



**February 5, 2024
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM**

**Cleveland Heights City Hall
Council Chambers
40 Severance Cir
Cleveland Heights, Ohio**

AGENDA - CLEVELAND HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1) Meeting called to order by Council President**
- 2) Roll Call of Council Members**
- 3) Excuse absent members**
- 4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)**
- 5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)**
 - a. December 18, 2023
 - b. December 21, 2023
 - c. January 2, 2024
- 6) Communications from the Mayor**
- 7) City Administrator's Report**
- 8) City Departmental Report(s)**
- 9) Report of the Clerk of Council**
- 10) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only**

(Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit applies. If there are more than 15 speakers, the time will be automatically reduced to 2-minutes. Council President reserves the right to reduce the time limit based on the volume of business on the agenda).
- 11) Public Comment - General**

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12) LEGISLATION

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a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

RESOLUTION NO. 011-2024(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Councilmember Gail Larson to the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership Board of Trustees; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Cuda
Move for Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2024(AS): First Reading. A Resolution appointing Joseph Strauss as an alternate member of the Architectural Board of Review; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Cobb
Move for Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2024(CRR): First Reading. A Resolution recognizing February 1, 2024 as *National Freedom Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Russell
Move for Adoption

b. First Readings Only

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2023(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit the Amended Community Development Block Grant entitlement application and plan for the year beginning January 1, 2019.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2024(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement application for the year beginning January 1, 2024.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

c. Third Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 189-2023(AS): Third Reading As Amended. An Ordinance repealing Chapter 148, “Youth Advisory Commission” of Part One, *Administrative Code*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, and adopting a replacement Chapter 148, “Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board.”

Introduced by Vice President Russell
Move for Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2023(PD): Third Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a development agreement with WXZ CPV LLC, concerning the redevelopment of the Taylor-Tudor buildings; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren
Move for Adoption

- 13) Committee Reports**
- 14) Old Business**
- 15) New Business**
- 16) Council President’s Report**
- 17) Adjournment**

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: FEBRUARY 20, 2024



December 18, 2023
Regular Meeting
7:30 PM

Cleveland Heights City Hall
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MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 7:30pm

Clerk of Council is out sick, Vice President Cobb will act as Clerk

2) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

Excused: None

Absent: None

3) Excuse absent members

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

None

5) Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

a. November 20, 2023

APPROVED

6) Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Seren wanted to express his appreciation for President Hart at the last regular Council meeting over which she will preside and read a proclamation of appreciation in recognition of her work.

7) City Administrator's Report

None

8) City Departmental Report(s)

None

9) Report of the Clerk of Council

None

10) Public Comment - Legislative Agenda Items only

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Speakers

CJ Nash	Citizen	Supports ORD 179-2023 and RES 201-2023
Drew Herzig	Citizen	Supports RES 169-2023 and ORD 123-2023
Jeff Lox	Citizen	Supports RES 169-2023
Melissa Wood	Citizen	Symbolic Resolutions (RES 204-2023 and RES 205-2023); believes these to be performative in nature
Alexandria Ruden	Citizen	Supports RES 168-2023
Eric Logan	Citizen	Supports RES 168-2023
Karin Lash	Citizen	Questions about emergency language, and why a lot is passed on emergency; also has concerns about the shipping containers within the ARPA legislation and believes it is a waste of money (RES 179-2023)
Kara O'Donnell	Citizen	Supports ORD 123-2023 and ORD 179-2023
Amy Rosenbluth	Citizen	Supports ORD 123-2023
Rachel Bernstein	Citizen	Supports ORD 123-2023
Paul Volpe	Citizen	Supports ORD 123-2023 and hopes that the CIC pieces of legislation will

		also pass when they come back on the agenda.
Juanita Brent	State Representative	Supports RES 168-2023

11) LEGISLATION

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a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested

ORDINANCE NO. 199-2023(F): First Reading. An Ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 168-2022(F) and subsequent amending ordinances, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 200-2023(F): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Zupka & Associates for the provision of assistance to the City's Finance Department in the preparation of the annual audit statements for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson

Seconded: Janine Boyd

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson,
Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 201-2023(PD): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn for professional services for the preparation of a Comprehensive & Equitable Safety Action Plan (CESAP); and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.
Seconded: Tony Cuda

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson,
Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 202-2023(AS): First Reading. A Resolution authorizing the renewal of the City's property, vehicle, law enforcement, general, employment practices and public official liability coverage for the City and its employees with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio for the calendar year 2024; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson
Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson,
Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 203-2023(AS): First Reading. A Resolution extending the deadline for the Charter Review Commission to provide a report and recommendations to Council, until May 31, 2024; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.
Seconded: Janine Boyd

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson,

Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

b. Second Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 194-2023(COTW): Second Reading. An Ordinance authorizing the allocation, appropriation and expenditure of ARPA funds; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmembers Hart, Mattox, Larson, Russell, and Boyd

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.
Seconded: Gail Larson

****Vice President Cobb and Councilmember Cuda recused themselves because they are both on the board of the Coventry SID.**

Yes: Janine Boyd, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 195-2023(PD), Second Reading. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13-2019, as amended by Ordinance No. 11-2022, to expand the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Heights Community Improvement Corporation to achieve greater community representation and expertise, modifying the ex-officio membership of the Board by replacing the Director of Housing with the Director of the Department of Planning and Development, and authorizing the Mayor to file appropriate amended Articles of Incorporation.

Introduced by Vice President Cobb and Councilmember Mattox

Motion to adopt: Gail Larson
Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Discussion: Councilmember Cuda is all for expanding the CIC to nine members, but will be voting no because Council will not be making any of the appointments to the CIC. Councilmember Larson commented that there will be an application process that the Mayor has agreed to follow.

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr.
No: Tony Cuda, Davida Russell

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 198-2023(F): Second Reading as Amended. An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Janine Boyd

Discussion: Councilmember Larson says this budget addresses many of the concerns that have been brought up by citizens. She supports this budget wholeheartedly.

President Hart says this budget was a collaborative effort between City Council and the Administration and some significant improvements were made.

Councilmember Cuda says that this budget is clearly a better budget than last year, especially because of the number of capital improvements included.

Thanked the Mayor for requested Council's priorities, and having the administration consider these priorities. Specifically thanked Director Clinkscale (Public Works Director) for the detail she went into in the budget book, and he also thanked Director Unetic (Finance Director) for putting together the first ever budget book which he found extremely helpful. Also thanked Director Ledbetter (Parks and Recs Director) for a lengthy discussion he had with him regarding upgrades/modernization of Cain Park. He did not get everything he wanted, but he understands that everybody can't get everything they ask for.

Councilmember Russell thanked the Mayor for this budget, and thinks this is a very good budget, especially for our seniors with regard to transportation for our seniors and more staff for the senior center. She definitely supports this budget and will be voting yes.

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2023(PSH): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Journey Center for Healing and Safety for a Victim Advocate in the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Boyd

Motion to adopt: Davida Russell

Seconded: Gail Larson

Discussion: Councilmember Boyd recounted the story of Aisha Fraser who was stabbed by her ex-husband in front of their children. She discussed how a legislative approach to domestic violence might have saved Aisha and many others. Spoke about her history with a piece of legislation, Aisha's Law, that she worked on when she was in the State Legislature. She left the State Legislature before being able to pass Aisha's Law, but see's this piece of legislation as a way to finish the work she started and as a way to lead the state where the state failed to lead. Thanked everybody for their support.

Councilmember Cuda thanked Councilmember Boyd for her leadership on this issue; Aisha Fraser was a former colleague of his. Hopefully the work Councilmember Boyd is leading on will help prevent these types of things from happening in the future.

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2023(PSH): Second Reading. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Bellefaire JCB for law enforcement training and an update of the Cleveland Heights Youth Diversion and Mentoring Program to better serve transgender and other LGBTQIA+ youth; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Councilmember Boyd

Motion to adopt: Davida Russell

Seconded: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Discussion: Councilmember Mattox is excited about this legislation and wanted to mention that Bellefaire does amazing work, and appreciates the work they do and is excited to vote yes on this legislation. Thanked Councilmember Boyd for this piece of legislation as well.

Councilmember Russell reiterates Councilmember Mattox, as she herself has had an opportunity to work with Bellefaire in the past and they do amazing work.

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

c. Fourth Readings

ORDINANCE NO. 179-2023(COTW): Fourth Reading as Amended. An

Ordinance authorizing the allocation, appropriation and expenditure of ARPA funds; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by All Council Members

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Discussion: Councilmember Larson says it has been an honor to work on this project. There is still more work to do, but she believes council will be good stewards for these funds and that the residents of this city will see the benefits. She wants her colleagues to keep in mind her suggestion of parklets if money is reallocated.

President Hart thinks this piece of legislation is very good and council has allocated funds to many infrastructure changes that have been overlooked in the past, she expects to see these changes in coming years. It was a very collaborative effort.

Councilmember Russell wants to remind the non-profits who have been allocated money, that our ARPA advisor, Guidehouse has indicated that there will be required reporting because if the money is not being used well, the city can reallocate those funds.

Councilmember Mattox wanted to thank the community for the community engagement around ARPA funding that happened over the last few years. Thanked the community for driving the decision making through this process.

Councilmember Cuda says it was a good exchanged between all of Council; he would like to have seen more money go to infrastructure, specifically more street repairs and more money into commercial districts. But he thinks these allocations reflect this Council as a whole. On balance he supports this piece of legislation.

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2023(AS): Fourth Reading as Amended. An Ordinance amending Part One, Title Five of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to enact a new Chapter 142 "Arts Commission" to establish an Arts Commission for the City of Cleveland Heights and provide for appointment, powers, and duties of the commission; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

1 Introduced by Mayor Seren
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3 **Motion to adopt:** Craig Cobb

4 **Seconded:** Anthony Mattox Jr.
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6 **Motion to amend Section 3 to strike emergency clause:** Melody
7 Joy Hart

8 **Seconded:** Gail Larson
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10 **Yes:** Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail
11 Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell

12 **No:** None
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14 **MOTION PASSED**

15 **Discussion:** Councilmember Cuda recognized the Mayor for bringing this piece
16 of legislation forward, and giving the arts community a voice is a very important
17 thing. He does have a problem with the fact that Council does not make
18 appointments to the Arts Commission; he believes it is an important roll of
19 council to make these appointments. He says the vast majority of arts
20 commissions across the country are staffed by council appointments. He thinks
21 you'll get a better result if Council is involved in the choosing, so he will be voting
22 no on this piece.
23

24 Mayor Seren understands Councilmember Cuda's perspective, however, he
25 doesn't know what communities the Councilmember is referring to when it
26 comes to arts commissions around the country. He wants to correct the record,
27 that he as Mayor did not specifically request appointments on the transportation
28 advisory or environmental sustainability committee and did not take part in
29 designing the legislation of these two committees.
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31 Councilmember Larson mentioned that during the COTW that Mayor Seren did
32 commit to choosing his nominations from a pool of applicants.
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34 President Hart says as long as Council has a chance to vet the Mayor's
35 nomination, and deny or accept the nomination as we wish, that constitutes
36 sufficient control.
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38 Councilmember Russell believes no matter what happens here, we will all have
39 our view point of appointments to committees/commissions and she believes it
40 should be a shared process. Because the arts community came today to
41 support this legislation, she will vote for this piece today, but she does believe
42 committees/commission appointments in the future should involve council.
43

44 **Yes:** Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox
45 Jr.

