, is “a project that is designed to provide housing and appropriate supportive services to homeless individuals and families to facilitate movement to independent living within 24 months, or a longer period provided by HUD.” The HEARTH Act (2009) has re-directed funding and policy away from a 24-month “transitional housing” approach. CoCs were encouraged to re-allocate CoC funding away from transitional housing toward permanent housing options like Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing.

The 2022 HIC shows there are seven transitional housing facilities with a total of 93 beds, of which 68 beds are for Veterans and 20 beds are for Youth. The inventory includes one mixed population facility with five family units (10 beds), 8 beds for adult-only individuals, and 7 beds for child-only individuals, as well as six facilities for adult-only individuals (68 beds).

There are three **Safe Haven** facilities for adult-only individuals with a total of 45 beds, 25 of which are for Veterans.

**Permanent Supportive Housing**, as defined by HUD, is “permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist homeless individuals and families with a disability to live independently.”

The 2022 HIC shows there are 28 **Permanent Supportive Housing** facilities with a total of 5,559 beds, of which 858 beds are for chronically homeless, 636 beds are for Veterans, and four beds are for Youth. The inventory includes one facility with 19 family units (72 beds); 15 mixed population facilities with 676 family units (2,365 beds) and 1,870 beds for adult-only individuals; and 12 facilities for adult-only individuals (1,252 beds).

There are also eleven **Rapid Re-housing facilities** with a total of 824 beds, of which 84 beds are for Veterans and 71 beds are for Youth. The inventory includes eight mixed population facilities with 187 family units (607 beds) and eight facilities for adult-only individuals (212 beds). There is one facility that is just for adult-only individuals (5 beds).

**HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)**, permits jurisdictions to create flexible programs that provide assistance to individual households to help them afford the cost of market-rate housing. Depending on the program, assistance can range from the initial rental deposit on an apartment to one or more monthly rental payments and/or utility payments. This program was employed by the Consortium communities during the Covid 19 Pandemic, and was successful in ensuring that income eligible households did not lose their housing.

**Public Housing** and the Housing Choice Voucher Program provide an affordable housing choice to extremely low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities living in the Consortium jurisdictions. While the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) manages numerous public housing units in Cleveland, the public housing inventory located in the Consortium is comprised of 177 units located in two developments. Oakwood Villas (92 units) serves elderly residents, and Oakwood Garden (25 units) serves families. Both housing developments are located in Oakwood, Ohio and are managed by CMHA.

The Parma Public Housing Agency (PPHA) sold the 60-unit Chevybrook Estates, located in Parma, that it once owned and managed. According to the Agency’s most recent Annual Plan, the PPHA identified the development of two programs for the use of proceeds of the funds from the sale. These programs are in compliance with section 18(a) (5) of the 1937 Act and 24 CFR 970.19(c) and 24CFR 970.19(e). The programs are the *Security Deposit Assistance Program*, which will be developed/implemented and administered for Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 participant families with children to move to areas

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with less than a 10% poverty rate in Cuyahoga County and the *Home Purchase Down Payment Assistance Program* for Family Self Sufficiency Families, where the agency will assist in the down payment and closing costs associated with the home loan.

CMHA and PPHA administer both HUD's Project-Based Voucher Program and Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Project-Based Voucher Program's housing vouchers go with the individual property that is being rented. HUD states that "the Housing Choice Voucher Program is the federal government's major program for assisting extremely low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments." As of January, 2021, there were about 6,500 Housing Choice Vouchers in use by eligible families throughout the Consortium jurisdictions.

**Market rate rental housing** is available throughout all of the Cuyahoga County Consortium communities. Compared to rental rates in other parts of the country, rates in the Consortium are less expensive, however they are still unattainable for many households with extremely low incomes. Additionally, housing costs for both owners and renters went up substantially during and after the Covid 19 Pandemic, adding heightened pressure for the availability of affordable housing.

The *2013-2017 ACS* showed that there were 388,043 housing units in the Consortium, 92% of which were occupied. Of the occupied units, 116,889 units were rental units. The *2013-2017 ACS* also showed that while rents in the Consortium communities ranged from \$643 in the Cuyahoga Urban County to \$783 in Cleveland Heights, almost 37,400 households had incomes that were 0-30% HAMFI, which currently is \$25,600 for a family of four. Of all of the rental housing units available in the Consortium, only 5,332 rental housing units were deemed affordable to households with incomes of 0-30% HAMFI (HUD Area Median Family Income), illustrating the enormous gap that exists between extremely low-income households and the availability of affordable housing. Therefore, without some type of assistance, it is unlikely that households with very low incomes can afford market rate housing.

#### **CURRENT SERVICE RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

HUD defines mainstream benefits and services as services that "consist of a wide variety of publicly funded services, programs, and entitlements for low-income people that address basic needs, including, but not limited to, income and employment, housing, food and nutrition, health and behavioral health services, child welfare, and transportation."

In Cuyahoga County, benefits and services are provided through numerous state, county, and local governmental departments, and include services such as health care, mental health and chemical dependency treatment and counseling, early childhood and youth services, and educational assistance and employment services. Additionally, homeless housing providers work diligently to ensure that clients are aware of, and enrolled in, all applicable mainstream benefits, such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), food stamps, WIC, and income through Social Security.

The following services and facilities meet the needs of homeless individuals and families, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth.

**Homeless Funding:** The CoC receives and allocates approximately \$33 million in Continuum of Care (CoC) funds and \$2.4 million in Emergency Solution Grants (ESG) annually. Additionally, the CoC actively pursues all applicable grant funding from government entities and foundations.

**Housing:** The CoC provides access to shelter and housing options. For homeless persons, the CoC is committed to a Housing First approach, which is an evidence-based practice to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment, or service participation requirements (National Alliance to End Homelessness).

Shelter access and housing options include:

- *Coordinated Entry:* instituted to provide better housing options than entering shelter, when possible, by redirecting households to alternative housing options, providing short-term cash assistance, and if diversion is not possible, referring to appropriate shelter.
- *Emergency Shelter:* 26 facilities, with 1,563 total beds, of which 151 are overflow beds, that provide emergency shelter until a more permanent housing solution can be found.
- *Transitional Housing:* Seven facilities, with 93 total beds that provide transitional housing for a longer time period, link clients to mainstream benefits, other social services, and housing resources. Transitional Housing beds in the CoC are all provided through the Veteran Administration (VA) Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program. The VA is a co-leader on the “Ending Veteran Homelessness” Work Group. While GPD beds technically are listed as TH, the VA has aligned the GPD program with the CoC and U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness objectives of “housing first” and rapid exit. Over the past 3 years, the VA has established different “types” of GPD beds within the broad GPD category that are defined by lengths of time, and have encouraged providers to shift their programs to the shorter term and rapid exit focus. All of this work is to align with the benchmark measure of linking veterans with permanent housing within 90 days.
- *Safe Haven:* Three facilities, with 45 total beds.
- *Permanent Supportive Housing:* 28 facilities, with 5,559 total beds that provide permanent supportive housing.
- *Rapid Re-housing Projects:* Eleven facilities, with 824 beds.
- *Public Housing:* Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) and Parma Public Housing Agency (PPHA). CMHA manages numerous affordable rental housing units for extremely low-income individuals and families. Both CMHA and PPHA offer tenant-based assistance, as well as Housing Choice Vouchers, which can be used anywhere in the area.

**Health/Mental Health Care/Substance Abuse Counseling & Treatment:** Provide free/low-cost health/mental health care/substance counseling & treatment: Care Alliance, MetroHealth Hospital, Circle Health Clinic, Murtis Taylor Human Services System, FrontLine Service, Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County.

