

2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan covers fiscal years 2020 through 2024 and includes a one-year Action Plan for fiscal year 2020. It is prepared in compliance with requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a plan and an application for funding under two formula grant programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships.

The County of Summit is an entitlement county, which HUD defines as a qualified urban county with a population of at least 200,000 (excluding the population of entitled cities). Entitlement counties are entitled to receive annual grants from HUD. The amount of each entitlement grant is determined by HUD through the use of a statutory dual formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

This document presents a strategic plan to address the three goals established by federal statute for these programs:

- Provision of expanded economic opportunities,
- Provision of a suitable living environment, and
- Provision of decent housing.

These programs are primarily intended to benefit persons and families of low-to moderate-income, which HUD defines as 80% or lower of the area median income, as determined annually by HUD. The current Income Limits are located in Appendix 1 - Income Limits. The income limits used by the County of Summit are the Akron Metropolitan Area Income Limits.

In addition to these efforts, during the 2020-2024 Plan period, the County of Summit will work to further the goals and objectives identified by the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care. The County of Summit will also seek out increased opportunities for collaboration with the other entitlement communities – the Cities of Akron, Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

As determined through a combination of the Needs Analysis, meetings with local non-profit agencies, community stakeholders, and a community survey, the 10 greatest needs of Summit County are:

1. Infrastructure Improvements such as waterline and sanitary sewer replacements and infrastructure improvements in low-to moderate-income census tracts;
 2. Home Repairs to homes of low-to moderate-income homeowners who otherwise could not afford critical home maintenance, to include weatherization, lead abatement, ADA accessibility modifications, and Home Repair Programs for low-to moderate-income owner-occupied housing units;
 3. To provide economic opportunities that create or retain jobs for low-to moderate-income individuals;
 4. Assisting individuals, such as the developmentally or physically disabled, who need help with self-care through facilities/housing improvements or job training programs/employment opportunities;
 5. The creation of programs to address the housing and supportive services needs/employment opportunities of our veterans;
 6. The provision of support for educational programs that will improve the lives of low-to moderate-income persons;
 7. Programs to address the recreational and social needs of our growing senior population, such as community centers and senior playgrounds/walking trails, and
 8. Support of programs that address the needs of the homeless.
9. Digital Equality to bridge the digital divide for low-to-moderate income individuals by providing equipment and internet services.
10. Prepare, Prevent and Respond to pandemics and declared states of emergency.

3. Evaluation of past performance

During the 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Strategic Plan, the following was accomplished:

The Provision of Expanded Economic Opportunities:

A total of in \$633,750 CDBG funds were allocated to Economic Development and resulted in:

- Assistance of 66 entrepreneurs in the creation of a potential of 66 new businesses;
- Expansion assistance of 6 businesses through the Revolving Loan fund;
- The creation of 8 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs; and
- Loans for companies looking to expand and create and/or retain jobs through the Western Reserve Community fund.

The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment

- \$13,192 in CDBG funds was allocated to provide Lifeline Emergency services to 36 low- to moderate-income senior and/or disabled citizens;
- \$49,844 in CDBG funds was allocated to provide services to 147 low- to moderate-income senior and/or disabled citizens;

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- \$62,841 in CDBG funds was allocated to provide shelter to 207 homeless women and children who were fleeing domestic violence;
- \$2,795 in CDBG funds were allocated to provide housing and/or supportive services for 63 homeless individuals;
- \$32,500 in CDBG funds was allocated to provide housing and/ supportive services for 21 homeless pregnant and/or parenting teens, and their children up to the age of 3 years;
- \$18,500 in CDBG funds was allocated to Fair Housing Contact Service to provide fair housing services to 2,065 low- to moderate-income residents of the County of Summit jurisdiction;
- \$582,500 in CDBG funds was allocated to capital improvements that will benefit an estimated 49,067 low- to moderate-income individuals.
- \$21,000 in CDBG funds was allocated to the International Soap Box Derby to provide educational programming to 467 fifth and six grade students;
- \$532,970 in CDBG funds was allocated to provide infrastructure improvements that benefitted 3,740 low- to moderate-income individuals; and
- \$110,000 in CDBG funds will be used for owner-occupied minor home repairs and ADA modifications for low- to moderate-income homeowners living within the County of Summit and outside the cities of Akron, Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls.

The Creation of Decent Housing:

- \$280,000 in HOME funds was allocated for the renovation of 5 HOME units for permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless female veterans and their children.
- \$350,000 in HOME funds was allocated for the construction of 2 floating HOME units for permanent supportive housing.
- Minor Home Repairs to 33 owner-occupied, low- to moderate-income residential housing units located within the County of Summit jurisdiction.

Evaluation of Past Performance

A total of \$396,000 in HOME funds was allocated to create Decent Housing and resulted in:

- The construction of 2 new housing units in Twinsburg Township for low- to moderate-income buyers;
- The construction of 1 new housing unit in Fairlawn for a low- to moderate-income buyer;
- The construction of a 48 unit, permanent supportive housing residence in Tallmadge, of which 4 units are floating HOME units, and
- The construction of a 68 unit, permanent supportive housing residence in Akron, of which 4 units are floating HOME units.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

As part of the preparation for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all entitlement jurisdictions to develop a citizen participation plan. The citizen participation plan is developed as a means of encouraging citizens, community officials, and representatives from public and private agencies that provide housing, social and health services, or are interested in fostering economic growth and development, to provide input into the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The regulations also require that entitlement jurisdictions obtain input from the public during the development of all Annual Updates and/or Amendments to the Consolidated Plan. Annual Updates to the Consolidated Plan identify the specific projects an entitlement community is going to implement in the upcoming program year to address the goals and objectives identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Amendments include any changes to the Consolidated Plan or to projects identified in the Annual Updates to the Consolidated Plan. The public comment period for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Updates to the Consolidated Plan, and Amendments to the Consolidated Plan must be no less than 30 days. Comments from Citizens may be submitted orally, in writing, or at public meetings. The regulations also require that citizens be given a minimum of 15 days to comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is submitted annually to HUD and is due 90 days after the completion of an entitlement community's program year. The County of Summit's program year ends on December 31st, which means that the CAPER is due by March 31st. The CAPER evaluates the progress made by an entitlement community toward the achievement of the goals and objectives identified in their Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Updates to the Consolidated Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

During the development of the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Strategic Plan, the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development consulted a wide range of public and private agencies to provide input on the needs of the community. Throughout the duration of the 60-day public comment period, hard copies of the survey were available at the Summit County Public Library system, neighborhood based groups, and various media outlets. It was also posted on the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development's website.

The County held public meetings to obtain the views of its citizens, non-profit service providers, various organizations, and neighborhood entitlement jurisdictions. The staff also consulted with Metro, AMHA, Continuum of Care, and 211.

See Appendix 2 - Citizen Participation and Public Notices for public comments.

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

Comments received from the public that did not apply to the County of Summit jurisdiction were forwarded to the appropriate jurisdiction(s).

7. Summary

Comments received from local communities regarding the plan were reviewed and the plan was revised to address comments.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	SUMMIT COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	SUMMIT COUNTY	Community and Economic Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	SUMMIT COUNTY	Community and Economic Development
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development is the lead agency responsible for the development of the Consolidated Plan and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs covered by this Consolidated Plan. This Consolidated Plan submission covers the period for fiscal years 2020 – 2024 and includes a one-year Action Plan for fiscal year 2020.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

All citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties will have reasonable and timely access to all information and records related to the County of Summit's Five-Year (FY 2020-2024) Consolidated Plan, Annual Updates to the Consolidated Plan (Action Plans), amendments to the plan(s), performance reports (CAPER), and other information related to specific projects included in the Consolidated Plan.

Electronic copies of the plan will be available at no cost, via download from the County of Summit's website at:

<https://co.summitoh.net/index.php/departments/community-a-economic-development/community-development/cdbg>

Copies of records and information will be \$.10 per page, payable in advance and by check only. Checks are to be made payable to the County of Summit. Requests must be made in writing to:

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Director of Communications

Office of the Executive

175 South Main Street, Eighth Floor

Akron, Ohio 44308

Fax: (330) 643-2627

Requested information and records will be made available by appointment only, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. in the County of Summit, Department of Communications, located at 175 South Main Street, 8th Floor, Akron, Ohio 44308.

All records and information related to the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan will be maintained and will remain available for review in accordance with the most recent approved RC-2.

PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff met with staff from the local public housing authority, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA), representatives of area non-profits and governments, the Akron/ Summit County Continuum of Care (CoC), and the Akron/ Summit County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). They also hosted three different discussion sessions with various groups to get their input on needs present in the community, collected citizen, community and agency comments electronically, via online surveys, and solicited citizen input at two public meetings. Copies of the surveys and the data collected are available in Appendix 2 Citizen Participation & Public Notices.

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 County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development conducted a comprehensive outreach to local agencies and governments in order to solicit their input for the development of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan. More than 175 local governmental and agency representatives were invited to attend planning meetings for the Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan. A comprehensive list of the attendees is available in Table 2, on pages 9 – 19. Sign-in sheets, agendas, hand-outs, and comments from the meetings, which was held on December 13, 2019, at 1:00pm, are available in Appendix 2 Citizen Participation & Public Notices. In addition to the meeting, which sought public input for the creation of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan, an online survey was used to solicit citizen input. The survey and results are also available in Appendix 2.

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff participate in the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care (CoC), serving on the Steering Committee, Point in Time Count of the homeless, and the CoC Review and Ranking Committee. The CoC is composed of not-for-profit social service agencies, faith-based organizations and government agencies within Summit County. The mission of the Summit County Continuum of Care for the Homeless is to engage organizations in a community-based process that works to end homelessness for all individuals and families throughout Akron/Summit County and address the underlying causes of homelessness and to lessen the negative impact of homelessness on individuals, families and communities.

The CoC receives \$4.7 million in funding and \$515,000 in ESG funding annually to address the needs of the homeless population. Additionally, the CoC has received \$1.8 million in COVID-19 related funding for use over the next two years. The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic

Development staff assist in the allocation of the funds through their participation in the Review and Ranking Committee.

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development provides funding to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) of Summit County, which supports the CoC, and participates through staff participation on the HMIS Advisory Committee. The HMIS enables participating agencies to have accurate information about the clients they serve, saves staff and management time needed to gather client data and complete funding reports, enables agencies to track client outcomes and measure the success of the services provided during a given time period, and helps agencies improve the quality of the services provided. It also informs government and the community about the extent and nature of homelessness in the state and the community and enables better communication about housing and support needs to potential funders and policy-makers.

Participating agencies include:

- ACCESS Inc.
- Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Community Aids Network (CANAPI)
- Community Support Services (CSS)
- Haven of Rest
- H.M. Life Opportunity Services
- United Way of Summit-Medina
- Family and Community Services
- Family Promise of Summit County
- Legacy III
- North Coast Community Homes
- Oriana House
- Ohio Multi County Development Corporation (OMCDC)
- Shelter Care
- Tarry House
- The Salvation Army
- Harmony House

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

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff participate in the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care, serving on the CoC Board, the Steering Committee, and participating in the annual Point in Time Count. The County of Summit also provides

\$5,000.00 in funding to the United Way of Summit County, the HMIS Lead for the CoC, to support their efforts in data collection for the homeless population.

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

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff serve on the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care Steering Committee and the Review and Ranking Committee. Through participation on the Review and Ranking Committee, which evaluates the ESG-funded projects based on performance measures, the County of Summit, Department of Development participates in the decision-making process for the award and allocation of ESG funds to Continuum of Care agencies.

County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff also serve on the HMIS Advisory Committee, where they participate in the development of performance standards, evaluation of outcomes, and development of policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Infoline, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Referral Service
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	FAIR HOUSING CONTACT SERVICE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Education
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Nazareth Housing Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Fathers and Sons of Northeast Ohio
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Advocacy group for single fathers and at-risk young men.

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	CANAPI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Crown Point Ecology Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	Summit County Public Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Summit and Medina
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Community Service Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Funding for nonprofit agencies
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	GREENLEAF FAMILY CENTERS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Family Counseling Center
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Direction Home Akron Canton / Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Development Finance Authority of Summit County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	H.M. LIFE OPPORTUNITY SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Akron Community Service Center and Urban League
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

15	Agency/Group/Organization	East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation - EANDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Battered Women's Shelter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Fairlawn
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Tallmadge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Housing Repairs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	BATH TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Copley Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Lakemore
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Infrastructure Improvements
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Twinsburg
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the public forum held by County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to discuss priorities for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Needs - Veterans Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff met with Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) staff to discuss public housing needs, homelessness, senior housing, housing for individuals with disabilities, as well as AMHA's goals for the upcoming Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	County of Summit, Department of Community Development met with Helen Tomic, City of Akron, City of Cuyahoga Falls, City of Barberton, Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care (CoC) to discuss the homeless issues facing communities in the County of Summit and the County of Summit jurisdiction. Also discussed were the Hearth Act and the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

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

There were no agency types that were not consulted.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	City of Akron	Both plans address supportive services for the homeless.
Akron Metro Housing Authority Five Year Capital Fu	Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority	Both plans address the provision of a suitable living environment for low-income individuals.
Metro Regional Transit Authority	Metro Regional Transit Authority	Both plans address services that support economic opportunities for low to moderate income individuals.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development coordinates efforts to address homelessness issues within the County of Summit jurisdiction with the Cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls through their participation in and support of the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care (CoC).

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development's Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) serves individuals with total household income at or below 200% of the poverty level. HWAP is designed to help lower utility bills by correcting energy deficiencies. Studies show when weatherization is combined with educating clients on home energy efficiency, residents can save up to 25% on the home heating bills. HWAP provides weatherization of homes, safety inspections, and replacement or tune-ups of heating units. HWAP is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and administered through the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development. Assistance is provided to residents of the County of Summit at as a grant for clients whose annual household income is at or below 200 % of the federal poverty guidelines. Funding for the County of Summit's HWAP program comes from the Ohio Development Services Agency's Community Services Division (CSD) and its Office of Community Assistance (OCA).

The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development is the primary sub recipient for the Summit County Public Health Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program. Assistance

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is provided to income qualified households residing in homes built prior to 1978 and have children under the age of 6 residing in the home or meeting the visitation requirements.

The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development has an inter-governmental agreement with Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) to administer their lead abatement program in AMHA owned single family units.

Narrative (optional):

N/A

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development hosted two public forums: one with local governments and one with local agencies, to discuss priorities for the County of Summit Jurisdiction for the next five years. The handouts distributed and the sign-in sheets can be found in Appendix 2 Citizen Participation & Public Notices. An electronic survey, also located in Appendix 2, was made available to residents of the jurisdiction via email, the County of Summit Website, and through distribution at various public meetings.

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 Meeting	Local Governments	The public meeting for local governments was held on December 13, 2019 at 1:00pm in the County of Summit Council Chambers. There were also meetings on July 14, 2020 at 9:00 am and July 16, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom. See Appendix 3 Citizen Participation & Public Notices for sign-in sheets and handouts.	See Appendix 3 Citizen Participation & Public Notices for a summary of comments received.	All comments were accepted.	

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2	Internet Outreach	Local Agencies.	The public meeting for local governments was held on December 13, 2019 at 1:00pm in the County of Summit Council Chambers. There were also meetings on July 14, 2020 at 9:00 am and July 16, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom. See Appendix 3 Citizen Participation & Public Notices for sign-in sheets and handouts.	See Appendix 3 Citizen Participation & Public Notices for a summary of comments received.	All comments were accepted.	

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3	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	See Appendix 3 Citizen Participation & Public Notices for survey responses.	See Appendix 3 Citizen Participation & Public Notices for survey responses.	All comments were accepted.	

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Paper copies	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community LMI Citizens	Paper copies of the Consolidated Plan survey were distributed to the 19 locations of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Paper copies were also available at the Department of Community and Economic Developments office, 175 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.	See Appendix 3 Citizen Participation & Public Notices for survey responses.	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

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Needs Assessment Overview

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will use CDBG and HOME funds to address the following:

- the need for expanded economic opportunities, which will be accomplished through CDBG funding of activities that create and/or retain jobs for low- to moderate-income individuals;
- the need for the creation of suitable living environments, which will be accomplished through the use of CDBG funding of public services for homeless individuals, victims of domestic violence, and affirmatively furthering fair housing; and
- the need for the provision of decent housing through CDBG funding of owner-occupied low- to moderate-income housing and HOME funding to create affordable housing and to provide improved access to housing for low- to moderate-income individuals.

The following sections illustrate the need for more affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents of the County of Summit jurisdiction, as evidenced by the number of households that are:

cost burdened - families paying more than 30% of their gross income for housing; or

extremely cost burdened - families paying more than 50% of their gross income for housing.

The tables also document the need for home repair programs to address the growing number of households with housing problems, as well as the need for supportive services and housing for disabled residents of the Jurisdiction. Information was gathered from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to the 2020 Census, 2007-2011, 2011-2015, and 2014-2018 American Community Surveys and Continuum of Care Point in Time counts.

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

The following sections provide an overview of current needs in Summit County, specifically as they relate to the areas of affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, homelessness, and non-housing community development. Throughout this assessment, special attention is paid to the needs of LMI households, racial and ethnic minorities, and non-homeless special needs populations (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS, disabilities, the elderly, refugees, etc.).

The findings from the Needs Assessment, along with those of the subsequent Market Analysis section, play a significant role in the consolidated planning process as they are used to set the Plan's goals and priorities, which will drive community outcomes from 2020-2024. The Needs Assessment and Market Analysis help identify both gaps and overlap in community development needs, and provide Summit County the necessary information to make investments that not only address the community's greatest needs, but also have the greatest impact.

As documented in the following tables, the 2020 median household income was \$55,448, an increase of \$4,683, which is 8.8%, since 2015. As illustrated in the *Fair Market Rents by Unit Bedrooms from 2010 to 2020*, the increase in Area Median Incomes (23.8%) did not keep pace with the increase in fair market rents (23.2% to 37.2%), depending on number of bedrooms).

Families paying more than 30% of their gross income for housing are considered **cost burdened** and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care. Families paying more than 50% of their income for housing are considered **severely cost burdened**. Nationwide, an estimated 10 million renter and homeowner households pay more than 50% of their gross annual incomes for housing. A family with one full-time worker earning the minimum wage cannot afford the local fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment anywhere in the United States.

Cost Burdened A In the County of Summit jurisdiction, homeowners were nearly twice as likely as renters to pay more than 50% of their gross income for housing, and more than twice as likely to pay more than 30% of their gross income for housing.

Housing Problems - There are four housing problems identified in the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data: 1) housing unit lacks complete kitchen facilities; 2) housing unit lacks complete plumbing facilities; 3) household is overcrowded; and 4) household is cost burdened. A household is said to have a housing problem if they have any 1 or more of these 4 problems. As illustrated in the following tables, County of Summit jurisdiction renters are two and a half times more likely than homeowners to have substandard housing, twice as likely to experience severe overcrowding, and twice as likely to experience overcrowding.

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Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Population	541,781	266,485	-51%
Households	221,765	104,430	-53%
Median Income	\$47,776.00	\$50,765.00	6%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	6,208	8,780	14,970	10,310	64,170
Small Family Households	1,797	2,048	4,372	3,550	35,895
Large Family Households	199	370	812	727	5,479
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	987	1,886	3,966	2,633	13,613
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	1,405	3,130	3,600	1,708	4,797
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	665	796	1,374	1,272	6,424

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	65	224	315	79	683	39	35	45	40	159
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	45	40	40	25	150	30	0	65	69	164
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	1,766	1,329	249	89	3,433	2,053	1,453	1,445	355	5,306

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	452	1,509	1,783	280	4,024	408	1,474	2,560	1,619	6,061
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	293	0	0	0	293	353	0	0	0	353

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	1,861	1,643	599	195	4,298	2,128	1,488	1,560	475	5,651
Having none of four housing problems	921	2,451	4,395	2,155	9,922	658	3,214	8,404	7,470	19,746
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	293	0	0	0	293	353	0	0	0	353

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	826	923	579	2,328	668	611	1,445	2,724
Large Related	89	60	83	232	44	229	189	462
Elderly	541	1,311	938	2,790	1,179	1,779	1,656	4,614
Other	838	796	668	2,302	587	312	738	1,637
Total need by income	2,294	3,090	2,268	7,652	2,478	2,931	4,028	9,437

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	592	290	0	882	613	478	344	1,435
Large Related	85	0	4	89	34	144	65	243
Elderly	457	780	295	1,532	923	581	818	2,322
Other	709	402	95	1,206	488	256	228	972
Total need by income	1,843	1,472	394	3,709	2,058	1,459	1,455	4,972

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	45	90	40	25	200	4	0	10	49	63
Multiple, unrelated family households	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	55	20	100

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Other, non-family households	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	45	90	40	25	200	29	0	65	69	163

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey, there are 27,985 single person households located within the County of Summit jurisdiction. This accounts for approximately 86% of all the nonfamily households in the jurisdiction. Single person households are more likely to have lower household incomes than multi-person households. Therefore, they are more likely to need affordable housing, rental assistance, or assistance with home maintenance and/or repairs.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Disabled Individuals:

According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey, there are an estimated 27,710 individuals with disabilities living within the County of Summit jurisdiction. This amounts to just over 10% of the Jurisdiction's total population of 276,990.

Nearly half 13,393 of the Jurisdiction's disabled are over 65 years old. The majority of this sub-group report having difficulty with self-care (4,165) or independent living (11,964).

Victims of Domestic Violence:

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is violence or aggression that occurs in a close relationship. The term “intimate partner” includes current and former spouses and dating partners. IPV can vary in frequency and severity and occurs on a continuum, ranging from one episode that might or might not have a lasting impact, to chronic and severe episodes over a period of years. IPV includes four types of behavior:

- Physical violence is when a person hurts or tries to hurt a partner by hitting, kicking, or using another type of physical force.
- Sexual violence is forcing or attempting to force a partner to take part in a sex act, sexual touching, or a non-physical sexual event (e.g., sexting) when the partner does not or cannot consent.
- Stalking is a pattern of repeated, unwanted attention and contact by a partner that causes fear or concern for one’s own safety or the safety of someone close to the victim.
- Psychological aggression is the use of verbal and non-verbal communication with the intent to harm another person mentally or emotionally and/or exert control over another person.

By using a public health approach that addresses risk and protective factors for multiple types of violence, IPV and other forms of violence can be prevented.

