

## **CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes**

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

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

Increased public service and public facilities improvements were the highlight of program year 2023.

Accessible Pedestrian Crosswalk Signals were installed at the corners of Portage Trail and 2nd Street benefitting visually impaired residents and visitors including 46 visually impaired individuals eligible for assistance at Summit DD located on 2nd Street. Additionally, 146 sidewalk curb cuts were upgraded to adhere to ADA guidelines, ensuring that the 2,999 residents who live with mobility challenges can navigate sidewalks safely.

Communication boards installed at Harrington Field Park, Price Elementary School Park, Trails End Park, Valley Vista Park, and Woodridge Elementary School Campus serve as a bridge for children with speech difficulties to participate fully in play and social interactions. Additionally, CDBG funds were purchase calming sensory room equipment for residents who experience sensory sensitivities.

ADA accessible restrooms are being added to Kennedy Park and Indian Mountain Park, allowing residents and guests a safe and accessible facility while taking advantage of the City's wonderful park system.

In program year 2023, lighting was added to the Peace & Joy sculpture in Highbridge Glens Park, to provide safety and enjoyment of the public art sculpture for residents in this area and community wide.

The Quirk Cultural Center received a newly constructed ADA-compliant outdoor accessible restroom ensuring accessibility for residents living with disabilities. A dedicated pickleball court and exercise equipment area, were introduced to promote exercise and social interaction. These projects impact over 354 individuals who actively participate in a variety of programs geared towards senior citizens.

The Natatorium received ADA locker room improvements, a pool wheelchair lift, and interior electronic door openers allowing individuals with disabilities access to and enjoyment of all parts of the facility.

The Senior Snow Removal Program increased assistance providing 75 senior citizens and disabled residents with snowplow service vouchers for major weather events.

A literacy program was funded at the Cuyahoga Falls Library, assisting area residents. This program was geared towards students and families who speak English as a second language.

CDBG Funds were provided to Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors to assist with increased need for food and self-care items for residents facing food insecurity within the community.

A partnership with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority provided resources and equipment to bridge the digital divide for AMHA residents, promoting digital literacy and equitable participation in the digital age.

Vantage Aging provided home care services, assisting with daily activities such as meal preparation, personal care, medication management, and light housekeeping to enable individuals over the age of 62 to remain in their homes safely.

The City provided Community Development Block Grant funds to serve as a local match for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) program, which operates county-wide housing support tracking technology, monitoring available housing and services for homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness. Additionally, the City participated in the 2023 Point-in-Time Count, providing data to the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the number of unsheltered individuals and families in Summit County.

The minor housing rehabilitation Program was used to rehabilitate 6 homes in program year 2023. Three homes received lead paint abatement through Cuyahoga Falls' partnership with the Summit County Health Department.

Economic Development Funds were used to assist 7 businesses, creating 11 full-time jobs and retaining 5 full-time jobs.

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

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

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Programmatic Compliance	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
The Provision of Expanded Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5	0	0.00%			
The Provision of Expanded Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	2		1	2	200.00%
The Provision of Expanded Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	100	11	11.00%	10	11	110.00%
The Provision of Expanded Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	5	7	140.00%	1	7	700.00%
The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	18507		0	18507	

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The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
The Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	322		0	322	
The Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	50	9	18.00%	6	9	150.00%

The Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
The Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
The Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0		1	0	0.00%

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

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

The Minor Housing Rehabilitation Program that assists low-to-moderate income residents with essential housing repair and the Economic Development Program that incentivizes businesses to create or retain full-time equivalent jobs for low-to-moderate income individuals remain vitally important to the City of Cuyahoga Falls and continues to be utilized by residents and small business owners. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and supply chain issues affecting normal resident and business usage of these two programs, the City prioritized the Public Facilities and Improvements, and Public Service Programs, designed enhance the overall environment and quality of life for residents. By emphasizing public facilities and improvements, and increasing public services, the City successfully mitigated the pandemic's impact and kept grant funds flowing to our low-to-moderate income residents.

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	<b>CDBG</b>
White	558
Black or African American	116
Asian	4
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>680</b>
Hispanic	11
Not Hispanic	669

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

### Narrative

Individuals self-report their racial and ethnic status. According to the 2020 Census, race and Hispanic origin estimates as of July 1, 2021 show that 88.9% of Cuyahoga Falls population report as being white, 4.9% report as black or African American, 0.1% report as American Indian, 3% report as Asian, and 1.8% report as being of Hispanic or Latino origin.

## CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

### Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	2,248,874	1,966,105

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

### Narrative

Resources made available include 2023 entitlement in the amount of \$631,736, Program income in the amount of \$39,497, and Prior year Resources in the amount of \$1,656,635.

### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CITY-WIDE	100	100	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

### Narrative

The basis for allocating investments geographically is based on income levels, with most of the assistance directed to low-income areas. Projects that are not located in an LMA (low-mod area) or designed to specifically assist LMC (limited clientele) require income qualification to ensure projects are predominately for LMI (low-to-moderate income) individuals and families.

## Leveraging

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

The City utilizes CDBG funding to leverage other Federal and State funding whenever possible, including Federal lead abatement funding through the Summit County Public Health Department. All subrecipients are required to match program funds with CDBG funds. The City also encourages the leveraging of private funds for neighborhood development and community projects. Homeowners are eligible for deferred loans for housing rehabilitation. The loans are due in full when the property is sold or is no longer owner-occupied. The returned funds are placed back in the revolving loan fund to assist future minor home rehabilitation projects and the city releases the lien held against the real property. The City's Economic Development Facade Improvement Program requires a match of private funds to receive assistance. The owner must invest \$100,000 in order to be reimbursed \$50,000 for exterior improvements to their business property in selected business districts. Lastly, the city reimburses businesses up to \$2,000 for signs. In order to receive the full \$2,000 reimbursement, a business must spend \$4,000 and create 1 full-time equivalent job for a low-to-moderate income individual



## CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	6	6
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	6	6
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

In program year 2023, supply chain issues continued to burden the Minor Housing Rehabilitation Program. Supplies for the Minor Housing Rehabilitation Program cost significantly more and took longer to receive than they have in years past, lowering the amount of assistance that the program provided to each homeowner, and effecting the number of homes that could be assisted.

### Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The problems encountered with the minor housing rehabilitation program in program year 2022 caused a shift in the way the City provided assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals. The City continued to provide minor housing rehabilitation, albeit at a slower rate and focused more and shifted focus on providing public services to low-to-moderate income residents and updating public facilities located in low-to-moderate income areas of the City. Future annual action plans will take into account community issues from the previous year's programs in determining where to allocate funding for the greatest impact.

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

<b>Number of Households Served</b>	<b>CDBG Actual</b>	<b>HOME Actual</b>
Extremely Low-income	148	0
Low-income	38	0
Moderate-income	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 7 – Number of Households Served**

### **Narrative Information**

The number of households served listed above, shows that the greatest impact of CDBG funding was for assistance to extremely low-income residents in program year 2023. The City will continue to use CDBG funding where it makes the greatest impact.

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

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

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

The City of Cuyahoga Falls, Community Development Department addresses homeless outreach through staff participation in the Summit County Continuum of Care (CoC), staff participation in the development of policies for the local HMIS, the CoC Advisory Board, and annual Point-in-Time Counts.

The Akron, Barberton/Summit County CoC Point-in-Time Count was held on 1/23/2024.

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

Summit County has a limited amount of shelter beds available to those experiencing homelessness, the majority of those available are inside the City of Akron. The two largest shelters, Haven of Rest and ACCESS are located within the City of Akron. Haven of Rest is the primary shelter for males experiencing homelessness and ACCESS, Harvest Home and the Battered Women's shelter primarily serve women and their children. Shelter Care provides shelter for unaccompanied youth ages 10 through 17. HM Life Opportunity Services (HMLoS), the Ohio Multi-County Development Corporation (OMCDC), Community Support Services, Haven of Rest, Battered Women's Shelter, Legacy II and Summit County Children Services provide transitional housing beds within the community and prioritize those being served in their programs by taking referrals directly from shelters or those living on the streets or target those with the greatest needs, such as those suffering from alcohol or substance abuse, those with mental health issues.

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

The CoC has beds dedicated to the Chronic Homeless population including several programs that adopt a Housing First model designed to triage Chronic Homelessness with housing as the first step towards stabilization. Chronically homeless persons are prioritized for referral to these permanent housing beds, and the CoC hopes to meet the Federal goal of ending Chronic Homelessness in the community. The Summit CoC and its Central Intake follow HUD policies regarding prioritization for those requiring housing assistance including placement of individuals with multiple barriers to otherwise secure

housing. Once housed, residents can receive treatment for issues such as, substance abuse, and mental illness or physical problems that often keep a person homeless.