**Transportation:** Provides free trolleys in downtown Cleveland; bus/rapid transit passes throughout county: Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

**Income Assistance:** Provides links to mainstream benefits: Cuyahoga County Department of Employment & Family Services.

**Educational Opportunities/Job Training:** Provides GED classes, education, employment classes and training: Cuyahoga Community College, area high schools, Cuyahoga County Work & Training, Employment Connection, Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Towards Employment, City of Cleveland Division of Workforce Development.

**Food and Nutrition:** Provides food, free meals, and other food assistance: Cleveland Food Bank, Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland, local hunger centers, area churches.

**Legal Aid/Mediation:** Provides free or low-cost legal assistance: Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Cleveland Mediation Center, Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

**Homeless Advocacy:** Advocates for the rights of the homeless: Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), Coalition for Housing and Homelessness in Ohio (COHHIO).

**Veterans Services:** Provides various services for veterans: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, Veterans Service Commission, Veterans Upward Bound Program, Disabled American Veterans. Examples of other facilities and services include: Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF): This program was introduced by the Veterans Administration (VA) and funded directly by the VA through grant(s) awarded to communities to prevent veteran homelessness, and to rapidly re-house veterans who are homeless. In Cuyahoga County, two agencies are funded: FrontLine Service and the Volunteers of America (VOA). These efforts are fundamental to the Ending Veteran Homelessness initiative.

*VA Community Referral and Resource Center (CRRC):* The VA has awarded funds competitively to establish CRRCs throughout the country, including one in Cleveland. The CRRC is operated by the VA in the community, essentially as a drop-in center for veterans to access information and resources.

*Domiciliary:* This facility, an adjunct to the VA Medical center, functions as a “step down” from the VA hospital for people who need ongoing mental health and substance abuse treatment/recovery support.

#### **Organizations That Provide Referrals for Assistance**

There are many organizations in Cuyahoga County that provide referrals to persons in need on an on-going basis, both in terms of housing referrals and social services, such as emergency food, clothing, and free meals. These organizations include local government agencies, faith-based groups, and non-profit organizations.

***Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:***

The Consortium's Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which examined both housing needs assessment data and the housing market analysis of available units clearly indicated that the number, condition, and expense of available housing units do not meet the needs of extremely low or low-income residents living in the Consortium. For homeless persons or those at-risk of homelessness, the most significant problem remains the lack of housing that individuals and families with children can afford.

***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

**Housing**

Because the most immediate need for individuals and families with children who are homeless is for at least temporary shelter (congregate or non-congregate), there is need for additional shelter space, as well as physical improvements to existing shelters.

For homeless persons, the CoC is committed to a Housing First approach, which is an evidence-based practice to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to housing without preconditions and barriers to entry. The goal is the creation of additional Permanent Supportive Housing, that will provide the stability of permanent housing with supportive services for those who need it. Additionally, as existing PSH units age, maintenance and repair needs will need to be addressed.

**Services**

There is a need for physical and mental health care, counseling, substance abuse counseling, food assistance, and transportation assistance such as bus and rapid transit passes.

***At-Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

**Housing**

For those at-risk of homelessness, funding is needed to ensure that those individuals and families with children who are housed remain in their housing by providing rental assistance and utility payment assistance. It is also important to work to expand the number of affordable housing units that are in good condition, particularly rental units, so that more individuals and families with children can obtain housing that they can afford.

**Services**

There is a need for physical and mental health care, counseling, substance abuse counseling, food assistance, transportation assistance such as bus and rapid transit passes, and educational and job training.

***Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice***

An incident of intimate partner violence frequently results in a sudden loss of housing, because the survivors (and sometimes their children) need to leave a home quickly in an emergency in an attempt

to find safety. Sometimes they are evicted because of property damage caused by the abuser. Sometimes they cannot afford private housing because they have limited or no income.

#### **Housing**

A survivor of domestic violence may need safety, health care, housing, money, transportation and support to escape the abuse. Emergency shelters temporarily meet housing needs, as well as provide support services. Survivors of DV who seek emergency shelter through Coordinated Entry are assisted to access a DV shelter. If space is not available in a DV specific shelter, DV survivors are referred to safe and secure shelter in a confidential shelter location and linked with a DV services provider immediately to develop a safety plan and legal protection if needed. Additional DV housing is needed to meet the increasing issue of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking.

For the next step, affordable housing is needed to assist survivors of domestic violence (and their children) to stabilize their situation by providing rental assistance and utility payment assistance. It is also important to work to expand the number of affordable housing units that are in good condition, particularly rental units, so that more individuals and families with children can obtain housing that they can afford.

#### **Services**

There is a need for physical and mental health care, counseling, substance abuse counseling, food assistance, transportation assistance such as bus and rapid transit passes, and educational and job training. Legal assistance is available through the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Financial help with housing is available through the Crime Victim Compensation Fund, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program. Cuyahoga County, in partnership with the City of Cleveland, recently opened the new Family Justice Center, a one-stop center for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse and stalking.

#### ***Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice.***

#### **Housing**

For those at-risk of homelessness, funding is needed to ensure that those individuals and families with children who are housed remain in their housing by providing rental assistance and utility payment assistance. It is also important to work to expand the number of affordable housing units that are in good condition, particularly rental units, so that more individuals and families with children can obtain housing that they can afford.

#### **Services**

There is a need for physical and mental health care, counseling, substance abuse counseling, food assistance, transportation assistance such as bus and rapid transit passes, and educational and job training.



***Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:***

**Unmet Shelter and Housing Inventory Gaps**

There is a need for affordable housing units for all four types of populations. Additionally, there is a need for non-congregate shelters and housing, particularly for women who are survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking where they can be safe, secure, and provided with needed services.

Since the start of the pandemic, there have been increasing difficulties encountered in protecting the health of individuals and families in the wake of contagious diseases. There is now the realization that there is a need for more non-congregate shelters for all populations in case there are health issues in the future.

There is a need for shelters that are accepting of/can accommodate the needs of persons with severe mental illness, who need more extensive support services; shelters for couples, families, and multi-generational families; shelters for persons with disabilities and the medically fragile, who may need different types of support services; and shelters that allow pets, since many people who are homeless can't abandon their pets (and sometimes their closest companion) to an unknown fate, as a trade-off for permission to stay in a shelter.

**Unmet Service Delivery Gaps**

Additional funding is needed for food assistance; physical and mental health care; counseling; mental health counseling; substance abuse counseling; transportation assistance, such as bus and rapid transit passes; legal assistance, and education and job training.

***Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of "other populations" that are "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability," as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:***

No other information is being added to further refine the definition of Qualifying Population 4 (Other Populations - Persons At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability).

***Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:***

Qualifying Population 1:

Homeless Persons

A priority need of those experiencing homelessness in the Continuum of Care is expansion and/or renovation of **shelter** facilities, which serve all residents countywide. This need has been identified through stakeholder meetings, discussions at the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board, and CoC report submissions to HUD. The Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, 2022 RFP, *Alternative Housing and Related Services and Supports*, included

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the intention of soliciting “innovative solutions that increase and/or improve shelters.” The *Cuyahoga County Strategic Plan for Homelessness 2023-2027* also affirmed the importance of “Improving the Experience of Persons in Crisis Housing” (Goal 2).

#### Qualifying Population 2:

##### Persons At-Risk of Homelessness

In several large first ring suburbs, such as Euclid and Lakewood, there is more of a priority need to address at-risk of homelessness than literal homelessness. HOME-ARP funds will create a flexible **TBRA** program to allow households to address rent arrearage and may provide a limited number of future rent payments while regaining stability.