46 **No:** Tony Cuda, Davida Russell
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LEGISLATION PASSED

1 **d. Consent Agenda**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 204-2023(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution
3 proclaiming January 11, 2024 as *National Human Trafficking Awareness Day*;
4 and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective
5 as an emergency measure.
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7 Introduced by Councilwoman Russell
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9 **RESOLUTION NO. 205-2023(CRR): First Reading.** A Resolution
10 proclaiming January 2024 as *National Poverty in America Awareness Month*;
11 and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective
12 as an emergency measure.
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14 Introduced by Councilmember Russell
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16 **Motion to Suspend rules:** Gail Larson
17 **Seconded:** Anthony Mattox Jr.
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19 **Yes:** Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson,
20 Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
21 **No:** None

22 **MOTION PASSED**
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24 **Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.
25 **Seconded:** Craig Cobb

26 **Yes:** Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Melody Joy Hart, Gail Larson,
27 Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell
28 **No:** None

29 **LEGISLATION PASSED**

30 **12) Public Comment - General**

31 (Note: Persons wishing to speak must register in advance. A 3-minute time limit
32 applies. Council President reserves the right to reduce time limit based on the
33 volume of business on the agenda.)
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Speakers

Emily Teague	Citizen	Spoke in support of Palestinians and is against Council passing RES 167-2023; asks for Council to call for a ceasefire.
Canyon Teague	Citizen	Spoke in support of Palestinians and is against Council passing RES 167-2023; asks for Council to call for a

		ceasefire.
Christin Li	Citizen	Spoke in support of Palestinians and is against Council passing RES 167-2023; asks for Council to call for a ceasefire.
Graham Ball	Citizen	Spoke in support of Palestinians and is against Council passing RES 167-2023; asks for Council to call for a ceasefire.
Jack Slater	Citizen	Spoke in support of Palestinians and is against Council passing RES 167-2023; asks for Council to call for a ceasefire.
Natalie Senturk	Citizen	Spoke in support of Palestinians and is against Council passing RES 167-2023; asks for Council to call for a ceasefire.
Akshai Singh	Citizen	Spoke in support of Palestinians and is against Council passing RES 167-2023; asks for Council to call for a ceasefire.
CJ Nash	Citizen	Remembers after 9-11 this country made a lot of mistakes, that we can't take back. Israel has started making the same mistakes we did. This City can support both communities.

13) Committee Reports

Councilmember Mattox wanted to take this opportunity to thank President Hart

for all her hard work throughout a tumultuous couple of years. He appreciates that she has led this Council into this new form of government and is truly grateful for his time on Council with her.

CRR: Several pieces of legislation will be coming from the CRR Committee in the new year.

MSES: A couple of pieces of legislation will be on second reading in the new year, so watch out for those. He also thanked President Hart for stepping up to the challenge and wished her luck in the future.

HB: Hoping that his short-term rental legislation will be able to be passed in the new year. Added, that while he and President Hart haven't always seen eye to eye, he appreciates how much time she put into the job, and she has stepped up to the plate, especially with regard to housing issues.

AS: There is a vacancy arising on the ABR and encouraged people to apply. Must be an architect. Gave his remarks to Council President Hart and her term as President. The job of President is a difficult one, and she worked tirelessly with no personal agenda. He wants everybody to look at the accomplishments of this Council over the past two years, how collaborative this Council has been, and that is in no small part thanks to her.

Councilmember Boyd reiterated fellow councilmembers' remarks and said it has been a joy to work with her this past year.

14) President's Remarks

This is her last meeting and last meeting presiding as Council President. It has been her privilege to serve this city. She is proud of the many accomplishments over the years, especially the housing diversion program she worked with staff and the courts on to establish. She is also proud of the job of forming a collaborative government, between the Council and the Administration. Though there were some rough patches, she believes this Council has really come together and collaborated particularly well during the budget process and ARPA allocations. She believes they have become a great Team Cleveland Heights. She would like to recommend that this Council consider electing Vice President Cobb in the new year as the new Council President.

15) Adjournment

End: 9:42pm

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL: JANUARY 2, 2024

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: JANUARY 16, 2024



December 21, 2023
Special Meeting
1:00 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 1:01 p.m.

Vice President Cobb called the meeting to order in the absence of President Hart.

2) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr.,
Davida Russell

Excused: Melody Joy Hart

Absent: None

3) Excuse absent members

President Hart excused

4) Amendments to the Agenda (if necessary)

Motion to remove RES 210-2023 from the agenda: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr.

No: None

MOTION PASSED

This matter will be referred to COTW for further review.

5) LEGISLATION

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1 **a. First Readings – Consideration of Adoption Requested**

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4 **ORDINANCE NO. 206-2023(F): First Reading.** An Ordinance amending
5 Ordinance No. 168-2023, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of
6 the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31,
7 2023; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately
8 effective as an emergency measure.
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10 Introduced by Mayor Seren

11 **Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

12 **Seconded:** Gail Larson

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14 **Yes:** Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr.

15 **No:** None

16 **LEGISLATION PASSED**

17 **ORDINANCE NO. 207-2023(AS): First Reading.** An Ordinance amending
18 Chapter 158 of Title Nine of the Administrative Code of the Codified
19 Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights regarding municipal income tax
20 to adopt updates to conform to House Bill 33; and declaring the necessity that
21 this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.
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23 Introduced by Mayor Seren

24 **Motion to adopt:** Anthony Mattox Jr.

25 **Seconded:** Janine Boyd

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27 **Yes:** Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr.

28 **No:** None

29 **LEGISLATION PASSED**

30 **RESOLUTION NO. 208-2023(PSH): First Reading.** A Resolution to suspend
31 enforcement of Section 351.09 of Part Three (Traffic Code) of the Codified
32 Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights for the period ending December
33 31, 2024, or at such earlier time as Council may subsequently prescribe, on
34 the following-described streets; providing for on-street overnight permit
35 parking on specified portions of Kensington, Hillcrest, Belmar, Glenmont and
36 Eddington Roads; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become
37 immediately effective as an emergency measure.
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39 Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Janine Boyd

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr.

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 209-2023(PD): First Reading. A Resolution supporting and authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission for a grant under the Community Planning Grant program; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mayor Seren

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr.

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 210-2023(COTW): First Reading. A Resolution expressing empathy for civilians affected by the war between Israel and Palestine, and calling for an immediate cease-fire on both sides; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by President Hart

This item will be discussed further in COTW

6) Adjournment

End: 1:22pm

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL: JANUARY 2, 2024

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 16, 2024



January 2, 2024
Organizational Meeting
7:30 PM

Cleveland Heights City Hall
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MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Clerk of Council

Start: 7:35pm

2) Clerk reports result of November 7, 2023 election at which Gail Larson, Janine Boyd, and Jim Petras were elected as Council Members

3) Oaths of Office administered to newly-elected officials

Janine Boyd was sworn in January 1, 2024 at her home by the Honorable Judge Shirley Strickland Saffold. Her oath of office is on file with the Clerk of Council and Law Department.

Gail Larson was sworn in by Director Hanna.

Jim Petras was sworn in by Director Hanna.

4) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Jim Petras, Gail Larson, Tony Cuda, Craig Cobb, Davida Russell, Janine Boyd, Anthony Mattox Jr.

Excused: None

5) Excuse absent members

6) Selection of President pro tempore (see Section 111.09 of Codified Ordinance)

Motion to nominate Davida Russell as President Pro tem: Tony Cuda

Seconded: Gail Larson

Motion to nominate Craig Cobb as President Pro tem: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Janine Boyd

Russell: Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Davida Russell, Jim Petras

Cobb: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Anthony Mattox Jr.

Davida Russell to serve as President Pro tem

- 7) **President pro tem will request nominations for Office of President of Council (no seconds required)**

Motion to open the floor for nominations for the President of Council: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

Motion Passed

Anthony Mattox Jr. nominated Gail Larson for President of City Council.

Gail Larson does not accept the nomination

Gail Larson nominated Tony Cuda for President of City Council.

Tony Cuda accepted the nomination

Anthony Mattox Jr. nominated Janine Boyd for the President of City Council.

Janine Boyd accepted the nomination.

- 8) **President pro tem will close the floor after all nominations made (motion and second required)**

Motion to close the floor: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

Motion Passed

- 9) **Roll Call on election of President of Council**

Note: if there is more than one nomination for this office, Councilmembers will report their choice for that office when called upon. If there is only one nomination, Councilmembers will report "aye" or "nay" in their usual vote.

Cuda: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Tony Cuda, Jim Petras

Boyd: Janine Boyd, Anthony Mattox Jr.

Tony Cuda elected as Council President

Discussion: Anthony Mattox spoke about why he chose not to vote for Tony Cuda for president. He does not believe Councilmember Cuda can work with others collaboratively and positively.

10) Oath of Office Administered to Council President

Oath of office administered by Director Hanna

11) Council President presides and requests nominations for the Office of Vice President of Council

Floor opened for nominations for Vice President:

Jim Petras nominates Davida Russell.

Davida Russell accepts the nomination

12) Council President will close the floor after all nominations made (motion and second required)

Motion to close the floor: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

No: None

Motion Passed

13) Roll Call on election of Vice President of Council

Note: If there is more than one nomination for this office, Councilmembers will report their choice for that office when called upon. If there is only one nomination, Councilmembers will report "aye" or "nay" in their usual vote form.

Russell: Janine Boyd, Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras

Davida Russell elected as Council Vice President

14) Oath of Office administered to Vice President of Council

Oath of office administered by Director Hanna.

15) President of Council announces Committee membership for each standing Committee of Council

President deferred this until the next regular council meeting on January 16, 2024.

16) Other business related to Council Organization

Councilmember Mattox asks for President Cuda's committee to not ignore his emails and respond when talking to about people of color. And to make a commitment to work collaboratively with all members of this council. President Cuda says certainly we will work collaboratively and that he will respond to Councilmember Mattox's emails.

17) Comments from newly-elected officials.

Note: 3-minute time limit applies.

Councilmember Boyd wished everybody a Happy New Year. Council passed some good legislation at the end of last year and hopes to continue that in the coming year.

Councilmember Larson thanked those who helped getting her elected. Congratulated newly elected President of Council, Tony Cuda, and Vice President, Davida Russell. Outlined some of her goals for the coming year.

Councilmember Petras thanked everybody for joining tonight. He is grateful and honored to be elected to City Council. He hopes to collaborate with other council members and the Mayor and his administration.

18) Adjournment

End: 8:05pm

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: JANUARY 16, 2024



Date: February 5, 2024

To: City Council

From: Addie Balester, Clerk of Council

Subject: RES 011-2024

Purpose Statement: To appoint Councilmember Gail Larson to the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership Board of Trustees (DBWP).

