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**CLEVELAND HEIGHTS**

## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2020-2024) for the City of Cleveland Heights describes the needs of low- and moderate-income residents, persons with special needs, and homeless individuals and families. The Strategic Plan section outlines the goals, strategies, partners, and anticipated financial resources that will be available to implement projects using HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. This document, the Annual Action Plan, sets forth the specific projects that will be implemented during FY 2024. At the conclusion of each year, the City submits the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), describing the results in implementing projects.

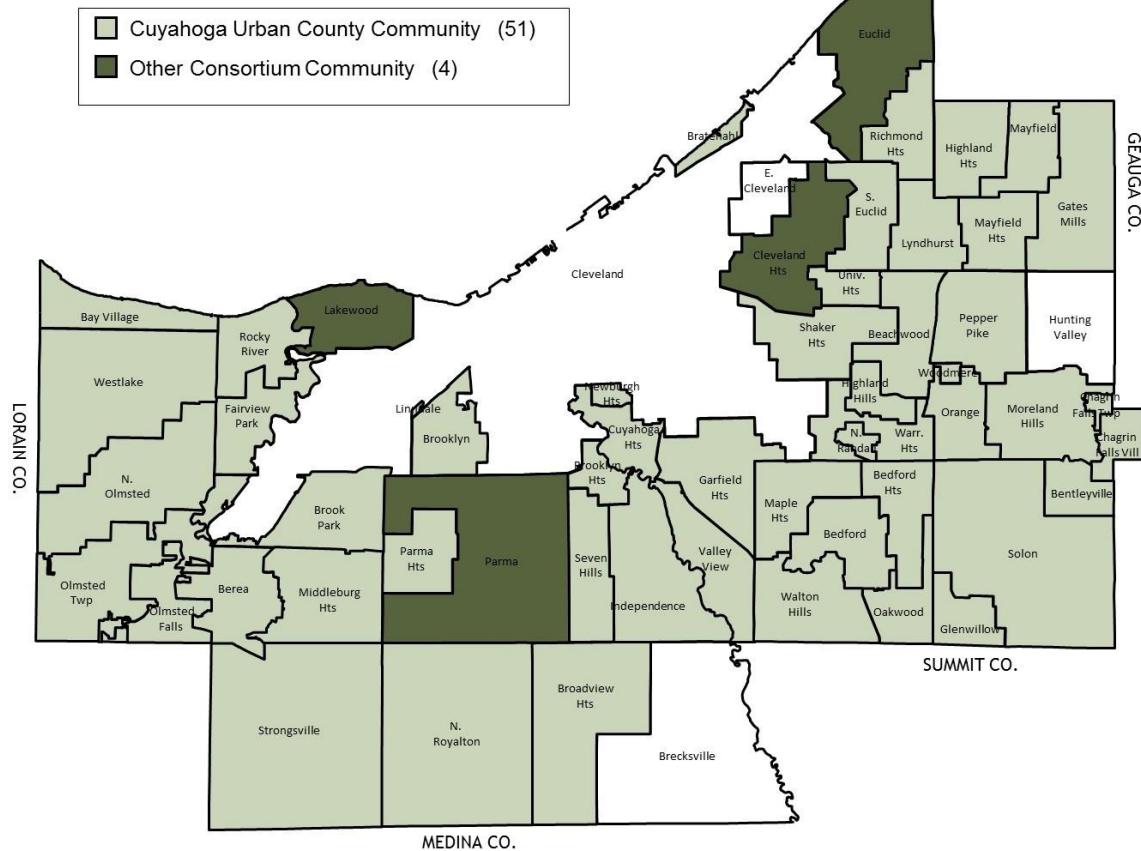
HUD funding is intended to assist individuals and families that earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI) in a metropolitan area. HUD defines these categories based upon household income, adjusted for family size. The maximum income for a family of four in 2023 is: \$30,000 (0-30% of MFI), \$45,200 (31-50% of MFI), and \$72,300 (51-80% of MFI).

#### Cuyahoga Housing Consortium

The City of Cleveland Heights is a member of the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (Consortium) (*see attached Map*). The five Consortium members – the HUD entitlement jurisdictions of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, Parma, and the Cuyahoga County Urban County – formed the HUD-approved Consortium 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 two-thirds of all county residents (840,000 persons) – to ensure broader planning and coordination on affordable housing issues within Cuyahoga County.

In some sections, the FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Plan for the Cuyahoga County Urban County incorporates discussions pertaining to the Consortium as a whole.

## Cuyahoga Housing Consortium Communities



### Cuyahoga Consortium

#### 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.

#### HOUSING NEEDS

Cleveland Heights, Ohio, a community of 19,235 households and 45,390 persons (2011-15 ACS), is located in northeastern Cuyahoga County. Between 2009 and 2015, the population declined 2% and the number of households decreased 1%. While the median income, at \$53,014, increased 8% between 2009 and 2015, 42% of all households have incomes that are 80% or less of the (HUD) Area Median Family Income (HAMFI). Poverty citywide was 19% and varied by Census Tract.

The percentages of all households whose incomes were 80% or less of HAMFI varied depending on household type: households with one or more children six years or younger (50%, 1,184 households);

large family households (51%, 690 households); households containing at least one elderly person 62 years or older (41%, 2,494 households), and small family households (28%, 1,920 households).

Housing affordability is one of the most prevalent housing problems in Cleveland Heights. Median rent, at \$750, and median housing value, at \$128,400, while similar to the county medians, still pose a financial burden for households with lower incomes. Another measure of affordability is cost burden (spending more than 30% of income for housing), or severe cost burden (spending more than 50% of income for housing). Of the 2,345 households with a cost burden greater than 30%, 1,985 households (69% renters and 31% owners) had incomes that were 80% or less of HAMFI. Of the 3,039 households with a cost burden greater than 50%, 2,975 households (59% renters and 41% owners) had incomes that were 80% or less of HAMFI. Small family households, the elderly, and "other" (one-person) households with incomes that were 80% or less of HAMFI experienced the greatest burden.

Poverty also continues to put low-income individuals and families with children at-risk of homelessness.