#### Qualifying Population 3:

##### Persons Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

Persons in this category often experience sudden loss of housing, creating a need for multiple services quickly. Most of the persons in this category are women. The improvement and/or expansion of shelter facilities will assist in meeting a priority need, serving all residents countywide. Once in a shelter setting, existing supportive services are available.

#### Qualifying Population 4:

##### Persons At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

Data in the Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis shows an issue in several large first-ring suburbs, such as Euclid and Lakewood, concerning renter households with housing instability resulting from extremely low income or low income households that are cost burdened or extremely cost burdened. Renter households at lower income levels that are paying more than 30%, or more than 50%, of their income on housing costs are in an unstable housing situation and may not be current on rent. In addition, situations such as job loss or unexpected major expenses can cause households to fall behind on rent. HOME-ARP funds will create a flexible **TBRA** program to allow households to address rent arrearage and provide a limited number of future rent payments while regaining stability.

#### ***Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:***

A variety of local, state, and national data sources from public agencies and nonprofit/private organizations were analyzed to identify the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems, along with current needs and gaps. Sources such as the consultation process were also utilized to ensure that the quantitative and qualitative information aligned in order to select appropriate activities on which to expend HOME-ARP funds.

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## HOME-ARP Activities

*Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:*

### Cuyahoga County - Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters

The Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, as the lead agency, conducted an RFP process in 2022, *Alternative Housing and Related Services and Supports*. The purpose of the RFP was to "solicit innovative solutions that increase and/or improve shelters, alternate housing, and various homeless prevention strategies for Cuyahoga County residents." The RFP listed five categories of projects. If any HOME-ARP funds are part of the financial package for a project originating from the 2022 RFP, Cuyahoga County will transfer funds to the developer using a grant agreement, following all applicable regulations. If new projects are identified, Cuyahoga County will use an RFP process to solicit applications, following all applicable regulations.

### City of Euclid – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Euclid will use an RFP process to identify a qualified organization to carry out the TBRA program. The City of Euclid will follow its existing contracting authority regulations to award a contract.

### City of Lakewood – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Lakewood will utilize Lakewood Community Services Center, a Lakewood-based nonprofit organization that administers the City's annual allocation of funds from HUD's Emergency Solutions Grant program. Lakewood Community Services Center administered a TBRA program on behalf of the City of Lakewood during the Covid pandemic. The City of Lakewood will follow its existing contracting authority regulations to award a contract.

*Describe whether the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) will administer eligible activities directly:*

### Cuyahoga County

No.

### City of Euclid

No.

### City of Lakewood

No.

***If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:***

Cuyahoga County

No portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds will be provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

City of Euclid

No portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds will be provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

City of Lakewood

No portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds will be provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

***In accordance with Section V.C.2. of the Notice (page 4), PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.***

**Use of HOME-ARP Funding**

|  | <b>Funding Amount</b> | <b>Percent of the Grant</b> | <b>Statutory Limit</b> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Supportive Services                                    | \$ 0                  |                             |                        |
| Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters | \$ 7,947,928          |                             |                        |
| Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)                  | \$ 1,931,411          |                             |                        |
| Development of Affordable Rental Housing               | \$ 0                  |                             |                        |
| Non-Profit Operating                                   | \$ 0                  | 0 %                         | 5%                     |
| Non-Profit Capacity Building                           | \$ 0                  | 0 %                         | 5%                     |
| Administration and Planning                            | \$ 0                  | 0 %                         | 15%                    |
| <b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>                       | <b>\$ 9,879,339</b>   |                             |                        |

Cuyahoga County - Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters

**\$7,947,928**

City of Euclid – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

**\$839,744**

City of Lakewood – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

**\$1,091,667**

***Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:***

Cuyahoga County

The service providers who are part of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care serve all residents of Cuyahoga County. The annual award of HUD funds to the Continuum of Care does not meet all the needs related to homelessness countywide. These funds are supplemented, for example, with HUD HOME funds allocated annually to the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium for projects such as partial financing of capital projects. One example is the construction of new units, such as Permanent Supportive Housing. The *Cuyahoga County Strategic Plan for Homelessness 2023-2027* affirmed the importance of “Improving the Experience of Persons in Crisis Housing” (Goal 2). With HOME-ARP funds, Cuyahoga County will support project(s) that improve and/or expand NCS facilities. The projects will be in conformance with the Fair Housing Act and will not discriminate against persons based on race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, familial status, or national origin.

City of Euclid

A resident of Euclid can utilize the services and facilities administered by the service providers of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care if he/she becomes homeless. The *Cuyahoga County Strategic Plan for Homelessness 2023-2027* also advocates for a “strengthened prevention and diversion response so that people experiencing a housing crisis can obtain immediate assistance and avoid losing their housing.” With its HOME-ARP funds, the City of Euclid will establish a TBRA program to assist renter households.

City of Lakewood

A resident of Lakewood can utilize the services and facilities administered by the service providers of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care if he/she becomes homeless. The *Cuyahoga County Strategic Plan for Homelessness 2023-2027* also advocates for a “strengthened prevention and diversion response so that people experiencing a housing crisis can obtain immediate assistance and avoid losing their housing.” With its HOME-ARP funds, the City of Lakewood will establish a TBRA program to assist renter households.

***Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:***

Cuyahoga County

The expansion and/or renovation of shelter facilities has been identified through stakeholder meetings, discussions at the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board, and CoC report submissions to HUD. The Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, 2022 RFP, *Alternative Housing and Related Services and Supports*, included the intention of soliciting “innovative solutions that increase and/or improve shelters.” The *Cuyahoga County Strategic Plan for Homelessness 2023-2027* also affirmed the importance of “Improving the Experience of Persons in Crisis Housing” (Goal 2). The HOME-ARP funds are anticipated to provide funding toward non-congregate shelter renovation and/or capacity expansion projects(s).

City of Euclid

The community has a significant number of renter households that are extremely low income or low income that are cost burdened or extremely cost burdened, as discussed in the Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. Renter households at lower income levels that are paying more than 30%, or more than 50%, of their income on housing costs are in an unstable housing situation and may not be current on rent. In addition, situations such as job loss or unexpected major expenses can cause households to fall behind on rent. The HOME-ARP funds will create a flexible TBRA fund to allow households to address rent arrearage and provide a limited number of future rent payments while regaining stability.

City of Lakewood

The community has a significant number of renter households that are extremely low income or low income that are cost burdened or extremely cost burdened, as discussed in the Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. Renter households at lower income levels that are paying more than 30%, or more than 50%, of their income on housing costs are in an unstable housing situation and may not be current on rent. In addition, situations such as job loss or unexpected major expenses can cause households to fall behind on rent. The HOME-ARP funds will create a flexible TBRA fund to allow households to address rent arrearage and provide a limited number of future rent payments while regaining stability.

## HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

***Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:***

### Cuyahoga County - Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters

100, originating as new beds and/or renovation of existing beds.

### City of Euclid – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

140-160 estimated households to be supported

CARES ACT TBRA program, administered by CHN Partners:

380 households assisted, average payment of \$5,340.

$\$5,340 \text{ average payment} / \$839,744 = 157 \text{ estimated households}$  (total will be lower after subtracting the provider's administration fee). Example: 10% overhead (\$83,974), would reduce the estimated households to be assisted to 142.

### City of Lakewood – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

400-440 estimated households to be supported

Between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022, Lakewood Community Services Center utilized four federal funding sources to provide Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance:

1,649 households assisted, average payment of \$2,490.