Is this legislation recurring: Yes: _____ No: X

Is emergency language necessary: Yes: X No: _____

If yes, why? In order for Councilmember Larson to be appointed immediately upon passage, and not have to wait 30 days. There may be board meetings within that timeframe that would benefit from Councilmember Larson's attendance.

Is passage on first reading necessary: Yes: X No: _____

If yes, why? See above.

If funding is required, is it already budgeted for? Yes: _____ No: _____

If not already budgeted for, where will funding come from? N/a

Proposed: 02/05/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 011-2024(COTW),
First Reading

By Council President Cuda

A Resolution appointing Councilmember Gail Larson to the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership Board of Trustees; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, in 1974, the Cities of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights and Cleveland, with interested citizens, formed a Joint Committee on the Doan Brook Watershed; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership was formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity governed by a member Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Regulations of the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership authorize this Council to appoint one of its members to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to appoint Councilmember Gail Larson to the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership Board of Trustees, pursuant to the Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council appoints Cleveland Heights Councilmember Gail Larson to the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need appoint a replacement member as Council's representative.

RESOLUTION NO. 011-2024(COTW)

Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor



Date: 02/05/2024

To: City Council

From: Addie Balester, Clerk of Council

Subject: 2024 Architectural Board of Review

Purpose Statement: To appoint Joseph Strauss to fill a vacancy as an alternate member.

Is this legislation recurring: Yes: X* No:

*Appointments/reappointments are recurring, not necessarily the same member each year

Is emergency language necessary: Yes: X No:

If yes, why? As this is a small board (3 full members, 2 alternate) each member counts.

Is passage on first reading necessary: Yes: X No:

If yes, why? As this is a small board (3 full members, 2 alternate) each member counts.

If funding is required, is it already budgeted for? Yes: No: X

If not already budgeted for, where will funding come from?

Proposed: 02/25/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 012-2024(AS), *First Reading*

By Councilmember Cobb

A Resolution appointing Joseph Strauss as an alternate member of the Architectural Board of Review; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Chapter 1313 of the Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights provides for the establishment of the Architectural Board of Review, consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternate members, all having the qualifications set forth in Section 1313.02, each for a term of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the position of alternate member of the Architectural Board of Review, with a term ending December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby appoints Joseph Strauss as an alternate member of the Architectural Board of Review for the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2025.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need for the Architectural Board of Review to conduct its work for the benefit of residents without interruptions that may result from vacant Board positions. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: _____

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

Proposed: 02/05/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2024(CRR),
First Reading

By Vice President Russell

A Resolution recognizing February 1, 2024 as *National Freedom Day*; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, thanks to the decades-long push of Richard R. Wright, a former slave and a significant leader in the African American community, *National Freedom Day* was created pursuant to a joint resolution approved June 30, 1948, in which Congress authorized the President to proclaim the first day of February each year as such; and

WHEREAS, *National Freedom Day* commemorates the abolition of slavery and President Abraham Lincoln's signing of a joint resolution in 1865 which established the Constitution's 13th Amendment abolishing slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth Amendment is a cornerstone in the foundation of our American traditions and is a landmark in the nation's effort to fulfill the principles of freedom and justice proclaimed in the first ten amendments to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, *National Freedom Day* is a time to reflect on the victories and accomplishments of African Americans throughout our country's history and to recognize their numerous valuable contributions to the protection of our democratic society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights wholeheartedly supports the Universal Declaration of Human Rights approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948, which declares that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims February 1, 2024 as *National Freedom Day* in the City of Cleveland Heights in order to recognize and celebrate the nation's efforts to fulfil the principles of freedom and justice.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, one in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

RESOLUTION NO. 013-2024(CRR)

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize *National Freedom Day* on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor



Date: 1/24/2024

To: Addie Balester, Clerk of Council

From: Brian Iorio, Ast. Dir. Community Development

Subject: Year 45 (2019) CDBG-CV Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

Purpose Statement:

To amend the 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan in order to allow for changes in the uses of CDBG CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funding. This amendment would remove funds from the broad categories of "Emergency Assistance" (\$243,459) and "Subrecipient Support" (\$20,218) to "Senior Assistance" (\$70,639) and "Outdoor Public Spaces" (\$193,038). The Outdoor Public Spaces category will assist in the funding of capital improvements at Cain Park and Coventry PEACE Park.

Is this legislation recurring: Yes: _____ No: X

Is emergency language necessary: Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, why?

N/a

Is passage on first reading necessary: Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, why?

N/a

If funding is required, is it already budgeted for? Yes: _____ No: X

If not already budgeted for, where will funding come from?

N/a

Proposed: 02/05/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2024(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit the Amended Community Development Block Grant entitlement application and plan for the year beginning January 1, 2019.

WHEREAS, the City has participated, and does now participate, in the Community Development Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of such funds has been extremely helpful to this City in accomplishing its goals; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded CDBG-CV funds originating from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to file with the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the United States Government and any required review agencies, for the program year beginning on January 1, 2019, the Community Development Block Grant entitlement submittal, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of Council and copies of which will have been reviewed by members of Council. A copy of the CDBG-CV amended budget, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is presently on file with the Clerk of Council and describes the activities and the proposed amount of expenditures to be approved by this Council for each such activity during the duration of the CDBG-CV program.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is further authorized and directed to sign any and all forms, applications, or other documents necessary to obtain funding for these described programs, to submit such documents to the proper reviewing agencies within the time permitted by law and to enter into contract with the subrecipient organizations of Community Development Block Grant funds as detailed in Exhibit A and in the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

SECTION 3. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, further authorized to file with HUD and any required reviewing agencies the Annual Action Plan for 2029, a copy of which was made available for review beginning on January 12, 2024, on the City's website and in the Cleveland Heights Planning Department for at least thirty (30) days.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2024(PD)

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

CDBG-CV

Proposed Allocations

General Program for Approval	Round 1 Approved Budget	Round 3 Approved Budget	Intended Uses	Total Costs	Expended	Obligated	Funds Available	Proposed Reallocation
CDBG Administration	\$ 91,215.00	\$ 39,745.80	Admin	\$ 130,960.80	\$ 97,212.85	\$ -	\$ 33,747.95	
Emergency Assistance	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 158,983.20	Office on Aging	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 19,360.51	\$ -	\$ 70,639.49	\$ (70,639.49)
			Food Assistance	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 32,642.08	\$ -	\$ 17,357.92	\$ (17,357.92)
			Rent/Mortgage Assistance	\$ 525,983.20	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,983.20	\$ (125,983.20)
			Counseling Services (Housing, Financial and Benefits)	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 13,521.75	\$ -	\$ 29,478.25	\$ (29,478.25)
Commercial District Revitalization	\$ 290,000.00		Microenterprise Development	\$ 90,000.00		\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
			Small Business Adaptation Grants	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Subrecipient Support	\$ 25,000.00		Subrecipient Pandemic Adaptation Support	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 4,781.80	\$ -	\$ 20,218.20	\$ (20,218.20)
Outdoor Public Spaces			Cain Park Playground	\$ 93,037.57				\$ 93,037.57
			PEACE Park Accessibility	\$ 100,000.00				\$ 100,000.00
Senior Assistance			TBD					\$ 70,639.49
TOTAL	\$956,215.00	\$198,729.00		\$1,347,981.57	\$667,518.99	\$190,000.00	\$297,425.01	\$0.00

April 30, 2020 - CAC Public Hearing (CDBG-CV1)

May 4, 2020 - Council Approval: 5-year Con Plan, Annual Action Plan 2020 and 2019 amendment for COVID

October 20, 2020 - CAC Public Hearing (CDBG-CV3)

January 17, 2024 - CAC Public Hearing (Substantial Amendment)

EXHIBIT B

City of Cleveland Heights

Year 45 (2019) Annual Action Plan

Substantial Amendment: 2024



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2015-2019) for the City of Cleveland Heights described the needs of low- and moderate-income residents, persons with special needs, and homeless individuals and families. The Strategic Plan section outlined 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 2019. 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 2018 is: \$25,100 (0-30% of MFI), \$35,350 (31-50% of MFI), and \$56,550 (51-80% of MFI).

Cuyahoga Housing Consortium

The City of Cleveland Heights is a member of the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium. 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 66% of all county residents (850,000) – to ensure broader planning and coordination on affordable housing issues within Cuyahoga County.

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 has 19,530 households and 46,384 persons (2010-14 ACS). Housing affordability is one of the most prevalent housing problems. Poverty also continues to put low-income individuals and families with children at-risk.

The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) collects data on the extent and nature of homelessness in Cuyahoga County through the Continuum of Care (CoC) providers utilizing HMIS. The City does not receive HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funds, however residents can utilize the CoC's services.

HUD has defined a number of special needs categories of persons within the low- and moderate-income population. A network of providers delivers housing and supportive services in Cuyahoga County to meet the needs of special needs populations.

HOUSING MARKET

Cleveland Heights had over two-thirds of its housing construction occur pre-1950. According to the 2007-11 American Community Survey almost 88% of the 22,223 housing units in the City were occupied and 12% were vacant. Of the occupied housing units, about 58% were owner-occupied, while 42% were renter-occupied.

The overall housing market in Cleveland Heights has remained relatively affordable. During the Great Recession, rents remained stagnant and home values fluctuated substantially. In recent years, the median home sales price has stabilized and started to increase. No significant change is anticipated in the overall affordability of the housing market relative to home values or rent levels.

About 94% of the housing units in the City were built in 1979 or earlier, meaning that maintenance is an ongoing need. 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.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The City of Cleveland Heights has identified four goals, through which activities will be implemented:

Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing: provide programs for renters and owners, including down-payment assistance, home improvement, weatherization/energy efficiency, and correction of building code violations. Eligible areas will receive building code enforcement services.

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 demolish blighted structures.

Provide Needed Public Services: focus on the elderly, frail elderly, persons with physical disabilities, and persons with developmental disabilities to improve the condition and energy efficiency of housing, as well as services to assist persons to remain in their homes.

The City will also assist public service activities on issues such as – but may not be limited to – youth, diversity, food assistance, homebuyer/foreclosure counseling, and fair housing.

Increase Economic Opportunities: provide public infrastructure improvements to aid economic development; assist commercial or industrial firms with rehabilitation, removal of blighted structures or conditions in commercial districts, and/or new construction activities designed to create or retain jobs; eliminate substandard or blighted building conditions.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Anticipating that housing market conditions will gradually continue to improve, the City of Cleveland Heights will continue to program its Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds for activities that significantly address neighborhood and community issues. 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; and the storefront renovation and commercial loan programs strengthen local businesses and retain/create jobs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

During the development of the FY 2019 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. During the 30-day public comment period, hard copies of the documents were available in public places, such as government offices and libraries. The public notices and documents were also posted on the City's website.

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 their FY 2019 Annual Action Plan funding recommendations to Cleveland Heights City Council. The Council held discussions at committee-of-the-whole and full Council meetings and approved the document.

The City held a Public Hearing to review the proposed allocation of CDBG-CV3 on October 20, 2021. No comments were received. A second Public Hearing to review this amended plan occurred on January 26, 2021. No comments were received.