### **Needs of Homeless Persons and Families**

The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) collects data on the extent and nature of homelessness in Cuyahoga County through the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care (CoC) providers at emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing facilities utilizing the Homeless Management Information System. The OHS/CoC also conducts the annual Point-in-Time count, which is conducted in accordance with HUD standards. It is estimated that about 2,044 persons experience homelessness on any given night; about 7,250 persons experience homelessness each year; and almost 3,441 persons – both individuals and families – lose their housing and become homeless each year. The homeless include chronically homeless individuals and families, children, and veterans. Two-thirds of homeless persons are Black or African American, and just over 30% are White. About 1% of homeless persons are unsheltered.

In Cuyahoga County, the extensive network of public, private, and non-profit agencies that comprise the 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. Particular emphasis is placed on assisting chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, persons with HIV/AIDS, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. 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.

### **AP-05 Objectives and Outcomes Summary (continued)**

The City of Cleveland Heights does not receive HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funds that assist in implementing these strategies, however residents of any community countywide, including Cleveland Heights, can utilize the CoC's services.

## **Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs**

HUD has defined a number of special needs categories of persons within the low- and moderate-income population: elderly (age 62 and older); frail elderly; persons with mental, physical, and/or developmental disabilities; persons with alcohol or other drug addiction; persons with HIV/AIDS and their families; and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Persons in all these categories live in Consortium jurisdictions and have housing and supportive service needs.

A network of providers delivers housing and supportive service in Cuyahoga County to meet the needs of special needs populations.

## **HOUSING MARKET**

Cleveland Heights, a built-out first ring suburb of Cleveland, had more than two-thirds of its housing construction occur pre-1950. The 2011-15 ACS data showed 21,805 housing units in Cleveland Heights, a 1% decrease since 2000. Of these units, almost 88% were occupied and 12% were vacant. Of the occupied housing units, about 57% were owner-occupied, while 43% were renter-occupied. Owner and renter occupancy varied by Census Tract.

About 64% of all units (13,870 units) in Cleveland Heights were single-family (detached or attached) housing units, 12% (2,580 units) were 2-4 units, 12% (2,710 units) were 5-19 units, and 12% (2,570 units) were structures with 20 or more units. Percentages of structures with a large number of units varied by Census Tract.

The number of bedrooms in housing units showed considerable variation by tenure. Larger units were more common among owners (10,870 units): 90% of units had 3 or more bedrooms and 9% of units had 2 bedrooms. Conversely, of renter-occupied units (8,360 units) only 33% had 3 or more bedrooms, 31% had 2 bedrooms, 33% had 1 bedroom, and 3% had zero bedrooms.

In terms of affordability, a limited number of units are affordable to low income renter households: 5% at 30% HAMFI, about 13% at 50% HAMFI, and about 35% at 80% HAMFI. The situation is even more serious for owner households: (no data at 30% HAMFI), about 7% at 50% HAMFI, about 17% at 80% HAMFI, and 23% at 100% HAMFI.

## **Cost of Housing**

When compared to housing costs in other parts of the country, the overall housing market in Cuyahoga County and Cleveland Heights has remained relatively affordable for the last several decades. During the Great Recession, rents remained stagnant and home values fluctuated substantially. Median home sale prices have stabilized and have increased gradually in Cleveland Heights from 2016 through 2019. No significant change is anticipated in the overall affordability of the housing market relative to home

values or rent levels. The potential impact of the current coronavirus pandemic on real estate prices during the next several years is unclear.

### **Housing Condition**

About 93% of the housing units in Cleveland Heights were built in 1979 or earlier, meaning that cyclical maintenance is an ongoing need. Only about 2% of the housing units experienced the situation of overcrowding, lack of complete kitchen facilities, or lack of complete plumbing facilities.

Lead based-paint (LBP) hazard is an ongoing issue due to the quantity of pre-1980 housing stock. While lead remediation has occurred in a limited number of units, childbirth and/or the movement of households to unremediated units creates new situations of LBP hazards for small children.

### **AP-05 Objectives and Outcomes Summary (second continuation)**

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN**

##### **Goals and Programs**

The City of Cleveland Heights has identified four goals, through which activities will be implemented during the next five years:

**Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing:** provide programs for renters and owners, including down-payment assistance, home improvement, weatherization/energy efficiency, accessibility improvements, and correction of building code violations. Eligible areas will receive building code enforcement services. As a result of a local/state/national emergency or natural disaster, the City may improve neighborhood stability by assisting renters and/or owners who are at-risk of foreclosure, eviction, and/or utility termination to remain in their housing.

**Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods:** improve the physical condition, health, and safety of neighborhoods with projects such as improvements to rights-of-way, water and/or sewer lines, and/or public facilities. The City may also fund activities to remediate blighted conditions.

**Provide Needed Public Services:** focus on the elderly, frail elderly, persons with physical disabilities, persons with developmental disabilities, and low- and moderate-income families with children as a priority for housing assistance. The City will assist public service activities that include - but are not limited to - education, work, transportation, healthcare, housing, fair housing, healthy food access, and domestic violence. The City may support interrupted or at-risk governmental functions.

**Increase Economic Opportunities:** provide public infrastructure improvements to aid economic development; assist for-profit commercial enterprises with access to working capital, building rehabilitation and new construction activities designed to create or retain jobs; eliminate substandard or blighted building and neighborhood conditions.

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

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

The City of Cleveland Heights has programmed its Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds for activities that significantly address neighborhood and community issues and will continue to do so. For example, housing rehabilitation work eliminates significant health and safety deficiencies; the downpayment assistance program strengthens neighborhoods and supports community property values by creating new homeowners; code enforcement activities over time have resulted in a decrease in the number of housing units with serious exterior violations; the storefront renovation and commercial loan programs strengthen local businesses and retain/create jobs; and essential public services that assist youth, the elderly, and other groups of residents in need of assistance help households with low- and moderate-income prevent homelessness and build towards self-sufficiency.

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

During the development of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, the City of Cleveland Heights utilized notices in a newspaper of general circulation, public meetings, and internet outreach to solicit public comment. Public notices and documents were posted on the City's website and hybrid online/in-person public hearings were held.

