

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
2022 Consolidated Annual Performance Report



CITY OF  
**Cuyahoga Falls**

## **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.

In 2022, the City of Cuyahoga Falls used Community Development Block Grant funding to support low-to-moderate income residents through increased public service and public facilities improvements. The downtown amphitheater was improved by adding 180 ADA compliant bench-style seats for persons with disabilities. CDBG funds were also utilized in the fabrication of a public art piece located in High Bridge Glens Park, located in a low-to-moderate income neighborhood. The 16 ft. tall stainless-steel sculpture, known as "Peace and Joy" was created by nationally known artist, Don Drumm. CDBG funds were also utilized for the planning of streetscape infrastructure along South Front Street, which is located in a low-to-moderate income area of the city. The design consists of underground wiring, light poles, trees, tree lawns, and planters. The City also assisted businesses within the South State Road corridor with logo design for the newly branded "Cuyahoga Falls South Side District".

CDBG assistance was provided to Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors, which serves as the local food pantry for the community. It provided food, personal care items, and school supplies to 503 Cuyahoga Falls families in program year 2022. The non-profit business also received additional COVID-19 funds in program year 2022 due to increased need throughout the community. Fair housing support and education services were provided to 242 resident, landlord, and community members, around topics such as home repair, evictions, reasonable accommodations, and service and/or emotional support animal policies. The City provided CDBG funds as a local match with the City of Akron, Barberton, and Summit County, for the HMIS program which operates county-wide housing support tracking technology. This technology tracks available housing and services for homeless individuals and persons at risk of becoming homeless. In addition to its efforts to assist the homeless community, the City of Cuyahoga Falls also participated in the 2022 Point-in-Time Count. The purpose of the count is to provide the Department of Housing and Urban Development with the number of individuals and families that are currently unsheltered in Akron MSA area. These numbers help determine both the amount and type of assistance that is most needed in Summit County. The City of Cuyahoga Falls recognizes that Senior Citizens and disabled residents are among the most vulnerable community members. In order to provide services to senior residents, the City provided CDBG funds to assist with a home wellness solutions program that provides light housekeeping and health aides to senior and disabled citizens in an effort to help them remain in their homes. The City also utilized funds to provide emergency snow removal to 70 qualified senior and/or disabled households who had no other options available to them.

**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
AFH - Emotional Disabilities (Service Animals)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
AFH - Emotional Disabilities (Service Animals)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		5	0	0.00%
AFH - Emotional Disabilities (Service Animals)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	3		0	3	
AFH - Emotional Disabilities (Service Animals)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	3		0	3	

AFH - Emotional Disabilities (Service Animals)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	3		0	3	
AFH - Emotional Disabilities (Service Animals)	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			
AFH - Lack of Lending to Minority Groups	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	300				
AFH - Lack of Lending to Minority Groups	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			
AFH - NIMBYism	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	1		1	0	0.00%
AFH - NIMBYism	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	1				
AFH - NIMBYism	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	0	0				

AFH - NIMBYism	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added	Household Housing Unit	0	0				
AFH - NIMBYism	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			
AFH - Programmatic Compliance	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	253		0	253	
AFH - Programmatic Compliance	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	11		0	11	
AFH - Programmatic Compliance	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
AFH - Programmatic Compliance	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
AFH - Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				

AFH - Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	2		0	2	
AFH - Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%			
AFH - Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	50	24	48.00%	8	6	75.00%
AFH - Provision of Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
AFH - 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 a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG- CV: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	2505		0	2505	

The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	2				
The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	100	2223	2,223.00%	100	507	507.00%
The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	2	2	100.00%			
The Provision of a Suitable Living Environment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0				
The Provision of Expanded Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5	2	40.00%			
The Provision of Expanded Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	10		1	1	100.00%
The Provision of Expanded Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	100	120	120.00%	10	9	90.00%

The Provision of Expanded Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG-CV: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	5	108	2,160.00%	5	10	200.00%
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**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 City of Cuyahoga Falls prioritizes housing rehabilitation for income qualified individuals by providing a 0% interest deferred loan. The loan is not due until the home is sold or the unit is no longer owner-occupied. The City also provides matching grants and/or low interest loans for businesses who create jobs for low-to-moderate income individuals. Despite increased costs and supply chain issues, Neighborhood Development Services pushed forward, providing project management for the City’s Minor Home Rehabilitation Program, and income qualified 5 families in need of home repair. The City used CDBG revolving loan funds to assist 2 families with emergency hot water tank replacements and 1 family with an emergency furnace replacement. The City, with the help of qualified contractors, completed lead remediation for 2 homes, and completed rehabilitation of 1 home, with another home rehabilitation currently in process.

Five businesses applied for and received matching grants or low interest loan funds, to be used for equipment and or supplies at their new place of business. A total of 6 full-time permanent jobs were created for low-to-moderate income individuals. Funds were also used to construct a new business sign on historic Front Street, creating another permanent full-time job for a low-to-moderate income individual. Finally, a facade project that was began in 2021, was completed in program year 2022 in the Cuyahoga Falls South Side District, creating 2 full-time permanent jobs for low-to-moderate income individuals.