The City is holding a Public Hearing on January 17, 2024 to review the substantial amendment. Any public comments received will be entered into this document. A public notice was placed in the Sun News on January 11, 2024 announcing the Public Hearing and the Public Comment Period that begins on January 12, 2024 and ends on February 12, 2024.

5. Summary of public comments

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

The Draft 2019 Annual Plan was presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee at a Public Hearing on November 20, 2018. Members were frustrated that City Council approved in their entirety the recommendations put forth by City Staff at the Council meeting in November. Three comments were received during the public comment period. The first was in regards to the funding of non-profits that promote the use of the School Choice Voucher for non-public schools that is allowed by the State of Ohio. The second comment supported the first comment but also added that the Cedar Lee Mini-Park is not in need of improvement. The third comment was from the CAC asking for better communication between the CAC and Council so as to better understand the priorities of both bodies.

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

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

The City of Cleveland Heights worked closely with our residents through our Citizens Advisory Committee and partner organizations to consider the needs of the community. City Council considered all recommendations and determined the final budget for CDBG funding accordingly.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS	

CDBG Administrator	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS	Dept. of Planning & Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

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Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

This section is intentionally left blank.

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:

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

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

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

Hospital Protocols for the Homeless

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

211/First Call for Help

The United Way of Greater Cleveland administers this 24-hour/7 day-a-week hot line. This resource, developed collaboratively by United Way and social service providers, allows anyone, including homeless persons or persons at risk of homelessness, to call with questions regarding service needs and receive an answer or a referral on the spot. United Way also provides a searchable internet database, available free at any library.

Discharge Policies

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

Cuyahoga County Office of Re-Entry

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

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Health Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cleveland Heights - Housing Programs
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cleveland Heights - Office on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cleveland Tenants Organization
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Non-Profit organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As an organization providing fair housing services to the City of Cleveland Heights, the Department of Planning and Development and CTO have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address housing issues in Cleveland Heights.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Board of Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Health Health Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Department of Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Planning organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis related to planning, community development, and neighborhood revitalization issues. As a U.S. Census Bureau affiliate, this agency also provides data, data analysis, and customized products to Consortium members. This agency served as the consultant to the Consortium in the preparation of this plan.
1 3	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
1 4	Agency/Group/Organization	FutureHeights
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education non-profit organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Non-housing community development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Cleveland Heights and this organization have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis concerning neighborhood revitalization and various community issues.
1 5	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
1 6	Agency/Group/Organization	Heights Community Congress
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Non-profit organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As an organization providing fair housing services to the City of Cleveland Heights, the Department of Planning and Development and HCC have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address housing issues in Cleveland Heights.
1 7	Agency/Group/Organization	Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Cleveland Heights Department of Planning and Development and the Chamber of Commerce have policy and program discussions on an ongoing basis to address economic development issues in Euclid. The City of Cleveland Heights is a member of the Board of Directors.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Home Repair Resource Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Non-profit organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The 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.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cuyahoga Housing Consortium members have policy and program discussions with this agency on an ongoing basis to address the infrastructure and transit needs of county communities. Consortium members and this agency jointly plan and implement infrastructure projects that positively impact low- and moderate-income areas. All five Consortium jurisdictions have seats on the NOACA Board of Directors.

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

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.

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
Continuum of Care	Cleveland/ Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care	The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals support the goals of the Continuum of Care. The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) serves all 59 communities in Cuyahoga County and coordinates the CoC, an extensive network of public, private, and non-profit agencies that provide, either directly or indirectly, assisted housing, health services, and other support services to persons in Cuyahoga County who are chronically homeless, homeless, or are at-risk of homelessness. Print for Change http://development.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_development/en-US/202009HPRPBLue%20Print.pdf
Economic Development Plan	Cuyahoga County	This plan, updated annually by Cuyahoga County government, focuses on the areas of investment, collaboration, and education as themes for County economic development. The plan is primarily intended to be implemented with funds other than dollars provided by HUD. Investments should create high-quality, well-connected places, ensure access to jobs and careers, and accelerate business growth. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals reinforce these investment objectives of the Cuyahoga County Economic Development Plan. http://development.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/EDCPlan-ExeSummary-053111.aspx

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of
Rebuilding as One: A Common Sense Approach to Hous	Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium	This 2013 report outlines issues and strategies to address housing issues, particularly in the suburbs that geographically form the first ring of development beyond Cleveland. County Economic Development Plan goal of creating high-quality, well-connected residents with great communities to live, work, and play, the report emphasizes four policy areas of preserving older housing stock, reducing vacancy and blight, promoting stability. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus significant housing in existing housing through rehabilitation and homebuyer programs plus code enforcement the strategies of the Rebuilding as One report. http://www.organizeohio.org/uploads/2/8/7/7/2877533/fsc_county_housing_po
Vibrant NEO 2040	Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium Initiative	Funded by a HUD/USDOT/USEPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities Initiative regional project guided by 33 organizations developed a vision for the future of NEO. objectives include promoting investment in established communities, developing accessible employment opportunities, and enhancing the regional transportation. Plan Strategic Plan goals focus on investing funds in housing, businesses, and infrastructure neighborhoods, commercial districts, and industrial areas, which reinforce the goals http://vibrantneo.org
Western Reserve Plan	Cuyahoga County	This 2012 document approved by Cuyahoga County government is a framework for consolidating and improving service delivery among the many communities in the 12 key areas including incorporating economic inclusion as a guiding principle in strategies, adopting a collaborative approach to the foreclosure crisis and its after coordinating public and private resources to address human service needs. The County Plan goals focus on investing funds in economic opportunities, housing programs, and moderate-income individuals and families, which reinforce the goals of the Western Reserve Plan http://www.westernreserveplan.org

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

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

The City of Cleveland Heights takes actions to encourage participation by all residents. For example, the City conducts outreach on a communitywide basis through various types of media, such as community based newspapers and newsletters, 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 the community to participate in the process, including low- and moderate-income residents, minorities, and residents living in HUD-assisted housing.

The City also undertakes 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 staff 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.
- The City has a Citizen Participation Plan, which is available on request.

The table shows the public comment process undertaken by Cleveland Heights. The public meetings were publicized in a newspaper of general circulation within the community. Citizens were invited to provide comments via telephone, mail, or email. During the 30-day public comment period, copies of the Annual Plan document were available in public places, such as government offices and libraries. The document was also posted on the City's website.

All public meetings were held on weekday evenings at City Hall which is accessible to persons with disabilities. The discussions included presentations of background information, data, and priorities, and time was allotted for audience questions.

CDBG-CV related amendments to this plan were advertised on the City's website and followed a 5-day public comment period. Copies of the plan were posted to the City's website (www.clevelandheights.com/CDBG). The 2024 CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment Public Hearing and Public Comment Period were advertised in the Sun News on January 11, 2024.

City staff provided 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.

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	The City published a public notice in the Sun Press on May 10, 2018 asking for citizen views regarding the development of goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2019 (YR45). The meeting was also listed on the City's website.	n/a	n/a	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearing to discuss Goals and Objectives for FY 2019 (YR45) was held May 15, 2018, Cleveland Heights City Hall. 7:30 p.m.	No comments were received at the public hearing.	n/a	

3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The City published display advertisements in the Sun Press on August 2, 2018, and August 9, 2018 inviting the public to attend Public Hearings held on August 7, 2018 and August 14, 2018 where they could hear presentations from organizations requesting CDBG funding for 2019. The public was also invited to comment on how Federal funds can make a difference in the community. The meetings were also listed on the City's website and flyers were distributed	n/a	n/a	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearings were held on August 7, 2018 and August 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Presentations from organizations requesting CDBG funding for 2019 were heard. The public was invited to comment on how Federal funds can make a difference in the community.	A representative from the CHUH Teachers Union expressed concern over the State of Ohio's school voucher system. He asked that the CAC consider the effect this has on the public schools when voting for organizations that may promote this practice.	n/a	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee presented their recommendations for FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to City Council at their Committee of the Whole meeting, October 8 & 29, 2018, Cleveland Heights City Hall, 7:30 PM.	One comment was received by a member of the public after the meeting. The commenter felt that there was no need to improve the Cedar Lee Mini-Park and that the City shouldn't fund organizations that promote School Choice Vouchers.	n/a	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The City published a public notice in the Sun Press on November 1, 2018 the proposed Annual Action Plan, listing the second public hearing date, and inviting citizen review and comment. The meeting was also listed on the City's website.	n/a	n/a	

7	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee held a Public Hearing on November 20, 2018 where the Draft 2019 Annual Plan was presented.	The CAC provided the following comment: The Cleveland Heights Citizens Advisory Committee members are requesting better communication between the CAC members and City Council. The CAC allocates a great amount of time and expertise developing CDBG funding recommendations and thinks a regular Council presence at CAC meetings would assist Council in understanding CAC's deliberation process for its rationale and recommendations of the	n/a	
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				CDBG funding priorities it develops. Regular communication by Council to the CAC would also help the CAC better understand Council's policy priorities and the basis for them.		
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
8	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	City Council meeting December 3, 2018 Council approval for a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the Community Development Block Grant entitlement application for the year beginning January 1, 2019.	No comments were received at the public hearings.	n/a	
9	Online Public Notice	Non-targeted/broad community	The City published the notice for the CDBG-CV related amendments, the related Public Hearing and the amended document.			www.clevelandheights.com/CDBG

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
10	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee held a public hearing to review the proposed CDBG-CV amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan	No comments were received at the public hearing.	NA	
11	Online Public Notice (CV3)	Non-targeted/broad community	The City published the notice for the CDBG-CV related amendments, the related Public Hearing and the amended document.			www.clevelandheights.com/CDBG
12	Public Hearing (CV3)	Non-targeted/broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee held a public hearing to review the proposed CDBG-CV amendment to the 2019	No comments were received at the public hearing.	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)
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13	Online Public Notice (CV3)	Non-targeted/broad community	The City published the notice for the CDBG-CV related amendments, the related Public Hearing and the amended document.			www.clevelandheights.com/CDBG
14	Public Hearing (CV3)	Non-targeted/broad community	The Citizens Advisory Committee held a public hearing to review the proposed CDBG-CV amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan	No 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)
15	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	This newspaper ad was placed in the Sun News on 1/11/2024 advertising the 2024 Substantial Amendment Public Hearing and Public Comment Period	TBD	TBD	
16	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Cleveland Heights CAC is holding a Public Hearing to review the 2024 Substantial Amendment and to receive related public comments.	TBD	TBD	

Citizen Participation Outreach

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The 5-year Consolidated Plan for 2015 - 2019 identifies the federal, state, local, and private resources expected to be available to the City of Cleveland Heights to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan (Tables 14 and 18). The City of Cleveland Heights is a direct entitlement community for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City is also a member of the Cuyahoga County Consortium through which it receives funds from the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program.

Anticipated Resources

Table 1 - 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. Home Repair Resource Center, one of our subrecipients, 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 a myriad of public and private agencies and individuals. The City also requires a minimum match of 10% 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. Homeowners must provide a match of 10% or more to participate in the program unless exempted by an administrative decision.