The City of Cleveland Heights has a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), which reviewed funding proposals from the local government and nonprofit organizations. In a series of public meetings, the CAC hosted presentations from the applicants and discussed the proposals. The CAC presented the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan funding recommendations to Cleveland Heights City Council for their review and approval prior to the submission of the documents to HUD. For more specific details about the citizen participation process, please refer to section **PR-15 Citizen Participation**.

The City of Cleveland Heights is active throughout the year in monitoring its activity subrecipients and consulting with nonprofit organizations and public agencies to gain input and feedback. For more specific details about the consultation process, please refer to section **PR-10 Consultation**.

**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.

To be completed at the end of the public comment period and prior to submission to HUD.

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

Not applicable

**7. Summary**

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS	
CDBG Administrator	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS	Dept. of Planning & Development

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

### **Narrative (optional)**

This document discusses the Community Development Block Grant funds received directly by Cleveland Heights, Ohio. 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 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.

In addition to receiving HOME funds, the Consortium leverages the fact that 55 communities in Cuyahoga County work together for the Consolidated Plan process, which is 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), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) formula programs, the four formula programs available to jurisdictions:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).** These funds are used for a variety of community development, neighborhood revitalization, or economic development programs, with the intent of assisting low- and moderate-income people and improving deteriorated areas.
- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).** These funds are used specifically for housing related projects, such as first-time homebuyer assistance or housing rehabilitation. The funds are received directly from HUD by the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium on behalf of its five partner jurisdictions, and Cuyahoga County is the lead administrative entity.
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).** Based upon HUD formulas, only Lakewood and the Cuyahoga County Urban County receive ESG funds directly from HUD. These funds are intended to assist persons and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The funds can be spent in any community in Cuyahoga County.
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA).** In Northeast Ohio, only Cleveland receives HOPWA funds from HUD, and that city coordinates funding in Cuyahoga County and surrounding counties. The funds can be spent in any community in Cuyahoga County.

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

### **1. Introduction**

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

- The Board of Cuyahoga County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) provides housing related activities through a number of 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. During 2018, of the total \$19.5 million spent by the Board related to addiction services, approximately \$1.9 million was spent on housing services.
- There are also persons released from physical health institutions that could be at-risk of homelessness, such as persons who have lost employment during their hospital stay, do not have sufficient savings to pay ongoing housing and housing-related costs during their hospital stay, and do not have a support network of other persons to assist them through this period. Social workers at physical health institutions have access to resources such as United Way of Greater Cleveland's 211/First Call For Help, an information clearinghouse staffed 24-hours-a-day to provide information on a variety of health, housing, and human service needs. In addition to United Way and its partner organizations, the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services is also available to assist in an effort to prevent a homelessness situation from occurring.
- Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority police officers receive training to better handle social problems they confront, such as poverty, domestic violence, drug abuse, and child welfare. At the time of assistance, officers make referrals to mental health professionals. Counselors respond within 48 hours to schedule counseling, and an evaluation visit takes place within three days. The Police Assisted Referral (PAR) program is a partnership led by the Partnership for a Safer Cleveland and includes the CMHA Police Department, Case Western Reserve University's Begun Center on Violence Prevention Research and Education at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, FrontLine, and Beech Brook.

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

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

**Guaranteed Access to Shelter**

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

**HousingFirst 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. About 80% of residents remain in their apartments, with almost all engaged in services. The rate of emergency room visits and hospitalizations has been substantially reduced. About 20% of the residents move on to more independent housing situations and/or reunite with family. Only a small percentage of persons return to a shelter.

**Hospital Protocols for the Homeless**

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

**211/First Call for Help**

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

## **Discharge Policies**

State and local governments are required to have Discharge Coordination Policies and Protocols in place to ensure that a person being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, such as health care facility, mental health care facility, foster care, youth facility, or correctional facility, is not discharged into homelessness. The CoC has adopted existing State policies and procedures or developed its own policies and procedures to address this need.

## **Cuyahoga County Office of Re-Entry**

The Cuyahoga County Office of Re-entry, Department of Health and Human Services, addresses the needs of persons returning to Cuyahoga County from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The Office funds agencies, programs, and entities working with individuals in jail, prison, or on community control, probation or parole. These entities serve currently incarcerated persons, persons under community control sanctions, juveniles, people formerly incarcerated, and others with a range of judicial backgrounds, including arrests. A client is someone returning to the community after a period of incarceration and experiencing significant barriers to reintegration, including employment, education, housing, or support services such as behavioral health and substance abuse treatment.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights is not a recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant funding.

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

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

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Health Agency Other government - County
	<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.

2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Cleveland Heights - Housing Programs
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - Local Grantee Department
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis 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>	This City department and the City Department of Planning and Development have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the housing needs of Cleveland Heights residents.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Cleveland Heights - Office on Aging
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local Grantee Department
	<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>	This City office and the City Department of Planning and Development have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the needs of elderly Cleveland Heights residents.

4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth 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 Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - Local
	<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.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Cuyahoga County Board of Health
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Health Agency 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 Development
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy 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. This agency is the lead entity for the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium for HOME funds. Consortium members partner with this agency on economic development projects.
8	<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.

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 Services - Housing 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.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing 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>	FutureHeights
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Education Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis 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>	The City of Cleveland Heights and this organization have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis concerning neighborhood revitalization and various community issues.
13	<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 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>	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.

14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b> <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Home Repair Resource Center Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs 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>	The City of Cleveland Heights and this organization have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the housing needs of Cleveland Heights residents and housing market issues in Cleveland Heights.
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b> <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment 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>	The City of Cleveland Heights and this organization have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the housing needs of Cleveland Heights residents with mobility disabilities and housing market issues in Cleveland Heights.

