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Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2020/2021 – 2024/2025 &

Annual Action Plan Program Year 2020/2021

City of Lorain, Ohio

For Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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The City of Lorain, Ohio has completed the planning process for the 2020/2021-2024/2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify goals, objectives and strategies for addressing housing and community and economic development needs, including those of the homeless and other special needs populations. The Consolidated Plan guides the use of City resources to address these needs over a five-year period. In recent program years, the City received an annual allocation of approximately $1.2 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and $300,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds. This amount totaled an average of approximately $1.5 million per year over the previous five-years or a total of $7.7 million. The city expects a similar revenue for this upcoming 5-year funding cycle.

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the City of Lorain that it will receive an additional allocation of $725,720 of Community Development Block Grant Program – Coronavirus Response funds (CDBG-CV) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed

by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

The Consolidated Plan is developed in a manner specified by HUD, and the City has followed the prescribed format in completing the plan. The Consolidated Plan was developed using HUD and U.S. Census data for demographics and housing, input from public meetings, City Council meetings, Non-Profit Agency workshop and past program performance. During the planning process, the City conducted two virtual public meetings with the City Council, and a community survey. The purpose of this process was to receive citizen input on the current housing and community development needs of the City.

There are five major areas of focus in the Consolidated Plan: Housing, Homelessness, Non-Housing Community Development, Non- Homeless Special Needs, and Emergency/Disaster Response. The Consolidated Plan process requires the City to identify priority needs for each area and prepare an Annual Action Plan to address the priorities. For every priority, there are goals, objectives and strategies established to measure progress. The citizen input was critical in developing the goals, objectives and strategies of this Consolidated Plan.

Additional Narrative

This Consolidated Plan not only presents goals to address the priority needs of the City, but also to address the statutory goals established by Federal law:

Decent Housing:

- Assist homeless persons to obtain affordable housing
- Assist persons at risk of becoming homeless
- Retain affordable housing stock
- Increase the availability of affordable housing in standard condition to low- and moderate income families, particularly to economically disadvantaged persons (and without discrimination on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, age, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation)
- Increase the supply of supportive housing which includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs (including persons with HIV/AIDS) to live in dignity and independence
- Provide affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities.

A Suitable Living Environment:

- Improve the safety and livability of neighborhoods Increase access to quality public and private facilities and services.
- Job creation and retention for low-income persons
- Availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using nondiscriminatory lending practices
- Empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing.

Expanded Economic Opportunities:

- Job creation and retention for low-income persons
- Availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using nondiscriminatory lending practices
- Empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing.

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

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies five goals, along with corresponding objectives and strategies, to address the City of Lorain's housing and community development needs. These goals are summarized as follows:

GOAL 1: HOUSING

Description: Improve availability and accessibility of affordable housing to persons of low and moderate income throughout the City of Lorain.

GOAL 2: HOMELESSNESS

Description: Reduce Homelessness in the City of Lorain.

GOAL 3: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Description: Enhance the living environment and for persons of low- and moderate-income and special needs populations through public services, public improvement and community and economic development activities.

GOAL 4: NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

Description: Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to City of Lorain low- and moderate- income and special needs populations

GOAL 5: EMERGENCY/DISASTER RESPONSE

Description: Provide assistance prior to, during and after a community emergency and/or disaster event to prepare for and/or mitigate loss, protect during an event, and aid with recovery (this includes natural disasters and infectious disease outbreaks such as COVID-19 pandemic)

3. Evaluation of past performance

The previous five years have shown significant progress in the City of Lorain's efforts to implement HUD entitlement programs. The City complies with HUD regulations and continues to deliver housing and community development services in an efficient manner.

The Department of Building, Housing, and Planning is a City agency which works to improve the quality of life for City residents and to revitalize neighborhoods by providing decent and safe affordable housing. The Department of Building, Housing, and Planning is in charge of implementing the CDBG and HOME programs.

The Department of Building, Housing, and Planning also offers an array of housing programs and services providing the foundation needed to aid in promoting homeownership and sustainable neighborhoods:

- Home Repair Loan Program
- Emergency Home Repair Program
- Down Payment Assistance Program
- Weatherization Program
- Lead Abatement Program

Additionally, the City funds Code Enforcement, Blight Removal, and Public Works activities through the CDBG program, as follows:

Code Enforcement and Blight Removal

Funds may be used to support code enforcement and blight removal activities in low income areas and target areas in an effort to reduce slum/blight to stabilize neighborhoods, create a safe environment for residents, and preserve the City's affordable housing stock. This program includes all quality of life ordinance enforcement activities such as minimum housing codes; demolish unsafe, non-compliant structures, clean-up debris and weedy lots, and abandoned/junk vehicles. This initiative is part of the City's Strategic Plan, to improve the quality of life in its neighborhoods for the benefit of all residents.

Public Works

Funds may be used to implement programs to improve public facilities and infrastructure, ensure access for the mobility-impaired by addressing physical access barriers to public facilities, and support efforts to ensure that adequate access is provided for public transportation that serve a majority low-income population and those with special needs. This initiative is part of the City's Strategic Plan, Infrastructure and Transportation to invest in community infrastructure and continue to enhance the transportation network and systems.

The City has been successful in implementing these programs in the past and anticipates the continuation of such programs in the future. The City will use CDBG funds to make these programs successful and to meet the goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The City advertised on it's website for a public hearing regarding a substantial amendment 5 days prior to this hearing. The hearing was held on 11/02/20. The City provided a 5 day commet period after the hearing. No comments were received before or after the hearing.

Comments and concerns raised during the citizen participation process were taken into consideration when developing the Consolidated Plan's priority needs, goals, and strategies. The Consolidated Plan is a collaborative process that involves interviews with stakeholders and meetings with the public to determine areas of need. As part of this process, the City sought to identify the priority needs and strategies to address those needs. Priority needs were identified based on available housing data, public input, stakeholder consultation, public meetings, community surveys, and past program performance. In addition, the City consulted with the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), the Lorain County Homeless Task Force via previously prepared plans, City Departments, and the City Council to identify priority needs and develop corresponding strategies.

5. Summary of public comments

For the 11/02/20 Substantial Amendment public hearing, no comments were received before or after the hearing. Comments were received during the hearing and are included in the minutes from the hearing. The comments were mostly from City Council members and were in agreement with the planned activities.

Based on input and data received through an extensive citizen participation process, the following summarizes the public comments:

Although there are many issues that the public felt are important, there are a few items that were stressed throughout the meeting as being of the highest priority:

- Infrastructure improvements
- Job training and educational programs for youth and young adults (vocational)
- Blight elimination/Code Enforcement
- Housing rehabilitation and affordability
- Economic Development
- Park Improvements and maintenance

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

All comments received by the City of Lorain were considered and are, generally or specifically, addressed by the Strategic Plan and/or Annual Action Plan. Documentation of all comments received is included as an attachment (PDF format) to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan submittal.

7. Summary

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	LORAIN	
CDBG Administrator	LORAIN	Department of Building, Housing and Planning
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	LORAIN	Department of Building, Housing and Planning
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Lorain, Ohio is the lead agency responsible for overseeing the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The Department of Building, Housing, and Planning is the internal department that is responsible for the day-to-day administration of CDBG and HOME funding.

The development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan was based on the previous Consolidated Plan and a number of other studies, plans and reports that have been prepared in recent years. Some of the primary documents included the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority PHA Plan, Lorain Vacant Property Report, and the January 2015 PIT count conducted by the Lorain County Homeless Task Force, among others.

To maximize citizen participation, staff along with a consultant (Wade Trim, Inc.) conducted outreach through a series of public notices, hearings, and meetings, as well as a community questionnaire. As part of these efforts, low- and moderate-income residents, as well as service providers, were encouraged to provide input on the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Inquiries, comments or complaints concerning the Consolidated Plan, any amendments, or performance reports, can be conveyed by contacting City staff at:

City of Lorain

Department of Building, Housing, and Planning

200 West Erie Ave, 5th Floor

Lorain, OH 44052

Telephone: (440) 204-2020

Fax: (440) 204-2080

Business hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Inquiries, comments or complaints on the programs may also be offered at the public hearings. Written responses to all written complaints may also be made to the Columbus Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the following address:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Community Planning and Development Division

Bricker Federal Building
200 North High Street, 7th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Telephone: (614) 469-5737

Fax: (614) 280-6178

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

1. Introduction

Institutional coordination of the Consolidated Plan establishes a unified vision for community development. The City uses a collaborative process to shape various programs into effective, coordinated strategies. This process also facilitates the opportunity for planning and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context, attempting to reduce duplication of effort at the local level

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(l)).

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The City will execute this Consolidated Plan in harmony with public, private and nonprofit agencies. Nonprofit agencies may include, but are not limited to, service providers and community housing development organizations. Private sector partners may include, but are not limited to, local financial institutions, developers and local businesses. The City works closely with its partners to design programs that address identified needs.

Table 2 outlines the types of agencies and organizations consulted throughout the program year and during the development of the City of Lorain Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Organizations invited to participate included the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority, Lorain County Homeless Task Force, and the Haven Center, among others.

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 City coordinated with the Lorain County Homeless Task Force and point-in-time (PIT) homeless counts. This consultation was pivotal in preparing the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan components of the Consolidated Plan.

In addition, through questionnaires, public meetings, and review of the most recent Public Housing Authority Plan, the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority also offered pivotal input in preparing the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan components of the Consolidated Plan.

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 City of Lorain does not receive or administer an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). Consultation with the Continuum of Care (CoC) included email and phone discussions with the Lorain County Homeless Task Force, and public hearings. The Lorain County Homeless Task Force area's CoC, assists in the operation and administration of the region's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The City of Lorain participates with the Lorain County Continuum of Care Committee, a countywide consortium of homeless housing and service providers, city and county governments, agency representatives and the former homeless.

The **Lorain County Homeless Taskforce Committee,** which serves as the Continuum of Care for the City, has posited the following goals and strategies to address homelessness in the County:

- Create new Permanent Housing (PH) beds for chronically homeless persons
- Increase percentage of homeless persons staying in PH over 6 months to at least 71%
- Increase percentage of homeless persons moving from Temporary Housing (TH) to PH to at least 61.5%
- Increase percentage of homeless persons employed at exit to at least 18%
- Ensure that the Continuum of Care has a functional Homeless Management Information Strategy

In order to expand and improve the services offered to homeless individuals and families in Lorain, the City encourages local providers to seek funding opportunities at the Federal, State and local levels. If, during the upcoming year, additional funds for homeless assistance and prevention become available, the City will work cooperatively with eligible applicants to obtain such funding.

The City of Lorain has restructured its programs to complement the Continuum of Care programs for renters and will be implementing a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program through the use of a qualified sub-recipient.

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**	Lorain County Homless Task Force
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing/Phone/Email
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	My Neighborhood Alliance - Haven Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs Strategic Plan

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing/Phone/Email
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Valor Home - Family and Community Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing/Coordination

5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Misio El Faro
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing
6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Fulton Homes
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing

7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	EL CENTRO DE SERVICIOS SOCIALES, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Boys and Girls Club of Lorain County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing
9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	LORAIN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing/Email/Phone
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Lorain County Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing
11	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Little House Learning Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Strategic Plan

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing
12	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Lorain Historical Society
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Historic Preservation & Community Development
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing
13	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Neighborhood Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide

	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Hearing

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

Not applicable

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	Lorain County Homeless Task Force	The City of Lorain coordinated with the Lorain County Homeless Task Force in completing the Strategic Plan. Goals and Objectives identified in the Strategic Plan follow those of the goals of the LCHTF.

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(l))

The City actively partners with many local non-profit community agencies. The City also works with Lorain County to support the goals of the provision of affordable, safe and sanitary housing; a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons within the City.

At a minimum, implicit in these goals is the City's commitment to providing coordinated community, housing and supportive services to its low-income residents. These services are provided through partnerships with governmental and quasi-governmental agencies, as well as respective planning efforts shown in **Table 3**. The City of Lorain will continue to encourage building partnerships between governments, lenders, builders, developers, real estate professionals, and advocates for low-income persons. The City of Lorain will continue to work with the building industry, banking industry, real estate industry, social service providers and other community groups to promote the development of affordable housing and related housing services.

Many of the programs and activities that will be carried out by the City during the next five (5) years will involve coordination with a number of agencies and organizations.

Narrative (optional):

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 City of Lorain, Ohio conducted a public survey as part of their outreach efforts for the completion of their Five-Year Consolidated Plan (5YCP) and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The survey was hosted through an online platform, and hard copies were also available at the city offices. The survey ran from Monday, October 14th, 2019 until Sunday December 15th, 2019. The City received 78 online responses and 6 hard copy submissions. The following survey summary details the responses from these 84 community members, most of whom are full-time residents in the city. Many of the respondents are also employed at businesses and agencies within the City. The City is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are used to support a variety of activities, improvements, and aid relating to housing choice and community development through the guidance of the 5YCP and the AI.

Comments and concerns raised during the citizen participation process were taken into consideration when developing the Consolidated Plan's priority needs, goals, and strategies. The Consolidated Plan was a collaborative process that involved discussions with stakeholders and meetings with the public to determine areas of need. As part of this process, the City sought to identify the priority needs and strategies to address those needs. Priority needs were identified based on available housing data, public input, non-profit agency meetings, community survey and past program performance. In addition, the City consulted with various City Departments to identify priority needs and develop corresponding strategies.

Housing strategies were determined by using housing data provided by HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau. Also, the City utilized the Lorain Vacant Property Report and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice report that were recently prepared.

In addition, the City has a long and successful history of administering numerous housing programs and meeting housing needs. Several housing programs, particularly housing rehabilitation activities, have been underway for many years and provide good value to the community. In general, housing programs receive emphasis in the City of Lorain due to the large, ongoing need for housing services.

Homeless Strategy

Homeless strategies were developed in several ways. First, the City worked closely with the Lorain County Homeless Task Force as well as others to obtain the latest point-in-time counts of the homeless population. The Lorain County Homeless Task Force is the lead agency for homeless services and represents agencies that implement homeless services. The City also utilized data from HUD that details homelessness. Finally, the City met and invited service providers to public meetings and a non-profit workshop to determine what assistance was most needed and to identify gaps in existing services.

Community Development Strategy

Community Development strategies were determined through a community survey, community meetings, meetings with staff and internal departments, and review of current planning activities. The City is working to leverage other planning efforts with funding opportunities where possible.

Non-Housing Special Needs

Non-Housing Special Needs were determined through meetings with service providers, City staff,

HUD data and surveys. As with the homeless and housing areas, HUD and the Census provide data on Special Needs populations. In addition, there are service providers that are knowledgeable about Special Needs populations and were able to provide valuable information.

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	Community Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	Eighty-four (84) Responses	Blight removal, road repair, home repair and other housing services, code enforcement, transportation services, and improved communication efforts.	All comments addressed by Strategic Plan	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A virtual public hearing was held on March 30, 2020. There were 10 attendees.	Public Facility improvements, specifically Oakwood Park.	All comments addressed by Strategic Plan. Meeting minutes are provided in the appendices of this document.	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A virtual public hearing was held on April 20, 2020.		All comments addressed by Strategic Plan. Meeting minutes are provided in the appendices of this document.	

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4	Community Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	March 23, 2020 - April 24, 2020	No comments were received.	All comments addressed by strategic plan	
5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A virtual public hearing was held on May 18, 2020.	Meeting minutes are provided in the appendices of this document.	All comments addressed by strategic plan	
6	Community Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	May 18, 2020 - May 26, 2020 CDBG-CV funding	Meeting minutes are provided in the appendices of this document.	All comments addressed by Strategic Plan	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The Needs Assessment section of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies the City of Lorain's communitywide housing and community development needs. Data from the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) database and the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) database are referenced in this section. Additionally, this section is supported with data from the local Public Housing Authority and other documentation from the City of Lorain and its partners.

The Needs Assessment section evaluates the demand for housing and community development assistance by the following income groups based on Area Median Income (AMI):

- Extremely Low Income (60% of the Section 8 Very Low-Income Limits)
- Very Low Income (30%-50% AMI)
- Low Income (50%-80% AMI)

AMI is based on the 2019 HUD Income Limits Documentation System, which is outlined in **Table 5(A)**.

TABLE 5(A): 2019 HUD INCOME LIMITS

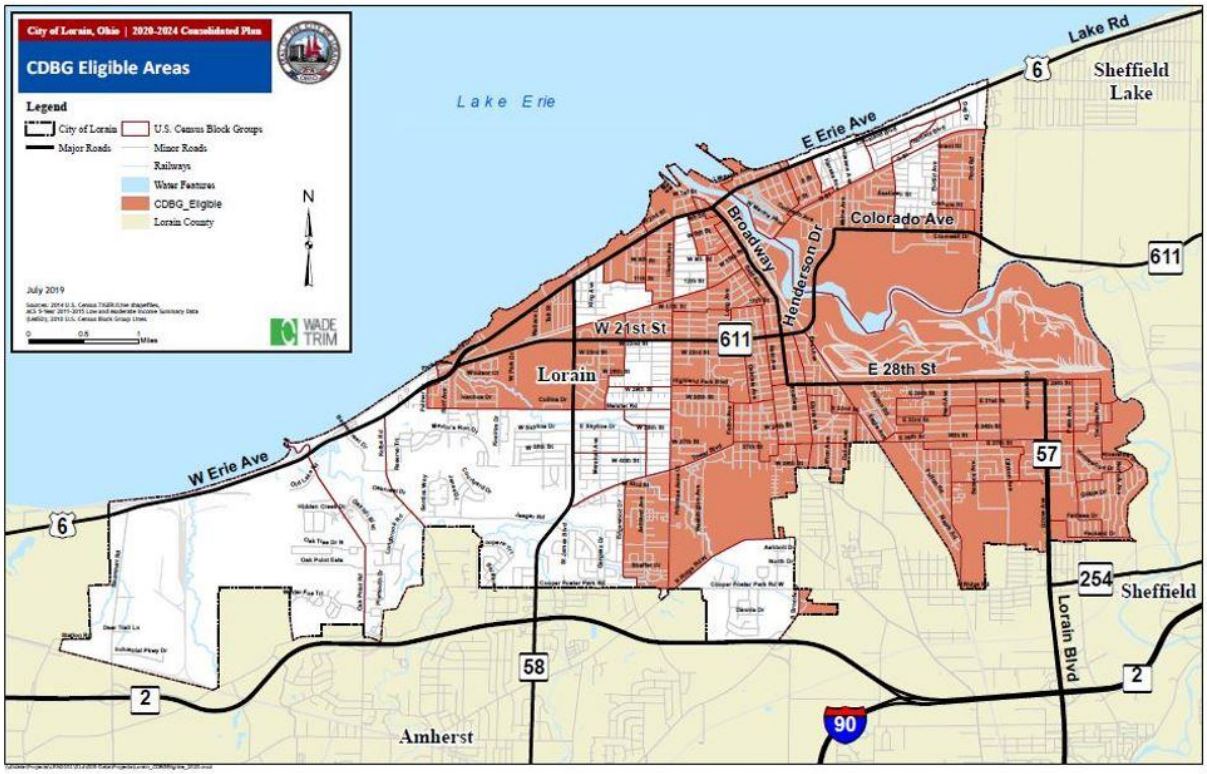
FY 2019 Income Limit Area	Median Income	FY 2019 Income Limit Category	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
Cleveland-Elyria, OH MSA	$73,700	Extremely Low (*)	15,500	17,700	21,330	25,750	30,170	34,590	39,010	43,430
		Very Low (50%)	25,800	29,500	33,200	36,850	39,800	42,750	45,700	48,650
		Low (80%)	41,300	47,200	53,100	58,950	63,700	68,400	73,100	77,850

*2019 HUD Income Limits Documentation System (2019); *Calculated as 30/50ths (60 %) of the Section 8 very low-income limits*
Effective April 24, 2019

Table 5(A) – 2019 HUD Income Limits

Table 5(A): 2019 HUD Income Limits

MAP 1 – CDBG Eligible Areas



Map 1: CDBG Eligible Areas

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

Summary of Housing Needs

The data in the Housing Needs Assessment subsection provides the estimated number and type of households in need of housing assistance by income level, tenure type (owner or renter), household type, and housing problem (cost burdened, severely cost burdened, substandard housing, overcrowding, or geographic concentration of racial/ethnic groups). This section also integrates the needs identified during consultation and public outreach.

The Housing Needs Assessment includes the following sections:

1. Summary of Housing Needs
2. Demographics
3. Number of Households
4. Housing Problems 1
5. Housing Problems 2
6. Cost Burden > 30%
7. Cost Burden > 50%
8. Crowding Table (More than One Person Per Room)
9. Additional Housing Needs Narrative

This subsection also describes the characteristics of the City of Lorain's households and housing stock.

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2018	% Change
Population	64,097	64,031	-0%
Households	27,142	25,460	-6%
Median Income	$36,155.00	$44,627.00	23%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

TABLE 5(B): HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Base Year	Interim Year	Most Recent Years	Percent Change 2009-2018
	2009	2015	2014-2018 ACS	
Population	64,097	63,780	64,031	< -1%
Households	27,142	25,220	25,460	< -1%
Median Income	$36,155	$35,042	$44,627	< 23.4%

Source:
2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Interim Year); 2014-2018 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Table 5(B) – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Table 5(B): Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Narrative

Table 5(B) displays the population, number of households, and median income for the base year and most recent year, and the percentage of change over time. This data shows an overall population decline from 64,097 in the 2005-2009 ACS to 64,031 at the time of the 2014-2018 ACS, approximately a less than 1% decrease in population.

Moreover, the number of households declined by 1,682 households from 27,142 households in the 2005-2009 ACS to 25,460 households at the time of the 2014-2018 ACS. This represents nearly a 1% decrease in the number of households during that time.

Table 5(B) also identifies an estimated 23% increase in the median income, from $36,155 to $44,627. Overall, there population, number of households, and median income have remained relatively constant.

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	5,695	3,975	5,285	2,320	7,945
Small Family Households	2,005	1,645	2,055	990	4,355
Large Family Households	550	205	305	180	735
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	805	705	1,190	490	1,990
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	630	865	1,035	335	530
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	1,410	700	555	480	425

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

TABLE 6: TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS TABLE

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households *	5,695	3,975	5,285	2,320	7,945
Small Family Households *	2,005	1,645	2,055	990	4,355
Large Family Households *	550	205	305	180	735
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	805	705	1,190	490	1,990
Household contains at least one-person age 75 or older	630	865	1,035	335	530
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger *	1,410	700	555	480	425

** the highest income category for these family types is >80% HAMFI*

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

Table 6 – Total Households Table

Table 6: Total Households Table

Narrative

Table 6 shows the number and type of households by HUD Adjusted Median Family Income (HAMFI). The default data source is the 2011-2015 CHAS database, developed by HUD.

The largest number of households is in the greater than 100% HAMFI group with 7,945 households.

The second largest group is the 0â¿30% HAMFI group (5,695). This means that nearly 23% of all households in the City of Lorain are below 30% of HAMFI.

Small family households are households that have a family with two to four members. The largest number of small family households is within the >100% HAMFI group (4,355). The second-largest number of small family households is within the 50-80% HAMFI group (2,055). There are between approximately 1,000 and 2,000 small family households in each of the remaining income groups.

Large family households are households that have a family of five or more members. Again, the largest number of large family households is within the >100% HAMFI group (735). The second-largest number of small family households is within the 0-30% HAMFI group (550) and the third-largest number is within the >50-80% HAMFI group (305). There are around 200 families each in the >30-50% and >80-100% income groups.

Table 6 also provides data on households that contain at least one person considered to be elderly. The data suggest that among income groups, the largest numbers of households with a person 62-74 years

of age are within the >100% HAMFI and >50-80% HAMFI income groups with 1,990 and 1,190 households, respectively. The largest number of households with a person 75 years or older (1,035) is within the >50%- 80% HAMFI income group.

Finally, data provided **Table 6** shows the number of households with one or more children 6 years old or younger. Among the household income groups identified, the largest number of households with children 6 years or younger (1,410) is within the 0-30% HAMFI income category. The second largest number of households with children 6 years old or younger is within the >30-50% HAMFI group (700).

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	60	85	135	0	280	0	25	40	0	65
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	0	15	0	15	0	4	10	0	14
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	115	85	30	90	320	10	0	10	4	24
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	2,385	210	15	0	2,610	645	270	175	10	1,100
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	715	1,190	360	4	2,269	300	425	805	120	1,650

	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
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	300	0	0	0	300	65	0	0	0	65

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

TABLE 7: HOUSING PROBLEMS TABLE (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
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	60	85	135	0	280	0	25	40	0	65
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	0	15	0	15	0	4	10	0	14
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	115	85	30	90	320	10	0	10	4	24
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	2,385	210	15	0	2,610	645	270	175	10	1,100
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	715	1,190	360	4	2,269	300	425	805	120	1,650
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	300	0	0	0	300	65	0	0	0	65

Source: HUD iDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2013 CHAS

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Table 7: Housing Problems 1

Narrative

Table 7 displays the number of households with housing problems by tenure and HUD Adjusted Median

Family Income (HAMFI) according to the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

As defined by HUD, housing problems include:

- Substandard housing lacking complete plumbing facilities
- Substandard housing lacking complete kitchen facilities
- Overcrowded households with 1.01 to 1.5 people per room, excluding bathrooms, porches,
- foyers, halls, or halfâ¿rooms
- Households with housing cost burden greater than 30% of income

As shown in **Table 7**, among the “housing problem” categories, households within Lorain are most commonly impacted by severe housing cost burden (greater than 50% of income) and housing cost burden (greater than 30% of income).

The first housing problem, substandard housing, is defined as a household without hot and cold piped water, a flush toilet and a bathtub or shower, and kitchen facilities that lack a sink with piped water, a range or stove, or a refrigerator. Table 3 identifies 280 renter households and 65 owner households that live in substandard housing, numbers that have respectively decreased by 65 and 45 since the 2015/2016-2019/2020 consolidated plan.

The second housing problem identified is households living in overcrowded conditions. There are two forms of overcrowding defined by HUD and identified in **Table 7**:

1. Severely overcrowded is defined as a household having complete kitchens and bathrooms but housing more than 1.51 persons per room excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms.

1. Overcrowded is defined as a household having complete kitchens and bathrooms but housing more than 1.01 to 1.5 persons per room excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms

As shown in **Table 7**, 345 renter households are experiencing some form of overcrowding while 38 owner occupied households are experiencing some form of overcrowding. These figures decreased by 30 and 61, respectively since the last consolidated plan.

The final housing problem identified is cost burden. Cost burden is a fraction of a household's total gross income spent on housing costs. For renters, housing costs include rent paid by the tenant plus utilities.

For owners, housing costs include mortgage payment, taxes, insurance, and utilities. Cost burden is broken into two categories based on severity:

- Severe housing cost burden greater than 50% of income
- Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income

As shown in **Table 7**, renter households within the 0%â¿30% AMI group are experiencing higher rates of cost burden than those households with higher incomes. Approximately 715 renters are experiencing a cost burden greater than 30% of income and 2,385 renters are burdened greater than 50% of income. Owner households in the 0-30% AMI (945) and 50-80% AMI (980) categories experience the most overall cost burden.

Overall, 3,919 households in the City of Lorain are experiencing a cost burden greater than 30% of income and 3,710 households are experiencing a cost burden greater than 50% of income. Renters appear to be greatly affected by the cost of housing within the City of Lorain. Of the 7,629 households experiencing a cost burden of some kind, 4,879 are renters.

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	2,560	375	190	90	3,215	655	300	230	15	1,200
Having none of four housing problems	1,600	1,845	2,045	545	6,035	515	1,450	2,820	1,670	6,455
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	300	0	0	0	300	65	0	0	0	65

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

TABLE 8: 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
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	2,560	375	190	90	3,215	655	300	230	15	1,200
Having none of four housing problems	1,600	1,845	2,045	545	6,035	515	1,450	2,820	1,670	6,455
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	300	0	0	0	300	65	0	0	0	65

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Table 8: Housing Problems 2

Narrative

Table 8 displays the number of households with no housing problems, one or more housing problems, and negative income by tenure and HUD Area Median Income (AMI). The Default Data

Source is the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

As the data reveals in **Table 8**, renters in the 0%â¿30% AMI group experience the highest rate of one or more of housing problems identified. A total of 2,560 households below 30% AMI experience some form of housing problem. Among owner households, the 0%â¿30% AMI group has the highest number of households (655) with one or more of housing problems.

Additionally, 300 renter households within the 0%â¿30% AMI group have negative income but none of the other four identified housing problems.

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	1,385	850	205	2,440	280	275	480	1,035
Large Related	420	135	20	575	60	8	50	118
Elderly	445	220	105	770	360	305	295	960
Other	960	315	120	1,395	250	125	190	565
Total need by income	3,210	1,520	450	5,180	950	713	1,015	2,678

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

TABLE 9: 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
Small Related	1,385	850	205	2,440	280	275	480	1,035
Large Related	420	135	20	575	60	8	50	118
Elderly	445	220	105	770	360	305	295	960
Other	960	315	120	1,395	250	125	190	565
Total need by income	*3,210*	*1,520*	*450*	*5,180*	*950*	*713*	*1,015*	*2,678*

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Table 9: Cost Burden > 30%

Narrative

Tables 9 and 10 display the number of households with housing cost burdens greater than 30% of income and greater than 50% of income, respectively, by household type, tenure, and household income (expressed as a percentage of Area Median Income (AMI)). The Default Data Source is the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

Households are broken into four categories:

1. Small related – Family households with two to four related members
2. Large related – Family households with five or more related members
3. Elderly – A household whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age
4. Other – All other households

As shown in **Tables 9**, “Small Related” households are experiencing the highest degree of housing cost burden greater than 30% of income. Approximately 3,475 “Small Related” households have a cost burden greater than 30% of income. Most of these are renters (2,440). Additionally, 1,395 “Other” households and 770 “Elderly” households have a cost burden greater than 30% of income. Comparatively, “Large Related” households have the lowest degree of cost burden.

For renter households, the 0% â¿ 30% AMI Income group has the most households (3,210) with a cost burden greater than 30% of income. Among owner households, the 50% â¿ 80% AMI group has the most households (1,015) with a cost burden greater than 30% of income.

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	1,030	140	15	1,185	240	125	15	380
Large Related	330	10	0	340	45	4	10	59
Elderly	330	25	15	370	225	125	100	450
Other	750	30	0	780	140	40	50	230
Total need by income	2,440	205	30	2,675	650	294	175	1,119

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

TABLE 10: 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
Small Related	1,030	140	15	1,185	240	125	15	380
Large Related	330	10	0	340	45	4	10	59
Elderly	330	25	15	370	225	125	100	450
Other	750	30	0	780	140	40	50	230
Total need by income	2,440	205	30	2,675	650	294	175	1,119

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

Table 10: Cost Burden > 50%

Narrative

As shown in **Table 10**, when compared to other types of households, more “Small Related” households are experiencing severe cost burden greater than 50% of income. Approximately 1,565 “Small Related” households experience a cost burden greater than 50% of income. Most of these are renters (1,185). Additionally, 1,010 “Other” households and 820 “Elderly” households have a cost burden greater than 50% of income. Comparatively, “Large Related” households have the lowest degree of cost burden.

For renter households, the 0% â¿ 30% AMI income group has the most households (2,440) with a cost burden greater than 50% of income. Similarly, among owner households, the 0% â¿ 30% AMI group has the most households (650) with a cost burden greater than 50% of income.

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	100	55	25	90	270	4	4	20	4	32
Multiple, unrelated family households	15	30	4	0	49	4	0	0	0	4
Other, non-family households	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	115	85	44	90	334	8	4	20	4	36

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

TABLE 11: CROWDING INFORMATION (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
Single family households	100	55	25	90	270	4	4	20	4	32
Multiple, unrelated family households	15	30	4	0	49	4	0	0	0	4
Other, non-family households	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	***115***	***85***	***44***	***90***	***334***	***8***	***4***	***20***	***4***	***36***

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

Table 11 – Crowding Information

Table 11: Crowding

Narrative

Table 11 displays the number of households that are overcrowded, defined as households with more than one person per room, excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or halfâ¿rooms. The data is displayed by household type, tenure, and household income (expressed as a percentage of Area Median Income (AMI)). The Default Data Source is 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

As shown in **Table 11**, overcrowding is most prevalent in single-family households. Approximately 270 single-family renter households and 32 ownerâ¿occupied single-family homes experience overcrowding.

When accounting for income, low income and extremely low-income renter households experience the highest number of crowded households with 85 and 115 households respectively. Among ownerâ¿occupied households, most households with crowding issues have income between 50% and 80% AMI.

	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	1,205	560	305	2,070	220	105	180	505

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Alternate Data Source Name:
2012- 2016 CHAS

Data Source Comments: *Household contains 1 or more children age 6 or younger.

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

A significant housing cost burden is associated with an increased risk of homelessness. Non-homeless small-related households have a significant cost burden when compared to other household types particularly for the 0-30% AMI category. According to the most recent homeless census, or annual point in time (PIT) survey conducted on January 22, 2019, there are 181 homeless persons in households without children that need housing assistance.

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.

According to the 2014-2018 ACS 5â¿ÂÂÂÂÂYear Estimates, approximately 11,920 or approximately 18.8% of people in City of Lorain reported having a disability. While the majority of disabled persons (6,740 people) are between 18 and 64 years of age, a high percentage (nearly 38%) of persons 65 years and over are disabled. These elderly populations are also likely to live on reduced income and experience housing cost burden.

According to the Ohio Attorney General, 458 incidents of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking were reported to the Lorain Police Department during the year 2018, resulting in 323 victims. Statewide, the majority of victims of domestic violence are women (73%).

What are the most common housing problems?

The most common housing problem in the City of Lorain is cost burden, for both renter and owner households. Substandard (lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities) and overcrowded housing (1.01â¿ÂÂÂÂÂ1.5 people per room) are also housing problems; however, these problems affect more renters than owners. Severely overcrowded housing (more than 1.5 people per room) is also problem, but not as significant when compared to the prevalence of other housing problems.

Additionally, the City is focused on Lead Abatement within the City as many homes may have lead present in the home.

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

Households earning less than 50% AMI are experiencing higher rates of cost burden than those households with higher incomes. More renters are experiencing cost burden than owners, especially those earning less than 30% AMI. Comparisons of cost burden by type of household show that while large related renter and owner households are less affected by cost burden, small related, elderly and other household types are more affected. Substandard and overcrowded housing is more common among renters and owners earning less than 50% AMI. Single family households are more affected by crowding than households with multiple, unrelated members or other nonâ¿ÂÂÂÂÂfamily households.

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

Needs identified during the citizen participation process included additional resources including selfâ¿ÂÂÂÂÂsufficiency training and case management, access to healthcare and mental health counseling for the disabled, and employment and legal assistance.

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:

Not applicable.

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

The most recent homeless census, or annual pointâ¿ÂÂÂÂÂinâ¿ÂÂÂÂÂtime (PIT) survey, was conducted on January 22, 2019. The total number of homeless people counted during the annual PIT survey was 181. Of the 147 sheltered homeless persons counted, 45 were persons in households with adults and children and 102 were persons in households with only adults. Twenty-Four had only children (less than 18 years of age). There were not any chronically homeless families and six chronically homeless individuals reported. There were also 54 homeless people with mental illness.

Because of the transient nature of homelessness, it is often difficult to locate homeless persons or to followâ¿ÂÂÂÂÂup with much needed services and support. Mental health issues (27%) were the obstacles most reported by interviewees, along with drug/alcohol addiction (19%), domestic violence (11%), and HIV/AIDS (<1%). Many interviewees reported multiple disabilities, addiction problems or health issues.

Discussion

The population and number of households living in Lorain has decreased over the last decade, as has the median income, though not by any drastic measure. Over half (59%) of the City's households earns less than 80% HAMFI and nearly a quarter (22%) of the City's households earns less than 30% HAMFI. Lowâ¿ÂÂÂÂÂ and moderateâ¿ÂÂÂÂÂ income populations continue to experience higher rates of housing problems, such as housing cost burden and overcrowding. As a result, these populations have an increased risk of homelessness.

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

A disproportionately greater need exists when the members of racial or ethnic group at an income level experience housing problem at a greater rate (10 percentage points or more) than the income level as a whole. For example, assume that 60% of all lowâ¿ÂÂincome households within a jurisdiction have a housing problem and 70% of lowâ¿ÂÂincome Hispanic households have a housing problem. In this case, low-income Hispanic households have a disproportionately greater need.

Per the regulations at 91.205(b)(2), 91.305(b)(2), and 91.405, a grantee must provide an assessment for each disproportionately greater need identified. Although the purpose of these tables is to analyze the relative level of need for each race and ethnic category, the data also provide information for the jurisdiction as a whole that can be useful in describing overall need.

Again, as defined by HUD, housing problems include:

- Substandard housing lacking complete plumbing facilities
- Substandard housing lacking complete kitchen facilities
- Overcrowded households with 1.01 to 1.5 people per room, excluding bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or halfâ¿ÂÂrooms
- Households with housing cost burden greater than 30% of income

The Disproportionately Greater Needs: Housing Problems section covers the following:

1. Introduction
2. Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Problems 0â¿ÂÂ30% Area Median Income (AMI)
3. Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Problems 30â¿ÂÂ50% AMI
4. Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Problems 50â¿ÂÂ80% AMI
5. Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Problems 80â¿ÂÂ100% AMI
6. Discussion

This section has four tables that capture the number of housing problems by income, race, and ethnicity. Each table provides data for a different income level (0–30%, 30–50%, 50–80%, and 80–100% AMI). The default data source is the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

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	4,230	1,105	365
White	2,075	535	175
Black / African American	715	205	105
Asian	40	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,205	295	80

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

TABLE 12: DISPROPORTIONALLY GREATER NEED 0 - 30% AMI

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		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	4,230	74.21%	1,105	19.39%	365	6.40%	5,700
White	2,075	74.51%	535	19.21%	175	6.28%	2,785
Black / African American	715	69.76%	205	20.00%	105	10.24%	1,025
Asian	40	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	40
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	28.57%	10	71.43%	0	0.00%	14
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hispanic	1,205	76.27%	295	18.67%	80	5.06%	1,580

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

**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%*

Table 12 – Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Table 12: Disproportionately Greater Need 0-30% AMI Narrative

Of all the income levels within the City of Lorain, households within the 0%â¿30% AMI category have the highest number of households with one or more of four housing problems. Approximately 75% of households in this income category have housing problems.

As shown in **Table 12**, when considering race and this income category, White households have the highest number of households (2,075) with housing problems (74.5% of all White households earning 0%â¿30% AMI) and Black/African American households have the second-highest number of households (719) with housing problems (nearly 70% of all Black/African American households earning 0%â¿30% AMI). When considering ethnicity and this income category, 1,205 Hispanic households have housing problems (76% of all Hispanic households earning 0%-30% AMI). Asian households experience a disproportionately greater need than the jurisdiction as a whole, as 40 (100%) Asian households experience one or more of four housing problems.

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	2,290	1,685	0
White	1,030	1,015	0
Black / African American	540	200	0
Asian	4	14	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	4	0
Hispanic	665	425	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

TABLE 13: DISPROPORTIONATELY GREATER NEED 30 - 50% AMI

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		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	365	17.80%	1,685	82.20%	0	0.00%	2,050
White	175	14.71%	1,015	85.29%	0	0.00%	1,190
Black / African American	105	34.43%	200	65.57%	0	0.00%	305
Asian	0	0.00%	14	100.00%	0	0.00%	14
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	4	100.00%	0	0.00%	4
Hispanic	80	15.84%	425	84.16%	0	0.00%	505

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

Table 13 – Disproportionately Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Table 13: Disproportionately Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI
Narrative

Of all the income levels within the City of Lorain, households within the 30%â¿50% AMI category have the third-highest number of households with one or more of four housing problems. Approximately 18% of households in this income category have housing problems.

As shown in **Table 13**, when considering race and this income category, White households have the highest number of households (1,75) with housing problems (nearly 15% of all White households earning 30%â¿50% AMI) and Black/African American households have the second-highest number of households (105) with housing problems (34% of all Black/African households earning 30%â¿50% AMI) and therefore also display a disproportionately greater need than the jurisdiction as a whole. Additionally, nearly 16% of all Hispanic households earning 30%-50% AMI have housing problems.

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	1,590	3,700	0
White	1,020	2,545	0
Black / African American	180	420	0
Asian	0	29	0

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
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	20	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0
Hispanic	365	600	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

TABLE 14: DISPROPORTIONATELY GREATER NEED 50 - 80% AMI

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		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,590	30.06%	3,700	69.94%	0	0.00%	5,290
White	1,020	28.61%	2,545	71.39%	0	0.00%	3,565
Black / African American	180	30.00%	420	70.00%	0	0.00%	600
Asian	0	0.00%	29	100.00%	0	0.00%	29
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	16.67%	20	83.33%	0	0.00%	24
Pacific Islander	4	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4
Hispanic	365	37.82%	600	62.18%	0	0.00%	965

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

**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%*

Table 14 – Disproportionately Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Table 14: Disproportionately Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Narrative

Of all the income levels within the City of Lorain, households within the 50%â¿80% AMI category have the second-highest number of households with one or more of four housing problems. Approximately 30% of households in this income category have housing problems.

As shown in **Table 14**, when considering race and this income category, White households have the highest number of households (1,020) with housing problems (28.6% of all White households earning 50%â¿80% AMI) and Black/African American households have the second-highest number of households (180) with housing problems (30% of all Black/African households earning 50%â¿80% AMI).

Additionally, 16% of all Asian households earning 50%-80% AMI have housing problems and 100% of all Pacific Islander Households earning 50%-80% AMI have housing problems. Evidently, Pacific Islander households experience a disproportionately greater need than the jurisdiction as a whole.

When considering ethnicity and this income category, 365 Hispanic households have housing problems (38% of all Hispanic households earning 50%-80% AMI).

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	235	2,085	0
White	84	1,385	0
Black / African American	10	225	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	145	450	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

TABLE 15: DISPROPORTIONATELY GREATER NEED 80 - 100% AMI

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		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	235	10.13%	2,085	89.87%	0	0.00%	2,320
White	84	5.72%	1,385	94.28%	0	0.00%	1,469
Black / African American	10	4.26%	225	95.74%	0	0.00%	235
Asian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hispanic	145	24.37%	450	75.63%	0	0.00%	595

Source: HUD IDIS Output, May 2015: 2011-2015 CHAS

**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%*

Table 15 – Disproportionately Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Table 15: Disproportionately Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Narrative

Of all the income levels within the City of Lorain, households within the 80%â¿100% AMI category have the lowest number of households with one or more of four housing problems. Approximately 10% of households in this income category have housing problems.

As shown in **Table 15**, when considering race and this income category, White households have the highest number of households (84) with housing problems (nearly 6% of all White households earning 80%â¿100% AMI) and Black/African American households have the second-highest number of households (10) with housing problems (approximately 4% of all Black/African households earning 80%â¿100% AMI). When considering ethnicity and this income category, 145 Hispanic households have housing problems (24% of all Hispanic households earning 80%-100% AMI).

Discussion

Of all households in the 0%âÂ¿ÂÂÂ• 30% AMI category, 75% have one or more of four housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, Asian households (100%) have a percentage of housing problems that is more than 10 percentage points higher than the income level. However, the majority of White, Black/African American,

and Hispanic households in this income category have housing problems.

Of all households in the 30%âÂ¿ÂÂÂ• 50% AMI category, 18% have one or more of four housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, Black/African American (34%) households have a percentage of housing problems that is more than 10 percentage points higher than the income level as a whole.

Of all households in the 50%âÂ¿ÂÂÂ• 80% AMI category, 30% have one or more of four housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, only Pacific Islander (100%) households have a percentage of housing problems that is more than 10 percentage points higher than the income level as a whole.

Of all households in the 80%âÂ¿ÂÂÂ• 100% AMI category, 10% have one or more of four housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, Hispanic households (24%) have a percentage of housing problems that is more than 10 percentage points higher than the income level as a whole.

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

As noted in the previous section, a disproportionately greater need exists when the members of racial or ethnic group at an income level experience housing problem at a greater rate (10 percentage points or more) than the income level as a whole. Per the regulations at 91.205(b)(2), 91.305(b)(2), and 91.405, a grantee must provide an assessment for each disproportionately greater need identified.

Severe housing problems include:

- Severely overcrowded households with more than 1.5 persons per room, not including bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or halfâÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂrooms
- Households with severe cost burden of more than 50 percent of income

This section includes:

1. Introduction
2. Disproportionately Greater Need—Severe Housing Problems 0âÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂ30% AMI
3. Disproportionately Greater Need—Severe Housing Problems 30âÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂ50% AMI
4. Disproportionately Greater Need—Severe Housing Problems 50âÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂ80% AMI
5. Disproportionately Greater Need—Severe Housing Problems 80âÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂ100% AMI
6. Discussion

This section has four tables that capture the number of severe housing problems by income, race, and ethnicity. Each table provides data for a different income level (0–30%, 30–50%, 50–80%, and 80–100% AMI). The Default Data Source is the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

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	3,215	2,115	365
White	1,640	975	175
Black / African American	570	355	105
Asian	0	40	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	860	650	80

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

Narrative

Of all the income levels within the City of Lorain, households within the 0%â¿30% AMI category have the highest number of households with one or more severe housing problems. Approximately 56% of households in this income category have severe housing problems.

As shown in **Table 16**, when considering race and this income category, White households have the highest number of households (1,640) with severe housing problems (58% of all White households earning 0%â¿30% AMI) and Black/African American households have the second-highest number of households (570) with severe housing problems (55% of all Black/African households earning 0%â¿30% AMI).

When considering ethnicity and this income category, 860 Hispanic households have severe housing problems (54% of all Hispanic households earning 0%-30% AMI).

TABLE 16: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS 0 - 30% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four severe housing problems*		Has none of the four severe housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,215	56.45%	2,115	37.14%	365	6.41%	5,695
White	1,640	58.78%	975	34.95%	175	6.27%	2,790
Black / African American	570	55.34%	355	34.47%	105	10.19%	1,030
Asian	0	0.00%	40	100.00%	0	0.00%	40
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	28.57%	10	71.43%	0	0.00%	14
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hispanic	860	54.09%	650	40.88%	80	5.03%	1,590

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

**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%*

Table 16 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Table 16: Severe Housing Problems 0-30% AMI

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	675	3,295	0
White	325	1,715	0
Black / African American	170	570	0
Asian	0	14	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	4	0
Pacific Islander	0	4	0
Hispanic	175	915	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

Narrative

Of all the income levels within the City of Lorain, households within the 30%â¿50% AMI category have the second-highest number of households with one or more severe housing problems. Approximately 17% of households in this income category have severe housing problems.

As shown in **Table 17**, when considering race and this income category, White households have the highest number of households (325) with severe housing problems (nearly 16 % of all White households earning 30%â¿50% AMI) and Black/African American households have the second-highest number of households (170) with severe housing problems nearly 23% of all Black/African households earning 30%â¿50% AMI).

When considering ethnicity and this income category, 175 Hispanic households have severe housing problems (16% of all Hispanic households earning 30%-50% AMI).

TABLE 17: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS 30 - 50% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four severe housing problems*		Has none of the four severe housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	675	17.00%	3,295	83.00%	0	0.00%	3,970
White	325	15.93%	1,715	84.07%	0	0.00%	2,040
Black / African American	170	22.97%	570	77.03%	0	0.00%	740
Asian	0	0.00%	14	100.00%	0	0.00%	14
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0.00%	4	100.00%	0	0.00%	4
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	4	100.00%	0	0.00%	4
Hispanic	175	16.06%	915	83.94%	0	0.00%	1,090

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Table 17: Severe Housing Problems 30-50% AMI

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	420	4,865	0
White	345	3,215	0
Black / African American	15	585	0
Asian	0	29	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	20	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0

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
Hispanic	55	905	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

Narrative

Of all the income levels within the City of Lorain, households within the 50%â¿80% AMI category have the third-highest number of households with one or more severe housing problems. Approximately 8% of households in this income category have severe housing problems.

As shown in **Table 18**, when considering race and this income category, White households have the highest number of households (345) with severe housing problems (approximately 10% of all White households earning 50%â¿80% AMI) and Black/African American households have the second-highest number of households (15) with severe housing problems (2.5% of all Black/African households earning 50%â¿80% AMI). Additionally, 100% of all Pacific Islander Households earning 50%-80% AMI have severe housing problems.

When considering ethnicity and this income category, 55 Hispanic households have severe housing problems (approximately 6% of all Hispanic households earning 50%-80% AMI).

TABLE 18: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS 50 - 80% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four severe housing problems		Has none of the four severe housing problems		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	420	7.95%	4,865	92.05%	0	0.00%	5,285
White	345	9.69%	3,215	90.31%	0	0.00%	3,560
Black / African American	15	2.50%	585	97.50%	0	0.00%	600
Asian	0	0.00%	29	100.00%	0	0.00%	29
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0.00%	20	100.00%	0	0.00%	20
Pacific Islander	4	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4
Hispanic	55	5.73%	905	94.27%	0	0.00%	960

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019.;2011-2015 CHAS

**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%*

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Table 18: Severe Housing Problems 50-80% AMI

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	105	2,215	0
White	4	1,465	0
Black / African American	10	225	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	89	500	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*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%

Narrative

Of all the income levels within the City of Lorain, households within the 80%â¿100% AMI category have the lowest number of households with one or more severe housing problems. Approximately 4.5% of households in this income category have severe housing problems.

As shown in **Table 19**, when considering race and this income category, Black/African American households have the highest number of households (10) with severe housing problems (4% of all Black/African American households earning 80%â¿100% AMI) and White households have the second-highest number of households (4) with severe housing problems (less than 1% of all White households earning 80%â¿100% AMI).

When considering ethnicity and this income category, 89 Hispanic households have severe housing problems (15% of all Hispanic households earning 80%-100% AMI).

TABLE 19: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS 80 - 100% AMI

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four severe housing problems*		Has none of the four severe housing problems*		Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	105	4.53%	2,215	95.47%	0	0.00%	2,320
White	4	0.27%	1,465	99.73%	0	0.00%	1,469
Black / African American	10	4.26%	225	95.74%	0	0.00%	235
Asian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hispanic	89	15.11%	500	84.89%	0	0.00%	589

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

**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%*

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Table 19: Severe Housing Problems 80-100% AMI

Discussion

Of all households in the 0%âÂÂ¿ÂÂ30% AMI category, 56% have one or more severe housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, no race or ethnicity has a percentage of severe housing problems that is more than 10 percentage points higher than the income level as a whole. However, the majority of White, Black/African American, and Hispanic households in this income category have severe housing problems.

Of all households in the 30%âÂÂ¿ÂÂ50% AMI category, 17% have one or more severe housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, no race or ethnicity has a percentage of severe housing problems that is more than 10 percentage points higher than the income level as a whole.

Of all households in the 50%âÂÂ¿ÂÂ80% AMI category, 8% have one or more severe housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, Pacific Islander (100%) households have a percentage of severe housing problems that is more than 10 percentage points higher than the income level as a whole. However, less than 10% of White, Black/African American, and Hispanic households in this income category have severe housing problems.

Of all households in the 80%âÂÂ¿ÂÂ100% AMI category, only 4.5% have one or more severe housing problems. In terms of disproportionate need, Hispanic Households (15%) a percentage of severe housing problems that is more than 10 percentage points higher than the income level. A very small percentage of White, Black/African American households in this income category have severe housing problems.

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:

Again, a disproportionately greater need exists when the members of racial or ethnic group at an income level experience housing problem at a greater rate (10 percentage points or more) than the income level as a whole. Per the regulations at 91.205(b)(2), 91.305(b)(2), and 91.405, a grantee must provide an assessment for each disproportionately greater need identified.

This section includes:

1. Introduction
2. Disproportionately Greater Need—Housing Cost Burden
3. Discussion

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	16,610	4,390	3,800	415
White	11,280	2,105	2,045	220
Black / African American	1,670	750	660	105
Asian	75	44	10	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	30	8	4	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	4	0
Hispanic	3,265	1,375	930	90

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Narrative

Table 20 displays cost burden information for the City of Lorain and each racial and ethnic group, including no cost burden (less than 30%), cost burden (30âÂ¿Â50%), severe cost burden (more than

50%), and no/negative income. The default data source for this data is the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data developed by HUD.

As the data in **Table 20** suggests, a large number of households (8,190) are cost burdened within their current housing situation. White households have the highest number of cost burdened households (4,150). Hispanic households have the second-highest number of cost burdened households (2,305) and Black/African American households have the third-highest number of cost burdened households (1,410). A small number of Asian, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander households are also cost burdened. Of the households that are cost burdened, over half (4,390) are cost burdened between 30-50%. There are 3,800 households that are severely cost burdened within the City of Lorain.

TABLE 20: GREATER NEED: HOUSING COST BURDENS AMI

Housing Cost Burden	No Cost Burden (<=30%)		Cost Burden (30-50%)		Severe Cost Burden (>50%)		No / Negative Income		Total Households
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Jurisdiction as a whole	16,610	65.87%	4,390	17.41%	3,800	15.07%	415	1.65%	25,215
White	11,280	72.08%	2,105	13.45%	2,045	13.07%	220	1.41%	15,650
Black / African American	1,670	52.43%	750	23.55%	660	20.72%	105	3.30%	3,185
Asian	75	58.14%	44	34.11%	10	7.75%	0	0.00%	129
American Indian, Alaska Native	30	71.43%	8	19.05%	4	9.52%	0	0.00%	42
Pacific Islander	4	50.00%	0	0.00%	4	50.00%	0	0.00%	8
Hispanic	3,265	57.69%	1,375	24.29%	930	16.43%	90	1.59%	5,660

Source: HUD IDIS Output, July 2019: 2011-2015 CHAS

Table 20 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Table 20: Greater Need Housing Cost Burdens

Discussion:

Within the City of Lorain, nearly 66% of households do not presently experience cost burden, while 17% experience cost burden, 15% experience severe cost burden and nearly 2% have no/negative income.

Overall, nearly 33% of households are either cost burdened or severely cost burdened. Only the Asian and Pacific Islander categories experience a cost burden or severe cost burden in a disproportionate percentage (greater than 10%) to the income level. It should be noted that this number equates to only 48 households. American Indian, Alaska Native, and White households also experience some degree of cost burden or severe cost burden.

Of all households within the City of Lorain, 17% are cost burdened (30-50%). Only the Asian racial or ethnic category experiences a cost burden in a disproportionate percentage (greater than 10%) to the income level.

Of all households within the City of Lorain, 15% experience severe cost burden (>50%). Only the Pacific Islander category experiences a severe cost burden in a disproportionate percentage (greater than 10%) to the income level as a whole. It should be noted that this number equates to only 4 households. A relatively high percentage of Black/African American (20%) households are severely cost burdened when compared to other racial or ethnic categories.

Of all households within the City of Lorain, less than 2% has no/negative income. No racial or ethnic groups experience no/negative income in a disproportionate percentage (greater than 10%) to the income level.

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?

As indicated in the previous sections, several racial or ethnic groups were identified as having a disproportionately greater housing need in comparison to the income level as a whole. As detailed below, these include the Black/African American, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Hispanic racial or ethnic groups.

The Black/African American group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 30%-50% AMI category (34% versus 18% as a whole)

The Asian group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 0%âÂ¿Â30% AMI category (100% versus 75% as a whole)
- Cost Burden of 30%-50% (34% versus 17% as a whole)

The Pacific Islander group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 50%âÂ¿Â80% AMI category (100% versus 30% as a whole)
- Severe housing problems in the 50%-80% AMI category (100% versus 8% as a whole)
- Severe cost burden of greater than 50% (50% versus 15% as a whole)

The Hispanic group experiences a disproportionately greater need in terms of the following:

- Housing problems in the 80%-100% AMI category (24% versus 10% as a whole)
- Severe housing problems in the 80%-100% AMI category (15% versus 4.5% as a whole)

There are 6,420 households with one or more of the four identified housing problems. Of these households 3,354 or 52% are White households, 1,010 or 16% are Black/African American households,

and 1,795 or 28% are Hispanic households. White, Black/African American, and Hispanic households account for the majority of households experiencing one or more of the four identified housing problems.

There are 4,415 households experiencing one or more severe housing problems. Of these households, 2,314 or 52% are White households, 765 or 17% are Black/African American households, and 1,179 or 27% are Hispanic households. White, Black/African American, and Hispanic households account for most households experiencing one or more severe housing problems.

There are 4,390 households with cost burden (30%-50% of income). Of these households, 2,105 or 48% are White households, 750 or 17% are Black/African American households, and 1,375 or 31% are Hispanic households. White, Black/African American, and Hispanic households account for the majority of households with cost burden.

When considering households with severe cost burden (>50% of income), a total of 3,800 households in Lorain are severely costs burdened. Of that total, 2,045 or 54% are White households, 660 or 17% are Black/African American households, and 930 or 24% are Hispanic households. White, Black/African American, and Hispanic households account for the majority of households with severe cost burden.

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

Based on input and data received through an extensive citizen participation process, the greatest housing needs are:

- Housing demolition (e.g. removal of abandoned and blighted housing stock)
- New, quality affordable housing that is attainable to those with low income and located proximate to employment and essential amenities
- Housing rehabilitation (e.g. housing rehabilitation and maintenance assistance, energy efficiency and accessibility retrofits, etc.)
- Down payment Assistance

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

Approximately 42 of the City's 61 Block Groups have a low- and moderate-income percentage of 51% or greater, signifying that approximately two-thirds of the City's neighborhoods is CDBG-eligible. Most of these Block Groups are concentrated in the western half of the City.

As a whole, the City of Lorain has a total racial minority population of approximately 16%. A disproportionally greater (10 percentage points more or higher) concentration of racial minority population exists within the following Block Groups:

- Census Tract 224, Block Group 1: 30.27% Black/African American
- Census Tract 228, Block Group 1: 39.92% Black/African American
- Census Tract 230, Block Group 1: 30.05% Black/African American
- Census Tract 237, Block Group 1: 34.78% Black/African American
- Census Tract 224, Block Group 2: 51.65% Black/African American
- Census Tract 226.01, Block Group 2: 31.66% Black/African American
- Census Tract 228, Block Group 2: 28.08% Black/African American
- Census Tract 232, Block Group 2: 26.10% Black/African American
- Census Tract 239, Block Group 2: 62.08% Black/African American
- Census Tract 242, Block Group 2: 29.28% Black/African American
- Census Tract 224, Block Group 3: 33.50% Black/African American
- Census Tract 228, Block Group 4: 43.19% Black/African American
- Census Tract 237, Block Group 4: 26.14% Black/African American
- Census Tract 973, Block Group 4: 46.48% Black/African American

Source: 2014-2018 ACS Data

As a whole, the City of Lorain has an ethnic minority population of approximately 27%. A disproportionally greater (10 percentage points more or higher) concentration of ethnic minority population exists within the following Block Groups:

- Census Tract 231, Block Group 1: 69.74% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 232, Block Group 1: 44.56% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 236, Block Group 1: 49.16% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 237, Block Group 1: 60.24% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 973, Block Group 1: 47.12% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 222, Block Group 2: 44.72% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 231, Block Group 2: 65.42% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 232, Block Group 2: 41.91% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 233, Block Group 2: 40.30% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 236, Block Group 2: 62.99% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 242, Block Group 2: 40.36% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 973, Block Group 2: 41.16% Hispanic or Latino

- Census Tract 231, Block Group 3: 72.02% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 232, Block Group 3: 37.15% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 234, Block Group 3: 39.49% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 236, Block Group 3: 49.25% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 973, Block Group 3: 46.84% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 230, Block Group 4: 40.36% Hispanic or Latino
- Census Tract 232, Block Group 4: 65.97% Hispanic or Latino

Source: 2014-2018 ACS Data

As indicated in the previous sections, a person's race, income, and disability status are strong indicators for needing housing assistance through various public housing program types. Although a disproportionate need is shown for low-income minority households, the data provided also show that White, Black/African American, and Hispanic groups have a high demand for supportive housing of different types. Among these groups, tenant-based housing is the most common type of assistance. Families identified as "Families with Disabilities" have a high need for tenant-based housing, while at the same time needing improved accessibility within existing housing.

NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

The Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is a public corporation created for the purpose of administering housing programs for low income persons. The operations of the LMHA are funded through annual appropriations provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The mission of the LMHA is to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing free from discrimination to qualifying individuals.

According to LMHA's 2019 Annual Public Housing Authority (PHA) Plan (for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019), the housing authority administers 1,438 public housing units as well as 3,129 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), which allow low income persons to rent privately owned houses or apartments dispersed throughout the community. While LHMA serves Lorain County as whole, approximately 60% of its public housing units (900+ units) are located within the City of Lorain.

In addition to public housing and Section 8 programs, the LMHA also administers other special housing programs designed to assist specific demographic groups, such as the elderly and persons with disabilities. The LMHA is the managing agent for two Section 8 new construction projects for these groups, which include 100 units each (200 units in total).

The LMHA owns and operates thirteen housing complexes, as well as scattered sites, and Market Rate properties located in various areas of the county.

1. Leavitt Homes – 198 units
2. Westview Terrace – 143 units
3. Wilkes Villa, 174 units
4. John Frederick Oberlin Homes, 53 units
5. John F. Kennedy Plaza, 177 units
6. Riverview Plaza, 180 units
7. Lakeview Plaza, 209 units
8. Albright Terrace, 50 units

9. Westgate Apartments, 12 units
10. Southside Gardens, 108 units
11. International Plaza, 100 units
12. Edward C. Harr Plaza, 100 units
13. LMHA Oberlin Homes, 51 units
14. Scattered Public Housing Sites, 80 units
15. Veranda Rose, 7 units
16. Albany Avenue, 4 Homes

Modifications to public housing developments are ongoing. The LMHA's 2019 Annual PHA Plan (for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019) identifies modifications and costs related to LMHA activities.

The following data provided in this chapter covers several program types and types of vouchers in use. These vouchers are defined below:

- Certificate: The total number of Section 8 certificates administered by the Public Housing Authority (PHA).
- ModRehab: The total number of units in developments that were funded under the moderate rehabilitation program administered locally by PHAs.
- Public Housing: The total number of units in developments operated by the PHAs within the jurisdiction.
- Total: The total number of Section 8 vouchers administered by the PHA (project based plus tenant based)
- Project Based: The total number of projectâÂÂ¿ÂÂbased Section 8 vouchers administered by the PHA
- Tenant Based: The total number of tenantâÂÂ¿ÂÂbased Section 8 vouchers administered by the PHA.
- Special Purpose Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing: The HUD–Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Special Purpose Family Unification Program: Family Unification Program funding is allocated through a competitive process; therefore, not all PHAs administer the program.