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

The City of Cleveland Heights does not anticipate using any publically owned land or property located

within the jurisdiction to address any of the needs identified in the plan.

Discussion

Contingency Plan

In the event that there is an increase in the FY 2019 CDBG grant or in the amount of carryover funds from FY2018 to FY 2019, City Council will increase the Strategic Impact Opportunity activity. Should there be a decrease in the FY 2019 grant, the City will attempt to reconcile such shortfall by first, decreasing the Strategic Impact Opportunity, second, by reprogramming carryover funds and third, by reducing budgeted amounts for the lowest priority programs. Prior to any final decision on such amendment the City will consult with the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

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	2,759,241	150,000 Annual	136,393 Action Plan	3,045,634	0	CDBG Funds will leverage private funding, as well as other public funding from local, state, federal funding sources. \$956,215 of CDBG-CV funds were added to this section. \$198,729 of CDBG-CV3 funds were added to this section.

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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	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of Cleveland Heights	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$938,220	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 210 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 8 Households Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 400 Household Housing Unit
2	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Cleveland Heights	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$332,550	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7190 Persons Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 20 Household Housing Unit
3	Provide Needed Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Cleveland Heights	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs	CDBG: \$897,740	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
								Benefit: 11955 Persons Assisted
4	Increase Economic Opportunities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Cleveland Heights	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$651,200	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 4 Business Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City of Cleveland Heights will work to ensure the availability and sustainability of decent housing and a suitable living environment for all residents by offering projects to help preserve and maintain the housing stock and create housing opportunities, especially for low- and moderate-income persons.

2	Goal Name	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	The City of Cleveland Heights will work to maintain safe, functional and healthy neighborhoods by providing activities which improve the physical environment, especially in Low - and Moderate-Income eligible areas.
3	Goal Name	Provide Needed Public Services
	Goal Description	The City of Cleveland Heights will work to encourage the integration of population groups within the community and promote an increase in the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods. The City will also provide support services to youth, identifiable Low- and Moderate-income persons and special population groups in the community and maximize the independence of targeted population groups by providing services which expand choices. The City will assist households and non-profits respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
4	Goal Name	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	The City of Cleveland Heights will work to expand opportunities for persons of low- and moderate-income by offering programs which help to alleviate physical and economic distress and create viable commercial areas through the prevention of the deterioration of commercial areas. The City will also offer help to stimulate private investment to create and retain employment opportunities, especially for low and moderate income persons. The City will support small businesses respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 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 (2017, 2018, and 2019) will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.

The figures listed for programs do not include 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 Deferred and No Interest housing loan repayments will be budgeted to the Commercial Loan fund (**Table 20**).

2024 Substantial Amendment: The City of Cleveland Heights is amending the 2019 Annual Action Plan in order to reallocate funds related to the CDBG-CV 1 & 3 allocations received in 2020. These changes include reallocating \$70,639 from Emergency Assistance to Senior Assistance in order to assist senior citizens with activities that prevent, prepare for or mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as any future pandemics that may put their health at risk. The second change is to reallocate \$102,180 from Emergency Assistance and \$20,218 from Subrecipient Support to Outdoor Public Spaces. This new category will assist the City and the Cleveland Heights - University Heights Library System to improve to public parks in order to allow for safer public congregation in public spaces at both Cain Park and Coventry PEACE Park.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	Fair Housing Activities

#	Project Name
3	Neighborhood Engagement
4	Business District Assistance
5	Youth Programs
6	Emergency Assistance
7	Senior Adult Programs
9	Housing Counseling
10	Minor Home Repairs
11	Housing Rehabilitation LMI
12	LMI Code Enforcement
13	Housing Rehabilitation S/B
14	Commercial District Revitalization
15	Public Facilities
16	Neighborhood Relations Program
17	Geographic Information Systems
18	Strategic Impact Opportunity
19	Emergency Assistance
20	Small Business Assistance
21	Subrecipient Support

#	Project Name
22	Senior Assistance
23	Outdoor Public Spaces

Table 3 – Project Information

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

Programs that benefit low-mod households and limited clientele populations receive priority in annual funding. The City has budgeted 13.4% of our estimated 2019 CDBG funding to Public Service activities. Nearly all programs are offered city wide to low- and moderate-income residents. This includes our Public Facilities Improvement Funds that in prior years prioritized certain Low-Mod Areas within the City. For 2019, our Public Facilities Improvement dollars are being used city-wide to install ADA curb ramps in areas of the City that lack adequate accessibility for the physically disabled.

CDBG-CV funds will prioritize assistance to low- and moderate-income households and small businesses that serve low- and moderate-income households.

The Nuisance Abatement Program addresses blighted properties in the City and meets the national objective of the removal of slum and blight. This program represents a very small percentage of the entire CDBG budget.

There are no obstacles to addressing underserved needs with the exception of the amount of funds available to the City.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$307,104
	Description	CDBG funds contribute to salaries and related administrative expenses for staff in the Department of Planning and Development and for accounting assistance from the Finance Department. CDBG funds contribute to a HUD approved Indirect Cost Plan.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	not applicable
	Location Description	not applicable
2	Planned Activities	not applicable
	Project Name	Fair Housing Activities
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	Activities to affirmatively further fair housing choice.

	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All city residents will benefit.
	Location Description	Programs are performed on a city wide basis
	Planned Activities	A variety of Fair Housing activities will be implemented to assist the City in maintaining a viable, diverse community with a fair and open housing market. Activities will include testing of the housing market, diversity training and landlord tenant counseling.
3	Project Name	Neighborhood Engagement
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,000
	Description	This project will provide funding for programs that will support community capacity building in Cleveland Heights neighborhoods.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All residents will benefit from stronger neighborhoods.
	Location Description	Program will be available on a city wide basis but will target Low Mod Neighborhoods, LIHTC multifamily complexes and protected classes.

	Planned Activities	The FutureHeights Community Capacity Building Program consists of the following components: 1) Resident Engagement and Recruitment for Neighborhood Leadership Program, 2) Developing a pilot neighborhood leadership workshop series, 3) Ongoing community building work in neighborhoods
4	Project Name	Business District Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The vitality of the City's commercial districts directly impacts the residential neighborhoods that surround them. These funds will allow business districts to enhance and maintain the amenities in their areas.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All residents and visitors who patronize the businesses in the area as well as the surrounding residential neighborhood, approximately 790 LMI households out of 1,350 total households.
	Location Description	Funds will be used in the Cleveland Heights portion of the Cedar Taylor commercial district, located in Census Block Groups 1407.02-1 and 1416.02-1.
5	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used to assist the Cedar Taylor Business District in their efforts to maintain and improve the streetscape of their commercial area.
	Project Name	Youth Programs
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$72,015
	Description	Funds will be provided to support activities which address the needs of youth in low- and moderate-income families.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 391 unduplicated LMI youth and their families will benefit from the programs offered.
	Location Description	Programs are available city wide
	Planned Activities	1) Family Connections - a program for pre-kindergarten children and their families to help prepare them for school (Family-School Connection Program and Parent Café program). 2) Open Doors Academy - an after school and summer enrichment program for middle school and high school youth. 3) Heights Youth Club - The <i>Learning Place</i> program which is designed to reinforce and enhance the skills and knowledge young people are expected to learn in school. Members are engaged in high-yield learning activities. 4) Lake Erie Ink - an after school activity which provides creative expression opportunities and academic support for elementary school children.
6	Project Name	Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$43,510

	Description	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.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 5,614 unduplicated LMI individuals and/or families will be assisted
	Location Description	Service is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	1) Heights Emergency Food Center - provides low- income households with a three-day supply of food one time per month. 2) Start Right Food Center - provides low- income households with a three-day supply of food one time per month. 3) Gesher - provides low- and moderate-income families with information about local, state and federal benefits for which they are eligible.
7	Project Name	Senior Adult Programs
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,000
	Description	This project will provide Cleveland Heights senior citizens with social work services as needed.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 700 unduplicated residents aged 60 and over.

	Location Description	Program is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds are provided to the City's Office on Aging for social workers that assist low- and moderate-income seniors to access necessary services to maintain a healthy and safe living environment. This allows seniors to live as independently as possible in their homes. CDBG funds are also provided to the Central Bible Baptist Church's Neighborhood Senior Resource Center. This program connects Seniors in a targeted neighborhood to services that can assist them with aging in place, wellness, and technology education.
8	Project Name	Housing Counseling
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	This project provides counseling on financial literacy, first-time homebuyer issues, budgeting for home repair projects and other appropriate topics.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 150 unduplicated LMI prospective homebuyers and community residents will be assisted.
	Location Description	Program is available city wide

	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will assist the Housing Counseling program of Home Repair Resource Center, a HUD certified counseling agency. It is a service with two purposes: (1) to improve financial literacy by assisting community residents with personal financial issues, such as establishing a workable household budget and understanding refinancing options; and (2) to provide Home Buyer Education to prospective purchasers that will enable them to make wise home buying decisions and become responsible owners who care for and maintain their properties, thereby improving community stability. Both purposes are achieved through individual counseling and group education.
9	Project Name	Minor Home Repairs
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$160,500
	Description	This project includes several programs which will help to improve, maintain and expand owner-occupied housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 175 LMI households.
	Location Description	Programs are available city wide.

	Planned Activities	1) Exterior Paint - provides senior or permanently disabled low- and moderate-income homeowners with a grant of up to \$3,500 for labor and paint. 2) Violation Repair for Seniors - provides rebates of up to \$2,000 to low- and moderate-income senior and disabled homeowners to complete minor home repairs addressing code violations or health and safety issues. 3) Short Term Deferred Loan - provides grant funds of up to \$1000 for low- and moderate-income homeowners to assist with diverting downspouts and/or installation of back flow preventers 4) Senior Home Stability Grant (HRRC) - provides grant funds for up to \$1000 to assist senior homeowners with the repairs to their home that, if not repaired, may lead to health and safety issues in their homes 5) Sewer Repair – provides assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners with storm or sanitary sewer back-up issues to install back flow preventers and/or divert downspouts 6) Strategic Home Repair - This program seeks to offer the Exterior Paint, Violation Repair Program, Short Term Deferred Loan, and Sewer Repair Program to LMI residents in targeted areas without the restriction of having to be a senior citizen or permanently disabled in order to qualify.
10	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation LMI
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$419,077
	Description	This program provides funds for substantial rehabilitation for low- and moderate-income homeowners. Housing program administration is charged to CDBG for the operation of the CDBG programs listed in the Minor Home Repair and Housing Rehabilitation programs.
	Target Date	12/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 43 unduplicated LMI households.
	Location Description	Programs are available city wide
	Planned Activities	1) Assist Incentive and 0% Grants (HRRC) - The Assist Grants are HRRC programs that provide a grant to LMI homeowners to assist with rehabilitation activities. Assist Grants are composed of two activities: the Assist 0% Program and the Assist Incentive Grant. <i>Assist 0%</i> funds are used to guarantee bank loans and to reduce the principal of bank loans so that the applicant pays an effective rate of 0% interest on a loan. <i>Assist Incentive Grants</i> offers a grant of \$500 to \$1500 as an incentive for LMI homeowners to complete major repairs including: roof, plumbing, electrical and/or heating systems. This program is used in conjunction with other programs offered by HRRC. 2) Major Systems Deferred Loan Match -Program allows deferred payments for up to one-half the cost of replacing major systems for LMI homeowners (i.e., heating, electrical, plumbing, roofs). The maximum loan amount is \$3,000. 3) Home in the Heights – Program seeks to establish a purchase/rehab program to provide affordable single family homes to qualified home buyers.
11	Project Name	LMI Code Enforcement
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This project provides Code Enforcement services in areas identified by HUD as low- and moderate-income areas.
	Target Date	12/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 400 households in Low- and Moderate-Income areas will benefit from Code Enforcement.
	Location Description	Low- and Moderate-Income areas of the city.
	Planned Activities	This program uses CDBG funds to pay the salary for a full time Housing Inspector who conducts systematic inspections for health and safety violations in LMI census blocks of the City.
12	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation S/B
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$98,750
	Description	The Nuisance Abatement Program addresses blighted properties within the City. CDBG funds also contribute to the administration of the Nuisance Abatement Program.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 20 properties will receive a nuisance abatement action benefiting at a minimum 100 households in the immediate vicinity.
	Location Description	Program is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	Properties that are in a state of serious disrepair and causing a blighting influence on the neighborhood are evaluated by staff to determine if they are able to be rehabbed or there is a need for demolition. In addition, funds are used on an emergency basis to secure properties that may cause unsafe conditions for the neighborhood.
	Project Name	Commercial District Revitalization