16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b> <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Regional organization Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis 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>	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.
17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b> <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b> <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium Regional organization Planning organization Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis 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>	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.
18	<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-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 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.
19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Parma Public Housing Agency
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA 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.
20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children 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>	The City of Cleveland Heights and this organization have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the housing needs of School District families and housing market issues in Cleveland Heights.
21	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Cleveland Heights - Department of Public Works
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	<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>	This City department and the City Department of Planning and Development have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address the infrastructure needs of Cleveland Heights residents.
22	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Service-Fair Housing

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<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 City of Cleveland Heights, the Department of Planning and Development and FHCRR have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address housing issues in Cleveland Heights.

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

All Agency Types were consulted.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care	The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals support the goals of the Continuum of Care (CoC). The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Homeless Services (OHS) serves all 59 communities in Cuyahoga County and coordinates the CoC, an extensive network of private, and non-profit agencies that facilitate and/or provide, either directly or indirectly, assisted housing, health services, and social services to persons in Cuyahoga County who are chronically homeless, homeless, or are at-risk of homelessness. For more information, see the CoC Plan, CoC Plan Update, and Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Annual Overview.
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 more than dollars provided by HUD, the Plan emphasizes that investments should create high-quality, well-connected places, and opportunities for people to live, work, and play, as well as to and preparation for jobs and careers, and accelerate business growth. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals, use the same themes as the Economic Development Plan, and reinforce these investment objectives of the Cuyahoga County Economic Development Plan. <a href="https://www.cuyahogacounty.us/docs/default-source/development/economicdevelopmentplan.pdf">https://www.cuyahogacounty.us/docs/default-source/development/economicdevelopmentplan.pdf</a>

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Rebuilding as One: A Common Sense Approach to Housing	Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium	This 2013 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, strengthening, and promoting stability. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus significant housing funds on investing in existing housing through rehabilitation and homebuyer programs plus code enforcement, which reinforce the strategies outlined in the Rebuilding as One report. <a href="http://nebula.wsimg.com/dcb273f93355b0f0d3ee06c9cd4429ee?AccessKeyId=09E1CA301C4A0B66503D&amp;disposition=0">http://nebula.wsimg.com/dcb273f93355b0f0d3ee06c9cd4429ee?AccessKeyId=09E1CA301C4A0B66503D&amp;disposition=0</a>
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 was developed by 33 organizations developed a vision for the future of Northeast Ohio. The eight objectives include promoting investment in established communities, developing the regional economy with accessible employment opportunities, and enhancing the regional transportation network. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus on investing funds in housing, businesses, and infrastructure in developed neighborhoods, commercial districts, and industrial areas, which reinforce the goals of Vibrant NEO 2040. <a href="http://vibrantneo.org">http://vibrantneo.org</a>
Cleveland Heights Master Plan	City of Cleveland Heights	A Master Plan outlines a community's vision for the future and then describes specific action steps that can be undertaken to accomplish them. A Master Plan allows the city to assess whether policies and actions currently undertaken are addressing the community's needs in a timely manner, and in doing so, are accomplishing long-term goals. Completed in 2017, the document is organized through a community vision through the following eight priority areas: Vibrant Neighborhoods, Complete Transportation Network, Environmental Sustainability, Business Friendly, Strong Business Environment, High-Quality Infrastructure, Hub for Arts and Culture, Diverse and Open Community, Safe and Engaged Community, and Healthy Community. <a href="https://www.clevelandheights.com/234/Master-Plan">https://www.clevelandheights.com/234/Master-Plan</a>
2020 Clev Hts Analysis of Impediments to FH Choice	City of Cleveland Heights	The 2020 AI examines housing practices within the community, identifies impediments to fair housing choice and recommends actions to address these impediments, and practices in order to minimize these impediments. The plan is regularly consulted and is utilized when developing goals and priorities when drafting policies and plans.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

**Narrative (optional)**

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## AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

### 1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

#### Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The 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 cable TV channels. Outreach is also expanded through members of citizen advisory committees or special interest groups, as well as program subrecipients. Outreach is also conducted at community facilities, such as posting notices at recreation centers, senior centers, libraries, and municipal buildings. These actions increase the opportunity for residents from 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 also undertake the following types of actions to encourage citizen involvement:

- Translation services can be provided for non-English speaking residents.
- Meeting locations and office space housing Consortium jurisdiction staffs are accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Meetings, hearings and all other public activities are scheduled at times and locations convenient to encourage attendance.
- Reasonable and timely access is provided to information and records relating to the Consolidated Plan and use of HUD assistance.
- Each Consortium jurisdiction has a Citizen Participation Plan, which is available on request.

The Cuyahoga County Department of Development, as the lead administrative entity for the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium, was responsible for overseeing the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, with assistance from PlaceMark Collaborative, LLC, Lakewood, Ohio.

The following table shows the public comment process undertaken by Cleveland Heights. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the Ohio Governor's stay-in-place order, documents were available on jurisdiction websites and online public hearings were held.

All public meetings were held on weekday evenings or weekdays during the day. All jurisdictions linked the public meetings for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the FY 2020 Annual Plan, which provided continuity for discussing both short-term and long-term timeframes. Also, jurisdictions with a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) coupled the public meetings for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan to the public meetings of

their CAC, which were in the process of receiving presentations from organizations and making funding recommendations for the FY 2020 Annual Plan.

All public meetings were held at well-known local facilities that were accessible to persons with disabilities. At each public meeting, the Five-Year Consolidated Plan was listed and discussed as a separate agenda item. The discussions included presentations of background information, data, and priorities, and time was allotted for audience questions.

The staffs of Consortium jurisdictions provide technical assistance to groups developing proposals for funding assistance under the Consolidated Plan. Offers of technical assistance are included as part of application materials, published notices, and/or made verbally during group meetings. Staffs also provide their contact information on their respective websites. Technical assistance, on a one-on-one basis, often includes explanations concerning programs, potential projects, application procedures, or application content.

### Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Print (Sun News) and online notification on the City's website advertising 2 CAC Public Hearings where Year 50 applicants present their requests and discuss past performance.	No formal comments were received.	NA	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	CAC Public Hearings were held on August 8 and August 15, 2023. Applicants presented their requests and discussed their past performance. Minutes are available on the City's website.	No formal comments were received.	NA	<a href="http://www.clevelandheights.gov">www.clevelandheights.gov</a>
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	An ad was placed in the Sun News on January 11, 2024 advertising the Year 50 allocations, announcing the 30 day public comment period, soliciting public comments and announcing a public hearing scheduled for January 17, 2024.	To be determined	To be determined	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on January 17, 2024 for the purposes of reviewing the draft 2024 Annual Action Plan, to offer an opportunity for public comment and for the Citizen Advisory Committee to review any public comments that had been received to that point.	To be determined	To be determined	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,550,000	126,500	287,880	1,964,380	0	The listed prior year resources are reprogrammed prior year resources.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Cleveland Heights has been successful in leveraging additional funds. Many of the City's rehabilitation programs require the homeowner to match funds they receive. For example, the Home Repair Resource Center has established good working relationships with several area banks that contribute to their ability to leverage additional funds. The City works to maximize our infrastructure projects by leveraging federal, state and county resources where possible. Most of our Public Service subrecipients receive funding from multiple public and private agencies and individuals. The City also requires a matching percentage from all commercial businesses which participate in our Commercial Loan or Storefront Renovation projects.

The City of Cleveland Heights is also a partner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to implement the Lead Safe Cuyahoga program. This program assists with the removal of lead hazards in low- and moderate-income households where children under the age of six are residing in the home or, in the case of rental units, where there is a high probability of children residing. Property owners must provide a minimum matching percentage to participate in the program unless exempted by an administrative decision. Cuyahoga County has also allocated local funds in order to address lead hazards in homes that are above 80% AMI and/or cannot afford the property owner match.

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

For 2024, the public land that will be utilized for CDBG projects include: Cain Park and the Antisdale Road Right-of-Way. The City of Cleveland Heights anticipates that the Cain Park Playground will help assist children with and without disabilities, particularly children from low- and moderate-income households in the surrounding neighborhoods. Antisdale Road will assist low- and moderate-income households in the immediate area as well as all travelers that utilize this local road. City owned offices and public facilities will be utilized for administrative purposes, program delivery purposes and for the direct provision of services that will improve the accessibility, sustainability and the affordability of housing.

**Discussion**

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## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs Housing	CDBG: \$929,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 84 Household Housing Unit
2	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor Code Enforcement LMA's	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs	CDBG: \$293,854	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12760 Households Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1050 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Provide Needed Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Cleveland Heights	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs	CDBG: \$241,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4615 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Households Assisted
4	Increase Economic Opportunities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs	CDBG: \$190,000	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 8 Business Jobs created/retained: 30 Jobs Businesses assisted: 8 Businesses Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>Goal I: Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing will be carried out by four organizations in 2024: the City of Cleveland Heights' Housing Preservation Office (HPO), the Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC), FutureHeights CDC, and Start Right CDC. Activities undertaken by HPO in 2024 are: the Senior Housing Rehabilitation Program, the Housing Rehabilitation Program (prior year funds), the LMI Code Enforcement Program, and Program Delivery Costs associated with the aforementioned programs. Additionally, HPO operates the HOME-funded Deferred Loan and No Interest Loan Programs; and the Lead Safe Cuyahoga and Healthy Homes Programs. Activities undertaken by HRRC in 2024 are: the Assist Incentive Grant Program, Deferred Loan Match Program, Senior Home Stability Grant Program, Lead Remediation Program (prior year funds), the Assist 0% Program (prior year funds), and Program Delivery Costs associated with the aforementioned programs. HRRC also administers the HOME-funded Down Payment Assistance Program. In 2024, FutureHeights will be continuing their FutureHomes Program. In 2024, Start Right CDC will be continuing their Good Neighbor Home Rehab (prior year funds) Program.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>Goal II: Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods is being carried out by three city departments and one non-profit organization in 2024: the City of Cleveland Heights' Public Works Department, the City of Cleveland Heights' Housing Preservation Office, the City of Cleveland Heights' Public Buildings and Lands Department, and Jewish Family Services of Greater Cleveland (Chesed Center). The Public Works Department will be replacing the road and sewer line on Antisdale Road utilizing CDBG funds. The Housing Preservation Office conducts systematic housing code enforcement in low-mod areas and the removal of slum and blighted conditions throughout the City (nuisance abatement). The Department of Public Buildings and Lands will be utilizing CDBG funds to replace a playground with accessibility features that serves low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Jewish Family Services will be rehabilitating the Chesed Center property, a kosher food pantry.</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Needed Public Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Goal III: Provide Needed Public Services will be carried out by 10 different organizations in 2024. These organizations are: the Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC), the City of Cleveland Heights' Office on Aging, The City of Cleveland Heights' Housing Preservation Office (HPO), the City of Cleveland Heights' Recreation Department, the Heights Emergency Food Center, Family Connections, Open Doors Academy (ODA), Start Right CDC, Gesher, Lake Erie Ink, Naaleh Cleveland and the Chesed Center.
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Increase Economic Opportunities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Goal IV: Increase Economic Opportunities, will utilize 1 organization in 2024: the City of Cleveland Heights' Economic Development Department. The City's Economic Development Department operates several programs with 2023 funds, prior year funds and program income. These programs include: the Storefront Renovation Rebate and Grant Programs, the Commercial Revolving Loan Fund, the Microenterprise Assistance Loan Fund and the program delivery costs associated with administering the aforementioned programs.

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

There are three national objectives under the CDBG program that all projects must meet.

- 1) CDBG regulations require that no less than 70% of a grant can be awarded to projects that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
- 2) CDBG funds may aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blighted conditions.
- 3) CDBG funds may be utilized to address other community development needs having a 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.

The CDBG Program is flexible and allows the City to determine how best to meet the needs of its low- and moderate-income residents. The goals established in the Consolidated Plan guide the City in awarding CDBG funds.

The City of Cleveland Heights will certify that 70% of the aggregate expenditure of CDBG funds over three years (2023, 2024, and 2025) will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.