The CoC has adapted the policies set forth by HUD Release CPD-14-012, issued July 28, 2014 which sets a guideline for placement in CoC housing according to applicant need. Beds within the CoC housing stock should be prioritized for applicants that are Chronically Homeless and/or have multiple barriers to achieving housing stability. Moreover, the HUD release advises communities to rededicate Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds to those that fit the criteria for classification as Chronic Homeless. They have initiated this process and a number of their PSH beds which are not currently allocated to serve the Chronically Homeless and will make them available upon bed turnover and if the need is still there. Through the use of Central Intake, applicants will be assessed with a Vulnerability Index to determine those with the greatest need for PSH or Transitional Housing. Those with the highest needs will be prioritized for available PSH beds and programs. Applicants with lower needs or barriers will be referred to programs such as Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention for short-term assistance designed to bridge the gap from a temporary crisis to housing stability. Currently, Summit County is operating both Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HRRP) for those individuals in a shelter or facing eviction from existing housing. Additionally, RRHP programs for Veterans and Veteran families are being operated within the county. HRRP programs combine short-term assistance up to 9 months and Case Management and Life Skills programming designed to help residents stabilize from a housing crisis. Summit County has designated CoC beds for homeless young adults and young adults emancipating from Children Services Custody. It is worth noting that the need for all these types of housing programs far exceeds the current supply.

**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**

Summit County relies on the aforementioned CoC housing stock to address the needs of those persons emerging from public institutions, health care centers, or emancipating from foster care. These persons often face a lengthy wait period between their discharge and the availability of housing, leaving them in a vulnerable state for recidivism and exploitation. Some faith-based organizations exist to serve a small percentage of those persons re-entering from corrections facilities, but there are often long wait lists for these beds. The Summit County community does operate various hotlines and support groups to connect people with services and opportunities that are available, but those resources remain very limited.

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

### **Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

The City does not own or operate public housing. Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) is the local Public Housing Authority for the area. The City works in conjunction with AMHA to address public housing needs and/or concerns, including fair housing services. The City has a Memorandum of Understanding with AMHA to provide Environmental Review for public housing properties located in Cuyahoga Falls. Environmental Review completion allows AMHA to receive HUD grant funding for public housing maintenance and rehabilitation.

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

AMHA residents are encouraged to apply for and enroll in the Family Self Sufficiency Program (HUD program) to establish goals, accrue an escrow balance, attend and complete financial management and homeownership classes and eventually obtain homeownership.

### **Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

As the City is not responsible for PHA funds, it does not evaluate the status or condition of PHAs. The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority is not designated as a troubled PHA. Housing Authorities that are designated as a troubled PHA are eligible for technical assistance through State CDBG programs.

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

**Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)**

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is dedicated to creating safe, quality, and affordable housing opportunities for its residents. Through strategic initiatives and partnerships, the City aims to improve overall quality of life for its diverse community. The City actively assists residents by providing minor housing rehabilitation through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. These funds are used to address essential repairs and upgrades in homes ensuring that residents have safe and comfortable living conditions. Whether it's fixing a leaky roof, upgrading electrical systems, or improving accessible features, the CDBG program supports homeowners in maintaining and affording their properties.

Cuyahoga Falls actively identifies potential sites for the development of affordable housing. When a suitable property is located, they are carefully evaluated to ensure they meet the criteria for affordability, accessibility, and community integration. The City collaborates with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity to promote homeownership among low-to-moderate income families. Habitat for Humanity's mission aligns with Cuyahoga Falls' commitment to providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

The City of Cuyahoga Falls actively addresses fair housing goals including combating NIMBYism (Community Opposition), enforcing fair housing laws, and ensuring the availability of affordable housing units. By fostering inclusivity and equal access to housing, the City strives to create a vibrant and equitable community.

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

Cuyahoga Falls aims to preserve housing stock, construct and expand the availability of decent, safe, and sanitary housing for low-to-moderate income individuals and families. This includes efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing units within the community.

Recognizing the digital divide as a barrier to opportunity, the City has partnered with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA). Together we are bridging the gap by extending WIFI access to underserved families, ensuring connectivity for education, employment, and communication.

The City of Cuyahoga Falls actively collaborates with neighboring entitlement communities - Akron, Barberton, and Summit County to maximize resources and address shared challenges. By working together, we are striving to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all residents.

The City's strategic plan aligns with HUD's goals, including expanded economic opportunities, a suitable

living environment, decent, safe, and sanitary housing. Additionally, the City addresses fair housing issues such as lending discrimination, availability of affordable housing units, and combating NIMBYism (Community opposition) to foster a more equitable community.

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

In 2023, the City engaged Neighborhood Development Services (NDS) to administer its owner-occupied minor home rehabilitation program. NDS employs 2 licensed lead risk assessors and 2 licensed lead abatement contractors, all of which have an EPA RRP Certification. NDS is responsible for all 3rd party risk assessments and lead paint inspections. If lead-based paint is suspected to be present, NDS is required to inspect, test and ensure all lead abatement is undertaken and performed in compliance with EPA and HUD regulations by a lead-abatement certified contractor.