Special Purpose Disabled: In this context, disabled includes nonelderly disabled, mainstream 1 year, mainstream 5 year, and nursing home transition.

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	0	1,387	2,869	0	2,802	0	0	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)

Narrative

Table 21 displays the number of vouchers and units by public housing program type. According to the PIH Information Center (PIC), there are a total of 4,256 public housing units and vouchers in use. There are 1,387 public housing vouchers in use. Tenantâ¿based vouchers are by far the most used program with 2,802 vouchers currently in use. The total number of vouchers in use, excluding project-based vouchers, is 2,869. According to PIC, no Special Purpose vouchers are in use.

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	0	7,558	11,599	0	11,406	0	0
Average length of stay	0	0	4	6	0	6	0	0
Average Household size	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	157	382	0	376	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	0	420	1,030	0	1,006	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	1,387	2,869	0	2,802	0	0
# 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)

Narrative

Table 22 displays the characteristics of public housing residents by public housing program type. When analyzing the data there are several characteristics that correlate with a corresponding program type. When looking at Average Annual Income, persons with lower incomes tend to live in public housing units when compared to persons living in tenant-based programs which tend to have higher incomes. As expected, the

average income for all programs is very low with the lowest average income at $7,558 and the highest being $11,599. The average household size is also very low (two persons per household).

Elderly program participants comprise 13% of assisted residents and a large number of assisted families are disabled. There are 1,387 families requesting accessibility features. The number of families requesting accessibility features is equivalent to the total number of public housing units and vouchers in use, excluding project-based vouchers. These data show that most families in need of housing assistance/vouchers are also disabled or in need of housing accessibility features. No HIV/AIDS participants or victims of domestic violence were counted.

Race of Residents

Program Type									
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	0	848	1,736	0	1,698	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	0	531	1,067	0	1,038	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	2	6	0	6	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	6	43	0	43	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	17	0	17	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)

Narrative

Table 23 displays the racial composition of residents for each public housing program. The data in **Table 23** show that a high number of public housing units and tenant-based vouchers are utilized by White (2,584 or 61%) or Black/African American (1,598 or 38%) residents. Less than 1% of the available assistance is utilized by Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, or another race of resident. The majority of Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander residents assisted by these programs are using tenant-based vouchers.

Ethnicity of Residents

Program Type									
Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	326	699	0	681	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0	1,061	2,170	0	2,121	0	0	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)

Narrative

Table 24 displays the ethnic composition of residents for each assisted housing program. The ethnic groups defined as "Not Hispanic" utilize the majority (76%) of units or vouchers available. Residents reporting as "Hispanic" utilize less than a quarter of the units or vouchers available.

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

As of December 27, 2018, there were 316 families on the waiting list for public housing and 238 families on the waiting for Housing Choice vouchers. The Public Housing Waiting List is open and new applications are being accepted. The Section 8 Wait List is closed and no new applications are being accepted.

The majority (86.7%) of families on the waiting list for public housing are extremely low income (<30% AMI) and nearly three-quarters (73.4%) are families with children. Families with disabilities comprise 22.5% of those on the waiting list for public housing; however, few families are elderly (10%). A nearly equal percentage of families on the waiting list are White (45%) or Black/African American (44%). Most families seeking public housing are Not Hispanic.

The majority (84%) of families on the waiting list for Housing Choice vouchers are extremely low income (<30% AMI) and over half (70%) are families with children. Families with disabilities comprise 13.5% of those on the waiting list for Housing Choice vouchers; however, few families are elderly (10%). A greater percentage of families on the waiting list are Black/African American (50%) compared to White (40%). The majority of families seeking vouchers are Not Hispanic.

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

Families identified as “Families with Disabilities” have an immediate need for public housing and tenant-based housing with improved accessibility. The number of disabled families assisted totals 1,450. In addition, 1,387 families are requesting accessibility features. These data show that many families in need of housing assistance are also disabled or in need of accessibility features. Additionally, 539 program participants are elderly (>62 years) and thus likely to need accessible units.

According to the recent 2019 Annual PHA Plan, there is a greater need for 3-bedroom, 4-bedroom, and 5-bedroom “visitable” or accessible one-floor units. The LMHA seeks to address these needs through adjusting 10% of the units at Wilkes Villa and Southside Gardens to accommodate accessibility.

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

For City of Lorain, a resident's race, income and disability status are strong indicators for needing housing assistance through these various public housing programs. The average income for all public housing programs is very low (approximately $10,000). Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders, as well as applicants on waiting lists, are typically cost burdened and many are elderly and/or disabled. Due to their limited income, their housing needs include affordability, availability of assistance, accessibility improvements for the elderly and/or disabled, and Fair Housing options.

Discussion

The LMHA owns and operates thirteen (13) separate housing complexes located in various parts of Lorain County. These complexes provide 1,438 public housing units. Seven (7) of these complexes are within the City of Lorain or surrounding community and supply 60% of those public housing units. The LMHA also administers over 3,000 Section 8 vouchers which allow low income persons to rent privately owned houses or apartments dispersed throughout the community.

The data provided show that both White and Black/African American residents have a high demand for the identified program types. Among all racial and ethnic groups, tenant-based housing is the most common type of assistance. Families identified as "Families with Disabilities" have a high need for tenant-based housing, while at the same time being in need of improved accessibility within existing housing.

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

Meeting homelessness challenges in City of Lorain is a collaborative effort comprising numerous individuals, agencies and organizations. The lead agencies for collecting homeless data, conducting homeless needs assessments and developing community supported homelessness strategies are the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) and the Ohio Development Service Agency (ODSA) Office of Community Development. The COHHIO and ODSA support both Lorain County and City of Lorain and are the lead agencies for the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCOC). Most of the data utilized in this section of the Plan was provided by the COHHIO and ODSA.

The BOSCOC is comprised of 80 rural counties in Ohio and 18 Homeless Planning Regions. Homeless program representatives in these Homeless Planning Regions plan and coordinate local homeless systems and programs and are responsible for working with COHHIO and ODSA to ensure all HUD and state-level homeless program requirements are met. The Homeless Planning Regions report to COHHIO and ODSA, not to HUD. The City of Lorain is within Homeless Planning Region No. 4, which includes the counties of Lorain, Medina, Ashland, and Wayne.

There are four federally defined categories under which individuals and families may qualify as homeless:

1. Literally homeless;
2. Imminent risk of homelessness;
3. Homeless under other Federal statues; and
4. Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence.

As a part of the Consolidated Plan process, the City coordinated with the COHHIO and ODSA to obtain data related to the homeless population in City of Lorain. The COHHIO and ODSA regularly conduct a homeless census where volunteers reach out to identify the homeless and have them complete a short survey to gather information about the number of homeless as well as the characteristics of this population. It should be noted

that any homeless census is an undercount, because it is impossible to count locate every homeless person within geography as broad as Lorain County.

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)	0	147	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	24	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	0	102	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Individuals	0	6	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Child	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Alternate Data Source Name:
2019 Lorain County PIT Homeless Census
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

The most recent homeless census, or annual pointâ¿inâ¿time (PIT) survey, was conducted on January 22, 2019. The results of this survey are summarized in **Table 25(A)**. The methodology used by the COHHIO and ODSA included actual counts of homeless persons living on the streets and in shelters. The total number of sheltered homeless people counted during the survey was 147.

Of the 147 sheltered homeless persons counted, 48 were persons in households with adults and children and 102 were persons in households with only adults. Twenty-four households had only children (less than 18 years of age). There were not any chronically homeless families and 6 chronically homeless individuals reported.

Because of the transient nature of homelessness, it is often difficult to locate homeless persons or to followâ¿up with much needed services and support. Mental health issues (27%) were the obstacles most reported by interviewees, along with drug/alcohol addiction (19%), domestic violence (11%), and HIV/AIDS (<1%). Many interviewees reported multiple disabilities, addiction problems or health issues.

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):

Chronically homeless

HUD defines a person as chronically homeless if they have been homeless for one year or longer or have had four or more episodes of homelessness within the past three years and have a disabling condition. National studies have found that when all costs are factored in, chronically homeless persons account for approximately 50 percent of the total expenditures for homeless services. This percent of expenditure is based on a national average of just fewer than 16% of all homeless persons being considered as chronically homeless. In Lorain, the percentage of chronically homeless persons is slightly higher. Of the sheltered persons counted during the 2019 PIT, 6 individuals, met the HUD definition of chronically homeless.

Families

Persons in households comprised a large segment of the overall homeless population counted on January 22, 2019. Of the sheltered homeless, 147 persons were in households with adults and children.

Veterans

There is no accurate data to account for the number of homeless veterans in Lorain County.

Unaccompanied Youth

There is no accurate data to account for the number of homeless unaccompanied youth in Lorain County.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	114	21
Black or African American	31	6
Asian	1	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0
Pacific Islander	0	1
Ethnicity:	**Sheltered:**	**Unsheltered (optional)**
Hispanic	31	4
Not Hispanic	145	0

Alternate Data Source Name:
2019 Lorain County PIT Homeless Census
Data Source Comments:

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

Persons in households comprised a large segment of the overall homeless population counted on January 22, 2019. Of the sheltered homeless, 147 were persons in households with adults and children. The majority of persons in households with adults and children were female (71%) and many of these households included children under 18 years of age (58%).

Many veterans in Lorain County are struggling with disabilities in addition to being homeless, including drug or alcohol addiction. Many reported having multiple disabilities, including physical, mental or developmental disabilities.

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

Homelessness is not unique to a particular gender, race or ethnicity. **Table 25(B)** provides demographic data regarding the homeless population in the Lorain area. Approximately 27 percent of those interviewed were women. The majority of those interviewed were adult males. Children, including males and females under the age of 18 years, accounted for less than 14 percent of those interviewed.

According to the 2015 data collected by the COHHIO and ODSA, the most commonly reported races were White, at 74% of the sheltered homeless interviewed, and Black/African American, at 22% of the sheltered homeless interviewed. Only 1% reported as Pacific Islander and 6% reported a multiple races. In terms of ethnicity, the majority (80%) of the sheltered homeless interviewed were not Hispanic. Approximately 20% reported as Hispanic.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

The total number of homeless people counted during the annual PIT survey was 181. Of the 147 sheltered homeless persons counted, 48 were persons in households with adults and children and 102 were persons in households with only adults. Twenty-four households had only children (less than 18 years of age). There were not any chronically homeless families and 6 chronically homeless individuals reported. There were also 24 homeless veterans and 10 unaccompanied children reported. Less than one person with HIV was reported.

Because of the transient nature of homelessness, it is often difficult to locate homeless persons or to followâÂ¿Âup with much needed services and support. Mental health issues (27%) were the obstacles most reported by interviewees, along with drug/alcohol addiction (19%), domestic violence (11%), and HIV/AIDS (<1%). Many interviewees reported multiple disabilities, addiction problems or health issues.

Discussion:

Based on the January 22, 2019 survey conducted by the COHHIO and ODSA, the homeless population of Lorain County is approximately 181 individuals. A number of organizations in Lorain County provide temporary, transitional and permanent supportive housing for Lorain area families in need of assistance. These include but are not limited to Blessing House, St. Joseph Church, Family Promise, Neighborhood Alliance, Red Cross, Safe Harbor, YWCA, Nord Center, and Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority.

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

Introduction:

A broad category that applies to any population that is presumed to be low to moderate income and in need of public services, nonâÂÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂÂhomeless special needs include those of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, atâÂÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂÂrisk youth, elderly, and other groups such as persons with HIV/AIDS. These special needs are often addressed by nonâÂÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂÂprofit agencies, usually in coordination with the City of Lorain or Lorain County. Understanding the characteristics of its special needs populations will help the City of Lorain to better evaluate public facilities and services directed toward such needs.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

Elderly & Frail Elderly

HUD defines “elderly” as individuals over the age of 62 and “frail elderly” as individuals over the age of 75. According to the 2014-2018 ACS 5 Year Estimates, there are 4,602 individuals over the age of 75 living in City of Lorain. Due to age, the frail elderly may be unable to care for themselves adequately and may have one or more disabilities or need assistance to perform the routine activities of daily life. According to 2014-2018 ACS 5 Year Estimates, there are 1,588 individuals between 65 and 74 years of age with disabilities and 2,244 frail elderly individuals over the age of 75 with disabilities.

Youth and Young Adults

Approximately 15,647 children live in the City of Lorain. According to the 2014-2018 ACS 5 Year Estimates, 24.5% of the City of Lorain’s population is less than 18 years of age. Of the population less than 18 years of age, nearly 46% or 7,174 children are living in poverty. Approximately 35% of families within the City are families with children. According to the 2014-2018 ACS 5 Year Estimates, female headed families with children comprise 45.3% of family households living within the City and nearly 60% of these female headed households are below poverty level.

Additionally, child abuse has been regarded as a serious issue in the Lorain area. The Lorain County Children Services agency receives nearly 4,500 referrals each year. Of these, approximately 2,000 are screened out or given additional information or other agency referral. The remaining referrals are assigned caseworkers to determine whether or not intervention is required. In 2017, 912 children were involved in cases that were transferred for Ongoing Services.

Physically & Developmentally Disabled

Disabilities are categorized into six types: hearing difficulty, vision difficulty, cognitive ability, ambulatory difficulty, self care difficulty, and independent living difficulty. According to the 2014-2018 ACS 5 Year Estimates, approximately 8,231 or 12.9% of people in City of Lorain reported having a disability. While the majority of disabled persons (4,710 people) are between 18 and 64 years of age, a relatively high percentage (36%) of persons 65 years and over are disabled.

Mental Illness & Substance Abuse

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) manual, defines severe mental illness as a persistent mental or emotional impairment that significantly limits a person's ability to live independently. According to the national statistics, approximately one percent of the adult population meets the definition of severely mentally ill. According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey, City of Lorain has an estimated adult population (over 18 years of age) of 63,773 persons. One percent of this population is 637 persons. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 2011 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services, 473 persons per 100,000 population of adult age are in treatment for either an alcohol or drug abuse problem. Since City of Lorain is estimated to have an adult population of 63,773 persons, an estimated 301 individuals in City of Lorain may have a substance abuse problem.

Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

According to the Ohio Attorney General, 458 incidents of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking were reported to the Lorain Police Department during the year 2018, resulting in 323 victims. A total of 899 incidents were reported in all of Lorain County, resulting in 1,669 victims. Statewide, the majority of victims of domestic violence are women (73%).

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

Elderly & Frail Elderly

During the citizen participation process, the elderly and frail elderly were identified as needing assistance with housing rehabilitation and home maintenance. Additionally, the elderly were identified as needing facilities and programming, such as those provided at senior centers. The elderly are also susceptible to financial difficulties as well as to health problems, including those caused by poor nutrition. Organizations such as the Lorain County Office on Aging (LCOA) support elderly nutrition services. These types of organizations are critical in determining and meeting elderly and frail elderly service needs.

Youth and Young Adults

During the citizen participation process, youth and young adult services (e.g. educational programming and job skill training) were identified as priority needs, as was the need for improved communication with schools and parents. Currently, there are several agencies within the community that provide programing for lowâÂÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂÂ and moderateâÂÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂÂincome children. Supportive service needs for youth and young adults are determined by such providers.

Physically and Developmentally Disabled

Accessibility improvements and other supportive services, such as employment assistance, are typical needs of this population. Currently, there are several agencies within the community that provide services for people with disabilities. Supportive service needs for the disabled are determined by such providers.

Mental Illness & Substance Abuse

Healthcare and mental health counseling are typical needs of this population. Currently there are several agencies in the community that offer services to the mentally ill and substance abusers. Supportive service needs for the mentally ill and substance abusers are determined by such providers.

Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

Family safety and advocacy for both adults and children are typical needs of this population. Currently there are several organizations in the community that offer services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Supportive service needs for victims of domestic violence are determined by such providers.

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

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that over one million adults and adolescents are living with HIV in the U.S., including those not yet diagnosed and those who have already progressed to AIDS.

Persons who are HIV positive do not, simply by virtue of having the HIV antibody, require special housing. The State of Ohio Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) does not offer any service areas in City of Lorain for persons living with the HIV/AIDS virus.

According to a report that was presented and prepared by the Ohio Department of Health, Lorain County had approximately 336 persons living with HIV/AIDS in 2017. During the year 2017, 6 fewer cases were reported than the previous year, which represents a rate of 109.1 persons per 100,000 residents.

The number of total HIV cases reported in 2016 was 342 versus 336 in 2017, which represents a 2% decrease.

Currently, there are no specific housing programs for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Discussion:

NonâÂÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂÂHomeless Special Needs is a broad category that applies to any population that is presumed to be low to moderate income and in need of public services. The category covers a large population, including the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, elderly, and other groups.

Based on input and the data received through the citizen participation process, the highest priorities identified by the public are:

- Elderly and frail elderly assistance with housing rehabilitation and home maintenance
- Elderly and frail elderly facilities and programming, such as those provided at senior centers
- Youth and young adult services (e.g. educational programming and job skill training)
- Improved communication with schools and parents regarding youth and young adult matters

Services to address these needs are often provided by nonâÂÂÂÂ¿ÂÂÂÂprofit agencies, usually in coordination with the City of Lorain or Lorain County; however, many of these agencies are overburdened and continue to need funding assistance for service delivery.

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

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The community has identified the following public facility needs: Oakwood Park improvements (i.e. amenities), community center, improved park maintenance and recreational opportunities, arts/cultural center, and senior center.

How were these needs determined?

These needs were determined during a community survey and two public meetings, held on March 30, 2020 and April 20, 2020. Combined, eighty-four respondents completed the survey. Virtual public meetings were well attended.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

The community has identified that road repair/construction was the highest priority need for public improvements.

How were these needs determined?

These needs were determined during a community survey and two public meetings, held on March 30, 2020 and April 20, 2020. Combined, eighty-four respondents completed the survey. Virtual public meetings were well attended.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The community has identified the follow public service needs: food pantries, legal services, homeless services and facilities, youth services and programs; senior services and programs, improved public transportation/transportation services, mental health services, youth job training, educational programs, and internships.

How were these needs determined?

These needs were determined during a community survey and two public meetings, held on March 30, 2020 and April 20, 2020. Combined, eighty-four respondents completed the survey. Virtual public meetings were well attended.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The purpose of the Market Analysis is to provide a clear picture of the environment in which Lorain must administer its programs over the course of the Consolidated Plan. In conjunction with the Needs Assessment, the Market Analysis will provide the basis for the Strategic Plan and the programs and projects to be administered. Most of the data tables in this section are populated with a default data set based on the most recent data available. Additional data has been obtained from various sources, including more current American Community Survey (ACS) estimates and local data sources such as the city of Lorain and Lorain County. This section covers the following broad topics:

Additional topics

- *General Characteristics of the Housing Market:* The general characteristics of the City's housing market, including supply, demand, and condition and cost of housing, are described in the following sections: Number of Housing Units (MA-10); Cost of Housing (MA-15); and, Condition of Housing (MA-20).*Lead-based Paint Hazards:* The Condition of Housing (MA-10) section provides an estimate of the number of housing units within Lorain that are occupied by low-income families or moderate-income families that contain lead-based paint hazards.*Public and Assisted Housing:* A description and identification of the public housing developments and public housing units in Lorain is provided in the Public and Assisted Housing (MA-25) section. This narrative details the physical condition of such units, the restoration and revitalization needs, Section 504 needs, and the public housing agency's strategy for improving the management and operation of public housing and the living conditions of low- and moderate-income families in public housing.*Assisted Housing:* The information collected in the Number of Housing Units (MA-10) section describes the number and targeting (income level and type of family served) of units currently assisted by local, state, or Federally funded programs and an assessment of whether any such units are expected to be lost from the assisted housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.*Facilities, Housing, and Services for Homeless Persons:* A brief inventory of facilities, housing, and services that meet the needs of homeless persons within the City is provided in the Homeless Facilities and Services

(MA-30) section. A particular emphasis is given to chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. The inventory includes services directly targeted to homeless persons, as well as mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons.*Special Need Facilities and Services:* The Special Needs Facilities and Services (MA-35) section describes the housing stock available to serve persons with disabilities and other low-income persons with special needs, including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The section further describes the facilities and services that assist persons who are not homeless, but who require supportive housing and programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical heath institutions receive appropriate supportive housing.*Barriers to Affordable Housing:* This section (MA-40) provides an assessment of the regulatory barriers to affordable housing that exist within Lorain. These regulatory barriers may include tax policies affecting land and other property, land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limits, and policies that affect the return on residential investment.

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

Introduction

The total number of housing units in Lorain has increased over the past decade. The City had a total of 28,231 housing units at the time of the 2000 U.S Census and 29,144 housing units at the time of the 2010 U.S. Census. Between 2000 and 2010, the total number of housing units in the City grew by .03%. According to data provided in the 2014-2018 ACS, an estimated total of 29,282 housing units are located within Lorain presently.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	19,583	67%
1-unit, attached structure	1,703	6%
2-4 units	2,916	10%
5-19 units	3,080	11%
20 or more units	1,410	5%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	590	2%
Total	***29,282***	***100%***

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

TABLE 28: ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES BY NUMBER OF UNITS

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	19,583	66.9%
1-unit, attached structure	1,703	5.8%
2-4 units	2,916	10%
5-19 units	3,080	10.5%
20 or more units	1,410	4.8%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc.	590	2.0%
Total	29,282	100%

Data Source: 2014-2018 ACS

Table 28 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Table 28: All Residential Properties by Number of Units

Narrative

As shown in **Table 28**, data from the 2014-2018 ACS show that the majority of residential properties are single units (a total of 21,286 or 72.7%). Single-unit properties are either detached structures (19,583 or 66.9%) or attached structures (1,703 or 5.8%). Residential properties are further categorized into properties within 2-4 unit structures (2,916 or 10%), properties within 5-19 unit structures (3,080 or 10.5%), and properties within 20 or more unit structures (1,410 or 4.8%). These categories comprise 98% of the City's housing stock. The remainder of residential properties in the City is classified as mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc. (590 or 2.0%).

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	10	0%	545	5%
1 bedroom	173	1%	2,338	22%
2 bedrooms	2,386	16%	5,734	53%
3 or more bedrooms	26,258	182%	13,231	120%
Total	***28,827***	***199%***	***21,848***	***200%***

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

TABLE 29: UNIT SIZE BY TENURE

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1 bedroom	13	< 1%	448	3.9%
2 or 3 bedrooms	136	< 1%	1,904	16.9%
4 or more bedrooms	14,093	98.9%	8,866	79.0%
Total	***14,242***	***100%***	***11,218***	***100%***

Data Source: 2014-2018 ACS

Table 29 – Unit Size by Tenure

Table 29: Unit Size by Tenure

Narrative

As shown in **Table 29,** there are an estimated 25,460 occupied housing units within the City. Of this total, 14,242 or 55.9% are owner-occupied and 11,218 or 44.1% are renter occupied.

Of all owner-occupied units, nearly all units contain 4 or more bedrooms (14,093 or 98.9%). Only a small number of owner-occupied units have 1 bedroom (13 or less than 1%). No information is provided on units without any bedrooms.

Of all renter-occupied units, most contain 4 or more bedrooms (8,866 or 79.0%). In contrast to owner-occupied units, a larger percentage of renter-occupied units have 1 bedroom (448 or 3.9%), or 2 or 3 bedrooms (1,904 or 16.9%). There is no information provided on units without any bedrooms.

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

As was noted earlier in Section NA-35, the Lorain Housing Authority (LMHA) has been charged with the responsibility of the administration of housing programs for low income persons. The operations of the LMHA are funded through annual appropriations provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

According to the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Public Information Center (PIC), the following number and type of voucher units are available within Lorain (see also **Table 38**):

- 1,438 total public housing units available
- 3,129 total Section 8 vouchers (project based plus tenant based)

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

Some units assisted with Federal, state or local programs may be lost from the inventory during the five-year planning period. International Plaza's original 40-year HAP contract is set to expire in 2019-2020.

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

A shortage of affordable housing may exist for very low income households earning less than 30% HAMFI. This affordable housing deficiency is more fully documented in the next section (MA-15).

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

Generally, a diverse distribution of housing types is found within the City. The majority of housing units in the City are units within single-unit structures (72.7%), while 25.3% are within multiple-unit structures. This distribution does not provide a diverse selection of housing for low- and moderate-income residents. In terms of housing unit size, a small variety of unit sizes (primarily units with 4 or more bedrooms) are available within the City (see **Table 28** and **Table 29**). It is important to note that in Lorain, according to the 2014-2018 ACS, larger units (4 or more bedrooms) are the most popular options among owner-occupied homes, while it is more popular for renters to occupy units with fewer bedrooms. These trends may indicate a lack of smaller units for sale and for rent.

Discussion

The number of housing units in the City has slightly increased over the last decade. Many of these units are within single-unit structures and many of these units are owner-occupied. The LMHA administers a number of public housing units and vouchers within the City. Several housing complexes assisted by Federal, state or local programs may be lost from the inventory during the five-year planning period due to contract expirations. A shortage of affordable housing may exist for very low-income households earning less than 30% HAMFI; however, there is a diverse distribution of housing types available within the City.

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

Introduction

This section provides an overall picture of housing costs within Lorain. Specifically, the section describes housing cost trends, rent trends, fair market rents, and affordability.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2018	% Change
Median Home Value	105,700	85,400	(19%)
Median Contract Rent	470	558	19%

Table 29 – Cost of Housing

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments: Base year for this table is 2009-2013 ACS data

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than $500	3,821	45.6%
$500-999	6,628	53.6%
$1,000-1,499	124	0.6%
$1,500-1,999	11	0.0%
$2,000 or more	0	0.1%
Total	***10,584***	***100.0%***

Table 30 - Rent Paid

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

The costs of housing trends for Lorain are displayed in **Table 30**. According to the 2014-2018 ACS, the current median home value for Lorain is estimated to be $85,400. This figure represents a 19% decrease from the 2005-2009 ACS median home value of $105,700. Between the 2005-2009 ACS and the 2014-2018 ACS, the median contract rent within the City increased by 18%, from $470 to $558.

The distribution of estimated rents paid within Lorain is detailed in **Table 31**, according to 2014-2018 ACS data. Of all 10,584 rental units within the City, the majority (6,628 or 62.6%) have a rent between $500 and $999. A significant percentage of rental units have a rent less than $500 (3,821 or 36.1%), while 124 or 1.2% have a rent between $1,000 and $1,499. Less than 1% of the City's rental units have a rent that exceeds $1,500.

TABLE 30: COST OF HOUSING

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2018	% Change
Median Home Value	$105,700	$85,400	-19%
Median Contract Rent	$470	$558	18%

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2014-2018 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Table 30 – Cost of Housing

TABLE 31: RENT PAID

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than $500	3,821	36.1%
$500-999	6,628	62.6%
$1,000-1,499	124	1.2%
$1,500 or more	11	< 1%
Total	***10,584***	***100%***

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2014-2018 ACS (Most Recent Year) Table 31 – Rent Paid

Tables 30 ÿ 31: Cost of Housing and Rent Paid

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	1,865	No Data
50% HAMFI	5,965	2,615
80% HAMFI	9,360	5,859
100% HAMFI	No Data	7,649
Total	***17,190***	***16,123***

Table 31 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Narrative

The overall housing affordability within Lorain is detailed in **Table 32**. According to HUD, a unit is considered affordable if gross rent, including utilities, is no more than 30% of the household income. The table, based on 2011-2015 CHAS data, first divides households into four income ranges: less than or equal to 30% HUD Adjusted Median Family Income (HAMFI), less than or equal to 50% HAMFI, less than or equal to 80% HAMFI, and less than or equal to 100% HAMFI. The table also separates housing units into either rental units or owner units.

For households with incomes less than or equal to 30% HAMFI, a total of 1,865 available rental units are affordable, while no data is available for owner units. For households with incomes less than or equal to 50% HAMFI, a total of 5,965 affordable rental units are available, while 2,615 affordable owner units are available. For households with incomes less than or equal to 80% HAMFI, a total of 9,360 affordable rental units are available, while 5,859 affordable owner units are available. Finally, for households with

incomes less than or equal to 100% HAMFI, a total of 7,649 affordable owner units are available, while no data is provided for affordable rental units.

As noted previously in **Table 29**, an estimated 11,218 renter-occupied housing units are located within Lorain (2014-2018 ACS). Of this total, only 16.6% of renter-occupied housing units are affordable to the lowest income households (less or equal to 30% AMFI) and 53.2% are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 50% AMFI. A much larger percentage (83.4%) of renter-occupied housing units are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 80% AMFI.

An estimated 14,242 owner-occupied housing units are located within Lorain (see **Table 29**). Of this total, 18.3% are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 50% HAMFI, 41.1% are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 80% HAMFI, and 53.7% are affordable to households earning less than or equal to 100% HAMFI.

TABLE 32: HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

% Units affordable to Households	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	1,865	No Data
50% HAMFI	5,965	2,615
80% HAMFI	9,360	5,859
100% HAMFI	No Data	7,649
Total	***17,190***	***16,123***

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Table 32 – Housing Affordability

Table 32: Housing Affordability

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent ($)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	569	678	836	1,102	1,158
High HOME Rent	569	678	836	1,102	1,158
Low HOME Rent	569	678	830	958	1,068

Table 32 – Monthly Rent

Alternate Data Source Name:
2019 FMR and HOME Rents - Cleveland-Elyria, OH MSA
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

Table 33 shows HUD Fair Market Rents and HUD HOME Rents within the Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Fair Market Rents (FMRs) are gross rent estimates that include rent plus the cost of all tenant-paid utilities. FMRs are set to the dollar amount at which 40% of the

standard-quality rental housing units are rented, excluding non-market rental housing (e.g. public housing). High HOME Rents are equal to the FMR or 30% of the adjusted income of a family whose income equals 65% AMI, whichever is lower. Low HOME Rents are equal to 30% of the adjusted income of a family whose income equals 50% AMI.

TABLE 33: MONTHLY RENT

Monthly Rent ($)	Efficiency (no	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	$569	$678	$836	$1,102	$1,158
High HOME Rent	$569	$678	$836	$1,102	$1,158
Low HOME Rent	$569	$678	$830	$958	$1,068

Data Source: HUD FY2019 FMR and HOME Rents for Lorain County, and Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH MSA

Table 33 – Monthly Rent

Table 33: Monthly Rent

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

A comparison of the total number of households at the various income levels (see **Table 6**) and the total number of affordable housing units available for the various income levels (see **Table 32**) can reveal surpluses or shortages of affordable housing.

There are 5,695 very low-income households earning 0-30% HAMFI in Lorain. Because only 1,865 affordable rental units are identified in the CHAS database, and an undetermined number of owner units are available, a significant shortage of affordable units likely exists within the City for very low-income households. There appears to also be insufficient housing for low income households. A total of 9,670 households in the City earn less than or equal to 50% HAMFI. According to the CHAS database, 5,965 rental-units and 2,615 owner-units are available and affordable to this income group. There appears to be sufficient housing for moderate income households. A total of 14,955 households in the City earn less than or equal to 80% HAMFI. There are approximately 9,360 affordable rental units and 5,859 affordable owner-units available, according to the CHAS database.

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

The estimated median home value within Lorain decreased from $105,700 in 2009 to $85,400 in 2018 according to the ACS for those years. Over this same period, the City's gross contract rent increased by 13% from $470 to $558.

The City's median household income has increased by 23.4% between the 2005-2009 ACS and the 2014-2018 ACS from $36,155 to $44,627. If past trends continue, where the median housing values increase at a slower rate than median household incomes, it can be anticipated that housing within the City will generally become more affordable to households.

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

The City's current median contract rent is estimated to be $558 (according to the 2014-2017-8 ACS). This median contract rent is lower than the Fair Market Rents for all unit sizes (i.e. efficiency, 1 bedroom, 2-bedroom, 3 bedroom and 4-bedroom units). In terms of High HOME Rent and Low HOME Rent, the trend is the same.

Discussion

Within Lorain, there is a potential shortage of units affordable to very low- and low-income households. However, the cost of housing has decreased over the past decade and household incomes have increased. As housing costs continue to be less than household incomes, housing may become more affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

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

Introduction

This section describes the significant characteristics of the housing market in terms of supply, demand, condition, and the cost of housing. Additionally, it provides a summary of the housing stock available to serve persons with disabilities and persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Definitions

The following definitions pertain to this section:

- "Standard condition" – A housing unit that meets HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and all applicable state and local codes.
- "Substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation" – A housing unit that contains one or more housing condition (defined below), contains a lead-based paint hazard, and/or is condemned as unfit for human habitation but is both structurally and financially feasible to rehabilitate.
- "Substandard condition not suitable for rehabilitation" – A housing unit that contains one or more housing condition (defined below), contains a lead-based paint hazard, and/or is condemned as unfit for human habitation and is not structurally or financially feasible to rehabilitate.

Additionally, the term "abandoned vacant unit" is defined by HUD as:

- A housing unit that has been foreclosed upon and vacant for at least 90 days.
- A housing unit where no mortgage or tax payments have been made by the property owner for at least 90 days.
- A housing unit where a code enforcement inspection has determined that the property is not habitable and the owner has taken no corrective actions within 90 days of the notification of the deficiencies.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	2,930	20%	5,280	50%
With two selected Conditions	40	0%	340	3%
With three selected Conditions	40	0%	0	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	11,580	79%	5,010	47%
Total	***14,590***	***99%***	***10,630***	***100%***

Table 33 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Narrative

Table 34 shows the condition of occupied housing units within Lorain, with a breakdown of owner-occupied units and renter-occupied units. As defined by HUD, a housing "condition" includes the following:

- A housing unit that lacks complete plumbing facilities
- A housing unit that lacks complete kitchen facilities
- A housing unit with more than one person per room
- A housing unit with a cost burden greater than 30% of the occupant's household income

According to 2014-2018 ACS data, the majority (11,629 or 82%) of owner-occupied housing units have no housing conditions. Of the remaining owner-occupied housing units, nearly all feature one housing condition (2,571 or 18%). Only 42 owner-occupied units (less than 1%) have two housing conditions and no owner-occupied housing units have three or four housing conditions.

Of the estimated 11,218 renter-occupied housing units in the City, about half of the units (5,610 or 50%) have one housing condition. Nearly half (5,334 or 48%) of renter-occupied units have no housing conditions. Only 2% of renter-occupied units have two housing conditions and less than 1% have three housing conditions. No renter-occupied housing units have four housing conditions.

TABLE 34: CONDITION OF UNITS

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	2,571	18%	5,610	50%
With two selected Conditions	42	0%	248	2%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	26	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	11,629	82%	5,334	48%
Total	***14,242***	***100%***	***11,218***	***100%***

Data Source: 2014-2018 ACS Table 34 – Condition of Units

Table 34: Condition of Units

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	1,430	10%	350	3%

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
1980-1999	1,080	7%	1,225	12%
1950-1979	7,405	51%	5,865	55%
Before 1950	4,675	32%	3,195	30%
Total	***14,590***	***100%***	***10,635***	***100%***

Table 34 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Narrative

The age of housing within Lorain is detailed in **Table 35**. Of the 14,242 owner-occupied housing units, 7,278 or 51.1% were built between 1950 and 1979, 1,157 or 8.1% were built between 1980 and 1999, and 1,682 or 11.8% were built during 2000 or later. A significant number (4,125 or 28.9%) of owner-occupied housing units were built before 1950.

Of the 11,218 renter-occupied housing units, 5,880 or 52.4% were built between 1950 and 1979, 1,244 or 11% were built between 1980 and 1999, and 250 or 2.2% were built during 2000 or later. A significant number (3,884 or 34.6%) of renter-occupied units were built before 1950.

TABLE 35: YEAR UNIT BUILT

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	1,682	11.8%	250	2.2%
1980-1999	1,157	8.1%	1,244	11.0%
1950-1979	7,278	51.1%	5,880	52.4%
Before 1950	4,125	28.9%	3,884	34.6%
Total	**14,242**	***100%***	**11,218**	***100%***

Data Source: 2014-2018 ACS Table 35 – Year Unit Built

Table 35: Year Unit Built

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	12,080	83%	9,060	85%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	560	4%	280	3%

Table 35 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

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

Narrative

The risk of lead-based paint hazards within Lorain is estimated in **Table 36**. Because the actual number of housing units in the City with lead-based paint is not available, an assumption must be made. For the purposes of this plan, a housing unit built before 1980 is presumed to have a higher risk of lead-based paint. Therefore, the table shows the total number of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units that

were built before 1980, as well as those built before 1980 with children present. The data for this table is from the 2014-2018 ACS and 2011-2015 CHAS.

As shown in **Table 36**, 11,403 or 80% of owner-occupied housing units in the City were built prior to 1980, while 560 or approximately 4% were built before 1980 and have children present. For renter-occupied housing units, 9,764 or 87% were built prior to 1980, while 280 or 2.4% were built prior to 1980 and have children present.

TABLE 36: 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	11,403	80%	9,764	87%
Housing Units built before 1980 with children present	560	4%	280	3%

Data Source: 2014-2018 ACS (Total Units); 2011-2015 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Table 36 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Table 36: Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	1,232	266	1,498
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 36 - Vacant Units

Data Source Comments:

Narrative

According to 2014-2018 ACS data, there are a total of 29,282 housing units within Lorain. Of these, 3,822 or 13% are vacant. As defined in the American Community Survey a housing unit is vacant if no one is living in it at the time of interview. Units occupied at the time of interview entirely by persons who are staying two months or less and who have a more permanent residence elsewhere are considered to be temporarily occupied and are classified as “vacant.”

The 2014-2018 ACS estimates the number of vacant properties in the City of Lorain to be 3,822. This number is much higher than the number listed in **Table 37** as the current study evaluated structures, whereas the Census tracks units. There may be multiple units associated with an individual structure (i.e. multifamily house). Overall, the number of blighted structures is lower than perceived by City officials.

New units not yet occupied are classified as vacant housing units if construction has reached a point where all exterior windows and doors are installed, and final usable floors are in place. Vacant units are

excluded from the housing inventory if they are open to the elements, that is, the roof, walls, windows, and/or doors no longer protect the interior from the elements. Also, excluded are vacant units with a sign that they are condemned, or they are to be demolished.

According to the foreclosure database maintained by RealtyTrac.com, as accessed in July 2019, a total of 170 properties are in some state of foreclosure (i.e., default, auction, pre-foreclosure or bank owned).

TABLE 37: VACANT UNITS

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	1,232	266	1,498
Abandoned Vacant Units	N/A	N/A	N/A
REO Properties	N/A	N/A	84
Abandoned REO Properties	N/A	N/A	0

Data Source: Lorain Vacant Property Inventory; RealtyTrac.com. Lorain, OH. Date accessed: 5/27/15

Table 37 – Vacant Units

Table 37: Vacant Units

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

In terms of housing quality, 18% of owner-occupied housing units in the City have at least one housing condition, while 50% of renter-occupied housing units have at least one housing condition (see **Table 34**). Relative to the age of housing, 28.9% of the City's owner-occupied units were built prior to 1950, while 34.6% of renter-occupied units were built prior to 1980 (see **Table 35**). Although the exact number of homes with lead-based paint is not known, it is assumed that housing units in the City built prior to 1980 have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards. About 80% of owner-occupied homes and 87% of renter-occupied homes were built prior to 1980. Generally, these statistics point toward the need for Lorain to facilitate both owner-unit and rental-unit rehabilitations within its jurisdiction.

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

Table 36 notes that, in Lorain, 11,403 owner-occupied housing units were built prior to 1980 and 9,764 renter-occupied housing units were built prior to 1980. These units are assumed to have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards.

As of the 2014-2018 ACS, there are an estimated 25,460 occupied housing units within Lorain. Approximately 21,167 (83%) of these housing units are assumed to have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards. According to HUD CDBG low- and moderate-income data for FY 2019, 14,955 low- or moderate-income households (earning less than or equal to 80% HAMFI) reside in Lorain. Therefore, approximately 21,871 housing units, or 86% of housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income families, may have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards.

Discussion

In terms of housing conditions, more renter-occupied units have housing conditions than owner-occupied units. The majority of the City's housing units were built prior to 1980. Due to the combination of housing conditions and unit age, there is a need for Lorain to facilitate both owner-unit and rental-unit rehabilitations. It is estimated that approximately 21,871 housing units, or 86% of housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income families, may have a higher risk of lead-based paint hazards.

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

Introduction

As was noted earlier in Section NA-35, the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) has been charged with the responsibility of the administration of housing programs for low income persons. The operations of the LMHA are funded through annual appropriations provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Totals Number of Units

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 available			1,451	2,926			0	0	809
# 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)

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:

The LMHA administers two programs that deliver housing to low- and very low-income persons in Lorain County. These include low rent public housing, Section 8 voucher rental assistance, and homeownership (i.e., rent-to-own) programs. Combined, these programs incorporate approximately 4,377 housing units in the Lorain area.

Table 38 shows the total number of units currently assisted by local, state or federally funded programs. In total, 1,438 public housing units are programmed within Lorain. These units are designated for low- and very-low income persons and open to the general population. Low rent public housing units are located in 16 complexes throughout the Lorain area, five of which are scattered site properties comprised of 80 units:

1. Leavitt Homes, 2153 Lorain Dr., Lorain: 198 units
2. Westview Terrace, 2218 W. 24th St., Lorain: 142 units
3. Wilkes Villa, 104 Louden Court, Elyria: 171 units
4. J.F. Oberlin Homes, 138 S. Main St., Oberlin: 53 units
5. Kennedy Plaza, 1730 Broadway Av, Lorain: 177 units
6. Riverview Plaza, 310 East Ave., Elyria: 180 units
7. Lakeview Plaza, 310 7th St., Lorain: 205 units
8. Albright Terrace, 129 Milan Ave., Amherst: 50 units
9. Westgate Apts, 2310 W. 20th St, Lorain: 12 units
10. Southside Gardens, 3010 Vine Ave., Lorain: 50 units
11. International Plaza, 1825 Homewood Dr., Lorain: 100 units
12. Harr Plaza, 15 Chestnut St., Elyria: 100 units
13. Oberlin Homes (LIHTC Homes), 138 S. Main St., Oberlin: 51 units
14. Scattered sites: 80 units

Of these units, there are 430 units designed for those who require special assistance. There are 28 units that are mobility accessible, and 402 units designed for the sensory impaired.

Low rent public housing is 30% of the qualified person's adjusted gross income and there is a security deposit of $100. The estimated wait time for public housing in Lorain is approximately 1-12 months.

Administered by the LMHA, **Table 38** notes that there are 2,926 Section 8 vouchers available. The Section 8 program provides rental assistance to qualified very low-income families and very low-income elderly, disabled, handicapped and single persons. Section 8 vouchers typically cover 30% of adjusted gross income, total tenant payment or a payment standard. A security deposit, paid by the tenant, is required. The estimated

wait time for Section 8 vouchers is 1-12 months. Of the total 3,129 Section 8 voucher units, there are 28 units that are mobility accessible. According to the LMHA 2019 Annual PHA Plan, LMHA has a goal of establishing at least 72 mobility accessible public housing units.

The LMHA continually assesses the condition of its public housing units to determine whether physical improvements are necessary. LMHA units are decent, safe, sanitary and in good repair and are 98+% occupied with waiting lists. **Table 39** shows HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) scores for LMHA's public housing units.

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
AMP 1 (Leavitt Homes, Westview Terrace, Westgate Apartments, Scattered Sites)	84
AMP 2 (Kennedy Plaza, Lakeview Plaza, Scattered Sites)	90
AMP 3 (Wilkes Villa, Riverview Plaza, Scattered Sites)	87
AMP 4 (Southside Gardens, John Frederick Oberlin Homes, Albright Terrace, Scattered Sites)	96
AMP 5 (LMHA Oberlin Homes (LIHTC units))	97

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

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

According to the LMHA's 2015 PHA Plan, the LMHA has identified a need for good quality housing with larger units. Through replacement housing funds, City funding, and/or grants, the LMHA seeks to rehabilitate at least 10% of units in the Wilkes Villa and Southside Gardens complexes to include accessibility features and to be larger in size.

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

The overall goals of the Lorain Housing Authority were listed earlier in Section NA-35. Related to physical improvements to the public housing living environment, the mission of the LMHA is to provide decent, safe, affordable housing free from discrimination to qualifying individuals. In support of its mission, the LMHA will continue to assess the condition of its public housing units and plan and implement physical modifications, as necessary, in accordance with a 5-Year Action Plan. Moreover, the LMHA establishes quality standards or enforces HUD quality standards for its public housing and assisted units.

Discussion:

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

Introduction

What is perhaps critical to the success of homeless services is the capacity to coordinate systems of care beyond sheltering, healthcare, mental health counseling, employment, etc. and the ability to follow a case through a myriad of providers to ensure that individual or family is transitioned out of homelessness.

The State of Ohio has several Continua of Care (CoC) that coordinate services for homeless persons. Lorain falls under the Lorain County Task Force for the Homeless CoC. The Lorain County Task Force for the Homeless seeks to eliminate homelessness in Lorain County by assessing the characteristics and needs of the county's homeless; fostering the development of housing and services to meet these needs; educating citizens and officials about homelessness; and advocating on behalf of homeless persons.

The Lorain County Taskforce for the Homeless is responsible for advancing community-wide efforts, including the 5-Year Plan to End Homelessness and the Annual Point-In-Time (PIT) survey, which involves various partnering agencies. HUD and the Ohio Housing and Community Development Authority (OHCDA) publish CoC and statewide PIT findings annually. Data related to facilities and housing targeted to homeless households can be viewed in **Table 40**.

Challenges identified during the Consolidated Plan citizen participation process were housing affordability and rehabilitation. To address these challenges, priorities identified during the citizen participation process included identifying areas with particularly large homeless populations, the number of Nord Family Foundation placements, and improving city services to address these needs.

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)	34	0	27	153	0

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	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 Only Adults	34	0	53	116	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth	10	0	0	0	0

Table 39 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments: January 27th 2015 PIT Survey, supplied by the Lorain County Continuum of Care. * While no beds are specifically allocated to veterans, several organizations list veterans as a secondary target population.

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

Several mainstream providers offer services to the homeless population as well low- and moderate-income populations. These providers include, but are not limited to, the following organizations:

Medical/Healthcare Resources

- *Lorain County Free Clinic, 3323 Pearl Ave, Lorain, OH:* Provides quality health care to those who are medically uninsured.
- *Lorain County Health and Dentistry, 3745 Grove Ave, Lorain, OH 44055:* Provides affordable primary and preventative care for all ages.

Mental Health Resources

· The Nord Center, 6140 South Broadway, Lorain, OH 44053: Mental health resource center for adults and children.

Employment Resources

- *Ohio Means Jobs: Lorain County, 42495 North Ridge Rd, Elyria, OH 44035*: A resource center for job-seekers and employers designed to meet education, training, employment, or supportive service needs.

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.

Several non-profit providers and faith-based organizations offer services to the homeless population, which include emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. These providers include, but are not limited to, the following organizations:

Blessing House – Opened in 2005, the Blessing House is a five-bedroom home that provides a place for children to stay during times of family crisis. It is a licensed Children's Crisis Care Facility. 5440 Grove Avenue, Lorain, OH, 44055. [Capacity: 10 beds]

Faith House I and II – Faith House I is a transitional housing program which works with various social services agencies to help residents gain self-sufficiency and independence. Faith House II provides homeless single-parent families with disabilities the opportunity for permanent housing with supportive services to assist. 1561 E East 30th Street, Lorain, OH 44055.

Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network of Lorain County – guest families stay at a host congregation which provides shelter, meals, and support. The main facility is open during the day to provide families with housing, jobs, and other needed resources. 709 Middle Avenue, Lorain, OH, 44055. [Capacity: 10 beds]

Genesis House – Genesis House is a domestic violence shelter that provides temporary shelter, food, and support for victims of domestic violence and their children. It is administered by Lorain County Safe Harbor. PO Box 718 Lorain, OH, 44052. [Capacity: 8 beds]

Haven Center Homeless Shelter – Haven Center is a homeless shelter that is administered by the Neighborhood Alliance and is open to men, women and children that provides emergency shelter, as well as meals, toiletry, laundry, clothing, work referrals, vocational rehab programs, GED programs, bus tickets, and assistance applying to affordable housing. Located at 1536 East 30th Street, Lorain, OH 44055. [Capacity: 68 beds]

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

Introduction

This section describes facilities and services that assist persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing and programs. These populations may include elderly and frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS, or other groups. Such facilities and services include units that are barrier-free and physically accessible, units with on-site supportive services such as case management, counseling and healthcare, and units that are affordable to persons on a fixed or limited income.

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 & Frail Elderly

The elderly, and particularly the frail elderly, require supportive housing, including units that are barrier-free and accessible to the disabled, units with on-site supportive services, and units that are affordable to persons on a fixed-income. The elderly population with housing needs continue to be an area of focus in Lorain. CDBG funds are used to provide assistance with rehabilitation so that the elderly can remain in their homes for as long as possible. Those with fixed incomes, such as the elderly and disabled, are particularly hit hard with the increasing costs of gasoline. Not only the increased utility costs, but also increased food and other costs can leave them in a financial crisis. There are not enough resources or funds to provide for this population.

Persons with Disabilities (Mental, Physical, Developmental)

Disabled persons require barrier-free housing that is also affordable. Accessibility retrofits tend to be expensive and homes with such features tend to be higher in value. In contrast, income levels for the disabled (mentally, physically or developmentally) tend to be lower than median area income, resulting in affordability concerns. While new multi-family units are required to have accessibility for such populations, older units tend to be lacking such features. Moreover, persons with mental or developmental disabilities often require supportive housing that includes on-site services.

Persons with Alcohol or Drug Addictions

Persons with addictions may require temporary housing and treatment. This type of housing can include beds for extended stay and counseling rooms for on-site services. The primary agency serving those with addictions is Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc. (LCADA). The LCADA administers an Intensive Outpatient Program (separate facilities for men and women), Low Intensity Treatment

(exclusively for men), and AfterCare (separate facilities for men and women). Additionally, The Key (1882 East 32nd St. Lorain, OH) is a recovery center available exclusively for women and their children.

Persons with HIV/AIDS

Persons living with HIV/AIDS face particular challenges with regard to supportive housing. Many are experiencing physical disability, loss of employment, and lack of income resulting in a need for more stable housing. Several organizations exist within Lorain to serve this population, including the Lorain County AIDS Task Force (1800 Livingston Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052).

Other Groups

Persons leaving a violent domestic situation are often homeless at first. The availability of emergency and transitional housing is critical to prevent their return to such a situation. Most of the needs for this group are related to shelter and counseling. Runaway youth require similar housing and counseling services.

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

Households with mental or physical health issues face barriers to safe, decent and affordable housing. Often, persons with mental or physical issues are discharged from institutions but are then unable to find independent housing that they can afford or reasonably maintain. A number of homeless people have been discharged from institutions with no other housing options.

Lorain will continue to work with homeless service providers to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy that can be successfully implemented to ensure that persons being discharged from publicly funded agencies and institutions do not become homeless upon release.

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)

Several programs exist in the city of Lorain to assist low-income households with their housing maintenance and acquisition needs. These programs include:

- The Emergency Home Repair Program assists income-eligible households in Lorain with repairs and improvements to their primary residence.

- The Owner-Occupied Repair Loan Program assists qualified homeowners with households in Lorain with repairs and improvements to their primary residence.

- Down Payment Assistance Program assists eligible homebuyers with down payment assistance in the amount of not more than 50% of what the lender requires, total assistance not to exceed $15,000. The assistance is provided in the form of a deferred, subordinate loans, which are forgiven at the rate of 20% per year, over a five-year period, so long as buyer maintains the home as their primary residence, and no transfer is made in ownership of the property, whether voluntary or not.

- Weatherization Program provides funding to qualified homeowners to complete furnace and hot water tank repair and replacement.

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))

See response, above (previous question and response).

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

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

This section requires the jurisdiction to explain whether the cost of housing or the incentives to develop, maintain, or improve affordable housing are affected by public policies, particularly those of the local jurisdiction. Such policies include land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, and policies that affect the return on residential investment. Lorain has several strategies that it utilizes to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that are barriers to affordable housing.

The following is a summary of these barriers and corresponding strategies:

1. Zoning Ordinances

- *Barrier* – Zoning ordinances are a barrier to affordable housing, as they restrict density and limit housing types in locations that would otherwise be suitable for affordable housing – ultimately excluding lower income households from many neighborhoods.
- *Strategy* – A revised zoning code was adopted by the City that better reflects the appropriate use of land and solves some of the problems of the old code; however, the code still needs to focus on housing-related issues such as the lack of multi-family zoning. The City hopes that the specificity of the revised code makes it easier for developers to utilize it.

2. Security Deposits

- *Barrier* – Security deposits, utility deposits, and high rent fees are a barrier to affordable housing, since many lower income households cannot afford to pay both the deposit/fee and the rent at the same time.
- *Strategy* – Sub-recipients using CDBG funds continue to off-set barrier costs such as security deposits, utility connection/reconnection fees, and high late rent fees with financial help and one-time emergency assistance payments.

3. Lack of Quality Housing

- *Barrier* – The lack of quality housing units for low-income persons is a barrier to affordable housing.
- *Strategy* – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including the use of NSP funds to construct new homes, reclaiming abandoned and nuisance properties through

acquisition/demolition, stimulating private developers and other public resources to invest in inner-city communities and create mixed-income communities of choice, and continuing its Rehabilitation Program that allows persons to remain in their homes with the assistance of grant funds to replace roofs, windows and insulation.

Additional Narrative

4. Lead Based Paint

- *Barrier – Lead based paint (LBP) is a barrier to affordable housing, as many homes in Lorain were built prior to 1980. LBP is a serious health hazard, particularly for young children. Contracting work on houses with documented LBP can be expensive and thus a deterrent to successful rehabilitation.*
- *Strategy* – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including looking at other cities and their approach to contracting for LBP remediation, looking for additional funding for LBP remediation, targeting families with children under the age of six specifically for LBP remediation.

5. Age and Condition of Housing Stock

- *Barrier* – The age and condition of housing stock is a barrier, as many homes are 50 years old or older which substantially increases the cost of maintenance and rehabilitation. Moreover, those interested in architectural or historical preservation are met with resistance because of fears of gentrification. For the elderly, the cost of maintenance is a burden, and some have either converted their single-family home into a duplex or multi-family structure or simply let the home deteriorate beyond repair. In some cases, properties are simply abandoned, and taxes are not paid, ultimately attracting vandals or other nuisances.
- *Strategy* – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including rehabilitation assistance with the elderly, disabled and families with children receiving priority funding, marketing of homeownership programs to public housing tenants to support housing choice, counseling to homeowners to educate them on basic maintenance to prevent further deterioration, and an ordinance requiring that blighted or abandoned vacant properties be registered with the City.

6. Financing

- *Barrier* – Financing is a barrier to the production of affordable housing, as many owners and occupants do not have the resources to pay for housing rehabilitation. Moreover, persons with special needs do not have the resource to make their housing fully accessible.
- *Strategy* – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including a credit-counseling course funded by the City's CDBG and administered by Housing Opportunities, Inc., partnerships with local banks to encourage redevelopment in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, and lease-purchase options under the NSP program.

In general, the City of Lorain will continue to work with non-profit housing developers and providers to increase the amount of affordable housing. The City will do this primarily through continuation of the Owner-Occupied Repair Loan Program, and the Emergency Loan Program, among others, which assist low-income households with home repairs.

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

Introduction

The Consolidated Plan provides a concise summary of the City's priority non-housing community development needs that are eligible for assistance. The following section describes the economic development needs of Lorain.

This section also provides data regarding the local economic condition of the jurisdiction and compares the ability of the local work force to satisfy the needs of local businesses. Much of this data can be used to describe the level of housing demand in the local market.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Business by Sector
- Labor Force
- Occupations by Sector
- Travel Time to Work
- Educational Attainment
- Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
- Additional Narrative

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	197	14	1	0	-1

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,657	1,051	10	8	-2
Construction	1,400	459	5	3	-2
Education and Health Care Services	5,805	5,145	22	38	16
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,236	429	5	3	-2
Information	453	232	2	2	0
Manufacturing	4,375	1,264	17	9	-8
Other Services	1,419	681	5	5	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	2,022	765	8	6	-2
Public Administration	1,156	498	4	4	0
Retail Trade	3,384	1,702	13	13	0
Transportation and Warehousing	1,447	257	6	2	-4
Wholesale Trade	554	916	2	7	5
Total	26,105	13,413	--	--	--

Table 40 - Business Activity

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

Information provided in **Table 41** identifies workers and jobs within Lorain by sector. This information is divided into 13 sectors by number of workers, number of jobs and then calculations of the ratio of workers to jobs by business sector. According to 2014-2018 ACS, there are 25,868 workers within all business sectors identified in Lorain. The number of jobs within all sectors is estimated to be 13,413 according to 2017 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics data published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The largest percentages of workers are within the Education and Health Care Services sector (22.4%) and Manufacturing sector (16.9%). Workers in Retail Trade sector comprise 13.1% and workers in the Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations sector comprise 10.3%. Workers in the Agriculture, Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction sector as well as the Information sector comprise the smallest percentage or workers (less than 1%).

In regard to the share of jobs, the largest share of jobs is within the Education and Health Care Services sector (38.3%). Jobs in Retail Trade (12.7%), Manufacturing (9.4%), and Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations (7.8%) sectors are also well-represented. The Agriculture, Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction, Information, and Transportation and Warehousing account for the smallest percentages of jobs (less than 1%, 1.7% and 1.9%, respectively).

By comparing the share of workers to share of jobs, it can be determined within which sectors there are deficiencies to be addressed. The information described below identifies the "jobs less workers." This is determined by the percentage of jobs less the percentage of workers. A negative number reflects an oversupply of labor for the sector. As **Table 41** shows, within Lorain there are fewer jobs than workers within eleven business sectors: Agriculture, Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction; Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations; Construction; Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate; Information; Manufacturing; Other Services; Professional, Scientific, Management Services; Public Administration; Retail Trade; and Transportation and Warehousing. This means that workers in these business sectors may have more difficulty finding a job that matches their skillset. In contrast, there may be more jobs than workers in two business sectors: Education and Health Care Services, and Wholesale Trade. This means that workers from outside Lorain may be meeting the needs of the local job market.

TABLE 41: 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	197	14	< 1%	< 1%	0%
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,657	1,051	10.3%	7.8%	-2.5%
Construction	1,400	459	5.4%	3.4%	-2%
Education and Health Care Services	5,805	5,145	22.4%	38.3%	15.9%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,236	429	4.7%	3.2%	-1.5%
Information	453	232	1.8%	1.7%	-0.1%
Manufacturing	4,375	1,264	16.9%	9.4%	-7.5%
Other Services	1,419	681	5.4%	5.1%	-0.3%
Professional, Scientific, Management	2,022	765	7.8%	5.7%	-2.1%
Public Administration	1,156	498	4.5%	3.7%	-0.8%
Retail Trade	3,384	1,702	13.1%	12.7%	-0.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	1,447	257	5.6%	1.9%	-3.7%
Wholesale Trade	554	916	2.1%	6.8%	4.7%
Total	**26,105**	**13,413**	**100%**	**100%**	--

Data Source: 2014-2018 ACS (Workers), 2017 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)
**Other Services includes "Other Services (excluding public administration)" & "Utilities"*

Table 41 – Business Activity

Table 41: Business Activity

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	28,903
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	25,868
Unemployment Rate	10.50
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	25.50
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	7.20

Table 41 - Labor Force

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

Table 42 portrays the labor force within Lorain. According to the 2014-2018 ACS the total population within the City in the civilian labor force is 28,903. This number includes the number of civilian workers plus those actively seeking employment and does not include those who are not actively seeking employment.

The number of the civilian population 16 years and over who are employed totals 25,868. At the time of the 2000 U.S. Census, the City's unemployment rate was only 6.5%. According to 2014-2018 ACS estimates, the City's unemployment rate is 10.5%. The unemployment rate for ages 16-24 is much higher than for the City as a whole at 25.5%. The unemployment rate for those aged 25-64 is approximately 7%.

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	6,345
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	141
Service	5,701
Sales and office	5,594
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	2,259
Production, transportation and material moving	5,969

Table 42 – Occupations by Sector

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

Table 43 displays occupations by Sector within Lorain according to the 2014-2018 ACS. The Management, business, science, and arts sector accounts for the largest number of occupations with

6,345 people. The Production, transportation, and material moving sector has the second highest number of people in the occupation (5,969), followed by the Service sector (5,701), the Sales and office sector (5,594), and finally the Natural resources, construction, and maintenance sectors (2,259). Of these occupations, median earnings are highest in the Management, business, science, and arts occupations ($41,538), whereas median earnings are lowest in the Service occupations ($16,118).

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	16,858	68%
30-59 Minutes	7,049	28%
60 or More Minutes	1,046	4%
Total	***24,953***	***100%***

Table 43 - Travel Time

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

As shown in **Table 44**, the vast majority of Lorain residents commute less than 30 minutes to work (67.6%). A notable percentage travel 30-59 minutes (28.2%) with a small percentage commuting more than one hour (4.2%). Nearly 80% percent of Lorain workers drive to work alone and 11.8% carpool. According to 2014-2018 ACS estimates, for those who commute to work the average travel time is 24 minutes one-way.

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force
Less than high school graduate	2,041	215	2,596
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	6,668	574	3,602
Some college or Associate's degree	8,596	762	2,375
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,303	53	580

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

Table 45 displays Educational Attainment by Employment Status. Within Lorain, the highest numbers of employed are those with some college or an Associate's degree (8,596) and high school graduates (6,668). A significant number of employed also have a Bachelor's degree or higher (3,303). Nearly 10%% of the civilian employed population never graduated from high school.

The highest numbers of unemployed are Some college or Associate's degree (762) and those with a high school graduate degree (or equivalent) (574). Approximately 3% of the unemployed population has a Bachelor's degree or higher; and 13.4% of the unemployed population never graduated from high school.

When looking at the civilian labor force ages 25-64 years, 20,608 are employed, 1,604 are unemployed, and 9,153 are not in the labor force and are not actively seeking employment.