The Battered Women’s Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties provides the following services:

- Emergency Protective Shelter Transitional Housing
- Adult Protective Services Court Advocacy
- 24 Hour Hotline Family Stability Program
- TANF Housing Services HUD Housing Services
- Safety Planning Support Groups
- Therapy Services Youth Advocacy
- Education and Outreach Supervised Visitation
- Crisis intervention through the Family Stability Program
- Children Who Witness Domestic Violence program;

Amount of services provided:

- 24 Hour Hotline responded to 2284 Hotline Calls;
- Crisis intervention through the Family Stability Program to 743 families;
- Services to 156 youth through the Children Who Witness Domestic Violence program;
- 74 Support groups were held;
- Court advocacy was provided to 1,584 individuals.

What are the most common housing problems?

In the County of Summit, cost burden and severe cost burden are the most common housing problems. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines Cost Burden in 2 ways:

1. A household that is cost burdened is one that pays more than 30% of their gross monthly income on their housing expense, including utilities, and
2. A household that is severely cost burdened is one that pays more than 50% of their gross monthly income on housing expenses.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

The elderly, age 62 and older, account for the largest group in both the renter and homeowner categories, for both *cost burdened* and *severely cost-burdened*.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

The low- and extremely low-income who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered are great. They need affordable housing, utility assistance, food assistance, and medical assistance. The needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance are basically the same.

Some of the characteristics of LMI people who are at imminent risk of homelessness are households with veterans, people living with HIV or AIDS, people with severe mental illnesses, people with abuse problems, and victims of domestic abuse.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development did not provide estimates of the at-risk populations. The American Community Survey data was used.

Households with instability and increased risk of homelessness typically meet one of the following housing characteristics:

- Have moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; or
- Are living in the home of another because of economic hardship; or

- Have been notified that their right to occupy their current house or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; or
- Live in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by Federal, State or local government programs for low-income individuals; or
- Live in a single room occupancy (SRO) or efficiency apartment unit in which there resides more than two persons or live in a larger housing unit in which there resides more than one and a half persons per room; or
- Are exiting a publicly funded institution system of care.

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Specific housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness are: *cost burdened* and *severely cost burdened*. The burden these two characteristics place on the household finances of the low- to moderate-income leave little money for household maintenance or other necessities.

According to HUD, indicators of housing instability and homelessness risk include: living below 30% of AMI, having insufficient resources and support networks immediately available, moving frequently, having multiple families in one household, living in a hotel or motel, severe overcrowding, receiving eviction notices, or being released from a state institution.

Discussion

According to the 2019 National Low Income Housing Coalition:

In the County of Summit jurisdiction, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a 2 bedroom apartment is \$818. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities without paying more than 30% of gross income on housing a household must earn \$2,726.67 gross income monthly or \$32,720 gross income annually. Assuming a 40 hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly wage of \$15.73.

In the County of Summit jurisdiction, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$8.55. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 73.6 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or a household must include 1.8 minimum wage earners working 40 hours per week year-round in order to make the 2 bedroom FMR affordable.

In the County of Summit jurisdiction, the estimated mean (average) wage for a renter is \$13.92. In order to afford the FMR for a 2 bedroom apartment at this wage, a renter must work 46 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, working 40 hours per week 52 weeks per year, a household must include 1.13 workers earning the mean wage renter in order to make the 2 bedroom FMR affordable.

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

This section assesses the needs of racial and/or ethnic groups in Summit County that have a disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of the county as a whole. As discussed in the previous section, the consolidated plan's housing problems are defined as having one or more of these four housing problems:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities;
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities;
3. Overcrowding in the household with more than 1 person per room, and
4. Spending more than 30% of household income on housing (cost burden greater than 30%), and
5. Contains lead based paint and children under 6 in the household.

Per HUD guidelines, a disproportionately greater need of housing problems exists when an ethnic or racial group experiences housing problems 10% or greater than the population/income level as a whole. **The County of Summit's jurisdiction lacks a large minority population due to the major cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls being their own entitlement communities.**

The following tables illustrate the number of households having 1 or more of 4 housing problems by Area Median Income, Race, and Ethnicity.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

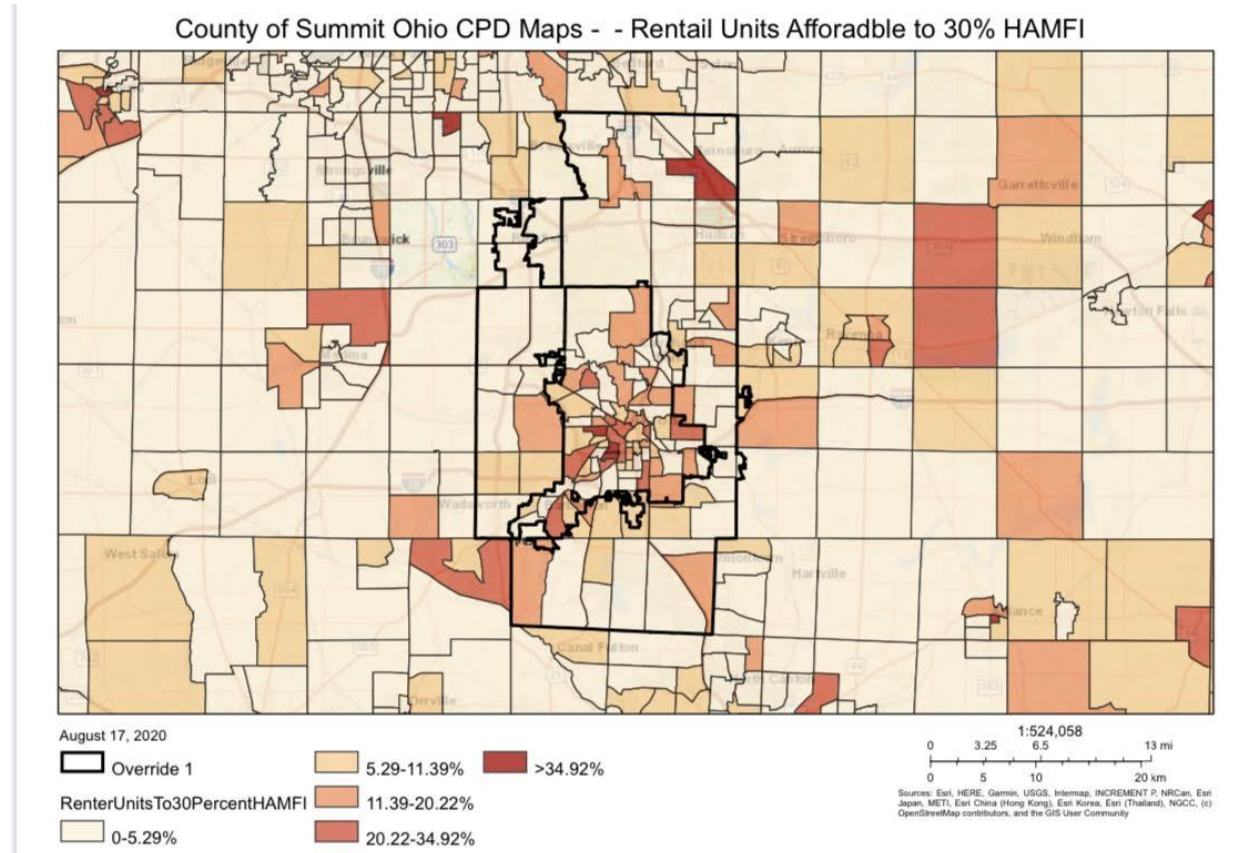
Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	4,836	719	646
White	4,131	594	497
Black / African American	335	115	113
Asian	124	4	29
American Indian, Alaska Native	14	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	29	0	0

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%



% Renter units affordable to 30% HAMFI

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,091	2,681	0
White	5,436	2,500	0
Black / African American	394	119	0
Asian	25	14	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	30	20	0
Pacific Islander	30	0	0
Hispanic	114	20	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

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Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,497	8,469	0
White	5,762	7,960	0
Black / African American	453	173	0
Asian	145	179	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	14	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	53	58	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,579	7,745	0
White	2,314	7,305	0
Black / African American	179	209	0
Asian	19	98	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	60	55	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

The preceding tables illustrate the number of households having 1 or more of 4 housing problems by Area Median Income, Race, and Ethnicity. The 4 housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities;
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities;
3. More than 1 person per room, and
4. Cost burden greater than 30%.

A category of persons having a disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in a category as a whole.

In the 0 - 30% of Area Median Income group, of the homes having 1 or more of the 4 housing problems:

- the Jurisdiction as a whole had 78%
- Whites had 85%
- Black/African Americans had 7%
- Asians had 3%
- Hispanics had 0.05%

In the 30 - 50% of Area Median Income group, of the homes having 1 or more of the 4 housing problems:

- the jurisdiction as a whole had 70%;
- Whites had 90%;
- Black/African Americans had 6.4%
- Asians had .4%, and
- Hispanics had 1.8%.

In the 50 -80% of Area Median Income group, of the homes having 1 or more of the 4 housing problems:

- the jurisdiction as a whole had 43%;
- Whites had 89%;
- Black/African Americans had 7%;
- Asians had 2.2%, and

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- Hispanics had 0.01%.

In the 80 - 100% of Area Median Income group, of the homes having 1 or more of the 4 housing problems;

- the jurisdiction as a whole had 25%;
- Whites had 90%;
- Black/African Americans had 7%
- Asians had .1%., and
- Hispanics has 2%.

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

A disproportionately greater number of severe housing problems occurs when a particular racial/ethnic group has at least a 10% or greater of needs than the needs of the population as a whole.

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities;
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities;
3. Overcrowding in the household with more than 1 person per room;
4. Spending more than 50% of household income on housing, which is 20% higher than the “housing need” as addressed in the last section, and
5. Contains lead based paint and children under 6 in the household.

The County of Summit jurisdiction encompasses all of the communities within the County with the exception of the Cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls, which receive their own HUD entitlements. According to the 2019 Census, the total population of the County of Summit jurisdiction was 541,013. Of this total:

- 78.2% were White;
- 15.1% were African American;
- 3.9% were Asian;
- 0.2% were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 2.6% were Two or More Races, and
- 2.3% were Hispanic.

Due to the makeup of the County's jurisdiction, there are no disproportionately greater housing problems throughout the County.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,989	1,579	646
White	3,348	1,379	497
Black / African American	265	185	113

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Asian	119	8	29
American Indian, Alaska Native	14	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	29	0	0

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,131	5,665	0
White	2,801	5,145	0
Black / African American	239	280	0
Asian	10	29	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	20	30	0
Pacific Islander	0	30	0
Hispanic	40	94	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,159	12,799	0
White	1,895	11,830	0
Black / African American	199	428	0
Asian	69	247	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	14	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	111	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	670	9,625	0
White	640	8,945	0
Black / African American	15	368	0
Asian	10	102	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	10	105	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

The preceding tables illustrate the number of households having 1 or more of 4 severe housing problems by Area Median Income (AMI), Race, and Ethnicity. The 4 housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost burden greater than 50%.

A category of persons having a disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10% higher than the percentage of persons in a category as a whole.

0 - 30% of AMI, of the homes having 1 or more of the 4 housing problems:

- the jurisdiction as a whole had 64%;
- Whites had 84%;
- Black/African Americans had 6.7%;
- Asians had 3%, and
- Hispanics had 0.7%.

30 -50% of AMI, of the homes having 1 or more of the 4 severe housing problems:

- the jurisdiction as a whole had 36%:
- Whites had 90%;
- Black/African Americans had 7.6%;
- Asians had .3%, and
- Hispanics had 1.3%.

50 - 80% of AMI, of the homes having 1 or more of the 4 severe housing problems:

- the jurisdiction as a whole had 14.4%:
- Whites had 88%;
- Black/African Americans had 9.2%
- Asians had 3.2%; and
- Hispanics had 0.0%

80% - 100%% of AMI, of the homes having 1 or more of the 4 severe housing problems:

- the jurisdiction as a whole had 6.5%:

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- Whites had 95.5%;
- Black/African Americans had 2.2%, and
- Asians had 1.5%; and
- Hispanics had 1.5%

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

This section assesses the needs of any racial/ethnic groups that have a disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of the County as a whole. By HUD guidance, groups having a 10% or greater need than the county as a whole are considered disproportionate.

The County of Summit jurisdiction encompasses all of the communities within the County of Summit with the exception of the Cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls, which are their own entitlement communities. According to the 2019 Census, the total population of the County of Summit jurisdiction was 541,013. Of this total:

- 78.2% were White;
- 15.1% were African American;
- 3.9% were Asian;
- 0.2% were American Indian/Alaskan Native;
- 2.6% were Two or More Races, and
- 2.3% were Hispanic.

In the County of Summit, cost burden and severe cost burden are the most common housing problems. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines Cost Burden in 2 ways:

1. A household that is cost burdened is one that pays more than 30% of their gross monthly income on their housing expense, including utilities, and
2. A household that is severely cost burdened is one that pays more than 50% of their gross monthly income on housing expenses.

The following table depicts the number of households, broken down by race and ethnicity that pay:

- less than 30%,
- between 30-50%, and
- more than 50%

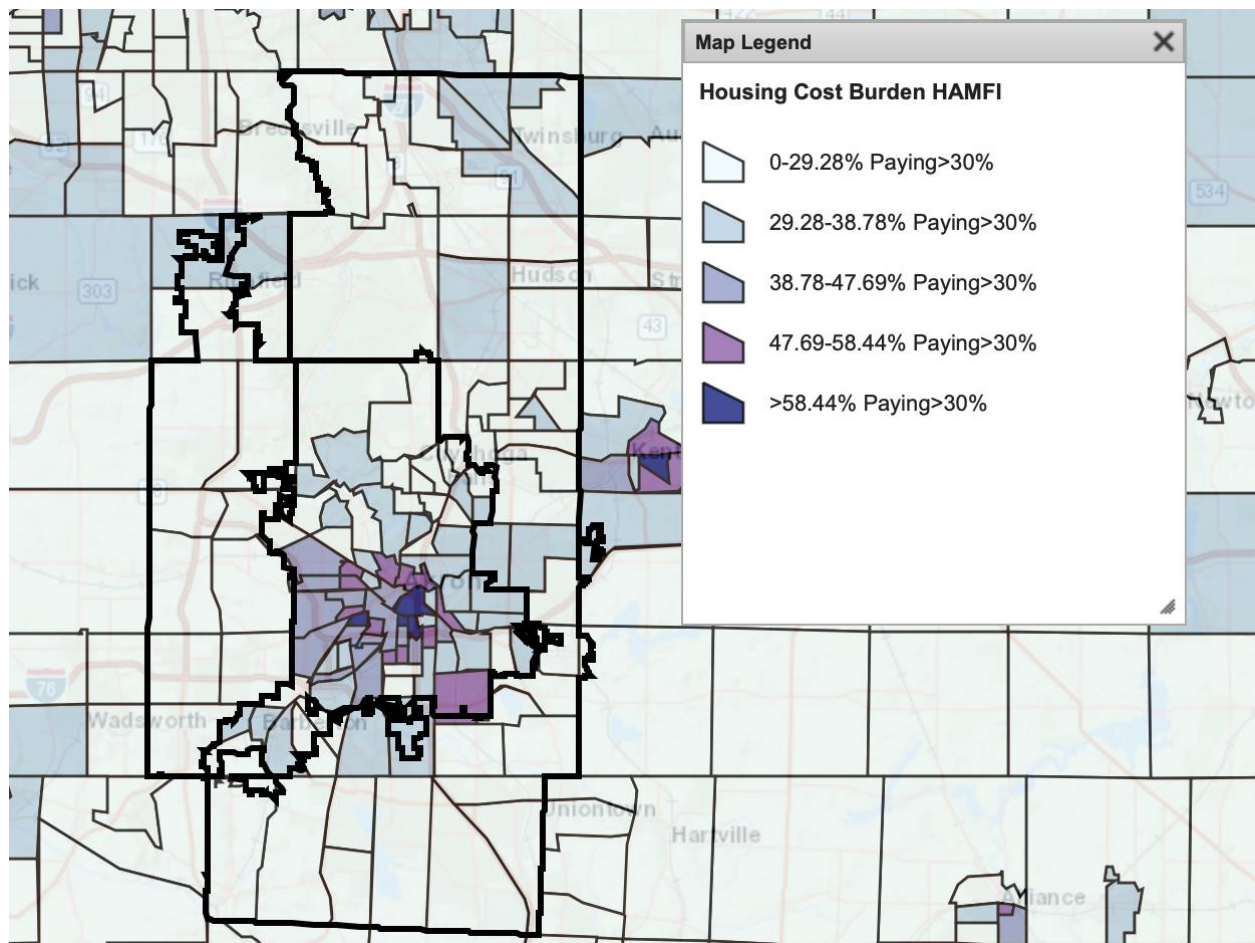
of their gross income on monthly housing expenses.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	80,625	13,455	9,636	692
White	74,270	11,952	8,385	538
Black / African American	3,020	870	750	113
Asian	1,748	224	189	29
American Indian, Alaska Native	124	10	34	0
Pacific Islander	0	30	0	0
Hispanic	852	207	59	0

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS



County of Summit Jurisdiction Housing Cost Burden

Discussion:

According to the housing cost burden table, there are 104,408 households in the County of Summit jurisdiction. Of these households:

- 77% are paying less than 30% of their gross income on monthly housing costs;
- 13% are paying between 30-50%;
- 9.2% are paying more than 50% of their gross income on monthly housing costs, and
- .66% no/negative income (not computed).

Of the 77% of the total jurisdiction that are paying less than 30% of their gross income on monthly housing expenses, the percentage within each racial category paying less than 30% are as follows:

- 92% White;
- 3.7% African American/Black;
- 2% Asian;
- .2% American Indian/Native Alaskan;
- 0% Pacific Islander, and
- 1% Hispanic.

Of the 13% of the total jurisdiction that are paying between 30-50% of their gross income on monthly housing expenses:

- 89% are White;
- 6.5% are African American;
- 2% are Asian;
- .01% are American Indian/Alaskan Native
- .2% are Pacific Islander, and
- 1.5% are Hispanic.

Of the 9.2% of the total jurisdiction that are paying more than 50% of their gross income on monthly housing expenses:

- 87% are White;
- 7.8% are African American/Black;
- 2% are Asian
- .04% are American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 0% are Pacific Islander, and
- .6% are Hispanic.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

In Summit County, the main racial/ethnic groups which have a disproportionately greater need than the rest of the jurisdiction as a whole are Asians, Hispanics, and Black/African Americans. Per HUD guidelines, a disproportionately greater need is when the needs of the subgroup are 10% or more greater than the needs of the income category as a whole. The following is a list of racial or ethnic groups, broken down by income categories for groups with one or more of the four housing problems:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities;
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities;
3. Overcrowding in the household with more than 1 person per room;
4. Spending more than 30% of household income on housing (cost burden greater than 30%), and
5. Contains lead based paint and children under the age of 6 in the household.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

Many of these households have difficulty maintaining their homes. These households may need assistance with minor home repairs, ADA modifications, weatherization, and septic and well repairs or replacement (if applicable). Households that are severely cost burdened may need assistance with utility bills and food.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

Within the County of Summit jurisdiction, there are 2 areas of concentrated poverty. As can be seen in the Concentration of Poverty map, there is a concentration of poverty in the City of Twinsburg and Twinsburg Township. There is also a relatively high concentration of poverty, indicated by the dark purple, which is in what is known as the Twinsburg Heights area.

NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

While discussing public housing issues the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff met with representatives from the local Public Housing Authority, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA).

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) is committed to building stronger neighborhoods by providing quality housing options and professional services for eligible residents of Summit County in partnership with the greater community. AMHA continues to rank in the top 2-3% of housing authorities in the United States, having been recertified, for the 5th consecutive year, as a High Performing Public Housing Agency.

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority provides affordable housing options to approximately 10,000 households throughout Summit County. AMHA's public housing program consists of over 4,000 apartments and single family homes that receive federal rental subsidies for low income families as well as disabled and elderly individuals. AMHA also owns and/or manages over 800 apartments that are federally subsidized and/or financed with low income housing tax credits or tax-exempt bonds. AMHA also administers rental subsidy to over 5,000 households through the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

AMHA has a total of 15 Senior Housing apartment complexes, with a total of 1,940 units. Only 1 of these Senior Housing apartment complexes is located within the County of Summit jurisdiction. The 100 unit Stephanie Keys Tower is located in Stow. Of 20 Family Housing complexes that contain 2,211 Family Housing units, only 1 complex, the 125 unit Pinewood Gardens complex in Twinsburg, is located within the County of Summit jurisdiction. Of the AMHA scattered site units, only 5 units, located in Stow, are within the County of Summit jurisdiction.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	8	3,996	4,818	176	4,574	48	5	0

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	
Average Annual Income	0	5,871	9,871	9,233	12,018	9,136	5,863	6,790	
Average length of stay	0	5	6	5	3	5	0	15	
Average Household size	0	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	1	1,006	651	89	559	2	1	
# of Disabled Families	0	1	1,028	1,227	44	1,151	25	3	

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	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	8	3,996	4,818	176	4,574	48	5
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Race	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	0	1,675	1,717	93	1,587	28	4	0
Black/African American	0	8	2,260	3,079	83	2,965	20	1	0
Asian	0	0	55	15	0	15	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	5	6	0	6	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	1	27	39	2	37	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	7	3,969	4,779	174	4,537	48	5	0

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

Within the County of Summit jurisdiction, there are 103 privately owned, subsidized family units:

- 45 units at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Tower, in Coventry;
- 10 units at the Stow Kent Gardens Apartments, in Stow, and
- 48 units at the Saxon Village Apartments, in Tallmadge.

In addition to the 103 privately owned, subsidized family units, there are an additional 125 units at Pinewood Gardens, in Twinsburg, and 5 scattered single-family homes in Stow, which are owned and operated by Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA), the local public housing authority.

There are 449 privately owned, subsidized units for seniors and/or disabled individuals within the County of Summit jurisdiction:

- 40 units at the Allen Place Apartments, in Stow;
- 124 units at the Tallmadge Acres Apartments, in Tallmadge;
- 96 units at the Twinsburg Apartments, in Twinsburg;
- 80 units at the Lawrence Saltis Plaza Apartments, in Stow;
- 50 units at the AHEPA Apartments #63, in Tallmadge, and
- 59 units at the Retirement Residence of Green, in Green.

In addition to the 489 privately owned, subsidized units for seniors and/or disabled individuals, there are an additional 100 units at the Stephanie Keys Apartments, in Stow, which is owned and operated by AMHA.