During the 2023 program year, the City referred qualifying lead hazard cases to Summit County for abatement under their lead-hazard control grant. For program years 2021 through 2023, the City has an executed Memorandum of Understanding with Summit County for their Combined General Health District Lead Based Hazard Control Program, to help ensure that the City leverages all federal funds when applicable. During program year 2023, the City matched Summit County's Combined General Health District Lead Based Hazard Control Program and completed 3 lead abatement projects, for a low-to-moderate income family in Cuyahoga Falls.

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

As a partner agency of the Summit County Continuum of Care (CoC), the City participates in the Homeless Management System (HMIS) to ensure a collection of reliable data regarding the use of homeless programs. All homeless service agencies throughout Summit County, regardless of their funding source, submit data to be entered into this system to ensure that agency partners are able to have a better understanding of homelessness in order to access whether additional services and/or improvements are needed in the future. United Way of Summit County is the host agency for this system and utilizes their 2-1-1 information line to help provide resources to individuals throughout Summit County. 2-1-1 is able to provide resource information to individuals including food assistance programs, substance abuse treatment, mental health programs and disaster relief services. In 2021, the City provided a match of \$5,000 in CDBG funds to assist with this program.

The City also provided assistance to businesses to create and/or maintain jobs for low-to-moderate income individuals.

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

The Department of Development is responsible for administering the CDBG program throughout the City. It integrates planning and projects related to the goals set forth in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. It will continue to engage our community through public meetings, website postings and/or direct

email requests when planning and implementing new programs funded through CDBG monies. The City does not plan duplicate services of other established and successful programs. The City's institutional structure is strong and well-coordinated without any duplication of services.

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

The City will continue to work with social service agencies and non-profits to provide services for low-to-moderate income individuals' housing and service needs. It will continue its partnership with Habitat for Humanity to look for possible future sites to build affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing units throughout our City. The City will also continue its partnership with the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation to identify residential delinquent properties and secure said properties for the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation's home rehabilitation program. The City will also work with other service agencies to provide fair housing services and any other services determined to be needed and/or beneficial to low-to-moderate income individuals. AMHA will continue to administer public housing programs and the City will assist when asked to do so.

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

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing and to adopting an Action Plan that compliments and supports the Consolidated Plan. This Fair Housing Action Plan furthers equal opportunity in housing, thereby enabling residents to more readily seek, obtain, use and enjoy the housing that exists within the City. The plan adopts the programmatic objectives laid out in the opening of HUD's 1996 publication "Fair Housing Planning Guide," which gives guidance on this process: The Department of Housing and Urban Development is committed to eliminating racial and ethnic segregation, illegal physical and other barriers to persons with disabilities and other discriminatory practices in housing. Additionally, the Department will use all of its programmatic and enforcement tools to achieve this goal. The fundamental goal of HUD's fair housing policy is to make housing choice a reality through Fair Housing Planning (FHP).

During the 2023 program year, 197 residents received fair housing support through discrimination complaint services, Landlord/Tenant and Housing Counseling, and Public Education and Outreach.



## **CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230**

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

A site visit is undertaken for each subrecipient at least once a year to assure that program goals are being met and activities are being carried out in accordance with written agreements. An annual audit is also required to be submitted to the City.

The City of Cuyahoga Falls continues to take steps to engage minority businesses, by advertising with the Akron Urban League, and by referring minority contractors to the Minor Home Rehabilitation Program, supporting minority owned businesses through grants, low-interest loans, and technical support. In addition, the City continues to offer support through the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Participation Plan, established in program year 2019.

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

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

Each year a draft of the CAPER is posted on the City of Cuyahoga Falls' website for citizen review. The City takes out a legal ad in the Akron Beacon Journal, a local newspaper of general circulation, to ensure citizens are aware that the CAPER is out for public comment. In addition, the City posts the legal notice to social media, via the City Facebook page, where citizens are encouraged to post comments and ask questions. The draft performance report is made available for comment, for no less than fifteen (15) days, and any public comments received in writing, including through social media, will be reported in an addendum to this performance report.

## **CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)**

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

The City of Cuyahoga Falls evaluated the outcome of programs funded in program year 2022. This

evaluation impacted the way the City designated funding for program year 2023, increasing public service program and public facilities and improvement program activities. The City will re-evaluate its programs on a yearly basis, designating CDBG funding in areas that will create the biggest impact for residents who are low-to-moderate income.

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

No

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

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### CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

<b>Total Labor Hours</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ESG</b>	<b>HOPWA</b>	<b>HTF</b>
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

**Table 8 – Total Labor Hours**

<b>Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ESG</b>	<b>HOPWA</b>	<b>HTF</b>
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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**Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program**

**Narrative**