$\$2,490 \text{ average payment} / \$1,091,667 = 438 \text{ estimated households}$  (total will be lower after subtracting the provider's administration fee). Example: 7% overhead (\$76,417), would reduce the estimated households to be assisted to 408.

***Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the PJ's priority needs:***

### Cuyahoga County - Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters

The activity will not produce any additional rental units on the market.

### City of Euclid – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

The activity will not produce any additional rental units on the market.

### City of Lakewood – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

The activity will not produce any additional rental units on the market.

## Preferences

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific Qualifying Population (QP) or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A *preference* permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A *method of prioritization* is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

Please note that HUD has also described a method of prioritization in other HUD guidance. Section I.C.4 of Notice CPD-17-01 describes Prioritization in CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) as follows:

“Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term “Prioritization” to refer to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

If a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) is using a CE that has a method of prioritization described in CPD-17-01, then a PJ has preferences and a method of prioritizing those preferences. These must be described in the HOME-ARP allocation plan in order to comply with the requirements of Section IV.C.2 (page 10) of the HOME-ARP Notice.

In accordance with Section V.C.4 of the Notice (page 15), the HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether the PJ intends to give a preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- The PJ must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

While PJs are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, the PJ must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if the PJ intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive eligibility requirements of another project funding source. **If a PJ fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until the PJ amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan.** For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

*Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:*

Cuyahoga County

Project:

Renovation and/or expansion of non-congregate shelters.

Preference:

Qualifying Population 1 – Homeless Persons

Qualifying Population 3 – Persons Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

City of Euclid

Project:

Tenant-based rental assistance

Preference:

None

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City of Lakewood

Project:

Tenant-based rental assistance

Preference:

None

***If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:***

Cuyahoga County

Project:

Renovation and/or expansion of non-congregate shelters.

Explanation of Preference:

The expansion and/or renovation of shelter facilities has been identified through stakeholder meetings, discussions at the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board, and CoC report submissions to HUD. The Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, 2022 RFP, *Alternative Housing and Related Services and Supports*, included the intention of soliciting "innovative solutions that increase and/or improve shelters." The *Cuyahoga County Strategic Plan for Homelessness 2023-2027* also affirmed the importance of "Improving the Experience of Persons in Crisis Housing" (Goal 2).

The proposed activity involves assisting in the renovation and/or expansion of non-congregate shelters. Qualifying Populations 1 and 3 will have a preference because they are literally homeless and could be served in a non-congregate shelter. In terms of unmet need or gap in benefits and services, the CoC realized during the COVID pandemic the difficulties encountered in protecting the health of individuals and families in the wake of contagious disease. This situation could be improved by renovating and/or expanding non-congregate shelter capacity in case of future public health issues. The CoC has also noted that in comparison to congregate shelters, non-congregate shelter settings improve resident's perception of safety and security.

***If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preferences.***

In addition to non-congregate shelters, the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium has identified tenant-based rental assistance programs to be carried out by the Cities of Euclid and Lakewood. These programs do not have a preference and are available to all Qualifying Populations.

## Referral Methods

PJs are not required to describe referral methods in the plan. However, if a PJ intends to use a coordinated entry (CE) process for referrals to a HOME-ARP project or activity, the PJ must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page 10).

A PJ may use only the CE for direct referrals to HOME-ARP projects and activities (as opposed to CE and other referral agencies or a waitlist) if the CE expands to accept all HOME-ARP qualifying populations and implements the preferences and prioritization established by the PJ in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. A direct referral is where the CE provides the eligible applicant directly to the PJ, subrecipient, or owner to receive HOME-ARP TBRA, supportive services, admittance to a HOME-ARP rental unit, or occupancy of a NCS unit. In comparison, an indirect referral is where a CE (or other referral source) refers an eligible applicant for placement to a project or activity waitlist. Eligible applicants are then selected for a HOME-ARP project or activity from the waitlist.

The PJ must require a project or activity to use CE along with other referral methods (as provided in Section IV.C.2.ii) or to use only a project/activity waiting list (as provided in Section IV.C.2.iii) if:

1. the CE does not have a sufficient number of qualifying individuals and families to refer to the PJ for the project or activity;
2. the CE does not include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations; or,
3. the CE fails to provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE

If a PJ uses a CE that prioritizes one or more qualifying populations or segments of qualifying populations (e.g., prioritizing assistance or units for chronically homeless individuals first, then prioritizing homeless youth second, followed by any other individuals qualifying as homeless, etc.) then this constitutes the use of preferences and a method of prioritization. To implement a CE with these preferences and priorities, the PJ **must** include the preferences and method of prioritization that the CE will use in the preferences section of their HOME-ARP allocation plan. Use of a CE with embedded preferences or methods of prioritization that are not contained in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation does not comply with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page 10).

***Identify the referral methods that the PJ intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):***

### Cuyahoga County

Project: Renovation and/or expansion of non-congregate shelters.

Referral method: Direct referrals from the CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE), plus one domestic violence service provider authorized by the CoC to make referrals.

City of Euclid

Referral method: None identified.

City of Lakewood

Referral method: None identified.

***If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):***

Cuyahoga County

Project: Renovation and/or expansion of non-congregate shelters.

The existing Coordinated Entry process, described in the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry Manual, includes all qualifying populations eligible for this activity:

1. Chronically Homeless (HUD Definition);
2. Homeless - Literally Homeless (HUD Homeless Definition Category 1);
3. Homeless - At Imminent Risk of Homelessness (HUD Homeless Definition Category 2);
4. Homeless - Homeless under the other Federal Statutes (HUD Homeless Definition Category 3), including unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth;
5. Homeless - Fleeing domestic abuse or violence (HUD Homeless Definition Category 4), including dating violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking populations;
6. Transition Aged Youth (aka Young Adults); and
7. All Other Qualifying Populations.

The Coordinated Entry process operates in a manner that promotes fair and open access to all available housing and services. The system affords all eligible persons access to Coordinated Entry regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, immigration status, or limited English proficiency. Additionally, Coordinated Entry ensures all people experiencing homelessness in different populations and subpopulations including people experiencing chronic homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, persons involved with the criminal justice system, and persons who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions including human trafficking, have fair and open access to the Coordinated Entry process.

*Note: The response above was also utilized by the City of Cleveland in its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which also allocated funds for non-congregate shelters. The continuity of this response in the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County plans acknowledges the same Coordinated Entry process for non-congregate shelter activities.*

***If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):***

Cuyahoga County

Project: Renovation and/or expansion of non-congregate shelters.

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No prioritization exists for shelter admissions. All persons are served at the most appropriate facility.

***If the PJ intends to use both a CE process established by the CoC and another referral method for a project or activity, describe any method of prioritization between the two referral methods, if any. (Optional):***

Cuyahoga County

Project: Renovation and/or expansion of non-congregate shelters.

Qualifying Population 3

Persons may enter the system through two separate access points: Direct referrals from the CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE), plus one domestic violence service provider authorized by the CoC to make referrals. Coordinated Entry and the domestic violence service provider coordinate to ensure all persons are served.

### **Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project**

Limiting eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project is only permitted under certain circumstances.

- PJs must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.
- A PJ may not exclude otherwise eligible qualifying populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.
- Within the qualifying populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). A PJ must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap identified by the PJ in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.
- For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan.
- PJs may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

***Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:***

Cuyahoga County does *not* intend to limit eligibility for a non-congregate shelter project to a subpopulation of a qualifying population.

***If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:***

Not applicable.

*If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):*

Not applicable.



