

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

This CAPER focuses on Program Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 – the third year of the current 5-Year Consolidated Plan 2015-2019. In addition to summary descriptions of each funded activity, the CAPER includes maps and brief narratives highlighting other aspects of the CDBG and HOME Programs.

During this program year, there was a continued emphasis on assisting low and moderate income homeowners with downpayment assistance, forgivable loans for repair and rehabilitation, housing counseling, property maintenance training and fair housing to affirmatively assist and market available housing in the City of Lima. A total of 10 households became first time homeowners with the help of downpayment assistance, 8 houses were provided assistance with critical emergency repair and an additional 4 homeowners received Home Update loans to bring the house up to code. In addition 30 households successfully completed the Housing Counseling classes and 283 households were assisted with Fair Housing services.

Public Facility or Infrastructure Improvements including Street and Curb repair, Parks Improvements and Demolition were located in CDBG eligible Census tracts to maximize service to low and moderate income residents. Property Maintenance targeted to reduce slum and blight citywide with special focus on CDBG eligible areas. Four dilapidated residential structures and one structure with mixed use were demolished; 4,721 properties inspected for code violations. Neighborhood Assistance providing technical support and Police Support Services providing crime awareness and education were available citywide working with local neighborhood organizations, local schools and houses of worship participating in community gardens, tool sharing program and various safety and crime prevention programs with information, education and workshops to improve community awareness.

Non-Housing services including Bradfield Health Services providing health education and physical fitness information primarily served 181 income qualified seniors and youth from low- and moderate-income households. HVAC was replaced for one office building that provides mental help services to children primarily from LMI families.

Career Pathways program provided training and employment opportunity with local employers to 2 unemployed and underemployed Lima Residents from LMI households.

Administrative services for both CDBG and HOME programs provided the organizational support to carry out processing applications to ensure compliance with HUD grant requirements, contracts update, environmental reporting, follow up and update on prior loans, inspections, public notification and presentations and periodic reporting as mandated by HUD.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	300	80	26.67%	60	30	50%

Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	49	49	100.00%	49	49	100.00%
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	50	30	60.00%	10	12	120.00%
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	80	34	42.50%	12	10	83.33%
Increase Economic Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				

Increase Economic Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Other	Other	75	26	34.67%	15	2	13.33%
Planning and Program Administration	Planning, Administration	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	1550	874	56.39%	250	283	113.20%
Planning and Program Administration	Planning, Administration	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			
Provide Needed Public Services	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	68375	0	0.00%	5120	7470	145.90%
Provide Needed Public Services	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Other	Other	65	33	50.77%	10	11	110.00%

Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	75250	16885	22.44%	15050	1765	11.73%
Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	500	440	88.00%	120	181	150.3%
Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	45	20	44.44%	15	5	33.33%
Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	10000	9538	95.38%	2000	4721	236.05%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

For this reporting period:

- 335 households (with at least 838 persons) benefitted from city housing and housing related programs; 10 households became new homeowners through First Home Lima program.
- 4,271 housing units and properties benefitted from property maintenance and code enforcement efforts, and four residences and one mixed use dilapidated structures were demolished to reduce slum and blight conditions.
- 7,651 persons benefitted from non-housing public service programs for special needs and community development services that included Bradfield Senior and Youth Health Services and Crime Awareness projects under Police Support Services programs.
- 1,765 persons in CDBG eligible areas benefitted from public infrastructure developments including Street and Curb Repair and Parks Improvement projects.
- 2 persons benefitted from basic training on manufacturing processes at Rhodes State College and additional Lima LMI residents received certification at Bradfield Center at no cost to the program.
- 3 projects have community-wide benefits on safety services, repair/replacement of HVAC at Family Resource Center and neighborhood development services. A fourth project for children's summer recreation service under Parks & Recreation was removed in 2016 from CDBG funding but is continuing with city funding.

Table 1 pulls the information from the HUD approved AAP Section AP-20 and Table 2 reflects the cumulative number for year 3 of the 5 year Consolidated Plan. Some of the programs changed their Conplan stated goal in 2017-18 Annual Action Plan and those programs include First Home Lima, Demolition, Police Services and Fair Housing. Bradfield Community Center increased their goal from 100 to 120 in 2017. These changes are based on several factors in a dynamic economy and social changes and are also based on results from previous years.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME
White	237	9
Black or African American	274	5
Asian	0	0
American Indian or American Native	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
Total	511	14
Hispanic	1	0
Not Hispanic	510	14

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The numbers reported are for programs serving income qualified individuals only and Fair Housing. Programs that serving citywide or population in CDBG qualified census tracts or target reducing slum and blight are not included.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	CDBG	1,174,903	1,058,161
HOME	HOME	941,899	732,607
HOPWA	HOPWA		
ESG	ESG		
Other	Other		

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Eligible Census Tracts	42		
City-wide	58		

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

For the Street Repair project \$140,000 of 2017-18 expenses of \$154,471 were used as local match funds that generated additional funds of at least \$687,000 from OPWC Grant. In addition, for Parks Improvement, Public Works Department of Lima is currently awaiting approval of a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from ODNR which is the remaining funds needed for the \$272,000 Lincoln Park playground project.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	0
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	0
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	0

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	271,136	204,812	66,324			
Number	12	10	2			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0		0		
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

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CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	66	63
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	5	8
Total	71	71

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	49	49
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	10	12
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	12	10
Total	71	71

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

This year the housing programs resulted in assisting with down payment assistance to 10 new first time home buyers with First Home Lima with a goal of 12 homes, 12 home repair loans for low-and moderate income home owners under HOME funded Home Update program and Emergency Home Repair with CDBG funding were completed exceeding the program goal of 10, two newly constructed rental units for low income seniors under CHDO set-aside program and 47 home units renovated in a mixed use building. The First Home Lima fell short of their target but several prospective and eligible home buyers

are working with the program, their closing date just did not fall within the plan year to be reported for 2017-18 program year. Overall the Housing programs in Lima met their goal set for the year.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

In addition to the repair programs and closings CDBG funding also provides Housing Counseling and wealth prep education to prospective low-and moderate income home buyers in the area. There were 60 families who enrolled in the program and 30 of them qualified and completed the program. Some of the program participants purchased or repaired homes and other qualified buyers will have up to two years to purchase homes within the city or in the areas surrounding.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	3	0
Low-income	5	4
Moderate-income	0	10
Total	8	14

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information



CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

Since 2000, The Lima/Allen County Housing Consortium has convened as a group of community stakeholders with the common interest of improving housing quality and housing opportunities within Lima and Allen County. Twenty-four member organizations include for-profit/non-profit housing entities, financial institutions, realtors, city and county officials, planning professionals, and local service providers. The Housing Consortium participates in the design and implementation of countywide housing and homelessness strategies such as the Allen County Housing Quality Standards MOU project, Allen County analysis of impediments to fair housing, the Blueprint to End Homeless, the Lima Consolidated Plan Housing Focus groups, and the Allen County Continuum of Care.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The 2007-2016 Blueprint expired in 2016 and the Housing Consortium is working on a draft to update the plan with new surveys and by organizing and conducting meetings with all of the member organizations. The next ten-year Blueprint to end Homelessness has been drafted and a report will be published soon.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

WOCAP is administering a program with State funding to address homeless prevention programs in the City of Lima and Allen County area.

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

City of Lima has no specific program targetting homelessness but works with Allen County and WOCAP, a local non-profit that administers a program with State funding to address homeless prevention programs in the City of Lima and Allen County area. Other area service providers are also active and work together in addressing the problem.

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CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Not CDBG/HOME Funded.

Public Housing in Lima is a program managed and operated by Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA), a federally funded organization designed to benefit eligible low-income families. AMHA administers the public housing program via various properties the organization owns and operates.

According to HUD, Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority is determined to be a small public housing authority, meaning it manages between 50 - 249 public housing units. Also according to HUD, the housing authority is designated as Medium High, meaning it administers 500 - 1,249 Section 8 vouchers.

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

Not CDBG/HOME Funded.

In the AMHA's five-year plan, the AMHA will assist the City of Lima and Allen County in improving property maintenance issues. AMHA no longer mandates that Section 8 property owners or managers attend an 8 hour course to assist them in being a successful participant in the Section 8 HCV Program. Due to funding limitation, the program was closed this year.

AMHA's plan is to continue improving and always being an asset in the community. One of the authority's top priorities is to help clients through Family Self Sufficiency and Homeownership programs that help tenants to move from rental to ownership.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Through this section, the City of Lima addresses a number of items to strengthen the community and the implementation of projects and activities of this Annual Action Plan as described below. Allmost all of the projects aim at assisting the low-and moderate income residents of the city and two programs target reducing slum and blight.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The biggest obstacle facing the City in trying to meet underserved needs is financial, resulting from the continuing decrease in HUD funding for CDBG and HOME programs over the years. In the last decade, Lima's CDBG entitlement grant has decreased from \$1.4M in FY 2005 to \$0.94M in FY 2017, a decrease of 33%. Likewise, the City's HOME grant has decreased from \$430,000 in FY 2005 to \$259,651 in FY 2017, a decrease of 40%. To overcome this obstacle, Lima seeks out opportunities to leverage funding whenever possible, through other grant programs, foundations or local funds.

The City of Lima has allocated a large portion of its CDBG and HOME dollars to projects designed to expand and preserve affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. Under its combined CDBG and HOME FY 2017-2018 allocations, the City has budgeted over \$1.39M for affordable housing projects. These projects include direct financial assistance to LMI first-time home buyers, update and emergency housing rehabilitation loan programs, CHDO Set-aside and operating funds, housing counseling and administrative support to process current applications and monitor over 125 past loans. These affordable housing projects represent approximately 51.12% of the total amount of HUD funding allocated by the City for 2017-2018.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City implements its housing rehabilitation activities in a manner which assesses lead-based paint risks. Each applicant in the City's *Emergency Repair and Update* (housing rehabilitation) programs is supplied a brochure on the hazards of lead-based paint. Aside from determining income eligibility, processing of applications include on-site inspection of work required and assessment of potential lead-based paint risks to occupants and workers. Lima's Rehabilitation Inspector is a certified Lead Inspector and Assessor and has attended the required refresher course for continued license certification. Thus

far, the City has accredited five lead renovation contractors and has relied on the Health Department to test families with young children for elevated blood-lead (EBL) levels.

This program year, 12 units benefitted from our housing repair within the program year. Work under the *HOME Update* programs costing no more than \$24,000, usually does not raise lead-related issues. Such issues, however, typically crop up in rehabilitation works where the five accredited contractors are called in. With the limited number of accredited contractors, there is difficulty receiving multiple competitive bids on each job. Nevertheless, the City continues to urge local contractors to seek certification for lead hazard control services. At present the City is compliant with HUD guidelines and reports to Ohio Dept. of Health as applicable on each job.

The program aims at meeting the following goals:

- Identify needed enforcement capabilities and new code requirements that can improve reduction of lead hazard in housing units inspected.
- Increase the number of lead sampling technicians in the community.
- Encourage lead sampling technicians and contractors to become lead inspectors.
- Encourage contractors to obtain state certification on lead safe paint repairs and lead safe remodeling safeguards.
- Expand training to contractors of lead hazards and to practice lead safe work practices.
- Continue making lead-safe work practices routine for contractors.
- Continue lead safety as part of code enforcement by enforcing peeling paint violations, especially on structures constructed prior to 1950.
- Collaborate with other lead safe agencies to train relevant agencies and officials that perform home visits to look for the classic signs of lead paint exposure. Lead awareness training makes it possible for visiting nurses, police officers, firemen, social workers and other professionals to check for lead dust hazards and discuss associated hazards with families.
- Provide landlord training to ensure that landlords know lead law requirements.
- Identify and implement incentives acceptable to community to encourage private owners to keep units lead safe.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City's anti-poverty strategy is a multi-faceted approach toward reducing the number of households with income below the poverty line.

Complementing this approach is the provision of safe and affordable housing for extremely low, very low, low, and moderate income households. Specific activities include update loans, homeownership, code enforcement, demolition/clearance, support services (including fair housing and housing

counseling services). This program year, City housing programs were able to assist a total of 54 households of which 10 are first-time home buyers, a CHDO construction of a new two unit rental for senior low-and moderate income residents, 12 households availed of home repair programs and 30 households participated in Housing Counseling program that included training on management of available resources as well.

The second approach is to establish healthy neighborhoods through balanced, diverse development of public facilities, infrastructure, commercial, recreational and safety activities. Hand-in-hand with promoting and providing safe and decent housing is the elimination of blighting influences in neighborhoods. *City Code Enforcement* conducted at least 9,514 inspections on code violations on 4,271 properties including vacant parcels and junk autos. Four dilapidated residential structures and one mixed structure were demolished in CDBG eligible census tracts this program year using CDBG funds. Through the Department of Community Development (DCD), the City continued assisting non-profit and for-profit developers to initiate new construction activities. Specific activities include efforts to provide infrastructure with street improvements (including handicap accessibility) throughout the city with emphasis on CDBG target areas. This program year, under the *Street Reconstruction-Resurfacing Project* the City reconstructed and/or resurfaced 41 blocks of streets comprising approx. 12,890 linear feet or 2.4 miles and replaced sidewalks in various locations (1,994 SF). These projects benefitted an estimated 1,640 people in at least 410 households in addition to benefitting 10 area businesses -- all in CDBG target areas. In support of neighborhood outreach efforts, capacity-building and administrative assistance to neighborhood organizations continued through *Neighborhood Development Services*, which included providing technical assistance and facilitating "neighborhood empowerment efforts", distributing educational and neighborhood safety issue related materials to encourage sustainable and safe neighborhood growth. of CHDOs; supporting efforts of other community development providers in public service, public facility, transportation and safety activities. 990 individuals provided over 6,816 volunteer service hours to the community of Lima.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Economic development represents an important aspect of the city's anti-poverty strategy. This program year, the city continued its support of technical assistance and skills development. This project is being implemented under the Knowledge Works program for the West Central Ohio Manufacturing Consortium. Encouraging and supporting programs and opportunities designed to develop advanced manufacturing workforce skills resulted in at least 2 individual better prepared job candidates. The approach is to improve the employability of persons who are either unemployed, under-employed and displaced workers, high school, and college students to prepare them for gainful employment in advanced manufacturing industries. The Rhodes State College-based *Career Pathways in Advanced Manufacturing* reported that 8 LMI Lima residents enrolled in basic-level training in manufacturing 2 of whom satisfactorily completed the course and have been referred to prospective employers for interviews. Over the years enrollment for this program dropped and the number of low and- moderate

income Lima residents participating in the program has been disappointing. For its use of CDBG funds, from next year this project aims to assist 10 City of Lima low-income residents, down from 15 and will be offering two courses to better prepare them for locally available jobs. In addition, a new program named Startup-Lab will provide assistance to LMI entrepreneurs for successfully run their businesses.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

In the Lima-Allen County community, Continuum of Care (CoC) activities in housing are coordinated by the Housing Consortium a collection of local private, government and non-profit entities concerned with local housing issues. The CoC has prepared a 10-Year strategy to end homelessness that emphasizes on prevention and outreach. The strategy features a formal reporting strategy based around the Homeless Management Information System. The 10-year plan identified the following as leading causes of homelessness in Allen County:

- a. Mental Illness /Addiction (untreated mental illness self medicating) - Lack of Knowledge of Social Services
- b. Lack of Quality Jobs / Underemployment
 - i. Lack of Education / Job Skills
 - ii. Unemployment / Job Loss
- c. People being Evicted for Lack of Family Support, Credit Card Debt / Mortgages / Misuse of Credit, Lack of Knowledge of Social Services
- d. Lack of Emergency / Transitional Housing for: Fathers with Children, Mothers with Teen Boys, Intact Families, People with Symptomatic Mental Illness, Males 18-21 Years Old, Males after 11:00 PM
- e. Lack of Awareness of Homelessness in the Community. Belief that homelessness is not something we can do anything about.
- f. DYS Discharge Planning 18 year olds on their own / Foster Children aging out of the system.
- g. Offenders - Ex Offenders / Sex Offenders
- h. Culture of Poverty - engaging this population which find Services are not Enticing, Service Coordination - System Spanner, Trust in the system lacking, Lack of Knowledge of Social Services

WOCAP is administering a program with State funding to address homeless prevention in the area and working with the Housing Consortuim to update Allen County's plan to address homelessness focusing on specific programs and working with area providers.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The City's contract with the West Ohio CAP (WOCAP) to provide the fair housing services to city residents continued. Among others, WOCAP's services include:

- Conduct training and provide educational material and outreach activities regarding Fair Housing;
- Develop and distribute Fair Housing information and materials to area agencies, organizations, schools and at public events; and,
- Receive Fair Housing complaint referrals from Lima-Allen County residents.

During the program year, WOCAP received about 283 contacts through its *Fair Housing* hotline. Of these, a total of 104 contacts were referred to various agencies. This year none were determined to have reasonable probability of discrimination and no clients were referred to Ohio Civil Rights Commission for further action and investigation. Twelve (12) or 11% of the total referrals were related to landlord-tenant issues requiring its mediation program for this purpose. 17% or 18 were property maintenance complaints; 11 or 10.5% were referred to Allen Met housing; 20 or 20% to legal aid, 5 or 4% to Allen County Health Department and 32 or 31% to other community services. WOCAP also provided training at 12 locations in Lima and distributed education and activities related materials at many locations.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The City monitors Plan implementation through routine recordkeeping of project execution details, on-site inspections and by maintaining close working linkages with service providers, economic development organizations, neighborhood groups and target beneficiaries. Staff involvement in housing and community development organizations and their activities provide the Staff with valuable insight into the evolving needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as the capability to identify other opportunities in which City programs and resources might be better deployed.

Aside from keeping electronic and hard copy project files, DCD also maintains records through the IDIS (Integrated Disbursement and Information System). This system has the capability of real-time monitoring by HUD wherein project accomplishments of each municipality can be readily acquired and aggregated to obtain national-level data on particular programs, such as housing, job creation, and infrastructure development. Support is provided to individual neighborhood associations and Lima/Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP), which works to improve neighborhood conditions and facilitate community planning and development. Through LACNIP's neighborhood network and its strong ties with City Staff, the City has institutionalized a responsive feedback mechanism that will facilitate Plan monitoring and updating processes. The City's *Property Maintenance Code Enforcement* efforts are being aggressively pursued as a Plan objective toward improved maintenance of both owner-occupied and rental housing. Partnering with the Lima Police Dept. on community-oriented policing is done in coordination with the Neighborhood Support Staff of DCD to assess efforts to reduce crime and improve livability in target areas.

Information dissemination for local issues and opportunities in housing and community-building continued through GTV-2, a television channel providing government and community programming. While also used to air public meetings, a full calendar of community events, relevant information on housing and neighborhood affairs, and summaries of new ordinances — neighborhood associations, non-profit organizations and other community groups use GTV-2 to publicize their activities.

The Consolidated Plan: Annual Action Plan; details on CDBG and HOME programs, neighborhood organizations and LACNIP information; and other public information is maintained on the City's website at <http://www.cityhall.lima.oh.us/dcd/dcd.htm>.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

CAPER: Any interested party or individual has fifteen (15) days to comment on the CAPER before its submission to HUD. Notices for the comment period are published in the local general circulation newspaper and City of Lima web site at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the comment period. Information is be available on the City of Lima’s website and disseminated to subrecipients of HUD funding and key local service providers to reach a broader audience. Hard copies are also be made available at the Lima Public Library and Department of Development front desk for public review. News releases and Public Service Announcements are sent to local media announcing the comment period and location of draft copies. Social media may be also used to disseminate information related to the comment period. A summary of all comments received and the public hearing minutes are included within the final CAPER submitted to HUD. All comments are accepted.

Public Notice: Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Notice is given that the City of Lima has prepared a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY 2017-2018. The CAPER provides a comprehensive overview and explanation of the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The CAPER is available for public review during normal business hours at the Department of Community Development in the Lima Municipal Center, 50 Town Square, and at the Lima Public Library, 650 West Market Street and on city web site at www.cityhall.lima.oh.us. The City welcomes written comments on the CAPER. Written comments received by November 19, 2018 will be included as part of the CAPER submission to HUD. Questions or comments about the CAPER, the Consolidated Plan or related issues should be directed to the Department of Community Development at the Lima Municipal Center or by calling (419) 221-5146.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction’s program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There are a limited number of “Neighborhood” based organizations, and a need for these services amongst organizations with a wider service area. In 2016-17, the City proposed a First Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan to include all non-profit organizations that work with the Neighborhood Support Program. Expanding the definition helped to reach the existing projected goals within the Annual Action Plan of assisting 10 non-profit organizations were met allowing the city to better address community needs through the Neighborhood Support Program in 2017-18 plan year. Fair Housing goals were revised to 250 household based on the number of call and complaints received in the past to 250, down from 400 as stated in the Consolidated plan. In addition, the Career Pathways results in recent years are not meeting the annual goal. The program is being modified to lower the goal, change the number and duration of courses offered in the next program year with the aim of better serving the changing demand of local manufacturing employment.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

Under the HOME program, renovation work is in progress for a vacant commercial structure at 43 Town Square in downtown Lima for rental housing development in a mixed use building. The existing building, a 12-story building with basement, was the former Lima Trust Bank building which was originally constructed in 1929. Once the renovation work is completed, the plan is for an adaptive reuse of this prominent downtown building. According to the renovation scope of work and preliminary plans, the reconfigured building will have a total of 47 dwelling units with office and commercial uses.

In the 2017 plan, a two-unit affordable rental project under the CHDO Set-Aside for income-qualified seniors replaced the unattainable New Rental HOME Program in the 2016 Annual Plan. Developed by New Lima, housing for the future, the CHDO Set-Aside project in 2017-18 was completed at 1050-1058 West Spring Street. Both units have rental agreements with income qualified seniors and will be available to families at or below 60% of the area median income.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

West Ohio Community Action Program (WOCAP) will partner with WODA Group to support low-income residents at the Town Square Apts. in Lima, Ohio. WOCAP is the designated community action agency in Allen County serving approximately 6,000 low-income households each year. WOCAP is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit organization established in 1993 and governed by a 21-member board of directors who represent the public, private and low-income sectors equally with the mission to create opportunities for people to reach their highest potential. The organization tries to achieve its mission by providing needed services in the community and partnering with other organizations with similar missions to create a larger collective impact.

WOCAP proposes to serve low-income households at the Town Square Apts. with both onsite and offsite programming and through partnerships based on the needs of the population. The most recent community assessment for Allen County indicates that the top 3 problems in Allen County as perceived

by WOCAP's clients are "Finding jobs that provide a living wage" (50.63% of respondents), "Drug and/or alcohol abuse" (47.8% of respondents) and "Living in poverty" (44.03% of respondents). The City of Lima, the largest City in Allen County, has 12,971 people living below the poverty line. This is 33.9% of the population in the city. The City also has the largest population of homeless individuals (79). More than half of the services provided to households through WOCAP programs are provided within the city limits with the idea that increasing affordable housing within city limits is crucial to help stabilize families and help them get out of poverty.

WOCAP will provide a Service Coordinator who will work with the onsite property manager to recruit participants into programs. Marva Cowan, Central Services Director along with the Intake Coordinator will oversee this coordination effort. Mrs. Cowan will also coordinate services that are provided by partner agencies. Transportation Services will be coordinated through Stephanie Neal, Transportation Manager.

WOCAP staff will provide direct services in an office(s) located at Town Square Apts. This includes housing counseling, financial literacy and fatherhood case management, and assistance with rent deposits, transportation, prescription assistance and other emergency intake needs.

WOCAP will use the community room nine times per year to offer group classes to clients in financial literacy, nurturing parenting and homeownership classes. Financial literacy is a three day class (12 hours), Nurturing Parenting is a 6-week class (24 hours) and homeownership is a 3-day 12-hour class.

New Lima, Housing for the Future has constructed a new two unit rental at 1050-1058 W. Spring Street in 2017-2018. The new affordable senior rental housing for which they have already rental agreements will have open house to showcase the project to the community. The other existing successful affordable housing for seniors by New Lima has a three year wait period and there is a demonstrated need for similar housing developments in the area in general.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)

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