The figures listed for programs do not include funds that were allocated in prior years and funds that will be matched or leveraged through financial institutions and property owners on individual projects. Program income is budgeted back into the program that generated it, with the exception of funds being repaid to programs that no longer operate under CDBG. The defunct Short Term Deferred Loan, Deferred and No Interest housing loan repayments will be budgeted to the Housing Rehab Program.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Fair Housing Activities
3	Neighborhood Engagement
4	Housing Rehabilitation LMI
5	Commercial District Revitalization
6	Public Facilities
7	Youth Programs

#	Project Name
8	Emergency Assistance
9	Senior Adult Programs
10	Housing Counseling
11	LMI Code Enforcement
12	Slum/Blight Removal
13	Mental Health Services

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

Maximum priority is given to low-mod activities. Activities that achieve a low-mod housing benefit are given top priority, followed by low-mod area benefit, low-mod limited clientele benefit, and low-mod job seekers.

## **AP-38 Project Summary**

### **Project Summary Information**

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<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$226,999
	<b>Description</b>	CDBG funds contribute to salaries and related administrative expenses for staff in the Department of Planning and Development, planning costs, GIS, and accounting assistance from the Finance Department.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A - Admin activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	Cleveland Heights City Hall (40 Severance Circle)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CDBG funds contribute to salaries and related administrative expenses for staff in the Department of Planning and Development, planning costs, GIS, and accounting assistance from the Finance Department.
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Fair Housing Activities
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$38,525
	<b>Description</b>	Activities to affirmatively further fair housing choice.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A - Admin activity

	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations throughout Cleveland Heights
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rental and sales audits, eviction prevention, diversity education, and racial equity and inclusion training.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Neighborhood Engagement
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$45,000
	<b>Description</b>	This project is an admin activity that will provide funding for programs that will support community capacity building in Cleveland Heights neighborhoods.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A - Admin activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	2843 Washington Blvd. and additional locations throughout Cleveland Heights
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Neighborhood leadership program, civic group technical assistance and neighborhood advocacy.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation LMI
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$94,331,264

	<b>Description</b>	This program provides funds for rehabilitation and repairs for low- and moderate-income homeowners. Housing program administration is also charged to CDBG for the operation of LMI Housing Rehabilitation programs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated that 84 low- and moderate-income, owner-occupied households will benefit from the activities under this project.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations throughout Cleveland Heights.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	HRRC Administration, HRRC Assist Incentive Grants, HRRC Assist Deferred Loan Match Program, HRRC Senior Home Stability program, HRRC Home in the Heights, HRRC Lead Hazard Reduction Program, HPO Administration, HPO Senior Home Repair Program, HPO Home Repair Program, Start Right CDC Good Neighbor Program and FutureHeights FutureHomes Program.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Commercial District Revitalization
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Increase Economic Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$190,000
	<b>Description</b>	This program provides funding for various activities which address the revitalization of the numerous commercial districts located in Cleveland Heights. CDBG funds also contribute to the administrative costs associated with the program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated that 8 businesses will be assisted, 30 low-mod jobs will be created or retained and 8 facades will be rehabilitated.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities will take place throughout the City of Cleveland Heights.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planned activities include: the storefront renovation rebate and loan program, the commercial revolving loan program and the microenterprise assistance loan program.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Target Area</b>	Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$243,854
	<b>Description</b>	This project provides access to public facilities and constructs and rehabilitates public facilities with the intention of improving access.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	These activities will benefit low- and moderate-income households in low- and moderate-income areas. Approximately 12,760 households will benefit from these activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities will take place on Antisdale Road, Cain Park, and the Chesed Center (1898 S Taylor Rd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118).
<b>7</b>	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planned activities for this project are: the Antisdale Road and Sewer Replacement Project, 2024 Park Improvements (Cain Park Playground), and the Chesed Center Capital Improvements Project.
	<b>Project Name</b>	Youth Programs
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Needed Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$87,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be provided to support activities which address the needs of youth in low- and moderate-income families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Low- and moderate-income families with school-aged children.

	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations throughout the community including, in-homes, Monticello Middle School, Roxboro Middle School, Oxford Elementary School, Noble Elementary School, Boulevard Elementary School, and the Cleveland Heights Community Center.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planned activities include: Family Connections Family School Connection Program and Parent Cafe, Open Doors Academy Middle School and High School Programs, Lake Erie Ink, and the WAVE Mentoring Program.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Emergency Assistance
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Needed Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$87,000
	<b>Description</b>	This project will assist low- and moderate-income individuals and families that seek assistance due to unemployment, fixed income or any emergency that has left them in need of adequate food, shelter, etc.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated that the activities undertaken under this project will benefit 3,335 low- and moderate-income families without adequate food or families eligible for various state and federal programs.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities under this category will take place at the Heights Emergency Food Center, the Start Right CDC Food Pantry, the Gesher Benefits Bank Office, and the Chesed Center.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The planned activities are the Heights Emergency Food Center, the Start Right CDC Food Pantry, the Gesher Benefits Assistance Program and the Chesed Center Food Pantry program.
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Senior Adult Programs
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Needed Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$40,000

	<b>Description</b>	This project will provide Cleveland Heights senior citizens with social work services as needed.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 600 low- and moderate-income families with senior citizens will benefit from this project.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The Cleveland Heights Office on Aging (1 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights).
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Cleveland Heights Office on Aging Resource Assistance program.
10	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Counseling
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Provide Needed Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	This project provides counseling on financial literacy, first-time homebuyer issues, budgeting for home repair projects and other appropriate topics.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 200 families will benefit from this project that are low- and moderate-income households in need of housing or in need of assistance for housing related issues.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The Home Repair Resource Center
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Home Repair Resource Center's Housing Counseling Program.
11	<b>Project Name</b>	LMI Code Enforcement
	<b>Target Area</b>	Code Enforcement LMA's
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000

	<b>Description</b>	This project provides Code Enforcement services in areas identified by HUD as low- and moderate-income areas.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Households in low- and moderate-income areas.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low- and moderate-income areas.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	LMA Housing Code Enforcement
12	<b>Project Name</b>	Slum/Blight Removal
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$85,688
	<b>Description</b>	The Nuisance Abatement Program addresses blighted properties within the City. CDBG funds also contribute to the administration of the Nuisance Abatement Program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated that 200 households in close vicinity to slum or blighted properties will benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Residential and commercial properties throughout Cleveland Heights.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Cleveland Heights Nuisance Abatement Program.
13	<b>Project Name</b>	Mental Health Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Cleveland Heights
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Needed Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Naaleh Cleveland seeks to assist approximately 400 residents with at least 51% coming from low-mod households.