## HUD 2022 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations

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### OH-502 Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC

Point-in Time Date: 1/25/2022

#### Summary by household type reported:

|   | Sheltered         |                       | Unsheltered | Total        |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
|   | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing* |             |              |
| Households without children <sup>1</sup>                      | 1,043             | 94                    | 84          | 1,221        |
| Households with at least one adult and one child <sup>2</sup> | 98                | 5                     | 0           | 103          |
| Households with only children <sup>3</sup>                    | 0                 | 7                     | 0           | 7            |
| <b>Total Homeless Households</b>                              | <b>1,141</b>      | <b>106</b>            | <b>84</b>   | <b>1,331</b> |

#### Summary of persons in each household type:

|  |              |            |           |              |
|--|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>Persons in households without children<sup>1</sup></b>                      | <b>1,043</b> | <b>94</b>  | <b>84</b> | <b>1,221</b> |
| Persons Age 18 to 24   | 71           | 9          | 5         | 85           |
| Persons Over Age 24  | 972          | 85         | 79        | 1,136        |
| <b>Persons in households with at least one adult and one child<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>335</b>   | <b>11</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>346</b>   |
| Children Under Age 18  | 229          | 6          | 0         | 235          |
| Persons Age 18 to 24   | 19           | 5          | 0         | 24           |
| Persons Over Age 24  | 87           | 0          | 0         | 87           |
| <b>Persons in households with only children<sup>3</sup></b>                    | <b>0</b>     | <b>7</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>7</b>     |
| <b>Total Homeless Persons</b>  | <b>1,378</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>1,574</b> |

#### Demographic summary by ethnicity:

|                            | Sheltered         |                       | Unsheltered | Total        |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                            | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing* |             |              |
| Hispanic / Latino          | 70                | 4                     | 4           | 78           |
| Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino | 1,308             | 108                   | 80          | 1,496        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1,378</b>      | <b>112</b>            | <b>84</b>   | <b>1,574</b> |

#### Demographic summary by gender:

|   |              |            |           |              |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Female  | 528          | 28         | 18        | 574          |
| Male  | 838          | 84         | 66        | 988          |
| Transgender   | 12           | 0          | 0         | 12           |
| Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female) | 0            | 0          | 0         | 0            |
| Questioning   | 0            | 0          | 0         | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,378</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>1,574</b> |

\* Safe Haven programs are included in the Transitional Housing category.

<sup>1</sup>This category includes single adults, adult couples with no children, and groups of adults.

<sup>2</sup>This category includes households with one adult and at least one child under age 18.

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### Demographic summary by race:

|   | Sheltered         |                       | Unsheltered | Total        |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
|   | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing* |             |              |
| Black or African-American                 | 1,003             | 71                    | 58          | 1,132        |
| White                                     | 337               | 41                    | 26          | 404          |
| Asian                                     | 13                | 0                     | 0           | 13           |
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 2                 | 0                     | 0           | 2            |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0                 | 0                     | 0           | 0            |
| Multiple Races                            | 23                | 0                     | 0           | 23           |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>1,378</b>      | <b>112</b>            | <b>84</b>   | <b>1,574</b> |

### Summary of chronically homeless households by household type reported:

|  | Sheltered         |                       | Unsheltered | Total |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------|
|  | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing* |             |       |
| Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child <sup>2</sup> | 1                 | 0                     | 0           | 1     |

### Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

|   |            |           |           |            |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Chronically Homeless persons in households without children <sup>1</sup>                      | 165        | 13        | 20        | 198        |
| Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child <sup>2</sup> | 6          | 0         | 0         | 6          |
| Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children <sup>3</sup>                    | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| <b>Total Chronically Homeless Persons</b>   | <b>171</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>204</b> |

### Summary of all other populations reported:

|                              |     |    |    |     |
|------------------------------|-----|----|----|-----|
| Severely Mentally Ill        | 381 | 51 | 45 | 477 |
| Chronic Substance Abuse      | 253 | 26 | 40 | 319 |
| Veterans                     | 34  | 68 | 3  | 105 |
| HIV/AIDS                     | 15  | 0  | 1  | 16  |
| Victims of Domestic Violence | 59  | 1  | 0  | 60  |
| Unaccompanied Youth          | 71  | 16 | 5  | 92  |
| Unaccompanied Youth Under 18 | 0   | 7  | 0  | 7   |
| Unaccompanied Youth 18-24    | 71  | 9  | 5  | 85  |
| Parenting Youth              | 15  | 5  | 0  | 20  |
| Parenting Youth Under 18     | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Parenting Youth 18-24        | 15  | 5  | 0  | 20  |
| Children of Parenting Youth  | 21  | 6  | 0  | 27  |

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**CoC Number: OH-502**

**CoC Name: Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC**

### Summary of all available beds reported by Continuum of Care:

|   | Family Units <sup>1</sup> | Family Beds <sup>1</sup> | Adult-Only Beds | Child-Only Beds | Total Yr-Round Beds | Seasonal   | Overflow / Voucher | Subset of Total Bed Inventory |                           |                         |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                           |                          |                 |                 |                     |            |                    | Chronic Beds <sup>2</sup>     | Veteran Beds <sup>3</sup> | Youth Beds <sup>4</sup> |
| <b>Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing</b> | <b>100</b>                | <b>357</b>               | <b>1,080</b>    | <b>28</b>       | <b>1,465</b>        | <b>85</b>  | <b>151</b>         | <b>n/a</b>                    | <b>99</b>                 | <b>81</b>               |
| Emergency Shelter                                     | 95                        | 347                      | 959             | 21              | 1,327               | 85         | 151                | n/a                           | 6                         | 61                      |
| Safe Haven  | 0                         | 0                        | 45              | 0               | 45                  | n/a        | n/a                | n/a                           | 25                        | 0                       |
| Transitional Housing                                  | 5                         | 10                       | 76              | 7               | 93                  | n/a        | n/a                | n/a                           | 68                        | 20                      |
| <b>Permanent Housing</b>                              | <b>882</b>                | <b>3,044</b>             | <b>3,339</b>    | <b>0</b>        | <b>6,383</b>        | <b>n/a</b> | <b>n/a</b>         | <b>858</b>                    | <b>720</b>                | <b>75</b>               |
| Permanent Supportive Housing*                         | 695                       | 2,437                    | 3,122           | 0               | 5,559               | n/a        | n/a                | 858                           | 636                       | 4                       |
| Rapid Re-Housing                                      | 187                       | 607                      | 217             | 0               | 824                 | n/a        | n/a                | n/a                           | 84                        | 71                      |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                    | <b>982</b>                | <b>3,401</b>             | <b>4,419</b>    | <b>28</b>       | <b>7,848</b>        | <b>85</b>  | <b>151</b>         | <b>858</b>                    | <b>819</b>                | <b>156</b>              |

### Available CoC beds reported by Program Type:

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\*\*Other Permanent Housing (OPH) - consists of PH - Housing with Services (no disability required for entry) and PH - Housing Only, as identified in the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

<sup>1</sup>Family Units and Family Beds categories include units and beds for households with one adult and at least one child under age 18.

<sup>2</sup>Chronic Beds include beds in Permanent Supportive Housing dedicated to serve chronically homeless persons.

<sup>3</sup>Veteran Beds and Youth Beds, respectively, include beds dedicated to serve homeless veterans and their families, and include beds dedicated to housing homeless youth age 24 and younger.