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	104	138	406	499	1,006
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,410	1,092	774	1,943	1,617
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,631	2,255	2,514	6,075	3,885
Some college, no degree	1,974	2,444	2,080	3,637	1,849
Associate's degree	329	1,109	1,134	1,333	518
Bachelor's degree	120	771	570	1,308	857
Graduate or professional degree	22	172	265	850	435

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

Table 46 shows Educational Attainment by Age. A significant population over the age of 18 (2,153) in Lorain did not graduate from high school. A significant number of adults (16,407) graduated from high school or have some college education but no four-year college degree. Combined, 38,333 adults of the population 18 years or older do not have a college degree.

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	21,787

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29,757
Some college or Associate's degree	30,059
Bachelor's degree	43,319
Graduate or professional degree	66,760

Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 American Community Survey
Data Source Comments:

Narrative

Table 47 identifies income as it relates to educational attainment in Lorain. The data shown is based on 2014-2018 ACS estimates. Greater educational attainment strongly correlates with increased income. In Lorain, persons having a graduate or professional degree have an estimated median income of $66,760 and persons having a Bachelor's degree have a median income of $43,319. In contrast, persons with some college or an Associate's degree have a median income of $30,059. Similarly, those with a high school diploma or equivalency have a median income of $29,757 and those without a high school diploma or equivalency have a median income of $21,787.

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

Lorain is proximate to Cleveland and other leading industrial and consumer markets. The City is well-known for its manufacturing and industrial sectors which are complemented by retail and service sectors sustained by employers such as Mercy Hospital, the Lorain City School District, Lorain Tubular, and Industries CH, S.A. de C.V. (Republic Steel), and the City of Lorain. These top employers (as of 2011) reflect the major employment sectors in Lorain, which are Education and Health Care Services; Manufacturing; and Retail Trade. Combined, these employment sectors represent approximately 59% of all workers and jobs in Lorain.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

As of the 2014-2018 American Community Survey, three sectors dominated employment in the City of Lorain: Education Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, and Retail Trade.

The public process has identified a need for workforce development in the areas of construction/carpentry, trade and logistics, and the electronics, energy and utility industries.

Since a large percentage of Lorain's population lacks a post-secondary education, there may be a demand for adult basic education, workforce training and other education opportunities to better match the needs of the business community with skilled employees. However, there are a number of private

and public educational institutions, as well as workforce training initiatives, available in Lorain to address this need.

During the Consolidated Plan citizen participation process, other needs identified by the public included increased public transportation service, additional workforce/job skill training, and the development of housing and transportation located in close proximity to job centers.

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.

Over the past decade, Lorain has experienced a loss of jobs with significant closure of two major employers, the Lorain Ford Assembly Plant and a U.S. Steel plant. The Ford Plant was steadily losing jobs since the 1970s, but still brought in $2.2 million in income tax revenue for the city at the time of its closure in 2005. Additionally, the Lorain U.S. Steel plant went idle and officially closed a section of the plan in 2015. As a result, the city lost approximately 614 jobs, although it has also been cutting jobs over the past few decades.

The loss of these jobs requires intervention to promote business location to the area. Such programs include the Enterprise Zone. Businesses located within a designated EZ are eligible for certain tax exemptions. The Lorain EZ covers the entire city of Lorain. Businesses locating within the EZ are afforded tax benefits. The existence of the Lorain EZ may stimulate job and business growth in underserved areas of the City. The type of businesses expected to invest in the EZ are consistent with the existing employment sectors and available workforce. Other programs such as the county's Revolving Loan Fund and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts may also lead to increased business activity.

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

Within six business sectors there is a potential oversupply of labor. Agriculture, Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction; Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations; Construction; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate; Manufacturing; Other Services; Professional, Scientific, Professional, Scientific, Management Services; and Transportation and Warehousing are business sectors where there are more workers than jobs. This means that workers in these business sectors may have more difficulty finding a job that matches their skill set.

Within Lorain there are fewer workers than jobs within three sectors: Education and Health Care Services; Retail Trade; and Wholesale Trade. This means that workers from outside of Lorain may be meeting the employment needs of these business sectors.

With that, there has been national momentum to promote jobs in state-of-the-art manufacturing practices. These jobs sometimes require a bachelor's degree or higher in areas such as mechanical, physics, or materials sciences. Of the unemployed labor force in Lorain, only 3.8% have a bachelor's degree or higher. Of the total population age 18 and older, only around 11% have a bachelor's degree or higher.

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.

The following workforce training initiatives are available to residents of Lorain:

- *Workforce Institute of Lorain County – Ohio Means Jobs; 42495 North Ridge Road, Elyria, OH*: A resource center for job-seekers and employers designed to meet education, training, employment, or supportive service needs.
- *Goodwill of Lorain County; 145 Keep Court, Elyria, OH:* Provides vocational and employment training programs for the citizens of Lorain County. Programs include the Job Club, the Lorain County Adult Parole Authority Class, Job Coaching, Job Readiness Training, and other skills courses and assistance.

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, Lorain County developed a comprehensive Strategic Plan for economic development was approved in 2013. The Plan was updated in 2016. The Lorain County Growth Partnership is designated as the Strategy Committee.

The following areas of action and corresponding activities to attract more business and create more jobs in Lorain:

- *Job Creation Incentive Program*: The City may offer an eligible company a cash rebate based on a percentage of annual employee payroll withholding and/or corporate net income taxes new to the City.

- *EDA Title IX Loan Fund*: Designed to support business activities of small to medium sized manufacturing and industrial companies within the City of Lorain for which credit is not otherwise available.

- *Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement:* Provides incentives to expand existing or open new facilities but must create and/or retain jobs.

Each of these areas of action overlap and can be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan, particularly areas such as workforce development/education and integration with community development efforts to address homelessness and affordable housing options.

Discussion

According to the 2014-2018 ACS, the Lorain labor force is comprised of approximately 28,903 people, of which approximately 89% are employed and 11% are unemployed. The largest employment sectors in Lorain are manufacturing, education and healthcare, and retail trade. Like in most cities, higher median earnings generally correlate with higher education. The highest median earnings in Lorain are in occupations such as management, business, science and the arts, while the lowest median earnings are in service occupations. Approximately 26% of Lorain's population has a high school diploma or equivalent, but 8% of the City's population has a Bachelor's, graduate or professional degree. While there may be a need for workforce training, there are also several workforce training initiatives in the community to meet this need.

Approximately 68% of Lorain's population drives less than 30 minutes to get to work, and approximately 96% of Lorain's population drives less than one hour to get to work. This means that most employees live locally or within the Lorain region. In order to stimulate more local investment, Lorain has an Enterprise Zone (EZ) that offers tax incentives to businesses and individuals that relocate to underserved areas of the City. Moreover, Lorain continues to coordinate with the city's department of Economic and Community Development to identify ways to attract employers and retain a skilled workforce.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

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

From 2015-2019, the City focused the majority of its CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation and public service activities in eligible block groups having a population of 51% or more low- and moderate-income persons (i.e., areas of low- and moderate-income concentration). Generally, these same areas are also disproportionately affected by housing problems, such as overcrowding, substandard conditions, or significant cost burden.

According to the HUD CPD Maps tool, the following Census Tracts have concentrations of housing problems (i.e., more than half of extremely low income, low income, or moderate-income households residing therein have some type of housing problem).

Because of the age of the Lorain's housing stock, housing problems are distributed throughout the City's limits. Geographically, housing problems affecting extremely low-income households are the most widespread. The majority of extremely low-income households have some type of housing problem, regardless of their location. Housing problems affecting low income households are also widespread throughout the City. Housing problems affecting moderate income households are not concentrated more than 50%.

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

The lowest income areas of Lorain are most affected by housing problems and in need of community investment. Unfortunately, these areas are widespread. Forty-two of the City's 61 block groups have a low- and moderate-income population of 51% or greater.

The following block groups have populations where racial or ethnic minorities comprise 10% or more of the population:

Hispanic/Latino:

- CT 222, BG 1; 30.9%
- CT 224, BG 1; 16.6%
- CT 225, BG 1; 15.84%
- CT 226.01, BG 1; 23.98%
- CT 230, BG 1; 17.05%
- CT 231, BG 1; 69.74%

- CT 232, BG 1; 44.56%
- CT 233, BG 1; 31.72%
- CT 234, BG 1; 35.00%
- CT 235, BG 1; 31.42%
- CT 236, BG 1; 49.16%
- CT 237, BG 1; 60.24%
- CT 238, BG 1; 33.96%
- CT 239, BG 1; 16.85%
- CT 240, BG 1; 19.81%
- CT 241, BG 1; 22.41%
- CT 972, BG 1; 14.10%
- CT 973, BG 1; 47.12%
- CT 222, BG 2; 44.72%
- CT 224, BG 2; 20.96%
- CT 225, BG 2; 25.23%
- CT 226.01, BG 2; 28.84%
- CT 228, BG 2; 26.72%
- CT 230, BG 2; 15.08%
- CT 231, BG 2; 65.42%
- CT 232, BG 2; 41.91%
- CT 233, BG 2; 40.30%
- CT 234, BG 2; 12.34%
- CT 235, BG 2; 15.93%
- CT 236, BG 2; 62.99%
- CT 237, BG 2; 30.04%
- CT 239, BG 2; 25.76%
- CT 241, BG 2; 12.12%
- CT 242, BG 2; 40.36%
- CT 972, BG 2; 10.51%
- CT 973, BG 2; 41.16%
- CT 221, BG 3; 13.83%
- CT 222, BG 3; 15.87%
- CT 224, BG 3; 27.28%
- CT 228, BG 3; 24.01%
- CT 230, BG 3; 27.33%
- CT 231, BG 3; 72.02%
- CT 232, BG 3; 37.15%
- CT 234, BG 3; 39.49%
- CT 236, BG 3; 49.25%
- CT 237, BG 3; 29.18%

- CT 972, BG 3; 19.59%
- CT 973, BG 3; 46.84%
- CT 224, BG 4; 26.50%
- CT 228, BG 4; 33.63%
- CT 230, BG 4; 40.36%
- CT 232, BG 4; 65.97%
- CT 237, BG 4; 21.62%
- CT 973, BG 4; 19.37%

Black/African American:

- CT 224, BG 1; 30.27%
- CT 226.01, BG 1; 18.63%
- CT 228, BG 1; 39.92%
- CT 230, BG 1; 30.05%
- CT 231, BG 1; 22.33%
- CT 232, BG 1; 23.20%
- CT 233, BG 1; 18.04%
- CT 235, BG 1; 17.50%
- CT 236, BG 1; 14.19%
- CT 237, BG 1; 34.78%
- CT 240, BG 1; 10.87%
- CT 241, BG 1; 17.84%
- CT 973, BG 1; 14.63%
- CT 224, BG 2; 51.65%
- CT 226.01, BG 2; 31.66%
- CT 228, BG 2; 28.08%
- CT 231, BG 2; 19.11%
- CT 232, BG 2; 26.10%
- CT 233, BG 2; 19.25%
- CT 234, BG 2; 16.83%
- CT 236, BG 2; 14.04%
- CT 237, BG 2; 19.07%
- CT 239, BG 2; 62.08%
- CT 242, BG 2; 29.28%
- CT 973, BG 2; 20.07%
- CT 222, BG 3; 13.81%
- CT 224, BG 3; 33.50%
- CT 228, BG 3; 17.33%

- CT 230, BG 3; 13.80%
- CT 232, BG 3; 18.12%
- CT 236, BG 3; 12.49%
- CT 237, BG 3; 17.83%
- CT 973, BG 3; 22.74%
- CT 228, BG 4; 43.19%
- CT 232, BG 4; 21.09%
- CT 237, BG 4; 26.14%
- CT 973, BG 4; 46.48%

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

These areas are characterized by fewer employment opportunities and limited access to public transportation – which limits residents from getting to and/or keeping jobs. The lack of local, accessible, and skill-matched employment opportunities has led to a situation where young workers are leaving Lorain to seek residence and employment elsewhere.

The City's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods are characterized by low-density single-family homes with few neighborhood-level commercial or other service activities interspersed except for commercial properties along the City's major corridors, such as Broadway Avenue.

Major nearby employment centers include Mercy Regional Medical Center, Lorain City School District, and Lorain Tubular. However, many of these employers are located in surrounding communities, and, with limited transportation options, are difficult to access.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Lorain may have vacant sites and/or brownfield redevelopment opportunities that could be pursued. The City continues to coordinate with Lorain County on economic development activities to better market to, attract and retain businesses and develop the City's resident workforce. Like many communities, the community itself is a strong asset for economic development. Organization at the community-level combined with other means, including CDBG assistance, is the primary asset for positive change in Lorain's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

One of the major projects that may provide employment opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons is the conversion of Spitzer Plaza Hotel on Broadway Avenue into a senior community with 50 apartments, and first-floor retail space. The development will create dwelling units and retail space which holds the opportunity to benefit current residents by creating jobs, having developers and

business owners invest money in the city, and attracting new residents to the city. The success of this development is anticipated to “spill over” into the surrounding neighborhoods providing economic stimulus to the downtown area.

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.

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Fixed Broadband Deployment Map accessed in March of 2020, the City of Lorain has 4 or more fixed residential broadband providers throughout the City. One impediment to broadband access within low- and moderate-income households is the ability to afford monthly fees along with purchasing of equipment (computers, smartphones, tablets, and routers).

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

As stated above, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Fixed Broadband Deployment Map accessed in March of 2020, the City of Lorain has 4 or more fixed residential broadband providers throughout the City.

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

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

According to the Climate Science Special Report Fourth National Climate Assessment, Midwest communities will see an increase in average temperature in both the winter months and summer months. Additionally, there may be an increase in precipitation. Given that the City of Lorain is located on Lake Erie and has a river that runs through (Lorain River), potential future hazards due to climate change may include flooding. Additionally, protection of the Cities waterways will be important to provide potable water for residence.

Increased heat wave intensity and frequency, increased humidity, degraded air quality, and reduced water quality will increase public health risks.

Extreme rainfall events and flooding have increased during the last century, and these trends are expected to continue, causing erosion, declining water quality, and negative impacts on transportation, agriculture, human health, and infrastructure.

Climate change will exacerbate a range of risks to the Great Lakes, including changes in the range and distribution of certain fish species, increased invasive species and harmful blooms of algae, and declining beach health. Ice cover declines will lengthen the commercial navigation season.

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

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The Consolidated Plan process requires the City to identify priority needs and a Strategic Plan to meet those needs over the next five years. For every priority, there are goals and objectives established to measure progress, as well as strategies to address them. There are essentially five major topics of focus in the Consolidated Plan:

- Housing
- Homelessness
- Community Development
- Non-Homeless Special Needs
- Emergency/Disaster Response

Considering these priorities, the following draft goals and objectives are recommended:

Goal 1: Housing

GOAL 1: HOUSING

Description: Improve availability and accessibility of affordable housing to persons of low and moderate income throughout the City of Lorain.

Housing Needs

The Housing topic is focused on the physical state and tenure of housing in the City of Lorain and ways that federal and local resources can be used to address housing issues. Based on input and data received through the public involvement process, the highest priorities identified by the public are:

- Home repair/housing rehabilitation
- Need for homeownership opportunities/down payment assistance
- Need for accessible housing and accessibility improvements
- Need for safe and affordable low-income housing
- A lack of ample Section 8 Housing and resources
- Demolition and clearance of blighted structures
- Needed repairs and capital improvement for public housing

- Rental assistance

Goal 2: Homelessness

GOAL 2: HOMELESSNESS

Description: Reduce Homelessness in the City of Lorain.

Homelessness Needs

Meeting homelessness challenges in City of Lorain is a collaborative effort comprising numerous individuals, agencies and organizations. Lorain County Homeless Task Force is the lead agency for collecting homeless data for the Continuum of Care. The Homeless Task Force assists in conducting homeless needs assessments and developing community supported homelessness strategies in Lorain County. In developing priority homeless needs, the City of Lorain coordinates with the Lorain County Homeless Task Force, as well as the general public through public meetings and information being provided publicly.

Based on input and the data received through the citizen participation process, the highest priorities identified are services such as:

- Additional housing for homeless
- Rental assistance
- Utility assistance
- Homeless services
- Additional homeless shelter and facilities
- Increase capacity of service providers to assist the homeless.

Goal 3: Community Development

GOAL 3: COMMUNITY and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Description: Enhance the living environment and for persons of low- and moderate-income and special needs populations through public services, public improvement and community and economic development activities.

Non-Housing Community Development Needs

Non-Housing Community Development is a broad category of spending that covers many types of public facilities and improvements such as roads, sewer improvements, water improvements, wastewater improvements, lighting, drainage, community centers, parks, and virtually any other public project that benefits low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Based on the needs assessment, input received through the citizen participation process, including public meetings, the following community development needs were identified:

- Youth and young adult services (e.g. educational programming, mentoring, and internships)
- Blighted and dilapidated structures in the community.
- Jobs skills training and vocational tools for the unemployed, underemployed, and youth.
- Economic Development in neighborhoods and existing developments.
- Infrastructure Improvements (roads, drainage, parks)
- Elimination of food deserts
- Recreational opportunities
- Park improvements and maintenance
- Senior center assistance and senior services
- Code enforcement (Litter control, recycling program, repurpose, reclaim)

Goal 4: Non-Homeless Special Needs

GOAL 4: NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

Description: Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to City of Lorain low- and moderate- income and special needs populations.

Non-Homeless Special Needs

Non-Homeless Special Needs is a broad category that applies to any population that is presumed to be low- and moderate-income and in need of public services. The category covers a large population, including the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, elderly, and other groups. These specific services are often provided by non-profit agencies, usually in coordination with the City of Lorain or Lorain County.

Based on input and the data received through the citizen participation process, the highest priorities identified by the public are:

- Senior services/Senior Center
- ADA accessibility improvements to housing stock
- ADA accessibility improvements to sidewalks and parks
- Transportation Services

Goal 5: Emergency/Disaster Response

Emergency/Disaster Response

Emergency/Disaster Response is a category that applies to mitigating the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, this category covers a broad population, and a range of individuals, businesses, and groups. Affected populations will receive aid through a variety of selected projects.

Based on input and the data received through the citizen participation process, the highest priorities identified by the public are:

- Meals Programs
- Youth Assistance
- Homeless Prevention
- Business Assistance

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

Geographic Area

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	**Area Name:**	Ward 2 LMI
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The neighborhood boundaries for the Ward 2 target area are: Lake Erie to the North; Maine Avenue to the East; W. 21st Street to the South; and portions of both Brownell and Oberlin Avenues to the West. Ward 2's LMI Census Tracts include the following: 222,223, 224, and 229. See Ward Map in the Appendix of this report.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	In 2013 the Western Reserve Land Conservatory prepared a property inventory for Ward 2. Ward 2 target area consists predominately of residential housing, and is inclusive of the City's Downtown Business District (Broadway Avenue) and other retail on the southern end of Broadway Avenue. Ward 2 is also comprised of two (2) Community Reinvestment Areas; CRA #1 and CRA #2 respectively, as well as the Central Lorain and Riverfront Urban Renewal areas. Ward #2 is considered a "high risk" ward as a result of the City's Vacant Property Registry, with twenty-five percent (25%) of the city's vacant properties (607); eighty-nine percent (89%) of the units in the ward are occupied; twenty-three percent (23%) or 1102 of the city's code violations, which is the highest of any other ward in the city. Furthermore, Ward 2 consists of an antiquated housing stock that has seen very little new housing construction in recent years outside of infill housing completed by the City.

	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	This targeted area was determined through the use of data compiled through the Vacant Property Report, as well as input from Building, Housing and Planning staff; elected officials; and residents of the City of Lorain.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	The needs of Ward 2 include, but are not limited to: code enforcement to deter further blight; owner-occupied repairs; new housing construction; infrastructure upgrades; commercial demolition; increased economic opportunities and waterfront development.
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	The opportunities for improvement for Ward 2 include, but are not limited to: Owner-occupied rehabilitation; code enforcement; neighborhood clean-up activities; infrastructure upgrades; elimination of slum and blight; overall economic development; new housing construction; and first-time homebuyer opportunities.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The barriers to improvement in this target area are the following: lack of additional funding outside of entitlement and general fund resources, and lack of interest by private developers in the target area.
2	**Area Name:**	Ward 3 LMI
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The neighborhood boundaries for Ward 3 are as follows: W. 21st Street to the North; Reid Avenue to the East; W. 34th, W. 36th Streets and Tower Blvd. to South. See Ward Map in the Appendix of this report.

	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	In 2013 the Western Reserve Land Conservatory prepared a property inventory for Ward 3. Ward 3 has a high concentration of residential housing, and accounts for thirteen percent (13%) of the City's code violations, currently totaling 644 in this targeted area. Ward 3 currently contains thirty-eight (38) vacant and blighted structures and 227 vacant lots that are in need of attention to eliminate further slum and blight in the ward. The third ward has an estimated 7% of its properties vacant, and a "risk score" of 37, ranking it the fourth highest of the target areas.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	This targeted area was determined through the use of data compiled through the Vacant Property Report, as well as input from Building, Housing and Planning staff; elected officials; and residents of the City of Lorain.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	The needs of Ward 3 include, but are not limited to: code enforcement to deter further blight; owner-occupied repairs; new housing construction; infrastructure upgrades; commercial demolition; increased economic opportunities and waterfront development.
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	The opportunities for improvement for Ward 3 include, but are not limited to: Owner-occupied rehabilitation; code enforcement; neighborhood clean-up activities; infrastructure upgrades; elimination of slum and blight; overall economic development; new housing construction; and first-time homebuyer opportunities.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The barriers to improvement in this target area are the following: lack of additional funding outside of entitlement and city general fund resources; and lack of interest from private developers in this target area.
3	**Area Name:**	Ward 5 LMI
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive

	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The neighborhood boundaries for Ward 5 are as follows: SR 611 to the north west of Broadway Ave; E 29th Street to the north east of Broadway Ave.; The City Boundary to the south; Reid Ave to the west north of W 34th Street; Broadway St to the west south of W 34th Street; Clinton Ave to the east south of E 38th St; Seneca Ave to the east south of E 31st St; Pearl Ave to the east south of E 30th St; Maple Rd to the east south of E29th St. See Ward Map in the Appendix of this report.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	In 2013 the Western Reserve Land Conservatory prepared a property inventory for Ward 5. Ward 5 is comprised of both residential and commercial uses. Approximately 20.4% (306) of the vacant structures in the City of Lorain are located within Ward 5. Of all structures in Ward 5, 10.6% are considered vacant and 66 are blighted. Ward 5 shows one of the highest occurrences of vacant structures, vacant and blighted structures, code violations, and more generally, the lacks many amenities.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	This targeted area was determined through the use of data compiled through the Vacant Property Report, as well as input from Building, Housing and Planning staff; elected officials; and residents of the City of Lorain.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	The needs of Ward 5 include, but are not limited to: code enforcement to deter further blight; owner-occupied repairs; new housing construction; infrastructure upgrades; commercial demolition; increased economic opportunities and waterfront development.
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	The opportunities for improvement for Ward 5 include, but are not limited to: Owner-occupied rehabilitation; code enforcement; neighborhood clean-up activities; infrastructure upgrades; elimination of slum and blight; overall economic development; new housing construction; and first-time homebuyer opportunities.

	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The barriers to improvement in this target area are the following: lack of additional funding outside of entitlement and city general fund resources; and lack of interest from private developers in this target area.
4	**Area Name:**	Ward 6 LMI
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The neighborhood boundaries for Ward 6 are as follows: Black River to the north; the City boundary to the south and east; Clinton Ave to the west south of E 38th St; Seneca Ave to the west south of E 31st St; Pearl Ave to the west south of E 30th St; Maple Rd to the west south of E29th St. See Ward Map in the Appendix of this report
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	In 2013 the Western Reserve Land Conservatory prepared a property inventory for Ward 6. Ward 6 is comprised of both residential and commercial uses. Approximately 12% (179) of the vacant structures in the City of Lorain are located within Ward 6. Of all structures in Ward 6, 5.6% are considered vacant and 31 are blighted.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	This targeted area was determined through the use of data compiled through the Vacant Property Report, as well as input from Building, Housing and Planning staff; elected officials; and residents of the City of Lorain.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	The needs of Ward 6 include but are not limited to: code enforcement to deter further blight; owner-occupied repairs; new housing construction; infrastructure upgrades; commercial demolition; increased economic opportunities and waterfront development.

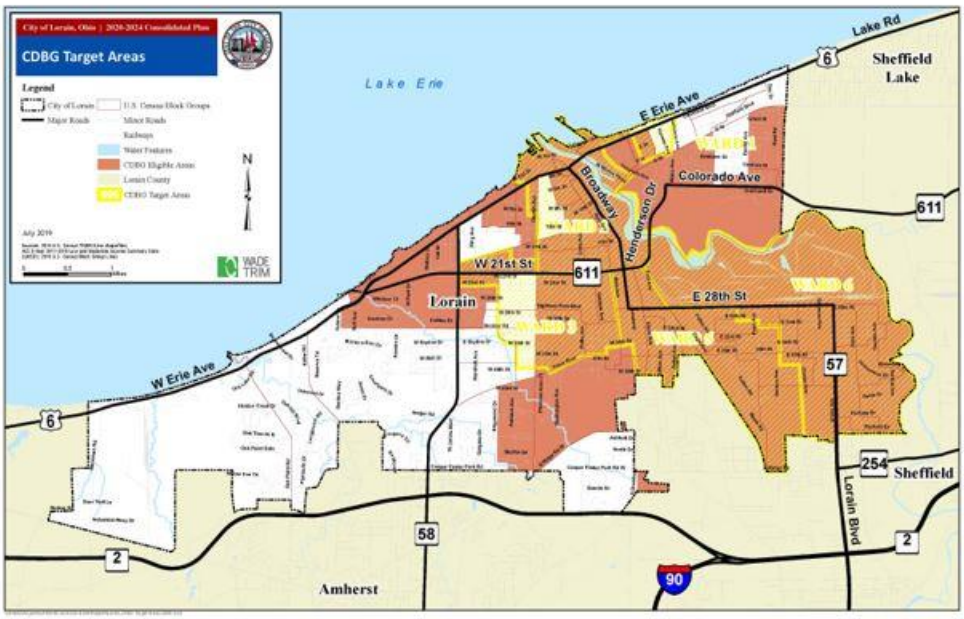
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	The opportunities for improvement for Ward 6 include, but are not limited to: Owner-occupied rehabilitation; code enforcement; neighborhood clean-up activities; infrastructure upgrades; elimination of slum and blight; overall economic development; new housing construction; and first-time homebuyer opportunities.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The City of Lorain has a high percentage of poverty and vacant/blighted structures within the City. The community is active and organized; however, commercial uses are struggling, and older vacant manufacturing property make investment more difficult within neighborhoods. Further investment in Lorain may be dependent upon leveraging public and private dollars and efforts. The needs of Ward 6 include, but are not limited to: code enforcement to deter further blight; owner-occupied repairs; new housing construction; infrastructure upgrades; commercial demolition; increased economic opportunities and waterfront development.

General Allocation Priorities

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

Four (4) areas have been designated as Local Target Areas within the City of Lorain (see **Target Areas Map** and **Table 49**). Target area boundaries are defined by City Council Ward boundaries. The Wards that have been designated as CDBG Target Areas are Wards 2, 3, 5, and 6. The areas selected for the 2020/2021-2024/2025 Plan were identified through data collection and analysis and the citizen participation process, which consisted of a community survey and public meetings, as well as meetings with the City Council. Each of these areas meets the eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit. While Local Target Areas allow the City to plan and invest in a coordinated manner, they do not limit the City from expending funds in other areas of Lorain that also meet the eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit.

MAP 2



Target Areas Map

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

Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	**Priority Need Name**	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Housing
	Description	Housing rehabilitation and weatherization for low and moderate income households and special needs populations.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis
2	**Priority Need Name**	Lead Assessment and Abatement
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate

	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Housing
	Description	Lead assessment and abatement for low and moderate income households citywide and in target areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input process and needs assessment.
3	**Priority Need Name**	Elimination of Slum and Blight
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Community and Economic Development
	Description	Eliminiation of slum and blight conditions within the City of Lorain
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, market analysis, and Lorain Property Inventory Report
4	**Priority Need Name**	Code Enforcement
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Community and Economic Development
	Description	Code Enforcement within the City of Lorain
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis
5	**Priority Need Name**	Increased Homeownership Opportunities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Housing
	Description	Increase in availability and accessibiltiy of services and programs which allow low and moderate incoem households to become homeowners
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis

6	**Priority Need Name**	Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Description	Availability of afforable housing and accessible housing for special needs populations
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis
7	**Priority Need Name**	Homeless Services and Prevention
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents 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	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Provide support and services related to program for homeless prevention and homeless services
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis
8	**Priority Need Name**	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI

	Associated Goals	Community and Economic Development
	Description	Improvements to public facilities and public infrastructure within the City of Lorain
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis.
9	**Priority Need Name**	Fair Housing Education and Outreach
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Housing
	Description	Continued fair housing outreach and education for groups covered under the Fair Housing Act.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis
10	**Priority Need Name**	Youth Programs and Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle

	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Community and Economic Development Homelessness Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Description	Programs and services aimed at youth including but not limited to job training and educational programs
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input
11	**Priority Need Name**	Programs and services for low and moderate income
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Community and Economic Development Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Description	Social service programs for low and moderate income persons within the City of Lorain
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis
12	**Priority Need Name**	Public Transportation
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Community and Economic Development Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Description	Public transportation opportunities within the City of Lorain
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public Input
13	**Priority Need Name**	Social Service Programs
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI

	Associated Goals	Community and Economic Development Homelessness Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Description	Social Service Programs
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input, needs assessments, and market analysis
14	**Priority Need Name**	Programs and services for special needs residents
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Description	Programs and services for special needs residents
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input
15	**Priority Need Name**	Senior Programs and Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Elderly Frail Elderly

	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Description	Providing programs and services to seniors.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input process and needs assessment
16	**Priority Need Name**	Housing Counseling
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Housing
	Description	Housing counseling for low and moderate income persons citywide and in target areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input process, and needs assessment.
17	**Priority Need Name**	Legal Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate

	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Community and Economic Development Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Description	Providing legal services for low and moderate income persons citywide and in target areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Public input process and needs assessment
18	**Priority Need Name**	Program Administration
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Program Administration
	Description	General program administration.
	Basis for Relative Priority	General program administration indirectly and directly assists all groups who benefit from funding.
19	**Priority Need Name**	COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery

	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Associated Goals	Emergency/Disaster Response
	Description	To mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This need covers a broad population, and a range of individuals, businesses, and groups. Affected populations will receive aid through a variety of selected projects.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Needs assessment, market analysis, public participation, and current culture and economic climate

Narrative (Optional)

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan must indicate the general priorities for allocating investment of available resources among different needs. Priority needs are those that will be addressed by the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan. For each priority, the City of Lorain has indicated one or more populations to be served, as well as an assigned priority level indicating relative importance among the needs listed (see Table 50).

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)	Tenant-based vouchers are by far the most common voucher used in the City of Lorain. The average annual income of residents using TBRA is $11,406. This voucher continues to be critical for persons with extremely low incomes who are severely cost burdened. It is estimated that while approximately 2,802 TBRA vouchers are in use, nearly 5,695 households in Lorain have extremely low incomes.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	Non-Homeless Special Needs populations have a high need for TBRA, while at the same time being in need of improved accessibility within housing. Approximately 1,412 disabled or elderly families receive TBRA. Due to their limited income, housing needs for those with non-homeless special needs include affordability, availability of assistance, accessibility improvements and Fair Housing options.
New Unit Production	A shortage of affordable housing exists for several income groups, including both renter and owner households earning less than 80% HAMFI. The current housing inventory lacks rental units to house persons with low- and extremely low-incomes (less than 50% HAMFI). Necessary demolition of ageing and unsafe structures has contributed to the loss of affordable rental units.
Rehabilitation	Many of renter-occupied housing units have at least one housing problem (3,215), while a large number (1,200) of owner-occupied housing units have at least one housing problem. Furthermore, 85% of owner-occupied housing units and 88% of renter-occupied were built prior to 1980 and are more than 40 years old. Generally, these statistics point toward the need for the City of Lorain to facilitate both owner-unit and rental-unit rehabilitations to improve the condition of housing within its jurisdiction. The City of Lorain also has identified areas of the City of be Community Reinvestment Areas which offers tax abatements to residents that rehab and build homes in these areas.
Acquisition, including preservation	Housing preservation/restoration within low- and moderate-income neighborhoods was identified during the citizen participation process with regard to the expense associated with preserving/restoring homes and obstacles to demolition in cases of ageing and unsafe structures.

Table 49 – Influence of Market Conditions

TABLE 5(B): HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Base Year	Interim Year	Most Recent Years	Percent Change 2009-2018
	2009	2015	2014-2018 ACS	
Population	64,097	63,780	64,031	< -1%
Households	27,142	25,220	25,460	< -1%
Median Income	$36,155	$35,042	$44,627	< 23.4%

Source:
2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Interim Year); 2014-2018 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Table 5(B) – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Table 5(B): Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Narrative

Table 5(B) displays the population, number of households, and median income for the base year and most recent year, and the percentage of change over time. This data shows an overall population decline from 64,097 in the 2005-2009 ACS to 64,031 at the time of the 2014-2018 ACS, approximately a less than 1% decrease in population.

Moreover, the number of households declined by 1,682 households from 27,142 households in the 2005-2009 ACS to 25,460 households at the time of the 2014-2018 ACS. This represents nearly a 1% decrease in the number of households during that time.

Table 5(B) also identifies an estimated 23% increase in the median income, from $36,155 to $44,627. Overall, there population, number of households, and median income have remained relatively constant.

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

Introduction

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan must identify the federal, state, local and private resources expected to be available to the City to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. These resources are summarized in **Table 52**.

The City of Lorain anticipates a total allocation of $1,233,655 in CDBG funding and $433,406 in HOME funding for the 2020/2021 program year. The City received an additional CDBG-CV allocation of $725,720. Program income may be realized over the course of the 2020/2021 program year and subsequent program years. These funds will be used for CDBG and HOME eligible activities consistent with the current goals and objectives identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. CDBG funds will be used for housing and community development activities including, but not limited to, increasing homeownership, providing existing homeownership assistance (e.g. housing rehabilitation), public services, code enforcement/blight removal and administration of the City's CDBG program.

Other resources, such as private and non-Federal public sources may become available to the City of Lorain during the program year. For CDBG leveraging, these include funding from State and Federal grant sources, City Departments (e.g. Public Works, Parks and Recreation), public or social service providers, or other sources. The City will also look to leverage funds, if available, from Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Public Housing Authority (PHA), or other agencies and programs against CDBG and HOME dollars.

The Annual Action Plan must summarize the City’s priorities and the specific goals it intends to initiate and/or complete within the first year of the Strategic Plan. These goals must be described in quantitative terms. The City of Lorain has selected goal outcome indicators and quantities based on the anticipated performance measures of the 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan. See **Table 57**.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,233,470	1,020,400	0	2,253,870	4,800,000	Additional resources for leveraging may include other State and Federal grant sources, City Departments (Public Works, Parks and Recreation), public or social service providers, and local Block Grant, or other sources of funding.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	433,319	100,000	875,000	1,408,319	1,400,000	Additional resources for leveraging may include other State and Federal grant sources, and public or social service providers

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: $		
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Public Improvements Public Services	301,977	0	0	301,977	0	Round III CV funds
Other	public - federal	Other	725,720	0	0	725,720	0	CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.

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 City will look to leverage funds, if available, from State and Federal grants sources, City Departments (e.g. Public Works, Parks and Recreation), public or social service providers, or other sources against CDBG and HOME dollars. The City will look to leverage funds, if available, from Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Public Housing Authority (PHA), or other agencies and programs against CDBG and HOME dollars.

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

The City of Lorain actively markets City owned homes for owner occupancy. Homes are affordable and are marketed on the City website.

In addition, the City plans the purchase of additional land parcels and vacant sites scattered throughout the City of Lorain, to continuously build units in the next 3 to 5 years, once the current projects are completed and sold. Sites acquired will largely be formerly foreclosed upon properties that previously were blighted and in disrepair. The lots may be sold to private developers, specifically for new housing construction.

Discussion

The City of Lorain's anticipated funding allocation from CDBG and HOME will address many of the City's goals, including housing, non-homeless special needs, community and economic development, and homelessness. The City is fortunate to have a network of public or social service providers to help address these goals through financial leveraging, as well as other Federal funding sources such as City Departments, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other agency and program funding.

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
LORAIN	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing	Region
LORAIN COUNTY	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Region
State of Ohio Northeast Regional Office	Government	Ownership Rental	State
Lorain County Homless Task Force	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Region

Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

Table 53 shows the institutional structure through which the City of Lorain will carry out its Strategic Plan. Although not every organization involved in the program of delivery is included in **Table 53**, the lead agency and other organizations presented show the breadth of delivery capacity within the City.

The lead agency for institutional delivery is the City of Lorain Building, Housing, and Planning Department, along with other City divisions and departments. These divisions and departments carryout objectives related to housing and community development. Furthermore, there are multiple nonprofit organizations that provide a range of public services, from programs to reduce homelessness to programs for non-homeless special needs populations. The Lorain County Homeless Task Force is the lead agency for collecting homeless data for the Continuum of Care. The Homeless Task Force assists in conducting homeless needs assessments and developing community supported homelessness strategies in Lorain County.

The City of Lorain has a strong Institutional delivery system. A wide range of services are available in the community, including homelessness prevention services, street outreach services, supportive services, and other services such as nutrition programs and youth programs (see **Table 54**). These programs are provided by nonprofit organizations and the Continuum of Care (CoC).

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	X	X
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	X	X
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement			
Mobile Clinics			
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		
Other			
Food Banks and Youth Programs	X	X	X

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)

Meeting homelessness challenges in City of Lorain collaborative effort comprising numerous individuals, agencies and organizations. Lorain County Homeless Task Force is the lead agency for collecting homeless data for the Continuum of Care. The Homeless Task Force assists in conducting homeless needs assessments and developing community supported homelessness strategies in Lorain County. The Continuum of Care (CoC) for the area consists of numerous agencies. The Homeless Task Force is also responsible for advancing community-wide efforts, including the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) survey conducted by the CoC, which involves various partnering organizations.

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

In order to improve the housing and community development delivery system in Lorain, better coordination between and amongst the public, non-profit and private agencies will be required. The programs and services that exist and that are available to residents in Lorain are extensive and varied. Further, all of the agencies identified exhibit a commitment to providing these services. However, the agencies that participate in Lorain's delivery system will need to operate in a more comprehensive and cohesive manner. At times, these services and programs are provided with little cooperation between and amongst the many other agencies that make up the housing and community development delivery system network which causes a duplication of services.

The City of Lorain views the Consolidated Plan development process as an opportunity to bring together the public, non-profit, and private organizations that provide housing and community development services in Lorain. Through the City's Citizen Participation Plan, which was developed to maintain contact with the public, the City hopes to provide enough public forums and meetings throughout the year to create a greater awareness of housing and community development activities which may lead to better coordination over the next five years.

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

Although the City of Lorain coordinates with homeless and public service providers, better coordination between these agencies and with the public and private sector organizations will be a high priority during the next five years.

The City will utilize the following strategies to overcome gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for homeless prevention services:

- Support non-profit service providers that offer self-sufficiency training, medical care, mental health counseling, case management, and other activities to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- Assist the Lorain County Homeless Task Force in their efforts to improve coordination between service providers.
- Continue to support programs that assist the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless.
- Promote and encourage the development of programs that facilitate the transition from homelessness into permanent housing.
- Coordinate with the Continuum of Care, non-profit service providers, and other organizations to establish additional transitional or permanent supportive housing.

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	Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need Fair Housing Education and Outreach Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Increased Homeownership Opportunities Lead Assessment and Abatement Housing Counseling	CDBG: $821,924 HOME: $1,650,065	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 50 Households Assisted
2	Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Homeless Services and Prevention Social Service Programs Youth Programs and Services	CDBG: $280,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 30 Households Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 20 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 150 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Community and Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Code Enforcement Elimination of Slum and Blight Programs and services for low and moderate income Public Facilities and Infrastructure Public Transportation Social Service Programs Youth Programs and Services Legal Services	CDBG: $2,850,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30000 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 61000 Persons Assisted Jobs created/retained: 200 Jobs Businesses assisted: 20 Businesses Assisted Buildings Demolished: 12 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 3500 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Non-Homeless Special Needs	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need Programs and services for low and moderate income Programs and services for special needs residents Public Transportation Social Service Programs Youth Programs and Services Senior Programs and Services Legal Services	CDBG: $875,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 125 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Households Assisted
5	Emergency/Disaster Response	2020	2022	CDBG-CV	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery	CDBG-CV: $725,720	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 45875 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 53 Businesses Assisted
6	Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration/Planning	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Program Administration	CDBG: $1,206,731 HOME: $183,340	

Table 53 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Housing
	Goal Description	Improve availability and accessibility of affordable housing to persons of low and moderate income throughout the City of Lorain.
2	**Goal Name**	Homelessness
	Goal Description	Reduce Homelessness in the City of Lorain.
3	**Goal Name**	Community and Economic Development
	Goal Description	Enhance the living environment and economic opportunity for persons of low- and moderate-income and special needs populations through public services, public improvement and economic development activities.
4	**Goal Name**	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Goal Description	Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to City of Lorain low- and moderate- income and special needs populations.
5	**Goal Name**	Emergency/Disaster Response
	Goal Description	This goal seeks to mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, it covers a broad population, and a range of individuals, businesses, and groups. Affected populations will receive aid through a variety of selected projects.
6	**Goal Name**	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Administration of the CDBG and HOME programs

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 Five-Year Consolidated Plan must summarize the City's priorities and the specific goals it intends to initiate and/or complete within the five-year term of the Strategic Plan. These goals must be described in quantitative terms. The City of Lorain has selected funding allocations, goal outcome indicators and quantities using past and anticipated performance measures from its Annual Action Plans. These performance measures have been projected over the course of the five-year period to arrive at a total five-year funding allocation and quantity for each outcome indicator. See **Table 55**.

Through annual CDBG allocations, the City will provide affordable housing activities to support on average 23 income-eligible non-homeless and special needs households annually, or approximately 115 households over the next five years. Activities to support income-eligible non-homeless and special needs households may include rental assistance, production of new units, and rehabilitation of existing units, as well as public service activities for low- and moderate-income housing benefit.

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)

The number of disabled families getting assistance totals 1,450. In addition, 1,387 families are requesting accessibility features. This data shows that a high number of disabled families are in need of both housing assistance/vouchers and accessible units. Additionally, 539 program participants are elderly (>62 years) and may also need accessible units.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

LMHA intends to continue promoting several resident initiatives that are generally broken down into two phases. In the first phase, the LMHA provides training programs for family self-sufficiency (FSS) through educational entities or private sector companies that provide training. In addition, LMHA has an economic empowerment plan that includes workshops with banks and small business seminars for the residents. During the second phase, LMHA plans to offer resident training on HUD regulations through a tenant council. This activity broadens public housing residents' knowledge of their rights, knowledge, HUD's perspective on issues, and various resident initiatives that can be explored and implemented at various points in time.

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

No

Plan to remove the 'troubled' designation

The local PHA, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority, is not designated as troubled.

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

Barriers to Affordable Housing

This section requires the jurisdiction to explain whether the cost of housing or the incentives to develop, maintain, or improve affordable housing are affected by public policies, particularly those of the local jurisdiction. Such policies include land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, and policies that affect the return on residential investment. Lorain has several strategies that it utilizes to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that are barriers to affordable housing.

The following is a summary of these barriers and corresponding strategies:

1. Zoning Ordinances

- *Barrier* – Zoning ordinances are a barrier to affordable housing, as they restrict density and limit housing types in locations that would otherwise be suitable for affordable housing – ultimately excluding lower income households from many neighborhoods.
- *Strategy* – A revised zoning code was adopted by the City that better reflects the appropriate use of land and solves some of the problems of the old code; however, the code still needs to focus on housing-related issues such as the lack of multi-family zoning. The City hopes that the specificity of the revised code makes it easier for developers to utilize it.

2. Security Deposits

- *Barrier* – Security deposits, utility deposits, and high rent fees are a barrier to affordable housing, since many lower income households cannot afford to pay both the deposit/fee and the rent at the same time.
- *Strategy* – Sub-recipients using CDBG funds continue to off-set barrier costs such as security deposits, utility connection/reconnection fees, and high late rent fees with financial help and one-time emergency assistance payments.

3. Lack of Quality Housing

- *Barrier* – The lack of quality housing units for low-income persons is a barrier to affordable housing.
- *Strategy* – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including the use of NSP funds to construct new homes, reclaiming abandoned and nuisance properties through

acquisition/demolition, stimulating private developers and other public resources to invest in inner-city communities and create mixed-income communities of choice, and continuing its Rehabilitation Program that allows persons to remain in their homes with the assistance of grant funds to replace roofs, windows and insulation.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City of Lorain has adopted the Ohio Board of Building Standards recommendation of the Ohio Building Codes (OBC), Ohio Mechanical Codes (OMC), and Ohio Plumbing Codes (OPC) and the ICC International Building Code. These codes are designed to set forth minimum standards for health, safety, and welfare. The City's building and zoning codes do not, in general, constitute barriers to affordable housing in Lorain. The City shall seek to update its zoning codes and land use plans, which are approaching thirty years of age.

The City's building and zoning codes do not, in general, constitute barriers to affordable housing in Lorain. The City shall seek to update its zoning codes and land use plans, which are approaching thirty years of age. The City of Lorain has also devoted a significant amount of resources to improving the housing stock to improve overall the return on residential investment. With the addition of more Housing Inspectors and support staff in conjunction with increasing the number of cases sent to the City of Lorain Housing Court, the City's code enforcement efforts have led to an overall improvement of homes in all areas in the city.

The following is a summary of the City’s past and current strategies to reduce barriers to affordable housing:

Zoning Ordinance – The City plans to complete a revised zoning code that better reflects the appropriate use of land and solves some of the problems of the old code; however, the code still needs to focus on housing-related issues such as the lack of multi-family zoning. The City hopes that the specificity of the revised code makes it easier for developers to utilize it. Additionally, the City passed a new Comprehensive Land Use Plan at the end of 2018 and a housing study will be completed in 2019 to determine the extent of housing related issues.

Lack of Quality Housing – The City has utilized a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including the use of HOME and NSP funds to construct and rehab homes, reclaiming abandoned and nuisance properties through acquisition/demolition, and stimulating private developers and other public resources to invest in inner-city communities and create mixed-income communities of choice. The City is also continuing its Emergency Home Repair program with additional funding and Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation program with CDBG funds. These programs allow persons to remain in their homes with the assistance of grant funds to replace roofs, address foundation issues, and provide ADA

accessibility options. The City will provide a full rehabilitation program with the use of HOME funds in 2019.

Lead-Based Paint – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including a lead inspection and abatement program, utilizing joint grant funding through the Erie County Health Department regarding lead funding which includes Elyria and Lorain cities. Also, lead will be addressed regarding all housing rehabilitation efforts.

Age and Condition of Housing Stock – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including rehabilitation assistance with low and moderate income households, the elderly, disabled and families with children receiving priority funding, and marketing of homeownership programs to support housing choice.

Financing – The City administers a down payment assistance program through CDBG funding to allow for lower monthly payments for homeownership. In 2019, down payment assistance programs will be funded through HOME funds instead of CDBG.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

The City of Lorain network of homeless service providers consists of shelter and housing providers, service providers, faith-based organizations, local governments and other entities focused on finding solutions to homelessness. The Lorain County Homeless Task Force is designated as the lead agency for the homeless services.

The City may seek to offer a TBRA program, through a sub-recipient agreement with a qualified organization. This program will require that the sub-recipient provide outreach and informational sessions to landlords, social service agencies, homeless, and those at-risk of being homeless, pertaining to the program.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

One of Lorain's strategies for preventing and reducing homelessness is to assist non-profit service providers in obtaining additional funding sources for shelter services. Many of these non-profit service providers are CoC partnering agencies.

The Haven Center, administered by Neighborhood Alliance, is a twenty-four hour, 365 day emergency shelter for men, women and children, is a 68 bed facility that provides case plans for clients that seeks to assist them with transitioning them into independent housing, and provides them with employment referrals; vocational rehabilitation; GED courses, tickets for public transit, and assistance with applying for affordable housing.

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.

Another of Lorain's strategies for preventing and reducing homelessness is to promote and encourage the development of programs that facilitate the transition from homelessness into permanent housing. Many of these programs are operated by the CoC partnering agencies.

The City, through the use of a qualified sub-recipient, may provide a TBRA program that would provide a monthly rental subsidy for an eligible household for a specified period of time to enable the household to afford their housing. A tenant-based rental subsidy program would provide the subsidy on behalf of an eligible tenant to an approved landlord for an approved rental unit which has an approved rent.

The Valor Home of Lorain County, located at 221 W. 21st Street shall seek to provide transitional housing for homeless veterans, within the City and throughout the County by providing drug and alcohol counseling, vocational training, and other services through programs from both Family and Community Services and the VA and Veterans Health Clinic.

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

Another of the City's strategies for reducing homelessness is to support non-profit service providers that offer self-sufficiency training, medical care, mental health counseling, case management, and other activities to prevent homelessness. Many of these non-profit service providers are CoC partnering agencies.

The non-homeless special needs populations include the elderly, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, substance abusers, and persons with HIV/AIDS or related diseases. The City and other non-profits will provide various types of assistance, primarily through supportive services, to persons with special needs in the community. These agencies include but are not limited to: New Sunrise Properties; The Lorain County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; Lorain County Urban League; and El Centro De Servicios Sociales to name a few.

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

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

Lead was used as a pigment and drying agent in “alkyd” oil-based paint in most homes built before 1978. Lead may be present on any interior or exterior surface, particularly on woodwork, doors, and windows. In 1978, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission lowered the legal maximum lead content in most kinds of paint to 0.06% (a trace amount). According to the Commission, about two-thirds of homes built before 1940, one-half of the homes built from 1940 to 1960, and a large number of homes built after 1960 contain heavily leaded paint. Given the age of the City’s housing stock, lead paint is presumed to be present in most areas of the City.

The City and its departments are currently working to coordinate efforts and activities with the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) to ensure that Section 8 housing is included in efforts to control lead hazards.

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

Housing built before 1980 is presumed to have a higher risk of lead-based paint. In the City of Lorain, 83.6% of housing units were built prior to 1980 present. For owner-occupied housing units, 79.2% were built prior to 1980 and for renter-occupied the percentage is slightly higher at 89.4%. It can be estimated that a large percentage of these are housing units that are occupied by low- and moderate-income families. Generally, these statistics point toward the need for the City of Lorain to facilitate both owner-unit and rental-unit rehabilitations within its jurisdiction.

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

The City of Lorain requires inspection of units undergoing rehabilitation through the Building, Housing, and Planning Department’s housing programs. This inspection includes documentation of the year built, names and ages of the children living in the unit (if under 7 years), and whether or not the children have symptoms of elevated blood lead levels (EBL). If any child has symptoms, then all chewable surfaces up to five feet from the ground will be tested and abated (i.e., covered or removed).

For every rehabilitation project, the resident is given an educational pamphlet on the dangers of lead-based paint, including the age of homes affected, age group most susceptible, symptoms of EBL and whom to contact if symptoms are evident.

Each substandard housing unit to be rehabilitated is inspected and tested by a licensed inspector to identify lead-based paint hazards. A report with the rehabilitation approach and strategy to eliminate lead hazards is issued to the City's Building, Housing, and Planning Department and the homeowner by the inspector(s).

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

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

According to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, 29.9% of all people living in the City of Lorain are at poverty level or below. To combat this trend, the City of Lorain and Lorain County have a number of agencies that provide public services to persons in poverty. These agencies typically provide services to other homeless and non-homeless special needs populations, as well as low- and moderate-income families. These services include housing, job/skills training and other assistance to promote self-sufficiency. The City of Lorain will continue to support and collaborate with these agencies to meet the common goal of recusing poverty within the City of Lorain.

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

The City will continue to provide CDBG funding, where appropriate, to support programs that are designed to help families gain self-sufficiency such as childcare programs and job training and creation programs. The City of Lorain's goals for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan is to address the role of self-sufficiency in protecting and enhancing the condition of the City's housing stock and neighborhoods.

The City of Lorain will take the following steps to promote self-sufficiency and reduce the number of households living below the poverty level while increasing the number of affordable units within the City:

- Increase the supply of standard, affordable housing through the rehabilitation of existing housing units and, if appropriate, the construction of new units.
- Support Fair Housing efforts that provide accessibility to all housing options for all City residents.
- Promote homeownership opportunities.
- Assist in the development of community development corporations and community-based organizations through technical and financial assistance.
- Provide rental assistance to low to moderate income individuals via Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).

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

Monitoring is an integral management control technique to ensure the effective and proper use of Federal dollars. In addition, it is an ongoing process that assesses the quality of a program participant's performance over a period of time. This program performance relates to external and internal clients, as well as City staff who will be managing the programs. Monitoring provides information about program participants that is critical for making informed judgments about program effectiveness and management efficiency. It also helps in identifying instances of fraud, waste and abuse.

CDBG Program Staff is responsible for monitoring all CDBG related activities to ensure that National Objectives are being met. Staff continues desk reviews as a key component of the basic monitoring activities. Materials submitted to the CDBG office are reviewed, as a well as progress reports. Progress reports are required as part of the Public Services grants and are assisting in keeping sub-recipients on track for expenditures. On-site reviews will be scheduled at least once in the coming year for recipients of Public Services funds to ensure compliance with HUD regulations.

The City has decided that the most consistent way to monitor sub-recipients is to monitor their activities using the sub-recipient contract as a monitoring tool. The contract will be used in conjunction with standardized monitoring forms that our office has created for this purpose. This is to simultaneously make the sub-recipients aware of the contract compliance requirements that will increase their knowledge of what the contract contains and is applicable to them. In addition, the monitoring will increase compliance with the timelines established in the agreements and the importance of spending the CDBG funds in a timely manner. The cross-cutting requirements will be an integral part of this monitoring.

Staff also has been doing on-site monitoring for compliance with Davis Bacon regulations. The monitoring includes meetings with contractors to ensure compliance before work begins. Review of certified payrolls is done weekly before payment is authorized to the contractor as well. The City continues to meet with contractors before work begins so that Davis Bacon requirements can be discussed and explained which has been an effective tool for the City in ensuring compliance.

CDBG staff monitors compliance with timeliness of expenditures by reviewing IDIS reports. All sub-recipients are expected to expend their funds in a timely manner. Failure to meet spending thresholds eliminates them from requesting future funding until this threshold is met. It will be emphasized to all of the sub-recipients the importance of continuing to spend funds in a timely manner. Contract compliance will be emphasized since most of the sub-recipient agreements contain milestones and achieving these milestones will improve spend down of the CDBG funds. IDIS reports are used to monitor spend down rates for the CDBG program overall and for each project individually.

On site monitoring will include yearly site visits to verify on-going compliance or to inspect work, either in-progress or completed and review records to ensure that program requirements are satisfied. Areas to review during the site visits may include agency financial management systems, client eligibility, labor standards, equal opportunity, lead-based paint regulations, procurement practices, and other areas as applicable. Technical assistance is provided as needed.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan must identify the federal, state, local and private resources expected to be available to the City to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. These resources are summarized in **Table 52**.

The City of Lorain anticipates a total allocation of $1,233,655 in CDBG funding and $433,406 in HOME funding for the 2020/2021 program year. The City received an additional CDBG-CV allocation of $725,720. Program income may be realized over the course of the 2020/2021 program year and subsequent program years. These funds will be used for CDBG and HOME eligible activities consistent with the current goals and objectives identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. CDBG funds will be used for housing and community development activities including, but not limited to, increasing homeownership, providing existing homeownership assistance (e.g. housing rehabilitation), public services, code enforcement/blight removal and administration of the City's CDBG program.

Other resources, such as private and non-Federal public sources may become available to the City of Lorain during the program year. For CDBG leveraging, these include funding from State and Federal grant sources, City Departments (e.g. Public Works, Parks and Recreation), public or social service providers, or other sources. The City will also look to leverage funds, if available, from Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Public Housing Authority (PHA), or other agencies and programs against CDBG and HOME dollars.

The Annual Action Plan must summarize the City’s priorities and the specific goals it intends to initiate and/or complete within the first year of the Strategic Plan. These goals must be described in quantitative terms. The City of Lorain has selected goal outcome indicators and quantities based on the anticipated performance measures of the 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan. See **Table 57**.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1	Expected	Narrative Description

	of Funds		Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,233,470	1,020,400	0	2,253,870	4,800,000	Additional resources for leveraging may include other State and Federal grant sources, City Departments (Public Works, Parks and Recreation), public or social service providers, and local Block Grant, or other sources of funding.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	433,319	100,000	875,000	1,408,319	1,400,000	Additional resources for leveraging may include other State and Federal grant sources, and public or social service providers

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: $		
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Public Improvements Public Services	301,977	0	0	301,977	0	Round III CV funds
Other	public - federal	Other	725,720	0	0	725,720	0	CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.

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 City will look to leverage funds, if available, from State and Federal grants sources, City Departments (e.g. Public Works, Parks and Recreation), public or social service providers, or other sources against CDBG and HOME dollars. The City will look to leverage funds, if available, from Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Public Housing Authority (PHA), or other agencies and programs against CDBG and HOME dollars.

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

The City of Lorain actively markets City owned homes for owner occupancy. Homes are affordable and are marketed on the City website.

In addition, the City plans the purchase of additional land parcels and vacant sites scattered throughout the City of Lorain, to continuously build units in the next 3 to 5 years, once the current projects are completed and sold. Sites acquired will largely be formerly foreclosed upon properties that previously were blighted and in disrepair. The lots may be sold to private developers, specifically for new housing construction.

Discussion

The City of Lorain's anticipated funding allocation from CDBG and HOME will address many of the City's goals, including housing, non-homeless special needs, community and economic development, and homelessness. The City is fortunate to have a network of public or social service providers to help address these goals through financial leveraging, as well as other Federal funding sources such as City Departments, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other agency and program funding.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Increased Homeownership Opportunities	CDBG: $532,500 HOME: $480,065	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 36 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Homeless Services and Prevention	HOME: $30,065	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted
3	Non-Homeless Special Needs	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need	CDBG: $81,480	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: 100 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Community and Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Elimination of Slum and Blight Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG: $1,189,263	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6000 Persons Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 4 Business Buildings Demolished: 13 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 5000 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Program Administration	2015	2019	Administration/Planning	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need Code Enforcement Elimination of Slum and Blight Fair Housing Education and Outreach Homeless Services and Prevention Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Increased Homeownership Opportunities Programs and services for low and moderate income Programs and services for special needs residents Public Facilities and Infrastructure Public Transportation Social Service Programs Youth Programs and Services	CDBG: $450,811 HOME: $53,340	Other: 0 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Emergency/Disaster Response	2020	2022	CDBG-CV	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery	CDBG: $725,720	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 45875 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 53 Businesses Assisted

Table 55 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Housing
	Goal Description	Improve availability and accessibility of affordable housing to persons of low and moderate income throughout the City of Lorain
2	**Goal Name**	Homelessness
	Goal Description	Homeless services and facilities
3	**Goal Name**	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Goal Description	Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to City of Lorain low- and moderate- income and special needs populations.

4	**Goal Name**	Community and Economic Development
	Goal Description	Enhance the living environment and economic opportunity for persons of low- and moderate-income and special needs populations through public services, public improvement and economic development activities
5	**Goal Name**	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Program administration is required to implement the City's five (5) goals. Program administration addresses all outcomes, objectives and priority
6	**Goal Name**	Emergency/Disaster Response
	Goal Description	Provide assistance prior to, during and after a community emergency and/or disaster event to prepare for and/or mitigate loss, protect during an event, and aid with recovery (this includes natural disasters and infectious disease outbreaks such as COVID-19 pandemic)

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

City of Lorain's planned actions for the 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan are intended to support housing and community development for the City's low- and moderate-income populations as well as the City's homeless and special needs groups.

The City will continue to operate its CDBG and HOME programs through the Building, Housing, and Planning Departments, which will continue to provide funding for housing rehabilitation, ownership, and rental assistance/counseling in partnership with its sub-recipients. These actions will further the goal of improving the availability and accessibility of affordable housing in the City of Lorain.

As in the past, the City will continue to coordinate with public or social service providers to prevent homelessness and promote access to public services for special needs populations generally assumed to be low- and moderate-income. During the 2020/2021 program year, the City will fund activities that address the needs of the homeless and non-homeless special needs populations such as at-risk youth and seniors.

Planned community development activities include renovations to parks and recreation facilities, and slum and blight removal to enhance the living environment for people living in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Program Administration
2	B.O.S.S. Productions
3	Urban League (Senior Services)
4	Code Enforcement
5	231Go Program
6	Habitat for Humanity
7	Youth Employment
8	Oakwood Pool Facilities improvements
9	Lead Grant
10	Blight Clearance/Demolition
11	Storefront Renovation Program
12	Emergency Home Repair
13	Downpayment Assistance

#	Project Name
14	Urban League (Housing Counseling)
15	HOME Administration
16	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
17	Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation
18	Street Improvements
19	Senior Center Improvements
20	COVID-19 Admin
21	Local Business Relief Emergency Grants
22	Local Business Retrofit Small Business Retrofit
23	Lorain City Schools
24	Second Harvest Food Delivery
25	Neighborhood Alliance
26	Urban League Subsistence Payments
27	Church of the Open Door
28	Oakwood Park WIFI
29	Central Park WIFI
30	Lorain City Schools COVID Testing

Table 56 – Project Information

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

The allocation priorities are focused on the five goals of the Strategic Plan: housing, homelessness, non-homeless special needs, community and economic development, and program administration. It is important to note that total funding for public services is capped at 15% of the total CDBG allocation. Total funding for activities related to administration is capped at 20% for CDBG and 10% for HOME.

Strategic Plan Goal CDBG (% of Total Award)*

Program Administration: $450,811.00 (20%)

Housing: $507,500.00 (22.5%)

Homelessness: $0.00 (0%)

Non-Homeless Special Needs: $81,480.00 (3.6%)

Community and Economic Development $1,214,264.00 (53.8%).

**Includes program income and prior year resources. Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.*

Strategic Plan Goal CDBG - CV (% of Total Award)

Emergency/Disaster Response: $725,720.00 (100%)

Strategic Plan Goal HOME (% of Total Award)*

Program Administration: $53,340.60 (10.0%)

Housing: $450,000.00 (84.4%)

Homelessness: $30,065.40 (5.6%)

Non-Homeless Special Needs: $0.00 (0%)

Community and Economic Development $0.00 (0%).