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders

According to the local public housing authority, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA), they have 8,642 applicants on the wait list for Family Low Income Public Housing (LIPH) units, 954 on the wait list for Senior Low Income Public Housing (LIPH) units, and 19,521 on the wait list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP). The majority of these applicants, across all programs, are extremely low income.

Nearly 3/4 of the applicants for the Family LIPH are waiting for units with 2 bedrooms or less. Fewer than 1,000 need a 3 bedroom unit, and fewer than 150 need 4 or more bedrooms. The Senior LIPH are available as 1 and 2 bedroom units. Of the 954 applicants on the Senior LIPH wait list, only 78 are requesting a 2 bedroom unit. Approximately 3/4 of the families on the HCVP wait list have applied for units with 2 or fewer bedrooms.

According to the April 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014 *Resident Characteristics Report*, 80% of AMHA residents are extremely low income, having household incomes at or below 30% of the Area Median Income. 24% are elderly; 14% are elderly and disabled; 28% are non-elderly and disabled. 39% are non-elderly, non-disabled and have children; 3% are non-elderly, disabled with children.

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

Households assisted through AMHA programs are much lower income than the population at large. Their need for assistance is much greater. Families with children need assistance with basic necessities such as food, clothing, medical care, and utilities.

Discussion

During the preparation of the 2020 - 2024 Five Year Consolidated Strategic Plan, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff met with AMHA staff to discuss AMHA's plans and concerns for the next 5 years. Based on funding cuts, AMHA's goal is to maintain their current housing stock. Their Capital fund for public housing is at its lowest level in 20 years, which makes it difficult to plan for new projects or major repairs. The Voucher side of their housing programs was hit the hardest. AMHA has been able to renew all existing vouchers, but their administration funds have been cut to 60% of their formula – the lowest level ever.

AMHA is working to create a new strategic plan for better alignment of services. They are looking to expand early childhood education and workforce development by partnering with Jobs and Family Services and others in the community. They plan to prioritize 12 to 15 agencies that they work with the most and develop those relationships further. Another focus will be succession planning, since 40% of AMHA employees are eligible for retirement which would lead to a loss of institutional knowledge. AMHA is assessing their personnel and putting together a management plan and determining who would be best suited to fill vacant positions.

NOTE: The information contained in the tables within this section was auto-populated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The information contained in the narratives was provided by the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA).

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

In Summit County, severe cost burden is one of the biggest problems that families face.

A comparison of the total number of homeless from 2014 to 2019 shows that the total number of homeless decreased by 21.25%. Between 2014 and 2019:

- The total number of homelessness in 2014 was 6662; the total number of homelessness in 2019 was 546;
- Family homelessness increased 6.1%, from 280, to 297;
- Veteran homeless nearly doubled, increasing 98%, from 49, to 97, and
- Chronically homeless tripled, with a large increase of 213.8%, rising from 116 in 2013, to 364, in 2018.

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	13	278	0	983	474	81
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	11	150	150	136	10
Persons in Households with Only Adults	158	396	0	0	134	50
Chronically Homeless Individuals	106	103	406	330	67	36
Chronically Homeless Families	0	2	0	12	12	116

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Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Veterans	35	62	262	93	29	76
Unaccompanied Child	0	11	150	150	136	10
Persons with HIV	2	9	16	15	3	70

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments:
 2019 Point In Time Summary for OH-506-Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care. Date:1/31/2019. Submitted for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2019 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress.

Indicate if the homeless population is:

 Has No Rural Homeless

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

See data for "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness" in the preceding table.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	216	63
Black or African American	216	19
Asian	7	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	1
Pacific Islander	0	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	2	4
Not Hispanic	457	83

Data Source

Comments:

Akron/ Summit County 1/29/2019 Continuum of Care Point-in Time

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

According to the 2019 Summit County Continuum of Care's Annual Homeless Report, of the persons in Families in Emergency Shelters:

- 58% were families with children under 18;
- 7% were adults between the ages of 18 and 24;
- 34% were adults over the age of 24

The composition of Persons in Families in Transitional Housing was:

- 1% under the age of 18;
- 13% in the 18 to 24 age group, and
- 86% were over the age of 24

Housing assistance for families of veterans is provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) through Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF). The support provided is primarily case management and financial assistance for prevention of foreclosure, and of eviction. SSVF also provides up to 2 months of back utilities payments, and with their Rapid Rehousing Program, the VA works with their clients to help them find landlords who are willing to accept a HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Voucher or a Section 8 Voucher, if the client has one. Through the Rapid Rehousing Program, SSVF can provide up to 5 months of rent, if the client will be receiving a voucher. They also provide security deposits if needed. The case management includes legal assistance,

financial counseling, and their payee program, in which the client's money is deposited into a separate account from which their housing and utilities are paid.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

According to the 2019 Summit County Continuum of Care's Homeless Assessment Report, the race of the homeless population in the County of Summit varies by shelter category.

For persons in Emergency Shelters:

- 44% were White, non-Hispanic/non-Latino;
- 53% were Black or African American;
- 0% were Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and
- 1% were several races.

For persons living in Transitional Housing:

- 50% were White non-Hispanic/non-Latino;
- 37% were Black or African American;
- 4% were Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and
- 8% were several races.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

According to the data collected during the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care's 2019 Point in Time Count, there were a total of 546 homeless persons on January 29, 2019. This was a decrease of 1% compared to the 2018 PIT count. Of those included in the count, there were:

- 87 unsheltered, and
- 459 sheltered homeless persons.

Of the sheltered persons:

- 218 were in Emergency Shelters;
- 168 were in Transitional Housing or Safe Havens.

Discussion:

The face of homelessness in the County of Summit is predominantly White and non-Hispanic. The majority of the unsheltered were adults only households, as were the sheltered.

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction:

The needs of non-homeless populations, such as the elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical and developmental), persons with alcohol or drug addictions, dually diagnosed persons, battered women and their children, and/or persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, are addressed by the various agencies identified throughout this report.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

Elderly - The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines individuals who are age 62 and over as elderly. According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey Five Year Estimates, there were 59,877 elderly residing in the County of Summit jurisdiction, of which 2,097 (5.44%) had household incomes at or below the poverty level estimate. Approximately one third of the elderly population has hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, or independent living difficulties.

Disabled - HUD defines a disabled individual as, "any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment." These impairments include the following: hearing, mobility and visual impairments, chronic alcoholism, chronic mental illness, AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, and mental retardation that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities include walking, talking, hearing, seeing, breathing, learning, performing manual tasks, and caring for oneself. According to the 2009-2011 American Community Survey, there are an estimated 27,032 (10.26% of the jurisdiction's total population of 263,369).

Veterans - The HUD definition of a veteran is someone who "has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty" These individuals may have many needs. Some need housing and supportive services to deal with mental health issues, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. They may need treatment for chronic substance abuse, job training, or assistance finding employment." According to 2014-2018 American Community 5-Year Survey data there were approximately 16,283 veterans living in Summit County, down from the 2012 Census figure of 20,286. 15,481 are male and 802 are female.

Chronic Substance Abusers - Chronic substance abuse can be defined as alcohol abuse and/or drug abuse that is habitual abuse to the extent that the abuse substantially injures a person's health or substantially interferes with his or her social or economic functioning. According to the 2019 Akron/Barberton/Summit County Point in Time Count, there are 60 homeless persons with chronic substance abuse issues.

Victims of Domestic Violence - 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, with females who are 20-24 years of age at the greatest risk for intimate partner violence. In addition to physical abuse, many of these victims of physical violence have also experienced psychological abuse.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

Elderly - Members of the elderly population may need assistance with housing repairs and maintenance, housing costs, healthcare, transportation, and supportive services.

Disabled - Needs for this population may include: permanent supportive housing, healthcare, medical equipment, and rehabilitative services for both physical and mental impairments.

Veterans - These individuals may have many needs. Some need housing and supportive services to deal with mental health issues, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. They may need treatment for chronic substance abuse, job training, or assistance finding employment.

Chronic Substance Abusers - Individuals in this group frequently need in-patient rehab, housing, legal services, and intensive counseling.

Victims of Domestic Violence - These victims often flee their abusers with no more than the clothes on their backs. They need shelter, food, clothing, and supportive services, such as counseling and legal assistance.

A variety of information sources were used to determine priority special population needs and categorical priorities, including, but not limited to:

- Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data;
- US Census Data;
- Representatives from communities within the plan Jurisdiction;
- The Summit County Quality of Life Study;
- Representatives from non-profit and housing agencies, and
- The 2010-2014 Summit County Consolidated Plan.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

According to the Summit County Public Health 2011 Annual Summary of Communicable Diseases (the most recent available), due to the confidentiality concerns of HIV/AIDS patients, statistical information is only available at the County level. In 2011, there were 41 confirmed cases of HIV/AIDS in Summit County. As of January 31, 2012, there were 676 persons living with HIV/AIDS within Summit

County: 79% were male; 21% were female. Of the diagnosed males, 51% are living with AIDS. Of the diagnosed females, 18% are living with AIDS.

For every person living with Human immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV), there is a family that is affected. With early detection and appropriate medical care, an individual with HIV can expect to live a normal lifespan. If left untreated, the condition can progress until the person develops AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). Immune systems that are compromised are unable to affectively fight infection. People are then susceptible to a range of infections, some of which can be fatal (aamft.org).

Individuals with HIV often feel stigmatized. Families of these individuals are often the only emotional support available. For this reason, support groups and individual counseling can be very helpful. Within the County of Summit, the Community AIDS Network / Akron Pride Initiative (CANAPI) provides support groups, individual counseling, and other supportive services to individuals with HIV and AIDS.

Discussion:

Within the County of Summit, there are many agencies that provide services for the non-homeless special needs population. The United Way Summit Medina Community Resource Directory, which can be accessed at: www.211summit.org provides a gateway to hundreds of service providers. The following is a sampling of the variety of agencies and services available:

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board (ADM Board) - Provides a variety of services for persons struggling to overcome a chemical dependency. The ADM Board also provides housing for the mentally disabled.

The Arc of Summit County - Assists persons with mental and/or developmental disabilities who are seeking housing options that are appropriate based on their level of disability.

Ardmore, Inc - Operates small homes, foster care homes, and provides case work support to individuals in supported living programs who live alone, with roommates or spouses.

Direction Home Area Agency on Aging - Provides a variety of services for elderly residents of Summit County, including home repair programs, nutritional education, ADA modifications and outreach services.

Battered Women's Shelter of Medina and Summit Counties - Provides emergency shelter, support groups, and supportive services to victims of domestic violence.

Blick Clinic - Provides outpatient clinical, day program, and residential treatment services for people with developmental disabilities, behavioral health needs, and other related conditions.

Community AIDS Network and Akron Pride Initiative (CANAPI) - Provides a LGBT community center, the delivery of social support services to clients of the agency and AIDS education and testing in the community.

Community Health Center - Provides a variety of services for persons struggling to overcome a chemical dependency, and/or who are dually diagnosed with chemical dependency and mental health issues.

Community Support Services - Provides respite care, rental assistance and housing placement assistance for persons with mental developmental disabilities.

Evant, Inc. - Provides residential services for mentally/physically disabled persons in a group home setting.

Green Retirement Center - Provides market rate and subsidized housing options for senior citizens (62 years of age and older).

Hattie Larlham Foundation - Provides a variety of services for the severely physically/mentally disabled in on-site and off-site facilities.

Hope Homes, Inc. - Provides housing, residential services, supported living services, and day services for persons with developmental disabilities and other special needs.

Mayflower Manor - Provides subsidized housing for senior citizens (62 years of age and older) and for persons that are physically handicapped or disabled.

United Disability Services - Provides services for the developmentally and/or physically disabled, including, but not limited to: employment services, vocational training, and social opportunities.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The County of Summit jurisdiction has communities that are in need of public facilities, especially in the communities that are low-to-moderate income, such as Springfield Township and the Village of Lakemore. The communities in the areas with a larger low-to-moderate income base have a greater need for these facilities than the communities with higher area median incomes.

How were these needs determined?

The needs for the public facilities are determined by the receipt of CDBG applications each year from the various communities outside the cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls. The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development will continue to provide CDBG funding for public facility projects as needed throughout the next 5 year period.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

The County has several communities in great need for public improvements. Public improvements are in need throughout the County's jurisdictional area. The County has funded water main/waterline replacements, box culvert replacements, curb ramps, and walking trail projects in low-to moderate-income areas within the County of Summit jurisdiction.

How were these needs determined?

The needs for public improvement projects are determined by the receipt of CDBG applications each year from the various communities outside of the cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls. In the past the County has provided CDBG funds for public improvements to the Village of Lakemore, the City of Stow, Coventry Township, the City of New Franklin, the City of Green, and the Village of Mogadore.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The County has a need for public service projects. The County's public service projects benefit the following:

- Senior citizens,
- Victims of abuse,
- Those who have been affected by fair housing violations, and
- People are in need of temporary housing/shelters.

How were these needs determined?

The needs for public service projects are determined by the applications that the County receives from non-profits within the jurisdictional area. The non-profits are able to help those within the jurisdictional area, outside of the cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey data, there are approximately 109,504 residential properties located within the County of Summit jurisdiction. Of these, nearly 60% (64,117) were built before 1979, and 76% (84,732) of these units are single unit, detached structures.

Most housing units located within the County of Summit jurisdiction are owner-occupied (84,301). These units are predominantly (45,463) 3 or more bedroom units.

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

Summit County is home to approximately 111,823, residential properties (according to the 2012-2016 ACS). 76% of these units are single unit, detached structures and most housing units located within the County of Summit jurisdiction are owner-occupied (81%). These units are predominantly (84%) 3 or more bedroom units. There are a total of 19,385 rental units located within the jurisdiction. The majority of these units (56%) have 2 bedrooms.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	83,725	75%
1-unit, attached structure	8,091	7%
2-4 units	5,514	5%
5-19 units	8,118	7%
20 or more units	4,802	4%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	1,573	1%
Total	111,823	100%

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

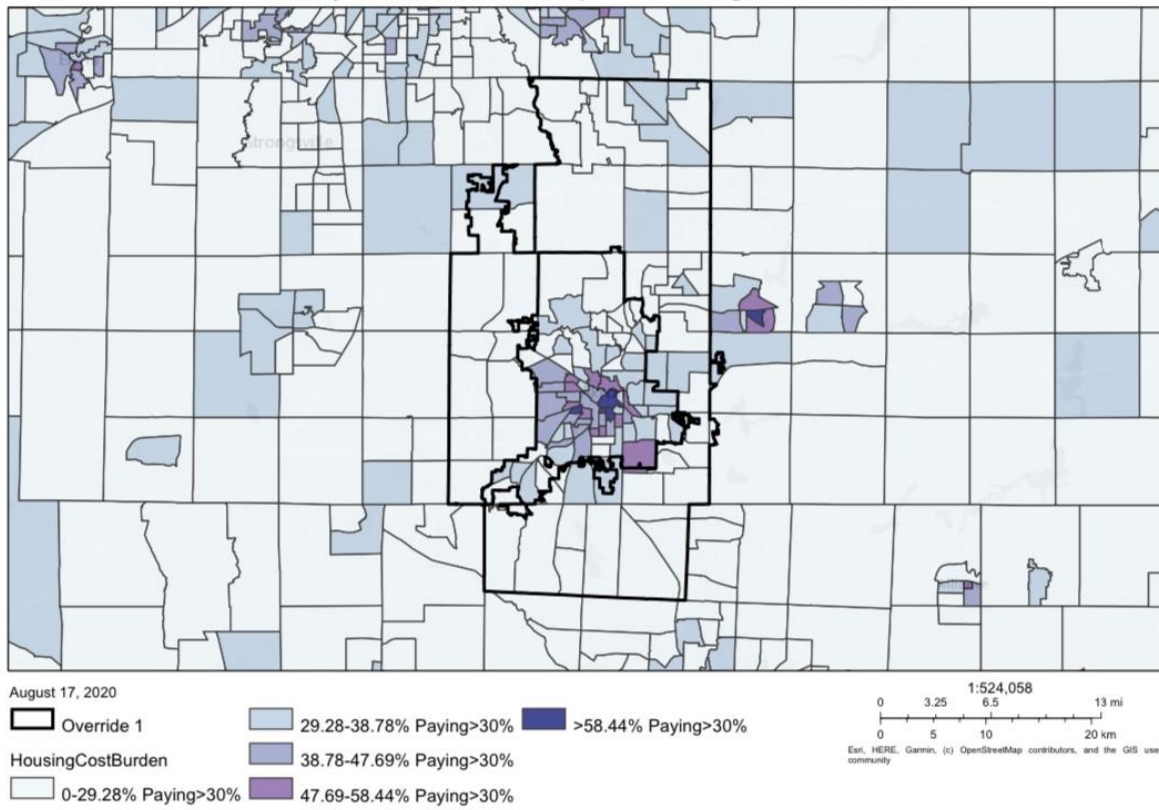
Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	72	0%	800	4%
1 bedroom	1,014	1%	4,246	19%
2 bedrooms	11,754	14%	11,674	52%
3 or more bedrooms	69,256	84%	5,617	25%
Total	82,096	99%	22,337	100%

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

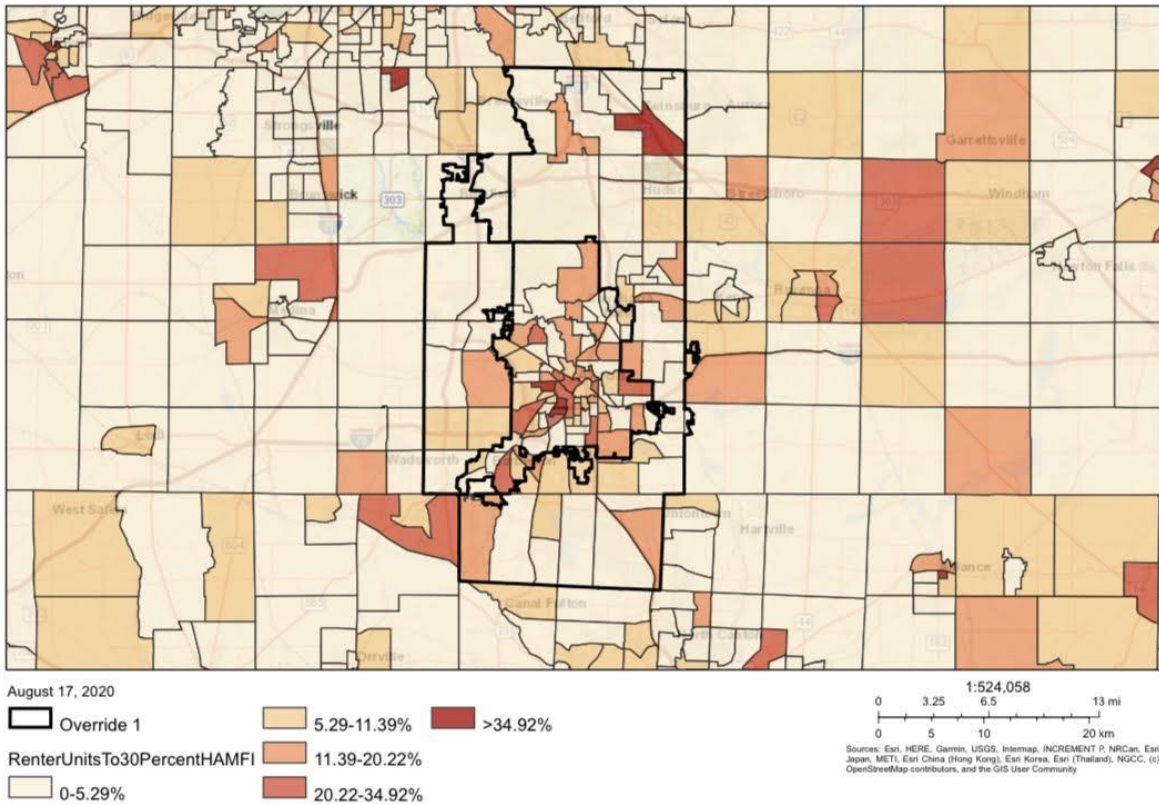
Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

County of Summit CPD Maps - - Housing Cost Burden

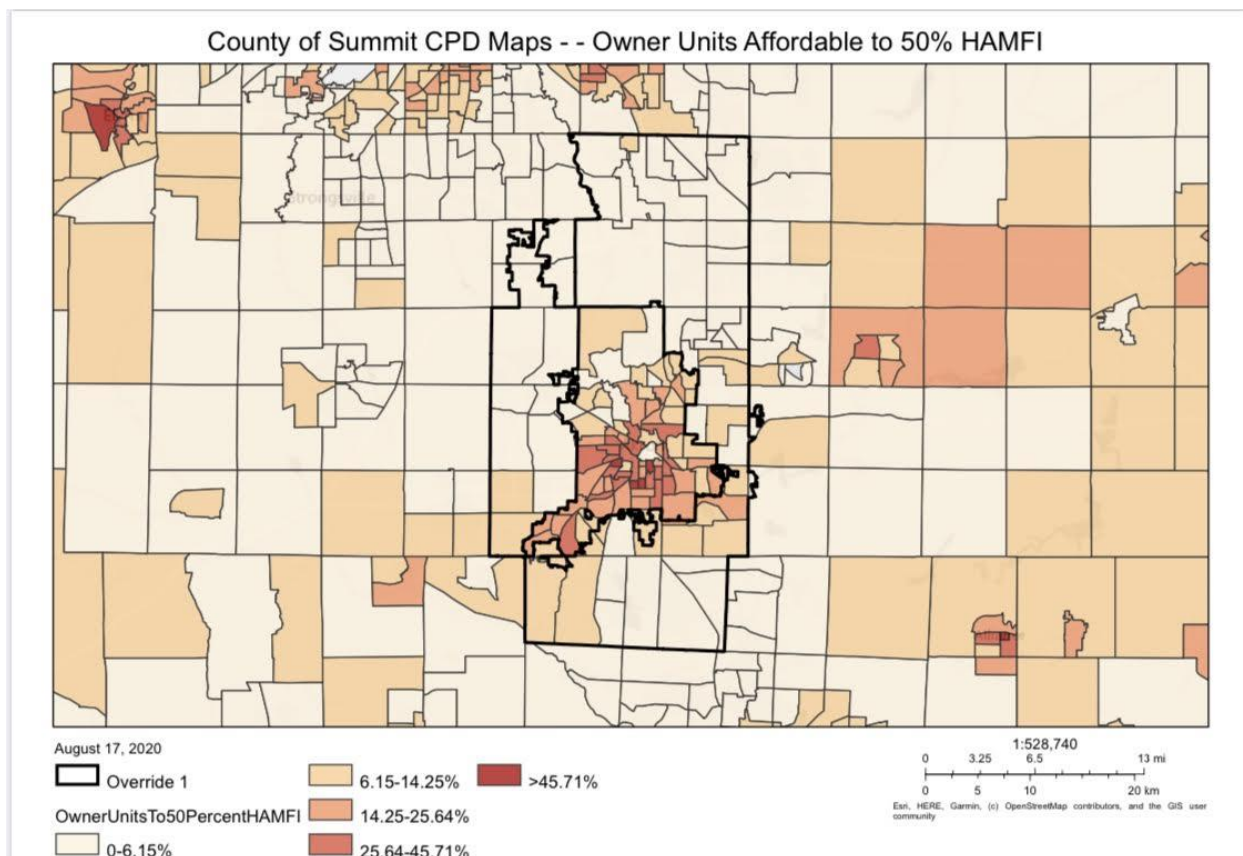


County of Summit Ohio CDP Maps - Housing Cost Burden

County of Summit Ohio CPD Maps - - Rentail Units Afforadble to 30% HAMFI



Rental Units Affordable up to 30% HAMFI



Rental Units Affordable up to 50% HAMFI

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

Within the County of Summit jurisdiction, there are 103 privately owned, subsidized family units:

- 45 units at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Tower, in Coventry;
- 10 units at the Stow Kent Gardens Apartments, in Stow, and
- 48 units at the Saxon Village Apartments, in Tallmadge.