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### Emergency Shelter

| Provider Name                            | Facility Name                 | Family Units <sup>a</sup> | Family Beds <sup>b</sup> | Adult-Only Beds | Child-Only Beds | Seasonal  | Overflow / Voucher | Total Beds  | Subset of Total Bed Inventory |                           |                         |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                               |                           |                          |                 |                 |           |                    |             | Chronic Beds <sup>c</sup>     | Veteran Beds <sup>d</sup> | Youth Beds <sup>e</sup> |
| Bellefaire JCB                           | Homeless & Missing Youth -    | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 4               | 0         | 0                  | 4           | n/a                           | 0                         | 4                       |
| Broken Connections, Inc.                 | Broken Connections Emergen    | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 13              | 0         | 0                  | 13          | n/a                           | 0                         | 13                      |
| City Mission                             | Laura's Home                  | 27                        | 85                       | 30              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 115         | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| City Mission                             | Crossroads Program            | 0                         | 0                        | 65              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 65          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Fairhill Partners                        | Senior Guest House            | 0                         | 0                        | 10              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 10          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Family Promise                           | Family Shelter                | 20                        | 59                       | 0               | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 59          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Jewish Family Service Association of Cle | Hebrew Shelter Home           | 0                         | 0                        | 9               | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 9           | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Joseph's Home                            | Joseph's Home                 | 0                         | 0                        | 11              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 11          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Journey Center for Safety and Healing    | Domestic Violence Center Sh   | 8                         | 31                       | 11              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 42          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Lakewood Community Services Center       | Breathing Room                | 0                         | 0                        | 1               | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 1           | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries         | ES SOTIP                      | 0                         | 0                        | 10              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 10          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries         | Youth Residential Services Sh | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 4               | 0         | 0                  | 4           | n/a                           | 0                         | 4                       |
| Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries         | ECTH-LMM                      | 0                         | 0                        | 6               | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 6           | n/a                           | 6                         | 0                       |
| Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries         | 2100 Lakeside Shelter         | 0                         | 0                        | 336             | 0               | 0         | 50                 | 386         | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries         | UCC Denison Seasonal          | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 35        | 0                  | 35          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries         | Seasonal Auxiliary Hotels     | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 20        | 0                  | 20          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.             | North Point Inn               | 0                         | 0                        | 72              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 72          | n/a                           | 0                         | 40                      |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.             | Family Overflow               | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 0         | 60                 | 60          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Salvation Army                           | Harbor Light Zelma George     | 31                        | 144                      | 0               | 0               | 0         | 16                 | 160         | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Salvation Army                           | PASS Temporary Housing        | 0                         | 0                        | 75              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 75          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| St. Herman's FOCUS Cleveland             | St. Herman House              | 0                         | 0                        | 28              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 28          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Stella Maris                             | Men's Shelter Program         | 0                         | 0                        | 20              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 20          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| The Metanoia Project                     | Metanoia                      | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 0               | 30        | 0                  | 30          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| West Side Catholic                       | WSSC Shelter                  | 9                         | 28                       | 0               | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 28          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| YMCA of Greater Cleveland                | Y-Haven Temporary Housing     | 0                         | 0                        | 98              | 0               | 0         | 0                  | 98          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| YWCA                                     | Norma Herr Women's Center     | 0                         | 0                        | 177             | 0               | 0         | 25                 | 202         | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| <b>Total</b>                             |                               | <b>95</b>                 | <b>347</b>               | <b>959</b>      | <b>21</b>       | <b>85</b> | <b>151</b>         | <b>1563</b> | <b>n/a</b>                    | <b>6</b>                  | <b>61</b>               |

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### Safe Haven

| Provider Name                    | Facility Name      | Family Units <sup>1</sup> | Family Beds <sup>1</sup> | Adult-Only Beds | Child-Only Beds | Seasonal   | Overflow / Voucher | Total Beds | Subset of Total Bed Inventory |                           |                         |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                  |                    |                           |                          |                 |                 |            |                    |            | Chronic Beds <sup>2</sup>     | Veteran Beds <sup>3</sup> | Youth Beds <sup>4</sup> |
| Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries | GPD LMM Low Demand | 0                         | 0                        | 25              | n/a             | n/a        | n/a                | 25         | n/a                           | 25                        | n/a                     |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.     | Safe Haven I       | 0                         | 0                        | 8               | n/a             | n/a        | n/a                | 8          | n/a                           | 0                         | n/a                     |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.     | Safe Haven III     | 0                         | 0                        | 12              | n/a             | n/a        | n/a                | 12         | n/a                           | 0                         | n/a                     |
| <b>Total</b>                     |                    | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                 | <b>45</b>       | <b>0</b>        | <b>n/a</b> | <b>n/a</b>         | <b>45</b>  | <b>n/a</b>                    | <b>25</b>                 | <b>n/a</b>              |

### Transitional Housing

| Provider Name             | Facility Name                  | Family Units <sup>1</sup> | Family Beds <sup>1</sup> | Adult-Only Beds | Child-Only Beds | Seasonal   | Overflow / Voucher | Total Beds | Subset of Total Bed Inventory |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                           |                                |                           |                          |                 |                 |            |                    |            | Chronic Beds <sup>2</sup>     | Veteran Beds <sup>3</sup> | Youth Beds <sup>4</sup> |
| Bellefleur JCB            | Bellefleur Transitional Living | 5                         | 10                       | 8               | 7               | n/a        | n/a                | 25         | n/a                           | 0                         | 20                      |
| Stella Maris              | GPD Stella Maris Clinical      | 0                         | 0                        | 8               | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 8          | n/a                           | 8                         | 0                       |
| Volunteers of America     | GPD VOA Service Intensive      | 0                         | 0                        | 10              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 10         | n/a                           | 10                        | 0                       |
| Volunteers of America     | GPD VOA Bridge                 | 0                         | 0                        | 25              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 25         | n/a                           | 25                        | 0                       |
| Volunteers of America     | GPD VOA Clinical               | 0                         | 0                        | 5               | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 5          | n/a                           | 5                         | 0                       |
| West Side Catholic        | GPD WSCC Service Intensive     | 0                         | 0                        | 6               | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 6          | n/a                           | 6                         | 0                       |
| YMCA of Greater Cleveland | GPD YMCA Clinical              | 0                         | 0                        | 14              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 14         | n/a                           | 14                        | 0                       |
| <b>Total</b>              |                                | <b>5</b>                  | <b>10</b>                | <b>76</b>       | <b>7</b>        | <b>n/a</b> | <b>n/a</b>         | <b>93</b>  | <b>n/a</b>                    | <b>68</b>                 | <b>20</b>               |

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### Permanent Supportive Housing