**Excludes program income and prior year resources. Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding*

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: $450,774
	Description	Program administration & Salaries
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income families citywide (indirect)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Salaries & Administration
2	**Project Name**	B.O.S.S. Productions
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Youth Programs and Services Social Service Programs
	Funding	CDBG: $12,000
	Description	Teaching dance and life skills to low income children ages 13-19.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income families citywide.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Teaching dance and life skills to low income children ages 13-19
3	**Project Name**	Urban League (Senior Services)

	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Senior Programs and Services
	Funding	CDBG: $5,000
	Description	Educating seniors about scams/phishing and how to avoid them.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Seniors citywide.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Educating seniors about scams/phishing and how to avoid them.
4	**Project Name**	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Elimination of Slum and Blight Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: $353,547
	Description	Ongoing code enforcement activities in targeted areas
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income families citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Code enforcement and elimination of slum and blight
5	**Project Name**	231Go Program
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI

	Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Youth Programs and Services Social Service Programs
	Funding	CDBG: $12,000
	Description	Summer program assisting low income youth with their futures.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income youth citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Summer programs assisting low income youth with their futures.
6	**Project Name**	Habitat for Humanity
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization
	Funding	CDBG: $25,000
	Description	Minor repairs for low income senior focused households.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income senior citizens citywide
	Location Description	Citywide.
	Planned Activities	Minor repairs for low income senior focused households.
7	**Project Name**	Youth Employment
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Needs Addressed	Youth Programs and Services
	Funding	CDBG: $27,480
	Description	Employ Lorain High School students within the City government; teaching life skills and job skills.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Lorain high school students, citywide.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Employ Lorain High School students within the City Government; teaching life skills and job skills.
8	**Project Name**	Oakwood Pool Facilities improvements
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: $200,000
	Description	Oakwood pool park and recreational facility improvement
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Residents, including low and moderate income persons, citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Oakwood pool park and recreational facility improvement.
9	**Project Name**	Lead Grant
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Housing

	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need
	Funding	CDBG: $80,000
	Description	City of Lorain Health Department lead hazard efforts
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income residents citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	City of Lorain Health Department lead hazard efforts.
10	**Project Name**	Blight Clearance/Demolition
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Elimination of Slum and Blight
	Funding	CDBG: $291,098
	Description	Removal of up to 13 slum/blighted houses.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Residents citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Removal of up to 17 slum/blighted houses.
11	**Project Name**	Storefront Renovation Program
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Elimination of Slum and Blight

	Funding	CDBG: $100,000
	Description	City of Lorain Storefront Renovation Program
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income persons citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Assistance to business owners to open and operate businesses within the City of Lorain
12	**Project Name**	Emergency Home Repair
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Elimination of Slum and Blight Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need
	Funding	CDBG: $225,000
	Description	City of Lorain Emergency Home Repair Program
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and Moderate income persons citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The Emergency Home Repair Program is for owner occupied homeowners to make their homes decent, safe, and sanitary.
13	**Project Name**	Downpayment Assistance
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Housing

	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need
	Funding	CDBG: $177,500
	Description	City of Lorain down payment assistance
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and moderate income persons citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Down payment assistance to income qualified homebuyers.
14	**Project Name**	Urban League (Housing Counseling)
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Increased Homeownership Opportunities Social Service Programs Housing Counseling
	Funding	CDBG: $25,000
	Description	Funding to help program assist people to become homeowners.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Residents/potential homebuyers citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Funding to help program assist people to become homeowners.
15	**Project Name**	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI

	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	HOME: $53,332
	Description	City of Lorain HOME administration
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All residents, low and moderate income residents, citywide (indirect)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Salaries & general program administration
16	**Project Name**	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Affordable and Accessible Housing for Special Need Homeless Services and Prevention
	Funding	HOME: $29,987
	Description	Tenant Based Rental Assistance program to assist low income households with security deposits and rent.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low income residents citywide
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Tenant Based Rental Assitance program to assist low income households with security deposits and rent.
17	**Project Name**	Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation

	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization
	Funding	HOME: $450,000
	Description	Full rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes for low and very low income households.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low and very low income home owners
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Full rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes for low and very-low income households.
18	**Project Name**	Street Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: $262,850
	Description	Street Improvements in LMI areas within the City of Lorain.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will assist low and moderate incom areas in the City.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Street Improvements
19	**Project Name**	Senior Center Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Senior Programs and Services
	Funding	CDBG: $25,000
	Description	Repaving of senior center parking lot
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Thos program will assist senior utilizing the senior center.
	Location Description	Senior Center
	Planned Activities	Repaving of Senior Center parking lot.
20	**Project Name**	COVID-19 Admin
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Emergency/Disaster Response Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG - CV III: $60,395 CDBG-CV: $145,144
	Description	City of Lorain emergency/disaster response (2020/2021); CDBG-CV ADMIN $145,144; CDBG-CV III Admin - $60,395.40
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	CDBG-CV Program Administration - $145,144.00 CDBG - CV III Program Administration - $60,395.40
21	**Project Name**	Local Business Relief Emergency Grants

	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG - CV III: $67,670 CDBG-CV: $100,000
	Description	City of Lorain Housing emergency/disaster response - CDBG-CV $100,000; CDBG - CV III - $67,669.60.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Local Business Relief Emergency Grants - Emergency grants for local business - $100,000 up to 39 Businesses Assisted
22	**Project Name**	Local Business Retrofit Small Business Retrofit
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG-CV: $100,000
	Description	City of Lorain Housing emergency/disaster response. CDBG-CV - $100,000
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Local Business Retrofit Small Business Retrofit - Small business retrofits $100,000 - 20 Businesses Assisted.
23	**Project Name**	Lorain City Schools
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	Programs and services for low and moderate income COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	:
	Description	City of Lorain Housing emergency/disaster response - CDBG-CV
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Lorain City Schools - Laptops for Lorain City School students - $25,000 up to 125 Persons Assisted.
24	**Project Name**	Second Harvest Food Delivery
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	Programs and services for low and moderate income COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG-CV: $70,576
	Description	City of Lorain Housing emergency/disaster response CDBG-CV $70,576
	Target Date	9/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Second Harvest Food Delivery - Food delivery through Second Harvest - $70,576 - 45,000 Persons Assisted
25	**Project Name**	Neighborhood Alliance
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services and Prevention COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG-CV: $60,000
	Description	City of Lorain Housing emergency/disaster response CDBG-CV $60,000
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Neighborhood Alliance - Homeless assistance with the Neighborhood Alliance - $60,000 - 125 Families (approximately 250 Persons Assisted)
26	**Project Name**	Urban League Subsistence Payments
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Emergency/Disaster Response

	Needs Addressed	Programs and services for low and moderate income COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG-CV: $200,000
	Description	City of Lorain Housing emergency/disaster response CDBG-CV $200,000
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Urban League Subsistence Payments - Subsistence Payment aid with the Urban League - $200,000 - 150 families (approximately 250 Persons Assisted)
27	**Project Name**	Church of the Open Door
	Target Area	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	Programs and services for low and moderate income COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG-CV: $25,000
	Description	City of Lorain Housing emergency/disaster response CDBG-CV $25,000
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Church of the Open Door - Funding for urban gardens to grow produce for low - and moderate - income households through Church of the Open Door - $25,000 - 100 to 125 households (approximately 200 persons assisted).

28	**Project Name**	Oakwood Park WIFI
	Target Area	Ward 6 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG - CV III: $32,684
	Description	Installation of public wifi that can be used within the park and close surrounding area
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This area has a high majority of LMI households that will be assisted with this improvement.
	Location Description	2047 E. 36th Street
	Planned Activities	installation of public wifi
29	**Project Name**	Central Park WIFI
	Target Area	Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG - CV III: $16,228
	Description	installation of public wifi in a large park in an LMI area
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	approximately 7,545 LMI households are in the area
	Location Description	401 W. 26th Street
	Planned Activities	installation of public wifi
30	**Project Name**	Lorain City Schools COVID Testing
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Emergency/Disaster Response
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Prevention, Response, & Recovery
	Funding	CDBG - CV III: $125,000 CDBG-CV: $25,000
	Description	funds to provide COVID testing to approximately 350 students and teachers weekly for approximately 5 weeks.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,764 people will be able to receive tests
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	provide funds for COVID tests

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

For the 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan, City of Lorain will direct assistance to low- and moderate-income areas of the City including, but not limited to, four (4) Target Areas. These Target Areas are City Council Wards 2, 3, 5, and 6. (See **Table 61**). Assistance will also be made available citywide to persons meeting the CDBG eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit.

The neighborhood boundaries for the Ward 2 target area are: Lake Erie to the North; Maine Avenue to the East; W. 21st Street to the South; and portions of both Brownell and Oberlin Avenues to the West. Ward 2's LMI Census Tracts include the following: 222,223, 224, and 229.

The neighborhood boundaries for Ward 3 are as follows: W. 21st Street to the North; Reid Avenue to the East; W. 34th, W. 36th Streets and Tower Blvd. to South.

The neighborhood boundaries for Ward 5 are as follows: SR 611 to the north west of Broadway Ave; E 29th Street to the north east of Broadway Ave.; The City Boundary to the south; Reid Ave to the west north of W 34th Street; Broadway St to the west south of W 34th Street; Clinton Ave to the east south of E 38th St; Seneca Ave to the east south of E 31st St; Pearl Ave to the east south of E 30th St; Maple Rd to the east south of E29th St.

The neighborhood boundaries for Ward 6 are as follows: Black River to the north; the City boundary to the south and east; Clinton Ave to the west south of E 38th St; Seneca Ave to the west south of E 31st St; Pearl Ave to the west south of E 30th St; Maple Rd to the west south of E29th St.

See the Ward Map in the Appendix of this report for a graphical representation of Ward locations.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Ward 2 LMI	25
Ward 5 LMI	25
Ward 6 LMI	25
Ward 3 LMI	25

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

City of Lorain's rationale for allocating investments geographically is dependent upon the location of low- and moderate-income populations, which are most concentrated in Wards 2, 3, 5, and 6.

The City of Lorain reviews statistical information on annual basis for all city neighborhoods that have been determined to have at least 51% of its population with low and moderate incomes (80% of the Area Median Income). These same neighborhoods have the highest percentage of minority populations in the City. In addition, independent reports e.g. the Vacant Property Study show that these areas are locations of high property vacancies, blight, and code violations.

Discussion

City of Lorain has identified 17 projects to implement the five goals of the Strategic Plan during the first year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. These projects benefit low- and moderate-income persons citywide and within the City's four (4) Target Areas: Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 5, and Ward 6. Projects with citywide benefit include economic development, code enforcement, and the City's administration of the CDBG and HOME programs.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

As stated previously, the City places a high priority on providing homeownership opportunity in the City of Lorain. This goal shall be addressed, in part, by local non-profit organizations that construct new, modestly priced, affordable houses, or repair existing houses for resale to lower-income, first-time homebuyers. In addition, the jurisdiction shall seek creative ways in which we can provide affordable housing opportunities and a means for obtaining such.

The Annual Action Plan must specify goals for the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households to be supported within the program year. These numbers are shown in **Table 62** and are inclusive of the affordable housing activities shown in **Table 57**, in addition to other planned housing activities identified in **Table 59**. **Table 63** indicates the number of households to be supported through specific activities, including rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, or acquisition of existing units. For the purposes of this section, the term "affordable housing" is defined in the HOME regulations at 24 CFR 92.252 for rental housing and 24 CFR 92.254 for homeownership. [This section replaces the former HUD Table 3B.]

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	53
Special-Needs	16
Total	69

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	0
Rehab of Existing Units	22
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	22

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

Discussion

The City will rely on various partners throughout the jurisdiction, and county in assisting its residents in obtaining affordable housing. Through programs including but not limited to: First Time Homebuyer/Down payment Assistance; Tenant Based Rental Assistance; Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation

grants; Emergency Rehabilitation Grants, and city-owned homes available for purchase.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is the housing authority for Lorain County. Within the City of Lorain, the LMHA maintains and operates 862 public housing units. During the upcoming year, the LMHA estimates utilizing Comprehensive Grant Program funds to rehabilitate public housing developments located in the City of Lorain. In addition, the LMHA will likely assist over 500 low-income renter households through rehabilitation activities. Further, the LMHA has 24 scattered-site housing units in the City that benefit low-income households.

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes what actions the City of Lorain will take in the 2020/2021 program year to carry out the public housing portion of the Strategic Plan. Below, the City has identified the manner in which the 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan will address the needs of public housing during the program year.

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

As was noted in Section NA-35, the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) has been charged with the responsibility of the administration of housing programs for low-income persons. The operations of the LMHA are funded through annual appropriations provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

LMHA lists the following as goals pertaining to both addressing the needs of public housing and improving the quality of affordable housing. The jurisdiction shall make a strong effort to work collaboratively with the local housing authority were feasible on these goals, and others throughout the coming years.

- Renovate and modernize public housing interiors, exteriors, common areas, sites/grounds and building systems utilizing Capital Funds and Operating Reserves, when possible;
- Strive to maintain High Performer status under PHAS and SEMAP;
- Continue to strictly enforce Housing Quality Standards (HQS) for landlords and restrict participations of landlords who are consistently in noncompliance with HQS;
- Through collaborations with the City of Lorain, apply for planning grants, such as the Choice Neighborhoods, to facilitate the housing authority's research into the feasibility of the redevelopment of Southside Gardens; and
- Expand the supply of affordable housing in nontraditional areas by de-concentrating vouchers within areas of poverty and encouraging movement into neighborhoods of opportunity.

The LMHA has been committed to advocating for and providing affordable housing for eligible individuals and families, and continues to work closely with HUD, City of Lorain, and area agencies and organizations to address the needs for public housing.

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

LMHA intends to continue promoting several resident initiatives that are generally broken down into two phases. In the first phase, the LMHA provides training programs for family self-sufficiency (FSS) through educational entities or private sector companies that provide training. In addition, LMHA has an economic empowerment plan that includes workshops with banks and small business seminars for the residents. During the second phase, LMHA plans to offer resident training on HUD regulations through a tenant council. This activity broadens public housing residents' knowledge of their rights, knowledge, HUD's perspective on issues, and various resident initiatives that can be explored and implemented at various points in time.

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

The local PHA, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority, is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

Affordable housing needs are met by multiple stakeholders within City of Lorain. The LMHA is responsible for the administration of public housing in the City of Lorain and Lorain County and continues to work closely with HUD, City of Lorain, and area agencies and organizations to address mutual affordable housing goals.

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

Introduction

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes City of Lorain's one-year goal and the specific actions steps it will undertake in the program year to carry out the homeless strategy identified in the Strategic Plan. Additionally, this section addresses any activities related to the supportive housing needs of non-homeless populations.

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

A key component of the City's homeless strategy is to support critical housing and service activities of the Lorain County Continuum of Care for the homeless. The City of Lorain participates with the Lorain County Continuum of Care Committee, a countywide consortium of homeless housing and service providers, city and county governments, agency representatives and the former homeless. The Committee's goal is to establish a cooperative effort leading to the development of a continuum of housing and services for the homeless and to create supports to prevent at-risk populations from becoming homeless.

The City shall seek to offer a TBRA program, through a sub-recipient agreement with a qualified organization. This program will require that the sub-recipient provide outreach and informational sessions to landlords, social service agencies, homeless, and those at-risk of being homeless, pertaining to the program.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Haven Center, administered by Neighborhood Alliance, is a twenty-four hour, 365 day emergency shelter for men, women and children, is a 68 bed facility that provides case plans for clients that seeks to assist them with transitioning them into independent housing, and provides them with employment referrals; vocational rehabilitation; GED courses, tickets for public transit, and assistance with applying for affordable housing.

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 City, through the use of a qualified sub-recipient, shall provide a Tenant Based Rental Assistance program that would provide a monthly rental subsidy for an eligible household for a specified period of time to enable the household to afford their housing. A tenant-based rental subsidy program would provide the subsidy on behalf of an eligible tenant to an approved landlord for an approved rental unit which has an approved rent.

The Valor Home of Lorain County, located at 221 W. 21st Street shall seek to provide transitional housing for homeless veterans, within the City and throughout the County by providing drug and alcohol counseling, vocational training, and other services through programs from both Family and Community Services and the VA and Veterans Health Clinic.

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

Another of the City's strategies for reducing homelessness is to support non-profit service providers that offer self-sufficiency training, medical care, mental health counseling, case management, and other activities to prevent homelessness.

The non-homeless special needs populations include the elderly, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, substance abusers, and persons with AIDS or related diseases. During the upcoming year, the City and other non-profits will provide various types of assistance, primarily through supportive services, to persons with special needs in the community. These agencies include, but are not limited to: New Sunrise Properties; The Lorain County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; Lorain County Urban League; and El Centro De Servicios Sociales to name a few.

Furthermore, the City will continue to work with homeless service providers and the Lorain County Homeless Task Force to implement a cohesive, community-wide discharge coordination policy that can be successfully implemented to ensure that persons being discharged from publicly funded agencies and institutions do not become homeless upon release.

Discussion

The City plans to allocate $30,065 of the anticipated 2020/2021 CDBG award toward activities to reduce homelessness. But the City will continue to offer assistance, advice, and coordination with agencies that provide day facilities, case management, job skills training, vocational tools and other homeless services.

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

Introduction:

This section of the Annual Action Plan summarizes actions City of Lorain will undertake during the program year to reduce barriers to affordable housing and influence whether the cost of housing or the incentives to develop, maintain, or improve affordable housing are affected by public policies, particularly those of the local jurisdiction. Such policies include land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, and policies that affect the return on residential investment.

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

City of Lorain has several strategies that it utilizes to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that are barriers to affordable housing. In general, City of Lorain will continue to work with non-profit housing developers and providers to increase the amount of affordable housing. The City of Lorain has adopted the Ohio Board of Building Standards recommendation of the Ohio Building Codes (OBC), Ohio Mechanical Codes (OMC), and Ohio Plumbing Codes (OPC) and the ICC International Building Code. These codes are designed to set forth minimum standards for health, safety, and welfare. The City's building and zoning codes do not, in general, constitute barriers to affordable housing in Lorain. The City shall seek to update its zoning codes and land use plans, which are approaching thirty years of age.

Discussion:

The following is a summary of the City’s past and current strategies to reduce barriers to affordable housing:

Zoning Ordinance – The City has completed a new Comprehensive Plan and plans to complete a revised zoning code that better reflects the appropriate use of land and solves some of the problems of the old code; however, the code still needs to focus on housing-related issues such as the lack of multi-family zoning. The City hopes that the specificity of the revised code makes it easier for developers to utilize it.

Lack of Quality Housing – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including the use of HOME and to construct and rehab homes, reclaiming abandoned and nuisance properties through acquisition/demolition, stimulating private developers and other public resources to invest in inner-city communities and create mixed-income communities of choice, and continuing its Rehabilitation Program that allows persons to remain in their homes with the assistance of grant funds to replace roofs, windows and insulation.

Lead-Based Paint – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including a lead inspection and abatement program.

Age and Condition of Housing Stock – The City utilizes a multi-faceted approach to address this barrier, including rehabilitation assistance with low- and moderate-income households, the elderly, disabled and families with children receiving priority funding, and marketing of homeownership programs to support housing choice.

Financing – The City administers a down payment assistance program through HOME funding to allow for lower monthly payments for homeownership.

See also SPâ¿Â55, "Barriers to Affordable Housing" for more detailed explanations of strategies.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes City of Lorain's planned actions to carry out the following strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan:

Foster and maintain affordable housing;

Evaluate and reduce leadâ¿Â based paint hazards;

Reduce the number of povertyâ¿Â level families;

Develop institutional structure; and

Enhance coordination.

In addition, the City has identified obstacles to meeting underserved needs and proposed actions to overcome those obstacles.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Consistent with the Fiveâ¿ÂYear Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan, City of Lorain will pursue the goal of promoting access to public services for special needs populations generally assumed to be lowâ¿Â and moderateâ¿Âincome, including, but not limited to, programs addressing youth and children, seniors/elderly and frail elderly, veterans and persons with mental, physical or developmental disabilities, alcohol or drug addiction, HIV/Aids or other special needs.

The City, through the Consolidated Plan, shall seek to target federal funds, and other available resources, to residents that have traditionally not been served, or are underserved by previous programs. A strong emphasis will be placed on programmatic restructure that is not only compliant with changing rules and regulations, but make sense for today's economic climate, and ever-changing community structure.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As stated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan the City places a high priority on providing homeownership opportunity in Lorain. This goal is addressed, in part, by local non-profit organizations that construct new, modestly priced, affordable houses, or repair existing houses for resale to lower-

income, first-time homebuyers. Many of these non-profit organizations also provide down payment assistance to facilitate the purchase of the homes. The City places a high priority on both methods of expanding home ownership for lower-income households. In PY2013, the City of Lorain added a down payment assistance program to assist the low-mod income citizens of the community and those seeking to relocate to the community.

It is clear that the City's housing development plans should correlate with changing market conditions in the City of Lorain and the surrounding area. In order to insure that the low-mod income citizens of the community have access to affordable housing, the City will continue to meet with local and regional financial institutions (i.e. Lorain National Bank, First Merit Bank, Third Federal Savings) and national syndicators such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Local Initiatives Support Corp. (LISC), as well as with our local, State, and Federal non-profit partners, to explore their financial participation (TIF, Bond Financing, construction loans, etc.)

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City was awarded additional funds for the lead abatement program with Erie County. The City provides a CDBG match to the program. The program consists of lead abatement that focuses on children.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates, 29.9% of people living in City of Lorain are below poverty level. The City of Lorain does not possess the capacity or manpower to directly improve the poverty status of its citizens. However, the City supports County and State efforts to move low-income persons to economic self-sufficiency or to a maximum level of economic independence. The strategy aims to help families that are currently dependent on public assistance achieve economic self-sufficiency. In instances where this may not be possible because of personal limitations, the goal is to enable them to achieve the maximum level of independence for which they are capable. The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) (Lorain County) is the nexus of the County’s welfare reform program and thus is the lead anti-poverty agency. ODJFS’s mission is to maximize available community resources to support, encourage, and assist families and individuals in achieving their goals for self-sufficiency; to assist in elimination of barriers, and respond to ever changing needs in a progressive, caring and professional manner.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

City of Lorain has a strong Institutional Delivery System. A wide range of services are available in the community, including homelessness prevention services, street outreach, emergency shelter and transitional housing, and mental health services. These programs are provided by nonprofit

organizations and Continuum of Care (CoC) member agencies.

The City has identified various entities from the public, nonprofit and private sectors that will be institutionally involved in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan. In order to improve the housing and community development delivery system in Lorain, better coordination between the public, nonprofit and private agencies will be required. The programs and services that exist and that are available to residents in Lorain are extensive and varied.

The State of Ohio operates many housing and community development programs that, for the most part, are available to the City of Lorain or nonprofit agencies serving low income persons in the City.

Over the next year, the City and all eligible entities in Lorain will work to maximize the funds available from the State of Ohio through the many programs available in order to increase the level of funding brought into the community.

Lorain County and the City of Lorain provide a wide range of housing and community development programs and services including data collection, planning, enforcement, financial management, legal knowledge of housing issues, and educational techniques as well as overall program development, administration and implementation.

The City of Lorain also operates an aggressive CDBG and EDA Title IX - funded business assistance loan program in order to stimulate the local economy by attracting businesses to Lorain, and ultimately creating jobs. Over the next year, the City expects to continue operating these programs as well as assisting with other affordable housing and economic development projects that may present themselves.

Local non-profit organizations offer housing and community development activities, which can be partially funded by the local CDBG and HOME programs offered by the city of Lorain and/or by Lorain County. In the future, all eligible non-profits will be encouraged to apply for funds or serve as a sub-recipient to avoid duplication of services, and offer their expertise where deemed appropriate.

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

City of Lorain will continue to coordinate with the following agencies to develop an effective

institutional structure and enhance inter-agency coordination. The Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) maintains and operates hundreds of units of subsidized housing in Lorain County. Although funding for public housing authorities may be reduced, it is anticipated that LMHA will still be awarded a significant amount of Federal funds to provide housing-related activities, such as rental assistance, rehabilitation and new construction, for low-income persons in Lorain.

The local nonprofit organizations in Lorain, such as El Centro de Servicios Sociales, Lorain County Goodwill, Lorain County Habitat for Humanity, Lorain County Community Action Agency, the Lorain County Urban, and Neighborhood Alliance provide a number of affordable housing and supportive services. These organizations typically have a specific target population that they serve, and accordingly possess a level of knowledge and expertise that is invaluable. The continuation and expansion of such services by aggressively seeking additional funding will be encouraged over the next year. In addition, better coordination between these agencies and with the public and private sector organizations will continue to be a high priority.

Discussion:

The City's actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs include activities in support of special needs assistance for victims of domestic violence, at-risk families and youth, the disabled, elderly, those with mental health issues. Additionally, the City's actions to foster and maintain affordable housing include continued funding of programs and agencies that further the affordable housing goals of the City.

Lead-based paint hazards will continue to be evaluated, environmental testing conducted, and educational materials made available to families at-risk of exposure. Institutional structure will continue to be developed through continued coordination with the Lorain County, the Homeless Task Force, LMHA, and other State and local agencies. The City of Lorain will continue to foster inter-agency coordination with the public service agencies in the community.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Lorain will receive $1,233,655.00 in CDBG funds and $725,720.00 in CDBG - CV funds for the year 2020.

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	1,020,400
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:	**1,020,400**

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.	91.00%

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:

   No other forms of investment are being undertaken other than those listed in 24 CFR 92.205

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

   The City of Lorain will not utilize resale requirements as we determined that recapture is the best principle for our program.

   Recapture is a principle under which all or a portion of the direct HOME subsidy may need to be repaid if the property if certain events occur during the affordability period. Under circumstances other than those described in (1) above, loans will be due on sale (voluntary or otherwise), transfer, or refinance. The City will reduce the amount of recapture by an equal amount each year during the affordability period.

   Example: If the amount of HOME funds invested are $10,000 and the homebuyer sells the property at the end of year 3, $6,000 will be reduced from the original investment and only $4,000 will need to be repaid.

   Loans are also subject to a requirement that the borrower occupy the home as their principal residence during the affordability period. Compliance with this situation will be monitored by the City on an ongoing basis using the procedures laid out in Part II of this manual. If the property is not maintained as the principal residence during the affordability period, the entire amount of HOME funds spent will be due and payable.

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:

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The sale price of the property to be acquired by the homebuyer may not have a value that exceeds 95% of the area median purchase price for single family homes as set by HUD. Below is the link to the table published on 04/01/20 that has these values.

https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2312/home-maximum-purchase-price-after-rehab-value/

Eligible applicants are applicants that meet the income qualifications for low and very low income households and wish to acquire a home in the City of Lorain. Applicants are taken on a first come first serve basis. Application information will be available on the City of Lorain website (cityoflorain.org).

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

   The city of Lorain will not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt

City of Lorain HOME allocation for 2020 is $433,406. The City anticipates $100,000 in program income over the course of the 2020-2021 program year. The City of Lorain has a 100% match reduction. The City of Lorain does not intend to utilize Presumption of Affordability since it is using the recapture principle.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Public Participation

CITY OF LORAIN

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April 8, 2020

Ms. Renee D. Ryles, Acting Director Community Planning Director
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning and Development
200 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2499

Re: **Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment**

Dear Ms. Ryles:

The City of Lorain has reviewed the COVID Mega Waiver issued on 04/01/20. The City of Lorain would like to have the flexibility to use the following waiver provisions:

Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plan Amendment

Requirement: 30-day Public Comment Period.

Citations: 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401

Explanation: A Community Planning Director grantee may amend an approved consolidated plan in accordance with 24 CFR 91.505. Substantial amendments to the consolidated plan are subject to the citizen participation process in the grantee's citizen participation plan. The citizen participation plan must provide citizens with 30 days to comment on substantial amendments.

Justification: Given the need to expedite actions to respond to COVID-19, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 91.115(c)(2) and (i) as specified below, in order to balance the need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19 with the statutory requirement to provide reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment on substantial amendments concerning the proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, HTF, HOPWA or ESG funds.

200 West Erie Avenue, 5th Floor, Lorain, Ohio 44052
Building Division: (440) 204-2045 Fax: (440) 204-2540
Housing & Planning Division: (440) 204-2020 Fax: (440) 204-2080
Email: bhp@cityoflorain.org

Applicability: This 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived for substantial amendments, provided that no less than 5 days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. The waiver is available through the end of the recipient's 2020 program year. Any recipient wishing to undertake further amendments to prior year plans following the 2020 program year can do so during the development of its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

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Explanation: As noted above, the regulations at 24 CFR 91.105 (for local governments) and 91.115 (for States) set forth the citizen participation plan requirements or recipients. For substantial amendments to the consolidated plan, the regulations require the recipient to follow its citizen participation plan to provide citizens with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment. The citizen participation plan must state how reasonable notice and opportunity to comment will be given.

Justification: HUD recognizes the efforts to contain COVID-19 require limiting public gatherings, such as those often used to obtain citizen participation, and that there is a need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19. Therefore, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401 as specified below to allow these grantees to determine what constitutes reasonable notice and opportunity to comment given their circumstances.

Applicability: This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

The City of Lorain would like to thank HUD for the opportunity to use these waivers. Please let me know if any addition information is needed to grant the waivers.

Sincerely,

Kellie Glenn

Kellie F. Glenn, Director
Department of Building, Housing, & Planning

cc: Jeff Idom, HUD Field Representative for the City of Lorain

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City of Lorain
2020/2024 Consolidated Plan
2020 Action Plan
Notice of Plan Availability – Notice of Public Hearing

Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the City of Lorain, Ohio is required to prepare a plan that describes how the City will allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to meet the needs of low and moderate income persons in the City of Lorain.

To that end an Action Plan is completed annually to describe the activities that will be undertaken to address the needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. It also serves as an application for CDBG and HOME funds. This Action Plan describes the activities that will take place during 2020 Program Year.

Notice of Plan Availability

The City of Lorain has prepared its 2020 Annual Action Plan. The plan will be made available to the public on April 1, 2020. This notice is being published to make citizens aware of the regulatory 30-day citizen participation public comment period for states and local jurisdictions. March 23, 2020 and will conclude on April 24, 2020. During this period copies of the Plan may be reviewed at the following locations:

- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5th Floor, Lorain, OH 44052
- The City of Lorain website at www.cityoflorain.org

Inquiries and comments concerning the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan can be conveyed by email to:

Kellie Glenn
Director, Building, Housing & Planning Department
Kellie_Glenn@cityoflorain.org

Notice of Public Hearings

Due to the recent developments concerning COVID-19 and a declaration of a "State of Emergency" by the President of the United States, Governor of Ohio, and Mayor of Lorain, there will not be an in-person public hearing.
There will be a virtual public hearing of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan, including the proposed use of funds on:

Monday, March 30, 2020, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

The city of Lorain is Live Streaming the Public Hearing via Youtube (Lorain TV20) and Spectrum Cable Channel 1025. To participate and ask questions please call 440-204-2590. The public hearing will begin with an initial presentation lasting until approximately 5:20 p.m. To ask questions about the presentation, residents may call 440-204-2590 where a member of the city staff will receive and read the question to the presenter and the presenter will answer the questions live during the hearing. Residents may call with questions from 5:20-6:00 p.m.

To be advertised on cityoflorain.org, loraincounty.com, & facebook.com

There will be a public hearing and adoption of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan with the City of Lorain City Council, including the proposed use of funds on:

Monday, April 20, 2020, 5:00pm
Lorain City Hall Building
City Council Chambers
200 West Erie Avenue
Lorain, OH 44052
Note: The City Council Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

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Summary of Plan

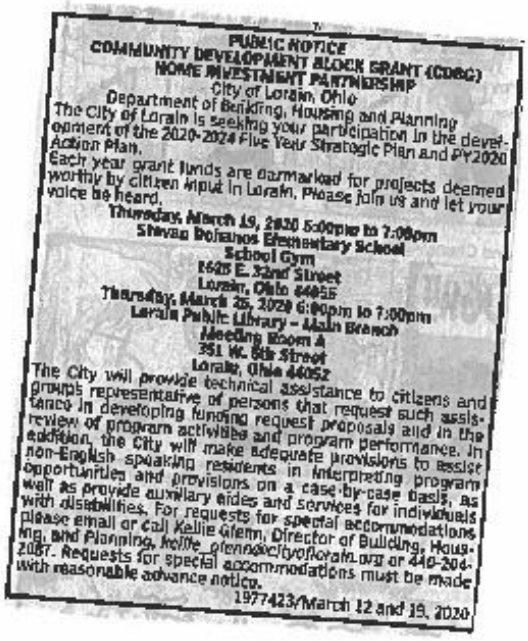
The Action Plan includes an estimate of available resources from private and public sources to address identified needs, a description of the priorities and specific objectives to be addressed in this program year, a summary of the eligible programs or project that the City of Lorain will undertake to address the needs, and a description of geographic areas of the City in which assistance will be directed. Resources available for the 2020 Program Year are detailed below:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	$1,233,655.00
Home Investment Partnership Program	$433,406.00
2020 Estimated Program Income (HOME/CDBG)	$640,400.00
Total 2020 Resources	$2,307,461.00
CDBG:	
Administration	$300,000.00
Public Service:	
B.O.S.S. Productions	$12,000.00
Urban League (Senior Services)	$5,000.00
231 Go Program	$12,000.00
Habitat for Humanity	$25,000.00
Youth Employment	$27,480.00
Park & Rec. Facilities	
Oakwood Park Pool	$200,000.00
Clearance/Demolition	$250,000.00
Housing Programs:	
Emergency Home Repair	$225,000.00
Lead Hazard Control Grant Match	$80,000.00
Down Payment Assistance	$177,500.00
Urban League (Housing Counseling)	$25,000.00
Code Enforcement	$335,075.00
Economic Development	$100,000.00
Total CDBG Budget	$1,774,055.00

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HOME:	
Administration	$53,340.60
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	$30,065.40
Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation	$450,000.00
Total HOME Budget	$533,406.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP
City of Lorain, Ohio
Department of Building, Housing and Planning

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Shavan Dolfanos Elementary School
School Gym
1625 E. 32nd Street
Lorain, Ohio 44055

Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Lorain Public Library – Main Branch
Meeting Room A
351 W. 6th Street
Lorain, Ohio 44052

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1977423/March 12 and 19, 2020

Building, Housing & Planning Department

Posted on: March 11, 2020

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Building, Housing & Planning Department

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2020/2024 Consolidated Plan & 2020 Annual Action Plan: Notice of Plan Availability & Public Hearing

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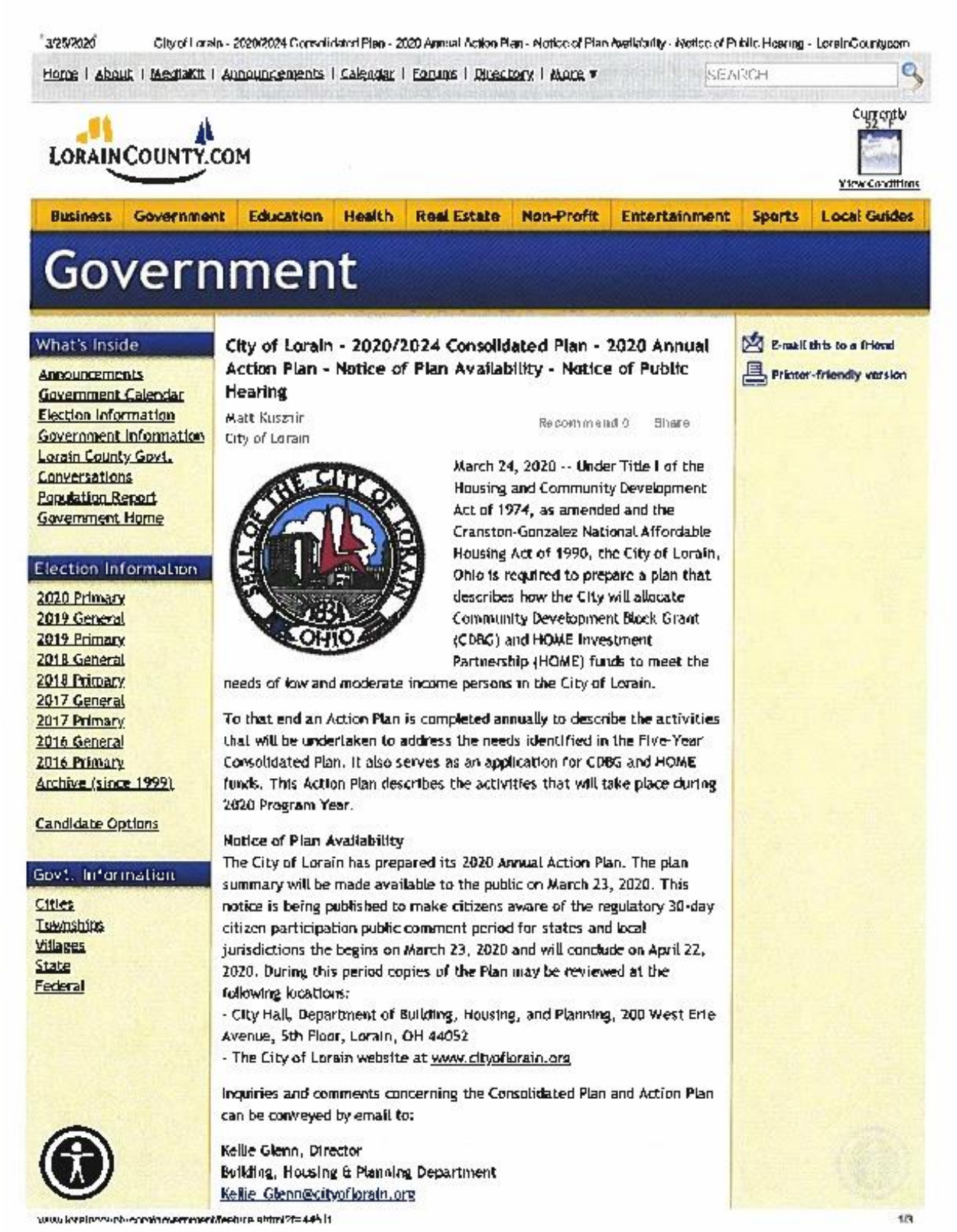
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Public Hearing, March 30, 2020

Kellie Glenn: Good evening. This is the City of Lorain Consolidated Plan public hearing for the 2020-2021 to 2023-2024 federal programs. My name is Kellie Glenn. I'm the director of building housing and planning and we're here to conduct the first public hearing for the consolidated plan. The consolidated plan is a five-year strategic plan that governs the use of federal housing and community development funds. The consolidated plan has four main functions: the planning document for the City of Lorain, it serves as an application for federal programs both CDBG funds and HOME dollars, It identifies strategies for carrying out community development goals, and an action plan provides a basic a basis for assessing the performance of those goals. The components of the consolidated plan is a strategic plan that sets goals and objectives for each fiscal year and it covers a five-year period it has a citizen participation component to it and then identifies the needs and priorities throughout the city through data analysis and consultation with stakeholders. The citizen participation plan is an outline of the tool of who the city will make a concerted effort to engage citizens within the city of Lorain in a process utilizing federal dollars. We are not going to be able to solve all the city needs overnight but this the process. The process will render a better place to live, work, play, and raise a family. The components of the consolidated plan are housing assessment and needs, homeless assessment needs, community development assessment and needs, and special needs assessment, and needs that are not related to non homeless. The one-year action plan the city's annual one-year plan that describes specifically how federal funds will be spent over the course of the up and coming program year. Currently we are in fiscal 2020. The projects are geared to the accomplishment accomplish the goals stated in the consolidated plan; and again the funding is Community Development Block Grant known as CDBG and Home Investment Partnership Funds which is HOME. Project eligibility. There are three components to eligibility: benefiting low to moderate income persons, activities which aid the prevention or elimination of slum and blight, or activities designated to meet what is considered an urgent need. Though 2019 the low income for a four person family in the City of Lorain is $58,950. The median income for the Cleveland-Elyria Statistical Area is $73,700. What is eligible. Acquisition of real property, public improvements, public facility improvements, public service projects, code enforcement, home ownership, construction of housing, clearance, which is the same as clearance and demolition, economic development activities, and housing rehabilitation. Public improvements are streets and sidewalks. Public facilities are parks, ADA accessibility like restrooms and doors. Home ownership would be down payment assistance, home repair. Clearance and demolition. Economic development could be facade improvements, food deserts, micro loans. Some of the programs under Block Grant are infrastructure, homeowner rehabilitation, public facilities improvement, and public service projects. Our allocation for fiscal 2020 is 1.2 million a little over 1.2 million. Of that money only 15 percent can be geared towards public service. There's a cap and for admin, the cap is 20%. We anticipate our program income for Block Grant to be around 400, I'm sorry, $540,000. Program income is comprised of title nine loan payments. Any CDBG rehab loans that we may have that people are making payments on, and any other type of loan

payments; what could be comprised of five hundred and forty thousand dollars. Some of the highlights of the programming that we have done in in the past, We have funded Second Harvest so that they can increase their mobile mobile operations, produce school food pantries, for a total of $61,000 to date. We also demolished the first Spanish Evangelical Church was which was located at 1714 Reid Ave. for a cost of $49,243.00. In addition to that we demolished Stoveworks for a cost of $1.4 million. The Stoveworks site was completed in 2018 but there are still additional environmental concerns that need to be addressed but they're minor concerns. As of right now our plan is to place senior housing on that site. Public facilities improvement. We did Falbo park which is the city's first ADA accessible playground. Other projects that we have done our Highview Park which is located on the Eastside; we purchased playground equipment for $10,699.36. At Central Park we put the splash pad in a couple years ago but we went back in 2019 and added additional apparatuses for the kids to play. We also did a pavilion slash restroom and that $13,625.29. In 2019 we also completed the Broadway streetscape. Block Grant dollars were comprised of $182,000 for the street sign and that was at the beginning of Broadway till the end of Broadway. Some other CDBG highlights. Over the past five years we have spent $892,929.06 on code enforcement and on emergency home repair we spent $515,038.94. The emergency home repair, that program has been running for five years. This is broken down in Wards, but you probably can't see it that well so I'll read those off. In the past since June of 2019: Ward 1 we did 3 emergency home repairs, Ward 2 we did 7, Ward 3 we did 12, Ward 4 there were two, Ward 5 we did eight, Ward 6 was 4, Ward 7 was 3, and Ward 8 there were none. So we did 39 emergency home repairs to date with the money that we received that we allocated for the emergency home repair program. In addition I want to go back for code enforcement that $894,929.06 that was utilized for education and training for the housing inspectors. Also their salaries that afforded them the ability to go out and write citations. We purchased equipment because now the inspectors can result in the field with their IPads. We also purchased new vehicles for them. A lot of the vehicles were 10 to 12 years old.
The HOME program. Our HOME funds have been frozen since about 2014. We are working on getting the home program back up and running. We have the money in the bank but we are not allowed to use it until we update our policies and procedures and we are proposing to use the funds for downpayment assistance for $177,500. The downpayment assistance program in the past was under block grant since our home dollars were frozen but we are moving it back to the home program. Then we want to do homeowner rehabilitation and we have set aside, we are proposing to set aside $450,000 for the homeowner rehabilitation. Then we also want to bring back the tenant based rental assistance program through the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority in the amount of $30,065.40. Our allocation for home for fiscal 2020 is $433,406, and we anticipate receiving $100,00 in program income. That program income is from people that had past rehab loans and that's their payments that we receive. Of course this is an estimate we can't guarantee it but again it's based on past borrowers. In addition, we sold in 2019, we rehabbed and sold 958 Lakeview. That's the before and after picture. I'm not sure if that's a really good picture. It cost us approximately $111,000 to rehab the property and we sold the property for $128,000. In order to meet timeliness requirements as proposed, we correct the ownership of land, correct zoning, additional financing in place, agency capacity, clear and defined project narrative, and specified budgets. What is not eligible. Buildings or portions thereof used for the general conduct of government for example the city administration building.

We can't spend money in the city administration building. General government expenses, salaries for those not directly involved with the programs. Like our housing inspectors, as long as they do work in LMI areas block grant money can pay for that but whenever they cite in a non-LMI area that's not eligible to use Block Grant money towards that. We can't use it for political activities, the purchase of equipment, operating and maintenance expenses, purchase of construction equipment, and we can use Block Grant money for new construction. Some of the requirements that we have to adhere to when we utilize federal dollars across the board, this is HOME and Block Grant, we must conduct environmental reviews, adhere to davis-bacon labor standards when it is appropriate, make sure that we afford equal opportunities to everyone, be in a drug-free workplace, have accessibility for disabled people, adhere to purchasing standards, make sure that we always follow the lead based paint regulations, and avoid conflicts of interest. We also must make sure that we adhere to affirmative marketing and fair housing requirements where necessary. What we are proposing for fiscal 2020. Clearance and demolition we have set aside $250,000 to demolish 15 to 16 blighted areas within the city. Some of our most distressed wards are two, three, five, and six. I talked about code enforcement earlier so we'll be setting aside dollars for code enforcement. $335,075 for code enforcement, emergency home repair which will also include assistance with accessibility, $225,000. Public facilities improvement again, our public facilities improvement this time will be for Oakland Park for the pool which is $200,000. We are doing a numerous amount of public service type activities. We are going to have a program that's called Voss productions which will be located on Broadway, that is provide dance and life skills to low-income children ages 13 to 19. We're going to provide senior services through the Urban League and that is educating seniors about scams and how to avoid them to the tune of $5,000. There's a summer program, a nine week summer program, that teaches life skills and academic skills in career scenarios to children 9 to 14 the program is called 231 Go that is through El Centro. Habitat for Humanity will do a program for minor repairs for low-income households that is geared toward seniors but it doesn't stop anybody else from applying for that program. We're setting aside $25,000 for that for that program and sometimes we end up getting people that are sighted and for minor repairs that is not really necessary for them to apply for emergency home repair assistance, so this program would a lot more money to go to the emergency home repair program for those major programs, I mean, I'm sorry, major repairs, and the minor repairs be done through Habitat for Humanity. Then we're going to do youth employment again through with Lorain high school students or even if they are the student is located that they live within the city limits there will be $27,480 set aside for that project. I went over the HOME activities to homeowner rehabilitation, $450,000. Tenant-based rental assistance a little over $30,000 and down payment assistance $177,000. The emergency home repair program right now, we a lot assistance up to $15,000, sometimes we go a little bit above that depending on the severity of the repair that is needed in that household. For emergency home repair assistance if your income is sixty percent or below it's given to you as a grant and it's forgivable over a five-year period which means you must live in home for at least five years. If your income is above the 60 percent of low to moderate income then that's going to be a payment but you would pay on the first 20 percent of the loan and the 80 percent will be forgiven over a five year period and you have five years to pay the twenty percent off so they go in conjunction with one another. The schedule. Back in February of 2019 is when we solicited for public service type projects up until this I think at the end of this

February we were taking public service type applications. We but we physically had the actual workshop on February the 13th of 2019. We have the public participation meeting today and the next one will be April the 20th at City Hall from from five to six again because we have to have at least two public meetings. The budget will be presented to Council for adoption and then we have the draft consolidated plan and action plan available as of last Monday. It's a 30-day review process. Public review period. It says its April the 22nd but the public review period actually ends April the 24th so that's typo. Then we will be submitting the budget and the plan to HUD on the following day April the 24th. If you have any questions please call for 440-204-2590 or you can also text your questions to 440-654-8114 but please make sure you include your name and your address. At this time I can take questions.

Desiree Thompson (Question from Caller #1): So we have one question from caller number one who has concerns about the cost to the City about Oakwood Park pool. They would like to know what considerations have been taken for the use of funds regarding the costs and future costs of insurance and upkeep for the Oakland Park pool and what considerations have been made to prepare for the decrease in tax dollars due to coronavirus. So to summarize, they just want to know what's going to be considered to done for the upkeep and the cost of insurance for Oakwood Park pool in the future and then the decrease of tax dollars from the effects of coronavirus in the future.

Kellie Glenn: I can answer the first part of that question for Oakland Park. The $200,000 is not the total cost of the pool. My understanding is that pool could range from anywhere from $300,000 to $400,000 and I know that that is something that Lori Garcia the director of Public Properties is working on right now. What I could do is at the public hearing on the 20th, I can get additional information and answer the remaining portion of that question.

Desiree Thompson: That's all for phone calls right now.

Kellie Glenn: Any questions from the audience, if you go to the mic here.

Pamela Carter: Pamela Carter, 1910 Pole Avenue, Lorain. Pools were outdated when I came in on City Council and also they were considered a maintenance nightmare and even the federal government I believe had told us that splash pads were recommended and so as a city councilperson, Central Park is one of the areas in my ward, and I was told that when I first came on council that we were not going to receive a pool anymore and that we were going to go with splash pads and so and the reasoning behind that is they said that we didn't have the funds nor did we have the manpower to maintain that so how do we have the funds now if you're talking about a $200,000 to $300,000 dollar pool? I don't think that that's gonna go over well in my area when they still ask me about a pool and I keep telling them we're not gonna get a pool we're going to get splash pads, that's what we have and that's probably what we're going to keep. So how is it right from one side of the town to get a pool and the other side not get a pool? And the other question here is, I guess I'm also would like to know where in other cities and urban LMI areas are they putting up pools now? I mean it seems to me they cost too much money.

Kellie Glenn: The answer to your question to my understanding when I first got here was, I was always told that the pool would be too costly too. We didn't have the manpower to maintain it. It was going to be too costly to repair to the condition due to the EPA regulations and guidelines. So that is why in Central Park there was a splash pad placed there. In addition to that, there was supposed to be a splash pad at Oakwood as well but since the new administration has came aboard, I know that they've been looking into different avenues to try to bring a pool back to Oakwood and that's why money was set aside in the Block Grant, for the Block Grant budget to assist with that. The federal program, the federal dollars, is not going to pay for the entire pool at Oakwood. There are supposed to be some other avenues that are going to be matching that money so that the pool would be able to adhere to the EPA regulations.

Pamela Carter: Okay you just mentioned that there's going to be other funds. What other funds are those?

Kellie Glenn: I know there has been some discussion about, I know there was, I don't know if the Metroparks is going to come in and give, provide any funds, but maybe the councilman can can answer that question better than I because I'm just going on based on what I was told to date.

Rey Carrion: Good evening. Rey Carrion 2138 East 39th Street. That particular question, I cannot answer that. I am just aware of what the city had budgeted for improvements at Oakwood park which it is my understanding that the $200,000 was previously earmarked for a splash pad in the park and I'm not sure if it included other amenities but that cost was focused on that area. So in terms of any additional dollars for partners, I'm not at liberty to discuss it as I'm not aware. That's just to answer your questions.

Kellie Glenn: I can answer the question about the splash pad. There was never going to be a splash pad at Oakwood that cost $200,000. There was money earmarked to do a number of, a numerous amount of things in Oakwood to bring a playground area that was for the younger kids because the playground area there right now is more for the older children so there was going to be that. We've also still have to do things to the ball field, the benches, the restroom. We're going to make a restroom that is ADA accessible because right now there's not an ADA accessible restroom. We're also going to bring, and I hope I'm pronouncing it right because I'm always messing it up, its futsal. That looks similar to a tennis court. So there were a numerous amount of things that were gonna be done it wasn't just going to be $200,000 towards a splash pad.The other thing that I'd know there was, and I think there may be some discussions with the Y (YMCA) to assist with the pool, the cost of the pool.

Rey Carrion: I can add a few comments just to ease the councilwoman's concerns. In terms of the pool itself, the pool itself there had been quotes provided to the city a few years back in terms of upgrading the pool in terms of the walls of the pool in terms of the pumps, things of that sort etcetera. That cost was no way near close to the $200,000 that we're talking about so it was a lower amount and I believe Lori Garcia was too working to obtain updated quotes on that. A big bulk of also what we intend to do in that area is to do a lot of community involvement like

we have done in the south side of the 6th Ward so there is a contingency of residents and key stakeholders that are willing to donate and be involved as a community project to assure that the resources that were good stewards of the dollars are being invested into that park.

Pamela Carter: So he said he mentioned the Y and the Y is not even in our area they're ever in Avon so I don't know, so how does Avon feel about that?

Kellie Glenn: Oh and I know there was another part of the question I didn't answer. You asked about, are there other communities that are doing pools? The only community that I know personally was Avon upgraded and did this big pool with the big with the slide and things like that. I know that Elyria has put splash pads in. Lori and I, we actually went over to the city of Elyria to investigate their splash pads.

Jack Bradley: 1358 2nd Street, Lorain Ohio. I'm the new administration. So I went to a town hall meeting early when I took office in the Sixth Ward and I mentioned to the people that were present, it's pretty large contingent of people and I mentioned the fact that we had money available for a splash pad at Oakwood Park and they were ready to throw me out of the meeting when I mentioned splash pad. They said they didn't want a splash pad at Oakwood Park they said they wanted a swimming pool. I said well we'll look into that we'll see how feasible that is to get that swimming pool rehabilitated at Oakwood Park. So we got in touch with the YMCA and Avon and they said that they would be willing to team up with the City of Lorain to do whatever they could to get that pool open and operating in the City of Lorain. So even though the YMCA in Avon, they want to come in to Lorain and help us not only get that pool going but they want to operate that pool for us and they want to take care of the maintenance and they want to take care of supplying lifeguards employees so on and so forth. It's our hope that not only can we get that all up and running so we can have young children in Lorain learn how to swim or at least learn how to float and we want to make sure that since we live on the water that people know how to conduct themselves when they get into water in case they were to have an accident and fall in. Besides that there are other improvements that we've been looking at regarding that pool such as restrooms, refreshment stand, locker facilities, and so forth and all those things were being considered in conjunction with the town hall meeting that we had with the citizens in that particular Ward but this pool is not going to just benefit the people in the Sixth Ward, it's going to benefit all the citizens of Lorain because the YMCA is going to be able to conduct classes there and do things to benefit all all children and people in the city of Lorain. So I think it's a good project I know that pools are considered things in the past but this is a, this is 2020 this is the new era and we're going to try some, some things that maybe are things of the past but maybe you're going to become things to the future. I know when I was a young child my dad took me over to the YMCA in south Lorain. I grew up on the east side of Lorain. We went over to the YMCA in the south side of Lorain. I learned how to swim at probably five or six years old. One of the proudest moments of my life is when I was able to swim the length of the pool at the YMCA and I want to see young young children in Lorain have that same advantage and that same opportunity to learn how to swim to learn how to conduct themselves in water so I think it's a good project. I wasn't here when this splash pad was done at Central Park and if I had had a town-hall meeting and I heard from people that they wanted a splash pad at Central Park, I

mean a pool at Central Park, I certainly would have put that on the radar so maybe we're going to get some other pools in Lorain once we get this one going in south Lorain. But nothing's impossible everything is possible and I'm glad that we have Block Grant funds to do it. Lori Garcia has indicated to me that they have other funding available to help get that project going and we'll do our best to get it going so thank you. I hope I answered the questions.

Kellie Glenn: Mayor, there's another question for the Oakland pool

Jack Bradley: Okay.

Desiree Thompson (Question from Caller #2): Caller #2, Lillian Green asks: why are we spending $200,000 for a pool when south Lorain needs to be cleaned up? All the parks should be looked at as a whole. 200,000 is too much money for any park specifically.

Jack Bradley: Again when I first took office I was told that there was two $200,000 that was going to be appropriated for a splash pad and that's when I heard from the citizens in south Lorain that they didn't want a splash pad they wanted a pool. So we said well let's see if it's possible to do the appropriation for the pool so that money is going to be used for either splash pad or a pool and other amenities at Oakwood Park. That's what the money was appropriated for and that's what we can use it for at this point.

Pamela Carter: I just want to say all due respect to the Mayor and to my fellow councilman and to the administration, I'm not here to block anything or discourage. I'm all about being positive but I'm just trying to express what was told to me at the beginning when I first came on council. You know I just want the same thing for central Lorain as we have for Oakland Park. I believe our restrooms need some attention as well. I mean there's a lot of areas that need some attention so I want to make sure that this money is spread evenly.

Kellie Glenn: Thank you. Are there any additional questions on the pool or anything that was presented?

Rey Carrion: If I could again, Rey Carrion 2138 East 39th St. I have quite a few questions if you don't mind if I could just based on your sheet, just clarifications and things that I would like to ask based on your budget. Obviously we've covered the pool in the area but just to allude a little bit to the question that was asked. When we're looking at communities and you look at a strategic plan for an area of the city, South Lorain included, there are many parts that should be looked at in terms of that redevelopment plan. Obviously you have your infrastructure your housing your safety but recreational ranks at the top of that list. You have to have safe programs safe neighborhoods recreational progress for youth and that's where the pool will play a role in that plan because it does stabilize the neighborhood and it follows with the tagline of a great place to live, work, and play, and that's where the play comes from. A question that I had is had to do with the next line item with your slum and blight removal. You have $250,000 set aside for that estimated on maybe 15 to 16 homes to be demolished and as I understood this, this was part of a match where the general fund would also match the same amount of dollars

$250,000 is what I recall reading from past council minutes. My question is maybe you're not able to answer this now but my question is, if the pledge and the match from council from the general fund is reduced as some new initiatives would have to be taken into consideration considering the crisis that were in would that have an impact on that dollar figure that you have placed there or is that a stand alone pledge?

Kellie Glenn: No, it's a stand alone. The reason why we asked, I asked, council to match that money is because sometimes there are homes that may be in a non-LMI area that still need to be demolished and we wanted to still have the ability to take those homes down. In addition to that ordinance, I'm sorry that resolution, that was passed is for a three-year period. So this year in calendar year 2020 we hope to tear down fifteen or sixteen and then this money here that we're talking about currently is for 2021 and then we would do another ask again in the budget for 2022.

Rey Carrion: Perfect, thank you thank you. Just a point of clarification, in the past I had also seen dollars earmarked for lighting for the Boys & Girls Club basketball area also other projects such as a pickleball court at Oakwood Park and zipline. I don't see that as listed here. Is that part of a bigger line item?

Kellie Glenn: The zipline has already been purchased, it just hasn't been installed yet.

Rey Carrion: Thank you.

Kellie Glenn: That's in 19's money, that was already approved.

Rey Carrion: Okay next question I had was about your tenant based rental assistance program. You have $30,000 set aside. Is that going to be administered by the city or certain other agency?

Kellie Glenn: As I stated in the presentation, LMHA is going to be administering that program but as of right now they are still in the process of developing policies and procedures. They have experienced doing tenant-based rental assistance but unfortunately they never wrote anything down on how they do it and HUD will not allow them to do that program until they actually show how it's going to be administered in writing so that is what they're currently working on right now as we speak.

Rey Carrion: The next question I had is about code enforcement. I know the city has set aside $335,000 for code enforcement and I just wanted to go back a few years ago. Back in 2011 the city through the Western Reserve Land Conservancy conducted the vacant property study in 2011. In that study it had listed the total number of parcels in the city, the total number of parcels ranked by category in terms of areas of distress and then also in that study it listed by categories what were the areas that need, whether they needed roofing, siding, painting, etc. My question is has that plan from that original study, has that been updated to reflect the changes to reflect the need, because early on there was a heavy need to bulk up on the code

enforcement and also on the rehab loans. Has that been evaluated over the last eight years to see as those properties have been addressed and blighted properties have been torn down how that impacts that the enforcement in the loan capacity?

Kellie Glenn: In actuality that is being done currently right now. I hope to have a draft of that by the next meeting, the next public meeting. CSU, Cleveland State University is currently working on a housing study, but it goes more in-depth than the plan that you're referring to from 2011 The Western Reserve Historical Society has ranked our housing A, B, C, D, and F, with F being the structures that need to come down. Right now from the phone call that I had with CSU this morning, there's 200 structures that need to come down, and we are only talking about residential because that study only covers residential, just like the previous plan. Properties that rank A, B, C, and D, C specifically, is telling us those structures by ward by census tract. Those are the structures that need to be rehabbed and I believe, don't quote me on this, but I believe it's like 4,000. So those structures that have the D rating, those are the ones if we don't go and address them they're going to fall into the F rating. There's going to be a formal presentation to Council with the results of the housing study.

Ray Carrion: Do you have a timeline?

Kellie Glenn: She's going to provide a draft, I told her I needed the draft by April the. 20th.Now I'll have to determine when she'll actually be able to do the formal presentation.

Ray Carrion: I appreciate that, and this has been very very detailed and informative. The question that I had is, have there been or has there been any modifications to the budget in terms of your the planning based on what we're seeing not with this pandemic? I know typically budgets just flow kind of linear every year based on past practices but based on what we are about to see has there been any consideration on how that might impact low-mod areas and what other programs perhaps we should have now approved in a budget that way it can cover the city for this year in the event that things do change over the next six to twelve months? And one question that I wanted just to add that stood out to me, I noticed yesterday somebody has shared with me that the city of North Ridgeville they were outfitting there some of their fire trucks some other fire vehicles, that are used for first respondents, to make them negative pressure units so as they're bringing folks in that are ill that it allows them to save and protect not only the residents but the staff members in this crisis that we're dealing with. And I think those are things that I'm just wondering if that's something that we have taken into consideration based on what possibly could come down the road here in our city and in our country? So I just wanted to mention that, that it may be perhaps something that would be eligible under the CDBG program.

Kellie Glenn: I would have to go and research that more because this is the first time I've heard anything of that nature, but what I can tell you is there's always a little bit of wiggle room, not a whole lot, but a little where we can move some money around. What we may end up having to do is reduce some of the allocations that I presented tonight down so that we can set money aside. The other thing is, I don't know how true this is, so please don't take this to heart what I'm about to say, there is a chance that the communities through the President's program, might be

getting additional funding just because of the pandemic circumstance that we're experiencing right now. I got an email but it's not set in stone because when I got the email, I got from our consultant, and I sent it to HUD, but HUD has not responded yet. I'm thinking that our consultant must have found something out before everybody else, before an actual public announcement is coming, is basically what I'm saying. It actually looks like it might be a substantial amount of money for other committees affected by this epidemic.

Rey Carrion: Thank you for your time.

Kellie Glenn: There's another question.

Desiree Thompson (Question from Caller #3): Caller #3 wants to know if the money allocated for Oakwood Park has any specific breakdowns regarding the 200,000, if it's for salaries or specific equipment or anything like that. They want to know how does that compare to the total cost of improvements to that park and what are the priorities of improvements in that park.