In addition to the 103 privately owned, subsidized family units, there are an additional 125 units at Pinewood Gardens, in Twinsburg, and 5 scattered single-family homes in Stow, which are owned and operated by Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA), the local public housing authority.

There are 449 privately owned, subsidized units for seniors and/or disabled individuals within the County of Summit jurisdiction:

- 40 units at the Allen Place Apartments, in Stow;
- 124 units at the Tallmadge Acres Apartments, in Tallmadge;
- 96 units at the Twinsburg Apartments, in Twinsburg;

- 80 units at the Lawrence Saltis Plaza Apartments, in Stow;
- 50 units at the AHEPA Apartments #63, in Tallmadge, and
- 59 units at the Retirement Residence of Green, in Green.

In addition to the 449 privately owned, subsidized units for seniors and/or disabled individuals, there are an additional 100 units at the Stephanie Keys Apartments, in Stow, which is owned and operated by AMHA.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA), is the local public housing authority serving the residents of the County of Summit jurisdiction. AMHA recently added 2 new project based vouchers based projects: 45 units for Stoney Pointe II, and 4 units for Summit County Liberty Homes. AMHA does not anticipate the loss of any Section 8 contracts.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

There is a distinct need for more affordable housing in Summit County. There are many areas of the County of Summit jurisdiction where households are paying more than 30% of their gross household income for their housing. This need is also demonstrated by AMHA's waitlist for Family Low Income Public Housing, Senior Low Income Public Housing, and the Housing Choice Voucher program. A comparison of the maps above indicates that there is a concentrated area of low-income, minority households that are paying 30%- 50% or more of their gross household income for their housing.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

The demand for Section 8 Vouchers and Housing Choice Vouchers greatly exceeds the number available. There are 4,321 total Low Income Public Housing (LIHP) units available for the entire County of Summit. Only 130 of those units are located within the County of Summit jurisdiction. Currently there are over 10,000 households on AMHA's public housing waitlist and over 14,000 on AMHA's Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist. The number of non-elderly disabled in senior/disabled housing is increasing with some properties having a population of over 50% of non-elderly disabled.

There are 1,818 senior/disabled LIHP units available for the entire County of Summit. Only 100 of those units are located within the County of Summit jurisdiction.

There are 5,095 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVP) available for clients of the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority. Of these, 11 of the total 76 project-based vouchers are available outside the Cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls. An additional 5,030 are tenant-based (portable), of which 192 are available outside the Cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls. Of these, 60 are for Veterans, although only 1 of them is utilized in the County of Summit Jurisdiction. There are 4 Housing Choice

Vouchers available for the Family Unification program; none of these are in use in the County of Summit jurisdiction. All units are available for the entire County of Summit, which includes the Cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls.

Discussion

The thousands of individuals on the wait lists for Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) housing reveal a great need for more subsidized and affordable housing. Most of the existing public housing is concentrated within the cities of Akron and Barberton.

NOTE: The information contained in the tables within this section was auto-populated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The information contained in the narratives was provided by the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA).

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

In Summit County, the cost of housing has been increasing at a pace that the median household income has not been able to keep up with, which has proved to be the most significant housing problem in Summit County.

As documented in the following tables, the 2019 median household income was \$52,321, an increase of \$12,479, which is 23.8%, since 2010. As illustrated in the *Fair Market Rents by Unit Bedrooms from 2010 to 2020*, the increase in Area Median Incomes (23.8%) did not keep pace with the increase in fair market rents (23.2% to 37.2%), depending on number of bedrooms).

Families paying more than 30% of their gross income for housing are considered **cost burdened** and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care. Families paying more than 50% of their gross income for housing are considered **severely cost burdened**. Nationwide, an estimated 12 million renter and homeowner households pay more than 50% of their annual incomes for housing. A family with one full-time worker earning the minimum wage cannot afford the local fair-market rent for a 2 bedroom apartment anywhere in the United States.

Cost Burdened: In the County of Summit jurisdiction, homeowners were nearly twice as likely as renters to pay more than 50% of their gross income for housing, and more than twice as likely to pay more than 30% of their gross income for housing.

Housing Problems - There are 4 housing problems identified in the CHAS data:

1. Housing unit lacks complete kitchen facilities;
2. Housing unit lacks complete plumbing facilities;
3. Household is overcrowded; and
4. Household is cost burdened.

A household is said to have a housing problem if they have 1 or more of any of these 4 problems. As illustrated in the following tables, County of Summit jurisdiction renters are two and a half times more likely than homeowners to have substandard housing, twice as likely to experience severe overcrowding, and twice as likely to experience overcrowding.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Median Home Value	139,600	133,500	(4%)
Median Contract Rent	559	611	9%

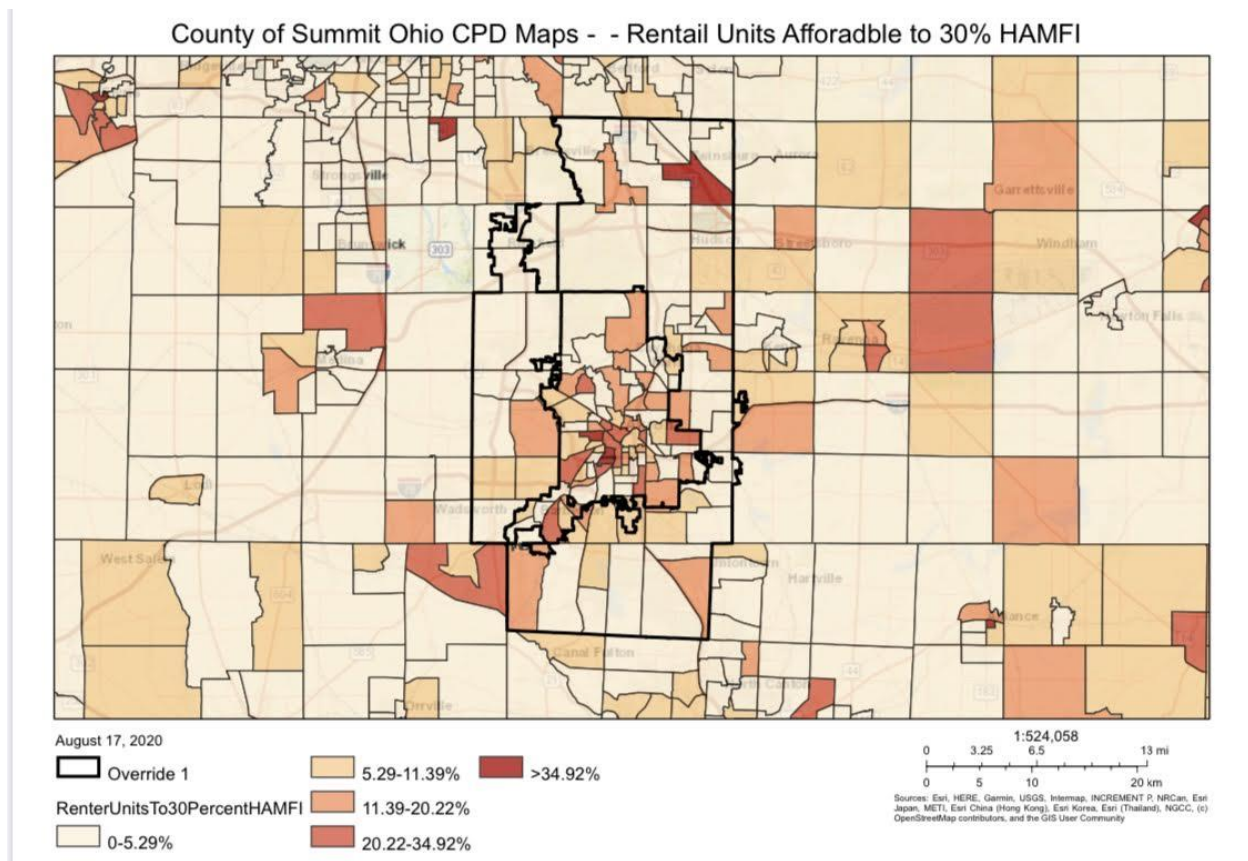
Table 29 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

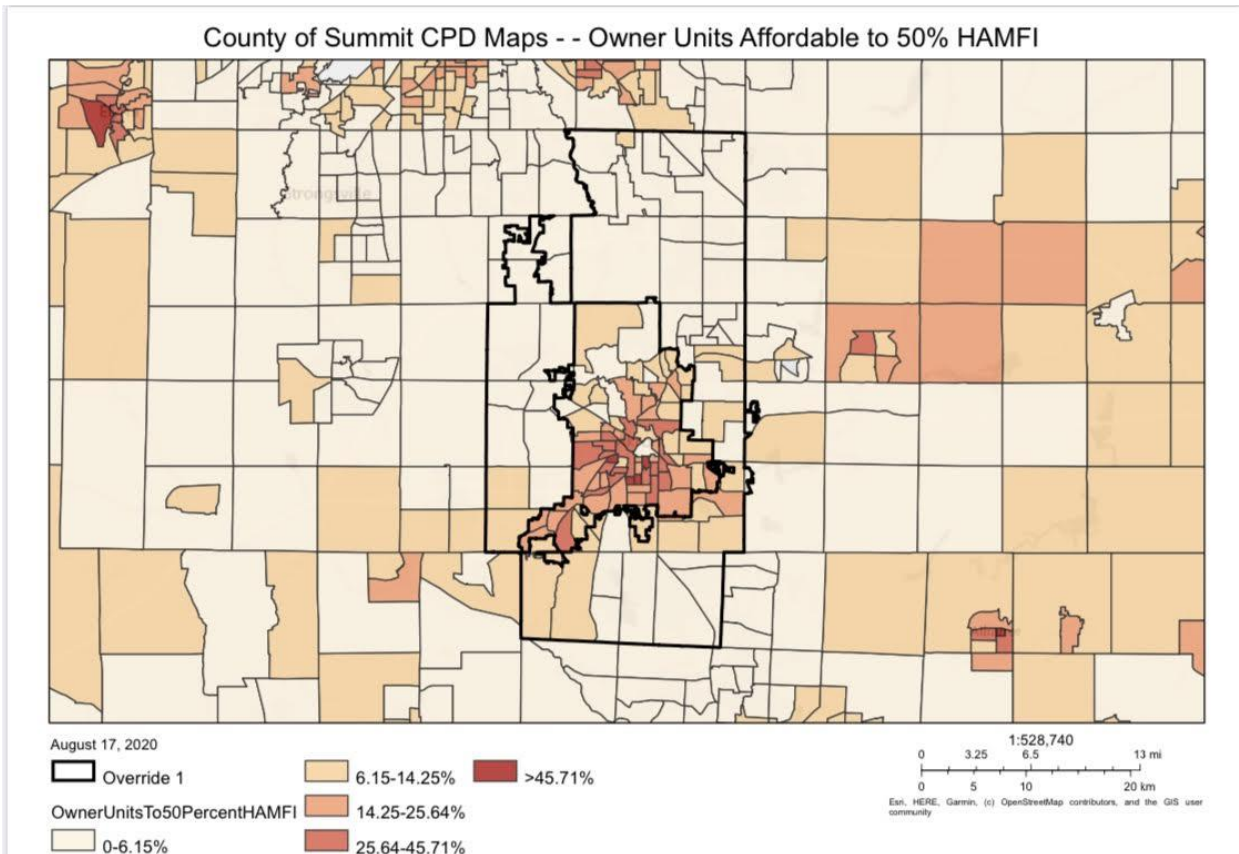
Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	4,381	19.6%
\$500-999	14,070	63.0%
\$1,000-1,499	2,399	10.7%
\$1,500-1,999	453	2.0%
\$2,000 or more	1,004	4.5%
Total	22,307	99.9%

Table 30 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS



% Renter units affordable to 30% HAMFI



% Renter units affordable to 50% HAMFI

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	1,037	No Data
50% HAMFI	3,997	3,355
80% HAMFI	11,319	14,441
100% HAMFI	No Data	23,136
Total	16,353	40,932

Table 31 – Housing Affordability

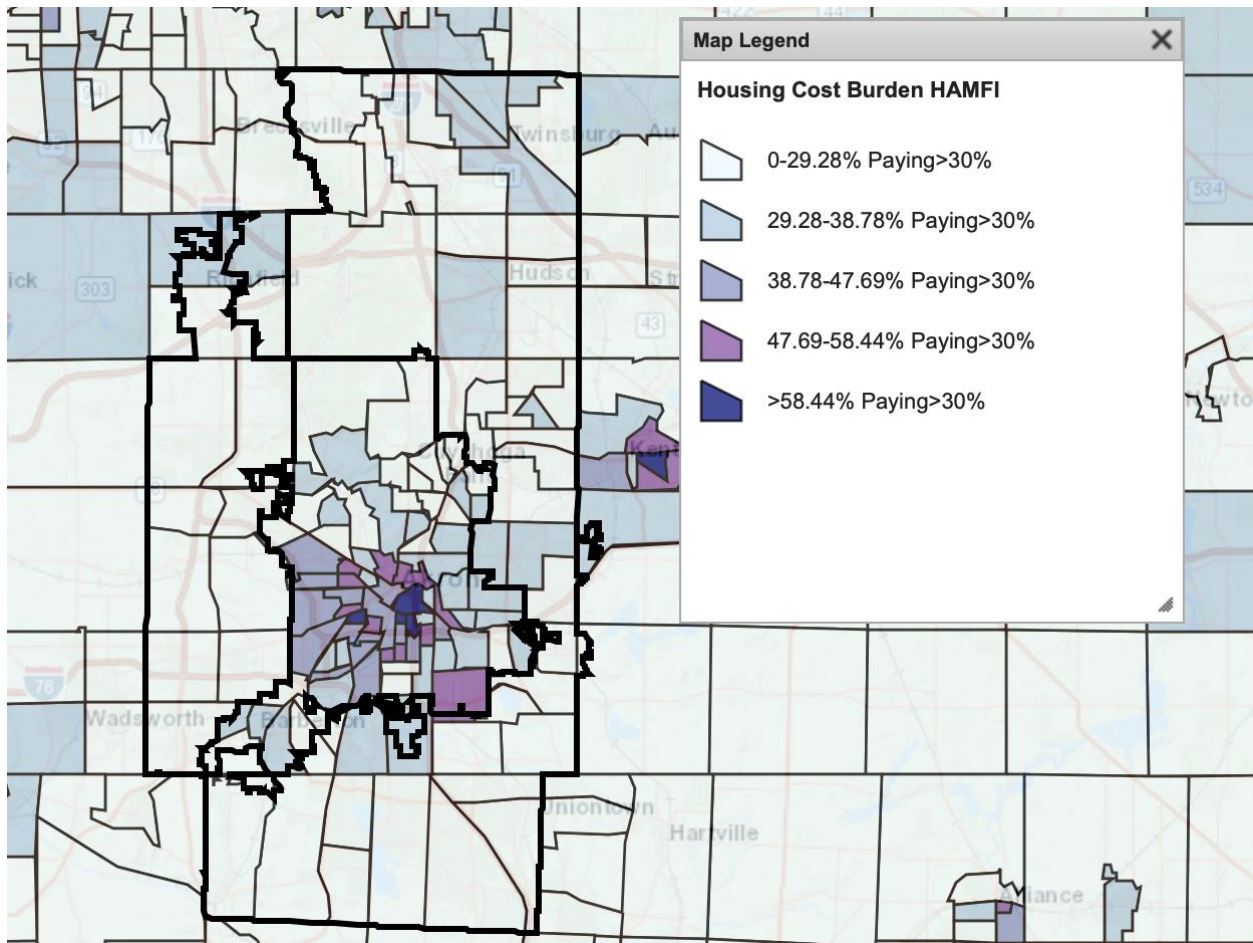
Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	537	629	826	1,048	1,125
High HOME Rent	537	629	826	1,048	1,125
Low HOME Rent	537	629	823	951	1,062

Table 32 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents



Housing Cost Burden

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

No, in Summit County there is not sufficient housing for households at all income levels. As illustrated by the *Housing Cost Burden* map, many residents of the County of Summit jurisdiction are paying more than 30% of their household income for housing.

The greatest need is for affordable housing for the extremely low- and low-income homeowners and renters. As is evident in the *Owner units affordable to 50% HAMFI* map, fewer than 6.11% of owner units are affordable to low-income homeowners in more than half of the jurisdiction.

The lengthy wait lists and wait times (see section NA-35 Public Housing) document a great need for affordable housing for the extremely low- and low-income residents of the jurisdiction.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

County of Summit Fiscal Office workers analyzed home sales from 2011, 2012, and 2013 to determine new home values for the latest property reappraisal, which determined that home values fell an average of 2.3 percent this year. The decline represents about \$500 million in lost value for property owners in the County of Summit. It also shows that the local housing market is still rebounding from the Great Recession and foreclosure crisis.

Despite the decrease in home values, rental rates, as discussed in the following section, have continued to increase, possibly in response to the greater demand for rental housing which was precipitated by the foreclosure crisis. The increase in rental rates has resulted in an even greater shortage of affordable housing.

The affordability of housing has changed dramatically over the last year. Inventory continues to be a major challenge for buyers. There is less than 2 months of inventory in Summit County, when considering June of 2020 to June of 2019, realtors report multiple offers and homes selling very quickly. Active listings of homes have decreased by about 50% in that timeframe as well.

Homes are spending 33 days (median) in Multiple Listing Services, a decrease of 13.2% compared to June 2019. While the average sales price is up 5% from June 2019 to \$202,240, the median sales price has remained flat at \$165,000. Distressed listings are down by just under 72%.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

HOME rents and Fair Market Rents are low compared to the Area median rent. As stated, the rent in the Summit County Jurisdiction has been rising.

According to the 2019 National Low Income Housing Coalition:

In the County of Summit jurisdiction, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a 2 bedroom apartment is \$818. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities without paying more than 30% of gross income on housing a household must earn \$2,726.67 gross income monthly or \$32,720 gross income annually. Assuming a 40 hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly wage of \$15.73.

In the County of Summit jurisdiction, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$8.55. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 73.6 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or a household must include 1.8 minimum wage earners working 40 hours per week year-round in order to make the 2 bedroom FMR affordable.

In the County of Summit jurisdiction, the estimated mean (average) wage for a renter is \$13.92. In order to afford the FMR for a 2 bedroom apartment at this wage, a renter must work 46 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, working 40 hours per week 52 weeks per year, a household must include 1.13 workers earning the mean wage renter in order to make the 2 bedroom FMR affordable.

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development does not produce affordable rental units at this time.

Discussion

The recovery from the recession and housing market collapse has been very slow. The lack of affordable housing and the number of renters and homeowners who are cost-burdened are increasing. The wait lists for public, section 8, and Housing Choice Voucher units far exceed the supply. The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) reports that due to cuts to their funding, their goal is to maintain their current housing stock because their Capital fund for public housing is at its lowest level in 20 years, which makes it difficult to plan for new projects or major repairs. They also reported their administrative budget for the Housing Choice Voucher program was hit the hardest it has been cut to 60% of their formula the lowest level ever.

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

Summit County is primarily single family residential homes. Overall, Summit County's housing stock is very old. As indicated in Table 38 below, 74,825 of the owner occupied single family homes and 20,415 the renter occupied homes were built after 1950. Only 12,459 of the owner occupied homes and 3,173 of the renter occupied homes were built after 2000.

One risk that is tied to the older age of a home is the possible existence of lead-based paint. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, homes built before 1978 have a higher chance of containing lead based paint.

The charts below outline the existing housing units within the County of Summit. The first chart outlines the condition of units based on the number of units and percentage of units that are owner occupied versus the number of units and percentage of units that are renter-occupied. The second chart shows the number of units and percentage of owner-occupied units versus the number of renter-occupied units and percentage of renter-occupied units and year in which the units were built. The third chart shows the number of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units built prior to 1980. The third chart also shows the owner-occupied units and renter-occupied units built prior to 1980 with children present.

Definitions

For HOME funds, the County of Summit will consider a unit in substandard condition if the unit has been condemned by the Chief Building Official for the municipality the building is located in and/or has condemnation orders from the Summit County Land Bank.

For CDBG dollars, a unit in substandard condition would be one that has too many safety and health concerns to address with the smaller amount of CDBG funds allocated per housing unit. A unit in substandard condition, but suitable for rehabilitation would be a unit that we would be able to address safety and health concerns with the CDBG allocated funds.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	15,095	18%	8,210	37%
With two selected Conditions	187	0%	649	3%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	20	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	66,835	81%	13,455	60%
Total	82,117	99%	22,334	100%

Table 33 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	11,338	14%	2,662	12%
1980-1999	23,155	28%	7,653	34%
1950-1979	38,312	47%	9,710	43%
Before 1950	9,288	11%	2,291	10%
Total	82,093	100%	22,316	99%

Table 34 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	47,600	58%	12,001	54%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	6,753	8%	5,730	26%

Table 35 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Total Units) 2011-2015 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 36 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

There is a significant need for rehabilitation of both owner and renter occupied housing in Summit County, however, a large portion of this housing is located within the jurisdictions of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls. The Summit County Minor Home Repair and Rehabilitation program typically assists 12 homes per year at an average cost of \$10,000.00 per unit. Rehabilitation includes but is not limited to: roof replacement, windows, furnace, electrical updates and ADA accessibility. When possible, and the client qualifies, funds are leveraged with Home Weatherization funding and Lead Based Paint

Abatement funding. CDBG funding is not used on rental properties, however, Lead Abatement and Home Weatherization funding can be used on qualified rental units.