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|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                              |                           |                          |                 |                 |          |                    |            | Chronic Beds <sup>b</sup>     | Veteran Beds <sup>b</sup> | Youth Beds <sup>b</sup> |
| Cleveland Housing Network               | Family PSH                   | 19                        | 72                       | 0               | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 72         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority | VASH 8301 Detroit            | 0                         | 0                        | 25              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 25         | 25                            | 25                        | 0                       |
| Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority | VASH - PSH                   | 0                         | 0                        | 611             | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 611        | 0                             | 611                       | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | HOPWA TBRA                   | 0                         | 0                        | 55              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 55         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | Consolidated CoC 14SRA       | 0                         | 0                        | 174             | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 174        | 174                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | S+C TRA 2009                 | 385                       | 1330                     | 824             | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 2154       | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | S+C SRA 2004                 | 1                         | 2                        | 212             | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 214        | 214                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | Mainstream Vouchers          | 57                        | 187                      | 178             | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 365        | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | EDEN Owned PSH               | 36                        | 101                      | 147             | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 248        | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | Consolidated CoC 19TRA       | 45                        | 166                      | 48              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 214        | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | Returning Home Ohio          | 11                        | 38                       | 34              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 72         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | EAX Greenbridge Extension    | 14                        | 47                       | 82              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 129        | 60                            | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | Consolidated CoC EC LIB T    | 13                        | 56                       | 27              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 83         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | EDEN HAP                     | 17                        | 72                       | 81              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 153        | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | CoC20TRA                     | 4                         | 16                       | 16              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 32         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | EDEN ADAMHS RHIC             | 0                         | 0                        | 14              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 14         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                               | CMHA Vouchers - PSH Build    | 0                         | 0                        | 220             | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 220        | 220                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Front Steps                             | Permanent Supportive Housing | 0                         | 0                        | 5               | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 5          | 5                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| Front Steps                             | CMHA PSH                     | 0                         | 0                        | 45              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 45         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.            | Downtown Superior Apartme    | 0                         | 0                        | 10              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 10         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.            | Emerald Alliance XI - Harper | 0                         | 0                        | 71              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 71         | 71                            | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.            | Euclid Metro Green           | 56                        | 215                      | 85              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 300        | 40                            | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.            | Miles/Killingsworth Pointe   | 11                        | 49                       | 41              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 90         | 41                            | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.            | South Pointe/Edgewood        | 6                         | 21                       | 36              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 57         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.            | Buckeye/8301                 | 18                        | 61                       | 11              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 72         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc.            | PAP/PHYA Consolidated        | 2                         | 4                        | 48              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 52         | 0                             | 0                         | 0                       |
| YWCA                                    | Independence Place Building  | 0                         | 0                        | 9               | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 9          | 0                             | 0                         | 4                       |
| YWCA                                    | Cogswell Hall - PSH          | 0                         | 0                        | 13              | 0               | n/a      | n/a                | 13         | 8                             | 0                         | 0                       |

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|               |               |                           |                          |                 |                 |            |                    |             | Chronic Beds <sup>2</sup>     | Veteran Beds <sup>3</sup> | Youth Beds <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>Total</b>  |               | <b>695</b>                | <b>2437</b>              | <b>3122</b>     | <b>0</b>        | <b>n/a</b> | <b>n/a</b>         | <b>5559</b> | <b>858</b>                    | <b>636</b>                | <b>4</b>                |

### Rapid Re-Housing

| Provider Name                | Facility Name                 | Family Units <sup>1</sup> | Family Beds <sup>1</sup> | Adult-Only Beds | Child-Only Beds | Seasonal   | Overflow / Voucher | Total Beds | Subset of Total Bed Inventory |                           |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                              |                               |                           |                          |                 |                 |            |                    |            | Chronic Beds <sup>2</sup>     | Veteran Beds <sup>3</sup> | Youth Beds <sup>3</sup> |
| EDEN Inc.                    | City ESG Rapid Re-Housing     | 24                        | 84                       | 18              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 102        | n/a                           | 0                         | 18                      |
| EDEN Inc.                    | CoC RRH- OHS Singles          | 0                         | 0                        | 5               | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 5          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                    | CoC RRH-EDEN                  | 14                        | 51                       | 57              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 108        | n/a                           | 0                         | 15                      |
| EDEN Inc.                    | CoC RRH - OHS Families        | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 0          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| EDEN Inc.                    | EDEN RRH ODSA ESG-CV          | 46                        | 152                      | 14              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 166        | n/a                           | 0                         | 11                      |
| EDEN Inc.                    | OHFA Emergency Housing A      | 5                         | 14                       | 23              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 37         | n/a                           | 0                         | 1                       |
| EDEN Inc.                    | RRH DV Bonus                  | 66                        | 215                      | 29              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 244        | n/a                           | 0                         | 19                      |
| EDEN Inc.                    | EDEN RRH ODSA ESG HC          | 0                         | 0                        | 0               | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 0          | n/a                           | 0                         | 0                       |
| Mental Health Services, Inc. | Supportive Services for Veter | 3                         | 12                       | 45              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 57         | n/a                           | 57                        | 1                       |
| Volunteers of America        | Supportive Services for Veter | 1                         | 3                        | 24              | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 27         | n/a                           | 27                        | 0                       |
| West Side Catholic           | WSCC RRH 52                   | 28                        | 76                       | 2               | 0               | n/a        | n/a                | 78         | n/a                           | 0                         | 6                       |
| <b>Total</b>                 |                               | <b>187</b>                | <b>607</b>               | <b>217</b>      | <b>0</b>        | <b>n/a</b> | <b>n/a</b>         | <b>824</b> | <b>n/a</b>                    | <b>84</b>                 | <b>71</b>               |

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**PUBLIC NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING on  
MONDAY MARCH 13, 2023, at 10:30 am  
CUYAHOGA URBAN COUNTY FY'21 ACTION  
PLAN – AMENDING 3/1/23 per HUD**

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Housing Act) as amended and implemented through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR 91, requires local governments to create a Five-Year Local Strategic Planning document, the HUD Consolidated Plan (Plan), and submit One-Year Action Plans. The Action Plan is an application for three programs administered by Cuyahoga County through the Department of Development. These programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The purpose of the Plan is to determine appropriate programs and services to be made available to low- and moderate-income persons and households within Cuyahoga County.

An amended One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 has been prepared for notice and is available for public comment due to receiving an allocation of HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), totaling \$9,879,339.00. The HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) provides funding to HOME Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

The Housing Act also enables the cities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma to join with the Urban County to form the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (HOME Consortium), to submit a coordinated application for the HOME-ARPA funding. The member cities have developed strategies and amended One-Year Action Plans for their respective jurisdictions and are providing notice of their amended Action Plans for public comment in their communities per the HUD guidelines. Notice is hereby given that the Cuyahoga County Department of Development has amended the One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 and will make the Draft available for public review on the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's website at <https://cuyahogacounty.us/development> under Public Notices.

A Public Meeting will be held on Monday March 13, 2023 at 10:30 am via Microsoft Teams @ <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting?rtc=1>  
Meeting ID: 266124340760 Passcode: 1SR1U2  
Call-In: +1 440-462-2064 Pin: 3618218#  
Limited In-Person seating available 2079 E. 9th St 7th Floor Rm 301 Cleveland, Ohio 44115

The Annual Plan will be available for a fifteen (15) day comment period beginning March 13, 2023, and ending March 28, 2023. This notice is being published to afford all interested persons an opportunity to comment after reviewing a copy of the amended One-Year Action Plan.

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Interested persons may also submit comments on the Action Plan in writing or by email. Comments should be directed to Prentis Jackson Jr, Development Specialist, Cuyahoga County Department of Development, 2079 East 9th Street, 7th Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, to (216) 443-8856, or at [pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:pjackson01@cuyahogacounty.us).  
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| <p><b>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</b></p> <p>B: County Government</p> <p>Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:</p> <p>Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:</p> <p>* Other (specify):</p>                 |  |
| <p><b>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</b></p> <p>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p>  |  |
| <p><b>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b></p> <p>14-239</p> <p>CFDA Title:</p> <p>HOME Entitlement Grant to a Consortium via American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP)</p>  |  |
| <p><b>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</b></p> <p>M-21-DP-39-0216</p> <p>* Title:</p> <p>Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) via American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) - Local Governments</p>                                       |  |
| <p><b>13. Competition Identification Number:</b></p> <p>Title:</p>   |  |
| <p><b>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b></p> <p>Urban County Communities and the Cities of Cleveland His<br/>Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma.</p> <p>Add Attachment   Delete Attachment   View Attachment</p> |  |
| <p><b>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</b></p> <p>HOME ARP Action Plan for Cuyahoga County Consortium for 2021-2030<br/>Cuyahoga County is the participating jurisdiction for the Cuyahoga County Consortium</p>            |  |
| <p>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.</p> <p>Add Attachments   Delete Attachments   View Attachments</p>   |  |