Kellie Glenn: The best way that I can answer that question, unless the Mayor has additional information, but my understanding is that $200,000 is going directly to the pool.

Melissa Barnhart: Melissa Barnhart, it's actually got several components not just the pool that they're doing this in totality with. That's director Garcia is putting those plans together as well.

Kellie Glenn: So what I can do is for the April 20th meeting, I will make sure to invite director Garcia to the public hearing so that she can answer the Oakwood Park questions. I was just a money provider.

JoAnne Moon: JoAnne Moon, 3543 Toledo Avenue. I'm in the middle of South Lorain and Central and most of the kids go to Southview Middle School, Palm, and Steven Dohanos. Their bused there. I work in the school systems and with talking to the children there, a young scholar said to me miss Joann, how are we going to get to South Lorain because their main park is Central Park because we used to have a big basketball tournament in South Lorain. Now that basketball tournament is in Central Park which hopefully we'll be doing again this June. Also at Central Park you have a splash pad but when the parents go to change their kids there's no place where they're to go and change their clothes at this park because the bathrooms are always locked. And we need toilets there because when we have the basketball tournament those are house toilets and they are always plugged, their overflowed. Also, with Cityview park and General Johnnie Wilson park, I'm just wondering if we're gonna do anything in those two parks. And also, you talk about the lead based housing and Cleveland they test the children in the school but will we be doing that because I have some kids that are eating that lead and if you know anything about that and you know that starts autistic so we need to hopefully get a program where we can test the kids in the school because working in the schools you see a lot going on. One other question to the summer program, that nine week summer program, it's going to be in El Centro but is it going to be any place else because we do have that city view area with a lot of children there and what age are the children going to be for the summer

program? I would just like to see some bathrooms put in at Cityview park and General Johnnie Wilson park because the bathrooms are really bad. I would like to see something going on in my 5th Ward. Thank you.

Kellie Glenn: I'm going to try to answer all those questions but it was a series of them. I can tell you the summer camp program is ages 9 to 14. She said according to their application the program is centered at El Centro but they take trips to different places. The answer to the General Johnnie Wilson question, there was a new roof put on the pavilion. We were in discussions about the bathroom but we haven't gotten there yet so I would just say that could be something that we can make sure that we address next time because I'm one of those people that I try to spread the money throughout the city not just be in one centralized location. If you saw in the presentation we did Highview park because the east side didn't get any kind of money. That's why we've been working on Highview park. Cityview was a park we did when I first got here. We replaced some playground equipment. I believe there was a request to do the fencing but we didn't do the fencing at that time. I did drive by Cityview a couple weeks ago to see what things could be done over there so I just wanted to let you know, I'm again, I'm not focused in one area. I do drive around so that I could see where the actual needs are to try to spread that money around. As far as the lead based paint question, we currently have a lead grant. This is the second time we received that grant inside my tenure here and I've been here for five years. We just found out we got funding late last year for the next three years. The testing that I know right now is you go to the County Health Department. If you find out that somebody has a danger of lead poisoning, you can call the Health Department and they will make arrangements to get that individual, a child tested. They don't necessarily have to come out to the County I believe that they will come to where they are to get tested even though Erie County runs our lead grant for us.

JoAnne Moon: What was the age group for the summer job program?

Kellie Glenn: The age group for the summer is 9th through 12th graders.

JoAnne Moon: Another thing, Cityview Park. The water department was out this year and I have a water problem over at Cityview park a very bad water problem. They did some but they didn't finish it and right on the corner of Clifton and 39th Street there's a big water problem there. That whole Ward right there holds water. We were working with the engineering department last year but they never got back to me about it so that's another issue there so maybe we could get together Kellie.

Kellie Glenn: Me, you, and Dale should get together and see if there's something that we can do and see what the cost would be then make sure that it's eligible. I know it's iffy over there because part of it is the Township and that's the problem that we had before when we came in and did the playground equipment.

Jack Bradley: Again you know a lot of these plans were made prior to this pandemic confronting us and so I think everyone has to realize that we have to reevaluate and see what

we're going to be able to do as time goes on according to our auditor our budget constraints really probably won't be known until May. We won't know it at the April 20th meeting we probably won't know it till May. We got to kind of plan ahead. Our budget was looking to have a park director in place around April to start looking at our parks so we could address some of these issues about restrooms and parks, about facilities at our parks, and doing some of the things that we needed to have happen. We are also are in the process of still trying to get a summer works program in place for young people in our city from the ages of 16 through 24. Now originally we were told that we were going to get funding for a hundred young people to work for the City of Lorain this summer outside of the money that you have for the Block Grant money. They're telling us now that we're still going to get some money but we're probably not going to get the amount to fund a hundred young people for jobs. I was hoping to have two young people at every Park in the City of Lorain this summer to work with youngsters and be there at the parks just kind of supervise and get them involved in activities. That's going to change but we're going to get as many young people working this summer as we can. I know that these families are going to need young people working this summer based upon the employment situation right now in the City of Lorain and really all over the country so we're still working on the summer jobs program we're still going to be trying to look at our parks to see if we can do some things and all the parks as best we can based upon whatever our budgets going to be like when we find out these figures probably in the middle or late May. I appreciate what you all have done to try to allocate these funds for our citizens but I think everybody has to realize that this is kind of a work in progress and Kellie, you'll have some additional information at that April 20th but again I don't think anything's going to be hard and fast even then but you guys do a good job and we hope you continue to work on this and help all of us get through this particular epidemic that we're going through. I want to salute the citizens of Lorain because I've been seeing that they've been staying at home, they've been trying to avoid the physical contact, staying six feet apart, not having contact with other people, and now hopefully that continues because if we can keep this pandemic down in the city of Lorain we're going to have more money available to do the things that are needed to be done in our community so again thank you for your work.

Kellie Glenn: Thank you Mayor. I just want to iterate before we close the public meeting that we will be sure on April the 20th to have director Garcia here to answer the Oakwood park questions and in addition to that, my staff, as well as the federal programs chair, he will work with my staff and I to maybe try to move around some numbers so that we can set aside some funding just in case we need it due to the epidemic. If there's no additional questions I would like to close the public meeting and I thank everyone for calling in with their questions and I thank everyone for attending.

CITY OF LORAIN

Public Information Session
2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan
Meeting of April 20, 2020

MINUTES

The second Public Hearing Meeting for the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan commenced at 5:10pm by Drew Crawford in council chambers of Lorain City Hall. In attendance were Drew Crawford, Joel Jacovetti, Matt Kusznir, Desiree Thompson, Mayor Jack Brady, Max Upton, Melissa Barnhart, Rick Soto, Joel Arredondo, Mary Springowski, Rey Carrion, Greg Argenti, Joel Arredondo, Lori Garcia, Tony Dimacchia, Carissa Woytach, Kate Golden, and Beth Henley.

I. PRESENTATION

Drew Crawford commenced the hearing at 5:10 pm on Monday, April 20, 2020 to discuss the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan. The presentation explained the importance of planning and the uses of the consolidated and annual action plan. Joel Jacovetti presented highlights of projects completed thus far as well as explaining the Emergency Home Repair Program.

II. DISCUSSION

The first question posed came from Councilwoman Mary Springowski. She had concerns with the proposed plan of building affordable housing on the Stoveworks site due to the state of the housing in the surrounding neighborhood. She stressed the need to increase code enforcement and if the department is going after out of state property owners. Drew Crawford explained that due to the amount of CDBG funding and stipulations with the Stoveworks site that there is a timeframe to redevelop the site.

Councilman Rey Carrion raised questions on how the budget would reflect the current pandemic caused by COVID-19 and pressed the importance of public participation. Drew Crawford explained that funds being received for COVID-19 are separate from the presentation at hand. He explained they the current proposal was following a timeframe that started before the pandemic and is required by HUD. Safety Service Director, Max Upton, explained that the legislation for the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan was not up for approval that evening, but rather May, to include the legislation for the emergency COVID funding as well. He is also informed them that the staff is working on recommendations for the administration to review.

A commenter asked about the City's relationship with the Erie County Health District and how we can let more residents know about the lead abatement program. Desiree Thompson informed him that the City is providing an $80,000 match each year for 3 years and that they are aware that a lot of residents are unaware of the program; that is why they have the information on the city's website, inform those interested in Emergency Home Repair and have put a memo on all Lorain water bills.

Councilwoman Beth Henley expressed concerns over the $200,000 being allocated to the Oakwood Park pool. She would rather see that money spread across various parks within Lorain, citing that 2 parks in the first ward do not have baseball fields and only backstops. Drew Crawford reassured her that investments have been made in various parks and that Oakwood Park is in need of a much larger investment.

Council President Joel Arredondo asked if the department has any other projects similar to that of 958 Lakeview Ave and if we can set up more projects like it. Desiree Thompson explained that the department still has a few properties for sell that are on the website and that people can inquire to express interest or setup viewings. She also explain that there are no acquisition and rehab projects currently set up as the department currently has been in position of properties for too long and that these types of projects can be reviewed and assessed on an annual basis if deemed necessary to implement again. Joel Arredondo brought up reinvesting funds back into the Stoveworks site and Drew Crawford, again, stated that per HUD regulations that we would have to develop a project on that site for the Stoveworks project to remain an eligible project. He also stated that he can confirm all of the details another time.

Councilman Rob McFarland inquired about how the use of Stoveworks was determined and if that information is available. Drew Crawford explained that the use was determined last year. He explained that a survey was completed for the consolidated plan and a housing study is being completed that confirms that shortage of affordable and senior housing in the city. Max Upton also informed everyone that there is still money left in the Stoveworks demolition project to plan redevelopment. The city will be seeking request for proposals in the coming weeks.

Councilman Rey Carrion spoke on the deadline regarding the redevelopment of Stoveworks and the need to invest into Oakwood Park. Carrion stressed the need to have plans that suite the needs of everyone, including council and the administration. He also said that the $200,000 budgeted for the Oakwood Park pool was not just for the pool and that this money was previously set aside for a splash pad that the people in his ward do not want.

Councilman Greg Argenti also raised questions regarding the Oakwood Park pool. He would like to get an accurate cost of bringing the pool and all additional aspects (restrooms and showers) up to current codes and regulations; as well as how much the maintenance would cost. He additionally questioned how the annual maintenance costs would be covered. He suggested that this all needed to be reviewed before taking action.

Mayor Jack Bradley expressed the importance for children to learn to swim. He explained that an article shared to him, from the Center for disease Control and Prevention, says that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for all children, but especially children of color. He stated the YMCA has expressed interested in partnering with the City regarding the pool and believes that if you build it, then people will come. Parents will find a way to get their children to the pool regardless of location. He pressed the importance of saving children's lives, even if just one, over the cost and location.

Councilwoman Mary Springowski brought up the pool only being open during summer months. She suggested combining resources and centrally located a rec center that could have an indoor

pool so that the pool could be open year round and be accessible to everyone, including the elderly. She believes it would be a better return on investment – an investment in the community.

Mayor Jack Bradley stressed that the City does not have the money for a rec center, but they do for a pool. He also brought up that children swim in the summertime and that you only need to learn how to swim once.

III. CONCLUSION

Drew Crawford concluded the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan.

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Drew Crawford: Good Evening to all of you and happy Monday evening. My name is Drew Crawford. I am from the Building, Housing Planning Department here. I am the Neighborhood Development Specialist and I am joined by my colleague, Joel, who is the program manager. So, welcome to our second public meeting when it comes to our consolidated plan and annual action plan and also welcome to those following at home. So well get started and tell you a little bit about our presentation and at the end well have time for questions. Again, anybody at home will have the opportunity to call in or email a question and of course anyone here, in person, will have the chance to ask a question.

So, the Consolidated Plan is the city's 5 year strategic plan that governs, as I am reading off of this, the use of federal housing and community development funds for the funding years for a total of five years. All the way through 2024 receiving our money. I am sure many of you are familiar in this room where we get the funding from but I will explain a little bit more where that comes from as well as specific dollar amounts. You also should have a handout that has information on that as well right here if you would like to pick that up now or at the end of the presentation. There are four main functions to the plan and it is required by HUD – the housing and urban development office through the federal government. But it is a planning document for the city. So it is specifically what our department our fifth floor as well as the rest of the city references throughout the year as well as the 5 year plan to provide a framework for what we plan to use the money for. Of course we have to be accountable, makes a lot of sense. Its serves as an application for the federal funds under CDBG. That stands for Community Development Block Grant money. That is where we do receive a statistically majority of the funding here in the city of Lorain and I will provide some figures in the next couple of slides, as well as on your handout you may want to reference. AS well as HOME formula grant applications. That's the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Money that comes from the federal government. IT identifies strategies for carrying out the community development goals. So how are we going to help improve the city. How are we going to spend that money in a very positive way and in the most effective – bang for your buck way – if you will. Provides a basis for assessing performance. Again, being accountable to HUD being accountable to the citizens here of the city, as well as the council, the administration making sure that everything we are doing is in effect good and that we are following what we said we would do.

So the components for this plan, strategic, sets goals and objectives. It's an update to the citizen participation plan. It's an update to that community members have told us what they want us to do with the money. What they think and what they would like have done in their neighborhoods,

on their streets and in the city, overall. Identifies needs and priorities throughout the city through data analysis and consultation with stakeholders. A very systematic approach to using this money, which again, I think makes a lot of sense.

So the continued slide of what we use this form of what are the components: housing assessment and needs so determining what kinds of hosing needs to happen in the city, new housing; homeless assessment and needs, pretty self-explanatory; community development assessment and needs so what the community needs outside of housing and what the city needs for that; and any other special needs for the city that we can use with federal funds. That we can program whether its physical changes or programmatic changes.

This presentation is us also presenting our one year action plan that has to happen every single year. We are just also presenting the 5 year plan which is up for approval. So it's our annual one year plan that describes very much how the federal funds will be spent. I am repeating myself a little bit here, but again cant emphasis enough that we have to have this plan for what we are doing with the money. Geared toward accomplishing the goals stated in the consolidated plan and again. CDBG dollars as well as HOME dollars. Community Development Block Grant from the federal government and HOME Investment Partnerships.

So projects that are funded through these means have to benefit low and moderate income persons whether that's in specific census tracts that are indicated as low or moderate income very specific neighborhood breakdowns by the census bureau of average or median incomes or proving that we are serving the citizens that fall into that socioeconomic category. Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blights. So the biggest thing that a lot of city's do, and specifically here in Lorain is demolition of housing – substandard housing hat has fallen into despair. We have done a really good job over that if I do say so myself. I can say that without basis because I haven't worked in the department very long. I think we have done a pretty good job. So that's a really big factor in what we do to knock down homes for a variety of reasons, Activities designed to meet community development needs of a particular urgency so things that are assessed and determined to need the money; to need something to happen really immediately. That can be emergency funds, so if it's something like a house fire or something like that but also has to do with natural disasters. For your reference, low and moderate income is determined to be $58,950 for a 4 person family. So there are, I want to use my words carefully, a good deal of census tracts that meet that here in the city of Lorain. By the way, I have mentioned this a couple of times, but the census is how we get this money in a way. It determines how money is spent because we have to have a number of people counted in the city of Lorain and then it determines how that money is spent. So the more participation we have in the census, the best. We will get the most money if every single person responds to the census that has to respond, by law, to the census.

So a little about what is eligible. I am trying not to block this, but there are a lot of things that are eligible under these particular funds. Acquisition of property, purchasing property for the

strategic investment for the City of Lorain. Public improvements, so that's things that the public can use such as sidewalks, roads, traffic lights as far as I am aware. Public service projects include things that are not necessarily related to one of those other things I mentioned but its community centers or parks or pools. Those types of things that can be used with community development block grant money for or HOME money with other things. Code Enforcement. We will tell you a little bit more about what we have done in the city in the past couple of years, enforcing the codes here. We've done a really good job with that in Lorain. The housings stock continues to be cared after and looked after because of code enforcement and really trying to preserve houses in decent quality so they don't fall onto the demolition list. Homeownership is something that could possibly help with downpayment assistance or something like that. Construction of housing; clearance and demolition; economic development activities especially with small businesses; and housing rehabilitation. Preserving the beautiful houses here in Lorain and again not having them get onto the demolition list.

The community development block grant program again CDBG it just rolls of the tongue right, can be used for infrastructure, home owner rehabilitation, public facility improvements, again ill make the difference infrastructure, roads, those types of things, public facilities parks community centers anything in a park, public service projects, economic development.

In program year 2020 program year 1.233655 in community development block grant, was spent, or will be allocated I apologize will be allocated. That is the targeted amount of money we are expecting from HUD and they are subjected to 15% public service cap and 20% administration cap. So of that 1.2 million 15% can go towards public service projects, things that not necessarily the physical building or roads or those types of things. Well show you examples of those things in a little bit. And 20% administration cap that includes salary. The majority of people in our department do receive part of their salaries or a large part of their salary from HUD funding.

So some highlights for what we have done in the past year. Second Harvest Food Bank receives $61,000 from our allocation of the money. Mobile food banks, produce, school food pantries and administration costs associated with that. By technicality, we are not allowed to purchase food for the food bank we can do a lot of other things for the second harvest food bank. Another thing with CDBG money was the demolition of the first Spanish evangelical church on Reid ave. it was a $49, 23 demolition so we were lucky to have that. I think you all know better than me that it needed to e demoed and was in disrepair and the Stoveworks project $1.4 million dollars from federal sources to demolish Stoveworks and we are really excited about what could possibly go next on that land it was determined that affordable housing would likely be a good thing for that and we are going to be working on that in the coming year. So I will turn it over to my college Joel who will take the second half of this presentation.

Joel Jacovetti: Okay so moving forwards here some other activities we have done with the money here is Falbo Park is the first ADA accessible park. We had spent $49,980 to that and then Fairview Park [correction - Highview Park] on the eastside got $10,699.36 for playground

equipment and central park got the splash pad additions and the pavilion restroom roof for $13,625.29 We have also allocated money to the Broadway streetscape. It was $182,000 for the signage that we allocated to that project. And as we are moving through here. CDBG highlights also over the past 5 years we have allocated $892,929.06 for code enforcement and along with that $515,038.94 for emergency home repair. And on the code enforcement side this is actual citations, salaries, education and training and equipment. We also purchased iPads for the guys so that they can be more productive and instead of writing up on paper logs and have to come back in they can automatically send it and we can review a lot quicker.

This slide here is the emergency home repair projects clients within wards. So I know it's a little difficult to see here but each dot represents a project we have helped in the different wards from 2015 to 2019 and an average cost that we've helped out is $13,205.

And talking more about the HOME program. The HOME program is funds and what they can be used for. You have administrative costs, home owner rehabilitation, tenant based rental assistance, new construction of rental housing and down payment assistance. For project year 2020 we are going to allocated $433,406 in funding to be allocated to the program with hopefully $100,000 in program income. This program income comes from loans that are out there currently being repaired. So as long as we can collect everything on time we can maybe see an additional $100,000.

Here is a home on 958 Lakeview Dr. We had purchase this home and used HOME money to rehab this home at a cost of $111,043 and eventually sold. It is a 4 bedroom 2.5 bath for $128,000. So this is to show how our home funds – we put the money into it and try to get as much back out of it and we saved a home in Lorain.

How we select a project. This goes from anything from the second harvest to doing the signs. How we select a project has to do with first of all we make sure if we are a helping a homeowner or any type of rehab project that it is the homeowner they own the land. So we check the Lorain county auditor's website to make sure. We also go through the zoning and then also or the second harvest and different things drew was mentioning, since we cannot do food we look to make sure they have additional funding for those service and everything so we are okay to give them money to allocate elsewhere and then we have the agency capacity. We make sure they are able to handle this project with the capacity of the people they have on demand. We have clear defined project narrative – does the project make sense and do they have a specified budget for the project. Additional things that we look into are environmental reviews, for the contractor and sometimes subrecipient do they have prevailing wages and are they abiding by the prevailing wages; equal housing opportunity; drug free workplace; ADA guidelines; federal procurement and purchasing standards; lead base paint elimination; and avoiding conflicts of interest. So now to switch over to the next slide of what is not eligible. So what can funds not be used for

We have in regards to the building and general use for conduct of government. So basically we are not putting any of this money into the city hall building. General government expenses. Salaries for those not directly involved in programs. So anybody that is outside of the 5th floor their salaries are not paid for with money. This money is only paid for fifth floor salaries. And if it is allocated correctly for that. No political activities. No purchasing of equipment outside of the fifth floor. Operating and maintenance expenses. Purchase of construction equipment and new housing contraction.

One of our big programs that we do, so we have what the CDBG funding is potentially used. So we have clearance and demolition. So we have allocated $250.00 to clearance and emo and potentially council has allocated $250,000 to clearance and demo so if we can get those funds together hopefully we can take care of some housing this year. Then we have code enforcement and emergency home repair which I will get into some more details. Down payment assistance, planning, public facilities improvements, public service, economic development. That is what CDBG funds are used for. HOME funds are used for owner occupied rehabs and tenant based rental assistance.

So one of our big projects is emergency home repair and what this does is allow home owner occupied for us to allocated $150,000 to each homeowner for a project as long as it meets the requirements that we have for the project. This can be either a grant or a loan. It's based on income so if they are at 60% of the median income level than it is considered a grant and as long as they stay in the home for 5 years it is forgiven and then you have the 80%. If they are at 80% then 20% is repayable over the 5 year period with the additionally 60% forgiven, excuse me 80% as long as they stay in the home for a 5 year period.

This is the schedule of allocations and documentations and making sure everything is in check. So with that if you have any questions, we can take questions now. If you are calling in there is the number and you can also email in. Do we have anybody? 30.55

Okay for the questions if you could step up to the microphone or we can turn your microphone on and well go from there.

Mary Springoskwi: Lorain City Council at large. Some of the things that you brought up – first of all will there be a handout that will be avaible to us? With regards, okay I did not see that up there. And then with regards to some of the plans. I commend you for the second harvest. I think given the current pandemic situation that that is going to be more critical than ever and I think that it's only going to continue throughout the rest of this year. They are expecting a second wave in the fall or the winter and this is going to be a life line for a great number of people in the city. I would disagree with you – most vehemently with regards to Stoveworks and affordable housing. I go to church in that neighborhood and the housing code enforcement over there is very lax. It is some of the houses there I don't know how they're fit for human habitation and we need to address that before we would introduce some of the most vulnerable people in our

society, the elderly, into a neighborhood that unfortunately does have a reputation for crime and violence. Why on earth we put vulnerable people such as that in that area in affordable housing? If we want to go rehab some of these littler ranches and that, there are plenty of them in this city that we can do. We need to be very aggressive in our demolition of a lot of these houses that are being used as clubhouses by these kids, that being used as hangouts for drug addicts. I don't know how many, I don't know if we were to go into these houses if we are going to find dead bodies. But we have got to really get serious about addressing – we are not doing enough with regards to the code enforcement. We are going after these homeowners instead of a lot of these out of town property owners. There is a big difference between being a homeowner and a property owner. And we need to be addressing these out of town property owners that don't care and get an absent property management company coming in and these houses are going in- they're decaying rapidly. You can go through any neighborhood and see this but over by the Stoveworks it is nearly every house so we need to go and address that before we would even think of addressing anything with the Stoveworks. And I would like to know there was somebody that had owned the Stoveworks and they were supposed to have cleaned it up. They didn't do what they were supposed to be doing. Have we proceeded to go after them to get some of this money back? Why are the taxpayers always having to pick up the pieces from people who don't follow through with what they are supposed to be doing? Alright, he's still doing business in the city of Lorain and until he gets his act together I wouldn't let him do business in the City of Lorain. So we need to be aggressive on this housing demolition and the code enforcement. And I would like to have the actual number, I don't want to know what the salaries are, I don't want to know what the cost of equipment was – I want to know the exact dollar amount that was put into actual emergency home repairs. Was it fixing a window, a roof? Anything that was value added to an h housing repair. That is the number we need to give to the public. They deserve to know what they're money is being spent on. Thank you.

Drew Crawford: Okay, I'll do my best to address your questions within there because I think I highlighted the main parts but feel free to make sure if we didn't address them. In terms of this presentation it is what we are going to use our HUD dollars for. So in terms of our department there are many more things doing necessarily fall under this. I mean much of it does but that's not necessarily, anyway, there is difference between what our HUD dollars are doing and what tax payer dollars are for. This is HUD dollars... For, personally speaking, my position as the Neighborhood Development Specialist, was to address these types of situations and I can say that we are working aggressively to do these things and I can understand what you are saying I have driven by there before and have seen what you are saying. There are also stipulations in using the money that we used to demolish Stoveworks. That we have a particular time frame that we have to develop or do something with that site to be eligible for federal money and if we don't do that soon, I don't know the exact expiration but it is within a few more years, were going to lose hat money and I believe it is a significant amount of money. That is why I believe Stoveworks is going to be something that—

Mary Springowski: Then do something that is going to benefit hat community that is going to especially that neighborhood, that is one of the poorest in our city. Do something like a rec center for the kids and the people that live in that community and can't get out of that community and that neighborhood I should say. You're trying to paint a rosy picture and we may have different definitions of aggressive, I will say that right now. But do something that is meaningful to that neighborhood. IF we are going to the use the tax dollars then let's do something that really adds to the neighborhood , not more housing that we can maintain. We're putting people into a very precarious situation over there. Let's do something is going to really benefit it.

Drew Crawford: Next question I think will come from Rey.

Rey Carrion: Good Afternoon. Rey Carrion. 6th ward councilman for Lorain. Former director of the Building, Housing and Planning Department and I will tell you both of you. Fine job. Fine job on this presentation. Doing this for 20+ years we know what this invoices and what this takes so I want to commend you for presenting a clear understanding of the program and what is eligible and what is not eligible so I just want to thank you on that. Couple of questions. I mentioned this at the first public hearing and once at the time that this budgeted was drafted and created, it was obviously pre the pandemic. And one of the things that I would like to see is how this budget is going to be modified to take into consideration what's coming. We know that we have 1.2 million dollars in CDBG funds for 2020 and there was another allocation of about $700,00+ which we really haven't figured out from the government how to use it in terms of the guidelines. I a particularly interested as we look at your slum and blight removal, emergency home repair owner occupied rehabs and tenant based rental assistance programs. Those are areas that we need to pay attention to now. The economy has changed and as the numbers are coming in we are going to see how this pandemic has impacted our economy there is going to be greater need sin those areas that we should be planning for now. In addition, the SBA went through those funds immediately. SO even today they opened the rounds for the second round of applications today. So how can the city participate in that area because that is an eligible area under the CDBG program. How can we then look at our budget and see how we can implement those programs and those dollars to assist in those areas.. so I like what I see here but I would like to see a revised budge that takes all of those factors in consideration because they will be here not now. We're going to start seeing that here in another 2 months 3 4 and 6. So I just want to make sure we can adapt for that because it is coming. But thank you for that program.

Drew Crawford: Yeah, I certainly agree that given where the global pandemic and what can or cannot possibly happen it is a very good idea to be planning for what may happen in the city. I think as well, respectfully for that, we don't necessarily know what could be coming. We don't know how long this quarantine is going to last and goodness know it's going to be more weeks or months. I think we have a little bit of planning for the unknown at this point but I see your point on that. Also, it is the city and many cities are slated to receive a significant amount of emergency funding at some point, we don't know the very significant details on that. When we do and have the discussions of things that could possibly happen with that it will obviously

involve the community as well as council. So we believe there are more things coming out from this but that is at the incredibly early stages for that and this is also because we are following a timeframe that started before the pandemic and HUD requires us to have these things done for our plan.

Rey Carrion: If I can add one last comment before Max. I think public participation is key, is critical and instrumental. This is a role I believe all of us on council can play an instrumental role going back to our community going back to our constituents and finding out what it is exactly the needs are. Many times the programs that make it to the final cut doesn't represent what the community wants. Just a small group of people with a loud voice are carrying what gets implemented and budgeted. So we need to make our own effort to talk to the people and find out what is important to you and get it back to you so we can at least put it on a systematic approach to determine what makes sense and how does this become sustainable so it's not a poor investment where we have to come back in a year or two and do an additional investment.

Drew Crawford: Absolutely, thank you. Max has a comment from the administration.

Max Upton: I would just like to say in respect to the planning to the additional $725.00 the staff is already working on their recommendations for the administration to review including which would be a business assistance plan because the PPE money is going to dry up again. Also things like second harvest so they are working on that diligently. We plan to review that with them which is also why the legislation for the approval of the plan was put of until May. It is our intention to have the legislation for the emergency COVID funding and the regular block grant allocation considered at the same time.

Commenter: Good Afternoon, I would like to thank you for your presentation tonight. Very synced and detailed. My comment is really on the line of, I would like to talk about the city's relationship with the general health district of Erie county. My understanding is that they have partnered with them in the past and they have gotten HUD dollars and brought those to the city of Lorain to help homeowners who have unsafe homes or lead abatement issues. I guess my question is will that continue this year and what funding is available from them in terms of the total dollars with the general health district of Erie county number one and what funds do we have to partner with them if you could explain that. I think that's a program that a lot fo residents in Lorain are not aware of if you could elaborate on that and provides some contact information for citizens that would like to explore that

Drew Crawford: I might defer to the administration for this because I do not necessarily know all the details to speak on those specific items but I do know that Greg Landry our housing inspector has received lead training and is fully certified and has the ability to do that. So my educated guess on that is that is very much in the works and very soon to be ale to promote a little more on what we can do with that but I am not completely aware of everything with hut but supposed Desiree can assist with that some more.

Desiree Thompson: So I do not have all of the details off of the top of my head but I do believe that the exact number is that we are e providing an $80,000 match each year for the next 3 years and we are aware that a lot of the residents in the city are not aware of it. For instance, when we have people come in for emergency home repair a lot of times people ask about painting or something that could lead to lead abatement issues so we can recommend them there first before they go through emergency home repair because that is something that does not qualify for that program and we did go through and put a little memo on the city of Lorain's water bills to let people know about the program.

Drew Crawford: Matt, do we have questions that have been emailed or called in perhaps to get to that? Okay. Yes?

Beth Henley: Mr. Carrion brought it up about listening to the people in our wards. So with that being said I am going to bring this up right now – this $200,000 for Oakwood Park for a pool. I am hearing loud and clear that there is a problem with that from the people in my ward. Now you mentioned, or the other gentlemen mentioned, that $10,000 going into Fairview Park. That's highview Park over on Fillmore Avenue. Many many people did not even realize that park existed, including our mayor at the time. Thanks to Lori Garcia and Kellie Glenn we were able to get some new equipment over there and thanks to a bunch of volunteers we cleaned that park up and I am happy to say that it has remained relatively nice. But with that being said I have two parks in the first ward that have baseball back stops. No field for the kids in the neighborhood to go and play. So things like that. Basketball courts. Let's spread this money out so that all the kids. in the city, have a place to go within walking distance of their home. That they can go play ya know a game of softball without having to pay a fee to be in a league, ya know, a lot of these people can't afford it. They just want to get six, seven. eight kids together and they want to walk down and toss a ball period or play basketball. A couple years ago we replaced the nets at G Street park. Those have remained in relatively good shape. I think I have one to replace now whenever we can go out and about and do that. But the kids are always there and they keep an eye on the equipment there. When it was cleaned up a couple years ago we took two days. There was graffiti everywhere and I think Lori can attest to that. So I would like to see those dollars spread out throughout the city so that all the kids in our city have a place to go to play, to play safely and get them off the streets. Thank you.

Drew Crawford: I don't know if there are any additions to that, but you know my personal quick response to that is that we have invested in all the parks in the city of Lorain and yes that is a substantial amount but there needs to be that type of investment in the parks and that ya know is going to e something that is hopefully seen in coming years at other parks. That would be my response to that. Does – yeah

Beth Henley: In response to that, we cannot wait another few years. We have a lot of kids out there that have nowhere to go. And I think Lori can attest and some other people that I have been

beating the drama on this for quite some time. So it's time to invest all the way across the board in less costly things that we can do to improve our city and parks for these kids. Thank you.

Joel Arredondo: Couple questions. You mentioned this house on Lakeview Ave. and sold it for about $128,000. What did we invest in that?

Joel Jacovetti: We invested about $111,000 into the house.

Joel Arredondo: And do we have other projects set up like that – to your knowledge?

Joel Jacovetti: I think all of our properties are sold now. We have one more property.

Desiree Thompson: No, we have a couple properties that they were set up where we were required to sell them back to low-moderate income household members. Right now we still have a few. We have a couple that are pending sale right now. Then we have 314 w 32nd St and then 1005/1007 W. 17th St. These properties are on our website so people can call in to inquire about them if they are interested or set up viewings. The goal is to always sell them to low-to-moderate income residents.

Joel Arredondo: And who determines what houses we are going to reinvest in and the amount of money we are going to spend on these houses?

Desiree Thompson: Right now we are investing more rehab into these houses. These houses were acquired I don't even remember how long. The department has had them for quite some time. And right now there is no program set u to acquire houses in the future, at the moment, to rehab and resale because of those properties that we have right now.

Joel Arredondo: So is this a year to year that can be included in the plan as is or is there a plan for that?

Desiree Thompson: For like acquiring new houses to rehab?

Joel Arredondo: Yes.

Desiree Thompson: That is something that can be assessed on an annual basis if that's a program that could be setup.

Joel Arredondo: Okay, next question councilwoman Springowski addressed reinvesting the money into that area where the Stoveworks was removed. Is that HUD guidelines that we have to reinvest the money in where money was spent?

Drew Crawford: I believe it is a complicated answer that it does because HUD money was used for that if we want to have any further HUD money on that we have to have a particular time frame. So if I am not mistaken we cannot also have private development. I would have to check

this on that particular land. I cannot say for sure or if anyone can fact check me on that, but that is my understanding.

Joel Arredondo: The reason I mention that is because about two years ago there was a place down the street from here called hot waters. There was a bait shop in disrepair and the city invested quite a bit of money to remove it and all and now a little while later there is a makeshift pavilion set up there and we were told, council was told, by the administration that because we had taken CDBG funds to remove that that we had to reinvest it in that area to replace it. That's my question why we had to go by Stoveworks.

Drew Crawford: Again that is my understanding of this – I would have to confirm that but my understanding is that the money would have to be used towards a public service as well.

Joel Arredondo: The last comment I have is that I was once again council people are here to advocate for their constituents, their wards, the city, etc and the I understand the Oakwood park investment which is sizeable but once again but cannot be done without investing big monies in it. I hear council woman Henley's comment and I am sure other council people here have comments for their folks but once I again I have heard this over the years like on streets – how come my street didn't get done this other street did. There is a grading service that is done that Mrs. Garcia could apply to that or the engineering department on that more. But we have to start somewhere. I understand that so hopefully in the future we can address other areas but ya know the Oakwood park, like the mayor says, there's no place in Lorain that you can go learn how to swim and hopefully other places in the community they can go out there for now. Thank you for your presentation once again. It was very professional, very informative. I know your door is always open and council can always ask more questions and I am sure the public also. Thank you.

Drew Crawford: Thank you very much. Councilman McFarland do you have a question?

Rob McFarland: First of all I w want to thank you for the work you did in the second ward with Stoveworks and the church are two sites that needed a lot of attention and its very much appreciated in the second ward. Regarding the best use for Stoveworks moving forward how was that determined and is that information available? Was a heist and best use study, community input? And whatever it was can we see the feedback?

Drew Crawford: Seeing the feedback I believe it was for the most part, yes it should be as far as I am aware. In terms of the survey, Desiree can perhaps assist me, but we did have a survey that went out for the overall consolidated plan and then also in terms of housing studies have confirmed that there is a shortage of affordable and senior housing in the city, but I would expect to be able to make that public and be able to share it with all of you. Max any additions?

Max Upton: Just one other comment to councilmen McFarland. In the allocation of the Stoveworks demolition there is still some money left in there to plan for the redevelopment of

the side. We intend to issue a request for proposals to do a site planning to see the future of that site would look like and that should be coming here in the coming weeks.

Drew Crawford: Yes, councilman carrion

Rey Carrion: Alright if I can just add a couple of comments. Depending on the Stoveworks site what type of funds were you using CDBG or if there were any type of HOME dollars involved. Typically you have that 2 on 5 rule. 2 years to identify the project, 5 to build. So the clock is ticking not hat site. So really if you are looking at a way to be innovative and not be subject to losing dollar potentially face penalties from HUD its best to have a plant the community can rally on but the clock is actually ticking on that one. My other comment was to Councilwoman Henley's comments and I appreciate her comments and every other comment here. And as council president Arredondo stated we all advocate for our wards and that's what we do but we have to also be considerate and cognizant that there are needs across town and across the board so we want to be mindful of that. The issue that I have seen in this city, for many years is the lack of a plan. A lack of a formal strategic plan that can withstand all of us, council, administrations where it doesn't become political. You need a plan that works, that identifies what the needs are and you can put it on a timeline. So I was pleased when I read the summary that through Nancy Greer shared with us through Mitchell Fallis, thank you Mitch, that gave us an overview of what took place over the last 3 4 years and that it appears that that basis was under consideration. Where council looks at the needs of the city looked at the needs of Oakwood park at that particular park when the trees were taken down and the community was in an uproar and decided that that park being the largest park in the city almost 70 acres needing major major projects. That there needed to be a conserved effort to put dollars every year to try and bring that back to a level that is respectable. I would like to make a couple other comments just for clarification because I hear so many comments that are just not accurate, not right. The original plan from 2-3 years ago to take down the trees and redevelop that park based on 8 9 million dollar grants that was not there, that was money that was never received, never authorized and never encumbered. It was just a plan. That park and that plan included basically removing the southern part of the ark because it was consider to be in a floodplain and CDBG dollars or other type of federal dollars are ineligible to be spent in that area. That was what was presented by the staff and the city at the time and that's not the case, absolutely not the case. That's false. False. That park was built and there has been federal dollars put into that park over the last 40 years. The park is in a flood plain. The official ruling from HUD and there is an executive ordered signed by jimmy carter that is still in effect from the 70s, the only thing that would preclude any kind of federal dollars being spent would be in the actual flood way. The flood way at Oakwood Park is the ditch. That's it. That's it. Anything else is eligible and meets the criteria and we have confirmation from headquarters in HUD DC stating such. But I wanted to go back to Oakwood because the $200,000. I get a lot of calls from people that are not in my ward saying hey, that's a lot of money for the pool. That $200,000 is not a full allocation for a pool project, it includes other items. And I am looking at a price of $65,000 and I am not sure if

Lori Garcia can clarify that but I the last time I was at the pool with Lori and Mr. Upton was back in January and I don't remember those figures being at that level; but what needs to be taken into consideration here is that prior to the pool conversation entering into this mix in January when I came on board the plan was to build a splash pad for the same amount of dollars. So the same amount of dollars that have been earmarked for the pool is what we were going to put into the park for a splash pad. Now when I walked door-to-door and talked to everyone in my ward I asked them do you want a splash pad – is that what you want? And the answer was a no, a resounding no, no way. It's an insult; we are lowering the bar once again. We take down buildings, we don't replace them. We take down traffic light s were given people the appearance that this town is declining. Now we continue to lower the bar. We're going to put a rinky dinky splash pad here and expect you and the kids to go out and get your ankles wet and be happy. That is what we are telling our underserved communities, be happy with that. And that's just not what the community wants. So when people keep saying $200,000 for a pool, that's erroneous. That's wrong information. It was never that amount. It was the same amount that was earmarked and budgeted for a splash pad. For a building that is strong, we walked that building in January. It is solid, that building is in great shape. If there are issues needed, there are many community members and businesses that have already offered to donate the materials if we were to go to that extent. I don't want people to get afraid or feel that wow Oakwood Park is going to get $200,000 for the pool because that is absolutely not the case.

Greg Argenti: Thank you, Greg Argenti. 4th ward council. I would like to speak to the pool issue also. I am fearful that we may be getting into something where we are grossly underestimating the full cost of that pool. Normally things like this, you would first do a needs assessment to find out who, how many people are going to come and use that facility. And then researching a little about pool restoration and repairs. There are a lot of other situations that you need to be made aware of. So, the pool itself, the restrooms; the showers; are they compliant with current ADA regulations, current OCEA regulations? Suction vacuum release. That requirement has changed since that pool was put in. I would like to really get an accurate cost of what it would cost to restore this pool and annual maintenance cost because if we are not going to charge a fee to get in which I don't think we want to do. If it's not generating any revenue annual maintenance cost needs to be factored in too after the initial restoration is completed. So I think we need to – before we jump into something like this and also in researching this on a national level, the things like the splash pad and everything are e trending replacing traditional swimming pools and things like that in a lot of cities nationwide. So I think that is something that needs to be looked at before we jumped into something like this especially at these times with things that are going on. Thank you.

Drew Crawford: Thank you for those comments

Mayor Jack Bradley: I just wanted to share with council. First of all I grew up in Lorain. I grew up on the eastside on the corner of Euclid and sterling but my dad put me in the car when I was about 5 or 6 years old and took me over to the YMCA over there on 28th street so I could learn

how to swim because he knew that his son was probably going to wander over to century park or end of root road or even Lakeview park and swim. And he wanted to make sure that I wasn't going to drown. Melissa Barnhart provided me with an article that says that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for all children, but children of color are particularly at risk and that's from the center for disease control and prevention. Minority children in some age groups drowned at rates 7 times higher than their white counterparts. There are many reasons for their skilled discrepancies. few pools in their neighborhoods, parents who can't swim little money for lessons and parents swimming ability is the most telling. It also indicates that many times these children that qualify for reduced lunches and other assistance also qualify for getting money to help them learn how to swim at community pools. So I think as **Joel ardenondo** said this beginning. It's not an end. We want to see how this works. Now we do have the YMCA that wants to partner with us and help us run this pool. And ya know again, if you build it, I think they'll come especially if we get it out there. I used to go eat my lunch at Cascade Park in Elyria and they spent all kinds of money on Cascade Park. I mean millions of dollars on Cascade Park. So before they did the rehab I used to eat my lunch there in Elyria and then after the rehab id go there and eat my lunch. Ya know what, id dint see any kids there. They spent all this money and no kids there. So you can build baseball diamonds – ya know when I was growing up at g street park we hardly ever played on the ball field except for regular games because we didn't want to go on the ball field and mess up the lines so we would go out and play in the field around the ballpark because we knew we were going to have a game the next day or something like that. But kids will be able to – they know how to innovate. You don't have to have a perfect field for a kid to get a ball and a bat or a soccer ball or a football and play. But a pool that's important because if we save one child's life by teaching that child how to swim then we have spent $200,000 very wisely in the city of Lorain. So don't just make it about money. Don't just make it about where it's going to be at. Let's think about encouraging our parents to get their kids over to this pool and learn how to swim so we save lives.

Mary Sprugowski: I was also one of those kids that went to the Y on 28th st as a matter of fact, that Y was my father's first home in this country. They did end up giving my mother her money back because teaching me to swim was futile. It really was. I do dog paddle better than most labradoodles, but the thing is that pool is only going to be available in the summer months. If we combined all of our resources and centrally locate something, does a rec center that has a pool in it that can be sued year round then it can also be sued by the elderly that is a fitness regime that helps keep them healthy. I remember when the Y was open on tower blvd my father-in-law had a membership and went swimming everyday once he retired. If we do this and do something that we can centrally locate it and we focus on the entire community I think we are going to get a better return on our investment because this is what we are doing. We are investing in our community. I would like us to have some type of pool or the ability to have an indoor pool that the elderly can use it as well as the kids.

Mayor Jack Bradley: So how much does a rec center cost?

Commenter: Someone: 6 million dollars

Mayor Jack Bradley: 6 million dollars? Oh, do we have 6 million dollars? Do we have $200,000 for a pool? Do we have 6 million dollars for a rec center? I don't think so.

Mary Springowski: That we can use 3 months out of the year.

Mayor Jack Bradley: Hey, you only need to learn how to swim once. You can learn in the summertime because kids don't swim in the wintertime. Kids swim in the summertime. They go to Lakeview Park. They go to Century Park. That's where they go to swim. That's the time of the year they go to swim. It's important that we have our kids swimming. It was important for me to learn how to swim. It was important for you to learn how to swim. And if you can't swim, then at least you know how to save yourself. I would hope because a dog paddle is at least going to save you. We need to save lives. We need to do something positive. We can talk about pipe dreams like 6 million dollar rec centers or 5 million dollar rec centers but $200,000 pool. We are going to do something for our community and believe me, if the parents want to get their kids to Oakwood Park they'll get them there. My dad got me to the YMCA on 28th St. it was a great experience for me. I met kids from all over the city.

Drew Crawford: Okay, I believe that since it is past 6 o'clock that it is time for your council meeting to being so thank you all very much for your participation and hearing our plans. Again, feel free to email us if there is any further feedback CDBG@cityoflorain..org. Thank you all for your time. Thanks.

CITY OF LORAIN

Public Information Session
2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan
Meeting of May 18, 2020

MINUTES

The third Public Hearing Meeting for the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan commenced at 5:07 p.m. by Drew Crawford in council chambers of Lorain City Hall. In attendance were Drew Crawford, Joel Jacovetti, Desiree Thompson, Mayor Jack Brady, Max Upton, Melissa Barnhart, Rick Soto, Joel Arredondo, Mary Springowski, and Key Carrion.

I. PRESENTATION

Drew Crawford commenced the hearing at 5:07 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020 to discuss the updated budget for the 5 Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for 2020-2024. The presentation explained the changes to the budget which had the following changes made to it. The 2020 Estimated Program Income (CDBG) amount increase to $1,020,400.00. This increase was contributed to loan pay-offs that came in ahead of schedule. Community Development Block Grant – CV program (CDBG-CV) funds received are $725,720.00. This is additional money the City of Lorain received to help prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 related economic downturn and recovery. In addition to the loan pay-offs the 2020 Estimate Program Income (HOME) increase to $100,000.00. The CDBG Administration income increased from the additional administration income that was calculated off the $725,720.00 off of the CDBG-CV funds. Some of the funds from the loan pay-offs allowed for the City of Lorain to now include Public Facility Improvements of street improvements ($353,547.30) and a Senior Center parking ($25,000.00) lot. There was a decrease in the amount of funds to the Clearance/Demolition amount which is now allocated $200,400.00. The final changes to the budget plan are related to how the additional CDBG-CV funds will be allocated. Administration at $145,144, Public Service activities, Lorain City Schools $25,000 for LTE enabled laptops, Urban League $200,000 for emergency assistance up to 3 months rental/mortgage and utilities assistance to low-to-mod residents within the City of Lorain, Neighborhood Alliance $60,000 to assist the organization to ensure social distancing guidelines are able to be implemented, Second Harvest $70,576.00 to assist with the cost associated with delivery of emergency food, Church of the Open Door $25,000 for 2 urban gardens to grow produce to distribute to LMI households. From an Economic Development standpoint there will be $100,000 allocated for a Local Business Relief Grant fund to help local small businesses receive funds to help with payroll, rent/mortgage or utility costs. Also, an additional $100,000 was allocated for Local Business Retrofit program to help local small businesses retrofit their business to the new State of Ohio Social Distancing guidelines.

II. DISCUSSION

The first question posed came from Councilman Mitchell Fallis. He asked for more in depth description of the HOME program regarding the qualifications and cost that are covered. Drew Crawford explained that this will be new program for Building, Housing and Planning to administer and that it will cover cost to assist with a variety of projects covering rehabilitation.

Safety Service Director, Max Upton to clarify the HOME program has been receiving allocations for a number of years but Building, Housing and Planning has not been able to use the funds. How this program differs from Emergency Home Repair (CDBG funding), is when HOME funds are used all code violations identified in the home must be repaired from foundation to roof. Emergency Home Repair funds are capped at $15,000 as where HOME funds will be capped at $50,000. The HOME option is for an owner occupied home that is in major disrepair. This allows the City of Lorain to take extensive measures to preserve home owner occupied housing within the City. Mitchell Fallis said that he can see a tremendous need for the HOME program. He had asked for who the proper point of contact for the program is. Drew Crawford deferred to Max Upton for who the proper point of contact should be as Drew stated we are working on drafting the proper procedures for this program. Max Upton stated Drew and the staff (Building, Housing and Planning), are working through the documentation of the procedure for the program. Program, policies and procedures to make the City of Lorain right in the eyes of HUDs personnel. Until the policies and procedures are signed off by HUD, the City is still unable to access the HOME funds. Also the City's timeliness of expenditures these HOME funds being on hold counts against us from HUDs standpoint.

Councilman Rey Carrion commends Drew and the team for putting together a plain that focuses on a lot of areas of need in the City. Rey Carrion had a question regarding the COVID-19 slide funds. Asked for more information regarding the Urban League scope of work since that is the largest amount of funds ($200,000) being allocated? Ray also will have a follow question to the Lorain City Schools allocation of 525,000. Drew Crawford explained that the Urban League put together a detail proposal of a plan and are most equipped with resources to assist anyone with utility and rental/mortgage assistance program for a 3-month timeframe. Back to the Lorain City Schools question regarding how digital inclusion is key in the communities and schools. What is the impact that the $25,000 will bring? Drew Crawford stressed the immediacy of using the COVID-19 funds in order to keep the City of Lorain within their timeliness guidelines. The $25,000 that is allocated for the schools should go pretty far since the cost of a laptop is roughly $175 each. Ray Carrion asked Drew Crawford to elaborate with which students would qualify for the laptops? Drew Crawford elaborated that the students are in grades K – 12 and should assist about 142 students. Max Upton also spoke up that it will be 142 computers. Ray Carrion elaborated more regarding with what is the need for this and how we can maybe looking to assist more students. Are there other partners or can we obtain additional funds to potentially reach every family and every student. Ray Carrion added how other communities outside of the Lorain County area have been extremely aggressive with the school work that the kids are doing. To complete this work the students need to be connected. Ray Carrion asked that we look at how to help the students get better connect to complete more school work online. Joel Jacovetti added that there is a third party that reached out to us regarding the need for these students to obtain laptops and this is why the $25,000 was originally allocated to assist the 30 families that the third party is looking to assist. Joel Jacovetti also elaborated on how there might be additional COVID-19 funding coming and that the City of Lorain will take into consideration helping the schools and students further if the need is still there. Max Upton added an additional point that he participates in the Lorain County Connected Digital Inclusion Coalition which is partnered with the Community foundation of Lorain County and the City has been working with Mark Gonzalez and his group, along with the Community foundation Public Library systems. so it is a coalition

that is working on the funding of this program and this is where the idea came from regarding the need of these laptops.

Council President Joel Arredondo asked Drew Crawford to go back to the summary plan at the being of the presentation regarding line item number 2 (2020 Estimated Program Income CDBG) regarding the increase and what was the increase from the prior budget? Drew Crawford responded that the prior amount was $640,400. Joel Arredondo stated that Drew said during the presentation this was attributed to early loan payoffs. Drew Crawford responded correct. Joel Arredondo elaborated further asking how are we with the loan payoffs is everyone current and up to date? Drew Crawford responded that as of right now most people are paying on time. Joel Arredondo asked that for future presentations to bring this up to date regarding the outstanding loans and their statuses. Joel Arredondo added regarding past issues with these loans and monitoring not being completed timely which lead to HUD not allowing the City to access their funding. Joel Arredondo asked further that if a loan is paid off are these individuals eligible for another loan. Joel Jacovetti responded that they will be after a 5 year waiting period. Joel Arredondo had one more question regarding the $200,400 for Clearance/Demolition. Drew Crawford elaborated that the Clearance/Demolition money was actually reduced by $50,000 based on our ability to do the demolitions in a timely manner in accordance with HUDs guidelines. Joel Arredondo asked about the funding for Senior Center which is at $25,000 and what are those funds going to be used for? Drew Crawford explained that those funds were for the paving the parking lot which is one of their biggest needs, which falls within CDBG guidelines. Joel Arredondo stated that by putting the funds to the parking lot it allows people to see where the money is going and he commended the team for that. Joel Arredondo lastly asked about the street improvements amount of $353,547.30, that will the administration be providing information regarding what streets will be being completed with those funds? Drew Crawford responded yes.

Councilman Mitchell Fallis posed the question regarding Oakwood Park and the allocation of the $200,000 regarding how the funds will be used. Drew Crawford responded with that those funds will be for the rehabilitation of the pool. Mitchell Fallis added further comment regarding as a councilman at large official that they represent the citizens of Lorain, and when it comes down to what to vote for or against this is a classic case of something that would benefit the entire city and he is in favor of the pool since at this current time there is no other location or facility that can be improved on absent of Oakwood Park. He is in full favor of allocating the $200,000 to that facility for that reason number 1. Number 2 since Oakwood Park is the largest park in our city at 70 acres plus, it has gone way to many years without being updated so this improvement is long overdue for the citizens and he agrees with the Mayor about providing an opportunity for all of our citizens to learn how to swim.

III. CONCLUSION

Drew Crawford concluded the meeting at 5:34 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan updated budget.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Chaplain Mitchell Fallis led Council in the prayer and pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT - 11 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Dinacchia, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

ABSENT - 0 None.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

a.) Mayor Bradley's appointments/reappointments to several boards and commissions as follows: Lorain Port Authority (2) Carl Nielsen and Jon Veard Jr ; Metropolitan Housing Auth Board (2) Tejn Vasquez and Linda Davis; Community Reinvestment Housing Council (2) Harry Williamson and Ted Kalo Jr., Records Commission (1) Frank Sipkovsky; and Design Review Board (7) Frank Sipkovsky, Drew Crawford, Andrea Neal, Gary Fischer, Janet Garcia, Joyce Arredondo, Jon Veard Jr.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mr. Carrion, to concur with the Port Authority appointments. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to concur with the Design Review Board appointments. The motion carried unanimously.

The remaining appointments/reappointments were received and filed without objection.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you to all these folks for their service. Once again, all of these positions are not monetarily compensated, so once again, thank you for your service.

REMARKS: MAYOR BRADLEY: I want to start off the meeting with some good news regarding St. Joseph's hospital. The development company that owns the site, A7 Development, they have indicated to us their intention to demolish St. Joseph's hospital. We are hoping that will be accomplished by the end of the year for development purposes. Safety/Service Director Max Upton has been working with them diligently to get this put together. We are going to have a press release to release to the press today but I think that this is really, really good news. That eyesore has been there and we are going to be able to reduce crime, the vandalism and we are going to be able to put a project there that is going to start to develop that area of Lorain because with housing and other development that is proposed there we will then start having restaurants in that area, we'll start having shops in that area and that area will be revitalized again. It is very, very good news. The owners of that site are A7 Development and I think they are out of Massachusetts. It is good to start off the meeting with some good news for our city.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: First of all I want to welcome A7 Development to Lorain. Number 2, I am glad to hear that they are moving forward on removing this blighted situation on our city. I have a comment on that, will the City of Lorain be participating at all with assistance or funds to help with that blighted situation?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: At this point in time they are in land development and the point in which the city can help is when they go "ground up" and actually building the site from clean. They're working to do the demolition. Once they get a clean site the City will do anything and everything it is able to do to help facilitate the revitalization of that corridor.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I want to thank the administration for helping to move this project forward and also there is a gentleman who was with Southshore Development Corporation, Mr. Jim Janasko, and I understand that he had a lot of input in terms of trying to get this deal done so we thank him for his efforts as well.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Do we know what type of development? Will it be retail, commercial, housing? What are they looking at?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: The short answer is yes, they are looking at a mixed use site that is part retail, part housing, amenity space. There has been conveyed

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: S/S Director Upton, can you give us a brief description of the property that is being conveyed? It is really hard to figure that out on the correspondence received if you could make a brief comment.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: The property is a little sliver of land between the Broadway hotel and the street. Tom Brown from the Port can elaborate but basically during the transaction that conveyed this initially for whatever reason this little sliver didn't get on the conveyance and this is a matter of getting this over to the Port so that they can roll this into the lease to Radhika so that she can satisfy requirements for her historic tax credit equity. That is what this is about. Like I said, for history that goes back to the transaction itself Tom can answer any questions relative to that.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I am certainly in favor of conveying this over so that we can get that project moved forward and provide some significant financial assistance with the historical tax credits.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance 38-20 e.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, authorizing the Auditor of the City of Lorain, Ohio to pay an invoice submitted by the Utilities Department that invokes the Then & Now Certification Exception process as per Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 and to pay for said invoices and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 39-20 f.) Introduced by Mr. Argenti, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to accept the award from the FY20 Coronavirus emergency supplemental funding program.

Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Just briefly, congratulations again to the LPD for securing this much needed at this time funding. They really help themselves so congratulations to them.

Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 40-20 g.) Introduced by Mr. Carrion, an ordinance approving the City of Lorain's Program Year 2020-2024 CDBG and HOME Consolidated Plan along with the 2020 one year action plan which includes CDBG-CV funds and authorizing the Mayor to submit for financial assistance under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, authorizing the Director of Public Safety & Service to enter into all contracts and agreements to accept financial assistance, appropriating the funds and establishing the individual accounts consistent with all attached budgets and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Carrion, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN CARRION: I think it is incumbent for members of Council to recognize the work that is being done by the city staff members. Obviously working in this department for many years I can relate to the amount of work and the amount of detail that

is required to put this plan together. For the members of BHP Department that are here and were very involved in the two detailed public hearings plus responsible for the documentation that was behind it, I would like to commend them on their work. This is very good work and it really emphasized the needs of our community throughout many of our areas that are eligible for funding under CDBG and HOME and I thought that the research and the attention to detail in some of those areas was very well done. I'd like to commend them for their fine work.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Also, with that in mind just to show you what a normal piece of legislation looks like, is here and if our clerk would raise the packet for CDBG. As you mentioned about the research, the work, all that has to be done, I would agree with you and commend the staff for that.

COUNCILMAN SHAWVER: Just for clarification, I just want to make sure what I am reading is correct. This budget still contains $200k for the Oakwood Park pool?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: That is correct.

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: Just to clarify, am I correct that that pool is not going in the same area? Is there a different area that it is going into that is not in a flood zone?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: The pool is going to be rehabbed in place and it is outside of the floodway portion of the flood zone and since it is already there there is no issue with spending federal funds in that particular area.

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: And am I correct that we have that documentation from FEMA?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: We have that documentation through the CDBG Program policies and procedures from the federal government. Also, a Lorain resident and D.C. staffer of HUD pretty high up the food chain, Nelson, personally confirmed that with us as well. We did extensive due diligence with the Engineering Dept, with the federal government and with our BHP staff to make sure we are good.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I know that there was conversation earlier that federal dollars were prohibited in flood zones. The distinction here, and this was a distinction that was clarified by HUD headquarters in Washington D.C. not only by Mr. Nelson _____, but by the other lady that was in the email, she is the personnel responsible for this program in the state and essential that the distinction is that the floodway would be the only area that would be prohibited from spending any type of federal dollars. As they review Oakwood Park the floodway itself is the ditch on 36th Street. Anything outside of the ditch is within the floodplain and that is certainly eligible and we did have that information confirmed in writing by HUD headquarters in D.C.

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: Okay, I just wanted to make sure that we have all of those things in place for future questions. Also, I just want to make a comment that with this cut there talking about the pools, can we not forget about the other parks that need attention. Central Park's pool was taken out. I am hoping that we can get another pool. I know you said that we probably won't be able to do a rec center but I don't see it happening this year or next year but maybe we can move forward and plan something for the future. I don't know where I am going to be in four years or eight years but I want to give something back to that area. They want a pool. Once they see that pool going up they want a pool, too.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I have had other people that have said that if a pool is going into Oakwood they would like to see a pool located elsewhere in the city for other people. The eastside is very cut off. There used to be a pool at Longfellow but the eastside is very cutoff from being able to get over to Oakwood Park. Kids on the far Westside and Central Lorain makes it very difficult for these kids. I know it is easy to say that if they really want to go there they'll get there but I would like to see if we can look at an additional pool and look at it centrally located because we are supposed to be doing this for the kids. It is something to look at further down the road but we do have to recognize that we do have the eastside and central Lorain and these kids deserve it, too.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: I will piggyback on what Councilwoman Springowski said. If I have heard from any of the people in my ward this has been a hot button issue and Longfellow Park, the pool being gone from there, we are cut off. I envision kids trying to get to Oakwood Park down the road if this ever comes to fruition riding bikes over the bridge, down 28th Street, whatever and to me that creates a really big danger. I just want to

be heard on this because it is a big deal for the residents of the first ward and the eastside and I think I can speak for part of Council McFarland's ward as it is located east of the bridge.

COUNCILWOMAN MOON: I also want to piggyback on Council At-Large. Living in the fifth ward and working in the school system I find we as adults forget about the youth. We never listen to what the youth want. It would be so nice to get the youth in here and see what they would like because they are the ones going to the pools. When I am at the park I hardly ever see any adults there. We have a basketball tournament, unfortunately we won't be able to do it at Central Park, Cityview has a big reunion and General Johnnie Wilson but I think we should involve the youth because they are the ones that are going to be going to the pool and me being out there I always here how are we going to get there? If we could do little buses or try to get them there from the eastside and Westside it would be nice but let's try to listen to our youth and get them involved also.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I just want to follow up and I appreciate all the comments that have been made here. I think that they are legitimate, they are real and those are comments that we can all resonate with. I'd just like to make a point, at least for the folks in Lorain, because this facility benefits citizens of Lorain in general and I think that what we are hearing from Council and I have heard this throughout the last month here in the sixth ward. It is not necessarily that this is a bad project for the city, it is the fact that the same need is needed elsewhere in the city. A city of 64,000 residents could afford to have more than one swimming pool and how do we do that strategically? One of the comments that I wanted to get back to and as I look at the area of South Lorain, an area that has been underserved for many, many years and an area that has seen a lack of investment at all levels for many years is that when you look at healthy communities, and this is what we do in planning and for the planning folks that are out there I am sure that they say this, when you look at communities and development in healthy communities you have 10 key ingredients and three of those key ingredients are what we are touching now. One has to do with housing, obviously with new housing around that area we will improve the neighborhoods, parks is at the top, parks and recreation. That is why many communities use the tagline of live, work and play. The play refers specifically to recreation. At Oakwood Park and I am going to speak for Lorain. I worked for 20 years in this city and I was involved in all parts of the city, now I represent the sixth ward but it makes sense at Oakwood Park because you do have the infrastructure in place to do this for this amount of dollars. If you wanted to do this same project anywhere else you would be looking at $500,000-$600,000 because the infrastructure is not there. If we are going to do this let's start and make sure we support it and it is incumbent upon ourselves to assure that we are promoting the recreation aspects of the city so now we can actually see the result and would incentivize others to support additional recreational programs throughout the city in the central area and on the eastside. The Westside is pretty much self-sufficient and they do pretty well but the other areas have not and hopefully this is a start and it can show how strategically you can focus housing, recreational economic development to start bringing these neighborhoods back and I think this would be a catalyst for what is in the works for South Lorain. This would be at the center hub because it is going to bring additional recreational programs beside swimming.