	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Low- and moderate-income households in need of mental health services.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The Naalah Cleveland Office
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Naalah Cleveland's counseling program and the High-Risk Teen Mentoring program.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

The City of Cleveland Heights is a diverse community that prides itself on its integrated neighborhoods. The city has a minority population of 23,137, representing 48.9% of the total population according to the 2010 census. The most recent data provided by HUD from the 2011-2015 ACS shows that there are 12 census block groups in the city which qualify as low- and moderate-income eligible areas.

Improvement Target Areas have been identified through a survey developed and conducted by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. This process was approved by HUD. The Improvement Target Area survey instrument is used to evaluate the condition of individual properties. An update to the Improvement Target Area study was conducted in 2012 and a completed report from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission was received in 2013. The areas determined to be ITAs are the following: the intersection of Noble and Mayfield Roads (north side); the intersection of Mayfield and Lee Roads (south side) and the intersection of Cedar and South Taylor Roads (south side).

This updated Improvement Target Area study will be utilized in implementing the Storefront Renovation programs described in this plan that address area slum and blight.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
City of Cleveland Heights	100
Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor	
Code Enforcement LMA's	
North Coventry	

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

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

Most programs are available to low and moderate income households throughout the city as they are a direct low-mod housing benefit, low-mod area benefit or limited clientele benefit (Public Service activities). The exceptions are the programs that eliminate a slum/blight condition as determined by a HUD approved blight survey. Some programs only take place in Census designated Low- and Moderate-

Income areas.

## **Discussion**

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## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

The City of Cleveland Heights prioritizes low-mod housing benefit programs. Approximately \$843,312.64 of 2024 funds, program income and reallocated prior year funds has been allocated to the Housing Rehabilitation LMI project. 82 owner-occupied households are expected to be assisted in 2024. An additional 2 homes are projected to be rehabilitated and sold to low- and moderate-income households.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	84
Special-Needs	0
Total	84

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	84
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	84

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

Cuyahoga County and the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority are the responsible entities for Public Housing in Cleveland Heights. However, Cleveland Heights is committed to assisting current and future affordable housing projects, particularly Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects, through the use of CDBG, HOME and Lead Safe funds.

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

The City approved funds to improve accessibility for the Margaret Wagner House (Benjamin Rose Institute) in 2022. This project will be completed in 2024. Funds are being used to develop neighborhood plans that address the need for affordable housing.

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

Funds are allocated to fair housing activities that communicate residents' rights and opportunities. Additionally funds are allocated to Community Capacity Building that encourages residents to participate in civic life.

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

Not applicable.

### **Discussion**

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

### **Introduction**

The Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services and a network of non-profit partners operates homelessness programs in Cleveland Heights. While outreach, emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing and other programs aimed at homelessness are operated by the County, the City of Cleveland Heights has been committed to preventing homelessness through home repair programs that pursue housing affordability, housing counseling services, benefit referral services and eviction prevention services.

### **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**

Cuyahoga County is the responsible entity in regards to homeless outreach, however, the City partners with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to identify individuals at risk of homelessness due to evictions through our municipal court.

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

Cuyahoga County is the responsible entity in regards emergency shelter and transitional housing.

#### **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**

Cuyahoga County is the responsible entity in regards emergency shelter and transitional housing.

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

**employment, education, or youth needs.**

The City of Cleveland Heights is committed to preventing homelessness through home repair programs that pursue housing affordability, housing counseling services, benefit referral services and eviction prevention services.

## **Discussion**

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

### **Introduction:**

The City of Cleveland Heights maintains great diversity in its housing stock, both in form and in affordability. The city has a reputation for being a welcoming and inclusive community. Land use regulations, zoning requirements and other public policies are designed to preserve the historic nature of our neighborhoods, preserve and improve connections to/from/between neighborhoods, expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life.

### **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**

Actions are being proposed to improve the affordability of the City's housing stock. Following the foreclosure crisis, many of the City's housing units turned vacant and the City continues to provide incentives to bring these units into code compliance. A city-wide property tax abatement program currently incentivizes investment in low-mod neighborhoods, improving both residential and commercial opportunities. Further, the City is exploring partnering with various non-profits to become developers of affordable mixed-use and infill housing. The City also updated its zoning code's definition of family in order to prevent housing discrimination of non-traditional family units and group quarters.

### **Discussion:**

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## AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

### **Introduction:**

The City of Cleveland Heights works closely with public and private partners to leverage its resources including various grants from Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio. This applies to many of our nonprofit partners including the Home Repair Resource Center, the Fiar HOusing Center for Rights and Research and FutureHeights. In addition, the City also prides itself on the level of civic engagement that we enjoy.

In 2015 the City began a Master Planning process, in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, which was completed in 2017. The Master Plan includes policies and implementation strategies to accomplish the City's vision. These are organized into 11 major topic areas: Future Land Use, Vibrant Neighborhoods, Complete Transportation Network, Environmentally Sustainable Community, Business Friendly, Strong Business Districts, High Quality Infrastructure, Hub for Arts and Culture, A Diverse and Open Community, A Safe and Engaged Community, and A Healthy Community. The Master Plan attempts to be a fully integrated plan addressing the various elements that make Cleveland Heights a viable community and it does recognize the efforts already being undertaken and described in this Consolidated Plan. The implementation section will provide additional potential revenue sources that the City can apply for in order to strengthen and expand the community development efforts already undertaken and described in this Consolidated Plan. In 2018, Cleveland Heights City Council passed a Complete and Green Streets Policy that sets requirements for improving all modes of transportation throughout the City. The Policy directs coordination among City Departments and defines metrics for measuring success. Persons of low- and moderate-income and persons with disabilities particularly benefit from such a policy due to the decreased access and utilization of personal motorized vehicles. In 2019, the City of Cleveland Heights won the award for Best Complete Streets Policy by Smart Growth America.