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| <b>16. Congressional Districts Of:</b>   |   |
| * a. Applicant <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7,11</span>  | * b. Program/Project <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7,11</span>   |
| Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.  |   |
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| <b>17. Proposed Project:</b>   |   |
| * a. Start Date: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">09/20/2021</span>  | * b. End Date: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">09/30/2030</span>   |
| <b>18. Estimated Funding (\$):</b>   |   |
| * a. Federal   | 9,879,339.00  |
| * b. Applicant   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>   |
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| * f. Program Income  | 9,879,339.00  |
| * g. TOTAL   |   |
| <b>* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 100px;"></span><br><input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.   |   |
| <b>* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br>If "Yes", provide explanation and attach<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div><div>Add Attachment</div></div> <div><div>Delete Attachment</div></div> <div><div>View Attachment</div></div> </div>  |   |
| <b>21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE<br><small>** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.</small> |   |
| <b>Authorized Representative:</b>  |   |
| Prefix: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Mr.</span>  | * First Name: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Christopher</span>   |
| Middle Name: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></span>  |   |
| * Last Name: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Ronayne</span>   |   |
| Suffix: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></span>   |   |
| * Title: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Executive - Cuyahoga County</span>   |   |
| * Telephone Number: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">216-698-2399</span>   | Fax Number: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">216-443-6669</span>  |
| * Email: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">cronayne@cuyahogacounty.us</span>  |   |
| * Signature of Authorized Representative:  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%; position: relative;"> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div></div> <div>* Date Signed: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">3/22/23</span></div> </div> |

## HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** –The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** –It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

**Anti-Lobbying** –To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

**Section 3** --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

**HOME-ARP Certification** --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.



Signature of Authorized Official

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1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
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**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
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| <b>* a. Legal Name:</b> Cuyahoga County  |  |   |
| <b>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):</b><br>34-6000817   |  | <b>*c. Organizational DUNS:</b><br>623945391  |
| <b>d. Address:</b>   |  |   |
| <b>*Street1:</b> 2079 East 9th Street, 7th Floor<br><b>Street 2:</b><br><b>*City:</b> Cleveland<br><b>County:</b> Cuyahoga<br><b>*State:</b> Ohio<br><b>Province:</b><br><b>Country:</b> United States |  |   |
|  |  | <b>*Zip/ Postal Code:</b> 44115   |
| <b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>   |  |   |
| <b>Department Name:</b><br>Department of Development   |  | <b>Division Name:</b><br>Housing and Community Development  |
| <b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>  |  |   |
| <b>Prefix:</b> Mr.<br><b>Middle Name:</b>  |  | <b>First Name:</b> Paul   |
| <b>*Last Name:</b> Herdeq<br><b>Suffix:</b>  |  |   |
| <b>Title:</b> Interim Chief Economic Development and Business Officer  |  |   |
| <b>Organizational Affiliation:</b><br>County Government  |  |   |
| <b>*Telephone Number:</b> 216-443-7257   |  | <b>Fax Number:</b> 216-443-7258   |
| <b>*Email:</b> pherdeq@cuyahogacounty.gov  |  |   |

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\*Other (specify):

\*10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants

\*12. Funding Opportunity Number: PL 116-6

\*Title:

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Local Governments

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

51 Urban County Communities in Cuyahoga County.

\*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

One year Action Plan for Cuyahoga County CDBG Funding for 2021

Cuyahoga County is an Entitlement Community

**Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.**

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\*a. Applicant 9, 11, 14 and 16

\*b. Program/Project: 9, 11, 14 and 16

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

\*a. Start Date: January 1, 2021

\*b. End Date: December 31, 2021

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

\*a. Federal 4224498.00

\*b. Applicant

\*c. State

\*d. Local

\*e. Other

\*f. Program Income

\*g. TOTAL 4224498.00

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ \*\*I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr.

\*First Name: Armond

Middle Name:

\*Last Name: Budish

Suffix:

\*Title: Executive, Cuyahoga County

\*Telephone Number: 216-698-7704

Fax Number: 216-443-6669

\*Email: abudish@cuyahogacounty.us

\*Signature of Authorized Representative: *Armond Budish*  
Chief of Staff, Assignee

Date Signed: 5-19-21

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| *3. Date Received:   |   | 4. Application Identifier:                          |
| 5a. Federal Entity Identifier:   |   | *5b. Federal Award Identifier:                      |
| State Use Only:  |   |   |
| 6. Date Received by State:   |   | 7. State Application Identifier:                    |
| <b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>   |   |   |
| * a. Legal Name: Cuyahoga County   |   |   |
| * b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):<br>34-6000817                            |   | *c. Organizational DUNS:<br>623945391               |
| d. Address:  |   |   |
| *Street1: 2079 East 9th Street, 7th Floor  |   |   |
| Street 2:  |   |   |
| *City: Cleveland   |   |   |
| County: Cuyahoga   |   |   |
| *State: Ohio   |   |   |
| Province:  |   |   |
| Country: United States   |   | *Zip/ Postal Code: 44115                            |
| e. Organizational Unit:  |   |   |
| Department Name:<br>Department of Development  |   | Division Name:<br>Housing and Community Development |
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| Prefix: Mr.  |   | First Name: Paul                                    |
| Middle Name:   |   |   |
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-239

CFDA Title:

HOME Entitlement Grant to a Consortium

\*12. Funding Opportunity Number: PL 116-6

\*Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Local Governments

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Urban County Communities and the cities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood and Parma

\*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

One year Action Plan for Cuyahoga Consortium for 2021.

Cuyahoga County is the participating jurisdiction for the Cuyahoga County Consortium.

**Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.**



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| *a. Start Date: January 1, 2021   | *b. End Date: December 31, 2021       |                      |
| 18. Estimated Funding (\$):   |                                       |                      |
| *a. Federal   | 2725854.00                            |                      |
| *b. Applicant   |                                       |                      |
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| *e. Other   |                                       |                      |
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:  
14-231

CFDA Title:  
Emergency Solutions Grant

\*12. Funding Opportunity Number: PL 116-6

\*Title: Homeless Assistance Grants Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

13. Competition Identification Number:  
Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):  
All 59 Communities in Cuyahoga County.

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One year Action Plan for Cuyahoga County ESG Funding for 2021

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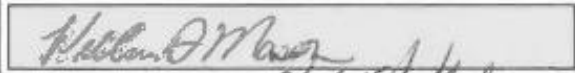
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**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1506 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL   | TITLE                      |
|  | Executive, Cuyahoga County |
| APPLICANT ORGANIZATION<br>Cuyahoga County   | DATE SUBMITTED<br>5-19-21  |

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## CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

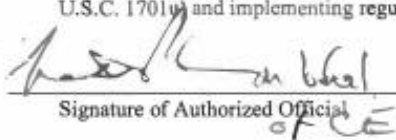
**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
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3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

9/2/21  
Date

County Executive  
Title

## Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2021 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.


**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

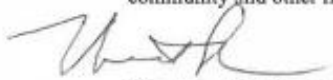
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**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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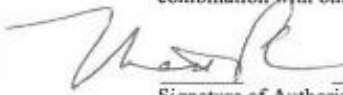
**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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## **Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications**

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

**Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation** – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

**Essential Services and Operating Costs** – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

**Renovation** – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

**Supportive Services** – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

**Matching Funds** – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

**Confidentiality** – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

**Homeless Persons Involvement** – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

**Consolidated Plan** – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

**Discharge Policy** – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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## **APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