COUNCILMAN SHAWVER: I would echo Councilwoman Henley's comments. I have received a significant number of calls from people in my ward that think we should be fixing the drainage issues in Lakeview Park before putting in pools. My follow up question on that would be do we have a funding source for maintenance and upkeep for this pool?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: That is something to talk with Councilman Carrion on. We are working on our agreement with the YMCA, we have also identified the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Councilman Carrion through his work in the South Lorain Endowment fund is also a part of that and we have had initial conversations with a number of master sponsors through a larger grand request.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: If I could answer that question, knowing that the park in South Lorain is the catalyst for raised success for having healthy neighborhoods as well as strong families. We have looked at that and what we have learned from the past is that somewhere in the neighborhood of $15,000-$20,000 a year is what is required not only to

provide chemicals, pay for lifeguards and do those type of upgrades. What we wanted to do here is develop a plan that doesn't just fall on the shoulders on the city. There has got to be ownership and we have as community members need to have skin in the game. We have worked with the foundation to be able to provide some funding for some of that maintenance work. The work that I have been leading with the Friends of South Lorain, that is part of the program. We are rising money through community involvement, through grassroots initiatives, to not only beautify South Lorain through banners, flowers, improvements but at the same time we are raising money to put back in and through that Friends of South Lorain we would be able to cover half of that maintenance agreement just from what we are doing. Additionally I donated my full Council salary and created an endowment fund through the community foundation and Oakwood is going to be the choice. Oakwood Park will have a stream of funds that are going to run forever based on those models that we have in place. We are not sitting here saying city gave me money, gave me money. We are actually getting out there, we are rolling up our sleeves and we are putting our money where our mouth is. We are basically saying this is how we are going to do it, community. You can do this together by being involved and putting your money and sweat equity into this.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you. It has been a good discussion, people are taking ownership. We had three public hearings from BHP regarding our funds for this year. The one we had today there was only a handful of council people there. I don't know if you forgot or maybe it was agendas, but a lot of these questions could have been asked there but that is fine, it is being asked now. Just a little quick history, we did have three pools in our city at one time. We also had three high schools in our city at one time. Once again, one thing the City of Lorain has been able to do is to adapt, reorganize, make adjustments. We have been under a lot of economic strain. We know that, the people that have been here, some of the council people here, you've lived it firsthand yourself. When we were kids there was one Y which was in South Lorain, later on there was one Y in Central Lorain and once again we were able to get those extra pools put in there. Always as a kid growing up in South Lorain I always heard about the kids on the Eastside have the lake and the kids on the Westside had the lake so they didn't need to go to any pools. Then we were fortunate at some time also there was a place called Oak Hills Country Club that had their own pool. Later on the only school in Lorain that ever had a pool was Lorain Catholic. As the Mayor had talked in one of the public hearings about saving one child's life. If a parent really wants their child to get educated, just like in youth baseball, I never got to play youth baseball because there were only two little league fields, one on the eastside and one in Central Lorain. My father always worked, I didn't have a ride to get there. What did we do? We played in the parks. The parks had park leagues where every park had a league in the summer and you had organized baseball. I didn't play city league or later on as it came out to be youth baseball. Then we even had at a time recreational basketball, we've had the flag football teams that a lot of mentors are out there. We commend them. The people like Ricky Jackson, others who have been out there with the kids. The Steele City Youth. People take ownership. They are not looking for the city to do everything but we as council people, I like the vision, I like the aggressiveness. Yes, you want to support your folks, sure. Let's get this project started. It is not going to be started until next year unfortunately because of what is there. I read in the paper about Avon, a community to the west, they are not even opening their pool. Other cities are and unfortunately there are a lot of concerns. Once again, thank you Council for weighing in. We know this is on your heart but let's get one started first. We cannot be running. We have to walk or crawl first then start walking. If we get this project off, great. It would be great to see another pool in as the council people, you are advocating for your folks. That would be great, a great vision. Thank you for the healthy discussion.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I just have a couple of comments, President Arredondo. I really support my fellow councilmen's vision of having pools on central and the eastside of Lorain. I think that parks are community parks and it would be great for us to get to that point at some point to have multiple pools in our city. I would recommend that we take a look at creating a long terms strategic plan for our park system and start that. I would love to work with the rest of council and the administration to move forward on those two

proposals; however, the opportunity presented before us tonight is to take an infrastructure that we currently have, which is the pool at Oakwood, and improve that to a point where we could open that up for our residents of the City of Lorain. As a councilman at-large official I am responsible for all of our residents and I think that would be a pool that everyone could use if they wanted to so I am certainly in support of that particular part of this CDBG fund. I think it is incumbent that we start, we have a pool and then we work on the rest of the parks in the city. Not only do the park, do we need to look at pools but we need other improvements in various parks. I mean, some of the parks on the eastside don't even have a baseball diamond where they could play or even in South Lorain. I agree, we need to make that happen and I would be happy to work with you and the administration to do that. Those are all great visions and I think we need to roll up our sleeves, get some work committees together and make that happen over the next two or three years.

Moved by Mr. Carmen, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 41-20 h.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service of the City of Lorain, Ohio to enter into an option to purchase portions of two parcels owned by Eschtruth Investment Co. llc for the purpose of flood mitigation along Martin's Run Creek.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to suspend the statutory three rending rule. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Now we are going to talk about the flooding! I got out there, thank God Tom is willing to be my chauffeur on this. We went all down Washington, we were driving around where it normally floods. I did get some complaints from people on Washington saying that there is wetlands behind Washington, you've got a lot of ATV riders back there and it is destroying the ground and they feel that is contributing to some of the issues. Where I saw it getting bound up was once it crossed under Oberlin Avenue and came down through Ashland to Tower that is where it seems we have a lot of flooding. You could tell from it coming up back from the drains and when I got down to Tower and Ashland, you know, our natural flood zone there, it was very deep and it was just bubbling up. I think that this retention pond is going to really help alleviate some of this. I wish we could go through and totally dredge the entire creek and widen it a little bit. I think that that would help. Just underneath the city streets and culverts where we've built over the creek, I think that is where we are getting our bottlenecks. We have to do something. We cannot keep letting our residents get their property destroyed. I have had people calling me crying because their basements have flooded for the sixth and seventh time. My cousin's older house, she said it destroyed her daughter's bedroom in the basement. We've got to do something with this flooding and I think that this property purchase is going to help with the creation of the retention pond but we know that once we get past Oberlin Avenue going east and from that section over through Tower it flooded all the way to my house this time over to East Skyline and West 35th. We know that there is an issue there, we have got to do something to help our residents. I thank the administration for going forward with this purchase.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: I know that you have been here about four years now and when you came onto Council if you remember that discussion we had even back then. Hopefully something will get done this time.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Thank you Mrs. Springowski for her comments. This is critical but this is just the beginning. It is critical that we make this purchase and put that detention pond in because it is actually getting worse. As Mary said, it is on Tower and Washington now, it is back on Falbo, Amherst Avenue, it is actually worse than it was in 2014. Like I said, this is a critical first step to help and then afterwards we do need to get engineering out there if we dig up road or whatever we have to do. As she said, it is getting redundant. The same people are flooding three, four, five, six times. This is a critical first step.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-20

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF LORAIN'S PROGRAM YEAR 2020-2024 CDBG AND HOME CONSOLIDATED PLAN ALONG WITH THE 2020 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN WHICH INCLUDES CDBG-CV FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, AND THE CRANSTON GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING THE INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS CONSISTENT WITH ALL ATTACHED BUDGETS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance is available to the City of Lorain under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the purposes of eliminating slum and neighborhood blight and improving housing and economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons ,and;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 which is to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 related economic downturn and recovery program

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance is available to the City of Lorain under the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, for the purpose of expanding the supply of decent; safe; sanitary; and affordable housing for very low-income and low-to-moderate income persons, and;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued federal regulations on January 4, 1995 that consolidates into the single submission the planning application process for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) program; the Emergency Shelter Gran (ESG); the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program; and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs; and;

WHEREAS, The City of Lorain has prepared a One-Year Action Plan that implements the goals and objectives found in the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lorain has made the 2020-2024 CDBG, AND HOME Consolidated Plan, along with the 2020 One-Year Action Plan, which includes CDBG-CV available to the public through advertising that the plan; is available within the Department of Building, Housing and Planning and the City of Lorain's webpage for a minimum five (5) days for citizen participation public comments; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the 2020-2024 CDBG AND HOME Consolidated Plan, along with the 2020 One-Year Action Plan, which includes CDBG-CV are included as attachments to this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I. That Lorain City Council hereby approves the 2020-2024 CDBG AND HOME Consolidated Plan, along with the 2020 One-Year Action Plan, which includes CDBG-CV budget for the Community Development Block Grant Program, Community Development Block Grant-CV Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and other departmental funds attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as "Attachment 1."

SECTION II. That the Mayor he and hereby is authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the City of Lorain for funding under the CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME and other federal programs in accordance with applicable federal laws.

SECTION III. That the Director of Public Safety & Service be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into all contracts and agreements to accept financial assistance, appropriating the funds and establishing the individual accounts consistent with all attached budgets.

SECTION IV. That City Council hereby appropriates for the entire calendar year 2020 the full amount of funds specified in the CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME and other program budgets incorporated herein.

SECTION V. The City Auditor is further authorized to secure for her records a line item appropriation of each activity listed all categories incorporated budgets.

SECTION VI. That it is found that all actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION VII. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being to meet the submission deadline established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of August 16, 2020 and to provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Lorain, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: May 18, 2020

ATTEST: Nancy Greer, CLERK

APPROVED: May 18, 2020

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR

I, NANCY A. GREER, CLERK OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, OHIO, CERTIFY THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF ORD. NO. 20-20 PASSED ON THE 18TH DAY OF May, 2020 BY COUNCIL AND TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK.

5/21/2020
DATE

CLERK OF COUNCIL

CITY OF LORAIN

City Council Regular Meeting **10. g.**

Meeting Date: 05/18/2020

Submitted by: Joel Jacovetti, Program Manager I

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE:

Ordinance approving the City of Lorain's program year 2020-2024 CDBG and Home Consolidated Plan along with the 2020 One-year action plan which includes CDBG-CV funding

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

To pass the ordinance and budget for approval of the spending of the federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Recommending the approval of the ordinance and budget for the spending of the federal funds.

Fiscal Impact

Funds Available in Current Year Budget (Y/N):	Y
Estimated Total Expenditure:	$3,513,181.00
List of Funding Source and/or Account Number:	CDBG-2260/HOME-2580
Estimate of Incoming Revenue (fees, grants, etc.):	
Financing Requirements (Bonds, Loans, Lease, etc.):	

Attachments

Ordinance
Budget
5-Year Consolidated Plan/Action Plan with CDBG-CV funds

Form Review

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VOTE ON PASSAGE					
	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
Felix	✓		Argenti	✓	
Dimauro	✓		Moon	✓	
Springowski	✓		Carrion	✓	
Henley	✓		Shawver	✓	
McFarland	✓		Thomsberry	✓	
Carter	✓		Amedondo		

CITY OF LORAIN FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

The City of Lorain is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are used to support a variety of activities, improvements, and aid relating to housing choice and community development.
The City of Lorain, Ohio conducted a public survey as part of their outreach efforts for the completion of their Five-Year Consolidated Plan (5YCP) and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The survey was hosted through an online platform, and hard copies were also available at the city offices. The survey was open starting on Monday, October 14th, 2019 until Sunday December 15th, 2019. The City received 78 online responses and 6 hard copy submissions. The following survey summary details the responses from these 84 community members, most of whom are full-time residents in the City (71%). Many of the respondents are also employed at businesses and agencies within the City.

HOUSING NEEDS

Among the major housing and community development concerns listed by respondents, property and home maintenance (relating to abandoned housing, housing in disrepair, and blighted properties) for both owner- and renter-occupied homes were the primary concerns. Approximately 57% of respondents rated renter-occupied housing repairs as a high priority. Fifty percent of respondents rated owner-occupied housing repairs as high priority, and 42.7% of respondents rated assistance with purchasing a home as high priority. In congruence with these sentiments, respondents also expressed concern for the lack of quality and affordable housing, lack of business/commercial development growth, and a lack of recreational and other programmatic opportunities.

HOMELESS NEEDS

Survey respondents indicated a high priority need for various homeless services, such as employment training (68.3%), mental health services (62.2%), and substance abuse services (58.5%). Additionally, assistances with finding homeless services and case management and homeless services for youth rated as high priorities (51.2% and 47.5%), respectively. These sentiments were also supported in the comment sections of the survey.

PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS

With regard to public service needs, priority levels were spread across many activities; however, nearly 70% of respondents indicated the need for increased/improved transportation services. Respondents also indicated a high priority need for employment assistance/job training (61.4%), and youth services (i.e. childcare, tutoring, after-school care) (59.2%). Senior and elderly services also received a relatively high priority rating from respondents (nearly 56%).

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

In general, there is an overwhelming sentiment that blight removal, dilapidated structures, and lack of property repairs within the City is negatively impacting economic development. Over 77% of survey respondents rated blight removal as high priority for community and economic development activities. Additionally, 62.5% of respondents indicated a high priority need for road repair/construction, and 58.3% of respondents indicated a high priority need for a community/recreation center.

COMMUNICATION

The survey reports that 73.5% of respondents are only somewhat familiar or are not at all familiar with housing programs and community development services in the City of Lorain. When prompted to describe how the City could better communicate community development initiatives, several respondents indicated that the City's website has accessibility issues and would benefit from navigation improvements and informational updates. Approximately 68% of respondents feel that information about housing programs and community development services are not readily available to them or are unsure if they are available to them. This is an additional indicator that the City would benefit from improved communication pertaining to resources and services relating to community development, fair housing, and other social services.

FAIR HOUSING

The survey reports that only about 12% of respondents have experienced housing discrimination or know someone who has experienced housing discrimination. Of this 12% of respondents who have experienced housing discrimination, approximately 70% of this discrimination is based on race or color.

It is important to note that the majority of respondents (72.3%) are only somewhat aware or not at all aware of the Fair Housing Laws. This further suggests the need for improved communications between the City and its residents about services, initiatives, and rights available to them.

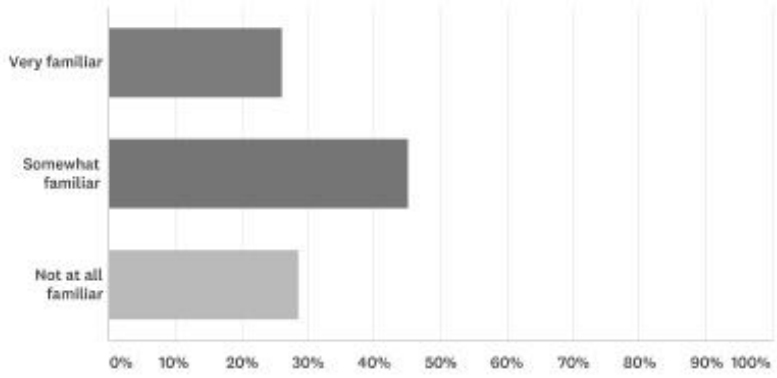
CONCLUSION

Based on the detailed results of the survey, the data suggests that the City of Lorain could benefit by prioritizing funding around the following high priority needs: blight removal, road repair, home repair and other housing services, code enforcement, transportation services, and improved communication efforts (e.g. website updates, increased social media presence, and increased resource accessibility) to ensure that its housing and community development services are known and utilized.

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Q1 How familiar are you with the City of Lorain housing programs and community development services?

Answered: 84 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very familiar	26.19%	22
Somewhat familiar	45.24%	38
Not at all familiar	28.57%	24
TOTAL		84

Q2 What have you perceived to be the City's major housing or community development concerns over the past 5 years?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Answer 1	100.00%	76
Answer 2	89.47%	68
Answer 3	63.16%	48

#	ANSWER 1	DATE
1	Blight Blight Removal	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Blight Property Maintenance	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Blight Maintenance & Upkeep	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Blight Abandoned housing redevelopment	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
5	Housing Housing Development	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
6	Housing Lack of mixed use development outside of downtown	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
7	Housing not enough housing	12/9/2019 4:44 PM
8	Economic Growth Economic Development	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
9	Blight Economic Growth Attracting new business	12/9/2019 1:44 PM
10	Safety Crime and violence	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
11	Housing Need more affordable rooms available for people coming out of recovery.	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
12	Housing Availability	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
13	Blight Abandoned properties	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
14	Economic Growth Downtown 10 blocks broadway	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
15	Safety Availability of Safe Housing	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
16	Blight Economic Growth Safety Maintaining our public parks	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
17	Blight Abandoned properties	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
18	Restrictions on purchasing a house	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
19	RESTRICTIONS	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
20	Blight Home owner responsibility	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
21	Blight Housing Housing Stock Improvement	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
22	Blight Abandoned homes	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
23	Blight property maintenance	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
24	Blight Too many run down rentals	12/4/2019 12:55 PM
25	buy in from the comunitty	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
26	Safety Unsafe Neighborhoods	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
27	Too many projects	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
28	Cost Burdens lack of funding available for residents in need	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
29	Blight Housing Housing Repairs	12/3/2019 9:03 PM

30	Blight abandoned homes	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
31	Blight Building code violations	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
32	Blight Vacant housing and demolition	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
33	Blight Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
34	Economic Growth Urban Sprawl rather then housing redevelopment in City's Core	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
35	Cost Burdens Money	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
36	Housing Far too many rental properties!	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
37	Blight Demolition in residential areas	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
38	Blight Demolition of derelict buildings	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
39	Blight Run down house	11/27/2019 9:01 PM
40	Safety Crime	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
41	Poor landlords	11/27/2019 7:00 PM
42	Community Development Lack of programs	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
43	Blight deteriorating housing stock	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
44	Housing Lack of inner-city housing development	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
45	Blight Abandoned building	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
46	Blight Vacant / dilapidated housing	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
47	Blight Demolition	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
48	Blight Blighted Housing needing demolished	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
49	New Construction in other wards besides 8	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
50	Website/Info Access If there is an overall game plan, it is not being explained well.	11/26/2019 5:34 PM
51	Housing Too much rental property	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
52	Blight blighted homes	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
53	Blight UPKEEP OF PROPERTY	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
54	Blight Demolition of nuisance properties.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
55	homeless	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
56	Don't know	11/26/2019 4:48 PM
57	Blight Demolition	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
58	Blight Lack of Demolition Development & Maintenance	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
59	Blight Neighborhood housing decay throughout the city	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
60	Housing Lack of affordable housing	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
61	Housing Not a fast enough process to meet the need and get families into adequate housing.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
62	Safety Lack of police response to minor issues	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
63	Blight Blight	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
64	Housing old housing stock	11/1/2019 6:03 PM
65	Blight Foreclosed or empty properties	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
66	Blight Lack of accountability and enforcement	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
67	Blight Blighted Homes	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
68	Economic Growth Attracting new business and industry.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
69	Blight Large number of homes needing to be demolished	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
70	Housing Lack of affordable housing.	10/26/2019 3:22 AM

71	Cost Burdens Cost burden	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
72	Blight Economic Growth Housing Safety Improvements within the Neighborhoods	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
73	Hard to work with City	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
74	Blight Run-down homes	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
75	Blight Removing blight	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
76	City Parks	10/15/2019 10:40 PM
#	ANSWER 2	DATE
1	Community Support Substance Abuse Services	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Economic Development Business Growth	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Blight Abandoned Housed	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Blight Infrastructure Rehabbing/listing property for economic development	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
5	Blight Vacant Housing	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
6	Blight Slumlords managing properties from afar, not caring for buildings	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
7	Blight old houses and bulidings	12/9/2019 4:44 PM
8	Blight Blighted Homes	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
9	Safety Creating a reputation of being a safe place to visit.	12/9/2019 1:44 PM
10	Economic Development Job opportunities	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
11	Housing Understanding/ educated on the process of housing	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
12	Blight Cost Burdens Lack of funds to tear down properties	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
13	Cost Burdens Too many tax abatement homes	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
14	Cost Burdens Availability of quality low-income housing	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
15	Blight Abandoned/dilapitated buildings	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
16	Junk motor vehicles	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
17	Blight Abandoned houses	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
18	Community Support Website/Info Access KNOWLEDGE OF PROGRAMS	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
19	Blight Landlord housing repairs	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
20	Economic Development Economic Development	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
21	Blight upkeep on homes	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
22	Blight slum landlords	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
23	Cost Burdens lack of resources	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
24	Blight Dilapidated Homes	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
25	Cost Burdens Too many section 8	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
26	Cost Burdens no loan funds available	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
27	Infrastructure Improvement in Road conditions	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
28	Blight damaged homes	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
29	Community Support City of Lorain should not be the sole provider for all the county's drug and rehab issues. Sober living houses and the like should be a shared effort.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
30	Housing New Construction Single Family units	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
31	Blight Vacant homes	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
32	Cost Burdens Section 8 housing not dispersed fairly in the county(far too many in Lorain)	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
33	Economic Development Re-purpose of empty commercial space	11/29/2019 4:56 PM

34	Blight Enforcement of housing maintenance (with particularly poor execution)	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
35	Economic Development Infrastructure Not enough green space	11/27/2019 9:01 PM
36	Cost Burdens Affordability	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
37	Blight Houses that have not been maintained	11/27/2019 7:00 PM
38	Economic Development Infrastructure Western sprawl/greenfield development	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
39	lack of short and long-term planning	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
40	Cost Burdens CD programs lack money/strategy/outreach	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
41	Economic Development Support and encouragement to open small business	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
42	Economic Development Infrastructure Poor Rec facilities	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
43	Blight Home Repair	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
44	Cost Burdens Housing Affordable Quality Housing in urban core	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
45	Community Support Economic Development a community center	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
46	Blight Too many vacant homes	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
47	Economic Development bringing businesses to Lorain	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
48	Blight VACANT HOMES	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
49	Blight Property maintenance of existing homes.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
50	Cost Burdens low income	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
51	Cost Burdens Affordable and quality housing	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
52	Blight Maintenance of all city owned properties	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
53	Increase in rental units in neighborhoods	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
54	Cost Burdens Lack of supports to help those who are not housed. i.e. financial assistanceprograms	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
55	Website/Info Access Not enough open communication or availability to the public when they have questions or need help.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
56	Homeless	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
57	Economic Development Business growth	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
58	Blight vacant homes	11/1/2019 6:03 PM
59	Cost Burdens Lack of living wages	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
60	Rental properties	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
61	Blight Elimination of blight and abandoned homes.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
62	Blight Large number of absentee landlords	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
63	Cost Burdens Availability and accessibility of affordable housing to low income residents	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
64	Economic Development Support for local Business and organizations	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
65	City Depts. don't talk to each other	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
66	Blight Cost Burdens Costs for home repairs	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
67	Infrastructure Repairing Roads	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
68	Not citing about garage in tree lawns	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

#	ANSWER 3	DATE
1	Community Support Mental Health Services	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Cost Burdens Housing Low Income Housing	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Economic Development Urban redevelopment	12/19/2019 3:09 PM

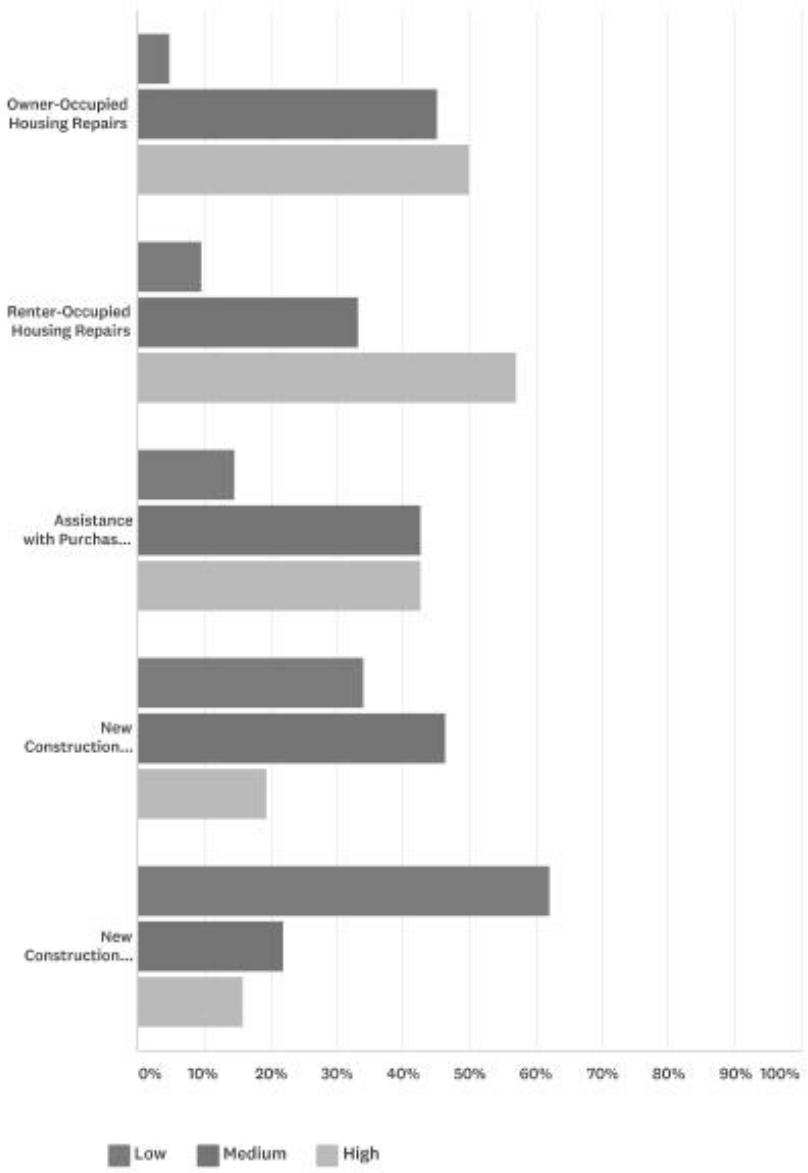
4	Blight Code Enforcement	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
5	Community Support Positive community development efforts being haulted by a few angry /loud voices	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
6	Blight Code Enforcement	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
7	Infrastructure Transportation	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
8	Economic Development Economic instability	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
9	POS Inspection needs some revisions	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
10	Infrastructure Flooding on older neighbor hoods	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
11	Blight Maintained housing	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
12	Infrastructure Lack of public transportation	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
13	Community Support Homelessness	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
14	Community Support COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
15	Infrastructure Transportation	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
16	Blight vacant property	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
17	Community Support public awarness	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
18	Economic Development Lack of available Jobs keeping people from moving here	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
19	Economic Development if any funds were used to improve the city, it was kept secret	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
20	Economic Development Commercial Development	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
21	Blight Updated and enforced building and fire codes reduces fires and increases property values.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
22	Community Support Community/Recreation Center	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
23	Cost Burdens Housing Website/Info Access awareness of current and availability of more home buying programs	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
24	Blight Low home values	11/27/2019 9:01 PM
25	Economic Development No downtown, southside or eastside housing starts	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
26	Cost Burdens a need to seek grants, loans from outside sources	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
27	Blight Housing/Business rehab loan program no longer exists	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
28	Community Support Neighborhood watch and organizing	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
29	Economic Development Economic Development	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
30	Economic Development Infrastructure Lack of recreation for housing near urban core	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
31	Economic Development food deserts (East of side, South Lorain, Central Lorain)	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
32	Economic Development Not enough viable businesses	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
33	too many rentals	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
34	Economic Development beautification of the city	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
35	Blight Housing	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
36	Blight Small business loans for bldg rehab and startup and expansion	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
37	Community Support Lack of city support for non-profit organizations that are trying to help community members	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
38	Community Support Not enough awareness or visibility of programs to help people transition out of poverty.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
39	Economic Development No businesses except alcohol	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
40	In some areas of the city, apathy for the first two	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
41	Community Support poor schools	11/1/2019 6:03 PM

42	Blight Vacant properties	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
43	Community Support Lack of a public presence or awareness	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
44	Blight Number of residents who lack funds to keep up homes	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
45	Blight Helping the less fortunate in ways to preserves their properties	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
46	Furnace repairs	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
47	Economic Development Working on Broadway corridor	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
48	Community Support Laziness to not weed wack parks and around trees	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

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Q3 Please rate the need for the following housing activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 84 Skipped: 0



	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL

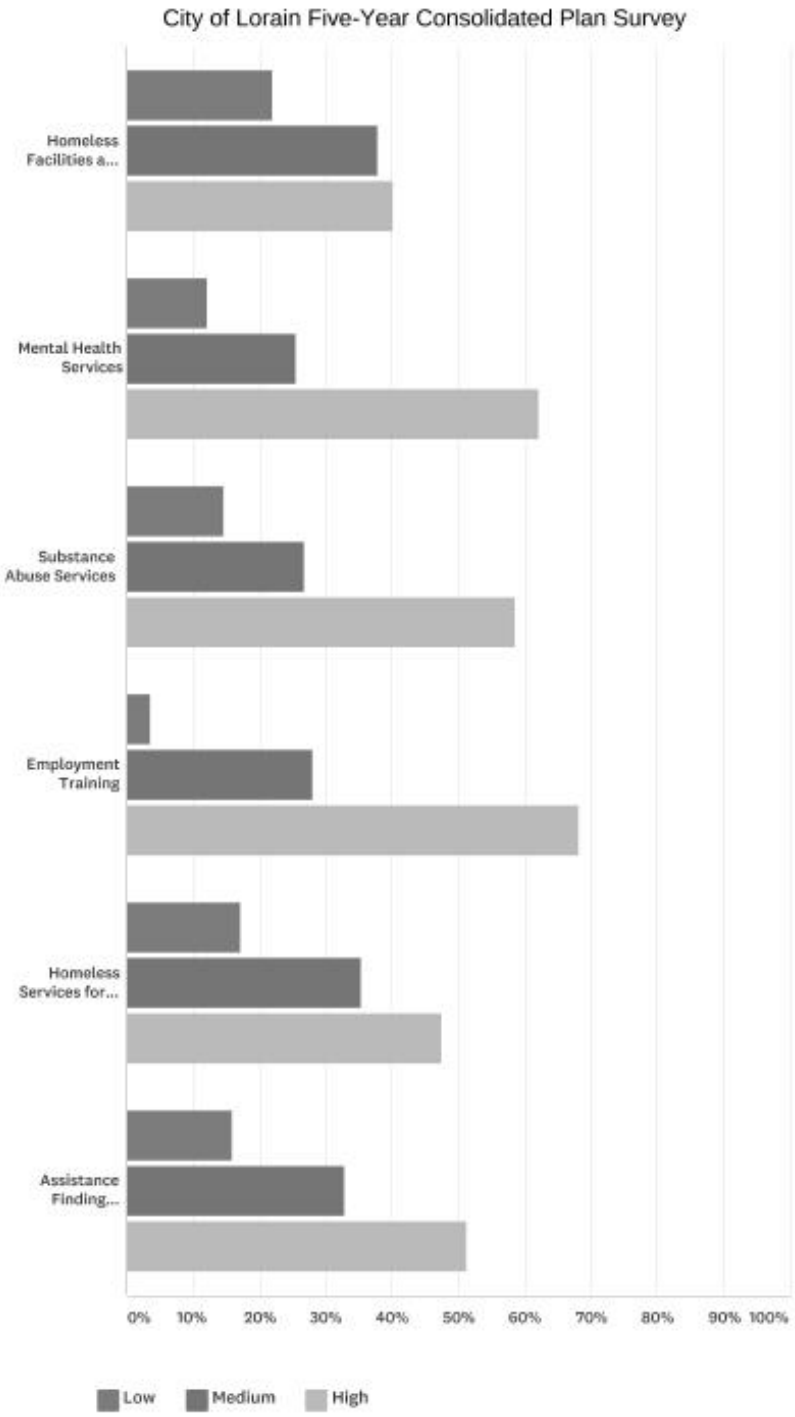
Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs	4.76% 4	45.24% 38	50.00% 42	84
Renter-Occupied Housing Repairs	9.52% 8	33.33% 28	57.14% 48	84
Assistance with Purchasing a Home	14.63% 12	42.68% 35	42.68% 35	82
New Construction: Single-Family Units	34.15% 28	46.34% 38	19.51% 16	82
New Construction: Mutli-Family Units (Rental)	62.20% 51	21.95% 18	15.85% 13	82

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Blight Economic Development Housing We need to make sure that the housing stock of the city is in good repair so as to attract businesses who will bring jobs to the city, and we need to strongly address out of town landlords not taking care of properties.	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
2	Economic Development More mixed use developments	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
3	Blight Community Development Cost Burdens Economic Development Reject abatements & rehab what's here/use community funds for citizens not politicians & buddies/too many senior rentals & housing cause not putting money in city! Upper shopping no more dollar stores	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
4	Community Development Safety Unsupervised Group homes causing problems in neighborhoods.	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
5	Blight Abandoned homes --- HIGH	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
6	Blight Cost Burdens Housing need to move to more owner occupied housing. owning your own home is the American dream, and that dream has been lost. Need to move away from a low income housing community. Not to bash rentals, it just seems like the ratio of owner occupied and renter occupied is not good. When you own that home, you have a sense of pride and it shows	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
7	Community Development City of Lorain has way too many sober living houses, rehab facilities, mental issues requiring special care and resources. City of Lorain should not foot the bill for all the special requirement for these types of facilities. These facilities utilize the police, fire and ems services more than others. This can easily be supported with data and statistics. This is an issue that should be dealt with collectively by all county entities.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
8	Blight Cost Burdens A host of properties, whether owner or renter occupied could use renovations, however, namely with owner occupied, we should work to ensure owners have the resources to tend to such work. Also, we should foster/encourage repair and renovation of homes/property before pushing for demolition.	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
9	Economic Development Infrastructure Ban all future greenfield construction or create 1 to 1 ratio that for every greenfield unit another needs to be built in central, south or east side	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
10	Blight Number 1 priority - clean up or remove existing housing. Then, plan for what is needed.	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
11	Housing High-end, lakefront apartments/condos.	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
12	Economic Development Stop gouging people who wish to buy / sell houses with foolish point of sales inspections.	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
13	Housing Senior Housing there is a shortage	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
14	Housing Limit rental housing	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
15	Blight Cost Burdens Owner occupied incentive programs, owner & renter occupied housing repairs should have programs for helping with violations instead of criminal prosecution.	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
16	Blight Lorain needs to focus on renovation of the existing aging housing stock. The elimination of blighted or abandoned homes. We need to stop the proliferation of rental units in the older neighborhoods and encourage single family home ownership.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
17	Blight The City should work on rehabbing old delinquent properties instead of just demo. for all. Hold homeowners of vacant properties accountable.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM

18	Blight The city needs to have stiffer penalties on slum lords and council needs to worry about issues like this instead of putting no smoking signs in parks	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

Q4 Please rate the need for the following homeless services activities from low to high priority:

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	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL

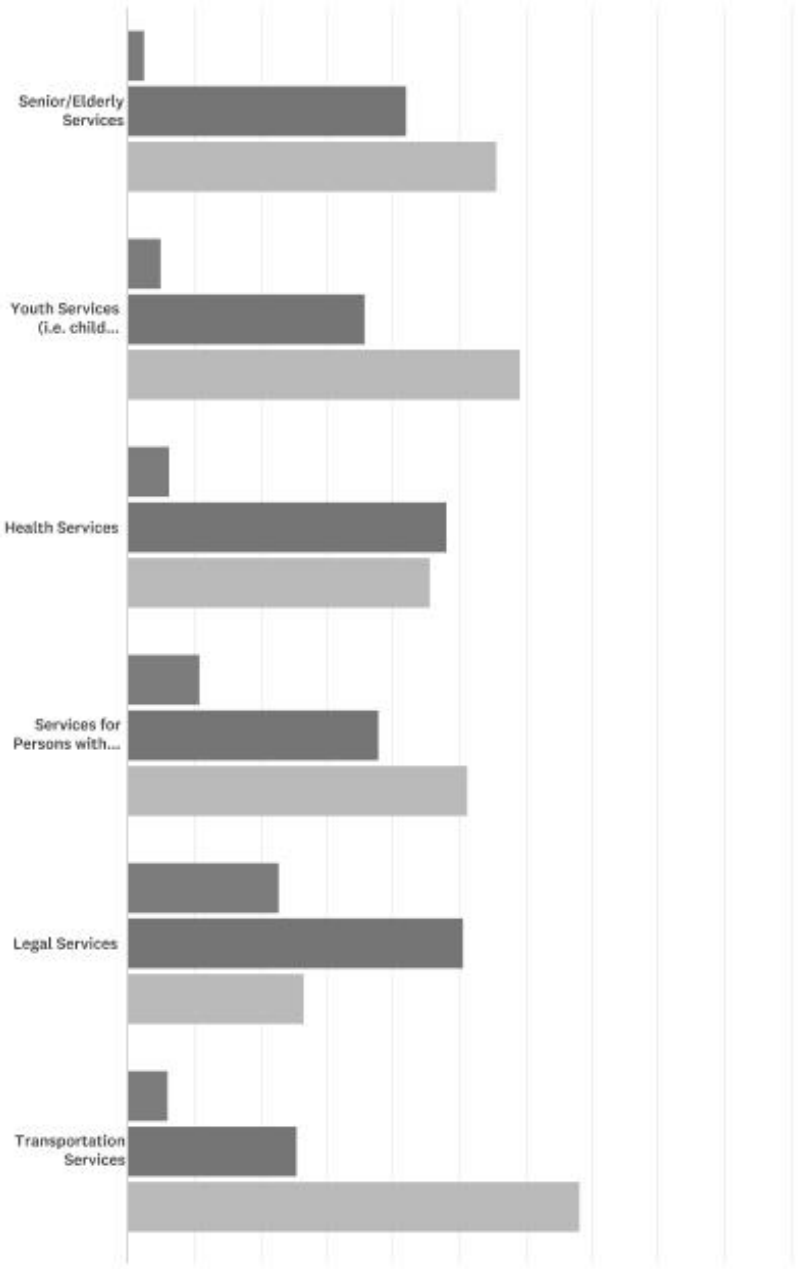
Homeless Facilities and Shelters	21.95% 18	37.80% 31	40.24% 33	82
Mental Health Services	12.20% 10	25.61% 21	62.20% 51	82
Substance Abuse Services	14.63% 12	26.83% 22	58.54% 48	82
Employment Training	3.66% 3	28.05% 23	68.29% 56	82
Homeless Services for Youth	17.07% 14	35.37% 29	47.56% 39	82
Assistance Finding Homeless Services/Case Management	15.85% 13	32.93% 27	51.22% 42	82

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1	Community Development We need to work with children aging out of foster care.	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
2	Community Development I guess I don't see the need for homeless assistance from our local assets. Sometimes that's a winless battle. I'm sure Lorain has its share of homeless issues, but let the federal and state handle that. Way too big of a problem for our limited local personnel.	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
3	Blight Too many Nord homes and not enough services to deal with them. Lorain has the majority of these houses and services in the county and it has dragged the city down.	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
4	Community Development Cost Burdens All of these services are provided in Lorain. Collaboration is needed with other communities to begin to carry their weight and responsibility for those in need. The needs noted above are all high priorities, but Lorain has provided the majority of housing and services to these populations. I hope the City has surveyed the number of beds that are provided in our community and compared these to other communities throughout the County of Lorain. Existing agencies need to do a better job at finding funding sources to support these important services!	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
5	Community Development Cost Burdens The shelters need the support of the city to be able to run effectively. Funding, assistance with facility-related issues, like parking and capital improvements, accessibility, discounts on utilities for the shelters, etc.	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
6	Homeless are dropped off in Lorain everyday. Put them to work sweeping, cleaning lots etc. I won't go to library because homeless move in all day.	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
7	Lorain has more than its share of social services. We actually need to look at ways to re-balance our services and not encourage Lorain to be the clearinghouse in the county for social service agencies. The proliferation of these services and the elimination of industrial base have created an imbalance that has damaged Lorain.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
8	Community Development Infrastructure Work to get bus service so people can get around. The County Commissioners will never get this done.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
9	Community Development There are so many homeless people in Lorain and there are no places for them to go besides the library during the day. Like everyone, they get bored doing the same thing every day. We need to find other places and other activities that interest the homeless and where they feel welcome.	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
10	The shelter on 28th street needs to do a better job having more discipline with their residents and not letting them sleep on the sidewalks or drinking beer at the vacant lot across the street	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

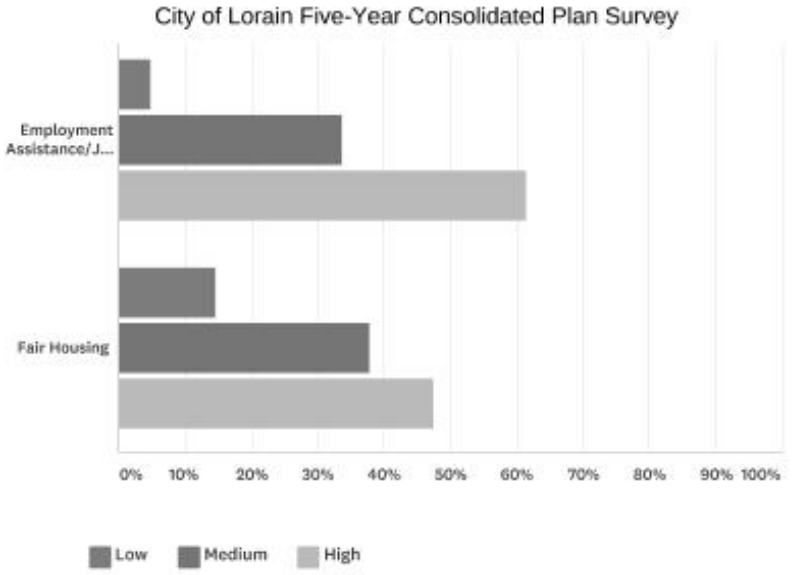
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Q5 Please rate the need for the following public/social services activities from low to high priority

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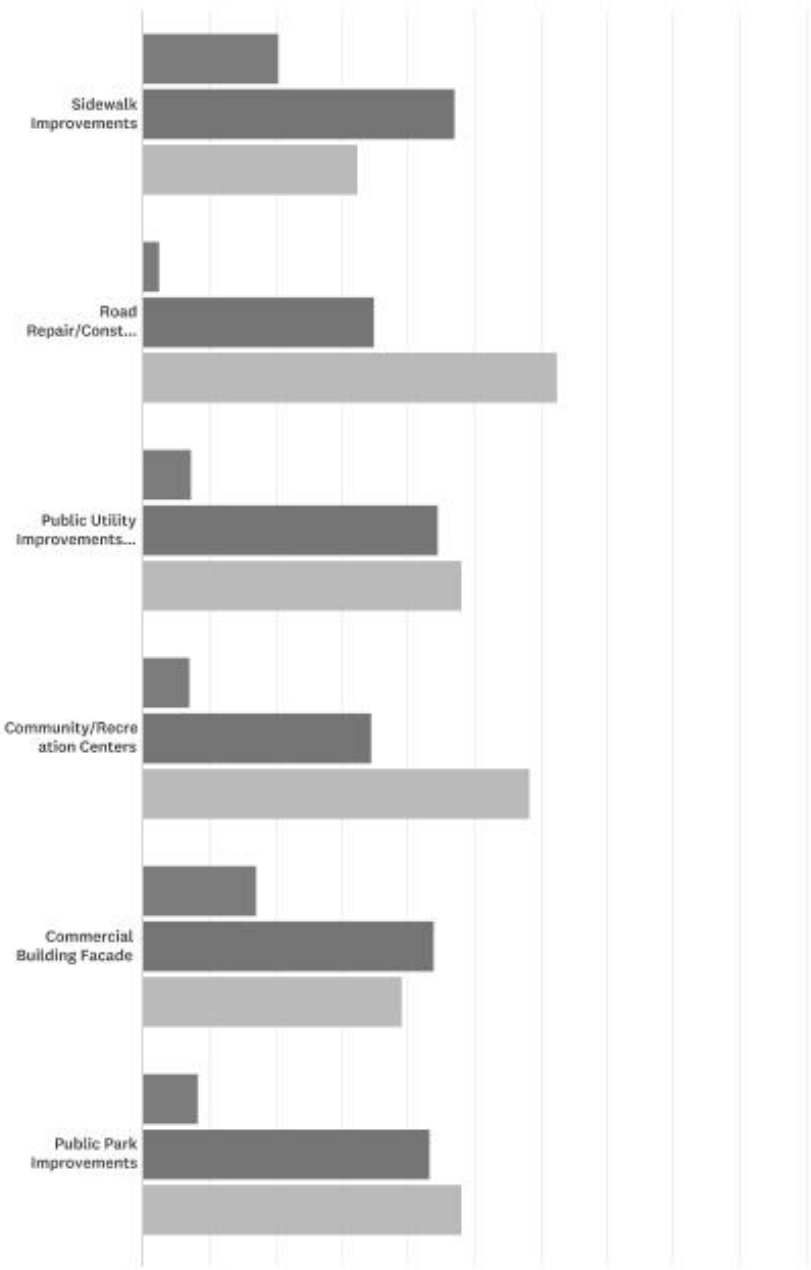
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Senior/Elderly Services	2.47% 2	41.98% 34	55.56% 45	81
Youth Services (i.e. child care, tutoring, after school care, etc.)	4.94% 4	35.80% 29	59.26% 48	81
Health Services	6.17% 5	48.15% 39	45.68% 37	81
Services for Persons with Disabilities	10.98% 9	37.80% 31	51.22% 42	82
Legal Services	22.89% 19	50.60% 42	26.51% 22	83
Transportation Services	6.10% 5	25.61% 21	68.29% 56	82
Employment Assistance/Job Training	4.82% 4	33.73% 28	61.45% 51	83
Fair Housing	14.63% 12	37.80% 31	47.56% 39	82

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Blight Economic Development again all these services are beyond our local capibilities. the task at hand should be cleaning up our neighborhoods. attracting home buyers and buisnesses to move back to Lorain.	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
2	These are ALL high priority items for funding through collaborative efforts with agencies and funding sources other than CDBG funding.	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
3	The primary provider of home delivered meals in the city of Lorain has an extensive waiting list. What is the city doing to help?	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
4	Infrastructure Finding tutors who can travel to Lorain is a huge barrier to access. If we had better transportation, we could pull tutors from Oberlin College and/or Cleveland State, but these FREE volunteers don't have cars and can't get to downtown Lorain.	10/24/2019 2:32 PM

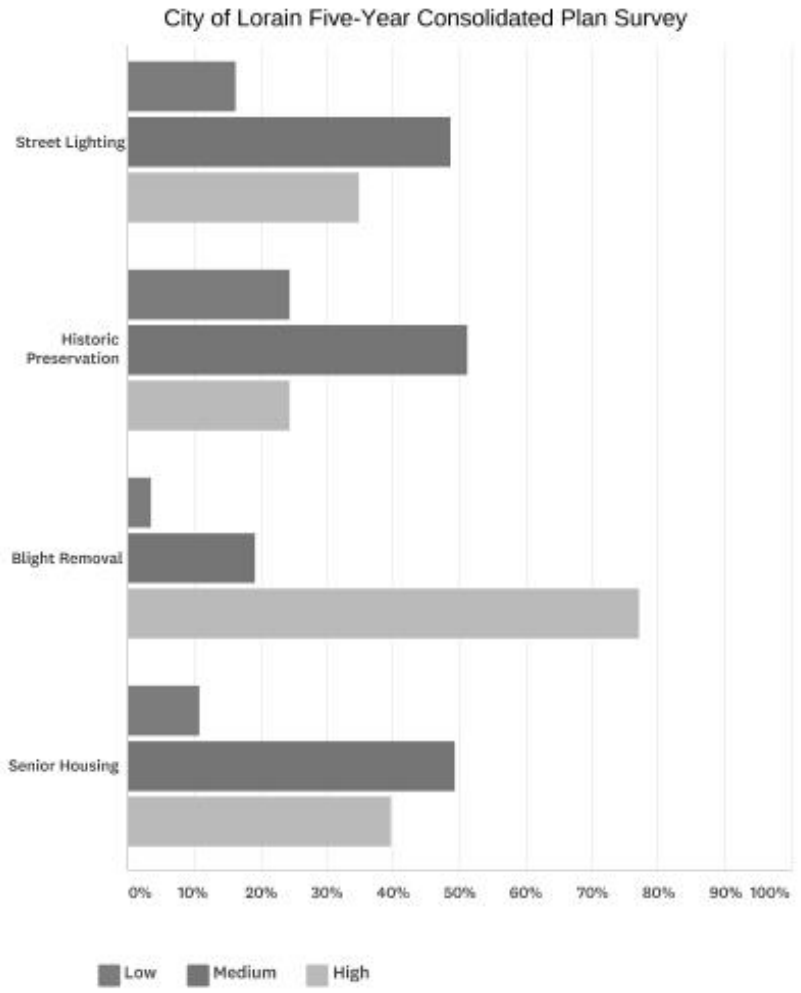
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Q6 Please rate the need for the following community and economic development activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 84 Skipped: 0



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	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Sidewalk Improvements	20.48% 17	46.99% 39	32.53% 27	83
Road Repair/Construction	2.41% 2	34.94% 29	62.65% 52	83
Public Utility Improvements (Water, Sewer, Stormwater)	7.23% 6	44.58% 37	48.19% 40	83
Community/Recreation Centers	7.14% 6	34.52% 29	58.33% 49	84
Commercial Building Facade	17.07% 14	43.90% 36	39.02% 32	82
Public Park Improvements	8.43% 7	43.37% 36	48.19% 40	83
Street Lighting	16.25% 13	48.75% 39	35.00% 28	80

Historic Preservation	24.39% 20	51.22% 42	24.39% 20	82
Blight Removal	3.61% 3	19.28% 16	77.11% 64	83
Senior Housing	10.84% 9	49.40% 41	39.76% 33	83

#	IF THERE ARE OTHER COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PLEASE SPECIFY. FOR ANY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE "HIGH" PRIORITY PLEASE INDICATE LOCATION BELOW:	DATE
1	Economic Development I think there needs to be more businesses in the city & hotels. We need affordable/nice hotels where your family members can stay when they come into town. They need sporting/game facilities for our youth.	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
2	Economic Development Infrastructure Implement the TLCI Lakefront Connectivity Plan that was completed with regional partners in 2017/2018.	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
3	Infrastructure All areas East, West and South sides need lighting for safety and seniors to live.	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
4	Economic Development Lorain is not just 10 blocks!! No more pizza shops or dollar stores/need tourist attractions/ have miles of lake & river front with parked city & police cars WHY?	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
5	Blight The blight is out of control. Continue tearing down abandoned properties, and force blighted property owners and banks to do the same. East 28th street has started to rebound but it's still atrocious! That area should be attractive to businesses with its close proximity to highways and turnpike.	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
6	Community Development Consistent funding for a full fledged Mainstreet and Lorain Community Senior Center	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
7	Infrastructure We need to be focused on clean energy investment in Lorain - solar energy use, energy efficiency upgrades, electrification of some fleet vehicles, and general carbon reduction etc. Public Parks need stronger support, many need new trees planted and new playground equipment. But general maintenance needs stronger investment. We need to keep an eye on water affordability alongside our infrastructure improvements.	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
8	Blight The city needs to be held accountable for the lack of property maintenance of streets, parks. parking lots, etc. Take pride in the City to which you serve!	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
9	Blight Economic Development Commercial Facade--#1 Downtown Lorain Preservation District #2 South Lorain, #3 Central Lorain Public Park Improvements--#1 Oakwood Park Restoration Project Historic Preservation--#1 Downtown Preservation District and Adjoining Neighborhoods #2 South Lorain Neighborhoods OTHER PROGRAMS: CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM- Blight Removal would not be necessary if we had a strong one!!!! MAIN STREET LORAIN--Funding for PROJECT DIRECTOR and ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM START-UP in Downtown Lorain. BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION LOAN PROGRAMS FUNDING of HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS ABOVE	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
10	Community Development Senior housing should be the number one concern. Many seniors are on a fixed income, and there are no programs to help them if they need assistance with their bills or homes. Road repair should be a priority along with removal of snow from side streets during the winter. Street lighting is a close third.	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
11	Economic Development Lorain needs to focus on commercial development activities that will stimulate economic growth and encourage community reinvestment.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
12	For high priority items create a plan for implementation over next 5 years. If a plan already exists, keep dedicating dollars and manpower to completing.	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
13	People shouldn't have to pay for past mismanagement with outrageous water bills.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
14	Everywhere, but particularly downtown in areas that will be traveled by tourists that come for the festivals in the summer. If they see a city thriving, they'll stay longer and spend more money at locations downtown.	10/24/2019 2:32 PM

Q7 From the activities listed in question 3 thru 6, what do you perceive to be the 3 highest priorities for housing and community development activities in the City of Lorain over the next 5 years?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Answer 1	100.00%	78
Answer 2	93.59%	73
Answer 3	85.90%	67

#	ANSWER 1	DATE
1	Blight Blight removal	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Cost Burdens Housing Affordable housing	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Economic Development more business	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Infrastructure Road Repair/Construction	12/19/2019 3:11 PM
5	Economic Development Making business buildings ready for new tenants	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
6	Infrastructure Public Utilities	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
7	Cost Burdens Housing Look in to Land Trust to increase assistance with home ownership (https://www.morningjournal.com/news/lorain-county/oberlin-community-land-trust-seeks-to-keep-housing-affordable/article_df66ec82-41b9-11e9-8b6a-379a27490018.html)	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
8	Infrastructure The streets to be fixed	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
9	Community Development Health services	12/9/2019 4:44 PM
10	Blight Blight Removal	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
11	Blight Blight removal	12/9/2019 1:44 PM
12	Community Development Homeless shelters	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
13	Community Development Homeless shelters	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
14	Economic Development Recreational activities	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
15	Blight Blighted houses	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
16	Economic Development No more gobc buddies & contractors	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
17	Infrastructure Transportation	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
18	Infrastructure Walkability and public transportation	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
19	Blight Abandoned structure demolition	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
20	Community Development Fixing our homeless problem	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
21	Community Development HOMELESS ISSUES	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
22	Economic Development Employment and Job training	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
23	Infrastructure Transportation	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
24	Blight abandoned homes	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
25	Blight Blight Removal	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
26	Housing senior housing	12/4/2019 1:09 PM
27	#3	12/4/2019 12:55 PM

28	Economic Development Job training	12/4/2019 12:43 PM
29	Blight removal of blighted properties	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
30	Infrastructure Transportation Services	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
31	Blight Knock down slums	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
32	Blight owner occupied repairs	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
33	Community Development Mental Health Services Increasing	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
34	Community Development Homeless Facilities and Shelters	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
35	Community Development homeless	12/3/2019 8:25 PM
36	Infrastructure Road repairs	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
37	Community Development Community Center	12/3/2019 5:17 PM
38	Blight Demo vacant housing	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
39	Blight Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
40	Economic Development Commercial Building Programs	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
41	Blight Blight removal	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
42	Blight Eliminate the blighted areas	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
43	Housing assistance with home purchase	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
44	Blight Demolition of derelict properties	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
45	Blight Blight Removal	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
46	Economic Development Abolish greenfield construction without re-development in other sections	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
47	Blight Clean up or repair or remove deteriorating housing stock.	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
48	Blight Economic Development Housing / Commercial Repairs	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
49	Infrastructure Side walks	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
50	Community Development Build a rec center / YMCA type establishment	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
51	Blight Owner-occupied housing stabilization	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
52	Community Development Economic Development Parks and Rec Development	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
53	Community Development Community Centers	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
54	Housing Fostering development of existing housing stock. Revitalization	11/26/2019 5:34 PM
55	Blight Cost Burdens Assistance for owner occupied homes	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
56	Community Development Senior Services	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
57	Community Development ASSIST WITH ELDERLY	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
58	Blight Cost Burdens Housing Funding for low to moderate income homeowners to get financial assistance for home repairs	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
59	Infrastructure sidewalks	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
60	Community Development Mental health services	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
61	Economic Development City Maintenance, Inviting atmosphere	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
62	Cost Burdens Economic Development Downtown Revitalization with Facade Improvement Program and Small Business Loan programs combined with Main Street Lorain initiatives	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
63	Community Development Providing assistance to the shelters in the city	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
64	Blight Decrease the number of derelict/abandoned properties.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
65	Infrastructure Sewer improvements	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
66	Blight Blight	11/1/2019 6:03 PM

67	Infrastructure Transportation	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
68	Infrastructure Road and Utility Improvements	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
69	Blight Commercial demo	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
70	Economic Development Focus on commercial development .	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
71	Infrastructure Road Repair	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
72	Cost Burdens Housing Affordable housing	10/26/2019 3:22 AM
73	Blight Eliminating blight	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
74	Infrastructure Transportation	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
75	Economic Development The City needs to create an atmosphere that allows the people to help/better themselves.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
76	Blight Housing repair	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
77	Blight Blight removal	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
78	Community Development Parks	10/15/2019 10:40 PM
#	ANSWER 2	DATE
1	Community Development Assistance finding homeless services/case mangement	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Blight blight improvement	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Economic Development hotels	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Blight Blight Removal	12/19/2019 3:11 PM
5	Blight Economic Development Addressing vacant commercial buildings	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
6	Bad Employments	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
7	Economic Development Prioritize connectivity and implementation of Lorain's Comprehensive Plan, with focus on zoning and form based code implementation where possible	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
8	Housing Housing services	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
9	Community Development homeless	12/9/2019 4:44 PM
10	Community Development Legal Services	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
11	Infrastructure road repair	12/9/2019 1:44 PM
12	Housing Single family housing opportunties	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
13	Community Development Sober living	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
14	Infrastructure Streets and road upkeep	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
15	Get back all money never paid back	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
16	Community Development Substance abuse services	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
17	Infrastructure Upkeep and maintenance of public park areas	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
18	Housing Senior citizen housing	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
19	Housing Making it easier to buy a house	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
20	Housing LANDLORD RENTER	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
21	Blight Housing Landlord and home owner repairs	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
22	Infrastructure Road/Sidewalk Repair	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
23	Blight Housing repairs to exisisting homes	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
24	Infrastructure Public Park Improvements	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
25	Blight blight removal	12/4/2019 1:09 PM
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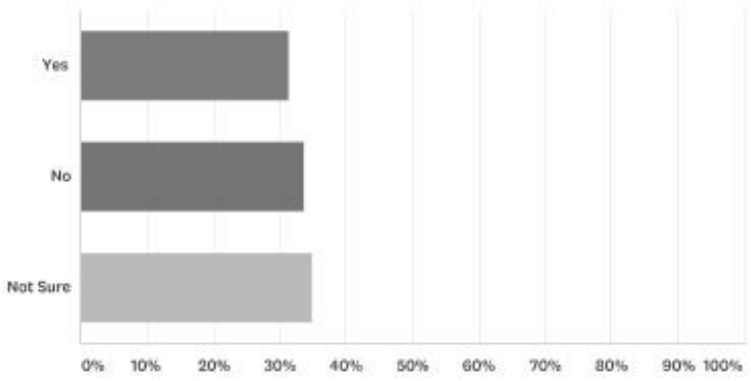
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28	Housing Home buying assistance	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
29	Community Development Mental Health Services	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
30	Community Development Housing Reduce Nord housing	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
31	Economic Development commercial building facade	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
32	Community Development Employment/Job Training	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
33	Infrastructure Road Repair/Construction	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
34	Infrastructure Sidewalk repairs	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
35	Community Development Housing Senior Housing	12/3/2019 5:17 PM
36	Community Development limit sober living facilities, and the like, it is not just a Lorain problem	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
37	Housing New Construction Single Family units	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
38	Blight Blight removal	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
39	Blight Economic Development Downtown commercial facade and building reno	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
40	Community Development Housing Reduce section 8 housing	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
41	Community Development mental health service	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
42	Blight Housing Housing maintenance enforcement (which again, has been executed so poorly)	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
43	Blight Owner responsibility	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
44	Economic Development Funding downtown programming and maintenance	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
45	Blight Economic Development Clean up or repair or remove deteriorating commerical stock.	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
46	Infrastructure Clean Energy / Energy Efficiency	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
47	Infrastructure Transportation	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
48	Blight Housing Demo vacant houses or offer owner occupied incentives	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
49	Economic Development Economic Development on Broadway	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
50	Blight Blight removal	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
51	Housing Senior Housing	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
52	Housing Assitance with owner occupied home repairs	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
53	Community Development Mental Health Services	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
54	Infrastructure UTILITIES UPGRADE	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
55	Blight Economic Development Funding for facade improvements in our older business districts.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
56	Blight Economic Development beautification of the buildings in the city	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
57	Community Development Youth programming	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
58	Blight Economic Development Downtown Lorain upgrades/Facade improvement grants	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
59	Community Development Economic Development Oakwood Park Restoration Program	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
60	Housing Affordable housing	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
61	Infrastructure Roads in most neighborhoods are in bad need of repair, especially near the high school due to high traffic.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
62	Infrastructure Road repair	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
63	Community Development Substance abuse	11/1/2019 6:03 PM
64	Infrastructure Sidewalk Improvement	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
65	Community Development Community and recreation Centers	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
66	Blight Economic Development Urban revitalization program	10/29/2019 12:53 PM

67	Blight Eliminate slum and blight	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
68	Blight Blight Removal	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
69	Infrastructure Transportation	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
70	Community Development Economic Development Community Recreation centers	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
71	Furnace replacement/repair	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
72	Infrastructure Continuing improvements in the Broadway corridor	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
73	Infrastructure Sidewalks	10/15/2019 10:40 PM
#	ANSWER 3	DATE
1	Community Development Substance abuse & mental health services	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Blight Cost Burdens Housing Low income property maintenance	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Community Development Economic Development recreational places	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Economic Development Infrastructure Historic Preservation	12/19/2019 3:11 PM
5	Infrastructure Upgrade our roads	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
6	Community Development Economic Development Public Park Improvements	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
7	Cost Burdens Housing Implement innovative ways to increase affordable housing (single and multi unit, renter and owner occupied)	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
8	Infrastructure Transportation	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
9	Infrastructure Road Repair	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
10	Cost Burdens Affordable utility bill such as water	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
11	Housing Senior housing	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
12	Housing Quality housing	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
13	Put limit on any community/fed funds	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
14	Community Development Senior Services	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
15	Infrastructure Public utility improvements	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
16	Community Development Reduction in unsupervised group homes	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
17	Community Development COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
18	Infrastructure Street repairs	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
19	Blight Blight Removal	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
20	Blight Housing Renter-Occupied Housing Repairs	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
21	Infrastructure lighting	12/4/2019 1:09 PM
22	#10	12/4/2019 12:55 PM
23	Community Development Housing senior/homeless housing	12/4/2019 12:43 PM
24	Blight Community Development Cost Burdens Home repair assistance	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
25	Community Development Cost Burdens Employment Training	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
26	Blight Blight more	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
27	Infrastructure road repairs	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
28	Blight Housing Housing Repairs	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
29	Blight Blight Removal	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
30	Blight Rehab	12/3/2019 5:17 PM
31	Blight All persons, public and private need to maintain properties t a higher standard.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
32	Community Development Community/Recreation Center	12/2/2019 4:51 PM

33	Infrastructure Transportation	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
34	Community Development Housing Senior housing	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
35	Economic Development Housing Create housings and areas that will bring in families willing to spend money in the city	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
36	Blight blight removal	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
37	Community Development Senior Services	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
38	Blight Community Development Cost Burdens Financing or incentive programs for improvements	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
39	Community Development Support homeless needs	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
40	Community Development Economic Development Parks	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
41	Community Development Homeless	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
42	Economic Development Focus on business growth	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
43	Blight Vacant building demolition	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
44	Economic Development Infrastructure Historic preservation grant program	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
45	Infrastructure Transportation /better paying jobs	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
46	Community Development Transportation services	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
47	Community Development Substance Abuse services	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
48	Blight VACANT HOME DEMOLITION	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
49	Website/Info Access A single source for all pertinent information for residents and housing/business concerns.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
50	Community Development Economic Development public parks	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
51	Cost Burdens Rental assistance	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
52	Blight Cost Burdens Housing Code violations - educate, offer assistance not prosecution	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
53	Blight Code Enforcement in conjunction with Housing Rehab Program in targeted older neighbhorhoods where private or public investment has occurred	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
54	Community Development Supporting senior service programs	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
55	Infrastructure Light up the city, plant more flowers, make spaces less bleak and less neglected.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
56	Blight Economic Development Commercial building facade	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
57	Community Development Cost Burdens Employment training	11/1/2019 6:03 PM
58	Community Development Community/Rec Center	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
59	Blight Blight Removal	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
60	Community Development Job training	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
61	Housing Cut down the amount of rental housing and social service agencies in Lorain	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
62	Infrastructure Street Lighting	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
63	Cost Burdens Housing Affordable housing for LMI	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
64	Community Development Homeless asistance	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
65	Community Development More Homeless shelters	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
66	Community Development All areas of service and enrichment for the homeless population	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
67	Infrastructure Roads	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

Q8 Do you feel information pertaining to housing programs and community development services is readily available to you?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.33%	26
No	33.73%	28
Not Sure	34.94%	29
TOTAL		83

Q9 What suggestions, if any, do you have for the City to better communicate and work with housing providers or community development initiatives?