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

The greatest obstacle to meeting underserved needs in our community is the uncertainty of the amount of Community Development Block Grant as well as other federal and state resources. City Council and staff work diligently to ensure that all residents are able to have the highest quality of life and healthy sustainable neighborhoods.

City staff continually works to identify, apply and utilize funding from additional sources to strengthen our Community. Recently, the City has been able to secure Demolition Funds from Cuyahoga County enabling the removal of blighted, vacant and abandoned structures. Additionally the City participates in the Lead Safe Cuyahoga rebate program, administering approximately \$110,000 per year in lead abatement/remediation funds.

The City has also been fortunate to receive grants from various sources in recent years that have

enabled us to undertake projects that have or will benefit the community when completed. These include four Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) grants through the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, two Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF) grants from the Ohio EPA and transportation enhancement funds from the state of Ohio and American Rescue Plan Act funds.

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

The City will continue to offer programs that make or keep housing affordable in the city. Cleveland Heights is a community with a wide variety of housing opportunities including: apartment buildings, modest single family homes, two-family homes, medium priced to very high end single family homes, townhomes and condominiums. With our large rental market and competitive house prices, the city is often affordable with regard to housing options.

The City of Cleveland Heights has entered into an agreement with Cuyahoga County and the cities of Euclid, Lakewood and Parma to jointly participate in HOME program funding by creating the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium. The consortium has allowed for the coordination of housing program delivery by CDBG entitlement communities.

Most of our housing was built prior to 1945 and therefore home repairs can be a barrier to low- and moderate-income homeowners. Housing rehabilitation costs are barriers that we are addressing to assist low and moderate-income households remain in their homes. We work closely with our Housing Inspections Department and our Office on Aging to provide information to low- and moderate-income homeowners who are cited for code violations about the availability of the City's federally-funded grants and low-interest financing for home improvement projects. Home Repair Resource Center programs also provide education, counseling and funding opportunities to low-and moderate-income residents to help prevent code violations and related safety issues. We also have a HOME funded down-payment assistance program that assists LMI households to be able to afford purchasing their own homes.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights will continue to partner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Cuyahoga Department of Development to implement the Lead Hazard Control/Lead Hazard Reduction Grants. Funds for these programs were successfully secured from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The programs provide grants of up to \$9,000 per unit for the removal of lead hazards from LMI households where children under the age of six reside. Most applicants must provide a minimum of 10% matching funds. Additionally, Cuyahoga County granted the City \$200,000 in 2023 in order to reduce LBP Hazards in properties that are above the 80% AMI requirement or who cannot provide required match funds.

In 2024, the City of Cleveland Heights will begin implementing its new Lead Safe Rental Registration Program. This program requires rental units to pass a lead clearance exam in order to register their

rental property with the City.

The State of Ohio has allocated both Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland Heights funds to address lead based paint hazards. The direct allocation from the State will be used to help implement the City's Lead Safe Rental Registration Program by assisting landlords with the cost of lead clearance exams. Pass through funds through the County will allow us to address lead based paint hazards in childcare facilities.

Lastly, all contractors which are under contract for Federally-funded rehabilitation projects are monitored to ensure that they are following lead-safe practices.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights utilizes its Commercial Loan program as a method to reduce the number of households living below the poverty line. The fund provides assistance to businesses for acquisition, expansion, and rehabilitation activities. The City looks for the creation of low-moderate income jobs as a result of these loan activities. Also, housing counseling is provided to low- and moderate-income homeowners. The counseling includes financial management of the household budget, which assists those persons having few financial means.

In addition, CDBG funds are used to support public service activities that have an impact on poverty. CDBG funds provide support to Gesher, a benefits referral and job placement program. CDBG funds also provide support to the Heights Emergency Food Center and Start Right Food Center, which provide low- and moderate-income families a three-day supply of food every month.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights administers its Community Development Block Grant entitlement grant through its Department of Planning and Development. The institutional structure through which Cleveland Heights carries out its affordable and supportive housing strategy consists of public sector agencies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights continues to foster coordination among public and private housing and social service agencies through several methods. The City allocates CDBG resources to subrecipients who handle a variety of issues, such as housing rehabilitation, fair housing and landlord/tenant concerns. Also, through the allocation of CDBG resources to city departments and social services organizations, the City is assisting entities who are linked into networks of service providers within the metropolitan area, such as the Cleveland Heights Office on Aging, Family Connections of NE Ohio, the Heights Emergency Food Center, the Ohio Fair Lending Coalition, the Greater Cleveland Reinvestment

Coalition and many more.

The CDBG funds augment other revenue sources for these organizations, such as memberships, grants, fund-raising efforts, and other in-kind donations of goods and/or services.

**Discussion:**

**FAIR HOUSING**

The City of Cleveland Heights is committed to fair housing. The City of Cleveland Heights has a Fair Practices Ordinance and staff who work to encourage fair housing.

In 2020, the City completed an updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The AI identified 5 impediments and the City is actively working to overcome and/or remove these barriers. Of priority for 2023, the City will: continue to implement programs that reduce housing cost and evictions in the City for low-mod populations; make special considerations for accessibility in public spaces and encourage accessibility in new housing construction; and continue to monitor banking practices in order to promote fair lending.

The City has also allocated funding to on-going programs that assist in furthering fair housing. These include landlord and tenant counseling, fair housing education and outreach, sales and rental audits, leadership training that targets members of protected classes, Racial Equity and Inclusion Training for City and Non-Profit Staff and the general public and efforts to monitor lending institutions to ensure and promote fair lending.

## **Program Specific Requirements**

### **AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)**

#### **Introduction:**

The City of Cleveland Heights is estimating \$126,500 of Program Income for FY 2024. Program income is budgeted back into the program that generated it, with the exception of funds being repaid to programs that no longer operate under CDBG. The CDBG Short-Term Deferred Loan, Deferred and No Interest housing loan repayments will be budgeted to the HPO Home Rehab Program.

The City of Cleveland Heights will certify that 70% of the aggregate expenditure of CDBG funds over three years (2023, 2024, 2025) will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.