13	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$351,200
	Description	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. Due to higher demand for the Storefront Rebate Program, \$50,000 of prior year funds are being reprogrammed from the Storefront Loan Program to the Storefront Rebate Program.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Economic Development loans are evaluated for their ability to create jobs, particularly for low- and moderate-income persons.
	Location Description	Programs are available city wide.
	Planned Activities	1) Commercial Loan Program - This program provides gap financing for worthy development projects throughout the City. City Council acts as the Loan Review Committee. 2) Storefront Renovation Rebate Program - This program offers rebates for 50% of the total project costs, up to a maximum of \$25,000, for exterior renovations to commercial properties throughout the City. 3) Storefront Renovation Loan Program - This program offers loans for exterior renovations, up to a maximum of \$100,000, for exterior renovations to commercial properties throughout the City. 4) Microenterprise Program - designed to provide capital and technical assistance financing for Cleveland Heights businesses with five or fewer employees. The intent of the program is to provide assistance to businesses which will create and/or retain jobs, along with increasing the commercial base of the community

		Each individual project is evaluated to determine if it is addressing a blighted condition (determined by survey) or will serve a low-mod population.
14	Project Name	Public Facilities
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,800
	Description	CDBG funds contribute to the LMI Streets Improvement and Water and/or Sewer Line Replacement programs addressing streets in Low- and Moderate-Income Eligible Areas.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,783 residents of Low- and Moderate-Income eligible areas. Approximately 5,407 residents with a disability will benefit from the improved accessibility resulting from the ADA Curb Ramp Program.

	Location Description	City wide (ADA Curb Ramp Program), Census Block Group 1416.02 (Cedar Lee Mini Park) and 25 Severance Circle (Severance Tower ADA Garden).
	Planned Activities	2019 ADA Curb Ramp Program – This program seeks to add or update ADA curb ramps throughout the City. Cedar Lee Mini-Park Placemaking Project – This program seeks to renovate and reinvigorate a pocket park in a LMA. Severance Tower ADA Community Garden – This project seeks to convert an existing community garden into an accessible garden in a subsidized housing unit that predominately serves seniors and the physically disabled.
15	Project Name	Neighborhood Relations Program
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This program addresses issues that affect the quality of life for residents of LMI neighborhoods. Problems addressed by staff may include loud parties, run-down properties and inappropriate or illegal behavior. CDBG funds are used for the portion of work done by this staff position in qualifying LMI neighborhoods of the City.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 5000 families will benefit.
	Location Description	Program is available city wide.

	Planned Activities	Residents and the Neighborhood Relations Specialist work together to develop strategies and solutions that will improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. The Specialist reports directly to the Housing Manager and works closely with the City's Community Relations staff and the Police Department. When appropriate, he also works with Cleveland Tenants Organization and other nonprofits as necessary.
16	Project Name	Geographic Information Systems
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$37,500
	Description	This administrative activity will provide data analysis and mapping capabilities to the community development program.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All residents will benefit from the information derived from the GIS system.
	Location Description	The program is available city wide.
	Planned Activities	The City provides services and programs that create large amounts of data and has a need to effectively and efficiently utilize and overlay this data to provide and focus government services and programs. The system provides a platform to share this information between City departments and partners, share this data with the public and to receive information from the public.
17	Project Name	Strategic Impact Opportunity
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights

	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$77,195
	Description	This activity is the result of an increased allocation for FY 2018. The community is offering an opportunity for non-profits and City Departments to competitively apply for funding for projects that will: assist low- and-moderate income households with housing needs; satisfy the community development needs of a larger LM area; remove blight; or provide a needed public service for LMI clientele; and; is consistent with the objectives of the City's Master Plan; promotes neighborhood stability and promotes private investment.
	Target Date	12/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 2,065 low- and-moderate income households may benefit from the resulting activities.
	Location Description	Mid-City Neighborhoods (1407.01-2, 1407.01-3, 1407.02-1 and 1407.02-2 and the neighborhood bordered by Mayfield Rd/Ivydale Rd/Euclid Heights Blvd/Lee Rd.) and Neighborhoods along the Noble Road Corridor.
	Planned Activities	Activities that assist low- and-moderate income households, low- and-moderate income job seekers, low- and-moderate income areas or neighborhoods, services that assist low- and-moderate income clientele, and/or activities that remove slum and/or blight.
18	Project Name	Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights

	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	\$537,164
	Description	Emergency Assistance will assist low- and moderate-income households respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10,000 meals delivered to senior citizens and severely disabled residents. 180 LMI households with housing assistance. 125 households with counseling services.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	This program will assist low- and moderate-income households respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Funds are intended to provide enhanced senior services, mortgage/rental.utility assistance, enhanced food pantry assistance, and enhanced counseling services.
19	Project Name	Small Business Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	\$290,000
	Description	Emergency Assistance will assist small businesses respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	18 Microenterprises, 20 small businesses.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	This program will assist microenterprises and small businesses adapt to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
20	Project Name	Subrecipient Support
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	\$4,782
	Description	Subrecipient Support will assist our non-profit subrecipient partners respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 391 unduplicated LMI youth and their families will continue to benefit from the programs offered.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	This program will assist subrecipients adapt their programming to the COVID-19 environment in order to continue to support youth, special populations and their families.
	Project Name	Senior Assistance

21	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-homeless Persons with Special Needs
	Funding	\$70,639
	Description	The addition of this project is intended to assist senior citizens in order to prevent, prepare for or mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as any future pandemics that may put their health at risk.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 150 unduplicated LMI senior citizen households will receive direct benefits.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	This program will assist senior citizens by purchasing and installing Knox Boxes in order to safely and expeditiously allow safety forces to enter their home during a medical emergency.
21	Project Name	Outdoor Public Spaces
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development

	Funding	\$193,038
	Description	Outdoor Public Spaces will allow residents, particularly LMI families with children and people with mobility disabilities to congregate safely outdoors in an open-air environment.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 11,765 residents, primarily low- and moderate-income households and households with a person living with a mobility disability, will benefit from these improvements.
	Location Description	Cain Park and Coventry PEACE Park
	Planned Activities	The City of Cleveland Heights will be replacing the playground at Cain Park with a new and partially accessible playground. The CHUH Library System will be improving accessibility (removing architectural barriers) at the Coventry PEACE Park.

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

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

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 2006-2010 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

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Cleveland Heights	100

Table 4 - 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. The Strategic Impact Opportunity targets neighborhoods around Cain Park (1407.01-2, 1407.01-3, 1407.02-1, 1407.02-2 and a portion of 1407.01-1) and Neighborhoods along the Noble Road Corridor, as identified in the City's Master Plan.

Discussion

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AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 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 - 91.420, 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, Heights Community Congress and FutureHeights.

In addition, the City also prides itself on the level of civic engagement that we enjoy. In 1999 Cleveland Heights Council began a visioning process to determine priorities that would guide our community into the future. Council selected 25 residents to form the Visioning Committee.

The Visioning Report recommendations and ideas continue to be addressed by the Committees of Council. Some of the initiatives which were and continue to be implemented are:

- Beautification of neighborhoods, parks and green spaces
- Capital projects to ensure the viability of our infrastructure
- Supporting our youth
- Civic vitality
- Promoting an arts environment
- Improving the quality of life:
- New construction and revitalization of existing housing stock and commercial districts
- Zoning Code Review
- Preservation of existing housing
- Traffic calming
- Customer-driven City services

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 makes Cleveland Heights a viable community and it does recognize the efforts already being

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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.

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 three 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.

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 \$9,500 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. Thirty units were made lead safe in 2017. A new contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will begin in November of 2018.

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 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 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. The City has established a Fair Practices Board comprised of three residents who are charged with the following duties:

- to investigate all complaints which are filed with it pertaining to discrimination in housing as well as in other areas;
- to endeavor by conciliation to resolve complaints when appropriate; and
- to recommend action to be taken through local, state and federal court.

In October of 2013, The City, as a part of the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, completed a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Fair Housing and Equity Assessment. The City has allocated funding to on-going programs that assist in furthering fair housing. These include landlord and tenant counseling, diversity programming, sales and rental audits, leadership training that targets members of protected classes, and efforts to monitor lending institutions to ensure and promote fair lending. The City expects to begin undertaking an update Analysis of Impediments that will be completed in 2019.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The City of Cleveland Heights is estimating \$150,000 of Program Income for FY 2018. 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 Deferred and No Interest housing loan repayments will be budgeted to the Commercial Loan fund.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

83.31%

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(5)

1. Distribution of Funds

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).

Not applicable.

b. Describe the jurisdiction's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.

Not applicable.

c. Describe the selection criteria that the jurisdiction will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.

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Not applicable.

d. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on geographic distribution, which is a description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year.

Not applicable.

e. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.

Not applicable.

f. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which rents for units in the rental project are affordable to extremely low-income families.

Not applicable.

g. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.

Not applicable.

h. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the jurisdiction (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).

Not applicable.

i. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the location of existing affordable housing.

Not applicable.

j. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources.

Not applicable.

2. Does the jurisdiction's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds?

3. Does the jurisdiction's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements?

4. Performance Goals and Benchmarks. The jurisdiction has met the requirement to provide for performance goals, consistent with the jurisdiction's goals established under 24 CFR 91.215(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

5. Rehabilitation Standards. The jurisdiction must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The jurisdiction's description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The jurisdiction must attach its rehabilitation standards below. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds for the rehabilitation of housing, enter "N/A".

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; and Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable).

Not applicable.

6. Resale or Recapture Guidelines. Below, the jurisdiction must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

Not applicable.

7. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the jurisdiction intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

Not applicable.

8. Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences. Describe how the jurisdiction will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan. If the jurisdiction will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter "N/A."

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the jurisdiction must not limit or give preferences to students. The jurisdiction may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303 only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

Not applicable.

9. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the jurisdiction's refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the jurisdiction will refinance existing rental housing project debt. The jurisdiction's refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the jurisdiction will not refinance existing debt, enter "N/A."

Not applicable.

Discussion

The City of Cleveland Heights will certify that 70% of the aggregate expenditure of CDBG funds over three years (2017, 2018, 2019) will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

2019 ANNUAL PLAN CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMENTS

The Draft 2019 Annual Plan was presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee at a Public Hearing on November 20, 2018. Members were frustrated that City Council approved in their entirety the recommendations put forth by City Staff at the Council meeting in November. Three comments were received during the public comment period. The first was in regards to the funding of non-profits that promote the use of the School Choice Voucher for non-public schools that is allowed by the State of Ohio. The second comment supported the first comment but also added that the Cedar Lee Mini-Park is not in need of improvement. The third comment was from the CAC asking for better communication between the CAC and Council so as to better understand the priorities of both bodies.



Date: 1/24/2024

To: Addie Balester, Clerk of Council

From: Brian Iorio, Asst. Dir. Community Development

Subject: Year 50 (2024) CDBG Annual Action Plan

Purpose Statement:

To allow the administration to submit to HUD all materials related to the CDBG 2024 Annual Action Plan. This legislation also allows the administration to contract with the listed subrecipients that are being awarded funds in the plan. The Annual Action Plan will include any public comments received after the end of the public comment period on February 12th.

Is this legislation recurring: Yes: X No:

Is emergency language necessary: Yes: No: X

If yes, why?

N/a

Is passage on first reading necessary: Yes: No: X

If yes, why?

N/a

If funding is required, is it already budgeted for? Yes: X No:

If not already budgeted for, where will funding come from?

N/a

Proposed: 02/05/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2024(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement application for the year beginning January 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, the City has participated, and does now participate, in the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of such funds has been extremely helpful to this City in accomplishing its community development goals; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted hearings and has participated in extensive discussions with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and citizens relative to the activities to be accomplished in the fiftieth year of such program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to file with the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the United States Government and any required review agencies, for the program year beginning on January 1, 2024, and continuing for a one (1) year period thereafter, the Community Development Block Grant entitlement Annual Action Plan submittal, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of Council and copies of which will have been reviewed by members of Council. A copy of the fiftieth-year proposed budget, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is presently on file with the Clerk of Council and describes the activities and the proposed amount of expenditures to be approved by this Council for each such activity during the year 2024.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is further authorized and directed to sign any and all forms, applications, or other documents necessary to obtain funding for these described programs, to submit such documents to the proper reviewing agencies within the time permitted by law and to enter into contract with the subrecipient organizations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as detailed in Exhibit A and in the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

SECTION 3. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, further authorized to file with HUD and any required reviewing agencies the Annual Action Plan for 2024, a copy of which was made available for review beginning on January 12, 2024, on the City's website and in the Cleveland Heights Planning Department for at least thirty (30) days.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

RESOLUTION NO. 015-2024(PD)

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

EXHIBIT A

	2023 Allocations	2024 Requests	2024 CAC Recommend ation	2024 Admin Recommendation
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES maximum funding is capped at 20%				
CD Administration	\$ 171,651	\$ 229,000	\$ 227,000	\$ 227,000
Fair Housing Activities	\$ 58,600	\$ 38,525	\$ 38,525	\$ 38,525
FutureHeights - Community Capacity-Building	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-TOTAL	\$ 275,251	\$ 312,525	\$ 310,525	\$ 310,525
PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES maximum funding is capped at 15%				
HRRC Housing Counselor	\$ 25,000	\$ 45,938	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Office on Aging - Community Resource Specialist Program	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Heights Emergency Food Ctr.	\$ 26,470	\$ 26,950	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000
Family Connections (HPC)	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000
Family Connections - Parent Café	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Open Doors Academy (Middle School Program)	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
ODA - Pathways to Independence Program at Cleveland Heights High School	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Start Right Food Program	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Agudath Israel of Ohio (Gesher)	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
Lake Erie Ink	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
WAVE Mentoring Program	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Naaleh Cleveland	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Chesed Center - Food Pantry Operations	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
PUBLIC SERVICES SUB-TOTAL	\$ 234,470	\$ 295,888	\$ 241,000	\$ 241,000
PUBLIC FACILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS				
PUBLIC FAC. & IMP. SUB-TOTAL				
ADA Curb Ramp Construction	\$ 194,128	\$ -		\$ -
CH Parks and Recreation - Park Improvements	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 31,962	\$ 31,962
PEACE Park Accessibility Improvements	\$ -	\$ 100,000		\$ -
Chesed Center Capital Improvements		\$ 50,000	\$ 49,000	\$ 49,000
Antisdale Road Resurfacing		\$ 197,485	\$ 162,892	\$ 162,892
Public Buildings & Lands Accessibility Improvements	\$ 115,000	\$ -		\$ -
PUBLIC FAC. & IMP. SUB-TOTAL	\$ 309,128	\$ 472,485	\$ 243,854	\$ 243,855
HOUSING ACTIVITIES				
Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC)				
HRRC Operating Expenses	\$ 116,194	\$ 201,842	\$ 200,842	\$ 200,842
Assist Incentive Grant	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Deferred Loan Match	\$ 3,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Sr. Home Stability Grant	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
HRRC SUB-TOTAL	\$ 134,194	\$ 221,842	\$ 220,842	\$ 220,842
Housing Preservation Office (HPO)				
Senior Home Repair Program	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Home Repair Program	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Paint Program	\$ 80,000	\$ -		\$ -
Violation Repair Program for Seniors	\$ 40,000	\$ -		\$ -

EXHIBIT A

	2023 Allocations	2024 Requests	2024 CAC Recommend ation	2024 Admin Recommendation
Strategic Home Repair	\$ 50,000	\$ -		\$ -
Nuisance Abatement	\$ 340,000	\$ -		\$ -
HPO Operating/Staff	\$ 304,480	\$ 310,751	\$ 310,751	\$ 310,751
LMI Code Enforcement	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
<i>HPO SUB-TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 864,480</i>	<i>\$ 510,751</i>	<i>\$ 510,751</i>	<i>\$ 510,751</i>
FutureHeights - FutureHomes Program	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,234
HOUSING SUB-TOTAL	\$ 998,674	\$ 772,593	\$ 738,827	\$ 738,827
COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
<i>Economic Development Department</i>				
E.D Administration	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Storefront Consultants	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Storefront Renovation Loans	\$ 100,000	\$ -		\$ -
Storefront Renovation Rebates	\$ 50,000	\$ -		\$ -
Microenterprise Program	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
<i>ED SUB-TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 200,000</i>	<i>\$ 75,000</i>	<i>\$ 75,000</i>	<i>\$ 75,000</i>
COMMERCIAL/ED SUB-TOTAL	\$ 200,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,017,523	\$ 1,928,491	\$ 1,609,206	\$ 1,609,207
Contingency				
Reallocated Funds	\$ 458,395	\$ 59,207	\$ 59,207	\$ 59,207
HUD ALLOCATION	\$ 1,559,128	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,550,000
			\$ 1	(0)
SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS KEY				
Commercial Areas				
Finance and Other				
Neighborhood Activities				
Preservation and Housing				
Admin %	17.7%	20.2%	19.30%	19.3%
PS %	11.6%	15.3%	14.98%	15.0%
Admin Cap	\$ 311,826	\$ 310,000	\$ 321,841.38	\$ 321,841.38
PS Cap	\$ 233,869.20	\$ 241,381.05	\$ 241,381.03	\$ 241,381.03
Admin Budgeted	\$ 275,251	\$ 312,525	\$ 310,525	\$ 310,525
PS Budgeted	\$ 234,470	\$ 295,888	\$ 241,000	\$ 241,000
LM %	72%	94%	92%	92%

EXHIBIT B

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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.

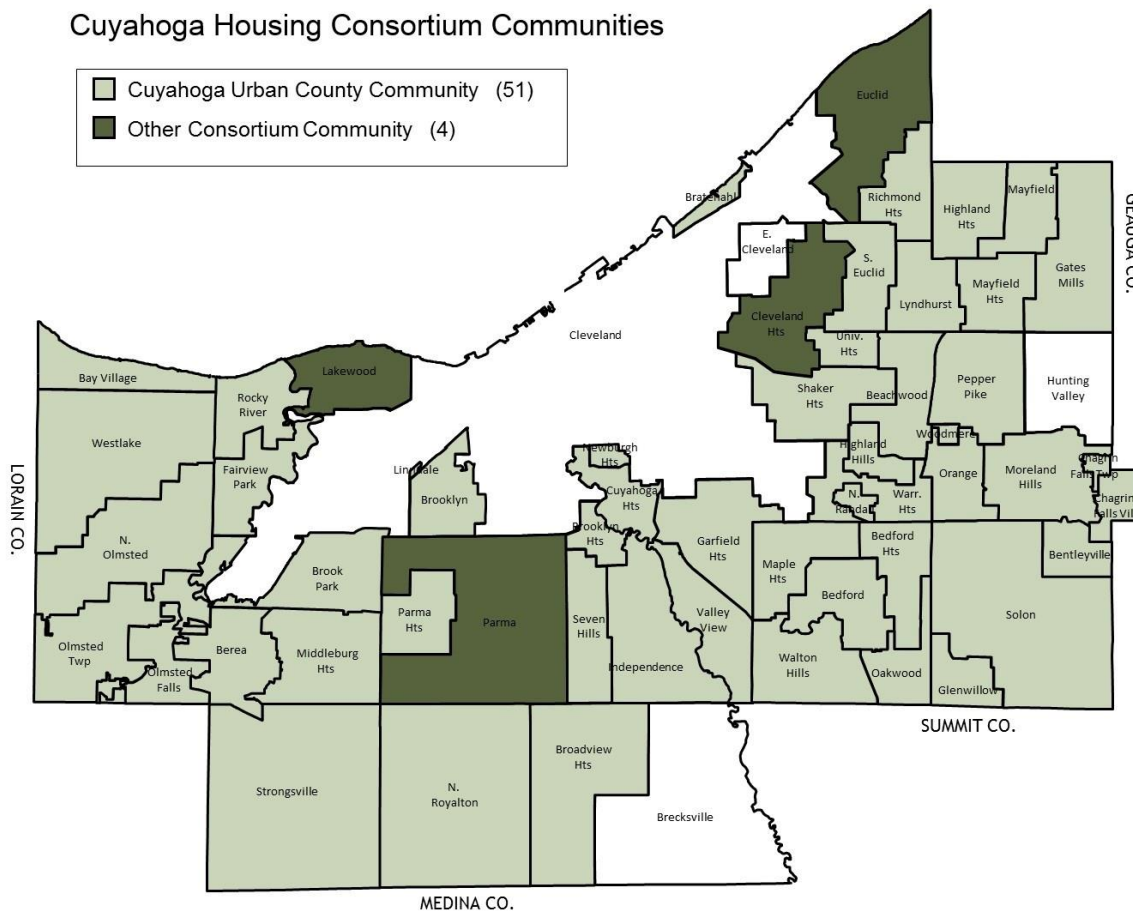
HUD funding is intended to assist individuals and families that earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI) in a metropolitan area. HUD defines these categories based upon household income, adjusted for family size. The maximum income for a family of four in 2023 is: \$30,000 (0-30% of MFI),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