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

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	2,033
Black or African American	126
Asian	62
American Indian or American Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,222</b>
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	2,222

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	1,818,362	603,007

**Table 3 - Resources Made Available**

**Narrative**

Resources made available includes 2022 entitlement in the amount of \$645,575, Program income (Revolving Loan Receipts) in the amount of \$361,201, and Prior year Resources in the amount of \$811,586.

**Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments**

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CITY-WIDE	100		
HESLOP NEIGHBORHOOD			
SOUTH FRONT STREET			
South State Road			

**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 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 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 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 the historic district and in the South State Road business corridor. In order to receive the full \$2,000 reimbursement, a business must spend \$4,000.

## 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	8	6
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</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	8	6
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</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 2022, contractors continued to be difficult to retain for the Minor Housing Rehabilitation Program. Supplies were not easily obtained and cost significantly more than they did in years past.

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

The 2023 annual action plan reflects a re-evaluation of programs. The City will focus on additional ways to get funding into the community to benefit low-to-moderate income families and individuals through public facilities and improvements, infrastructure improvements in low-mod areas, and public service projects with a focus on ADA improvements.

**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	0	0
Low-income	8	0
Moderate-income	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 7 – Number of Households Served**

### **Narrative Information**

The City is also restructuring its programs to provide homeowners with grant funds for rehabilitation projects that exceed \$30,000 to assist with increased costs and keep housing rehabilitation attainable for LMI residents.

## 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 Continuum of Care 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 1/25/2022.



### HUD 2022 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations

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#### Demographic summary by race:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Black or African-American	92	68	9	169
White	99	99	43	241
Asian	1	1	0	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	1	0	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0	0	2
Multiple Races	17	6	1	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>441</b>

#### Summary of chronically homeless households by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child <sup>f</sup>	0	0	0	0

#### Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

Chronically Homeless persons in households without children <sup>f</sup>	31	10	23	64
Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child <sup>f</sup>	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children <sup>g</sup>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Chronically Homeless Persons</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>64</b>

#### Summary of all other populations reported:

Severely Mentally Ill	25	29	14	68
Chronic Substance Abuse	21	16	11	48
Veterans	12	32	8	52
HIV/AIDS	2	1	3	6
Victims of Domestic Violence	8	11	2	21
Unaccompanied Youth	16	12	2	30
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	5	2	0	7
Unaccompanied Youth 18-24	11	10	2	23
Parenting Youth	0	2	0	2
Parenting Youth Under 18	0	0	0	0
Parenting Youth 18-24	0	2	0	2
Children of Parenting Youth	0	5	0	5

\* Safe Haven programs are included in the Transitional Housing category.

<sup>f</sup>This category includes single adults, adult couples with no children, and groups of adults.

<sup>g</sup>This category includes households with one adult and at least one child under age 18.

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### 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 Homeless 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, 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 is committed to reducing barriers to affordable housing. During the program year, the City continued to look for sites that could be acquired for the purpose of the development of affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing for low-to-moderate income individuals. In program year 2021 a vacant lot was donated to Habitat for Humanity of Summit County for development of affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing for low-to-moderate income individuals. In program year 2022, staff members met the family during the ground-breaking ceremony and volunteered their time to assist with home building on the donated lot. The City also works in conjunction with the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation to identify tax delinquent properties and secure said properties for the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation's home rehabilitation program.

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

In Program Year 2022, the City provided snow removal and independent living services to low-to-moderate income senior citizens. The City also provided assistance to Good Neighbors of Cuyahoga Falls to provide meals and clothing to individuals in need. In addition to these services, the City continued to provide an owner-occupied home rehabilitation program that was able to provide necessary improvements to individuals with a zero percent interest deferred loan that is due upon sale or transfer of the property or if the unit is no longer owner-occupied. Although no 2022 projects were identified, the City continues to partner with the County of Summit to leverage funds with their Home Weatherization Program that provides energy efficiency improvements to low-to-moderate income homeowners, which in turn helps ensure that each homeowner is able to receive the maximum amount of assistance needed while improving their home.

The City of Cuyahoga Falls made ADA modifications to the downtown amphitheater, a public facility. Funds were used through the Public Facilities and Improvements program to remove architectural barriers that restrict mobility and accessibility of elderly or handicapped persons.

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

In 2022, the City has 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 2022 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 2022, the City matched Summit County's Combined General Health District Lead Based Hazard Control Program and completed 2 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 our 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. We will continue our 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 2022 program year, 345 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 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 Falls News Press, a 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 effectiveness and appropriateness of its CDBG Program over

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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**

For program year 2022, the City of Cuyahoga Falls had no projects that received a contract for \$100,000 or more in grant assistance.