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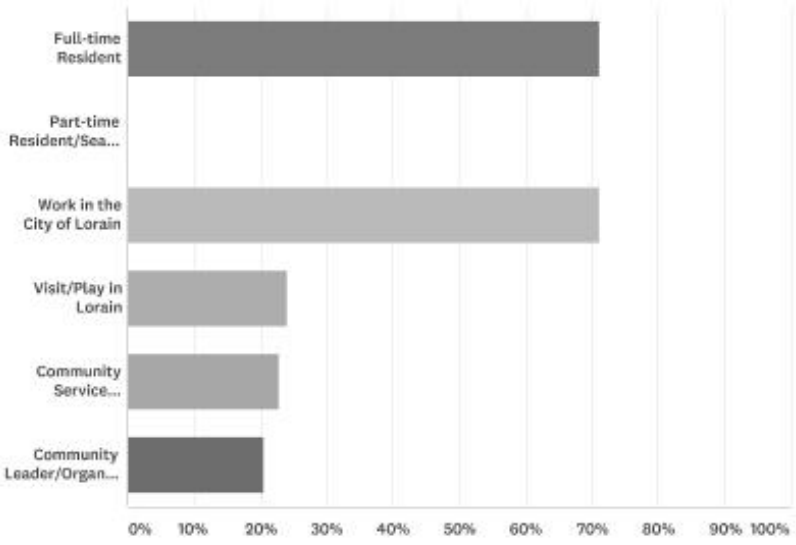
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Community Development Cost Burdens Housing They can work more with the non profit agencies in the county to help get our low income citizens into decent housing.	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
2	Website/Info Access Make website more user friendly	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
3	Website/Info Access Monthly activities reports and program results would be greatly appreciated.	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
4	Community Development Website/Info Access Connect with existing community mobilizations and service providers to share information and collaborate	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
5	Infrastructure Fix the streets with the sidewalks and curb line	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
6	No Comment/Unsure NA	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
7	Housing Website/Info Access How can housing info be made more available to the community? How can info be communicated to the masses?	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
8	Website/Info Access Finding a more intuitive way to catch the eye of community to learn and understand housing initiatives	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
9	Website/Info Access Get qualified employeestno relativesIhave public meetingstno backroom deals/info in water bills	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
10	No Comment/Unsure Can't think of anything at moment	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
11	Website/Info Access Better, more open and thoughtful communication from the City to the community.	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
12	Website/Info Access Social media presence. That would be a quick way to get information, correct information, out to more people.	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
13	No Comment/Unsure That is not my field	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
14	No Comment/Unsure no	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
15	Website/Info Access put out information	12/4/2019 1:09 PM
16	Blight Purchase their own demolition equipment. GET RID OF THE BLIGHT!	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
17	Website/Info Access create a database of resources that is easy to access for providers and community members	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
18	Housing Ask the citizens that live in the city whether they want Nord and shelters in the city	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
19	Website/Info Access make information readily available through social media, newspaper articles, council hearings	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
20	Website/Info Access Sending out a monthly newsletter	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
21	No Comment/Unsure na	12/3/2019 8:25 PM
22	No Comment/Unsure None	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
23	Website/Info Access A user friendly website that can answer and direct all users the proper ways to obtain the required needs for residents and also for businesses wanting to set up here in Lorain. I know for a fact most people that want to set up do not know that you need a certificate of occupancy from building dept and also a fire inspection done.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
24	Community Development Website/Info Access Just keep informing the different organizations and developers that the City has programs in place. Let them know that the City is looking to create partnerships to create a stronger process with any initiatives they are looking at taking on.	12/2/2019 4:51 PM

25	Website/Info Access In-person presentations from employees of BHP to community groups and churches giving them information on programs the city offers. A more structured referral site/list with a listing all the agencies that are available to the public and what services they specifically offer.	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
26	Economic Development 1. Create a Small Business Packet and entice businesses to come to our city	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
27	Blight Website/Info Access Working deals with local contractors on blight removal and new construction. Work with existing outreach to better communicate programs available from the City/County	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
28	Website/Info Access I'm not privy to such dealings, but they need to be open to suggestions/new ideas, and ensure that information and resources are readily accessible	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
29	Cost Burdens You must offer some kind of incentives to get people involved.	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
30	Website/Info Access Marketing, outreach, showcase events	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
31	Website/Info Access Present Status Report at each Council Meeting.	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
32	Community Development Website/Info Access Utilize non-profit/community organization network Continuously updated website	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
33	Community Development Work in collaboration with non profit and use their networks and espertices	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
34	Website/Info Access Create social media campaigns and share council / committee meetings. Also live stream both.	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
35	No Comment/Unsure n/a	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
36	Website/Info Access Regular updates for council	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
37	Website/Info Access Continue to get the word out	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
38	Community Development Better coordination with engineering and new residential development	11/26/2019 5:34 PM
39	Website/Info Access Public relations person	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
40	No Comment/Unsure .	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
41	Community Development Outreach through non-profits, faith based organizations and self promotion of available programs.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
42	No Comment/Unsure no response at this time	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
43	Community Development Reinstate a sustainable Community Development Dept and inform all property owners of the resources that are readily available. Add value and create an inviting atmosphere that is conducive to building productive business relationships.	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
44	Website/Info Access City employees need to learn to be customer friendly. City should require all employees to attend a mandatory training on Custom Service. There are consultants available for such training to public employees. Information should be available to give residents that have questions about city services and permitting procedures. Staff should be in attendance at meetings such as Neighborhood Block Watch, Growth Assn, Homeless Task Force, housing providers meetings to help coordinate and and ease the flow of information to City Hall.	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
45	Community Development Hold meetings with local non-profits and connect them with housing providers. Listen to the concerns they are facing.	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
46	Website/Info Access I work as a public librarian, so I'm helping people all the time find information on various services, but it seems difficult to connect people to actual people to speak to: many of our patrons are referred to web sites/portals and given no further instruction or aid. I would like to see more public events, meet-and-greets and an actual physical presence in the heart of the community.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
47	Website/Info Access public emails and fast responses	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
48	Website/Info Access Push out on social media instead of JUST road closures	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
49	No Comment/Unsure none	11/1/2019 6:03 PM
50	Website/Info Access Publicize wins/improvements more often and on more media platforms.	11/1/2019 1:05 PM

51	Website/Info Access Improvement of access to information via website and access to employees to address the community's concerns	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
52	Blight Housing Infrastructure I would like to see us give 50 vacant lots to a builder. Waive all fees. They build 120k homes. We work with bank and funding programs to qualify 50 people. We call this the Phoenix program. If it works we expand it. City and land banked owned empty lots will cripple us. Need a rebuild program. Not just a tear down program	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
53	Website/Info Access Better public presence and public relations. More accessible staff.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
54	Website/Info Access Perhaps some sort of a regular newsletter (simple) especially with community development initiatives that could be posted monthly on the website	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
55	Website/Info Access Having representatives available to answer question when people call. advertise programs more through radio and television.	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
56	Get out into the community	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
57	Website/Info Access Town Hall meetings, information flyers, possible inserts to the newspapers	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
58	Website/Info Access I usually hear through the news, and I think that's a pretty good channel. It would be nice to have an email newsletter for those that choose to sign up for one to get updates. I think a lot of nonprofit providers would do that. Forgive me if this is available and I've missed it.	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
59	Website/Info Access More information available online	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

Q10 What is your relationship to the City of Lorain? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 83 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time Resident	71.08%	59
Part-time Resident/Seasonal	0.00%	0
Work in the City of Lorain	71.08%	59
Visit/Play in Lorain	24.10%	20
Community Service Provider	22.89%	19
Community Leader/Organizer	20.48%	17
Total Respondents: 83		

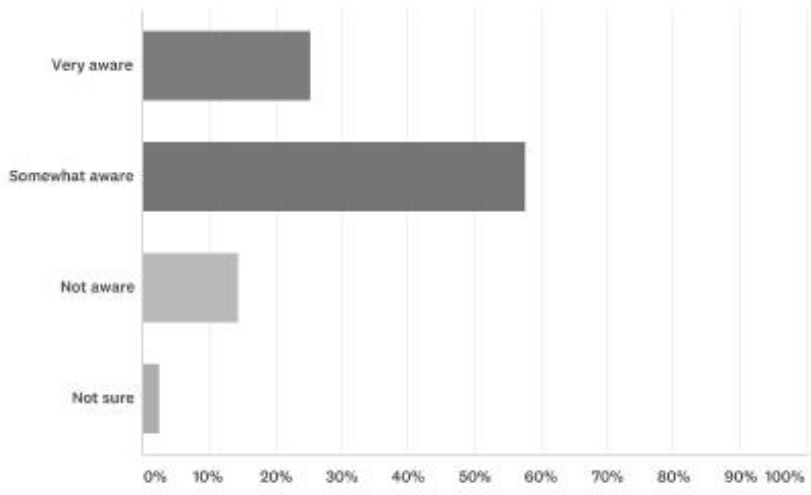
#	IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE SHARE WITH US YOUR AREA/NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY OF LORAIN	DATE
1	Lakeview district	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
2	Lorain City Council	12/19/2019 3:11 PM
3	Live in 8th ward. Lovely area.	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
4	7th Ward - 6th & Allison Ave	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
5	City Wide	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
6	west side on lorain near washington	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
7	Ward 2, just outside of downtown.	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
8	I live off of Tower Blvd on Washington Ave. I work for LMHA at different housing communities.	12/9/2019 1:34 PM

9	Work downtown and live on west side	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
10	Born and lived here on and off over the years. Have renovated numerous properties in Lorain. Own several rental properties on west side. Also a realtor working all around the city.	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
11	West side flooding & tower raceway!where we all pays taxes & are forgotten!! Roads awful/building more stores & no consideration for taxpayers in their path	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
12	Neighborhood around South Lakeview Park	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
13	East side	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
14	2nd ward	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
15	Ward 5 .	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
16	Osborn Ave	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
17	mostly old people all around. It's quiet except these new Spanish people who moved in last year, cops are called all the time. most any younger people who has moved into our neighborhood has issues with regular property maintenance.	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
18	Westside	12/4/2019 12:43 PM
19	i grew up in South lorain, lived there until my mid 40's, crime, schools and home values forced me to move.	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
20	Central Park Area	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
21	East Side of Lorain	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
22	ward 6	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
23	West side.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
24	Ward 2 and 3	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
25	West side	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
26	I was born and raised on the east side of Lorain. I am encouraged by the recent progress in the city but hope that this is only the beginning.	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
27	East side of Lorain	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
28	Along with working for the City I used to live on the west side off of Kolbe Rd.	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
29	Central Park	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
30	South Lorain	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
31	St James Reserve	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
32	Lakeview Park	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
33	South Lorain	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
34	Lakeview Neighborhood	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
35	West side of Lorain.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
36	8th Ward	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
37	7th Ward	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
38	Clifton Ave. E. 30th St.	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
39	East side, between Root Road and Euclid.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
40	West Side Overlin Ave Area	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
41	Downtown	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
42	Lakeview Area	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
43	8th ward	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
44	Charleston village area. Near-Downtown resident.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
45	Central Lorain	10/24/2019 4:42 PM

46	Operate We Care We Share. Located in South Lorain but serve all of Lorain.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
47	6th Street, downtown	10/24/2019 2:32 PM

Q11 Before taking this survey, were you aware of Fair Housing Laws?

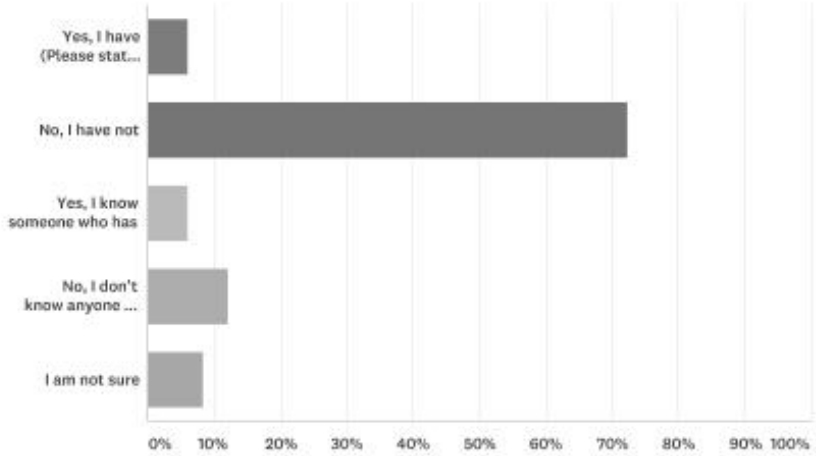
Answered: 83 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very aware	25.30%	21
Somewhat aware	57.83%	48
Not aware	14.46%	12
Not sure	2.41%	2
TOTAL		83

Q12 Have you ever experienced discrimination in housing?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 1

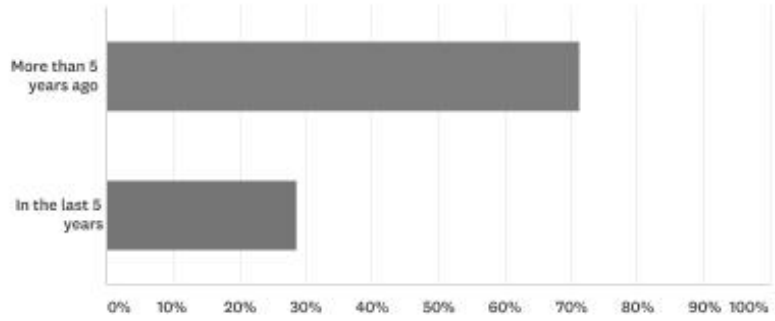


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I have (Please state what happened in the space provided below)	6.02%	5
No, I have not	72.29%	60
Yes, I know someone who has	6.02%	5
No, I don't know anyone who has	12.05%	10
I am not sure	8.43%	7
Total Respondents: 83		

#	IF YOU ANSWERED "YES, I HAVE", PLEASE EXPLAIN:	DATE
1	Single management female not qualified! Apartment rentals unlivable but rented ! Bugs	12/6/2019 11:03 PM
2	yes i have a friend that was the victom of preditory lending.	12/4/2019 12:57 PM
3	Only when I was a child, my family was looking to build in a neighboring community and my father was told not to bother looking here.	12/3/2019 4:13 PM
4	Discriminated due to the my ethnicity regarding renting a home	11/26/2019 6:40 PM
5	She is black, sued, got a settlement, and a gag order was placed on her.	11/12/2019 2:32 AM

Q13 If you answered "Yes" in question 12, when did this occur?

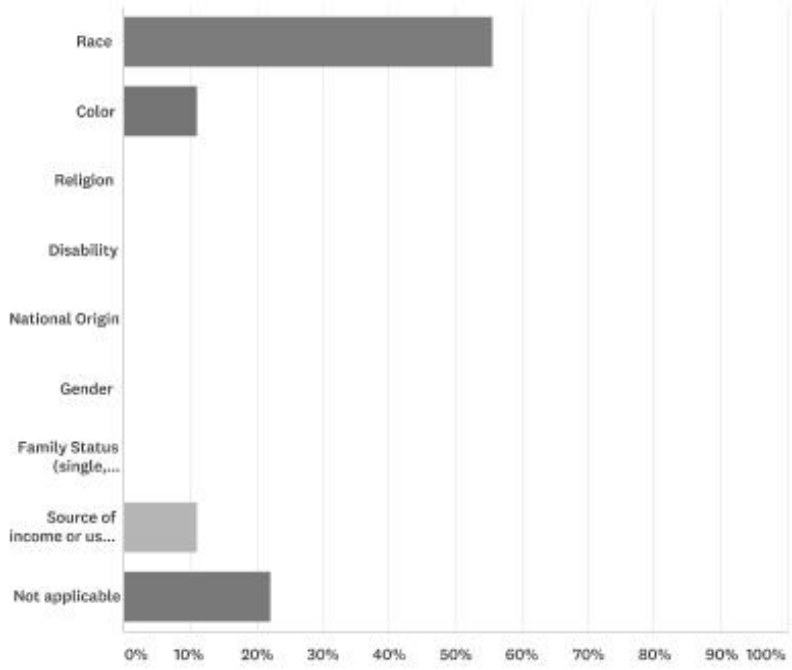
Answered: 7 Skipped: 77



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than 5 years ago	71.43%	5
In the last 5 years	28.57%	2
TOTAL		7

Q14 If you answered "Yes" in question 12, on what protected group basis do you believe this discrimination occurred?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 75

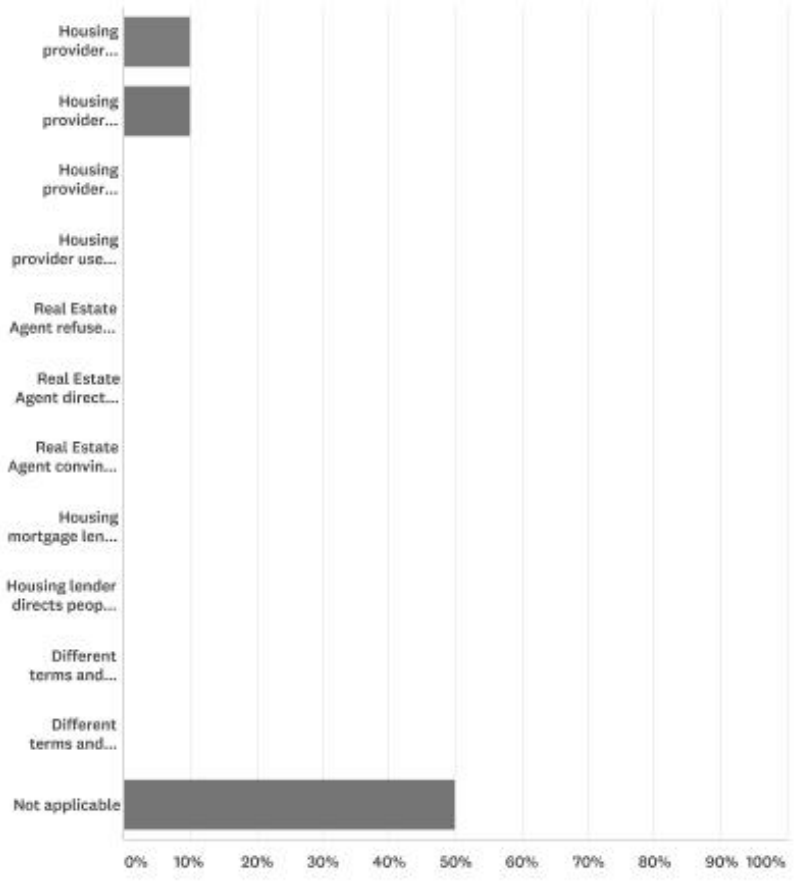


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Race	55.56%	5
Color	11.11%	1
Religion	0.00%	0
Disability	0.00%	0
National Origin	0.00%	0
Gender	0.00%	0
Family Status (single, divorced, children, expecting a child)	0.00%	0
Source of income or use of vouchers to pay rent	11.11%	1
Not applicable	22.22%	2
Total Respondents: 9		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Naïve. He had no guidance, he entered a financial agreement that was not a fair agreement.	12/4/2019 1:05 PM

Q15 If you answered "Yes" in question 12, which of the following activities were involved?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 74



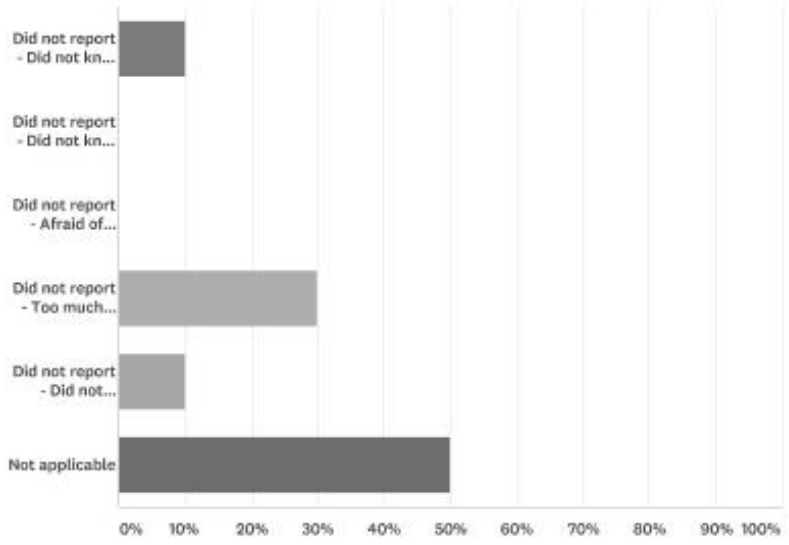
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Housing provider refuses to rent or deal with a person	10.00%	1
Housing provider falsely denies that housing was available	10.00%	1
Housing provider refuses to make reasonable accommodations for a tenant with one or more disabilities	0.00%	0
Housing provider uses discriminatory advertising	0.00%	0
Real Estate Agent refuses to sell or deal with a person	0.00%	0
Real Estate Agent directs people to certain neighborhoods	0.00%	0
Real Estate Agent convinces homeowner to sell based on protected group change in the neighborhood	0.00%	0

Housing mortgage lender discriminates by denying mortgage	0.00%	0
Housing lender directs people to certain neighborhoods	0.00%	0
Different terms and conditions are provided for renting based on protected group status of the tenant	0.00%	0
Different terms and conditions are provided for housing insurance based on protected group status of the tenant or buyer	0.00%	0
Not applicable	50.00%	5
Total Respondents: 10		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Real Estate Agent encouraged buyer to work with unethical mortgage company. No other options.	12/4/2019 1:05 PM
2	Father was told by property owners not to look here	12/3/2019 4:14 PM
3	Real Estate agent accepted second offer to present to owner rather than hers.	11/12/2019 2:35 AM

Q16 If you answered "Yes" in question 12, what did you do about the incident (select all that apply)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Did not report - Did not know it was illegal	10.00%	1
Did not report - Did not know where to report	0.00%	0
Did not report - Afraid of retaliation	0.00%	0
Did not report - Too much trouble	30.00%	3
Did not report - Did not believe it would make a difference	10.00%	1
Not applicable	50.00%	5
Total Respondents: 10		

#	REPORTED IT (PLEASE TELL US WHO YOU REPORTED TO):	DATE
1	it was a nation wide problem. Lorain was hit hard by it.	12/4/2019 1:05 PM

Grantee Unique Appendices

CITY OF LORAIN

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November 23, 2020

Renee D. Ryles, Acting Director
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning and Development
200 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2499

SUBJECT: City of Lorain PY 2019 & 2020 Substantial Amendment

Dear Ms. Ryles:

Please find enclosed a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 and 2020 Action Plans.

The City of Lorain has $135,000 in funds that were allocated to Public Facility Improvements in 2019 but has determined that they will be better utilized by repairing the parking lot at the Senior Center and installing security cameras at 2 parks within Central and South Lorain, both in low/mod areas, to assist with crime awareness. An ordinance was submitted to Council on October 5, 2020 to enter into a contract for the construction of a pavilion at Oakwood Park. During the discussions, it was stated that the intent of Council was to deny this ordinance. They felt that these funds were not in direct line with the needs of the community and due to recent shooting events in the parks; safety and security were now taking the lead position. The minutes from this Council meeting are attached. Please see pages 19-20 for the detailed discussion.

The City of Lorain also has $90,697.76 of 2020 funds that had been allocated toward street improvements. These funds are left over after the project had been completed. Since our clearance and demo project has been going so well, it was determined that it could use the funds left over from the street improvement project.

The Lorain City Schools had been allocated $25,000 of CDBG-CV funds for laptops for the students. Upon further review of the project, it was determined that this would be a duplication of benefits since all the students had already been provided a laptop by the school. These funds are being reallocated to COVID testing at the Lorain City Schools for students and teachers so that they can help prevent the spread of COVID within the school.

Lastly, the City of Lorain was awarded $301,977.00 in additional CDBG-CV III funds. These funds will go toward Admin. expenses, additional COVID testing at the Lorain City Schools, WIFI in the same 2 parks getting the security cameras, and additional funds for the

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Local Business Relief program. The WIFI in the 2 parks would enable the citizens in the parks and the surrounding areas to access free, public wifi allowing these low/mod areas more access to education, employment, and services that they may be struggling with currently.

The ad that was placed online, along with the sign in sheet and minutes from the public hearing, the articles in the local newspapers, and a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of funds, are all included with this submission. Please note, that no comments other than the ones received at the public hearing, were received.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Max Upton
Director

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President Arredondo called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Chaplain Mitchell Fallis led Council in the prayer and pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT - 11 Messrs. Springowski, Dimacchia, Fallis, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, and Thomsberry.

ABSENT - 0 None.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from September 21, 2020 meeting and accept them as written. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK GREER requested a motion to suspend the regular order of business to allow for consideration of item 11-a, a resolution commending Lorain Steelmen 12U Baseball team. Moved by Mr. Thomsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, the motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:

Resolution No. 35-20 a.) Introduced by Mr. Thomsberry, a resolution proudly commending the "Lorain Steelmen 12U Baseball Team" on securing the title of "Silver Division State Champions"

Moved by Mr. Thomsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Thomsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

**At this time Councilman Thomsberry read the resolution and Mayor Bradley congratulated the team. Councilman Thomsberry and Mayor Bradley then presented the Lorain Steelmen 12U baseball team with certificates of excellence. Hunter Thomsberry presented Mayor Bradley with the championship game ball to be proudly displayed in the City trophy case.*

CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

a.) Mayor's request to have a brief Zoom presentation from Sustainable Strategies regarding helping local governments obtain resources for revitalization and key priorities. (This item was withdrawn and then presentation will be rescheduled to a later date.)

b.) Memo from Mayor Bradley regarding extraordinary measures and necessary expenditures that were incurred by the City of Lorain in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Moved by President Arredondo to receive and file the correspondence.

REMARKS: PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: I would just like to point out to the members of Council and the public here and I would be remiss if did not thank the public. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this time of COVID. I would like to thank Nancy Greer for orchestrating all of the safety features here in cooperation with Lori Garcia, our Public Property Manager and Mike Leopold. We like to keep everyone safe and we just like to adhere to the safe best practices so going forward please cooperate. Thank you Council for your patience, also. We had to play musical chairs there for a while but, once again, thank you for your cooperation.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I just wanted to make a comment to the administration thanking them for their efforts to secure additional funding for our city for those employees and ultimately some of the other community organizations in our city to help deal with the COVID situation - Job well done! We thank you.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

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a.) Correspondence from Judge Mihok, Judge Elwell and Prosecutor Santiago urging the continued funding of the Lorain City Prosecutor's Victim Advocate Program as grant funds for the 2020-2021 grant cycle has been reduced by 50% to $78,706.

REMARKS: LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: Just to put some financial parameters on this, in the 2019-2020 fiscal year our Victim Advocate Program is funded not on a calendar year basis but on a fiscal year, October 1- September 30th. Our total funding from the State of Ohio was exactly $116,385.29. Our grant for this year, the exact number is $78,706, a difference of $37,679. In anticipation of that issue being considered by Council for the next funding cycle I did ask the judges to give me their opinion about whether or not this program is effective and necessary. I think what has proven to be the case to be and the judges reflect this in their statements; this has not only proven to be helpful for the community but it is almost necessary, let's put it that way. Our service to the victims in this community has been, in my opinion, outstanding and I think the judges would find it to be an extreme hardship in the administration of justice if it was eliminated. Now, both dockets for the judges are very heavy. I did explore the possibility of having one advocate serve both courtrooms and I think in the words of the judges they would find that to be impractical and impossible. Now, anticipating, and I think it is fair to say that the Law Department has been proactive in managing this budget through the COVID crisis that we have had. I have tried to regularly keep you informed about our efforts to reduce our general fund expenditures but the difference in funding, which is $37,000 and change, I anticipate being able to cover by way of measures that we have undertaken. That primary measure is moving one of our fulltime administrative assistants in the Prosecutor's Office, Margie Rivera, which I previously announced to Council, into a victim advocate position thereby for this past funding cycle being able to have her cost born by the State of Ohio. In anticipation of confronting the issue in the next funding cycle for Council I have experimented, and that is the best word for it, with taking our three assistant staff members in the Prosecutor's Office down to 2½. We have been operating with a part time secretary instead of a fulltime secretary in the Prosecutor's office now for about a month. She is currently being compensated at the rate of $16/hour 24 hours per week, no benefits. If you were to project that savings over the course of a year, which would be our next funding cycle, it is about a $40,000 reduction from a fulltime staffer with benefits to a part time staffer without benefits from about $60,000 based upon the information that the Auditor has given us down to what I calculate to be $20,000 +/- so I think the $37,000 loss of funding at the State level can be covered by way of reducing the GF expenditures, at least it is my plan so to speak, to continue with a part timer in that fulltime position through 2021. Now, I am not at this point in time asking Council to permanently reduce that position part time. I will be coming back in 2021 as we discuss the budget with a more concrete plan but we are testing the waters to see whether or not that plan can be made more permanent and thus the reduction in the GF made more permanent. Now, do I feel it absolutely necessary for me, as your Law Director, to come before Council and say look, I have to wash these dollars, or in other words, this program must be saved and I have to find a way to cut my budget. I am not necessarily of the opinion that that is the way that I should present it to you. I think that the program has merit in and of itself and should be funded by Council, notwithstanding the needs of the Law Department otherwise but in a good faith effort to show Council that the Law Department is willing to meet the current circumstance by being innovative or perhaps employing some different employment structures than have been in the past I think it shows that we are making every effort to justify the continued funding of the Victim Advocate Program, which as I say, stands on its own in terms of being an appropriate, necessary and good service to our local citizens. Just for a point of information, in 2021, I see us being able to reduce our general fund expenditures for that one assistant staffer in the Prosecutor's Office and thereby making up in large part the difference between that savings and the amount we've been cut in the state and federal funding.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: With the restrictions that have been placed upon us with the pandemic situation there has been an increase for a need in mental health services and it has been very evident that the calls for domestic violence

incidences has gone up and I think that this program is needed now more than ever at any time in our city. I commend Law Director Riley for his efforts on this. This is too important a program for the people that it serves and sometimes it is a life and death situation for these people and I think it is critical that we find some way to make this program continue in the City of Lorain.

MAYOR BRADLEY: This is domestic violence awareness month and I think that if you haven't had a chance as you are walking out of the building you may see an empty chair out there in the lobby and there is another empty chair on the second floor as you go into the court and that represents an empty chair at a dining room table where some victim of domestic violence is no longer able to sit. These advocates really do help the victims of domestic violence in getting through these kind of situations and giving them the resources and help they need so that they can leave the situation, get some counseling and not return back to a violent situation where death often times results. My statistics are that three women in the United States are killed every day from domestic violence. This is not a nice thing to have, this is a necessity. I strongly urge Council at the appropriate time to find this type of program.

b.) Correspondence from Lorain County Board of Elections providing a sample of the issues filed for the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot per RC 3505.14.

REMARKS: LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: I have debated in my own mind today addressing Council about the letter issued September 29 of this year to the Board of Elections by the committee which has proposed a charter form of government or at least the formation of a charter commission in the City of Lorain and whether or not Council wishes to discuss that with me today or not I will leave to Council but I felt compelled to at least bring Council up to speed as to what I have been able to determine and whether it is that Council has a right or duty to take action in that regard. We have done a relatively deep dive into the law that might otherwise determine what Council's action is. As you know that earlier in September, Council was faced with the instruction by the Law Department that you had to pass an ordinance placing this issue on the ballot Although we in the Law Department had questions in our mind about whether Council had any discretion in that regard based on upon the information we've received from the Secretary of State it was clear to us that you had to pass it and your actions were essentially administrative or perfunctory in nature. The question now is does Council have to take action with regard to the request to withdraw or the notice to withdraw the petitions that have been filed by the committee with the Board of Elections. Frankly, I am here to tell you that the answer to that question is unclear and I wish it wasn't. I wish I could say to you with some definity today that I know exactly what Council can do, what its options are and what the legal affect of your decision making might be but I am not in a position to do that. Depending upon who you talk to, the Lorain Law Director, the County Prosecutor, counsel for the Secretary of State who controls our elections in our state, you may receive a different answer It is clear to us in the Law Dept that there is not case law that tells us what to do in a circumstance like this so we are then forced to look for other substance in the law that might give us direction. Again, depending on who you talk to the law is clearer or less clear. I think the options that Council has before it include the following things: one, you pass an ordinance then place this issue on the ballot. You could consider taking formal action in the form of an ordinance to withdraw your consent to it being placed on the ballot. If you took that affirmative step, again, unfortunately, I am not able to tell you exactly what the legal consequence of that would be. It could very well be that that is necessary for these petitions to be effectively withdrawn. It could be in the opinion of other lawyers who have something to say about this that your actions are of no consequence. You could do nothing and then you could leave it to the board, ultimately, as it will be left to the BOE to determine what the consequence of this notice of withdrawal might be. Certainly today if you have questions that I am able to answer I am happy to field them. I think ultimately the Law Department does not have a lot to say about this as lawyers. This is a matter for lawyers at the County Prosecutor's level who advise the board and at the State level who advises the Secretary of State to ultimately opine on. As I say,

depending on what your feelings are in this matter your actions may or may not have legal consequence. I felt a duty, and I did talk to the Mayor about this today and your Safety/Service Director about these matters and felt compelled to at least open up the dialogue, tell you what we do know about it and if there are questions we can answer we can do it here in an open forum or you can direct your questions to me to my office outside of today's meeting. I felt compelled to at least bring you up to speed as the best we can determine your situation to be at this moment.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: You had mentioned that one of the options were just to let the BOE decide the legalities of the letter that was sent to us to withdraw the petition off the ballot. My question to you is does Council need to do anything? Did the attorney send the letter to the BOE too? I don't recall, we got that about a week ago. I guess my question is do we need to do anything in terms of corresponding with the BOE at this point?

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: The letter was directed by the committee that circulated the petitions to the BOE: it was not sent to Lorain City Council. The letter is not asking you to do anything. The question really is do you, outside of their position on the matter whether Council does or doesn't have to do something about withdrawing petitions, do you have an independent responsibility here or do you have authority to take action that might otherwise affect the status of those petitions. That's really the question. The letter did not ask you to take action nor did it direct you to take action and the BOE has not notified me that you must take action. However, depending upon what lawyer you speak to and what position that lawyer has in regards to advising people who do have authority in this matter there is a difference of opinion and that difference varies from you don't have a role to play to nothing will happen unless you take action. I cannot state it anymore definitively than that because that is the extent of what I have learned in the last several days so I think that just opens up the floor for questions from Council, questions that I may not be able to answer.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: As the person who sponsored that legislation to put the ballot initiative on the ballot with the BOE I would not be inclined to remove it. I would be inclined to let the people vote and make the decision themselves. Whatever reasons for them to bring it to us and then to not and then to want to take it off…that is something that those people have to deal with. It was brought to us in good faith to put it on the ballot, we did so and I am not inclined to take it off. I would like to leave the matter up to the people when they decide on Election Day.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Just to follow up on that, correct, the registered voters signed those petitions in good faith to put that matter on the ballot. I don't think it is up to us to ____ their desire there. I say the ballots are printed, leave it on the ballots and let the voters decide.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES: (None)

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC: (None)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clerk Greer announced that one individual signed up to speak, Bill Madanski, 720 W. 36th Street and then general topic is "resignation".

BILL MADANSKI: I am resigning from attending City Council meetings because I have now moved to Amherst and I have been waiting since March do this. You guys won't have to put up with me no longer. Is that alright with you, Mr. Arredondo?

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you for your comments, we wish you well. I hope you attend Amherst Council meetings.

BILL MADANSKI: I have been coming here a lot of years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Building & Lands Committee met on September 28 to discuss an ordinance regarding the possible expansion of the boundaries of the Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area and the Community Entertainment District. No action was taken during this informational session. They also discussed a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 1539.04 of the Codified Ordinances regarding certificate required prior to sale and the committee recommends referring the ordinance to Council for consideration.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to concur with the committee report. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Proposed Resolution a.) Introduced by Mrs. Henley, a resolution supporting the Vision Zero Initiative, a strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy and equitable mobility for all.
Moved by Mrs. Henley, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to send the matter to a second reading.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution b.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, a resolution concurring with the expenditure of $1,636,202.54 of CARES Act funding from the State of Ohio.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: It is my understanding that some members of Council who have requested a little bit more detailed information on this so I would make a motion to send this to a second reading.
COUNCILMEMBER ARGENTI: I would also like to receive some information that Mrs. Springowski requested. For example, the next item on the agenda, I wanted to get confirmation those funds are coming out of the CARES Act money of the $1.2M being allotted. We would like clarification on certain items and some are rather large expenditures. We have plenty of time to get that passed.
COUNCILMEMBER CARRION: I am looking at the packet and there is a Cares Act fund and distribution that lists all the different agencies being considered for funding.
CLERK GREER: There was not a breakdown of the expenditure; it was one line item. Member were seeking information with a break down similar to the last resolution.
Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to send the matter to a second reading.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The motion to send to a Second Reading carried unanimously. (This item was reconsidered and passed.)

Resolution No. 36-20 c.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.
Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I'd just ask if the Auditor can briefly give us a description of what is going on here. This is something we do every year. I think it is based upon State Law that we have to send this to the County Auditor for the 10 mils and under allocation. Could you just give us a brief description please?
AUDITOR SHAWVER: You are correct. This is something that we do do every year and this is what the County Auditor uses for our real estate tax bills so they can generate what the taxpayers in the City of Lorain that own property are required to pay based on these different levies.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution.
AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.
NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed.

Ordinance No. 104-20 d.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with the highest rated and ranked engineering firm for professional services related to the design of the Black River WWTP Digester Improvement Project in the City of Lorain.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.
NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.
NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 105-20 e.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance assessing the cost of abating nuisance by removing litter and deposit of garbage, rubbish, junk, etc. during the current calendar year and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.
NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to pass the ordinance.
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.
NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 106-20 f.) Introduced by Mr. Argenti, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to accept the award from the Ohio Department of Public Safety- Ohio Traffic Safety Office
Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.
NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.
REMARKS: COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Congratulations to LPD for achieving other grants.
Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.
NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 107-20 g.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance ratifying the contract with the Clerk of Courts of the Lorain Municipal Court entered into with the Law Offices of Robert A. Schuerger Co., LPA for collection services.
Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mr. McFarland, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.
NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.
REMARKS: COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Is the amount for collection the 30%? Is that what was the previous contract and previous collection people? And then we all know of the issues that are currently facing some people down in Columbus and I know that his former

business partner is named in those and I just want to make sure that none of that will come back and reflect on the City of Lorain.

CLERK OF COURTS KALO: Yes, the revised code actually gives that to the collection agencies.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: And they take that out of what?

CLERK OF COURT KALO: They add it on. For example, I spoke to a couple of Council people, if you have a $100 fine you owe the court after 90 days you are sent to collections, and you now owe $130. The collection agency pays the courts first, the $100, and then they get their $30 after as they collect.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Okay. And then I am not sure. .just in reading the Columbus Dispatch, he was partners with somebody that has been named in an investigation. They are not affiliated with his law firm are they?

CLERK OF COURT KALO: No.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Okay, I just didn't want anything to reflect back on the city.

CLERK OF COURTS KALO: Schuerger Law Firm, the principal in the law firm is one of the partners in the Axley Group where one of the partners is accused in the House Bill 6.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Right, I just didn't want it to come back on us.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: I think the statute that authorizes the clerk to go out for collection services is not easy to understand. I think it is fair to say that it could be read in different ways and depending upon who is interpreting it might offer different opinions. In the Law Department when we eventually became aware of this and to his credit he has accepted our recommendation that we bring this to Council, that he answer any questions that Council may have and we simply feel that this is the right thing to do to be sure that there are no questions going forward.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Some of the questions that I had were answered to my satisfaction earlier today by Mr. Kalo, so thank you. One comment or observation that I would have is down the road, the city is currently contracting with three different groups to be able to do tax collection services that it might be a good idea down the road once they sunset to see if there could be a process where an RFP or some type of public advertisement is enacted to assure that we have at least a good way to evaluate those three different groups or perhaps at that time make a determination whether a consolidation is in order for the City based on performance. It is something that I would like to see on Council a summary showing performances of all groups to assure that the collection rates are as the city intended when the decision was made and to assure that we are getting the best bang for our buck.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mr. McFarland, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 108-20 h.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Lorain, Ohio and the United Steelworkers of America, Local 6621 (union) in accordance with the provisions of Article 35 of the collective bargaining agreement and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I spoke to Auditor Shawver this afternoon on this particular piece of legislation and she explained to me that there is not really any significant financial impact to the city. It is just a situation where the employees if someone is hired by our city if they had prior experience they would get certain longevity rights. Do you want to expound on that, Karen?

AUDITOR SHAWVER: Most of the bargaining groups and ordinances that cover our employees here do provide for your benefit date to be changed to reflect any service credit that you have within a municipality or state political job. We have employees coming from other cities that have experience and we want to benefit from that experience but if they had 10 years working at another city and they came to the City of Lorain under the current 6621 contract they would have to start back at zero and get two weeks' vacation so this is just bringing them to the parity as of the other members of the City of Lorain. It is just to be fair to all of the people that work here.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 109-20 i.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance amending Section 15.3.6 (Law Director) of Ordinance No. 169-19 which establishes the compensation, benefits and terms of employment for various classified and unclassified non-bargaining employees of the City of Lorain, excluding elected officials, managers and professional employees and the Chief of Police.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I would like to send this to committee and I will say why. I spoke with Auditor Shawver this afternoon.. I rescind that. I would like to have this ordinance effective for the beginning of the year through the end of the year because we have money to pay for that but we do not have money available in 2021 based upon my conversation with Karen. I think it would be inappropriate to have this piece of legislation be effective after the end of 2020 because we don't have money available to pay for that. It just would be an appropriate piece of legislation here. Karen explained it to me and perhaps could elaborate more. Terri Soto expects income tax collections to be down over $1,000,000 next year and there were additional expenditures that would probably be over $400,000 that would be effective in 2021 that are not effective in 2020 so you are looking at about a $1.5M gap. Karen, if you could elaborate a little bit on our conversation.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: You made a motion to send to committee?

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: No. I would like to change the ordinance to make it effective for the year 2020. I rescind my motion to send it to committee. I think that I would like to change this ordinance and make a motion to have the wages effective for the entire year of 2020 only.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Well, evidently, we cannot change the ordinance tonight so my recommendation would be to send it to second reading and it'll give you time or else send it to committee.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: I am not quite sure what to say about this. In all my years of being here and in the 30 years that I practiced before this I could never understand why it is that this city government and other city governments did not want to pay their people a fair wage. The question tonight, if I can with all due respect, is not whether this city has the money to pay these people fairly but rather whether they should be paid fairly. It is not only incomprehensible that you would underpay your professionals and administrative staff in this city compared to other cities which I have given you extensive information on differently than what comes before this Council on most occasions where wage increases are not substantiated, they are not debated and they are not analyzed. We have attempted, because we are professionals, to do that for you. Now, having said that, what I find to be most egregious is the fact that you are not paying the people in this department comparatively in a fair way as to other people who are doing similar work. The women on my staff are being paid $15,000-$20,000 less in some cases than women who are working in similar positions. I just don't understand it. Now, if it comes to 2021 and there aren't dollars to pay and maintain all of the departments, all of the departments in this city, then I think that you should take action uniformly across the board but to suggest that the Law Department should continue to operate…I am not asking for a dollar for me. Mr. Fallis, I am asking that my people be paid fairly and for you to take the position tonight that they shouldn't be, which is what your position is, is just abhurrent. My staff members, the women who occupy our administrative positions are paid by your ordinance $36,000 and

additional dollars based upon wage increases and/or longevity that everyone else receives in this city. Take a minute, go back to your salary schedules in this city and find out what other people are being paid who are operating in administrative assistant positions. I would suggest to you they range as high as $60,000 and last year in some offices in this city substantially more than that. It is your job, in my opinion, to manage the budget but at the same time it is your duty to pay these people fairly. You have professionals representing everyone in this city who are paid inadequately to say the least. I don't want to get carried away here and say things that I shouldn't say but to continue to suggest that the people in this department should be underpaid just because the city has a challenge to its budget when it doesn't apply that same standard, Mitchell, uniformly across the board. You have passed wage increases during the COVID pandemic without even an analysis as to whether that was fair or appropriate. Now, I am not quite sure what to say to you, I really am not. Perhaps the process by which I have undertaken here which involves one, an extensive study as to the legitimacy of these requests and two, take actions inside my department to cut my budget so that I can justify coming to you and ask that these be done seems to be received by you without any regard. Now, we know by way of the CARES Act that these dollars must be expended this year. We know that. This department, the Law Department is paying for itself. You are not having to extend yourself for this department. We have undertaken to reduce our expenditures. We have asked the Mayor and he has been gracious enough to award us dollars that we believe we are entitled to because we extend our services to the COVID pandemic. You are not having to do a darn thing for the Law Department, we are paying for this ourselves. You find it necessary, notwithstanding that effort to analyze these positions and the fact that they are underpaid unfairly – not only outside the city but more importantly inside the city, to defer action on this ordinance. I hate to say this but I think it is disgraceful. I ask council to consider moving forward tonight with what is the right thing to do. We will worry about the budget next year. If you need to cut other departments because you feel we are underfunded, I hope it doesn't land at the doorstep of the Law Department which has made every effort to be proactive without you even asking us to cut our budget. I am not here to single out anyone else to what they did or didn't do as a department leader but I can tell you what I did. I didn't wait for you to call me on the telephone as ask. I advanced my department without being asked to reduce this expenditure so that you could understand why it would be that we are testifying in making these requests. With all due respect, I simply ask you to do the right thing.

COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: As I have said many times at City Council before, I think a man or woman should be paid their due wages for the services they provide. There a few ways you can look at this. You can look at it by appropriating money for 2020 and evaluating it again at the beginning of 2021 or you can appropriate it in perpetuity and evaluate it again in 2021. I have never said nor advocated for any employee in this city to be paid less than what their fair value is. There are two ways of looking at it and your suggestion is a plausible way Director Riley.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: There are a couple of options. You have the legislation in front of you and can move forward. Secondly, as you stated originally and want more discussion, you can send it to committee. Or, thirdly, you can send it to a Second Reading. You are the sponsor of this legislation so it is your decision.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, to refer the matter to a second reading. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

MAYOR BRADLEY: I know we passed up on the resolution for spending the cares funds but here is some additional guidance that was received from the department of the Treasury on September 2nd and that was reaffirmed on September 21st. We can now take the Cares Act funds and I am permitted to make a decision that our police/fire/dispatchers and support staff for the police/fire that their wages can be reimbursed totally. We don't have enough money to do that but we can reimburse from Cares Act funds monies that were paid to our police/fire/dispatchers/auxiliary from Cares Act money. I proposed $1,246,702.54, of that $1.6M, to reimburse the city for the salaries that we paid for police & fire. That is going back to part of the General Fund, part of the Police Levy & Fire levy. That money will go back into the city coffers. We are allowed to do that. We have another $2.3M that was just approved by the Governor last Thursday that we are going to be getting in about a

week. I am going to ask council to put some more of that money into the city coffers. I do not see a lot of doom and gloom right now. I think that we are able to use this money to actually replenish our funds. We didn't have that guidance before September 2nd. Before that date, it could not be money that was budgeted as our budget of March 27th. That has changed. I am a little disappointed that you didn't pass the resolution to spend the Cares Act money because if we don't spend it, it goes back to the county and then they redistribute it to other cities in Lorain County. I have more money coming and I hope you understand that we have to spend it by the end of December. We don't want to hold our local businesses hostage because we have not given them the money and then they have to spend it real fast.

The Auditor can tell you that we can now use this money to replenish money that we spent on our safety forces 100%. We are looking at somewhere between 10 – 15% and that is a lot of money. I don't think the doom and gloom is as bad as we think it might be. I deal with the Law Director's office every day. I am running up and down those steps all the time. Believe me, they do the research and give me the answers and give the managers the answers, etc. We have a top notch law firm in this building. I did not know Attorney Riley working with him as an attorney until I came to the city nine months ago. But I am telling you, he and his staff are top notch. We are getting great legal services in this city. Please think about those two things as you make a decision on this particular ordinance. I think that in this case, it is certainly warranted and I think we have the money to afford to continue to have top legal services in this city.

AUDITOR SHAWVER: I would just like to clarify a bit of what Mr. Fallis made a comment about how I was involved in this. He called me this afternoon to discuss the multiple MOUs and pay increases that are on the agenda this evening. It is not my place as the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Lorain to tell you yes or no on any piece of legislation. That is now what I am here for. I am here to work for you to provide you with the information so that you can make educated and responsible decisions. Mr. Fallis' question regarding all of the MOUs and pay increase ordinances that are on the agenda tonight was that will we be able to afford this next year? I do not have a concern about this year. At this point I think this ordinance with all of the savings that were implemented by the Law Director's Office this year it will not become an issue. The matter that I explained to Mr. Fallis is that we just started working on the 2021 budget, these raises that are being discussed for multiple departments will be in perpetuity, they will be lasting next year and the years after and what I explained to Mr. Fallis was we are just beginning the revenue estimate process in the entire budget request for all of the city departments and at this point for me to say what we can or cannot afford is premature. I do know for a fact we will have reduced income tax collections in the final return line items as well as the holding line items. We are expecting reduced local government and real estate tax collections based on the information that was sent to us from the Lorain County Budget Commission. We are expecting after discussions with Clerk of Courts Kalo that because of the pandemic and because of the things that he has seen with the collections in the Courts there is probably going to be a reduction in that as well. What I gave Mr. Fallis was my preliminary assessment of the GF revenues. I do not have final numbers and I am unable to tell you what it is going to look like from this point because we have just begun the process and for me to say this is not going to be a problem, it is not going to affect our budget, I am not comfortable with saying that. I am not comfortable with saying that we cannot afford it all the way, it is just that this timing of the year when we are just in the process of starting next year and we are in the middle of a pandemic I just am raising my concerns with you. Again, I am not here to tell you yes or no, I am here to give you information and the information that was provided shows the fiscal impact that will be on next year's budget. Like I said, this year's budget is not going to be a matter of it, we only have a couple more pays left, so it is not going to hurt the budget in any way this year but I wanted to clarify. Mr. Fallis did not call me and try to get me to say no on this or try to get me to say no on anything. It is something that warrants further discussion on all pay increases at this time.

CHIEF MCCANN: I rise in support of the Law Department today. I don't think everyone here understands what they do for us as a City. Pat and his team answer phone calls all day, all night. We walk up there and ask him legal advice and legal guidance on a daily basis

and his employees make a wage…I cannot believe they make the wage they make. I understand the Auditor's position, I agree, we've got to watch what we do and I don't think that she is wrong; however, sometime's we've got to take a chance and pay the right wage for people who are doing a lot of the work up there and they are busting their butts up there every single day. Again, I rise in support of the Law Dept.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Okay, to recap where we are at, a motion was made by Mr. Fallis without a proper second so that was moot.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: There is an old adage that says actions speak louder than words and as my actions were back in the spring, I stand with the Law Department on this. Once this motion has been declared dead I would like to make a motion of my own.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Proceed.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Carrion, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES - 10 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver.

NAYS- 1 Mr. Thomsberry. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Carrion, to amend Section 2 by inserting the following at the end of the sentence "and such increases in the "range" and add "annual wages are retroactive to March 1, 2020".

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Side note, this is when it should have been done when it was brought to us before. Any time this city has needed anything the Treasurer's Office and the Law Dept are the first two departments to step up to the line and we need to recognize that and I want to recognize that tonight! Those people deserve far better than we have treated them!

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I support that but I have some comments.

REMARKS: PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: That is the next thing…any discussion on the amendment?

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Dually noted and absolutely needed to make that amendment. I just wanted to make a couple of comments. First of all, there is a systemic problem that we have seen in this city. This is a theme that I have heard for many years here in Lorain therefore the professionals that work in here it seems like it is never the good time to come to Council for any type of adjustment. It just seems like other things are placed at the forefront but the ones that are behind the doors making the work, putting things together are often overlooked, underpaid and it is in a very disappointing manner. I will say this, because this not only applies to the Legal Department, this applies to police, fire and other workers that we have here in our city. The folks here in Lorain are severely and grossly underpaid in many areas and what we have seen over the last 20-25 years that I can recall is the same things that continue to happen now. We lose quality people. We lose quality professionals to neighboring communities because they pay more than what we offer here. We always want to pay less but expect more. I want to share this, because I shared this before and I have to say this about the Legal Dept and Law Director Riley, I worked directly with that team for many years when I was in Community Development and the amount of expertise that we have here, I don't think people realize what we have here in this city. The amount of dollars that the Legal Dept has saved this City compared to what the City was paying in outside legal contracts and contracted services. You are talking millions of dollars over the course of 10, 15, 20 years that the City has saved by bringing those services in house. It is incredible that we are having this discussion about a group that is instrumental. When we talk about COVID and all of the essential workers, this is essential! We might look at a bucket of dollars and say this is too much for us to pay but we don't hesitate on the other side and look at another bucket when we have to pay millions of dollars whether it is for a lawsuit that we cannot defend or whether it is for other charges that are being charged to the city because we haven't properly budgeted or maintained the operations here in the city. I am disappointed because we did have a conversation earlier in the year. The item was placed on hold until we knew more on how this COVID and the pandemic was moving us along. These are the essentials. We have got to make the tough decisions and say we've got to keep our people paid properly; we have to have a strong force. We have band aids throughout this City. We have band aids in police, fire, we don't have enough people where they need to be and what we do as Council is respond constantly

to phone calls on things that we cannot help them with. We try but we know that our hands are tied in many cases. This is where we've got to start addressing those issues. If we want this community…you know, we say a lot of things and sometimes we sugarcoat things too much about what we have. There are a lot of things that we have that we are not telling and we need to address. We have issues with crime. We have issues with drugs. We have issues with things that we should not have in our neighborhoods and right now we cannot do anything about it. I cannot tell my constituents anything but the same thing "we are working on it, we are working on it, I am going to talk to Legal. I am going to talk to the Mayor. I am going to talk to the city." I sound like a broken record for the last six months because I cannot give them anything that we can't do. We need to look at what we need here. Lets solidify our teams, let's get them to where they need to be and if we need to go back to our community and say "you know what, we need to go back and find additional dollars whether it is through a levy or an amendment or whatever it is, let's get us to where we need to be and let's quit wasting time". All we are doing is talking about the same things over and over with not a plan in place to solve the problem. Don't have it. I have a break ins in South Lorain every night for the last two weeks in different parts of South Lorain. Shootings, left and right. Banners that we took down last week, guess what, we passed out a bunch of banners at Oakwood Park, a bunch of them with bullet holes everywhere on the banners. Okay? We have to address it and we have to start by supporting our forces from within and that is going to allow us to really promote the city the way that we should. Law Department, by far, they deserve every penny and then some because even these increases do not show the merit for what they are actually worth. They are worth a lot more.

COUNCILMAN DIMACCHIA: First I just want to thank Mr. Riley for his constant support of his staff and the work that he does for this city. I supported this ordinance months ago because it was the right thing to do then and I listened to Council and their concerns about it and about the budget and I respect that. We have an opportunity again. We had a committee meeting, we discussed it. The Law Department accepted what Council told them and they went back and created a proactive plan to save the city dollars, looking out for the city as opposed to its employees because that is what we told them to do. Here we are again and to echo Councilman Carrion's comment about we keep having these same conversations, I understand the budget and I understand concerns, I understand restraints but if we looked and operated in that manner all the time in every decision that we had to make we wouldn't be making any decisions because everything we vote on has a financial impact. Again, their department, and I am not going to belabor this because I am sure some of my other colleagues are going to make the same comments, but their department is top notch and has saved this city a lot of money through the lack of litigation and I personally have worked with his staff and him and they are just unbelievable at what they do and the high quality that we have is certainly worth this adjustment and, again, probably more. We need to stop talking about it. We discussed it, we made our comments clear before, this is the right thing to do, we need to pass this legislation, and we need to give them the money that they have so earned over the course of the last several years. I appreciate your comments; I appreciate your passion, Law Director Riley, thank you for fighting for your staff. We should be doing the same thing for the employees in this city. That is what we sit here to do. We cannot right the ship all at once and I agree with Councilman Carrion about our police and fire. Our Police Department has some of the greatest trained officers that we could find and what they do is they come get trained, they work a short period of time and then they go to other departments to make the money that they should be making here. We are losing good people. We need to retain them right here. I urge everyone pass this legislation because it is the right thing to do.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I just want to comment, I will be in support of this legislation after my information that I got from Mayor Bradley relative to the impact of COVID on our budget. I think we are going to have to roll up our sleeves in the 2021 budget and we will deal with that at that time.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: First. I'd like to apologize, I had a light malfunction, I didn't mean to not support the suspension of the rules. I support this 100%, I supported it back in March. If you recall I said back in March that Mr. Riley has a track record from

previous budget crises of getting his department under not just meeting the criteria of cuts within his department but getting even more savings and he has done a tremendous job with that yet again. He wouldn't have came to us and asked us again this quickly if he didn't have that savings to show us. When our department heads do the right thing we need to show our support for them, for what is there support for doing that in 2021 or 2028 or whenever we have the next rainy day and we are looking at cuts. We have got to reward the department heads that are doing a good job with their budgets and Mr. Riley definitely falls under that category so I will be supporting this 100%.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Agreed. Mr. Riley did his homework here. He trimmed budgets so that this has a minimal fiscal impact on our budget. Not all departments do that. Credit to him there and that is one of the reasons that I will support it. As everyone said their performance is without question. He did go inside his department and prioritized and found out where he could reduce some costs in order to increase in cost in other areas and that is to be commended. Not everybody does that. Of course we want all of our employees to have the best and receive the best but a little reality check; we don't have the resources of a lot of those other communities. We are the poorest city in this county and we need to work within our means. I agree with this one that this should be passed. The money that we are receiving from COVID and the federal money and county money that is being dispatched to us, that is going to stop and dry up. As we pass these things, Mr. Carrion mentioned it, you need to be thinking about it and be prepared to go to our voters for a possible tax increase because it is most likely going to happen at some point in the near future. Just bear those things in mind as we move forward.

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: I just want to say to our Law Dept well done and I am in favor of these increases and I just want to say thank God for the CARES Act money and that we probably shouldn't have sent the CARE Act funds to a second reading but I understand that it is properly in order. Well done, Law Dept.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: With regards with why I voted to send the CARES Act to a second reading, we had asked for a detailed breakdown of it. The emails were sent out last week; we did not receive that information and therefore I could not vote for something that I did not receive the information on.

MAYOR BRADLEY: To me?

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: No, it was not sent to you. I forwarded the email to you, it was not sent to you.

CLERK GREER: I will restate the motion. It was moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Carrion, to insert language into Section II making the salary increases retroactive to March 1, 2020.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The motion to amend carried unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Carrion, to pass the ordinance as amended.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

** Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Shawver, to reconsider item 10b, a resolution regarding the CARES Act funding.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER THORNSBERRY: I was one of the people that voted in the affirmative to send it to a second reading and I would like to reconsider that as I think information some people had questions about has been addressed by the Mayor and I don't see any reason why we shouldn't proceed with this tonight.