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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(I)

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(I))

The following are several examples of existing coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and government health, mental health, and service agencies in Cuyahoga County that have the potential to involve 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	Agency/Group/Organization	Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Health Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cleveland Heights - Housing Programs
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cleveland Heights - Office on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Board of Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Health Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Department of Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-housing community development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	FutureHeights
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Education Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Home Repair Resource Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The 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	Agency/Group/Organization	Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City 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	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio First Suburbs Consortium
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The 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	Agency/Group/Organization	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Parma Public Housing Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Cleveland 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	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Cleveland Heights - Department of Public Works
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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 Continuum of Care Homeless Services (OHS) serves all 59 communities in Cuyahoga County and coordinates the CoC, an extensive network of public, private, and non-profit agencies that facilitate and/or provide, either 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. See the Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan Change 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 \$100 million in federal dollars provided by HUD, the Plan emphasizes that investments should create high-quality, well-connected places, provide training and preparation for jobs and careers, and accelerate business growth. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals, using the County's investment objectives of the Cuyahoga County Economic Development Plan. https://www.cuyahogacounty.us/docs/default-source/development/economicdevelopmentplan.pdf

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 Hous	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 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 of the Rebuilding as One report. http://nebula.wsimg.com/dcb273f93355b0f0d3ee06c9cd4429ee?AccessKeyId=09E1CA301C4A0B66503D&disposition=0
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 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 transportation network. The Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan goals focus on investing funds in housing, businesses, and infrastructure in developed neighborhoods, commercial districts, and industrial areas, which reinforce the goals of Vibrant NEO 2040. http://vibrantneo.org
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 or accomplishing long-term goals. Completed in 2017, the document is organized through a community vision through the Vibrant Neighborhoods, Complete Transportation Network, Environmental Sustainability, Business Friendly, Strong Business, High-Quality Infrastructure, Hub for Arts and Culture, Diverse and Open Community, Safe and Engaged Community, and Thriving Community. https://www.clevelandheights.com/234/Master-Plan
2020 Cleveland Heights 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 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	www.clevelandheights.gov
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.	No formal comments were received.	NA	

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

1	Goal Name	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	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.
2	Goal Name	Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	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.

3	Goal Name	Provide Needed Public Services
	Goal Description	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.
4	Goal Name	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	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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1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$226,999
	Description	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.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A - Admin activity
	Location Description	Cleveland Heights City Hall (40 Severance Circle)
	Planned Activities	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.
2	Project Name	Fair Housing Activities
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Revitalize Residential Neighborhoods Provide Needed Public Services Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,525
	Description	Activities to affirmatively further fair housing choice.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A - Admin activity

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

	Description	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.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 84 low- and moderate-income, owner-occupied households will benefit from the activities under this project.
	Location Description	Various locations throughout Cleveland Heights.
	Planned Activities	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	Project Name	Commercial District Revitalization
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$190,000
	Description	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.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 8 businesses will be assisted, 30 low-mod jobs will be created or retained and 8 facades will be rehabilitated.
	Location Description	Activities will take place throughout the City of Cleveland Heights.

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

	Location Description	Various loactions 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.
	Planned Activities	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.
8	Project Name	Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights Noble Corridor, Mayfield Lee, and South Taylor North Coventry
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs
	Funding	CDBG: \$87,000
	Description	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.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	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.
	Location Description	Activites 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.
	Planned Activities	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.
9	Project Name	Senior Adult Programs
	Target Area	City of Cleveland Heights
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Low- and Moderate-Income Programs
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000

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

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

	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low- and moderate-income households in need of mental health services.
	Location Description	The Naalah Cleveland Office
	Planned Activities	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

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
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.

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

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	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 makes 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(I)(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.

Proposed 11/20/2023

ORDINANCE NO. 189-2023(AS), *Third Reading as Amended*

Amended 2/5/24

By Vice President Russell

An Ordinance repealing Chapter 148, “Youth Advisory Commission” of Part One, *Administrative Code*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, and adopting a replacement Chapter 148, “Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board.”

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights City Council recognizes that our youth are our future and a very important part of our community. Their opinion, advice, recommendation, creativity, and their Involvement in recreation programming, community relations, parks maintenance, and the creation of recreational spaces is vital to a healthy and vital community; and.

WHEREAS, the purpose of creating a Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board is to promote the involvement of youth aged 15 to 23 and provide opportunities for them to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns about matters that truly matter to them; and

WHEREAS, as members of the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board young people will influence local decision-making, provide insights and perspectives that will be pivotal in shaping political decisions that affect Cleveland Heights in matters related to parks and recreation, youth programming, and community relations within the City of Cleveland Heights, and impact how our community tackle essential issues directly; and

WHEREAS, their participation as Board members will enable them to advocate for important causes for themselves and their peers and to drive positive change through collaboration with local officials, community leaders, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, serving on the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board can help youth develop essential personal and professional growth, leadership, communication and teamwork skills that will prove valuable over their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, existing Chapter 148 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights provided for a Youth Advisory Commission to advise Council about youth issues and concerns generally, but said commission has not been active for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, this Council desires to modify Chapter 148 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to establish a Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. An amended Chapter 148, "Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board," of Part One, *Administrative Code*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, is hereby adopted and shall read as follows:

148.01 Composition and Membership

The Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board shall consist of up to 9 but no more than 18 members aged 15 to 23 years, at the time of their appointment, who are residents of either Cleveland Heights or the Cleveland Heights University Heights School District (including those portions that are outside of the City limits but within the District Boundaries), who shall be appointed by application to City Council with at least six (6) from public high schools (Heights High School and/or Shaw High School) including (two (2) freshmen, two (2) sophomores and two (2) juniors), and at least one third from private, parochial or home-schooled entities. In addition, there shall be three (3) nonvoting adult Board members: the Chair of Council's Community Relations and Recreation Committee, a Cleveland Heights Library administrator, and a Cleveland Heights High school teacher appointed by the Cleveland Heights School District.

All applications shall be accompanied by three (3) letters of recommendation independent of a family member.

Members of the Board shall be appointed by the City Council without reference to an applicant's grade point average, shall serve for a term of twenty (20) months as described herein and may be reappointed for one additional term. A youth member may be reappointed to one additional term beginning in or after their senior year. Terms shall commence October 1st and shall end May 30 of the second year following the year in which the October 1 appointment is made.

City Council shall seek to make appointments that fairly represent the diversity of the City, taking into account important considerations such as geographic diversity and diversity of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual identity and orientation.

148.02 Responsibilities and Duties

(a) The Board shall provide recommendations to Council on matters related to parks and recreation including but not limited to the development of recreational programs, parks maintenance and the creation and use of recreational spaces.

(b) The Board shall promote positive community relations and engagement among youth of all ages by organizing events, workshops, and initiatives that encourage interaction and understanding among different age segments of our community along with engaging with the commission on aging to help promote senior activity between the youth and senior in our community.

148.03 Meetings and Procedures

(a) The Board shall meet at least nine times per year, with a schedule of regular meetings to be determined by the Board. All meetings shall be open to the public. At least annually, the Board shall hold a youth open public town hall meeting to report and summarize its activities, accomplishments, recommendations and concerns. A copy of the report will be provided to the Council and the Mayor in advance of the public meeting. Board meetings shall be held at City Hall or as otherwise authorized by the Codified Ordinances

(b) A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum and Board action shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members.

(c) The Board may establish its own bylaws, subject to approval of the City's Director of Law, and shall elect its own chair, vice chair, and secretary.

(d) The Mayor may appoint a City employee to provide support and assistance to the Board in carrying out its responsibilities and to keep a record of all meetings of the Commission.

(e) No compensation shall be paid to any member of the Youth Advisory Commission for services performed on this Commission. The City may provide a meal for members at each of the Board meetings, and the expense of any such meals is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

148.04 Reporting

The Board shall submit a report and recommendations to the Council annually related to parks and recreation, community relations programming, and Board activities and accomplishments, and shall report quarterly at the Community Relations and Recreation Committee meeting.

SECTION 2. Current Chapter 148 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, as it existed prior to the effective date of this ordinance, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time permitted by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved by Mayor: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

Proposed: 11/20/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2023(PD), *Third Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a development agreement with WXZ CPV LLC, concerning the redevelopment of the Taylor-Tudor buildings; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City has identified the opportunity to develop the City-owned property located at 1900-1910 South Taylor Road, 1912-1926 South Taylor Road, and 1932-1946 South Taylor Road, Permanent Parcels No. 684-27-001, 684-26-011, and 684-26-012, on the west side of South Taylor Road north of Cain Park (the Property); and

WHEREAS, the City on August 27, 2021 issued a Request for Proposals and Request for Qualifications (RFP/RFQ) for redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, four responses were received to the RFP/RFQ, including a response submitted by WXZ CPV LLC (WXZ) and following Staff's review of and recommendations regarding the proposals this Council on May 4, 2022 authorized the Mayor to undertake discussions with WXZ concerning redevelopment of the Property by adopting Resolution 54-2022; and

WHEREAS, this Council on July 8, 2022 adopted Resolution 103-2022, authorizing a long-term lease of the Property to WXZ to provide site control to assist in WXZ's due diligence in connection with the redevelopment of the Property and to aid in WXZ's efforts to obtain funding for such redevelopment through various tax credit and other state or federal programs, while negotiations with the City continued; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, pursuant to Resolution 178-2023 this Council authorized a Purchase and Sale Agreement to transfer the Property to WXZ for a purchase price of One Dollar (\$1.00) in anticipation of the City receiving a negotiated portion of tax increment financing service payments generated through the proposed Development in addition to other economic and non-economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, closing on the sale of the Property under the Purchase and Sale Agreement is contingent upon the negotiation and execution of a Development Agreement acceptable to both parties and approved by this Council; and

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WHEREAS, after extensive negotiations, the parties have reached a tentative agreement on the specific terms and conditions of a Development Agreement for the redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that the redevelopment of the Taylor-Tudor Property is in the best interests of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute a Development Agreement with WXZ CPV LLC, the terms of which shall be substantially in accordance with the Development Agreement on file with the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and determines that the redevelopment of the Taylor-Tudor Property in accordance with the development agreement authorized in Section 1 is in the best interests of the City and its residents.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is further authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary or convenient to fulfilling the obligations of the City under the Development Agreement. The Development Agreement and related documents shall be subject to the approval of the City's Law Director as to form.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City and its inhabitants, the emergency being the need to facilitate the redevelopment of the Taylor-Tudor Property at the earliest possible time. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

TONY CUDA
President of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2023(PD)

ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor