



City of Lima

2018 - 2019 Action Plan

Year-4 Update to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, 2015-20

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This Action Plan is for the 4th year of the five-year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. This Annual Action Plan was developed by the City of Lima's Department of Community Development.

The City of Lima receives federal grants directly from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) from two Community Planning and Development programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program.

The Annual Action Plan will detail the general objectives and specific activities, which will be funded to accomplish these goals. The strategy portion of the Consolidated Plan contains specific actions that will guide these funding decisions. The Plan includes programs and projects to meet the needs of housing, special needs population, and non-housing community development, economic development as well as presents strategies to reduce poverty. The Plan also contains a policy of targeting neighborhoods for a sustained revitalization effort.

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.

The development of the Action Plan 2018-2019 was guided by the following priorities established in the ConPlan 2015-2019 for the City of Lima:

Goal 1. Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing: First Home Lima, Housing Update, Emergency Repair and Housing Rehab Services benefit at least 38 new LMI households in addition to monitoring 124 existing LMI housings improved or acquired with HUD funds.

Goal 2. Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods: Street and Curb Repair, Park Improvements , Demolition, and Property Maintenance benefit 15,000 persons

Goal 3. Provide Needed Public Services: Neighborhood Assistance, Police Support Services and Bradfield Senior Center benefit over 5,130 persons in mostly LMI areas

Goal 4. Increase Economic Opportunities: 10 Persons assisted with technical training and job placement, Micro Enterprise Program Startup Lab to encourage 40 individual move out of unemployment into self sufficiency

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 Lima has been a direct recipient of CDBG and HOME grant funds since the inception of these programs. As such, the preparation and development of the current Year 4 of the Consolidated Plan 2015-2019, Annual Action Plan 2018-2019 represents a logical continuation of the City's past housing assistance and community development programs and builds upon the foundation set forth in prior periods Consolidated Plans.

At the end of each program year, the City of Lima prepares the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which describes the City's progress in meeting its identified needs, priorities and goals as set forth in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Through the monitoring of performance measures, the City is able to identify operational improvements, resource allocation issues, and policy questions to be addressed in future years.

Overall, the City of Lima continues to strive for success in the implementation of housing assistance and community development programs and services in order to meet the goals and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Three Public Hearings before the approval of the Action Plan offer's citizens several chances to voice their opinion. A total of 61 persons attended these meetings on May 7th, June 4th, June 18th, July 2nd and July 23rd, 2018 at the Council Chambers. All sign-in sheets are included with the Action Plan submission. Local newspaper notification with date, time and location of the public hearings were posted and a draft copy was available at the local public library and DCD front desk during the public comment period.

West Ohio CAP was consulted for incorporation of Continuum of Care (CoC) goals; Allen County Land Revitalization Corporation partnered for an additional 200 vacant home demolition in 2016-17 program year, which attained its goal 2018 and now plan to demolish an additional 25 to 30 residential

structures; the US Department for Justice for COP program was utilized to provide salary assistance to community safety programs and Federal Transportation funds as well as ODOT transportation plans were utilized for matching state funding for street improvement.

5. Summary of public comments

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

Minutes of the Hearings and citizen comments are included as part of the Action Plan submission process.

Minutes of public Hearings

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

No written comments received. See Public Hearing minutes under Appendices Section. There are no comments or views that were not accepted.

7. Summary

City Council made final appropriation decisions for the 2018-2019 Action plan Budget on July 23, 2018 and took all public comments into consideration. The City of Lima proposes to undertake the following housing assistance and community development activities under its FY 2018 Annual Action Plan.

18 programs were funded with HOME and CDBG funds in 2018-2019 Action Plan that supported the stated goals and objectives. 2017-18 plan year had 20 active projects including two projects, CHDO Operating and CHDO set aside that have no activities proposed in 2018-2019. One application funded one time request to repair/replace HVAC system for the Lima headquarters for Family Resource Center providing mental health services to LMI children is completed and not awarded new funding in 2018-19. However 2018-2019 has one new application for Micro Enterprise Program Startup Lab is funded this year to help 100 entrepreneurs by providing tools and training for sustainable business ownership to promote job creation and economic development.

- 5 programs were aimed at providing decent affordable housing including First Home Lima, Housing Counseling, Home Update, Emergency Repair and Housing Rehabilitation Services.
- 4 programs helped to provide improved Suitable Living Environment including Demolition, Property Maintenance, Street and Curb Repair and Park Improvements.

- 3 programs helped provide needed Public Services with Police Services, Bradfield Senior and Youth Services, Neighborhood Assistance.
- 2 programs to improve economic development and job creation included Career Pathways in Advanced Manufacturing
- 3 Planning and Program Administrative services included Fair Housing, HOME and CDBG Administration.

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
CDBG Administrator	LIMA	Department of Community Development	
HOME Administrator	LIMA	Department of Community Development	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The lead agency responsible for the development of this Action Plan 2018-2019 is the City of Lima Department of Development. The Department of Development is also responsible for administration of the City of Lima's CDBG and HOME funds.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Lima worked with a wide array of organizations and existing networks to develop the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. This consultation occurs on an ongoing basis through periodic meetings with the City's many partner agencies. Each year, we maintain and foster relationships with these organizations to work on Annual Action Plans and to coordinate services. Through the City's partnerships with a number of local housing and community development agencies, the City is continually kept abreast regarding area needs.

Broad public input, stakeholder feedback and internal staff advice was sought out for the development of the Action Plan 2018-2019, Year 4 of the Consolidated Plan, as outlined below.

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 City of Lima has contracted with a consultant to develop and implement a consultation and citizen participation process which was conducted as part of the City's Consolidated Plan development. Agencies that have been consulted include housing providers, AMHA, New Lima (CHDO), area public service agencies, as well as local civic organizations. A summary of current collaborations includes: Allen County Community Development; Allen County Department of Jobs and Family Services; Allen County Health Partners; Allen County Probate Court; Allen County Veterans Services Commission; Career Development Company; Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; the Families in Transition program/Family Resource Center; Family Promise of Allen County; Lima Allen Council on Community Affairs; Lutheran Social Services; Allen County Board of MR/DD; SAFE HARBOR; Lima Rescue Mission; Samaritan House; Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission; St. Vincent DePaul's Society; and YMCA SRO.

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.

City of Lima participated in the Lima-Allen County Housing Consortium and Continuum of Care (COC) to coordinate between Government, mental health and other service agencies and the Annual Action Plan reflects the same goals and objectives.

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 Lima does not receive or administer ESG Funds. The City of Lima participated in the Lima-Allen County Housing Consortium and Continuum of Care (COC) to coordinate between Government, mental health and other service agencies and the Annual Action Plan reflects the same goals and objectives.

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	James A Rhodes State College
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	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?	Organization received an email invitation to participate in and comment on all phases of the annual plan process. This included community meetings, public hearings and application briefing to explain the project application process.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Bradfield Senior Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Health education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization received an email invitation to participate in and comment on all phases of the annual plan process. This included community meetings, public hearings and application briefing to explain the project application process.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW LIMA, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons LMI 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?	Organization received an email invitation to participate in and comment on all phases of the annual plan process. This included community meetings, public hearings and application briefing to explain the project application process.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	LACCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment LMI Housing Assistance
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization (now under the name of West Ohio Community Action Partnership) received an email invitation to participate in and comment on all phases of the annual plan process. This included community meetings, public hearings and application briefing to explain the project application process.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	ALLEN METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	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?	Organization received an email invitation to participate in and comment on all phases of the annual plan process. This included community meetings, public hearings and application briefing to explain the project application process.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Assistance in Analysis of Housing Impediments
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization received an email invitation to participate in and comment on all phases of the annual plan process. This included community meetings, public hearings and application briefing to explain the project application process.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Lima/Allen County Housing Consortium
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons private non-profit
	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?	Organization received an email invitation to participate in and comment on all phases of the annual plan process. This included community meetings, public hearings and application briefing to explain the project application process.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	LACNIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Regional organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Social and educational assistance to LMI

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Organization received an email invitation to participate in and comment on all phases of the annual plan process. This included community meetings, public hearings and application briefing to explain the project application process.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

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	West Ohio CAP	Continuum of Care goals are reflected in housing and service activities within annual plan. West Ohio CAP is the Region 12 Homeless Crisis Region lead agency.
Neighborhood Initiative Program	Allen County Land Reutilization Corporation	Over 200 vacant, abandoned homes will be demolished supporting the priority need of revitalizing neighborhoods to create suitable living. This supports CDBG-funded demolition activities. Funding is made available via the NIP grant program administered by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. Estimated investment by NIP in City of Lima demolition and property disposition will be 4.5 million dollars.
Community Oriented Policing	U.S. Department of Justice	The U.S. Department of Justice COP program provides salary funding for Officers assigned to community-oriented policing activities. The CDBG project activity of Police support program provides assistance to COP officers in neighborhood improvement, supporting the priority need to revitalize neighborhoods to create suitable living.
Lima Transportation improvement	ODOT	The City of Lima uses CDBG investment to leverage \$13,237,000 investment by ODOT and State Issue II funds for street improvement. This meets the priority need of revitalizing neighborhoods to create sustainable living and supports CDBG street/curb reconstruction activities.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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**

Community meeting was held in City Council Chambers at 5:30 PM followed by an Application briefing on 4th May, 2018.

Three Public Hearings were held at the City Council chambers on June 4, June 18th and July 2nd and the final approval for 2018-2019 HUD funding allocation was announced on July 23, 2018.

Local newspaper advertised the meeting schedule and the list of applications received with date, time and location of all hearings related to estimated HUD funding and allocation.

Hard copy of the draft report was available to public throughout the public comment period at the Lima Public Library and DCD front desk and posted on the City of Lima Web site @ www.cityhall.lima.oh.us.

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	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The City Council conducted three public hearings. See uploaded sign-in sheets for attendance records.	See meeting minutes uploaded for comments.	All comments were accepted.	

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 Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Lima organized a Community meeting for reviewing community data, resources available and planning process followed by Application Briefing on May 04, 2014. See sign-in sheet uploaded.	See meeting minutes.	All comments were accepted.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Lima published a public hearing notice in the Lima News describing the public hearing schedule for 2018-19 Action plan.	No comments received.	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)
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Lima posted the Public Hearing Schedule and meeting schedule on the City's web site which remained available online during the public notification period.	No comments received	N/A	
5	Hard copy available at Public Library and DCD front desk	Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Lima made a hard copy of the draft 2018-2019 Action Plan available at the local Public Library and the DCD front desk for public viewing and invited any comments during the public comment period.	No comments received.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The 5-year Consolidated Plan for 2015 - 2019 must identify the federal, state, local, and private resources expected to be available to the City of Lima to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. The City of Lima is a direct entitlement community for two HUD-funded programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program; and receives an annual allocation of Federal funding from the U.S. Department of HUD for these programs. Below is an estimated breakdown of these anticipated funding resources.

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	1,033,006	15,000	195,666	1,243,672	2,492,117	CDBG funds will leverage private funding as well as other public funding from local, state, and federal funding sources.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	341,442	58,952	256,852	657,246	244,895	HOME funds will leverage private funding as well as other public funding from local, state, and federal funding sources. Program Income includes \$40,000 expected PI and \$18,952 Recaptured funds from a HOME property sale.

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

CDBG Program: CDBG funding can leverage additional private, local, state, or federal funding for housing and community development activities. For example, the City expects to continue to carry out street reconstruction/improvements by leveraging a portion of its CDBG allocation to obtain State Issue-1 and State Issue-II (ODOT and OPWC) funds. CDBG funding allocated for economic development can leverage private investment.

The City's assistance to local neighborhood nonprofit groups helps to leverage the efforts of approximately 1,000 volunteers who provide on

average over 6,000 service hours annually for projects that help revitalize and create sustainable neighborhoods in low- and moderate-income areas of Lima.

HOME Program: HOME funds are used to leverage other public and private funds, and generate matching funds as required by HUD. These programs include: New Lima (the jurisdiction's Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO) (no project this year) for CHDO Development projects; HOME Update and the Downpayment Assistance Program.

Leveraged funds from private and public sources are expected in housing and building renovation projects – although their levels of participation are yet uncertain at this time. The City will attempt to leverage more funds with other state and local resources whenever possible. The City will continue to work toward forging more partnerships with and among local groups, whether private, non-profit or government, interested in bringing about positive changes in labor skills upgrading, housing and economic development.

The City of Lima does not have match requirements for HOME funds in view of its severe fiscal distress status, as determined by HUD.

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

No publicly owned land or property will be used to meet identified needs that would result in population displacement.

The City of Lima, through its Land Bank activities owns and maintains several tracts of vacant land. The City is working with the Ohio State University School of Architecture, and graduate students from the School's City and Regional Planning program to identify strategies for vacant properties and properties that have a high probability of becoming vacant. The goal is to identify areas where the City can assemble properties to create developable sites and market them for residential and/or economic development. Redevelopment projects will be selected using participatory and competitive processes. The City also partnered with the Allen County Land Reutilization Corporation in FY16 in applying for the OHFA Neighborhood Initiatives Program. This program just reached its goal of demolition of over 200 vacant residential properties in 2018. An additional 25 to 30 structures is scheduled to be demolished as the program continues to serve the community. The City will work collaboratively with the County Land bank to market the resulting Land bank owned parcels for redevelopment.

Discussion

The City will work cooperatively with local service provider agencies to enhance its affordable housing and supportive service delivery. This effort will be aimed at maximizing available resources in the leveraging of additional private, local, state, or federal funding sources. This leveraging can increase the impact these activities will have on the community, enabling more persons to be served in addition to furthering community and neighborhood revitalization. The principal goal of this coordinated strategy will be to assist low- and moderate-income renters and owners, the homeless, female-headed households with children, low-income elderly, public and assisted housing residents, persons with mental and physical disabilities, and other special needs populations. The City will seek creative partnerships with private lenders, community-based nonprofit organizations and other state and local agencies to provide affordable housing and other public service/community development activities to improve the quality of life for all of its residents.

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	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City-wide	Decent Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$186,653 HOME: \$313,132	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 48 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 16 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 22 Households Assisted
2	Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide CDBG Eligible Census Tracts	Revitalize Neighborhoods to Create Suitable Living	CDBG: \$534,333 HOME: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15000 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 9 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/ Foreclosed Property Care: 2000 Household Housing Unit, Street Repair 3,000 person, Parks Improvement 50 LMI youth

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Provide Needed Public Services	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Provide Needed Public Services	CDBG: \$209,751 HOME: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4130 Persons Assisted with Police Services & Bradfield
4	Increase Economic Opportunities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Expand Economic Opportunities	CDBG: \$67,000 HOME: \$0	Businesses assisted: 40 Businesses Assisted Other: 10 Other
5	Planning and Program Administration	2015	2019	Planning, Administration	City-wide	Decent Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$207,611 HOME: \$28,144	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 Households Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City will administer several programs to improve, maintain, and expand owner-occupied housing. The activities will include down-payment assistance; home improvements; financial and homeownership counseling programs and other services intended to improve access to and increase choices of decent affordable housing. No new CHDO project was proposed this year. Home repair loans will sustain the availability of affordable housing for LMI households whose dwelling units will be repaired to address safety and health issues and/or brought up to local building and property maintenance standards, as well as funds for emergency repairs.
2	Goal Name	Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	The City will administer activities to improve the physical condition, health, and safety of residential neighborhoods with projects such as improvements to streets, sidewalks and parks in LMI areas. The City intends to also fund activities to demolish blighted structures that can include both residential and/or commercial structures. The City will also provide code enforcement services city-wide with emphasis in areas identified by HUD as low- and moderate-income.
3	Goal Name	Provide Needed Public Services
	Goal Description	The City will administer programs intended to improve access, increase availability and improve coordination of public services for housing; emergency preparedness and safety; crime awareness; and programs for LMI and special needs residents. The City will provide public services that maintain and improve neighborhood and household stability, such as - but not limited to - programs related to youth, healthy community growth, and financial literacy. Supported activities also include technical assistance to public and/or nonprofit entities to increase their capacity to carry out eligible neighborhood revitalization or economic development activities.
4	Goal Name	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	The City's goal for expanding economic opportunities is to provide programs that will improve the accessibility of services for labor skills upgrading that will benefit LMI resident-adults who are either unemployed or underemployed. A new Micro Enterprise Startup Lab program will assist at least 40 LMI individuals to move from unemployment and become sustainable business owners.

5	Goal Name	Planning and Program Administration
	Goal Description	The City's goal is to utilize sufficient resources to effectively and efficiently administer the CDBG and HOME programs, following all HUD regulations and guidelines.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan includes 18 "projects" in two entitlement grant programs - CDBG and HOME, three of which are administrative. 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.

Implementation of CDBG activities described below will be confined within Lima census tracts where at least 51% of the population is considered by HUD to be low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, or will be limited to CDBG-eligible recipients, with the exception of slum and blight removal which could be in areas outside the CDBG eligible tracts for the purpose of reducing public health and safety risks. Eligible census tracts are shown on the Map included in this report. The City of Lima will certify that 70% of the aggregate expenditure of CDBG funds will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes.

For HOME and housing related projects, activities will be implemented wherever LMI household beneficiaries are located in the City. This is to provide assistance where eligible households reside.

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.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CHDO Set-Aside Funds
2	First Home Lima
3	HOME Update
4	HOME Administration
5	CDBG Administration
6	Police Support Services Program
7	Neighborhood Assistance
8	Demolition
9	Street/Curb Reconstruction
10	Park Improvements
11	Emergency Repairs
12	Property Maintenance
13	Fair Housing
14	Housing Counseling
15	Housing Rehab
16	Career Pathways in Adv. Mfg.(Rhodes)
17	Bradfield Center
18	Startup Lab

Table 7 - 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 approximately 15% of the estimated 2018 CDBG funding to Public Service activities. Nearly all public service programs are offered citywide to qualified low- and moderate-income residents.

Public Facilities Improvements (i.e. street/curb reconstruction) are targeted for CDBG eligible areas to meet the needs of Low and Moderate Income households. Each year our LMAs are evaluated to determine where there is the greatest need for these infrastructure improvements.

The Demolition Program uses CDBG funds to address blighted properties in CDBG-eligible areas. This program places a priority on demolishing structures that pose a health and safety hazard.

There are no obstacles to addressing underserved needs with the exception of the amount of funds available to the City and the significant difference in the census tracts and block groups that were determined from the 2006-2010 ACS data to be CDBG eligible with 51% or more of households having low-to moderate-income, compared to the 2000 LMI areas.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CHDO Set-Aside Funds
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Decent Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$51,216
	Description	Set-aside funds for certified community housing development organizations (CHDOs) to develop affordable housing in Lima. HUD requires a minimum of 15% of the HOME grant be used in development projects in partnership with CHDOs. No new project proposal received this year.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	No new project proposal received this year.
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	No new project proposed for this year.
2	Project Name	First Home Lima
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Decent Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$175,608
	Description	Assist first-time LMI home buyers with down payment and closing costs.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 22 first-time eligible LMI home buyers will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The program will assist income qualified Lima city residents to purchase their first home in the city by assisting with down payment and closing costs.

3	Project Name	HOME Update
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Decent Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$137,515
	Description	The City of Lima's housing repair program provides deferred/forgivable loans to finance repairs for eligible housing units. The program is designed to assist lower income homeowners correct housing conditions, which if neglected, will adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the homeowner. Repair work may include any repair needed to comply with all property maintenance codes, as determined by the City's housing rehab inspector.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 6 LMI eligible homeowners will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	
Planned Activities	The Home Update Program is designated to assist lower income homeowners in repairing major health or safety issues in their home, which will correct ALL code violations. Many lower income homeowners cannot repay a loan; therefore the Home Update Program eliminates repayment of the repair loan if the homeowner maintains ownership and resides in the home for a period of 5 years.	
4	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Decent Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$28,144
	Description	HOME funds allocated to pay for the City of Lima, Department of Community Development expenses associated with planning and administration of the City's HOME program.
	Target Date	9/30/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	HOME funds under this project will be used to pay for Lima Department of Community Development staff salaries, operating costs and other expenses associated with the planning and administration of the City's HOME program. A portion of the administrative funding is used to provide training and HOME Update counseling, which is a credit counseling program for LMI families.
5	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Decent Affordable Housing Revitalize Neighborhoods to Create Suitable Living Provide Needed Public Services Expand Economic Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$207,611
	Description	The Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations for the Community Development Block Grant Program require that the City administer a large volume of program related activities. CDBG funds contribute to salaries and related administrative expenses for staff in the Department of Community Development.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	CDBG funding for the payment of Lima Community Development Department staff and operating costs associated with CDBG administrative activities, including the overall management, coordination, reporting and record keeping requirements of the CDBG Program.

6	Project Name	Police Support Services Program
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Needed Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,265
	Description	This project provides funding for civilian police support personnel as part of a neighborhood-based Community Oriented Policing strategy. The primary purpose of this activity is to provide free security surveys to elderly-led households to determine security risks and recommend and/or install safety gadgets and practices. The PSSP also provides presentations to neighborhood groups on home security and assists the regular police force in office activities, downtown patrolling, and in providing security in special public events.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 thousand to 4 thousand individuals, mostly from LMI households including children, seniors and disabled residents plus area businesses will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	Schools, places of worship, public events and area businesses
	Planned Activities	This program will provide free security surveys to elderly-led households to determine security risks and recommend and/or install safety gadgets and practices, provide presentations to neighborhood groups on home security and assist the regular police force in office activities, downtown patrolling, and in providing security in special public events.
7	Project Name	Neighborhood Assistance
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Needed Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$101,486
	Description	This program provides technical support and educational services to nonprofit community organizations. With an amendment to the 2016 Annual Action Plan, the scope of neighborhood organizations is expanded to include non-profit organizations to meet the goal set in 2015 Consolidated Plan.

	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	11 neighborhood organizations help area residents in predominantly CDBG eligible census tracts to include cleaning up public spaces, neighborhood watch, tool sharing, community gardening and a variety of projects to promote a healthy community growth.
	Location Description	11 neighborhood organizations help area residents in predominantly CDBG eligible census tracts
	Planned Activities	Maintain neighborhood capacity building and education services to non-profit organizations. This program covers the salary and benefits for the Neighborhood Support Specialist. This program is a vital liaison between the City of Lima and the volunteer members of Non-profit Associations and the Lima-Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP), providing essential day-to-day administrative support and resources. CDBG funds will also be used to cover the costs of leadership training, recognition, in-school and community education programs, resource materials, and equipment.
8	Project Name	Demolition
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Revitalize Neighborhoods to Create Suitable Living
	Funding	CDBG: \$115,129
	Description	Demolition of vacant, deteriorated residential/commercial structures that pose a threat to public health and safety.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 9 residential/ commercial structures
	Location Description	Structures are located citywide and selected based on their individual condition of deterioration
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to demolish commercial and residential structures, vacant and deteriorated that are sources of blight and pose hazards to public health and safety.
9	Project Name	Street/Curb Reconstruction

	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Revitalize Neighborhoods to Create Suitable Living
	Funding	CDBG: \$155,000
	Description	Reconstruct deteriorated streets and curbs in CDBG-eligible areas.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 200 households or 3,000 persons are benefitted from this project
	Location Description	CDBG Eligible census tracts
	Planned Activities	Funds to defray the cost of improvements to public infrastructure (street/curb reconstruction) in CDBG-eligible areas. A portion of this year's allocation will be used as local matches to leverage State Issue I, State Issue II and ODOT funds. These funds are expected to cover the reconstruction/resurfacing cost of deteriorated streets in CDBG-eligible areas.
10	Project Name	Park Improvements
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Revitalize Neighborhoods to Create Suitable Living
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Reconstruct courts and ball fields in order to provide recreation programs for LMI residents
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 50 LMI youth households will benefit from this program
	Location Description	City owned park facilities in CDBG eligible census tracts
	Planned Activities	This project will provide funds to defray parts of the cost of redeveloping facilities and amenities in public parks in CDBG-eligible areas.

11	Project Name	Emergency Repairs
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Decent Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Provides deferred/forgivable loans to finance emergency repairs for eligible housing units.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 10 eligible LMI Household will benefit from this program
	Location Description	Program based on income eligibility of the resident
	Planned Activities	This program administered by the City of Lima assists City resident homeowners with income below 50% of the area median income who need emergency home repairs. Primarily benefits very low-income elderly homeowners to help finance emergency repairs including electrical, plumbing, heating, and roofs.
12	Project Name	Property Maintenance
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Revitalize Neighborhoods to Create Suitable Living
	Funding	CDBG: \$244,075
	Description	This program supports property maintenance and code enforcement activities with particular focus in areas identified by HUD as low-and moderate-income household areas.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 2,000 unique parcels
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Provide services for inspection, prosecution and remediation relating to property maintenance code violations in the City of Lima. CDBG funds also will be utilized to fund salaries & benefits of one full time Property Maintenance Code Inspector; DCD Director and Secretary; PM inspection labor hours of the Housing Rehab Inspector, board-up costs, and inspection supplies and equipment costs as well as software support.
13	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Needed Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Provide educational, investigative and other activities to limit housing discrimination and affirmatively further fair housing choices. This program will continue to be implemented through West Ohio CAP, a local non-profit organization.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 250 LMI household will benefit from this program. The number of service depends on the complaints received. The call numbers are significantly less in the recent years from the Consolidated Plan's stated goal of 400 annually.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Fair Housing activities include mediation, routine testing, referral to legal aid, City Code Enforcement, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, mediating Landlord-Tenant issues, and distribution of educational information.
14	Project Name	Housing Counseling
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Needed Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,200

	Description	This program, offered through a contract with West Ohio CAP, provides technical assistance for homeowners and home buyers to improve access to and affordability of homeownership and credit for the purpose of providing decent, affordable housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 48 LMI household will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This homeownership training program enables low-to moderate-income families to become first-time homebuyers. In addition to an intensive 12-hour class, the program provides individual counseling and support to all participants. Information on predatory lending and foreclosure issues is included.
15	Project Name	Housing Rehab
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Decent Affordable Housing
	Funding	:
	Description	Defray delivery cost of services by staff involved in HOME-funded housing projects and inspection services, in order to sustain the supply of affordable housing, increase access to homeownership and decent affordable housing through down payment assistance.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Providing CDBG funding for the City's Community Development Department staff directly involved in the delivery of housing rehabilitation and First Home Lima program services.

16	Project Name	Career Pathways in Adv. Mfg.(Rhodes)
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000
	Description	Defray part of the cost of providing workforce skills development in advanced manufacturing for the CDBG-eligible unemployed, underemployed and displaced workers.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 10 income eligible resident will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	Rhodes State College
Planned Activities	The project is done under contract with Rhodes State College, Lima, and contributes to the cost of providing training for the unemployed, the underemployed, displaced workers, high school students, and college students to prepare them for in-demand careers in advanced manufacturing. It assists low-income adults in the City of Lima in acquiring the necessary skills to expand their career options and obtain gainful employment.	
17	Project Name	Bradfield Center
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Needed Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$64,802
	Description	This program will partially cover staff salaries and benefits and operational costs of implementing and monitoring LMI senior citizens' health, fitness and related education, promotion and assessment programs plus after school programs for youths' from income qualified households.
	Target Date	9/30/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 130 LMI youth and seniors will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	Bradfield Center.
	Planned Activities	Bradfield Center provides structured health education, health checks and yoga classes to 80 LMI seniors and various health related programs to 50 LMI youths.
18	Project Name	Startup Lab
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Needed Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Needed Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	The program will help entrepreneurs define, market, grow, and sustain their business and provide small business community and LMI individuals improved access to work toward attaining their goal with specific skills that maximize their growth potential.
	Target Date	9/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 40 LMI individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	
Planned Activities	Program offers a combination of lectures, discussions, guest speakers, panels, interactive simulations, team exercises and self-assessments. Participants gain knowledge, tools and a valuable network to help them achieve their business goals. The 10-week intensive course features an interactive curriculum focused in finance and accounting; leadership; marketing and brand strategy; relationship marketing and strategic thinking. Classes of 10 to 16 will participate in a weekly, 3 hour facilitator led session, as they work toward pitching their business.	

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 Lima is a diverse community with a minority population of 11,623 representing 30.1% of the total population according to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey data. The most recent data provided by HUD from the 2006-2010 ACS shows that 10 of 23 Census Tracts and 25 of 52 Block Groups in the city that qualify as low-and moderate-income eligible areas. Because the City of Lima is predominately (57%) low-mod income, the geographic area includes the entire City.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-wide	58
CDBG Eligible Census Tracts	42

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Geographic distribution of the project priorities aims at serving the maximum number of LMI population, including senior and youth, creating more homeownership in LMI majority census tracts within the city, repairing streets and curbs in those same tracts, and improving city-owned parks in LMI tracts only. Some of the programs are based on LMI concentration in the geographic area. Others are based on individual income qualification or removing spot slum and blight, and those programs are citywide, serving primarily income qualified individuals.

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).

Discussion

As described above, HUD census data on low and moderate income populations have reported that a majority of the residents of the City of Lima (57%) are considered to be low and moderate income. While this means that most HUD-funded activities that are citywide in scope can be considered to meet the CDBG Program national objective of benefitting low-and moderate-income persons, it is also true that within the City there are specific areas of low-income and minority concentrations.

The City aims to meet or exceed serving 70% LMI residents and primarily targets projects in the census-designated low-and moderate-income areas. However, some projects merit funding as serving income-qualified individuals citywide, as described above, or removal or reduction of slum and blight.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Lima's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan programs will expand affordable housing opportunities and preserve existing affordable housing for the City's low and moderate income households. Projects that will be funded include first time home buyer assistance, Housing Counseling and Fair Housing operated by West Ohio CAP, housing maintenance and repair programs operated by the City's Department of Community Development. No new housing project is proposed by New Lima-Housing for the Future, a local CHDO. These programs are described in detail under Section AP-35 "Projects".

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	25
Special-Needs	10
Total	35

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	16
Acquisition of Existing Units	22
Total	38

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

Discussion

Downpayment assistance projects will benefit 22 LMI households who will have new decent, affordable homes available to them (First Home Lima). No new construction proposed by the local CHDO this year.

Home updates and emergency repair projects will sustain the availability of affordable housing that will benefit up to 16 LMI households, including low-income elderly residents, whose dwelling units will be repaired to address safety and health issues and/or brought up to local building and property maintenance standards (Home Update, Emergency Repairs).

In addition to the direct financial assistance noted above, financial literacy, homeownership counseling programs and fair housing services will benefit at least 298 LMI households who will have improved access to and choices of decent affordable housing. (Fair Housing and Housing Counseling, provided by

West Ohio CAP (formerly LACCA).

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) will continue to own and manage 247 units of conventional public housing units for low-income Lima residents. These units are located in one 40-unit apartment community and 207 scattered site homes across Allen County.

AMHA is approved to administer 1,041 Section 8 units, which allow families more flexibility than certificates in the selection of a housing unit. The numbers of public housing and Section 8 Vouchers fluctuate as units are added or removed from the inventory.

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

The Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) will undertake the following:

1. Continue to apply for Capital Funds for long term needs for both family and elderly housing;
2. Continue to apply for resident initiatives, self-sufficiency and drug prevention programs;
3. Continue to apply for Mainstream Housing funding and other appropriate funding for the disabled population;
4. Continue to provide support and apply for funding to enhance the Allen County Tenant Council, Furl Williams Tenant Council, and Resident Advisory Boards.
5. Administer Section 8 housing in the amount of 1,041 vouchers;
6. Expand homeownership program to increase the number of income eligible households that achieve ownership;
7. Administer 247 public housing units;
8. Administer self-sufficiency programs to promote employment and educational opportunities;
9. Apply for additional grant funds to assist various family types based on established need.

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

AMHA provides programs to help Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program participants achieve homeownership. The Family Self-Sufficiency program can assist in buying a home. The FSS is a voluntary program designed to help families achieve financial independence, by helping families repair their credit, get out of debt, earn their college degrees, find well paying jobs and purchase homes. The Homeownership Program helps Housing Choice Voucher holders afford a home by allowing them to apply their rent and their housing subsidy (called a Housing Assistance Payment) towards mortgage payments. In addition, the program provides homebuyer education, credit counseling and other services to help Housing Choice Voucher families navigate the process of home buying.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be

provided or other assistance

AMHA is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

AMHA has 537 families on the Section 8 waiting list and 533 families on the conventional unit waiting list. Section 8 vouchers are typically popular because the tenant can choose a housing structure located away from conventional public housing units, which gives them flexibility in choosing where they will live.

The physical condition of the public housing units is generally good. The restoration of the units is based on an annual inspection and the architectural needs assessment. Aesthetic curb appeal and mechanical system upgrades are a high priority and are addressed as funds become available. Maintenance of the properties continues to be a high priority.

Two of public housing units are ADA/504 Accessible. Data of the accessibility of Section 8 units is not available. AMHA's strategy for improving management and operations includes capital funding and operational funds for the upcoming fiscal years.

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

Introduction

Since 2010, the Allen County Continuum of Care (CoC), a partnership of City, County and nonprofit agencies to end chronic homelessness, has been managing many of the region's homeless related activities and programs. The Lima Allen County Housing Consortium, the lead agency in the CoC, is spearheading a broad effort to bring numerous agencies together to increase the effectiveness of the CoC.

The CoC provides oversight for service agencies and shelters and coordinates efforts to reduce duplication of homeless services. The CoC is an independent body that promotes solution-oriented planning and coordination of services, development of performance based strategic planning and evaluation, and development of service partnerships to increase linkages.

The Lima/Allen County Analysis of Impediments 2016 report identified the need to “address homelessness through a multi-faceted strategy that includes emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, medical and social services, and job training.” The City of Lima, as a member of the Housing Consortium, is committed to the effort to reach out to homeless persons.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

The City of Lima will continue its partnership with Allen County and nonprofit agencies to support the Allen County Continuum of Care, and their outreach and assessment services of homeless persons.

The City of Lima supports the Point-In-Time count conducted by West Ohio CAP as a mechanism to better assess and understand the needs of homeless persons. Additional strategies outlined in the AI report include:

- Establish community based educational programming to further local resident understanding and public acceptance.
- Establish baseline of information about the community homeless problem. Utilize street outreach workers to seek out those homeless persons living outside the shelter system in order to understand their needs. Coordinate through Blueprint for Homeless.
- Within the shelter system, provide immediate assessment and linkages to case management and mainstream social services, including agencies providing mental health care, substance abuse treatment, medical services and assistance to veterans, as recommended in the Blueprint for Homelessness.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Lima remains committed to its partnership in the CoC, providing assistance for the at-risk homeless population and identifying housing opportunities with appropriate support services.

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

Strategies included in the AI 2016 report to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing include:

- Encourage all homeless service providers to adopt a housing first policy which seeks to minimize shelter stays and stabilize individuals and families as soon as feasible within permanent housing linked to supportive services as needed.
- Continue to support the production of permanent supportive housing units that can offer the opportunity for long-term homeless persons to leave the shelter system.

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.

Strategies included in the AI 2016 report to help low-income persons and families avoid becoming homeless include:

- Expand resources for and educate residents about programs providing assistance in preventing the loss of housing through eviction or foreclosure.
- Work with the criminal justice system to strengthen the support for the reentry into the community of person returning from incarceration, as outlined in the Blueprint for

Homelessness.

Discussion

The City of Lima is working with Allen County and most area non-profit organizations to improve the quality of housing available to elderly, LMI and other special needs groups. A voluntary Housing Quality Reporting form was collected from all area providers of low-and moderate-income housing to identify the prevalent problems in the area so that steps can be taken to mitigate or eliminate these problems.

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

Introduction:

As noted in the Strategic Plan (SP-55), there are three specific conditions that create barriers to affordable housing in Lima:

- Age of Housing Stock, which presents challenges to lower-income households in maintaining, renovating or rehabilitating older homes. The cost to renovate, replace aging systems and otherwise maintain an older house can be costly.
- Financial Capacity of Lima residents, especially the more than 5,039 LMI households who pay more than 30% or 50% of monthly income for housing.
- Public Policies Regarding Investment of Federal Housing and Community Development Funds. Reduced funding, increased reporting requires and increased restrictions on the use of federal funds has resulted in reduced financial resources to housing related programs and initiatives.

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

In order to address the need to remove barriers to affordable housing, the City of Lima's property maintenance, zoning and housing/building code should be reviewed. The City's current pyramid style zoning district use provisions can lead to incompatible land uses locating adjacent to one another, which can lead to disinvestment. In addition, the 2016 Analysis of Impediments recommends the following land use policy actions:

- Develop neighborhood plans to ensure a supportive environment for continued residential development while allowing for appropriate housing infill and renovation.
- Develop appropriate housing for senior citizens in proximity to shopping, medical facilities, social services, and public transportation to support their ability to remain independent.
- Develop alternative housing types including apartments, townhouses, condominiums, and converted commercial, industrial and institutional buildings to support live-work spaces and a wide variety of housing choice.
- Support housing rehabilitation programming as a most effective means of making affordable housing available to the greatest number of residents.
- Promote community and housing development through strategic, proactive land assembly.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

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.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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 twelve years, Lima's CDBG entitlement grant has decreased from \$1.4M in FY 2005 to \$1.03M in FY 2018, a decrease of 32%. Likewise, the City's HOME grant has decreased from \$430,000 in FY 2005 to \$341,442 in FY 2018, a decrease of almost 40%. To overcome this obstacle, Lima seeks out opportunities to leverage funding whenever possible, through other grant programs, foundations or local funds.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As described in great detail in sections of this Annual Action Plan, 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 2018-2019 allocations, the City has budgeted almost \$0.76 M for affordable housing projects. These projects include direct financial assistance to LMI first time home buyers, housing update, emergency housing rehabilitation programs, housing counseling, housing rehab services and CHDO Set-Aside. These affordable housing projects represent 42.7% of the total amount of HUD funding, including carry-over, recaptured funds and program income, that has been allocated by the City for 2018-2019.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

It is the City's intent to continue its lead-safe practices in all homeownership and housing rehabilitation projects and improve implementation through strategies outlined in the 5-Year Strategic Plan. The City will be doing these in-house and in partnership with relevant area and state entities concerned with lead paint safety. To improve in-house capability, the city has received technical assistance to improve the following:

- Program Management

- Data Collection
- Program Evaluation
- Community Education, Outreach, and Training
- Lead Hazard Activities
- Testing
- Interventions
- Relocations

Recommended changes in documentation and procedure in accordance with HUD regulations have been implemented

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City acknowledges the need to address poverty throughout the community, and will seek to reduce the number of families that are below the poverty line.

The City recognizes the need for workforce training and skills improvement; in fact, joblessness and the lack of adequate training/retraining were identified at the Consolidated Plan's public focus groups as major threats to Lima's future development. The City of Lima is committed to taking an active role in coordinating and supporting delivery systems and initiatives that provide:

- Skills upgrading for the unemployed and under-employed with the aim of improving their chances of getting better and meaningful, full-time employment. Partners include the Rhodes State College and Bradfield Center.
- Effective interfacing of school curricula and local employer processes with the view towards addressing the workforce requirement of existing employers and emerging industries in the area. Partners include the Rhodes State College, Lima City Schools, Apollo Career Center and the West Central Ohio Manufacturing Consortium.
- Meaningful employment opportunities for extremely low to moderate income individuals (through the activities of the local Jobs & Family Services – Workforce Investment Act).
- Expanded and easier access to business opportunities and loans to small entrepreneurs, especially LMIs, minorities and women. Partners include The Walter Potts Entrepreneurial Center and Rhodes's Small Business Development Center.
- Complementary incentives to expand existing desirable businesses and attract new ones with high-paying jobs. Instruments include incentives through the CRA, EZ and the New Lima Jobs Program.
- Incentives for higher local labor content in construction and operations through the CRA

Program and the New Lima Jobs Program.

- Increased motivation among the youth and adults alike to pursue higher education and be absorbed in higher-paying employment. Partners include the Rhodes State College, OSU-Lima, and the Chamber of Commerce (College Access).
- More focused implementation of Family Self-Sufficiency projects for public housing residents and Sec. 8 beneficiaries for them to move faster into homeownership through the Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority and West Ohio CAP.
- Creative housing loan packages, including home improvement loans, with traditional private lenders and public and non-profit housing providers. Partners include the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.
- Creative funding mechanisms for supportive housing, especially for persons with special needs such as the elderly, mentally- and physically-challenged, victims of domestic violence, and those with AIDS. This will be carried out through the Housing Consortium, the local CHDO, and the application of state tax credits for affordable housing. Micro Enterprise Program, Startup Lab for assisting with entrepreneurship training and workshops, providing officespace and training facilities at a reduced rate, assist in marketing and community outreach and identifying funding sources.

The City will help coordinate these strategies with organizations providing affordable housing programs and other services through regular interactions with other public agencies and non-profit organizations. The objective of these relationships is to facilitate the coordination of policies and programs, leading to the reduction in the number of Lima families in poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City's Department of Community Development will continue to provide technical assistance to nonprofit organizations in their efforts to attain CHDO and/or CDC status. The City will also continue to work with neighborhood-focused organizations (e.g., Lima/Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership, and the Housing Consortium) in order to improve communication and coordination of efforts in affordable housing, community, and economic development opportunities.

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

The City of Lima uses an RFP process to solicit funding proposals under the City's CDBG and HOME programs. This strategy provides the opportunity to enhance the coordination between public and provide housing and social service agencies. In addition, the consultation process that was part of the

development of this Consolidated Plan provided an additional method for increasing discussion and communication between the City and local agencies. These are dynamic and ongoing processes, and as implementation of the Strategic Plan continues in this and future years, the City should see continuing cooperation and coordination on housing and community development programs.

Furthermore, the City regularly participates with the County and other local agencies on a number of regional issues, and has regular ongoing discussions with the Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority and the Allen County Regional Planning Commission.

Discussion:

All of the foregoing issues and activities serve to strengthen the City's efforts to carry out the goals and policies established in the Consolidated Plan, Five-Year Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

This section provides information regarding various program specific requirements for the CDBG and HOME programs under which the City of Lima has been allocated funding by the U.S. Department of HUD for various, housing and community development projects and activities to be undertaken in this Annual Action Plan.

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	195,666
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:	195,666

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.35%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of Lima will not utilize any other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The amount of subsidy to recapture is limited to the direct homebuyer assistance that was provided. The City of Lima will recapture the prorated HOME subsidy from the net available proceeds.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City has a procedure in place to ensure the affordability of HOME assisted housing (24 CFR, Sec. 92.254 of HOME Regs.). The First Home Lima (first time homebuyer) Program is subject to recapture restrictions including pay back. If the house is sold during the initial five-year period, repayment of the down payment assistance is required, reduced by the period of time in occupancy by the eligible owner. The financial instrument is a five year, forgivable note where 20 percent is forgiven for each year the eligible household remains in the unit.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City of Lima does not plan to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

The City of Lima also adheres to the following practices regarding the use of HOME funds:

With reference to affirmatively-marketing HOME-assisted projects containing five or more housing units, the local CHDO (New Lima) has adopted the following practices/procedures:

- Conscious use of the EHO logo and slogan in its press releases, communications and advertisements;
- Strategic placement of information brochures and advertisements for available affordable housing and development opportunities;
- Strategic use of local community organizations (West Ohio CAP, AMHA, non-profit organizations, service clubs), churches, employment centers, groceries in disseminating information and public speaking as a form of outreach;
- Responsible management of records that describe actions and procedures, as well as periodic assessments of such actions, which are open for inspection and reported regularly to the CHDO's board of directors.

With reference to Minority Outreach efforts, all contract bids indicate equal opportunity. The City will continue to utilize the community television channel (GTV-2), informational flyers and local minority business bureau and the local major daily in disseminating information about the HOME-assisted rehabilitation projects.

Attachments



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Comment Period for 2018-19 CDBG/HOME Action Plan Begins

The City of Lima has placed for public review a draft of the 2018-2019 CDBG/Home Annual Action Plan on display at the following locations. The plan will be available for a formal thirty day comment period. The draft contains information on the proposed allocations for 2018-2019. The proposed Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan may be viewed at: The Lima Public Library reference desk, The Department of Community Development located at the City Municipal Center, and on line at:

<http://www.cityhall.lima.oh.us/dept/community/consol1014.asp>

**Persons wishing to comment on the plan may send their written comments
by 5PM on or before July 9, 2018 to:**

**The City of Lima
Department of Community Development
Attn: 2018-2019 CDBG/HOME Action Plan
50 Town Square
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