Based on the data above, roughly 6,753 owner-occupied units in Summit County have children and have a risk for lead based paint (LBP) hazards and may need to be abated and rehabilitated. 5,730 renter-occupied units have children in the home and are at risk for lead hazards and may need to be abated and rehabilitated.

Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

Based on the data above, around 24,855 low-to-moderate income families are living in units with Lead Based Paint (LBP) hazards.

Discussion

The County of Summit may leverage HOME funds, used for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, and CDBG funds, used for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation with a Lead Hazard Reduction Grant from the Summit County Public Health District to help reduce the number of Lead Based Paint (LBP) hazards throughout Summit County. The county receives 5.6 million dollars over the course of 42 months to assist in this Lead Abatement process. These funds will be used to address lead hazards in at least 225 low income housing units. (<https://www.akronohio.gov/cms/news/cae966a442ccbecf/index.html>)

Individuals living in homes with lead based paint (LBP) hazards may be eligible to receive a deferred forgivable loan for the work completed in the unit. To be eligible, the homeowner must have a child living in the home under the age of 6 or have a child visiting the home more than 6 hours a week or 62 hours a year and meet the current income guidelines.

All minor home repair work and lead abatement work is publicly bid using Public Purchase. All work is completed in accordance with state and local codes. Contractors must pay crews and sub-contractors the current Davis Bacon Wage rate.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) is the only public housing authority located in Summit County. Public housing serves families, elderly, and non-elderly disabled individuals. According to AMHA, as of 4,321 total Low Income Public Housing (LIHP) units available for the entire County of Summit.

The majority of AMHA units are located in the Cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls, outside the County of Summit jurisdiction. Only 130 units are available within Summit County Jurisdiction. There are two public housing projects located within the jurisdiction - the senior high rise, Stephanie Keys Apartments, located in Stow, and the family housing project, Pinewood Gardens, located in Twinsburg.

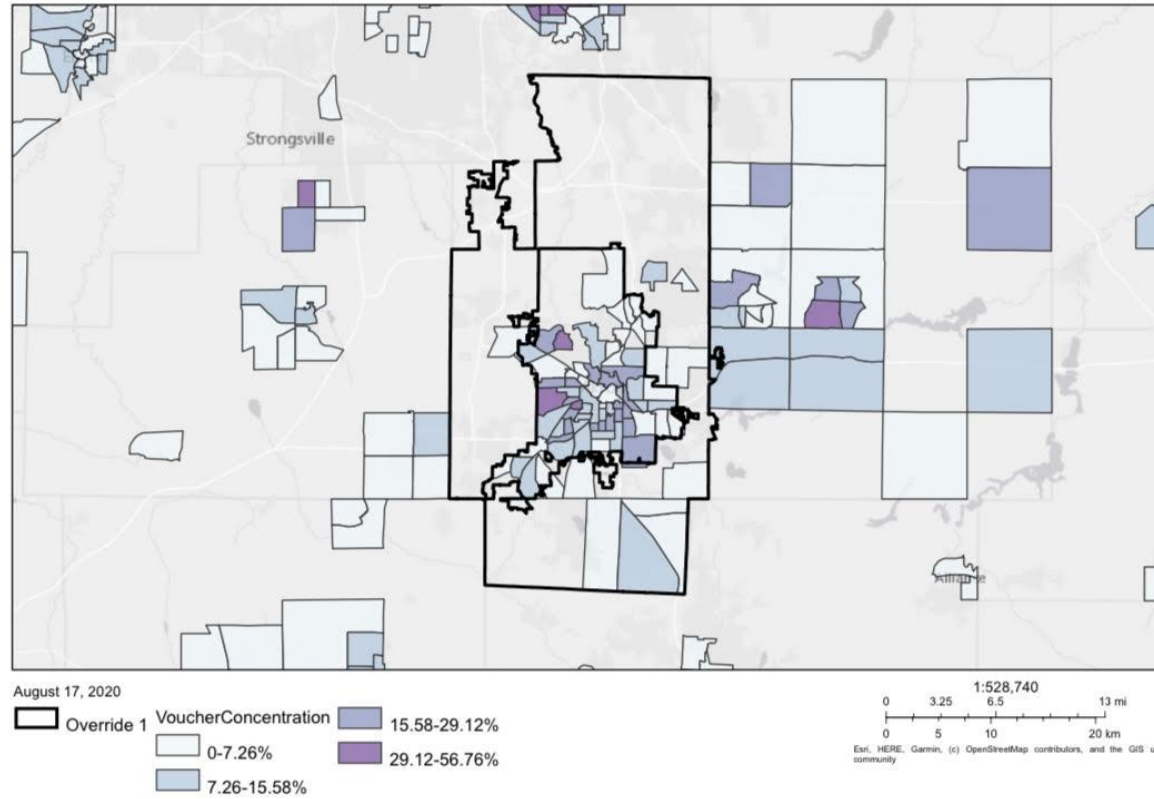
Totals Number of Units

	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	8	4,285	4,975	204	4,771	229	45	0
# of accessible units									
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 37 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

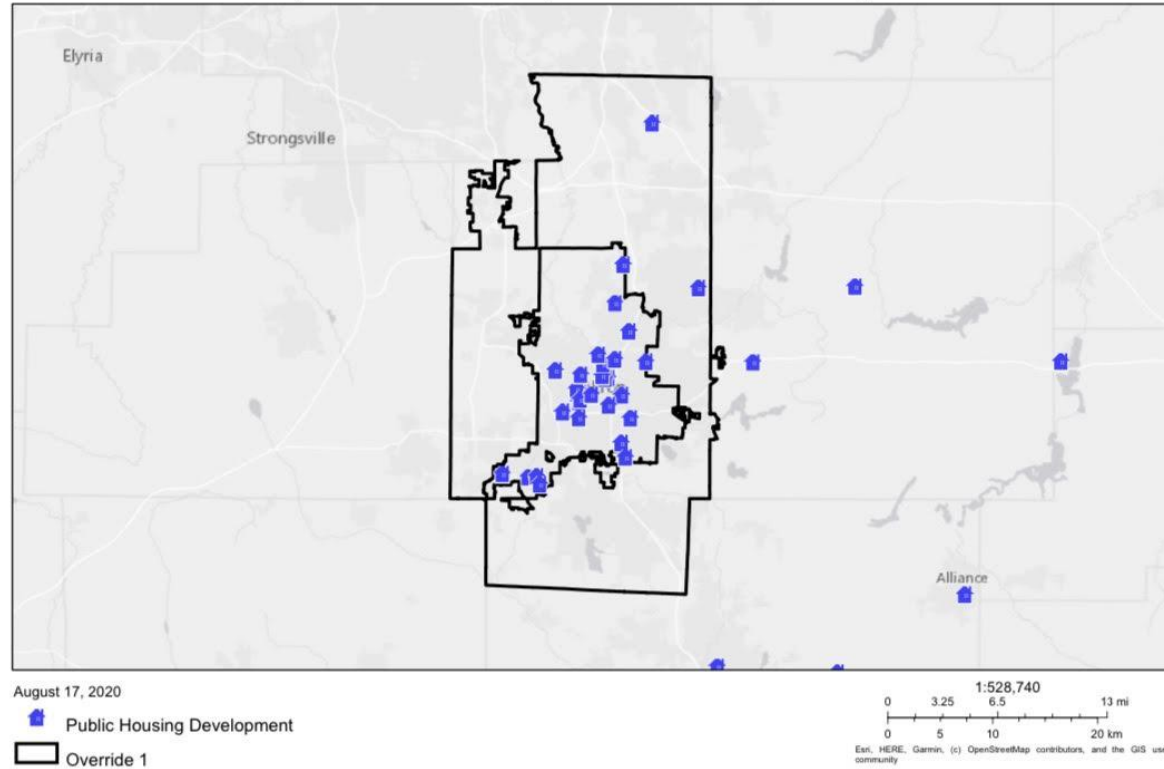
Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

County of Summit CPD Maps - Voucher Concentration

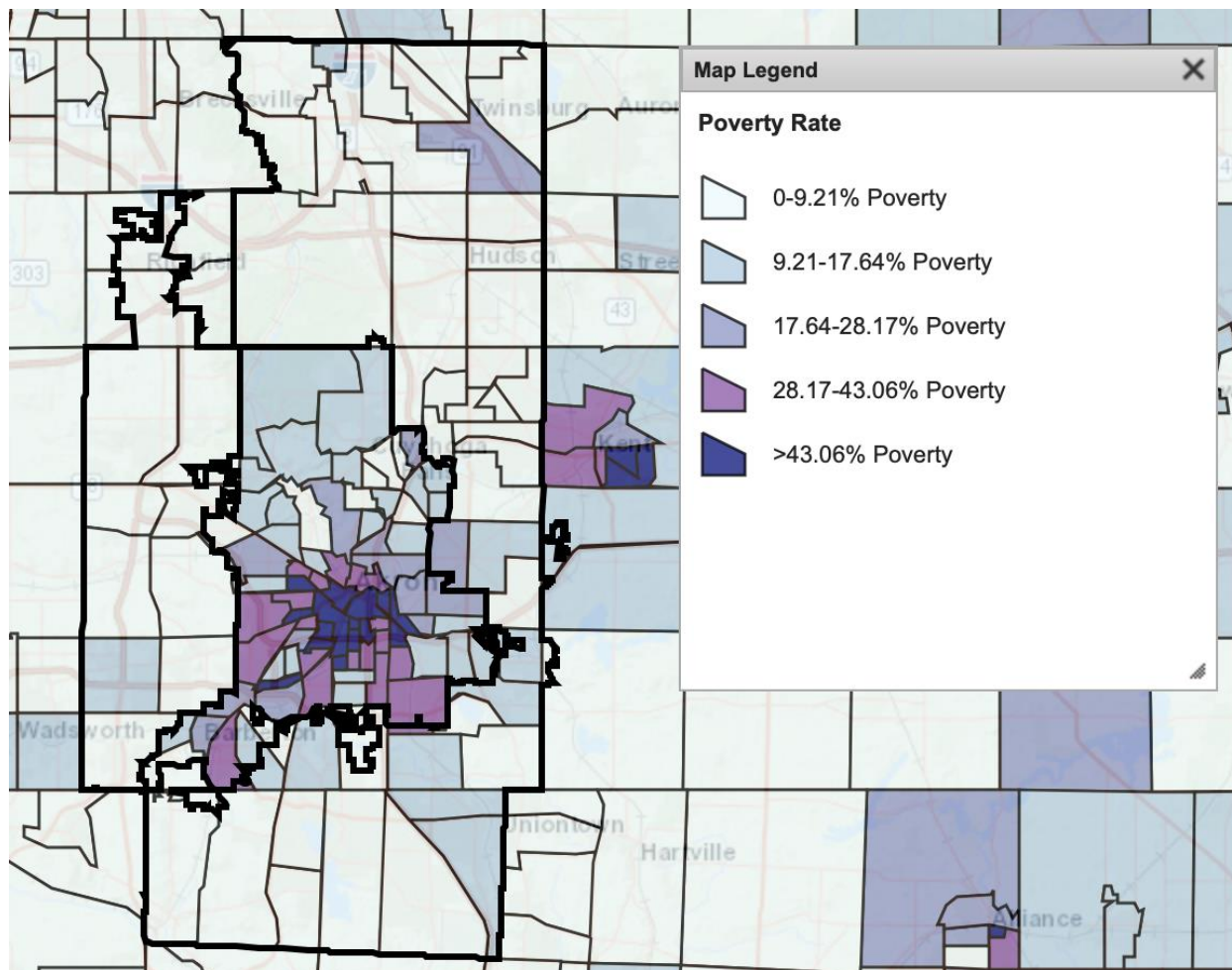


CDP Maps - Voucher Concentration

County of Summit CPD Maps - Public Housing Developments



Public Housing Developments



Concentration of Poverty - Consolidated Plan and Continuum of Care Planning Tool

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

AMHA administers both a public housing and Section 8 housing voucher program. The housing authority has ownership interest in 32 developments and manages 31 projects which contain 4,295 affordable rental units. It also administers 4,975 Section 8 housing vouchers.

According to HUD, AMHA is determined to be a large public housing authority, meaning it manages between 1,250 - 9,999 public housing units. Additionally by HUD's designation, the housing authority is also considered large because it administers 1,250 - 9,999 Section 8 vouchers.

Between its Public Housing Units (46%) and Section 8 Housing Vouchers (54%), AMHA has a larger proportion of public housing units than the average housing authority in Ohio.

Each year HUD reviews and scores the housing authority's Section 8 program management based on 14 different criteria. This score is a reflection of how well the housing authority manages the Section 8 wait list, the physical quality of housing assisted with Section 8 and the financial management of the program. According to their 2014 PHA Five Year and Annual Action Plan, AMHA scored an average of 100% on the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP), qualifying them as a high performer. The average SEMAP Score for Housing Authorities in Ohio was 82.91%. Their PHAS (Public Housing Assessment System) score of 95% also qualifies them as a high performer.

AMHA has an average score that is higher than the average Ohio housing authority. Higher SEMAP scores indicate more effective financial management, a smoother waiting list process and higher quality physical conditions at assisted properties (affordablehousingonline.com).

Although AMHA provides Section 8, public housing, and Housing Choice Vouchers for residents of the County of Summit jurisdiction, only 2 of their public housing units are actually located within the boundaries of the jurisdiction; the 125 family unit property, Pinewood Garden Apartments, located in Twinsburg, and the Stephanie Keys Apartments, a 100 unit senior high-rise, located in Stow.

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Pinewood Gardens	98.45
Stephanie Keys Building	95.45

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

AMHA has not identified any restoration or revitalization needs for the public housing units located within the County of Summit jurisdiction. They have identified the following restoration and revitalization needs for units located outside the jurisdiction: construct and utilize the Summit Lake Family Opportunity Center to benefit public housing residents of the Summit Lake Apartments using the Capital Funds Education and Training Community Facilities (CFCF) program grant; Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing, and replace obsolete Lakeshore Apartments public housing with newly constructed units.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

AMHA identified the following steps to improving the living environment of low- to moderate-income families residing in public housing in their 2020 Public Housing Authority Five-Year and Annual Action Plan:

- Evaluate voucher payment standards by re-assessing for low poverty areas by working with community partners to identify specific target populations to be served through project basing.
- Promote Self-Sufficiency and Asset Development of Assisted Households by assisting residents to enroll in employment preparation/placement retention training, helping with employment searches, enrolling residents in the Family Self Sufficiency program, and providing health and wellness programs for seniors.
- Ensure Equal Opportunity and Affirmatively Further Fair Housing by providing information to voucher participants and applicants as to the location of units located outside areas of poverty or minority concentration and assisting them to locate those units.

Discussion:

Based on budget realities, the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority's (AMHA's) current goal is to maintain their current housing stock. Their Capital fund for public housing is at its lowest level in 20 years, which makes it difficult to plan for new projects or major repairs. The Voucher side was hit the hardest. AMHA has been able to renew all existing vouchers, but their admin has been cut to 60% of their formula – the lowest level ever.

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MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

For the most part, the County of Summit jurisdiction relies on the services provided by facilities for the homeless that are located outside of the jurisdiction, in the Cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls. Although there are a few agencies that provide shelter in the form of transitional housing in the Jurisdiction most of the services are concentrated in the City of Akron.

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	89	0	63	209	0
Households with Only Adults	180	0	144	395	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	6	0	30	81	0
Unaccompanied Youth	16	0	5	12	0

Table 39 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments: HUD's 2019 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report. CoC: OH-506; Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC.

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

In addition to shelters, an array of services are available at no or very low cost:

- Open M provides a free medical clinic;
- AccessPointe Community Health Center provides low cost medical and dental care with proof of indigence;
- The Akron Community Based Outpatient Clinic, provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, provides Free or low cost medical or dental care for military veterans and their immediate families;
- The Community Health Center offers free services and/or a sliding fee scale to clients with a primary diagnosis of mental health or substance abuse;
- The University of Akron Nursing School offers free medical care through their Mary Gladwin Clinic;
- The Barberton Community Health Clinic offers free medical care, and
- The Alphonso Turner Homeless Outreach Center has a lobby with comfortable seating, showers, laundry facilities and a telephone for homeless individuals to use, and they offer support to those who are homeless and likely in need of mental health services.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

These services are listed in SP-40.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

Persons with special needs, including those who are elderly, homeless and/or who have a mental illness, substance abuse problem or physical disability, typically need specially designed housing and services. Providing affordable housing for persons for low income, special needs is a continued priority in Summit County.

This section profiles the needs that exist in the County of Summit jurisdiction for non-homeless persons with special needs, and the 2020 projects that the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development plans to undertake to address them.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

Elderly and frail elderly - the elderly and frail elderly may need assistance to "age in place" or remain in their homes, rather than in an assisted living facility. These residents may need ADA accessibility features, such as ramps, grab bars, and non skid flooring to remain in their homes. They may also need housekeeping, lawn maintenance, and shopping assistance, as well as nutrition and meal preparation. Because many are on a fixed income, they may need financial assistance to pay for food, medicine, medical costs, utilities, or rent. Frail elderly differ than the standard elderly population because they require assistance with three or more daily living activities, such as walking, bathing, and housework.

Disabled - the services required by a disabled individual will vary by disability (mental, physical, and/or developmental):

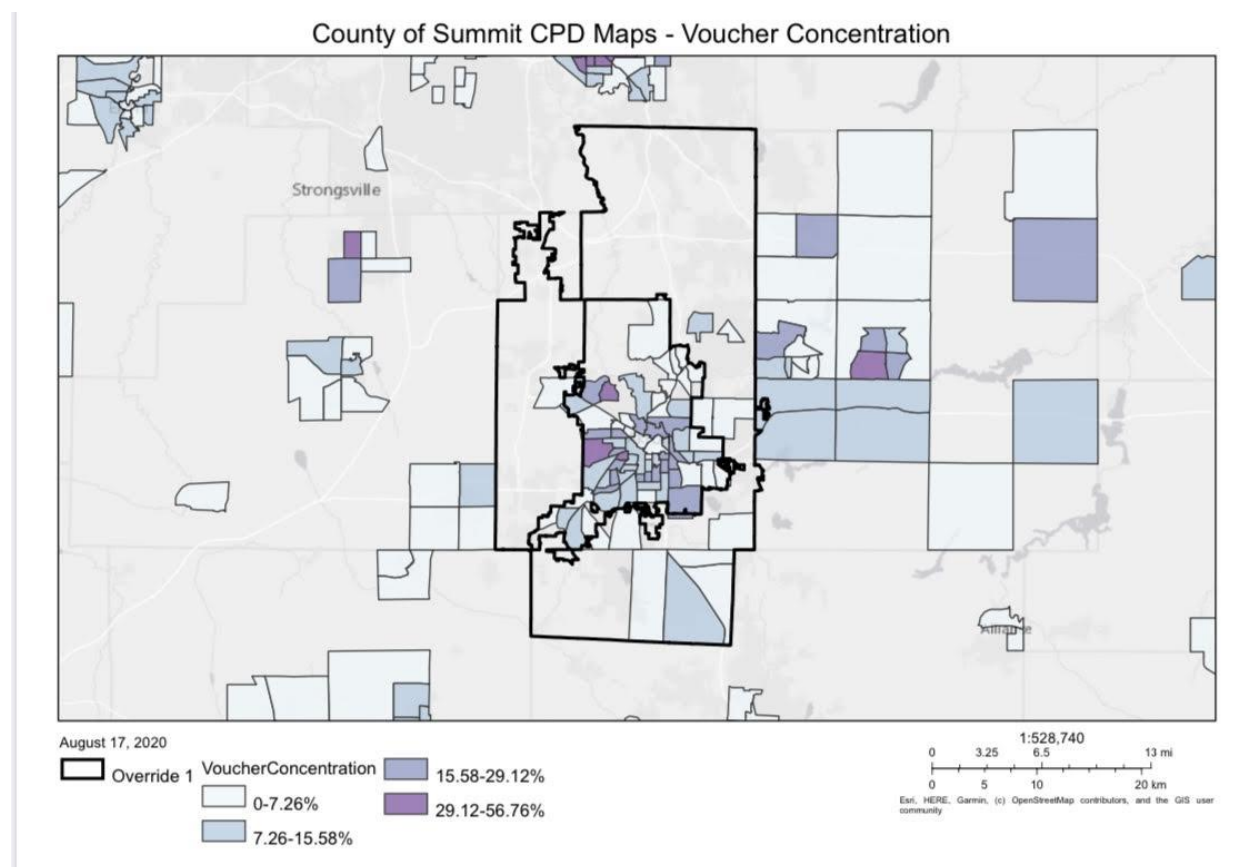
- Wheelchair users may need: Gates which are easy to open and close, with catches that are easy to reach and operate, additional space on parking spaces to transfer from their car to their chair, Accessible toilets, handrails at appropriate heights with views unrestricted by handrails or walls, surfaces which are firm, level and nonslip, and space to turn corners.
- People with Walking Difficulties or Dexterity/Balance Problems may need: level even surfaces on paths, steps with handrails and even treads and risers, minimum gaps in the path surface, and minimum gradients along and across paths.
- Visually Impaired People may need: clear edges to paths, even and clearly marked steps, warning of hazards at head height, even path surfaces, and easy to use catches on gates.
- People with hearing impairment will need smoke detectors and alarms with flashing lights.

Chronic Substance Abusers - in addition to rehabilitation, they may need housing in a group home setting with supportive services, such as counseling, job training, and life skills training.

HIV / AIDS - these individuals may need counseling, or they may need financial assistance for housing, food, utilities, and medical care.

Veterans - in particular homeless veterans and their families, may need housing assistance, including utility assistance, job training, mental health counseling, drug or alcohol counseling, and assistance finding employment.

Victims of Domestic Violence - these individuals may need housing assistance, counseling, job training, childcare, and medical assistance.



Voucher Concentration

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development does not oversee any post release programs. Through staff participation in the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum

of Care, they participate in the creation of policies and procedures to address the needs of these individuals.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will address the housing and supportive services needs for persons who are not homeless, but have other special needs through funding provided to:

- Battered Women's Shelter, Safe Shelter Nights;
- Fair Housing Contact Service, Inc., for fair housing advice;
- Shelter Care, Inc., for Life Skills classes for the formerly homeless, pregnant and/or parenting teen mothers residing at the Highlands Teen Pregnancy Shelter;
- Stow Advocacy Program, Victims Assistance Program, for crisis, intervention and advocacy services
- City of Tallmadge, for minor home repair programs;
- Valley Fire District, for services for the elderly;
- United Way of Summit County, HMIS, for the County to receive report on calls and services outside Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls, and
- The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development, to replace failing septic systems or tie-ins to available sanitary sewer lines for income qualified residents of the jurisdiction.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will address the housing and supportive services needs for persons who are not homeless but have other special needs through funding provided to:

- Battered Women's Shelter, for Safe Shelter Nights;
- Shelter Care, Inc., for Life Skills classes for the formerly homeless, pregnant and/or parenting teen mothers residing at the Highlands Teen Pregnancy Shelter;
- City of Tallmadge, for minor home repair programs; and
- The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development, to replace failing septic systems or tie-ins to available sanitary sewer lines for income qualified residents of the jurisdiction.

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

Barriers to affordable housing exist in every community. While some of these barriers can be addressed through legislative or procedural changes, others are very difficult to alter because they are the result of societal, financial, and/or market conditions.

Analysis shows the following barriers to affordable housing exist in the County of Summit's jurisdiction:

- Limited supply of affordable single-family housing units that make it difficult for low-to moderate-income first-time home buyers to make the transition from renting to homeownership.
- The average price for many of the houses on the market in Summit County is below the national average; however, this average price frequently exceeds the affordability level of many low- to moderate-income households.
- Housing rehabilitation is often costly, making it difficult for low- to moderate-income households to afford necessary repairs.
- Well and Septic Regulations that require minimum lot sizes, as determined by the local health department or EPA, when public utilities are not available.
- Resistance to the development of affordable housing, particularly affordable housing developments. This is frequently labeled as Not In My Back Yard (NIMBYism), and has been the subject of fair housing law for years.
- Cost prohibitive local ordinances for storm water systems, sidewalks, and landscaping that often add unnecessary costs to affordable housing development projects.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

This section identifies economic sectors in Summit County where job opportunities exist and notes employment challenges.

The County of Summit has placed a high importance on economic development projects in its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The County has created a revolving loan fund, using CDBG dollars in conjunction with private investment, in order to support those businesses looking to create or retain jobs for low-to moderate-income persons in the County of Summit Jurisdiction.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	259	138	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	11,572	16,036	11	14	3
Construction	4,755	5,859	5	5	0
Education and Health Care Services	20,167	15,305	19	13	-6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7,181	7,673	7	7	0
Information	1,957	1,650	2	1	-1
Manufacturing	15,530	15,265	15	13	-2
Other Services	3,994	4,803	4	4	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	14,049	12,979	13	11	-2
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	13,968	20,260	13	17	4
Transportation and Warehousing	3,768	6,280	4	5	1
Wholesale Trade	7,962	10,492	8	9	1
Total	105,162	116,740	--	--	--

Table 40 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Workers), 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	142,828
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	134,720
Unemployment Rate	5.68
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	20.06
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.51

Table 41 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	39,607
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	4,288
Service	11,390
Sales and office	33,405
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	8,285
Production, transportation and material moving	6,505

Table 42 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	86,610	68%
30-59 Minutes	35,588	28%
60 or More Minutes	5,457	4%
Total	127,655	100%

Table 43 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	3,198	310	2,426

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	27,145	1,592	7,795
Some college or Associate's degree	31,010	1,749	6,945
Bachelor's degree or higher	51,175	1,345	7,638

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	88	277	331	819	1,582
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,093	592	954	2,932	3,500
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	5,856	5,777	6,912	23,839	17,357
Some college, no degree	7,299	5,327	5,598	15,430	8,822
Associate's degree	1,302	2,863	2,866	7,601	1,890
Bachelor's degree	2,746	8,765	9,381	19,553	7,409
Graduate or professional degree	129	4,347	6,437	11,695	5,276

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	596,659
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,115,183
Some college or Associate's degree	1,194,812
Bachelor's degree	1,847,260
Graduate or professional degree	2,149,964

Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The major traded-sector employment sector within Summit County is manufacturing. This is evidenced by the high concentration of manufacturing employers in the County. With three major hospitals, Akron

Children's, Summa Health System, and Cleveland-Clinic Akron General Hospital, headquartered in Akron, healthcare and professional, scientific, and technical services also make up a significant portion of the traded-sector jobs. Additionally, due to this concentration of employers, the County has a healthy level of retail trade.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

The largest concern we hear from employers in the community in regards to workforce is the difficulty to find and retain lower-wage or entry-level employees across all business sectors. Typically these jobs pay less than \$15/hour. As wages and skill levels increase for jobs available, local employers have less difficulty finding talent. Thankfully, we find that employers who engage proactively with the public workforce system to identify talent have less difficulty with workforce attraction and retention.

In terms of infrastructure our largest need is for new industrial spaces with sufficient clear height for modern manufacturing. Many of our available real estate in this space has ceiling heights below 20'. This demand is not unique to Summit County and exists across the Northeast Ohio region. In recent years there has been a very proactive effort by local and regional economic development to support developers in delivering these spaces.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

A major change coming in Q3 of 2020 is the opening of a new Amazon Fulfillment Center on the site of the former Rolling Acres Mall in Akron. This facility will likely employ more than 3,000 individuals at peak employment throughout the year. While we already struggle filling positions that pay less than \$15/hour at other businesses, this problem will be accelerated by a new major employer establishing itself in the County with better wages and benefits than other area employers.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Generally employers are able to find and fill positions in a reasonable timeframe, but our largest workforce issue is being able to retain talent at lower skilled positions across industry sectors. Although this is commonly the case there are still barriers between education and skills employers need.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

Summit-Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments (SAMWA COG): The SAMWA COG oversees the funding and activities at the County's *OhioMeansJobs* Center. This includes workshops and resources for job seekers, recruitment engagements for employers, and potentially direct assistance to business hiring individuals.

Stark State College: In January of 2017 Stark State College opened a facility in leased space in the County's largest city, Akron. Prior to this there was no established Community College within the County and residents would either have to commute to Cuyahoga Community College in neighboring Cuyahoga County or to Stark State's main campus in neighboring Stark County. This addition to the local workforce system has been transformative for our local talent needs.

ConxusNEO: ConxusNEO is a non-profit organization that exists to collaborate and convene the public workforce system and area employers. Through their industry sector partnerships they are able to work with area employers to understand their talent needs now and in the future to help align the public education in the Community to these needs and inform the public workforce system of the challenges it may help solve in the community.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Yes.

There are no projects currently being undertaken in Summit County in conjunction with the CEDS.

Discussion

The County of Summit is well positioned in regards to workforce and business development. Home to the University of Akron, as well as 3 major hospital systems, the County is full of opportunities to support economic expansion. The County is continuing to look at ways to tailor the skills of the current workforce to the current business community needs. Through workforce education initiatives at Ohio Means Jobs - Summit County, the County is poised to continue supporting the economic development needs of the area.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Within the County of Summit jurisdiction, there are 2 areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated. As can be seen in the *Concentration of Poverty* map, there is a concentration of poverty in the City of Twinsburg and Twinsburg Township. There is also a relatively high concentration of poverty, indicated by the dark purple, which is in what is known as the Twinsburg Heights area.

Concentrated poverty is defined as the clustering of the residential locations of people with incomes below the relevant poverty threshold. A census tract with 20% poor residents involves a relatively high concentration of poverty; 40% poor is a very high concentration.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

There is a concentration of African American/Black residents in the northeastern quadrant of the County of Summit jurisdiction, in Twinsburg Township and the City of Twinsburg, which can be seen in the Minority Concentration map. Due to many living in Akron, which is its own jurisdiction, the African American/Black population is very small, .06%. As indicated in the table below, the population of the County of Summit jurisdiction is predominantly white, 91% and non-Hispanic/Latino, 98%.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

Low-income census tract areas have older housing stock, failing infrastructure, fewer community services, and a greater need for public assistance.

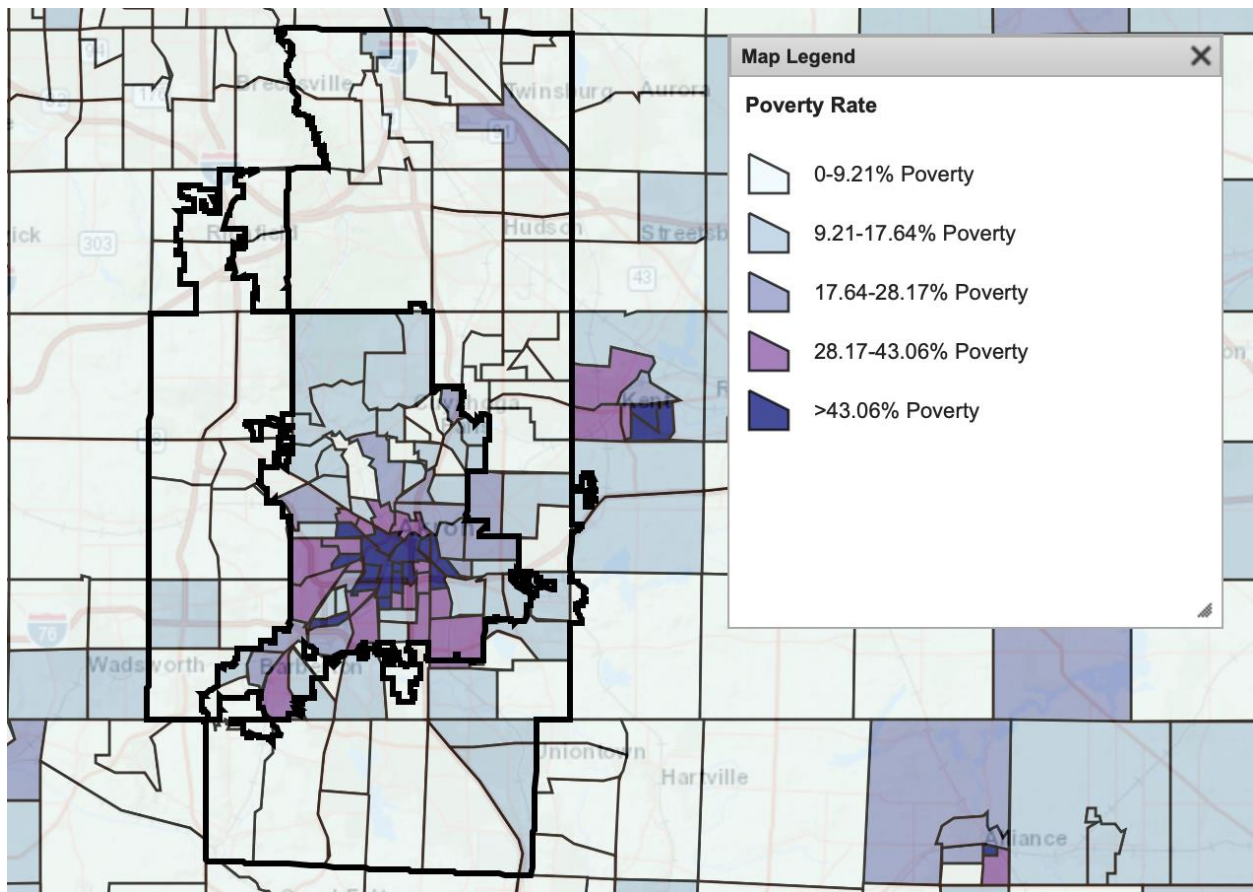
Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Although there are challenges present in these communities in regards to housing problems, there are unmistakable assets such as including Community Centers, Senior Centers, a dog park, a public golf course, a fitness center, and a water park, in addition to 6 public parks with hiking trails.

Many of the areas with LMI and/or minority concentration have community assets in place that can be leveraged through strategic revitalization efforts. These assets include: parks and recreation centers, community center, public libraries, educational facilities, and medical facilities.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Yes, there are locations for commercial/industrial enterprises. The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will continue to seek potential employers for these areas.



Concentration of Poverty Map

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

HUD guidance calls for an examination of the availability and quality of broadband wiring, specifically in LMI communities.

The City of Fairlawn is a GIG community that delivers high speed internet services to businesses and residents in Fairlawn and in the Bath/Fairlawn JEDD. The County of Summit is currently in the process of expanding GIG to LMI areas of the County. The development of this service is an important part of the ongoing process to bridge the digital divide.

In addition, CDBG funds will be used to provide internet access and digital equipment to income qualified students and families. Services will also be used to prepare, prevent and respond during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Student's K-12 will have the ability for remote learning, seniors will have the ability to attend virtual doctor appointments and stay connected with family. Individuals will have the ability to apply for jobs and/or complete online training.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

N/A

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

N/A

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

N/A

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

It is the mission of the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development to enhance the quality of life for Summit County residents through the implementation of programs that provide services to enhance the quality of life for low-to moderate-income residents.

This section of the Consolidated Plan is based on the information acquired during the Needs Assessment, Housing Market analysis, community survey, and public comments. The Strategic Plan works to set a direction for the County of Summit's use of federal funds for community and economic development for the next five years. These programs are used to assist households with incomes less than 80% of the Area Media Income (AMI). The County of Summit uses its CDBG and HOME funds to provide housing, infrastructure and supportive services for persons living within Summit County, but outside of the cities of Akron, Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls. These three cities are classified as "entitlement cities" and as such, the communities receive CDBG and/or HOME funds directly from HUD.

The County of Summit receives funds from 2 different U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to meet the housing, community, and economic development needs of low-to moderate-income people, who are defined as persons with annual family incomes at 80% or below the area median family income. The CDBG program provides funding in the County of Summit for single-family housing rehabilitation, community-based infrastructure, public services, and economic development.

The HOME Program is the second entitlement grant the County of Summit receives from HUD. The HOME Program was established under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act and was enacted to "expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing...for very low-income and low-income families." Summit County uses its HOME program funds for the construction of new, affordable housing and various programs designed to increase homeownership opportunities.

In March of 2020, a State of Emergency and National Health Crisis was declared for the State of Ohio, County of Summit due to COVID-19. The Department of Community and Economic Development has implemented pandemic protection language in all contracts. The goal is to prepare, prevent and respond to the pandemic.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

Eligible uses for CDBG funds are set forth under the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 24, Part 570, which mandates that each CDBG funded-activity must either principally benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet a community development need 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 that need. The funds must be used to meet the housing, community, and economic development needs of low- to moderate-income persons, which HUD defines as those with gross annual household incomes at or below 80% of the median area family income, as established annually by HUD. At least 70% of the aggregate CDBG allocation must be used for activities that benefit low- to moderate-income families and individuals.

Eligible uses for HOME funds are set forth under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, which was established to "expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing...for very low-income and low-income families."

The County of Summit is not targeting a particular location within the jurisdiction when deciding where to allocate its funds.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Improved Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Infrastructure
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the improvement of failing infrastructure through the Summit County jurisdiction in low-to moderate-income census tract areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The County of Summit has a high number of private septic systems that are failing and need replaced or abandoned and connected to public sewer. Addressing failed septic systems have an impact on the entire neighborhood. The County also has communities with low to moderate income census tracts that have failing and undersized waterlines that cause issue for residents and safety forces.
2	Priority Need Name	Minor Home Repair
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Minor Home Repair

	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide minor home repairs for owner-occupied homes of income-qualified residents throughout the Summit County jurisdiction area; repairs include new roofs, windows, electrical panels, furnace, hot water tanks, etc.
	Basis for Relative Priority	
3	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Economic Development
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for job creation projects for low-to moderate-income residents of the Summit County jurisdiction.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Funding to retain or create jobs for low to moderate income individuals assists in stimulating the economy.
4	Priority Need Name	Special Needs
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	

	Associated Goals	Special Needs
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for projects that provide assistance for those with special needs, such as handicapped or mentally disabled individuals, in the Summit County jurisdiction area.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The County of Summit works closely with Developmental Disability facilities that provide housing and job training to individuals with special needs. There is also an increasing need to provide ADA modifications and/or upgrades to facilities to accommodate seniors and/or individuals with special needs.
5	Priority Need Name	Assistance for Veterans
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate veterans
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Assistance for Veterans
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the projects that specifically assist Veterans, such as through minor home repairs, job training, or working with the VA.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The County of Summit assists in providing Veterans with homeownership opportunities, minor home repairs and employment.
6	Priority Need Name	Educational Programs
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	

	Associated Goals	Education
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for education training programs that focus on job training skills.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Educational opportunities and training programs are provided by area agencies. When additional funding resources are needed CDBG may be able to provide assistance.
7	Priority Need Name	Senior Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Elderly Elderly Frail Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Senior Assistance
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for senior assistance programs such as Lifeline emergency alert call buttons.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The County of Summit has an aging population that is in need of minor home repairs including ADA accessibility modifications that allow them to remain in their home. Some communities within the service area have Senior Centers that are in need of repairs and/or upgrades.
8	Priority Need Name	Preventing Homelessness
	Priority Level	Low

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Preventing Homelessness
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for programs that aid in the prevention and reduction of homelessness through the Summit County jurisdiction area.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The majority of services offered to prevent homelessness are located outside of the Summit County's service area. The County of Summit assists in providing services to programs located within the County's services area.
9	Priority Need Name	Digital Equity
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Digital Equity
	Description	Digital Equality to bridge the digital divide for low-to-moderate income individuals by providing equipment and internet services.

	Basis for Relative Priority	
10	Priority Need Name	Prepare, Prevent and Respond to pandemics
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Pandemic Preparedness
	Description	Prepare, Prevent and Respond to pandemics and declared states of emergency
	Basis for Relative Priority	In March of 2020, a State of Emergency and National Health Crisis was declared for the State of Ohio, County of Summit due to COVID-19. The Department of Community and Economic Development has implemented pandemic protection language in all contracts. The goal is to prepare, prevent and respond to the pandemic.

Narrative (Optional)

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Dramatically increased unemployment, widespread business closings, and the uncertainty of economic recovery are all market characteristics of a post-COVID-19 world. Tighter credit and increased unemployment will further depress the market values, potentially causing landlords to abandon their properties. If not addressed, the combination of evictions and landlord bankruptcy could devastate Summit County neighborhoods. TBRA will be used to provide rent relief, and mitigate this potential market crisis.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the impact of the market effecting those who are non-homeless with special needs is substantial. If these impacts such as rent arrears are not addressed effectively, they could lead to others, including increased homelessness and a greater risk of health problems. TBRA will be used to bridge the gap post –pandemic and help special needs individuals remain housed.
New Unit Production	The County of Summit does not use CDBG funding for new unit production. The current availability of housing in the Summit County jurisdiction area is such that new units are not in demand. The County will use HOME funds for a minimal amount of new unit production, through non-profit organizations like Habitat for Humanity.
Rehabilitation	The County of Summit jurisdiction includes many homes in need of minor rehabilitation to bring them up to a higher energy-efficient standard; many homes are also in need of basic health and safety modifications, including smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, hand rails, and ADA-accessible restroom modifications.
Acquisition, including preservation	The County of Summit does not use CDBG funding for acquisition projects. The County of Summit will use HOME funds for acquisition, rehabilitation, resale projects to benefit low-to moderate income persons in the Summit County jurisdiction.

Table 49 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

During the Consolidated Plan years of FY 2020-2024, the County of Summit expects its federal funding to remain relatively the same. The plan period will begin January 1, 2020-December 31, 2024. For 2020, CDBG will receive \$964,720 and HOME will receive \$441,463.

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	964,758	70,000	800,000	1,834,758	3,884,012	The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development anticipates receiving an annual CDBG allocation of an estimated \$964,758 for each upcoming year covered in 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The County also anticipates receiving an estimated \$70,000 each year in program income. The total amount received over the next 5 years would be \$5,173,790.

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	441,463	50,000	600,000	1,091,463	1,337,208	The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development anticipates receiving an annual HOME allocation of an estimated \$441,463 for each upcoming year covered in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The County also anticipates receiving an estimated \$50,000 each year in program income. The total amount received over the next 5 years would be \$2,457,315.

Table 50 - Anticipated Resources

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

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development does not specify the leveraged dollar amount for CDBG projects, only that leverage must be provided. For the HOME program, a 25% match is required for each project. The match can be in the form of agency, state, local, or non-cash match. Matching funds include, but are not limited to: bank funds; donated labor; donated materials; and donated land.

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

N/A

Discussion

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SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Battered Women's Shelter	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs	Other
Shelter Care, Inc.	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs	Other
United Way of Summit and Medina	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Other
Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	Continuum of care	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
FAIR HOUSING CONTACT SERVICE		Non-homeless special needs public services	Other
Akron Community Service Center and Urban League	Subrecipient	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership	Jurisdiction
City of Tallmadge	Subrecipient	Ownership	Other
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (AKRON)	Subrecipient	Ownership	Jurisdiction
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INC.	Subrecipient	Ownership	Jurisdiction
Village of Lakemore	Subrecipient	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	Colonias
City of Norton	Subrecipient	Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	Other
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing	Jurisdiction

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board	Non-profit organizations	public services	Jurisdiction
County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development	Departments and agencies	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs neighborhood improvements public facilities	Jurisdiction
Summit County Public Health	Departments and agencies	Non-homeless special needs public services	Jurisdiction
Summit County Veterans Service Commission		Homelessness Non-homeless special needs public services	Jurisdiction

Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development has not identified any gaps in the institutional delivery system.

The County of Summit implements the Community Development and Economic Development plans by leveraging CDBG and HOME Programs with additional community funding when possible. Sub-recipients in the community assist in carrying out the services throughout our service territory, ensuring that low-to-moderate income persons receive the services needed. The Department of Community and Economic Development also administers the Household Sewage Treatment System Program, Home Weatherization Assistance Program and Lead Based Paint Reduction Program.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X	X	X
Mortgage Assistance	X		

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	X	X
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X		
Mobile Clinics	X	X	X
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	X
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care	X	X	X
Education	X	X	X
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	X
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	X
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	X
Other			

Table 52 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

HIV and AIDS: Community AIDS Network and Pride Initiative (CANAPI) is a non-profit organization that provides support and assistance for those living with HIV and AIDS, as well as LGBTQ support services. Through this agency, individuals diagnosed with HIV or AIDS can receive supportive services, such as support groups, counseling, and housing assistance. CANAPI has provided free HIV tests for more than 2,100 individuals from January of 2015 to October of 2019. Assistance for individuals who are living with HIV or AIDS is also available through the AIDS Resource Center (ARC), of Akron. Although neither of these agencies is located within the County of Summit jurisdiction, they do provide services to residents of the Jurisdiction. Counselors at the ARC work with low-income and homeless individuals to identify financial assistance programs to cover the costs of medication and medical treatment.

Health Services: Free health services are available to the homeless, or anyone else who is unemployed, has no insurance, and whose household income is at or below 200% of poverty, through the Faithful Servants Care Center, in Tallmadge, or through OPEN M, in Akron. During the 2019 fiscal year, OPEN M provided medical visits to 2,267 duplicated patients. As a part of those visits, 1,989 lab tests were performed by OPEN M volunteer nurses, medical assistants, and students. The medical visits and lab tests, combined with the

professional value of our volunteer staff, which includes doctors, are estimated \$1.4 million. Additionally, the pharmacy filled more than 13,000 prescriptions, valued at nearly \$1.2 million. The dental clinic saw 69 patients, which includes either a diagnostic appointment with x-rays, cleanings, fillings, or extractions. The dental visits, combined with the professional value of the dentists and dental hygienists, are at approximately \$24,000.

Mental Health Services: The following is a list of community-based outpatient facilities that offer individual, group, conjoint and family counseling, therapy groups, medication and other mental health services for community residents, especially those who are indigent, who have acute or chronic psychiatric disorders or who may be experiencing difficulty resolving personal or interpersonal conflicts or making personal adjustments to stressful life situations such as separation, divorce, loss of a spouse or a child, poor health, unemployment, family violence, delinquency or substance abuse: Akron General Medical Center, Community Support Services, Minority Behavioral Health Group, Summit Psychological Associates, County of Summit ADM Board, and Portage Path Behavioral Health.

Employment Services: Ohio Means Jobs - Summit County - Offers various free job fairs aiming to connect individuals seeking employment with prospective employers.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care (CoC) are very useful resources to the providers of services to the special needs and homeless populations. The pilot centralized intake/referral system with the HMIS has been very successful, with both participating agencies reporting reduced costs and placement times. Funding is always an issue as the need for services, particularly medical and housing, far exceed the supply.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development has not identified any gaps in the institutional delivery system.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Improved Infrastructure	CDBG: \$446,070	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 409 Persons Assisted
2	Minor Home Repair	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Minor Home Repair	CDBG: \$80,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Households Assisted
3	Economic Development	2020	2024			Economic Development	CDBG: \$300,000	Jobs created/retained: 12 Jobs
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5	Assistance for Veterans	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Assistance for Veterans	CDBG: \$125,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
6	Education	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Educational Programs	CDBG: \$48,500	Other: 16 Other

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7	Senior Assistance	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Senior Assistance	CDBG: \$75,192	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 74 Persons Assisted
8	Preventing Homelessness	2020	2024			Preventing Homelessness	CDBG: \$20,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 304 Persons Assisted
9	Digital Equity	2020	2024			Digital Equity	CDBG: \$80,000	
10	Pandemic Preparedness	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Prepare, Prevent and Respond to pandemics		

Table 53 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for the improvement of failing infrastructure through the Summit County jurisdiction in low-to moderate-income census tract areas.
2	Goal Name	Minor Home Repair
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for minor home repair projects throughout the County of Summit Jurisdiction area, for income qualified homeowners. Repairs may include new windows, doors, hot water tanks, furnaces, or roofs.
3	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to assist community businesses with growing and retaining positions to create long term economic impact and benefit.
4	Goal Name	Special Needs
	Goal Description	To assist in providing safe environments in the community for those who may have a mental or physical disability.
5	Goal Name	Assistance for Veterans
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for the projects that specifically assist Veterans, such as through minor home repairs, job training, or working with the VA.
6	Goal Name	Education
	Goal Description	To aid in providing specialized educational and economic opportunities for the populations who may be diagnosed with autism or a variety of other learning disabilities.
7	Goal Name	Senior Assistance
	Goal Description	To assist in enabling senior residents to remain in their homes safely and for as long as possible through ADA modifications and additional health and safety improvements.
8	Goal Name	Preventing Homelessness
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for projects that aid in the prevention of homelessness; these projects include HM Life, Highland Teens Pregnancy Center, and Info Line HMIS.

9	Goal Name	Digital Equity
	Goal Description	Digital Equality to bridge the digital divide for low-to-moderate income individuals by providing equipment and internet services.
10	Goal Name	Pandemic Preparedness
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to prepare, prevent and respond to pandemics and declared states of emergency.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The County of Summit anticipates using HOME funds to provide an estimated 5 housing units per year, with a total of 25 low- to moderate-income families receiving assistance over the 5 years of the Consolidated Plan. Additionally, the County of Summit plans to use HOME funds to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance to approximately 100 families over the 5 years of the Consolidated Plan.

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

N/A

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

Involvement in management is addressed through the “A-CAN” organization, which is a council of leadership from different resident councils. A-CAN reviews and approves AMHA’s annual Action Plans. AMHA invites residents to regularly scheduled meetings and encourages participation. Educational information regarding homeownership is distributed and available.

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority offers two self-sufficiency programs to prepare recipients of public housing benefits for careers, economic independence and homeownership. Both programs have waiting lists. In addition, AMHA offers other programs such as the HUD funded ROSS (Resident Opportunities for Self Sufficiency) Resident Service Delivery Model Grant, Home Ownership Grant and Family Stability/Prevention, Retention and Contingency Program through the Summit County Department of Jobs and Family Services.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation

N/A

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

Barriers to affordable housing exist in every community. While some of these barriers can be addressed through legislative or procedural changes, others are very difficult to alter because they are the result of societal, financial, and/or market conditions.

Analysis shows the following barriers to affordable housing exist in the County of Summit's jurisdiction:

- Limited supply of affordable single-family housing units that make it difficult for low-to moderate-income first-time home buyers to make the transition from renting to homeownership.
- The average price for many of the houses on the market in Summit County is below the national average; however, this average price frequently exceeds the affordability level of many low- to moderate-income households.
- Housing rehabilitation is often costly, making it difficult for low- to moderate-income households to afford necessary repairs.
- Well and Septic Regulations that require minimum lot sizes, as determined by the local health department or EPA, when public utilities are not available.
- Resistance to the development of affordable housing, particularly affordable housing developments. This is frequently labeled as Not In My Back Yard (NIMBYism), and has been the subject of fair housing law for years.
- Cost prohibitive local ordinances for storm water systems, sidewalks, and landscaping that often add unnecessary costs to affordable housing development projects.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development's strategy to remove or remedy (ameliorate) the barriers to affordable housing focuses on education. Staff members from the Department of Community and Economic Development's GIS/Planning Division will continue to work to educate planning commissions and zoning inspectors on the possible consequences that zoning codes that are unduly restrictive and ordinances can have on the availability of new affordable housing. Educational seminars on these matters have been, and will continue to be, conducted as part of the County's fair housing counseling initiatives.

During the 2020 – 2024 Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan period, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will sponsor fair housing workshops and events that all CDBG and HOME recipients will be required to attend. These sessions are held every year, and are hosted by the County of Summit. Local Fair Housing Agencies are invited to attend and present at the workshop. The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will continue this practice throughout the 2020 – 2024 Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan period. During

the 2020 – 2024 Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan Period, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will be updating their Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development has identified education as one of our Consolidated Plan goals. By utilizing the CDBG program, funding is provided to students on the free and reduced lunch rolls in the form of scholarships to attend school for special needs or program based courses such as the STEM mini car program.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development reaches out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assesses their individual needs through staff involvement on the Continuum of Care Steering Committee, the Continuum of Care Review and Ranking Committee, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Steering Committee, and the annual Point-in-Time Count.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development addresses the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons through staff involvement on the Continuum of Care Steering Committee, the Continuum of Care Review and Ranking Committee, and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Steering Committee. There are 9 emergency shelters and 29 year round shelters

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development helps homeless persons, including 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 through staff participation on the Continuum of Care Steering Committee, the Continuum of Care Review and Ranking Committee, and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Steering Committee.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development helps 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 social services, employment, education, or youth needs through staff involvement in the Continuum of Care Steering Committee, the Continuum of Care Review and Ranking Committee, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Advisory Committee, and the Summit County Reentry Network.

The following descriptions of the Continuum of Care's committees are provided by HMIS of Summit County:

“CoC Steering Committee: This standing committee meets bi-monthly to provide strategic direction and leadership to the Continuum of Care process. Membership is comprised of stakeholders who wish to assist in the development and implementation of the Continuum of Care strategy. This committee will assign the Continuum of Care Goals and tasks to other committees for completion and monitor progress on the overall CoC goal achievements.

CoC Review and Ranking Committee: The Review and Ranking Committee is responsible for reviewing all CoC applications, both new and renewals. After the review process is complete, the committee then ranks, from highest to lowest, all projects into two tiers: Tier 1 and Tier 2. Ranking is completed using the CoC approved scoring tool. All projects within Tier 1 shall be funded while projects in Tier 2 shall be funded in order of performance (highest to lowest), based on the amount of funding that is awarded by HUD. Funding is not guaranteed for Tier 2 projects. Emphasis will be placed on permanent supportive housing and sub-populations served.

HMIS Advisory Committee: The HMIS Advisory Committee is comprised of decision makers at agencies that participate in HMIS. It's duties are to oversee policies and standards, evaluation criteria and reporting systems for HMIS implementation. This committee also serves as the final validation criteria submissions to HUD for AHAR, PULSE, HIC, PIT and other reporting purposes.”

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

The County of Summit has incorporated the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (RRP) requirements and HUD Title X Lead Rule into their Housing Rehabilitation Program. EPA's 2010 Lead Rule requirements apply to anyone who is paid to perform work that disturbs paint in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978. The RRP mandates pre-renovation educational requirements; and effective April 22, 2010, requires the following training, certification, and work practices:

- Firms must be certified
- Renovators must be trained
- Lead-safe work practices must be followed

The County of Summit provides trainings, continuing education, and any equipment needed for staff to perform the mandatory lead-based paint risk assessments and clearance of HUD-funded rehabilitation projects involving housing units built prior to 1978. Currently our program staff includes 2 certified lead-based paint inspectors, 1 visual lead based paint inspector, 1 lead contractor, and 9 Lead Safe Renovators. The County of Summit is a registered firm with the EPA. All contractors and sub-contractors that work on county-funded jobs are EPA certified and their firms must be registered with the EPA.

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development is the primary sub-recipient for the Summit County Health Department's Lead Based Paint Abatement Program.

The County of Summit may leverage HOME funds, used for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, and CDBG funds, used for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation with a Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant from the Summit County Health Department.

Individuals living in homes built prior to 1978 with lead based paint hazards may be eligible to receive a deferred, forgivable loan from the Summit County Health Department. To be eligible, the homeowner must have a child living in the home under the age of 6 or have a child visiting the home more than 6 hours a week or 62 hours a year and meet the current income guidelines. In 2019, 7975 children under the age of six were tested for lead poisoning. 41 children were confirmed at 10 or above and 83 children were confirmed at 5-9.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

The actions listed above are related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards because the County of Summit Staff is directly correlating their entire housing program to ensure that if a home was built prior to 1978 and a child under the age of 6 resides in the home or visits the home more than 62 hours per year, the staff will evaluate the application to ensure compliance with the Lead Based Paint Program to

eliminate lead based paint hazards. The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development utilizes a one touch one application approach to determine applicants eligibility for programs. This allows each client to receive wrap around services when needed and funds to be leveraged to the fullest extent. The County will only use contractors who are registered EPA/RRP certified firms, EPA/RRP trained, and practice lead safe work practices. County staff members who work on the Lead Hazard Demonstration Reduction Grant program, CDBG program, and HOME program have obtained their EPA/RRP certificates.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

County of Summit staff members use a one touch one application process to best serve each applicant. County staff also will work in conjunction with the CDBG and HOME program. If while conducting an inspection of a home and the staff member notices chipping/chalking/flaking paint and the home is built prior to 1978 and a child under the age of 6 resides in the home or visits at least 62 hours per year, the application will be passed off to the Lead team. The County may leverage the Lead Hazard Demonstration Reduction Grant with CDBG funds to ensure that all health and safety concerns are addressed.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The anti-poverty strategy of the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development is to support State and other County organizations in their efforts to assist low-to moderate-income persons in achieving economic self-sufficiency or maximum level of economic independence. In instances where this may not be possible because of personal limitations or client's experience, the goal is to enable them to achieve the maximum level of independence of which they are capable.

During the 2020 – 2024 Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan period, the County of Summit will continue to work with the Department of Job & Family Services to coordinate assistance for needy families in the community. The Department of Community and Economic Development will work to raise awareness of the availability of housing rehabilitation assistance and the Summit County Home Weatherization Assistance Program, which utilizes the Department of Energy, Healthy Homes, and State of Ohio funding in the form of grants to improve the overall weatherization of extremely low-income households.

The Department of Job & Family Services determines applicant eligibility for participation in the following programs which are in place to assist extremely low- and low-income households and individuals:

Children and Families:

- Cash Assistance – OWF
- Child Care Services
- Food Assistance – FAP
- Healthy Start Medical Coverage
- Pregnancy Related Services
- Repairs and Expenses – PRC

Disabled and Seniors:

- Adult Protective Services
- Home Health Care – Ohio Home Choice Waivers
- Medicaid Transportation – NET
- Medicare Premium Payments
- Nursing Home Care
- Refugee Resettlement

- Supportive Services – PRC
- Age, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid Eligibility

Employment and training assistance is provided through *Ohio Means Jobs – Summit County* where more than 13 workforce service providers are housed under the same roof to better serve the needs of both businesses and job seekers. The facility is the result of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 which mandated that career centers be developed throughout the nation for the convenience of employers and job seekers.

- Ohio Means Jobs - Summit County
- Resource Room
- Fun Stop Daycare Center
- Search for Employment

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development intends to use its CDBG and HOME funds to provide suitable living environments for low-to moderate-income residents of the Jurisdiction through the minor home repair program, the well and septic/sewer program, construction of new, affordable housing units, the acquisition/rehabilitation/resale program, and area-wide benefits projects, such as water and sanitary sewer connections or improvements.

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

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

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff continuously provides technical assistance and monitors all subrecipients and programs to ensure compliance with all Federal laws and regulations. Activities are monitored according to County policies and procedures and the requirements set forth in the Subrecipient Agreement documents executed with each community and/or agency and funded with CDBG and/or HOME funds.

Monitoring of CDBG and HOME projects includes, but is not limited to the following: desk audits of grant files; review of invoices and supporting documentation submitted for reimbursement; review of fiscal record keeping; review of Federal prevailing wage and labor standards; acquisition; relocation; minority business outreach; debarment; compliance with national objectives under the CDBG program; eligibility criteria; income limits; project timeliness; quality of work; work scopes; final punch list for construction and rehabilitation projects, and in the case of HOME-funded projects, occupancy requirements during the period of affordability.

In Program Years 2020-2024, monitoring site visits will be made annually to all agencies with public service contracts. All construction related projects will receive ongoing technical assistance, as well as, monitoring site visits. Prevailing wage monitoring will be conducted when applicable. A desk audit of each project will be conducted quarterly, and a financial audit will be conducted prior to project close-out. In addition to monitoring, technical assistance is provided to all subrecipients on an ongoing basis to ensure CDBG compliance.

Projects are monitored with the intent to:

- ensure that the project/program is consistent with the terms of the grant agreements and that funds are expended in a timely manner;
- evaluate organizational and project performance;
- minimize opportunities for fraud, waste, and mismanagement; and
- ensure that activities are carried out in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

During the Consolidated Plan years of FY 2020-2024, the County of Summit expects its federal funding to remain relatively the same. The plan period will begin January 1, 2020-December 31, 2024. For 2020, CDBG will receive \$964,720 and HOME will receive \$441,463.

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	964,758	70,000	800,000	1,834,758	3,884,012	The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development anticipates receiving an annual CDBG allocation of an estimated \$964,758 for each upcoming year covered in 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The County also anticipates receiving an estimated \$70,000 each year in program income. The total amount received over the next 5 years would be \$5,173,790.

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HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	441,463	50,000	600,000	1,091,463	1,337,208	The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development anticipates receiving an annual HOME allocation of an estimated \$441,463 for each upcoming year covered in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The County also anticipates receiving an estimated \$50,000 each year in program income. The total amount received over the next 5 years would be \$2,457,315.

Table 54 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development does not specify the leveraged dollar amount for CDBG projects, only that leverage must be provided. For the HOME program, a 25% match is required for each project. The match can be in the form of agency, state, local, or non-cash match. Matching funds include, but are not limited to: bank funds; donated labor; donated materials; and donated land.

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

N/A

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

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Table 55 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improvement of infrastructure throughout the Summit County jurisdiction area.

2	Goal Name	Minor Home Repair
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for minor home repair projects throughout the County of Summit Jurisdiction area, for income qualified homeowners. Repairs may include new windows, doors, hot water tanks, furnaces, or roofs.
3	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to support economic development projects throughout the County of Summit jurisdiction area that create and/or retain jobs for low-to moderate income individuals.
4	Goal Name	Special Needs
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to assist people with special needs throughout the Summit County jurisdiction area, such as handicapped and disabled individuals.
5	Goal Name	Assistance for Veterans
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for projects that specifically assist veterans, such as minor home repairs, job training, and housing programs.
6	Goal Name	Education
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for education programs to assist job training.
7	Goal Name	Senior Assistance
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for senior assistance programs and/or activities or modifications.
8	Goal Name	Preventing Homelessness
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for programs that aid the prevention and reduction of homelessness.
9	Goal Name	Digital Equity
	Goal Description	Digital Equality to bridge the digital divide for low-to-moderate income individuals by providing equipment and internet services.

10	Goal Name	Pandemic Preparedness
	Goal Description	Prepare, Prevent and Respond to pandemics and declared states of emergency.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The 2020 Action Plan outlines the priorities and strategies of the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs. This 1 year Action Plan describes the activities, funding recommendations, and proposed accomplishments for each project.

In 2020, CDBG funds will be utilized by the County of Summit, non-profit agencies and local municipalities to provide public services for low-to moderate-income individuals. Emphasis will be on home repair programs, services for seniors and the homeless, public facilities improvements, economic development, and capital/infrastructure projects.

The County of Summit will use HOME funds with non-profit agencies to provide affordable housing for low-to moderate-income individuals during 2020. Projects offered will include affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-to moderate-income individuals.

These activities will help further the following Consolidated Plan goals:

The Provision of Expanded Economic Opportunities - To retain existing jobs or aid in the creation of new jobs, for low-to moderate-income individuals in the Summit County Jurisdiction, and to provide gap financing to existing and new companies. The Minority Contractor Capital Access Program will be created to provide financial assistance and technical assistance to qualified minority, women, LGBTQ+, Veteran and Disabled-owned contracting businesses.

The Provision of Decent, Safe and Affordable Housing - To preserve and/or increase the availability of decent, safe and affordable housing for low-to moderate-income individuals in the Summit County Jurisdiction.

The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment - To enhance the quality of life and promote healthy neighborhoods for low to moderate-income individuals through a variety of public services, infrastructure projects and other activities that address specific community needs.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG - PC's for People
3	Minority Contractor Capital Access Program
4	Building for Tomorrow- AMHA

#	Project Name
5	Valley Fire District
6	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
10	CDBG - Fair Housing Contact Service - Fair Housing Services
11	CDBG - Summit County Revolving Loan Fund
12	HOME - Administration Costs - Affordable Housing Projects
13	CDBG - Program Delivery Costs - Administration
14	CDBG - International Soap Box Derby STEM Program
15	CDBG - Julie Billiart Schools Tuition Assistance
16	CDBG - Battered Women's Shelter - Safe Shelter Nights
17	CDBG - Shelter Care - Highlands Teen Pregnancy Shelter
18	CDBG - Victim Assistance Program - Stow Advocacy Program
19	CDBG - City of Tallmadge - Minor Home Repair
20	CDBG - Clinton Senior Center Improvements
21	City of Twinsburg- Capital Improvement
22	CDBG - Admin - Infoline, Inc. - HMIS
23	CDBG - Peninsula Foundation - G.A.R. Hall ADA Restrooms
24	CDBG- Akron Urban League Ignite Program
25	CDBG - County of Summit - Minor Home Repair Program
26	CDBG - County of Summit - HSTS
27	CDBG - City of Norton - Columbia Woods Park Trail
28	HOME - Affordable Housing Projects

Table 56 – Project Information

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

The allocation of priorities process combines the information gained during the citizen input and community priorities. The County of Summit uses CDBG funds for eligible activities that either serve low-to moderate-income individuals, families and households, or benefit low-to moderate-income areas. HOME funds are used to provide decent, safe and affordable housing for low-to moderate-income individuals and households within its jurisdiction. The biggest obstacle facing the successful execution of these programs, as compared to a normal year, is the availability of contractors during the current pandemic. Especially as it relates to housing rehabilitation. We are seeing fewer contractors who have been prequalified by the County of Summit, willing to bid on the projects that are currently available and that have funding available. Even with the current mitigation measures in place, it appears some of the contractors have deemed it not worth the risk.

Reductions in CDBG and HOME funding levels continue to create obstacles to meeting underserved needs within the County of Summit Jurisdiction. Unfortunately, while the available funding has decreased, the demand for services for low-to moderate-income individuals has increased. The pre-existing shortage of funds, in comparison to demand for assistance, combined with the additional cuts,

means that the County of Summit may have to reduce the level of services provided to its residents while continuing to seek additional ways to leverage CDBG and HOME funds through collaboration and additional funding sources.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG - PC's for People
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Digital Equity
	Needs Addressed	Digital Equity
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide internet access and digital equipment to income qualified students and families. Services will also be used to prepare, prevent and respond during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Student's K-12 will have the ability for remote learning, seniors will have the ability to attend virtual doctor appointments and stay connected with family. Individuals will have the ability to apply for jobs and/or complete online training.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 persons per year will benefit from these activities.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	Minority Contractor Capital Access Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Minor Home Repair
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$400,000
	Description	The Minority Contractor Capital Access Program (MCCAP) is a collaborative initiative to provide financial and technical assistance to Akron and Summit County-based minority, women, LGBTQ, Veteran and Disabled-owned contracting businesses.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	Building for Tomorrow- AMHA
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Digital Equity
	Needs Addressed	Digital Equity
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide no-cost internet access, digital devices and training to residents at Stephanie Keys Towers (senior high-rise) in Stow and Pinewood Gardens in Twinsburg.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Projects will be done in Stow and Twinsburg.
	Planned Activities	Project consists of providing internet access, digital devices, and trainings for seniors.
4	Project Name	Valley Fire District
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Senior Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,600
	Description	The Valley Fire District serves the Village of Peninsula, The Village of Boston Heights and Boston Township. The Community Safeguard Program provides lock boxes, Smoke/CO Alarms and bed shakers for the elderly. There is an increase in demand due to COVID-19 and the number of seniors that are home bound and unable to have family and friends visit. The Valley Fire District will install and track all equipment.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	The project will support elderly people outside Akron, Barberton, or Cuyahoga Falls.
	Planned Activities	
5	Project Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Preventing Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	Tenant Based Rental Assistance provides rental assistance to low and very low-income families to prevent families from becoming homeless.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 150 families will benefit from these activities.
	Location Description	County-Wide with the exception of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls
	Planned Activities	TBRA provides rental assistance to low and very low-income families to prevent families from becoming homeless.
6	Project Name	CDBG - Fair Housing Contact Service - Fair Housing Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Preventing Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500
	Description	Fair Housing Contact Services provides fair housing advice and clinics to residents within Summit County.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1,142 individuals throughout the Summit County jurisdiction area will receive Fair Housing Contact Service education services in the 2020 program year.
	Location Description	Services are provided throughout the entire Summit County jurisdiction.

	Planned Activities	Fair Housing Contact Service will provide Summit County residents with access to Fair Housing, Landlord-Tenant, Comprehensive Housing Counseling services and will work to promote awareness and utilization of these services throughout the community through education and outreach. Fair Housing Contact Service will also provide a Fair Housing Training workshop to all Summit County CDBG and HOME grant recipients in the 2020 program year.
7	Project Name	CDBG - Summit County Revolving Loan Fund
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	\$150,000 in CDBG funds will be used to create and/or retain business and provide jobs for low-to-moderate income individuals through the Revolving Loan Fund.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
8	Project Name	HOME - Administration Costs - Affordable Housing Projects
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Minor Home Repair Economic Development Special Needs Senior Assistance Preventing Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Improved Infrastructure Minor Home Repair
	Funding	HOME: \$50,000
	Description	HOME funds will be used for costs associated with the administration of HOME-funded projects.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 units will be assisted per year.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
9	Project Name	CDBG - Program Delivery Costs - Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	Administration costs associated with delivering the CDBG Program.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	CDBG - International Soap Box Derby STEM Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Education
	Needs Addressed	Educational Programs
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	\$30,000 in CDBG funds will be used for the International Soap Box Derby Inc.'s STEM Mini Car Program. This STEM-based curriculum utilizes tools and values of Soap Box Derby racing for students at school districts in the County of Summit with a high volume of low- to moderate-income students.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 300 low-income students will benefit from the STEM curriculum.

	Location Description	The STEM curriculum educational program will be used in 5th grade classes throughout the County's jurisdiction.
	Planned Activities	STEM Education Curriculum.
11	Project Name	CDBG - Julie Billiard Schools Tuition Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Education
	Needs Addressed	Educational Programs
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	The school is located in Akron and serves children grades K-8 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADD/ADHD, dyslexia or other social or learning needs.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The school is located in Akron and serves children grades K-8 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADD/ADHD, dyslexia or other social or learning needs.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include tuition assistance for students on the free/reduced lunch rolls.
12	Project Name	CDBG - Battered Women's Shelter - Safe Shelter Nights
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	This grant is for support of the Battered Women's Shelter, which provides safe shelter to adult victims of domestic violence and their children. The Safe Shelter Nights for Victims of Domestic Violence with a last known address outside of Akron, Barberton or Cuyahoga Falls. An increase in the number of nights have occurred since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Funds will be used to victims of domestic violence with a last known address outside of Akron, Barberton, or Cuyahoga Falls.
	Planned Activities	
13	Project Name	CDBG - Shelter Care - Highlands Teen Pregnancy Shelter
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Preventing Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The Highlands Teen Pregnancy Shelter is a division of Shelter Care Inc. The primary purpose of the Highlands is to provide assistance to pregnant and/or parenting youth by improving their safety, well-being and self-sufficiency. Clients may stay in the shelter until they turn 21 or their child's first birthday. The average stay is 6 months. During their stay clients receive basic life skills training from a residential supervisor including, but not limited to: parenting skills, independent living skills, money management and basic baby care.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The project is located in Tallmadge but will assist individuals from all over the Summit County jurisdiction area.
	Planned Activities	This project consists of basic life skills training from a residential supervisor, including but not limited to, the following: parenting skills, independent living skills, money management and basic baby care.
14	Project Name	CDBG - Victim Assistance Program - Stow Advocacy Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Education
	Needs Addressed	Senior Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$26,250

	Description	\$26,250 in CDBG funds will be used, in collaboration with Stow Municipal Courts, crisis, intervention and advocacy services for low- to moderate-income individuals who live within the County of Summit, but outside the cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Funds will be used for individuals outside of Akron, Barberton, or Cuyahoga Falls.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include crisis, intervention and advocacy services.
15	Project Name	CDBG - City of Tallmadge - Minor Home Repair
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Minor Home Repair
	Needs Addressed	Minor Home Repair
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	The City of Tallmadge will provide minor home repair and ADA modifications for low to moderate income residents who live within the City. Clients are referred to the agency from the County, Info Line and other community agencies. The agency holds a contractors meeting once a year to recruit new contractors.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The project will be undertaken at various locations throughout the City of Tallmadge.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include new windows, roofs, hot water tanks, furnaces, and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
16	Project Name	CDBG - Clinton Senior Center Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Senior Assistance

	Funding	CDBG: \$6,154
	Description	The Village of Clinton will install a generator at their village hall which they also use as a senior center. The generator will be used during inclement weather and disaster situation and allow the hall to be used as a warming and cooling center.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Projects will take place in the Village of Clinton.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include installing a generator in their senior center.
17	Project Name	City of Twinsburg- Capital Improvement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Senior Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,850
	Description	The City of Twinsburg will replace three doors with an automatic door system at their Fitness Center which also serves as a senior center. The new doors will be ADA compliant.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Project will take place in the City of Twinsburg.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include making the doors in the City of Twinsburg Fitness Center ADA compliant.
18	Project Name	CDBG - Admin - Infoline, Inc. - HMIS
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Preventing Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000

	Description	The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is hosted and managed by the United Way. The HMIS system will allow the County to receive reports on calls and services outside of A/B/C for the Annual Performance report and to promote services to qualified residents calling 211.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
19	Project Name	CDBG - Peninsula Foundation - G.A.R. Hall ADA Restrooms
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Senior Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	The Peninsula Foundation owns and operates the G.A.R. Hall in the Village of Peninsula. The foundation has received state and local funding to construct and ADA accessible entrance and bathroom.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Project will be take place in the Village of Peninsula.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include making the entrance and bathroom of the G.A.R. Hall ADA compliant.
20	Project Name	CDBG- Akron Urban League Ignite Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Education
	Needs Addressed	Educational Programs
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,300

	Description	Two scholarships for individuals to complete the ignite program through the Akron Urban League. Individuals are located in Twinsburg Township and Tallmadge.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 individuals will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
21	Project Name	CDBG - County of Summit - Minor Home Repair Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Minor Home Repair
	Needs Addressed	Minor Home Repair
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for Minor Home Repair and ADA Modifications for income qualified homeowners outside of Akron, Barberton or Cuyahoga Falls. HOME funds will also be used as needed to leverage CDBG funds.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Families outside of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls will be assisted.
	Planned Activities	
22	Project Name	CDBG - County of Summit - HSTS
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Minor Home Repair
	Needs Addressed	Minor Home Repair
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000

	Description	Replace failing septic systems or tie into public sewer for income qualified homeowners outside of Akron, Barberton or Cuyahoga Falls. Applicants must have a citation from the Health Department. HOME funds and Ohio EPA funds will be used as needed to leverage CDBG funds.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
23	Project Name	CDBG - City of Norton - Columbia Woods Park Trail
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improved Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000
	Description	\$55,000 in CDBG funds will be used to provide trail access in Columbia Woods park with an ADA compliant trail.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The walking rail will be located in Columbia Wood Park in the City of Norton.
	Planned Activities	
24	Project Name	HOME - Affordable Housing Projects
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Minor Home Repair
	Needs Addressed	Minor Home Repair
	Funding	HOME: \$400,000
	Description	
	Target Date	12/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

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 CDBG and HOME programs in the 2020-2024 plan year will operate County wide and does not have any specific geographic target areas. The County will continue to utilize its funding throughout the Summit County jurisdiction area where low-to moderate-income populations have been identified. Funds will be used to meet the housing, community, and economic development needs of low-to moderate-income individuals.

The County of Summit jurisdiction area excludes the cities of Akron, Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls. CDBG funds are used throughout the remaining 28 municipalities.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

See above.

Discussion

The County will continue using the majority of its CDBG and HOME allocations to fund projects throughout the entire County of Summit jurisdiction area where there are low-to moderate-income individuals or areas.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Summit County devotes some of its federal funds in the production of new units and rehabilitation of existing units, while also supporting special-needs households. This section addresses the goals for the households that need to be supported during the 2020 program year.

The County will continue to provide affordable housing each year during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan in the following ways:

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	3
Total	3

Table 58 - 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	5
Rehab of Existing Units	2
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	7

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The County will continue to partner with non-profit agencies to produce new affordable units for low-to-moderate income families, as well as, rehabilitate existing units. The County will also work with non-profit agencies to rehabilitate group homes for those with special needs, as done in the past with Hattie Larlham and Hope Homes. 10 homes will be assisted per year at an average of \$8,000 per unit, 2 of which will be for disabled or special needs clients. When it is possible, the Department of Community and Economic development leverages additional funding, such as HWAP and/or lead.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are only 2 public housing projects located within the County of Summit jurisdiction - the 100 unit senior housing facility, Stephanie Keys Apartments, in Stow, and the 125 unit family housing facility, Pinewood Gardens, in Twinsburg.

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

During the 2020 – 2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development does not intend to use CDBG or HOME funds to directly address public housing needs. The Lead Based Paint abatement program indirectly supports public housing needs, as do the Environmental Reviews conducted by the staff of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) is the only public housing agency located within the County of Summit. AMHA representatives have affirmed that the County should continue its efforts to provide home buyer assistance programs for low- to moderate-income individuals, with a focus on programs and opportunities that either complement or further AMHA's own homeownership programs.

AMHA encourages public housing residents to become involved in management through the "A-CAN" organization, which is a council of leadership from different resident councils. A-CAN reviews and approves AMHA's annual Action Plans. AMHA's homeownership program continues, although utilization of the program has greatly declined.

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

Discussion

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development maintains a working relationship with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA). Although the County does not have direct input into matters regarding hiring, contracting and procurement, provision of services, review of proposed capital improvements, or development, demolition or disposition of public housing developments, AMHA and the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development continue to work together to address the public housing needs of the County of Summit's Jurisdiction. The staff of the Department of Community and Economic Development was able to hear AMHA's goals and concerns about public housing in the County of Summit during the development of

this plan.

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

Introduction

Through staff participation in the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care, Project Homeless Connect, and the Point in Time Count, the County of Summit is kept abreast of the needs and concerns of local homeless and service agencies. Ongoing concerns with these agencies include the need for affordable housing and public services for at-risk populations. Of particular concern is the need for housing and supportive services for youth who are aging out of the foster care system, homeless Veterans, and victims of domestic violence.

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

During the 2020–2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff will continue to participate in outreach to homeless persons through their involvement in the Akron/Barberton/Summit Continuum of Care. As they have in previous years, Department of Community and Economic Development staff will continue to serve on the HMIS Advisory Board, the Continuum of Care Steering Committee, and the Annual Point in Time Count.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will not fund the building of any emergency shelters during the 2020–2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period. They will continue to support transitional housing needs of homeless persons through CDBG-funding of transitional housing for single women and their dependent children at H.M. Life's Northfield Center Transitional Housing facility in Northfield Center, Ohio. CDBG funding will also be provided to Shelter Care, Inc.'s *Highlands Teen Pregnancy Shelter*, in Tallmadge, Ohio, to assist pregnant and/or parenting teens, ages 14 through 21 and their infant children, through the age of 2 years. CDBG funding will also be provided to The Battered Women's Shelter of Summit in Medina Counties in order to assist in the provision of safe shelter nights to victims of intimate partner violence and their children.

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will use HOME funds to provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) including security and utility deposits for homeless or households at risk of becoming homeless.

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

During the 2020–2024 Five-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan period, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will support the Akron/Barberton/Summit Continuum of Care, which will work with the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which has launched a program for the centralized intake. The centralized intake is be administered by InfoLine, Inc. which also administers the local HMIS. The centralized intake will simplify the process of accessing the services available for homeless persons and ensure that the appropriate referrals are made.

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

As previously stated, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will address the immediate needs of individuals and families at risk for becoming homeless through its involvement with the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care network and its member agencies. Many of these agencies provide short-term rental/mortgage support, assistance with food, and assistance with paying utility bills. Individuals at risk for eviction or foreclosure may access legal services. The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will provide financial support for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is currently operating to fulfill this coordination need. There is an eligibility module that was incorporated into HMIS, which allows service providers to access additional community services during the client intake process and assist the client on how to access services. County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff participate in the HMIS steering committee, which has developed policies and procedures for a centralized intake, which will simplify the process of accessing services available for homeless persons.

Resource manuals have been created by agencies to assist their clients in locating appropriate services. Brochures, called street cards, or “quick guides,” are available at libraries or agencies that provide information to those individuals currently on the street. Since 2002, there have been over one million street cards distributed throughout the community.

Discussion

The Point-in-Time count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Continuums of

Care also must conduct a count of unsheltered homeless persons every other year (odd numbered years). During the 2020–2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period, County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will participate in these counts.

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

Introduction:

Barriers to affordable housing exist in every community. While some of these barriers can be addressed through legislative or procedural changes, others are very difficult to alter because they are the result of societal, financial, and/or market conditions.

Analysis shows the following barriers to affordable housing exist in the County of Summit's jurisdiction:

- Limited supply of affordable single-family housing units that make it difficult for low-to moderate-income first-time home buyers to make the transition from renting to homeownership.
- The average price for many of the houses on the market in Summit County is below the national average; however, this average price frequently exceeds the affordability level of many low- to moderate-income households.
- Housing rehabilitation is often costly, making it difficult for low-to moderate-income households to afford necessary repairs.
- Well and Septic Regulations that require minimum lot sizes, as determined by the local health department or EPA, when public utilities are not available.
- Resistance to the development of affordable housing, particularly affordable housing developments. This is frequently labeled as NIMBYism (Not in My Back Yard), and has been the subject of fair housing law for years.
- Cost prohibitive local ordinances for storm water systems, sidewalks, and landscaping that often add unnecessary costs to affordable housing development projects.

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

Staff members from the Department of Community and Economic Development's GIS/Planning Division will continue to work to educate planning commissions and zoning inspectors on the possible consequences that unduly restrictive zoning codes and ordinances can have on the availability of new affordable housing. Educational seminars on these matters have been, and will continue to be, conducted as part of the County's fair housing counseling initiatives.

During the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will sponsor fair housing workshops and events that all CDBG and HOME recipients will be required to attend. These sessions are held every year, and are hosted by the County of Summit. Local Fair Housing Agencies are invited to attend and present at the workshop. The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development will continue this

practice throughout the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.

Discussion:

Action steps to be taken by the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development during the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period to affirmatively further Fair Housing are contained in Appendix 3. During the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff intend to update the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The greatest obstacle in meeting underserved needs continues to be funding. Over the past several years, the County of Summit CDBG and HOME allocations have decreased. At the same time, funding cuts in state and federal funding have increased demand for the County's CDBG and HOME funds.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The County plans to work with non-profit agencies, municipalities (including the cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls), and AMHA in order to address the obstacles to meet underserved needs in the area. Staff members will continue to attend HUD, state, and local training sessions in CDBG, HOME, and LEAD programs that will help garner knowledge on how to better serve our clientele.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County plans to continue to partner with non-profit agencies for its housing rehabilitation program. It will continue to offer an affordability subsidy to homebuyers in the form of a deferred and/or forgivable loan of up to \$40,000. If the loan is forgivable, it will be forgiven over the period of affordability. The amount of the affordability subsidy will be based on the borrower's financial need at the time of the loan closing in order to make the home affordable. The County will continue to work with the Summit County Health Department Lead Programs to reduce the number of lead hazards in homes built prior to 1978 that have children under the age of 6. HOME and CDBG funds will also be used to provide minor home repair services for low-to-moderate income owner occupied homes. When possible, Lead Based Paint Reduction funds and Home Weatherization Assistance Program funds will be leveraged.

The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development administers the Household Sewage Treatment System program funded by the Ohio EPA. Owner occupied housing, must have a citation from the Summit County Health Department and meet current income guidelines. When possible, CDBG and HOME funds are used to leverage Ohio EPA funding.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The County of Summit will hold an annual meeting to qualify contractors for participation in the competitive bidding process. The Department of Community and Economic Development staff will discuss the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule (RRP) requirements governed by the EPA and Lead-safe Housing Rule Requirements governed by HUD Title X.

The County of Summit provides trainings, continuing education, and any equipment needed for staff to perform the mandatory lead-based paint risk assessments and clearance of HUD-funded rehabilitation projects involving housing units built prior to 1978. Currently our program staff includes 2 certified

lead-based paint inspectors, 1 visual lead based paint inspector, 1 lead contractor, and 9 Lead Safe Renovators. The County of Summit is a registered firm with the EPA. All lead contractors and sub-contractors that work on county-funded jobs are EPA certified and their firms must be registered with the EPA.

The County of Summit will leverage HOME funds, used for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, and CDBG funds, used for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation with a Lead Hazard Reduction Grant from the Summit County Health Department. To be eligible, the homeowner must have a child living in the home under the age of 6 or have a child visiting the home more than 6 hours a week or 62 hours a year, and meet the income guidelines.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County's anti-poverty strategy is to support State and other County organizations in their efforts to assist low-to moderate-income persons in achieving economic self-sufficiency or maximum level of economic independence. In instances where this may not be possible because of personal limitations or client's experience, the goal is to enable them to achieve the maximum level of independence of which they are capable.

The County of Summit will continue to work with the Department of Job & Family Services to coordinate assistance for needy families in the community. The Summit County Home Weatherization Assistance Program, which utilizes State of Ohio funding in the form of grants to improve the overall weatherization of low-income households-including insulation, hot water tank replacement, and furnace repair and replacement.

The County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development will work with the Land Bank as needed to identify homes that can be rehabilitated and sold to low-to-moderate-income individuals. Repairs to the home could be made with CDBG or HOME funds, Lead Based Paint Reduction funds and Home Weatherization Assistance Program funds, prior to the home being sold to an income qualified individual.

The Department of Job & Family Services determines applicant eligibility for participation in the

following programs that assist extremely low- and low-income households and individuals:

Children and Families:

- Cash Assistance – OWF
- Child Care Services
- Food Assistance – FAP
- Healthy Start Medical Coverage
- Pregnancy Related Services
- Repairs and Expenses – PRC

Disabled and Seniors:

- Adult Protective Services
- Home Health Care – Ohio Home Choice Waivers
- Medicaid Transportation – NET
- Medicare Premium Payments
- Nursing Home Care
- Refugee Resettlement
- Supportive Services – PRC
- Age Blind and Disabled Medicaid Eligibility

Employment and training assistance is provided through Ohio Means Jobs- Summit County, where more than 13 workforce service providers are housed under the same roof to better serve the needs of both businesses and job seekers. The facility is the result of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 which mandated that career centers be developed throughout the nation for the convenience of employers and job seekers.

- Ohio Means Jobs - Summit County
- Resource Room
- Fun Stop Daycare Center
- Unemployment Benefits
- Search for Employment.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development has developed an institutional structure by administering its funds in conjunction with it's nonprofit and governable partners. Currently, The County of Summit has identified very few gaps in this delivery system. The various agencies and communities provide services and complete projects throughout the County, ensuring that most areas with low-to moderate-income persons have the potential to benefit from one

or more CDBG and/or HOME funded programs.

As they have in previous years, the County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff will continue to provide technical assistance, support, and guidance to participating agencies and communities. They will also seek opportunities to work collaboratively with local nonprofit agencies and municipalities in an attempt to maximize the impact of our Community Development projects and to leverage CDBG and HOME funds.

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

The County of Summit will continue to reach out to local public and private housing, health, and social service agencies. As in the past, Department of Community and Economic Development staff will participate in the local Homeless Management Information System, the Continuum of Care, Summit County Re-entry Network (SCRN), and Fair Housing Outreach and Education.

County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff hosted an informational workshop for prospective applicants of CDBG and HOME funding. Staff met with the applicants to discuss the proposals and operations of each agency to determine how CDBG and/or HOME funds could be most effectively utilized in order to maximize the impact of CDBG and HOME-funded programming.

Discussion:

In previous years, County of Summit, Community and Economic Development staff have participated in the Point in Time Count. County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development staff will continue to participate in the Point in Time Counts during the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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.	100.00%

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:

<div> As a participating jurisdiction, Summit County may invest HOME funds in the following ways: </div><div> Equity

investments

Interest bearing loans or advances

Non-interest bearing loans or advances

Interest subsidies

Deferred payment loans

Grants

During the 2020 - 2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan period, there are no plans to offer other forms of financial assistance than those listed above. In addition, HOME funds will not be used to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

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 recapture of HOME funds occurs on a pro-rated basis dependent upon when the home is sold, transferred or no longer used as the original applicant's primary residence. The pro rated amount is done in equal portions over the period of affordability

Recapture rules require that, if a property is sold during the affordability period, the County of Summit will recapture the determined percentage of the HOME assistance to the buyer from the net proceeds of the sale and reuse the funds for HOME-eligible activities. Net proceeds are any funds that remain after all loans or other obligations that are senior to the County's HOME lien and closing costs have been paid.

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 County of Summit, Department of Community and Economic Development monitors all HOME-funded projects to ensure that the buyer(s) retain the HOME subsidized housing unit as their primary residence throughout the period of affordability, as indicated in the following table. **HOME FUNDS PROVIDED**

DAFFORDABILITY PERIOD	<\$15,000
\$15,000 - \$40,000	
>\$40,000	5 years
	10 years
	15 years

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:

During the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period, the County of Summit will not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds.

During the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Period, the County plans to use its HOME funding to provide safe and affordable housing to low-to-moderate income families. It plans to do this by providing new construction and rehabilitation to existing units. When needed, the County will provide an affordable subsidy and/or down payment assistance in the form of a deferred/forgivable loan of an amount no greater than \$40,000 in order to make the unit affordable to the individual(s) purchasing the unit. Summit County also plans to use HOME funds to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Appendixx - Alternate/Local Data Sources