AYES - 9 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, Carter, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 2 Messrs. McFarland & Argenti. The motion to reconsider carried. (See item below)

Resolution 37-20 b.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, a resolution concurring with the expenditure of $1,636,202.54 of CARES Act funding from the State of Ohio.

Moved by Mr. Thomsberry, supported by Mr. Shawver, to suspend the statutory three reading rule

AYES - 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS- 2 Messrs. Fallis & McFarland. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I haven't seen any details since the requests were made by my fellow council members so I will not be supporting this revote.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Yes, I also would like to see some more information that Mrs. Springowski requested. For example, the next item on our agenda I want to get confirmation that those funds are coming out of the CARES Act money of the $1.2M that is being allotted. Things like that are why we are asking these questions. We want clarification on certain items and some of them are rather large expenditures. I agree, we would like to get some more information. We have plenty of time to get that passed and distribute those funds.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I am looking at the packet that was posted on the City's website for the agenda and there is, I am not sure what page, it doesn't have a page number at the bottom, but there is a CARES Act fund and distribution that lists all of the different groups and agencies that are being considered for funding.

CLERK GREER: There was no breakdown included with that, it is just one number, right?

COUNCILMAN CARRION: It has the organization and the number but are we looking for the detailed line by line item for each one of those possible disbursements?

CLERK GREER: I believe they were looking for something similar to the last resolution where we had the detail and the breakdown of that number, unless I am mistaken.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Does anyone have the breakdown? I read it and it had St. Lad's Club receiving $25,000, I believe.

MAYOR BRADLEY: $15,000.

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: I would defer comment to the Mayor first if he wanted to interject.

MAYOR BRADLEY: Again, I have suggested that we give $10,000 to the Panthers baseball organization. I received a letter from them indicating that through Seth Rozario, he is the manager and coach, it is a non-profit, we are allowed to give money from CARES Act funds to non-profits and both of their teams call Oakwood Field #1 home. Unfortunately with the virus and obstacles it has presented we had to cancel plans for two steak fries for the teams which have cost us a loss of approximately $10,000 for each team. Now, they have two travelling teams. I didn't grant $20,000. I suggested that they get $10,000 instead of $20,000 because maybe they could have a drive by steak fry or something like that. I suggested to Council that $10k would be a fair amount. Again, I know I say this over and over again but I am going through Council because we want to be able to survive an audit so myself, the Auditor and Mr. Upton from BHP have sat down and we have gone through all of these requests and made a determination as to what we thought was a fair amount from the CARES Act money. Our main thinking was that now that the Treasury Department said that we can use these funds to fully reimburse ourselves for police, fire and related expenses, that now we can give a big chunk back to the General Fund and Police Levy and Fire Levy and help us get through this year and hopefully help give us a boost into next year. That is our thinking. That is why that big amount is going to basically police and fire. It is to reimburse what we paid this year which until September 2nd we didn't think we were going to be able to use that money to pay expenses that were budgeted in this year's budget but then the Treasury Department, I think realized that we weren't getting any direct financial support from the US Congress. We cannot get them or the Senate to get off their position so finally the Treasury said we are going to let you pay for police and fire. We are going to say that their services can be determined to be 100% dedicated to the COVID response and our Police & Fire Departments are out there every day dealing with citizens that possibly might have COVID. I mean, the President of the United States has COVID! This guy is more protected than anybody in the world and he got COVID. So, we are going to be able to use some money to reimburse us for our expenses for Police & Fire. They deserve more hazard pay to tell you the truth and I hope that out of this next $2.3M I am going to propose more hazard pay for our safety forces.

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This money is going to go right to where we took the money to pay our police and fire, $1.2M. I don't know what other expenses. Jason Schaefer Photography, he had to basically close his business. He is a brand new business on Broadway. I thought that he deserved some financial assistance so that he doesn't leave the City of Lorain. I was sitting out at one of the restaurants and I said Jason, how are you doing? He said 'not too well, it has been kind of hard, I had to close my business. I do a lot of photography work taking pictures of food items that they put in magazines and menus". I told him to send me a letter, give me an idea of what COVID has cost you and maybe we can get you some CARES Act funding because we want to keep you on Broadway. He went from Amherst to Broadway and put a lot of money into his building. Lorain County Warriors Football, again, they haven't been able to do their fundraisers. They do a lot of good for young people in our community; they are out at Oakwood Park all the time. When Lorain Police & Fire Departments played football the Warrior's were locked down at one of the other fields. I mean, I have never seen so many people out at Oakwood Park as that day. It is great that our parks are being used but we want to make sure that this football program continues. She said she needed some money so we've got $12,500. It is not what everybody asked for but we are giving as much as we thought and spread it out to as many non-profits and as many businesses in Lorain as we possibly could and I hope that we can spread it out to some other businesses that got missed. Harrison Cultural Center - that is a hidden treasure in the City of Lorain. This is one of those places in the City of Lorain that wants to do a lot of good. We talk about rec centers and so forth…this could be a rec center! We just have to make sure that they stay open and that they give the services to that part of town. I am going to go out there this Friday at 5 o'clock and visit this Harrison Cultural Center because I want to see what they are doing over there. I have talked to these people, they came to our focus on youth meetings and they are passionate and they are going to help this community. We have got to take care of them. 929 Broadway, this is the Scrofano's. They took a building that probably should have torn down and it is right next door to Broadway Mary's and it is one of the nicest buildings on Broadway! They are bleeding. They are bleeding money and I want to make sure that they stay on Broadway. Their landscaping is beautiful. Danny Scrofano lifted every one of those rocks himself to put that there. These are the people that we want to keep on Broadway. We want to keep Broadway thriving. It is very, very important. Lorain Lighthouse Foundation, they weren't able to do their tours out to the lighthouse because of COVID and then they had to reduce the number people who could be on the boats. Well, that lighthouse is our jewel and we have got to support our Lorain Lighthouse Foundation. That is a non-profit, we can support them and give them some money. Urban Farmers, this is the guy opened a little place on Oberlin Avenue and is selling produce to different restaurants and different places. He only wanted $3,000 so I thought that was very fair. The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, they work with the Urban Farmer. They have been passing out food to people that have needed food during the crisis. We are giving them money so that they can pass out more food to people that cannot afford to buy food, need food, shut-ins, seniors…very good expense. The Law Department, $100,000 They provided you with documentation as to how much time they have spent on COVID research. Believe me, every time I get a Department of Taxation FAQ or need guidance, I go to the Law Department. I mean, Joe LaVeck is becoming an expert on how to be spending these COVID funds so we make sure that we dot our i's, cross our t's so that we don't have to give any of this money back. They have documented the amount of time that they have put into this and I think that it was fair. FOP, they were unable to have their fundraiser and they want to give toys to kids at Christmastime. It is a very, very good program. They need money. they weren't able to have any fundraisers. They usually get their money at their fish fry. $19,000 is going to get toys for kids in our community. I think that is something good. International City Baseball, you saw those young men, they made Lorain proud. I don't think $15,000 is unreasonable since they were not able to have their fundraisers and we want to make sure that they have this program next summer. We don't want people shooting in South Lorain; we want people playing baseball, playing sports, bringing trophies back to Lorain. Lorain Fire Dept. again, I don't know if you read my memorandum, but do you see all that Lorain Fire Dept has to do with their equipment every time they go out or come back in? They have to do a complete sanitation. They put a lot of

time into what they do. I think it is a fair amount and again, it is not even near what they would like. They live together! They have close contact every single day. They are together 24 hours at a time and then they have to go back to their families. Lofton Henderson Marine Detachment, again, a non-profit. They have a little park over there off of the Henderson Bridge. They have a flagpole that is in such need of repair it isn't funny. I gave them a flag that Marcy Kaptur gave me that flew over the Capitol. They were not able to have their fundraiser. They gave me a letter and verified what kind of money they usually generate from their fundraisers; I thought that was a fair expense. St. Lad's he is ready to call it quits. I am thinking that if I can give him some money, he's lost a lot of money, he does a lot of political fundraisers. You know how many political fundraisers we've had this year. That is a nice place! They do a nice job out there. I don't want to see St. Lad's close. He needed a lot more than $15k but I thought it was a fair amount. A big amount to Rockin' on the River. Do you know how much money he lost? He is booking acts right now for next summer. He wanted $50k. I said Bob, I think we can get you $25,000. He said thank you very much. We want to keep him in Lorain. He is going to give us that name Rockin' on the River. I want him to change it to Lorain's Rockin' on the River but he is going to give us that name. We are going to own Rockin' on the River, it is not going to end with Bob Earley, he said he is going to give it to us, just that in itself is worth $25,000. He lost a lot of money because he has to cancel every show this year. I don't know if you need any other explanation as to these expenses but these have been well thought out and I am going to be coming back to Council again for the next $2.3M but I intend to make sure that most of it goes back to the City to reimburse us for police and fire, which we legally can do now. I am sorry I didn't get the email; I would have given a more detailed response.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: What we were asking for was a detailed breakdown and it had been given to us before. I didn't realize it but we had been sending the email for over a week. We didn't get it but now that it has been brought…

MAYOR BRADLEY: It wasn't sent to me was it?

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: No, it wasn't.

MAYOR BRADLEY: I wish it was.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: It may have been oversights but we wanted to err on the side of caution.

MAYOR BRADLEY: I understand that. I didn't receive it and I hope I gave a good explanation because this makes sense.

BIP DIRECTOR UPTON: The only other thing that I would add in the particular CARES Act budget…I had reached out to the State's office of Budget and Management to get guidance on whether or not we could hire a temporary intern to help push all of the paperwork that is going to need to be pushed for compliance. I am sure that Councilman Carrion can attest to grant documentation is a bear in and of itself and we are facing doing two and a half times our annual granting that we do over a year in 90 days so the only additional expense is related to bringing in an intern that is solely dedicated to implementing and getting money out to the community as quickly as possible and apologies, I may have overlooked that email I'll go back and double check and report back on that. If that is my fault I do apologize in that regard.

MAYOR BRADLEY: One other thing that I forgot, we also want to get a touchless thermometer so that everybody that comes into the building instead of using those handheld thermometers. They have it at Community College and you walk in and it scans you, gives your temperature, it says you are normal and you walk right in. There is no stopping somebody or anything like that. That is a very good expense especially with flu season coming up. We can use that…we don't want people coming into City Hall even after COVID who have fevers.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: The answers were sufficient for me. One comment that I would add is for the next round of CARES Act funding that something that would be helpful for Council to see is to see every agency that has made a request and it would be good to see what the original request was, the amount funded and if there is a variation from the full amount that has been request to what has been funded to have an understanding of why that decision was made. I think for the community in general I think it is important that all of the groups feel that they have a place at the table and that we have

an inclusive process for receiving grant requests and also authorizing and making awards. I think that is something that you typically see in grant cycles when you do grant review. You typically have a category that shows amount requested, amount funded and if there is a variance for the two an explanation of why. I think that would be helpful.

COUNCILMAN MCFARLAND: We have an agenda item with the estimated fiscal impact of a little over $1M and to my understanding this amount has not been approved by the Auditor. I would just like some clarification if that amount is impacted by the CARES Act or if those were taken into consideration when allocating these funds?

AUDITOR SHAWVER: These funds that are budgeted in this resolution will be to compensate the hazard pay that was discussed in the last meeting. It was $900,000 that was going to be paid to the police and fire, auxiliaries and dispatch.

COUNCILMAN MCFARLAND: You are talking about the CARES Act funds on this one here or on line item o?

AUDITOR SHAWVER: Line item o I don't believe you can use CARES Act funds to give a raise but I could be wrong.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: Before making my motion I have two comments. Number one, just for clarification, the International City Baseball that was on this list, that is not my group. That is the group out at Campana Park. They have been doing a lot of clean up trying to get those fields fixed up. My baseball team has not asked for any money nor do we plan to. If we did I certainly would not be voting on this, I would be abstaining from it. Secondly, just a reminder, Mr. Mayor, we did have a group that tried to get in on this funding round and that was the Steelmen Football group. You guys may remember they have been in here a couple of times; they go to nationals in Florida every year. They had an email problem as well, their email didn't come through. I know that they are literally waiting on this money on pins and needles waiting to see if they are going to be able to go Florida this year or not. I want to make sure to remind us not to forget them in the next round.

MAYOR BRADLEY: They are in the next round for sure.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Shawver, to pass the resolution.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 110-20 j.) Introduced by Mr. Argenti, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Safety/Service to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Lorain Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3.

Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Mr. Washington, for clarification, this is in settlement of a grievance filed by the FOP. These funds are part of the $1.2M in this CARES Act distribution?

MAYOR BRADLEY: These funds were previously appropriated in the first round, which was the $3.2M. We approved $900,000 for hazard pay for police, fire, dispatch and the auxiliary. We found out that some of the police hazard pay will have to come out of another fund. We can fund probably about 90%, we can fund officers that are actually out there on the road because the guidelines changed on September 2nd for hazard pay. It says that we can pay it to officers who are actually out there out on the street directly having contact with the public, just like our auxiliary who have to deal with the public everyday coming in and out of the building, firemen who have to go out there with the public and there are a lot of public coming into the building. I think indirectly every police officer, every firefighter has contact with COVID either directly or indirectly and I think that I could probably justify paying the entire $5000 out of the COVID money. We are going to get it paid but it is just we have to do a little bit more to make sure that we don't have any audit problems

Again, we wanted to put it in this MOU that it would be paid to them as we anticipated it is just that some of it will have to be paid from the $1 246 that we approved today.
COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Part of it is out of that and part of it is…
MAYOR BRADLEY: Out of the $900,000 that you've already approved. What we don't take out of that $900,000, we are figuring maybe $190,000 will go back.
COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: That is the $5,000 per officer?
MAYOR BRADLEY: Right. That wasn't really part of the settlement of the grievance. The grievance was that there is a provision in the police contract that says if there is a national, state or city emergency declared and City workers are given a holiday that the police are then entitled to be paid for that holiday pay so the police filed a grievance under that section. I told the police that I didn't agree with them on their interpretation of that particular section. They provided me with the financial impact that that would have that if they prevailed on the grievance. I don't know, what was it? Over $1,000,000, Kyle? So we sat down and I said I don't think you are going to win, but how about if we give you two and a half weeks of COVID incentive time which has no value and you have to use it within the next five years but it cannot create an overtime situation and it kind of gets that grievance settled. The police union agreed, they can live with that. Again, I don't agree with that interpretation, they don't agree with my interpretation. You never know what an arbitrator is going to do so in consultation with Law I thought 100 hours was fair so we put this all into one MOU. I don't want you to think that we turned this hazard pay …
COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: If this isn't available in COVID funds, the 100 hours…
MAYOR BRADLEY: No, there is no money involved in that. No COVID funds will be used.
COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Time off is money, sir.
MAYOR BRADLEY: But no COVID funds will be used for that.
COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: But that is what is in this…
MAYOR BRADLEY: It is five years that they have to use it and…
COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: But it is being called a COVID-19 incentive bank. If that is not available are we going to have to revisit this?
MAYOR BRADLEY: No. It is called a COVID incentive bank because of the fact that the police felt that when we closed City Hall and workers went home and said that they were on call that they were on vacation. That is their interpretation. I said, no they weren't on vacation; they were on call when they went home when we had to close City Hall when we had the first COVID case in the City of Lorain. So, the only thing that you can call it is they are getting this incentive time because they worked while other city workers went home. Everybody was gone. We basically closed down City Hall except for essential employees so everybody was home until we kind of got a handle on COVID. It actually is COVID incentive time. Yes, it will have some financial impact but it cannot create overtime. They are getting about two and half weeks of extra time off. I guess Mr. Argenti is right, any time you give somebody time off but it cannot create an overtime situation. I mean they have to get paid for not coming to work for 100 hours which is about two and a half weeks over the next five years.
COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: My concern is more everything in here references COVID funding but it may not be available.
MAYOR BRADLEY: The COVID funding won't be available after December 30th.
COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: We know that.
MAYOR BRADLEY: This is called COVID time only because they are getting it because of the response to COVID here at City Hall when we sent workers home. The police couldn't be sent home. Not one police officer got any time off because of COVID. Not one firefighter got any time off because of COVID. Not one firefighter of police officer got to be involved in the Shared Work Program. All those people that were getting one day off a week on unemployment and getting that extra $600 a week, none of police or fire got that. We are trying to be as fair as we can to our safety forces and I think that is being recognized by the Dept of Treasury when they are saying that we can use these CARES Act funds to reimburse money that we paid them during COVID to the tune now of $1.246M and in the next group I am hoping to get about close to $2M of that money of the $2.3M I am hoping that $2M goes back to reimburse salaries that we paid the police and fire or

some more hazard pay. This is the only city that has paid our police officers and firefighters hazard pay. I compliment Council that you approved hazard pay. I cannot tell you how many different cities called me and said what are you doing paying hazard pay? Well, they deserve it and I am glad Council recognizes it.

POLICE CHIEF MCCANN: Mr. Argenti, I just want to assure you that this bank of time was created for this only. It was created to make it so that we can manage it properly as management and not create overtime when the guys take this time off. There is no real fiscal impact on this because if they don't use it it expires and goes away.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: After five years.

CHIEF MCCANN: Yes, after five years. I'll use Kyle for example. If he puts in for a day off on Monday if there is no one here to work but him on Monday he doesn't get the day off on Monday because we cannot backfill him on overtime for this time. There is no impact financially on us and our budget to manage this time. I just want to make sure that everyone is clear on that. It is up to us to manage it properly and we are going to do that.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: I am clear on all of that, it is just the source of the funding that I want to get clarification on.

Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomaberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance k.) Introduced by Mr. Carrion, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the construction of a pavilion at akwood Park.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN CARRION: Before I make a motion could I just have a piece of advice from our Law Director on this matter? My intentions here are to suspend the rules with the intent that we vote this legislation down so I just want to make sure that we are framing this motion properly to make sure that it does reflect what my intentions are and it is indeed to vote this legislation down.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: Did you want to frame the motion and then I can give you some direction on it?

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Please.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: Go ahead and frame the motion.

Moved by Mr. Carrion, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN CARRION: This piece of legislation is something that has been in the works for Oakwood Park for some time. I know I have had conversations directly with Mr. Upton over the last couple of months but I think as we have seen the needs of our community, tragically, based on the shooting that we had on August 22nd at Oakwood Park, the group of citizens, public officials, the Mayor has been involved, Pam Carter, 3rd Ward, Mary Springowski, Mitchell Fallis, and others have been involved in several community meetings to be able to have a better understanding of what the needs of the community truly are. One of the things that we have heard repeatedly and resoundedly is that some of the projects that the City possibly had on their framework do not align with the residents of the community. Our community is hurting. They are looking for areas that focus on safety-cameras, security. We feel that at this time going forward with this expenditure of almost $180,000 by the time you add your 10% contingency is not the best use of our resources. We recently had a brand new public improvement, which is the pickle ball court at Oakwood Park. hasn't been in...I don't think it is actually finished; we don't have connecting sidewalks to it. It opened up in July and it has been vandalized twice already. The first time the netting was destroyed, the frame was completely obliterated and now just last week one of the surface panels was stolen. We see that there are other needs right now in the parks, possibly not only at Oakwood Park, but I'd like to make sure that we do not approve this piece of legislatinn and really consider re-appropriating these dollars to better uses. I would hope that Mr. Upton, if we could give him the floor space, I would like for him to expand a little bit on potentially what other uses could be targeted with this re-appropriation.

RIP DIRECTOR UPTON: Councilman Carrion, we have been working the past couple of weeks with a vendor by the name of Southeast Security and a gentleman by the name of Spiro Ristovsky and we are working on a security system solution that works with the existing information architecture that LPD uses for the cameras that they already employ and this particular security camera would have coverage throughout all of Oakwood Park, it would have coverage throughout all of Central Park. in addition to that it would also deliver free, open, accessible WIFI to Oakwood and Central parks. As we lay the electrical conduit we are going to be laying the fiber conduit and actually delivering not only security cameras that LPD can access right here at dispatch but also free open, public WIFI. It would be aimed to expand that system across the city and the particular system that we are working would actually allow for it to be expanded onto other high rise buildings like the Health and Dentistry, some of the high rise apartment complexes so that we could create a wireless internet throughout the City of Lorain. That is one of the things that we have been working on and if this legislation is indeed voted down by Council we would look under the CDBG program guidelines to still use this as a public facility improvement, a public park improvement which would not require any additional red tape or hoops to be jumped through and we would reprogram that for security cameras and WIFI in the parks. That is the current plan at this point in time.

Moved by Mr. Carrion to oppose the legislation.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: I guess your options are several. One would be, as the sponsor as I understand it, to withdraw the ordinance from consideration. Now that you have had your debate I think the purpose in your motion was to be sure your position was expressed, probably.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Correct.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: Perhaps a cleaner way of dispensing of this because you don't know what the vote may be and even though you are urging it as the sponsor to be voted down and I cannot say that that will or won't happen. Now that the debate in your position has been made public and Mr. Upton has assisted you in explaining it in public perhaps a cleaner way of doing this would be to withdraw the ordinance.

Moved by Mr. Carrion, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to withdraw this legislation from consideration.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argento, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance was withdrawn.

Ordinance No. 111-20 I.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a lease with the Lake Erie Warhawks for the use of a public facility known as "The Pipeyard".

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried unanimously.

REMARKS: LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: For your information, I did have an opportunity to speak with the administration today about this lease and express just observations, not concerns necessarily, that this public property, the Pipe Yard, not be closed to all citizens who may wish to participate in the programs that will be administered there. Certainly if someone were unable to pay whatever it is that would be required to be a part of this organization, call it a due or a fee, whatever membership fee it might be, it would be a concern of mine that we are denying those who may be underprivileged and unable to participate the opportunity to take advantage of a public property. I have expressed those concerns to the administration and Mrs. Garcia, who is the point person on this lease and she and I and Attorney Zaleski who is assisting primarily in this regard have agreed that in the eventual document that becomes a lease because this ordinance allows the Law Director to have further discussion, we will assure and make law of the fact that the contract requires unrestricted access for all of those who wish to participate in this program so they may enjoy this public property.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: Just some more information for my fellow colleagues, I spoke with Bryan Koury, who is not only associated with the Warhawks but he is also the Athletic Director for Lorain City Schools, and he supports this 100%. The Pipe Yard has

definitely been deteriorating the last few years. I know it was two years ago they weren't even sure they were going to allow them to host a high school playoff game because the OHSAA had some concerns with the safety netting surround the Pipe Yard. That facility has hosted a lot of sectional and regional elite 8 type baseball games in the State playoffs recently and it was falling into the state of disrepair where they weren't going to be able to do that anymore. I think that this lease agreement is a wonderful thing for the City and it is going to allow them to make the improvements that are needed there for us to keep hosting these great events and bringing people into our city. I support it 100%.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Obviously the Pipe Yard has always been dear to my heart since the day it was born. I have a couple of comments in just looking over at the lease. Obviously it is a five year lease; it is $1 a year. There are some stipulations in terms of the repairs that the Warhawks are responsible for. I believe it has a cap of $2500, anything in excess of that would be the City's responsibility, the way that I read the lease agreement. My concern and I think it is something that the City just needs to look at; this facility is now 13 years old, you have issues with the netting as Councilman Thomasberry talked about, the backstop netting. When we purchased that back in 2007 that was $4,000 alone just on the net. I just want to make sure that we are careful because there are scoreboard costs, other types of structural costs involved and to make sure that we have a very good understanding of what potentially the total cost could be to make sure that we are not then scrambling at a later time.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES DIRECTOR GARCIA: Councilman Carrion, all of those things have been addressed. The actual back netting we have already purchased, it just hasn't been put up yet. The scoreboard we got a grant to get fixed. The Warhawks have agreed to put a minimum of $5,000 into the facility every single year. The $2500 that you are seeing in there is exactly what was in the lease with Rotnberg so we just carried it over to this lease. Like the Law Director said, everything can be negotiated after this has passed tonight. Nothing has been signed by the City or the Warhawks yet. The $2500 was mainly for the equipment that is there because it is City equipment that was purchased for the Pipe Yard.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I think that is great. The Pipe Yard really provides a benefit to many and especially it is really a support to the International Baseball Association, which used to be Lorain Youth Baseball, and I think that is key. I just want to make sure as we project as we enter the second phase of the capital life of a building and facility that it would be good to be able to investigate and just look at the life of the systems that we have in the park, the PA system, the press box, the roof, seating, dugouts, the deck, railings, the restroom. Those are things that may be okay now but when they do start to fail they will actually result in a large capital need. I am not saying this in a way to take away from the project. I think it is great, fantastic. The Warhawks have a fantastic reputation and they do excellent, excellent work. I just want to make sure that we are looking at all of those potential costs down a five year plan that is commensurate with the term of the lease.

MAYOR BRADLEY: I think that Council should consider the economic benefit to our city as a result of having this particular group in the city playing at the Pipe Yard. They will be bringing in teams from really all over the country and because of that they have to go to restaurants, stay at hotels, they will be purchasing things. I think it is really going to be a big economic boost to the economy here in Lorain. The other thing is that Lori is in negotiations right now with a corporate corporation to get the naming rights for that particular stadium and if that goes through we will have a corporate sponsor there and there is actually some talk about putting in a synthetic infield. There are some negotiations that Lori is having with the Cleveland Indians and some other groups. This could really be big time. This is a start and a step in the right direction and I want to compliment Lori because she has done a lot of work on this and she is continuing to work on making this facility a top rate facility for the City of Lorain and really for all of our citizens who want to go out and watch some good baseball.

COUNCILMAN DIMACCHIA: To the Law Director and let me just preface my comments by saying that I do support this, I think it will be great for the City but based on your comments do you anticipate any legal issues if that language that you spoke about is not revised into that lease agreement and if that would be the case are you suggesting that we go to a second reading on this legislation?

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: As I indicated a moment ago the ordinance, as crafted, allows us to continue negotiations. I did discuss with the Mayor and Lori this morning my concerns about allowing those young people in our community who may not have the resources to participate in these programs should not be restricted in their access. I was assured that we could build into the lease program dollars from the organization that in fact they do not turn away any child who may wish to participate. So, taking that at face value I anticipate that Mr. Zaleski, Lori and I will craft language that will be enforceable so as to eliminate that from being possible. I feel comfortable that if you pass the ordinance that we will reach our goal and include in the final draft those protections so that our young people who may not be able to afford participation will be able to do so.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Just a couple of other things to add on to Mr. Carrion's comments regarding the Pipe Yard. It is my understanding from folks that have used the facility recently that there were arching issues with the lighting going up to the poles and an issue with the warenlines being severed. I don't know how you work all of that additional cost into this lease but I think those things need to be addressed.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES DIRECTOR GARCIA: We also have a grant to fix all the lights. We are getting quotes right now to have all of the lights fixed and we have the sprinkler system coming back. It was a matter of drainage. The sprinkler system wrecked the drainage there so we had to pick did we want the field the drain so people could play on did we want them to be under water. We picked drainage this year, and the sprinkler system company is coming back to tell us what they can do to get the sprinklers back in the outfield. The ones in the infield we can cap off and they can work. All of those things are in the process.

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: Mr. Dimacchia, Lori and I had a brief conversation about incorporating into next year's CDBG budget a certain amount of dollars that would be able to pay for any of the low income kids who may not be able to join the Warhawks due to membership fees. That conversation has already started and will continue to progress on as we look for team registration and sign ups.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to amend the lease by adding Exhibit A, a map of the property. The motion to amend carried unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to pass the ordinance as amended.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 112-20 m.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain to enter into a contract for the sale and option of real property located in the Colorado Avenue Industrial Park and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Carrion, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried unanimously.

REMARKS. COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I took a look at this and I didn't see a contract associated with this so I would suggest that we send this to committee or a second reading as opposed to voting on it.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: The Law Dept and the Administration have been engaged in this negotiation now for some time. We have worked hard to answer questions that I think are important to be answered on the City's behalf. Obviously the representatives of the developer are sophisticated and there are things that yet need to be done; however, I feel comfortable in saying to Council that we in the Law Dept are prepared to proceed. We have on my staff Mr. Resar who is a dedicated real estate professional in his private practice and represents many of the more sophisticated and larger developers in this area. We have spent time with Mr. Upton being sure that the city is and will be protected. Now, I understand the need for a contract; however, there are some mechanical things that need to be done for that contract to be prepared. One of which is to further identify the actual parcels inside the industrial park that will be transacted. There was a survey in a sense done such that the parcels could be further subdivided and therefore easier sold, that has not yet been completed but we have that parcel map in our possession and I believe if we need to have that advanced that the cost will be minimal and we will be able to get that done. I just want

to say that we have been in negotiation and I would hate to see this developer stymied and I am not here to promote his cause but I think that property has sat undeveloped for what is now decades to take this opportunity to on faith, and I understand your point, Mr. Fallis about there not being a contract, but on faith that the Law Dept will continue to complete the negotiations and bring a contract back here to Council that will be in all ways specific enough for you to understand exactly what the City is committing itself to. I am asking you to consider that process.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I just find it difficult to support a piece of legislation where I don't even know what parcels we are selling.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: At this time as a sponsor of the legislation I would rise to a point of information and a point of privilege under Robert's Rules of Order and ask that Max Upton, who is the BHP Director, and Mr. Tom Brown, who is the Lorain City Port Authority Director, please come to the microphone and explain this. They can answer questions that they would have regarding this transaction which is only beneficial to the city in as we were discussing how we are going to make budget this year and fulfill our obligations to our employees. This is going to help us in the amount of payroll that it is going to be bringing to us but since we haven't had a shovel in the ground over at the Industrial Parkway for over 20 years I would like to get a shovel in the ground and get this started.

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: Councilwoman Springowski, I would defer to the Port Authority Director who has been working on this particular project for a number of years to fill in a bit of the back story and the effort that has gone along and I can fill in any details from the City's perspective.

PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TOM BROWN: As Director Upton stated and as Director Riley stated we have been working on this for quite some time. I appreciate Mr. Fallis' concerns and I think that the contract will be coming henceforth once that is all ironed out by Law Director Riley's staff. I would assure you that we have a good developer in hand. This developer is funded. This developer is going to make a $35M investment. There are 193 buildable acres in that industrial park that has sat vacant for 20+ years. I think Councilmember Carrion worked quite diligently on the creation of that commerce park. It is time to put commerce in the park. I think that we can move with the Law Director's reassurance that this contract is in protection of the City and I think we need to adapt to the speed of business at times and this is one of those times. Winter is coming quickly. We have worked throughout the summer on this issue. Again, you have a developer making a sizeable investment and they need to break ground before winter. What can come from this after the cold storage, and this is cold storage…COVID has showed everybody that distribution is changing rapidly. I think that we have a very good developer and a very good project here. We have worked diligently with the Mayor's Office, Mr. Washington, I think that we are alleviating all of those concerns. If you have any questions we are here. I also have my board chairman, Mr. Mullins, he is an expert in this field as well, that is what he does for his job that he actually gets paid for so he is here to answer questions as well on the developer's behalf.

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: Speaking from the City staff perspective one of the issues that we run into and I don't say this as a joke but it is a little guy called the Indiana bat and we have a very short time period where the bat is out of town and we have to clear the trees in that time period and if we don't that project gets delayed by a year, if not more. To Councilwoman Springowski's point, something in terms of safeguarding the city. I have worked with Attorney Resar on a draft developer's agreement: the developer will be signing the developer's agreement as part of the purchase of the sale. There will be a commitment to create 100 jobs. It will have a total payroll in excess of $4M. The annual income tax revenue from that $4M is about $105,000 of annual revenue, not to mention the revenue from permits that they will have to pull, the revenue from the workers working in the city building this $35M building and then also, and secondarily, as a point of just getting into the minutia of the policy, as Mr. Carrion can point to, the City of Lorain invested over $5M in creating the commerce park, sans commerce, up until hopefully now. What we are going to be able to do is to enact a TIF legislation that will actually capture the increased value of that real estate and it will feed back into our program income in the

Community Development Block Grant space so then we can reprogram that money back into the community via TIF revenues, so not only will this help this site, it will bring jobs. it will finally put a shovel in the ground. The TIF that we will be able to enact will have to go to CDBG program income because CDBG did a lot of work back in 2004-2006. It will also allow us to retire about $360,000 of debt that we owe to the State of Ohio on that project. There is a lot of good on this project and the developer, as Tom and Brad can attest to, they want to move and they want to move now. They know that we are going to be asking for a developer's agreement; they have no adversity to it. They are not asking for any subsidy in this particular project. This is something that I would urge Council to allow myself and Mr. Brown to continue to move forward to bring jobs to the City.

PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TOM BROWN: If I could add, one of the other items is that we have worked hand in hand with Team NEO and Jobs Ohio. They are fully endorsing this project. They think this is a great project. We have pitched this park to them on numerous leads that have come across and not gotten any to the finish line and the fact that they are fully endorsing and we can have them at future meetings if need be, this was short notice, obviously. Being the fact that it is going to be food distribution we are talking about a clean industry. We are not talking about bringing something dirty into this place. It is highly specialized instruction. You are talking subzero cold storage. 241,000 square foot facility which is designed tentatively to add another 90k if need on that exact building footprint. I think that you are talking about a pretty big investment here and you are talking about experts in this field that see that the radius from this site can deliver to 60% of this country from that site. They see value in this location and like I said they are ready to go. With COVID distribution has become a big commodity and I think we are ready to go.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: And this could also support some ancillary or support businesses in addition.

PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TOM BROWN: What these developers have seen and what you see across the country is once you build one of these anchor tenants then you start getting your ancillary businesses, maybe a food preparation business, maybe somebody that is in the restaurant industry. They are going to seek those clients and if you can locate in the same industrial park you are saving shipping costs. Once you get that one anchor you start seeing proximity.

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: One more thing to add onto Tom's point, there is some vacant land along Colorado Avenue. It is not unreasonable to think that a restaurant or diner might utilize that space with workers that want a two minute drive to work. There is a lot of social science research that shows you can reasonably expect some induced job creation in support industries and amenities around that particular investment.

COUNCILMAN DIMACCHIA: Thank you Mr. Brown and Mr. Upton for that information, very informative. Seeing that this property has sat for the last 20 years with nothing going on and barricades barricading that road off I am not sure that this is the can that we want to kick down the road. We have an opportunity to vote on this tonight, and again, 20 years of nothing going on there, I am not sure what passing this on to committee would possibly give us. I hope that we are going to take this legislation and approve it this evening so we can move forward with this project.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: I want to thank Tom Brown for being always dogged in his pursuit to things that will better this city. Max, the Administration, Ken Reser, without a doubt, before I was even on Council involved in different real estate transactions we is at the top of his game as far as putting together contracts and that type of thing. So, saying that, this is 25 years is probably the best thing that has come the way of the first ward. That land has been sitting there for, I believe, a little over 25 years and people are constantly "the road to nowhere", "what are we going to do with it?" These guys are big, they are good, this is the best thing that has happened to this ward and it will affect other areas of this town. Time is of the essence. These guys like to move and move fast. They want to get things going. I don't want to hold this up. I would ask everyone on Council to support this tonight and let's get it moving.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Mr. Brown, could you tell us a little bit about how you came up with the price per acre for sale and a little bit more about the purchase option and what the value of that is to the city?

PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TOM BROWN: I would defer back to Max as they have been negotiating with Director Riley on the purchase options. The price per acre was determined about a year and a half ago. We did a lunch and learn at that site. What that is is we basically put up a tent, we invite a bunch of industry experts through Mr. Mullins network and his rolodex and we said look what we have here. What we had is some site selectors came to that site and they had never seen it, never heard of it and couldn't believe it was empty. Through that we have been working with a certain developer for the better part of a year plus to make sure that we were kept in their thought process and as COVID came around they started finding clients. When we worked with the previous administration it was cleared through HUD that they could indeed sell the property for $12,500 an acre. That is kind of an incentive to get somebody in a low amount of acreage, 15 acres. This property has been listed for the better part of a decade plus on different sites, Jobs Ohio, Team NEO and it has always been in the $25k-$50k range. I think if you carve out good property you might be able to pull those dollars but when you are selling large parcels such as this there is a lot of un-developable property. There are wetlands, there are archeological areas and there are a lot of different areas that you really cannot build on. When you are talking about this kind of option there is obviously something in the agreement that we are building into this through the City that they are going to declare it now for a certain price point and then after that it is a per acre price. There is also a 10% non-refundable option for three years. I will defer to Max now on the specifics of it, he has been negotiating it

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: That is correct. It is a non-refundable 10% deposit on the balance of the acreage. The developer, I will defer to Mr. Mullins in his understanding of the industry is much more voluminous than mine but this particular developer is looking to get in and then scale…I don't want to misspeak so I will defer to Brad on that.

BRAD MULLINS: This developer has multiple facilities throughout the United States. They are experts in the industry. They had been looking on the west coast, that is where they are located. The name of the company is Cares Capital, they run Cancer Centers of America so they have a temperature controlled facility there that they are going to build 250,000. It is basically a food service operation. They already have 50% of it committed to a customer so they have an anchor tenant so really anything they do now is really going to be profitable for them. These positions that they create are really high paying positions because you are in a temperature controlled environment, everything from 20 degrees below zero all the way to an ambient temperature of 46 degrees. These are good paying jobs. They have experience doing this across the country. When they do these industrial parkways, as we said before, the ancillary tenants start to come in, their suppliers. Quite honestly, and I think that this has been public; they want the whole industrial parkway. They think that they can invest and develop the whole industrial parkway. I dealt with the two brokers, we had that lunch and learn that the Lorain Port Authority sponsored and these guys and brokers came and looked at it and it has come to fruition. I have done deals with these brokers. They are incredible people and this is a tenant that doesn't need financing so we are not waiting for loan approval. They are going to build and as a matter of fact he saw Lorain, he flew over in his private jet and that is how he saw the Lorain industrial parkway. It is not a matter of if he is going to building it is just when. With Lorain it is 85% of the population can be located or reached through Lorain within a 10 hour drive so from a trucking, transportation standpoint this is an ideal location. It is a hidden jewel. I have been in Lorain and this is my third attempt trying to but a building in this damn industrial parkway! We are going to do this one and I think it is going to be a big hit for everybody.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: We do have a nice location in the heartland of America, quite frankly I do like the scale of the project and all of the additional financial benefits to this city, ie: the TIF, the income taxes, the real estate taxes. That makes it very, very attractive to Lorain. Max, can you give me what the absolute dollar value is of that 10% option in the contract? Is it 10% of the value of the acreage that we would potentially be selling them? How do you figure that out? How does that work?

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: Forgive me, I don't have my TI-85 Calculator handy but the 10% would be derived from if you look at Section 2 of the ordinance, the 20 acres at $20,000 per acre and the right to purchase up to a total of 55 additional acres of land at a

purchase price of $25,000 per acre. If you are looking at 55 times $25,000, it is 10% of that. It is a significant amount of revenue.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Yeah, that is over $100,000. So the City is getting some value for giving the option of the three to do something with that there. That certainly is…

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: And it is non-refundable. And I just want to make it clear that the proceeds from the sale of the land, the proceeds from the option have to first retire the state debt that we have of about $360,000 and then anything thereafter has to be treated as program income to the block grant program. I just want to make it clear that because we used CDBG funds until we make the Federal Government whole on the CDBG funds it has to be treated as program income and there has been, as Director Riley can attest to, a lot of research done on the entanglements within, and Rey correct me if I am wrong, four different sources on state and federal funding on this particular funding and each of them…,

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Possibly five.

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: Correct if you count the steel mortgage. We have done a lot of due diligence on where this money has to go and how it has to be treated once it comes back into the coffers.

MR. MULLINS: These developers will be here next Thursday and Friday. That is how quickly they want to move.

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: I just want to say that this is exciting and I just want to say thank you to everyone that had in this. This is awesome for Lorain. We are talking about jobs and this is something that many of us have been waiting on for years. I just have to say that my church, Church of the North Coast, we have continually prayed for the City of Lorain and we have never given up hope for the City of Lorain because we are a strong city and this city shines. People that I am related to have always asked me where is Lorain? What is Lorain? Lorain is a jewel. It is a jewel. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Again, I want to echo the comments, thank you Port Authority and the city. This is a win, win. When this park was built and I don't think it was 20 years, I think it is a little bit less than that, but when it was created it was with this intent to bring this type of a tenant and group. As Mr. Mullins and Mr. Brown stated for years that site was marketed at $35,000-$40,000 an acre and even doing national studies we fell below the mark where just the site and conditions were not favorable for that type of sale price in that area. The face that you have a group in here that is willing to take multiple acreage and possibly even the entire site, I think that is fantastic. I just want to commend you because I know these deals take time, they take a lot of patience and a lot of rejections and the fact that you are here is great. Also, that Indiana bat is not anything to mess around with. They usually have a window, I believe it is November through April and if you miss it you basically have to wait for the entire year. We faced that when we built AAS or Carnaco because we had to really work under the gun and trust me, you do not want to miss that date by one day. You will be shut down by the Federal Government. It is highly, highly imperative that we move quickly on this.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: This is what they would call one of those no brainers. Jack, I think you would agree with me that we are going to start calling the Indiana bat "the carpet bagger".

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Carrion, to pass the ordinance.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 113-20 n.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio as passed by Ordinance #25-20 beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Proposed Ordinance o.) Introduced by Mr. Argenti, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Lorain Professional Firefighters International Association of Firefighters Local 267.

Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mr. Fallis, to send the matter to committee.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry

NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried and the matter was sent to committee.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. 114-20 b.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance amending Chapter 1539.04 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to pass the ordinance.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: (None)

COMMITTEE CALLS:

CLERK GREER announced on the CRA Housing Council #4 Board of Appeals has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9am in the Council Chamber to appoint two new members and hear the appeal for Byron & Mary Ann Melvin, 3392 Robin Lane, Lorain.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:30pm to discuss an application to rezone a vacant lot west of 114 West 17th Street from R-2 to B-2.

Chairman Fallis called a Work Session for Monday, October 12 at 6:00pm to hear a presentation from Sustainable Strategies.

Chairman Argenti called a Police, Fire and Legislative Committee for Monday, October 12 to discuss the MOU of Firefighters Local 267. I would like to follow Mr. Fallis' Work Session.

Chairman Carrion requested a Work Session be called to discuss the Substantial Amendment that will be coming to Council soon on the CDBG Budget. Perhaps Mr. Upton can expand on that.

REMARKS: BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: As you have been aware we are working to resolve the business development revolving loan fund issues with HUD. Those issues have been resolved on the HUD side of the revolving loan fund. We were able to negotiate down and save the City approximately $1.1M of CDBG funding that we would have otherwise had to have paid back the Federal Government. What comes next after that is that money has to be reprogrammed back into the community via the Community Development Block Grant to traditional CDBG funded activities. In speaking with the Federal Programs chair, Mr. Carrion, we thought it would be appropriate to take the show on the road and meet the community where they are at when it is convenient for them because most of the folks in our community that benefit from Community Development Block Grant don't have the

time to make it to City Council at 6 o'clock on a Monday night. They have kids, work and a bunch of other responsibilities so at the request of Councilman Carrion at a time to be determined sometime on a Saturday or perhaps even a Sunday we could have that meeting out in the community and discuss what their block grant dollars what they would like it to go towards.

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL:

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: Mayor Bradley, regarding dollars to help the people with their water bills. I understand that we gave money to Urban League and to…I don't know if the $50,000 that I saw for utilities was to help with water bills…I guess I don't really understand the process either and people are asking me about the process and how they qualify. I guess a couple people have already been to Urban League and they don't qualify. I think one issue was that their bill was behind in February before COVID hit and then it just continued to trinkle.

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: That is the reason for the denial. At some point the CDBG-CV funding $150,000 was allocated towards the Urban League and then the resolution that you passed, 26-20, back in September got another $150k to el Centro for the same particular item. If they were delinquent prior to COVID-19 then the delinquency cannot be assumed to be related to COVID-19. If you were current on your bill and then you lost your job and had an economic hardship as a result of COVID-19 then you could be assisted through the utility assistance. There is also income verification where they have to submit documentation sufficient to verify that they are of low income because we have to be serving people at or below 60% of the median income, if you remember the income chart that I gave to Nancy sometime in June or July that you guys got, that is the threshold chart that they go by in determining income. Those quite possibly could have been two of the reasons why they were denied.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: This is an item that I have brought to Council several times this year but really it is the need of having a traffic light on 28th Street and Pearl Avenue. I know that there is a grant process the TLCI through NOACA that the city will be applying for but we do have a serious need to have a light there. I am not even sure how else I can say this. I have received information from police and information from engineering stating that the warrant study doesn't dictate or warrant that a light is needed in that area and we need to really go out there and look at that area. That is an accident waiting to happen or there have been many accidents in that area and the problems have not been mitigated. If you are coming northbound on Pearl Avenue to get on 28th Street you have to be at the center of the roadway before you can see who is coming westbound on 28th Street. There is no way to get around it. I would say that we have looked at the warrant studies for many years, a lot of them are based on traffic counts, they are based on other logistics, line of sight, businesses, etc. but the conditions in that area have not changed drastically over the last 10 years; however, many of the traffic lights in the City have been removed within the last 10 years. To me it doesn't match with the studies that we have had over the past 10 years or so. All I am saying is that area really needs to be looked at. It is a problem. The people that live in that area are at risk and we see many accidents in that corner and it is just problem. It is a problem that we cannot ignore. I had asked about possibly putting stop signs, that is not permissible because it is a four lane roadway but we need to do something there to maintain peace and the safety of our people that live in that area. It is a mess. I drive a big truck and I have a hard time seeing oncoming traffic. You just cannot see them. That is the only problem that I have and I will keep repeating it until hopefully we can find a better solution. We do have a serious problem.

CHIEF OF STAFF SOTO: What I am going to do is I am going to again take your concern and check with Engineering. You are absolutely right; those were taken down based on the studies ___ to council. I think you understand that and you understand the city's position back then. I am going to take your concern back to Engineering and will talk to Dale. Something that you might want to consider, it is not popular here right now in the United States but it is going to start getting there and I think I am going to use the Mayor's quote, in 20 years you might look like a genius, but one thing that the Engineering Department

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talks about is road _____ and roundabouts. Roundabouts. Folks, what I would do is ask you to do is educate yourselves, read about them. They started in Europe. My time in Europe when I was there we always went through roundabouts. There is another place in the city they are talking about roundabouts. I think talking to the engineer this is something that we have talked about and passed around and I think at 28th and Pearl you have the real estate there in order to do that. It might not be popular because it takes an educational phase. Folks here aren't used to roundabouts, we are used to traffic control devices. It is something that you might want to bring to your community and talk about that. Again, you've got to look at your concern for the citizens that don't feel safe but also you have to look at the engineering aspect of what is to be there at an engineering point when you talk about ODOT and traffic warrants and what should be there and what is not. What big lead can be there now? I will take that up to Engineering and will just throw that out there to you folks to think about roundabouts when you think about safety and traffic safety. You need to educate yourself on it because I think that is something that we should start looking at in the City of Lorain. I think that is the move to the future, just like autonomous cars are and so are electrical cars. Think about that and I will take your concern to engineering.

COUNCILMAN DIMACCHIA: Safety/Service Director or whoever would like to answer this, since we are talking about traffic lights is there any way that we can just flip the light back on by Lakeview at the exit there? I have had multiple complaints about the traffic speeding through there and it is just flashing yellow. If we could maybe look at that and flip the switch back on. I don't know.
SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR WASHINGTON: I will defer to our former traffic commissioner.
CHIEF OF STAFF SOTO: That was, again, going back historically, that was based on the traffic lights on West Erie were they warranted or not. That is one that we came to an agreement as my time in the Traffic Division we agreed that the Metro Parks have big input on that. They wanted to make sure that the folks that were exiting the park during its high season that they were doing it in a safe manner and they asked the City to leave that one off because that one was also scheduled to be taken down. The City at the time and with the Safety/Service Director at the time agreed that it would be seasonal from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Memorial Day we will fire it up and then Labor Day it would go on the flash. That is something that the Safety/Service Director has the call on that if he wants to put it back in operation full time or does he want to keep it seasonal.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I had a request from somebody who lives I believe in Martin's Run over on Bellflower Drive, there is a large group of children that are playing and what they've got is a corner lot there and we have had some people whipping around the corner. It is not an intersection but what they are requesting is that we have some children at play signs placed there because they are worried about the kids as they are out there riding their bikes, playing and running around. Maybe if people see the signs stating children at play they may slow down a little bit. They have said that they have offered if they need to get other neighbors to sign a petition of what have you they are willing to do that. I would hope that when it comes to the safety of our children in this community we don't have to take up petitions to be safe. Maybe this is something that we can go and take a look at?
MAYOR BRADLEY: If they email me tomorrow at jack_bradley@cityoflorain.org and give me the location Lori Garcia will prepare the signs and she will get them out there.
COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Awesome, I will let her know.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: We have good news; our Law Director has cancelled the executive session. Also, the other good news and I would like to thank Council and the Administration and everybody working through this long evening tonight. We had the public back in tonight. Everybody is back in their seats so we would like to continue moving forward. We look forward to seeing you next Monday at our committee meetings.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: I have requested those signs before and have been told that through the State of Ohio you cannot do them. I would be real interested in that response because I have residents, and as a matter of fact, I have been looking at ordering signs to give people that say slow down my children play here. I would be interested in hearing if we can get those.

CHIEF OF STAFF SOTO: I think you are correct. At one time I know Lori did mention that they do not, the City and State do not allow those signs to be placed up because it gives a false sense of security to the children but it is still something that we need to look at and see what else we can place there, maybe a traffic sign or something for the safety of the children. That is something that can look into.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I am only sad that John Wargo wasn't here to hear us get a tenant for the industrial park! He has been complaining about it for how many years and we finally do it and he is not here to see it!

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to adjourn. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 8:53p.m.

Clerk of Council

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Approved: November 2, 2020

CITY OF LORAIN, OH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS OF THE 2019 AND 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS

The City is recommending the following proposed changes to the 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans. A public hearing will be Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers which is located at 200 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052, City of Lorain City Hall Building.

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A 5 day comment period will begin after the public hearing. During this comment period, the City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, e-mail, or verbally at the public hearing. Comments will be included as an attachment to the amendment.

The City of Lorain's Citizen Participation Plan in 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans requires a Substantial Amendment in order to carry out an activity not previously included in the action plans. The process to approve this amendment to the action plans is as follows: (a) Not carry out an activity that was described in the Consolidated Plan; (b) Carry out activity not previously identified in the Consolidated Plan; or (c) Substantially changing the purpose is defined as the project being categorized as a different CDBG, HOME, or other program activity, a change in scope presents a twenty percent (20%) difference in the budgeted amount of a program activity, and a change in location is defined as different census tract area.

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Reallocation of funds for (2019 and 2020): $552,674.76

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Admin.	$60,395.40	Admin.	21	2020 CV III	$60,395.40
Local Business Relief	$67,669.60	Economic Development	18A	2020 CV III	$67,669.60
Lorain City Schools COVID Testing	$25,000.00 $125,000.00	Public Service	05M	2020 CV 2020 CV III	$150,000.00
Clearance & Demo	$90,697.76	Clearance & Demo	04	2020 EN	$291,097.76
Senior Center	$22,604.00	Public Facility Improvement	03G	2019 EN	$47,604.00
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Park & Recreation Facility Improvements	2019	$286,487.00	$135,000.00
Lorain City Schools	2020	$25,000.00	$25,000.00
Round III CDBG-CV Funds	2020		$301,977.00

Inquiries and comments concerning the Substantial Amendment can be conveyed by contacting the City staff at: Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5th Floor, Lorain, OH 44052, Telephone: (440) 204-2020, Fax: (440) 204-2080, Max_Upton@cityoflorain.org

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Projects	Program Year	Current Allocation	(+) or (-)	Proposed Allocation
Park & Recreation Facility Improvement	2019	$286,487.00	(-) $135,000.00	$151,487.00
Senior Center	2019	$0.00	(+) $ 22,604.00	$22,604.00
Oakwood Park Cameras	2019	$0.00	(+) $ 76,069.00	$76,069.00
Central Park Cameras	2019	$0.00	(+) $ 36,327.00	$36,327.00
Senior Center	2020	$25,000.00	(+) $ 0.00	$25,000.00
Street Improvements	2020	$353,547.30	(-) $ 90,697.76	$262,849.54
Clearance & Demo	2020	$200,400.00	(+) $ 90,697.76	$291,097.76
Lorain City Schools	2020 CV	$25,000.00	(-) $ 25,000.00	$0.00
Oakwood Park WIFI	2020 CV III	$0.00	(+) $ 32,684.00	$32,684.00
Central Park WIFI	2020 CV III	$0.00	(+) $ 16,228.00	$16,228.00
Admin	2020 CV III	$0.00	(+) $ 60,395.40	$60,395.40
Lorain City Schools COVID Testing	2020 CV	$0.00	(+) $ 25,000.00	$25,000.00
Lorain City Schools COVID Testing	2020 CV III	$0.00	(+) $ 125,000.00	$125,000.00
Local Business Relief	2020 CV	$200,000.00	(+) $ 0.00	$200,000.00
Local Business Relief	2020 CV III	$0.00	(+) $ 67,669.60	$67,669.60

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CITY OF LORAIN

Public Hearing
CDBG Substantial Amendment
Meeting November 2nd, 2020

MINUTES

The Public Hearing Meeting for the CDBG Substantial Amendment commenced at 5:07 p.m. by Max Upton in council chambers of Lorain City Hall. In attendance were Max Upton, Joel Jacovetti, Desiree Thompson, Joel Arredondo, Mary Springowski, Rey Carrion, Beth Henley, Rob McFarland, Pamela Carter, JoAnne Moon, Greg Argenti, Tony Dimacchia, Dawnn Barbour, Rick Payerchin and Carissa Woytach.

I. PRESENTATION

Max Upton commenced the hearing at 5:07 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020 to discuss the updated budget for the CDBG-CV substantial Amendment. The presentation explained the changes to the budget which had the following changes made to it. The 2020 Substantial Amendment Budget changes includes the following allocations, CDBG-CV round III funding in the amount of $301,977.00, CDBG-CV of $25,000.00, 2020 Entitlement $90,697.76 and 2019 Entitlement $135,000.00. The total amount of funds that are being reallocated is $552,674.76. The CDBG-CV $25,000.00 came from not being able to purchase laptops for Lorain City Schools because there would have been a conflict with duplication of benefits as the schools had received COVID-19 funding as well. The 2020 Entitlement $90,697.76 was leftover funding that was allocated for three street improvements which once completed had a total cost of $262,849.54. There was $353,547.30 allocated to this project. Lastly, the 2019 Entitlement $135,000.00 was leftover funding that was allocated for Park & Recreation Facility Improvements. There was $286,487.00 allocated to this project. The $552,674.76 of total funds is being reallocated in the following fashion. First $32,684.00 will be allocated to Oakwood Park WiFi as a Public Facility Improvement, another $16,228.00 will be allocated to Central Park WiFi as a Public Facility Improvement, $60,395.40 which is allowable by HUD guidelines is 20% of the administration (payroll cost) for the Building, Housing and Planning department staff salaries. Furthermore, $67,669.60 has been allocated to Local Business Relief funding. This is the Small Business Stabilization Program that has been set up to help local small businesses affected by COVID-19 pay expenses such as rent/mortgage, utilities and payroll. In addition to PPE for changes that were need to be made in the prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. This allocation is concerned an Economic Development. Another $25,000.00 plus $125,000.00 for a total of $150,000.00 was provided to Lorain City Schools COVID testing as public service. Clearance and Demo's allocation is $90,697.76. Additional funding was provided to the Senior Center in the amount of $22,604.00 as a public facility improvement. Lastly, Oakwood Park Cameras is allocated $76,069.00 as a public service and Central Park Cameras is allocated $36,327.00 as a public service.

II. DISCUSSION

The first comment posed came from Councilman Rey Carrion regarding an explanation of the timeline that is required of the 2019 and 2020 expenditure of funds. Max Upton went on to

explain the timeliness guidelines HUD puts in place with regards to only have 1.5 times the entitlement funding of cash on hand. The date for this timeliness deadline is November 1st, 2020 for the 2019 Entitlement funds. For the 2020 Entitlement funds the timeliness deadline will be November 1st, 2021. The allocation is roughly about 1.2M dollars of funding so the city will not be allowed to have more than 1.8M of funding come November 1st, 2021.

The next question that was posed came from Councilwoman Beth Henley, in regards to the Small Business Stabilization Program on how are the businesses selected do they have to apply is there a committee that will be involved in the selection process? Will council be informed of what businesses applied for the program and who was approved and who was denied? Max turned the question over to Joel Jacovetti, Program Manager I. Joel responded that once finally approval comes from HUD the city with launch the program on the City's website and on the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce website. Joel further explained that he will reach out to a current list of local businesses the department has already, along with posting the launch of the program on other social media avenues. Joel provided further explanation on the application process in regards to completing an application and providing additional documentation along with the application. In addition also provide a statement along with the application on how the business plans to allocate the funds. Max provided more detailed information regarding that this is a forgivable loan and provided an example that if a business is a sole proprietor and as long as they provide the documentation necessary of the next year and are still in business the loan will be 100% forgiven. Max then asked Joel to explain the loan review committee that is involved. Joel elaborated on who the committee involves which is Tony Gallo from the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Hutson from the LCCC@SDBC and Joel himself from the City. This team will do the initial vetting of the process and then all businesses that qualify would be submitted to the Board of Control Committee which is made up of the Mayor and Safety/Service Director for approval. Once this process is completed then a loan signing will occur with the business and the City of Lorain. Max asked Joel to elaborate regarding the underwriting process as well. Joel explained how the committee will be reviewing financials to ensure that the business was a viable business prior to COVID and will still be a viable business a year from now. Joel then further explained the requirement that the business must maintain one full-time employee or at a minimum of two part-time employees that equal a full-time equivalent. Beth Henley further elaborated on her question to better understand the process. As for the committee completing the initial review and recommendation for approval then passing onto the Board of Control committee for final approval. Max then provided additional input with regards to legislation that was passed by Council that authorized the Board of Control to give the approval of the businesses and the Safety/Service Director the authorization to sign the documents on the City's behalf. Max also explained that the review committee really gives the go no go decision on if a business's application is submitted to the Board of Control for final approval. Ms. Henley asked an additional question regarding the list that the Building, Housing and Planning department had on record of how was a business added to this list? Contact the department directly or was the list arbitrarily put together based on the departments thoughts of businesses that might need funding. Joel explained that this list consisted of businesses that had reach out to the department directly along with businesses that did not qualify for CARES Act funding to see if they meet this programs requirements for funding. Ms. Henley asked once that application is vetted out will council be provided with a list of the businesses that did not meet the criteria and with a reasoning as to why they did not qualify. Max explained the process that the department

needs to go through with regards to HUD guidelines and the need to report accomplishment data. Max also explained that if the committee rejects one of the business that a written notice of rejection must be provided to the business and how a business might be able to rectify their denial from the process. Ms. Henley also asked that during this review of these businesses that the committee will be reviewing that these businesses were viable businesses and will be viable business after COVID. Max explained yes, that this analysis is taken into consideration. Max elaborated that this is the start of the City's Economic Development funding and if this program is successful and if handled correctly will allow the city to further expand on additional future economic development programs. One of which would be the store front renovation program.

Mary Springowski posed the question that will businesses that were provided funding from the CARESAct funds will they be exempt from the Small Business Stabilization Program. Max responded that a duplication of benefits analysis will need to be completed to ensure that between the different sets of funding that they received and are looking at receiving are not going to the same expense. Ms. Springowski furthermore asked that council has the information as well to post to their social media sites for people to see. Max explained that with working with Lisa from the SBCD@LCCC they have a marketing suite that will be sent around once the city gets approval from HUD. Ms. Springowski then proceeded to ask if it will be advertised in the newspapers. Max said we will provide them the information.

Pam Carter spoke up to say that she is glad to hear council will get the information to place on their social media pages. Ms. Carter also brought up about Diso's Bistro needs clientele to stop in because people do not realize they are open. Ms. Carter asked that we add them to the list. Max and Joel confirmed they will be added. Ms. Carter also stated about getting the information out to the Wards to ensure that all businesses know they can apply. She also asked when we will hold additional meetings. Max responded that HUD regulations do not require the City to hold another meeting. Max let councilmembers know that if they have business owners in their ward that they meet with that himself or a member of his staff will come out and meet with them.

Ms. Henley further asked once the underwriting guidelines have been put in place if council can get a copy of them? Max agreed to release all the program guidelines once approved by HUD.

Ms. Springowski added an additional comment with regards to the process of the CARESAct funding and that residents and businesses felt that all the funding went towards the downtown area which does not represent the majority of Lorain. She further listed other establishments throughout the city that are in need of funds as well. She asked all of the councilmembers to think about businesses in their wards and reach out to them to help them seek funding. She is hoping between the City, County and State programs these businesses will be able to get the assistance they need. Joel Jacovetti responded that with hearing from businesses that were not getting the assistance they need is what prompted the city to implement this program. Ms. Springowski reinforced with councilmembers might need to go old fashion and get the word out by word of mouth. Max stated that he is on weekly phone calls regarding the County's program. Also, stated the State just rolled out a new program as well. Max reinforced the duplication of benefits that if funding is received from another source they might not qualify for the city's program.

Joel Arredondo stated that this is a public meeting and that although he appreciated all the questions that the councilmembers asked but this is a public meeting so we wants to open the floor up for questions from the public. Max asked for a few minutes to finalize his piece of the presentation. Max presented his last few items.

Rey Carrion posed the question of how the underwriting guidelines for the Small Business Stabilization Program differ from the guidelines of the CARESAct funds. Furthermore the reason for his question is in regards to the people that applied for the CARESAct funding that were not award those funds. Some of these businesses have been in business for 5, 10 15 plus years but businesses that were open less than six months received the CARESAct funding. These businesses received funds in amounts of $10,000, $15,000 or $20,000. His explanation of his question is that these older business will have to go through a more stringent review with a three panel review, an underwriting policy, verification of employment. He just wants to understand the reasoning for the difference in policies considering that people were able to write a simple letter for the CARESAct funds vs. not the review need of the Small Business Stabilization Program. Max understands Mr. Carrion's concern and further explained that with the Small Business Stabilization program you have to be in business for one year as where the businesses that were in business less than a year if it was not for the CARESAct funding they would have not received any funding. Max said once the final approval of the underwriting guidelines are approved he can further breakdown the explanation of the differences.

Greg Argenti commended on about the State launching a grant program today. The website for that program is businesshelp.ohio.gov. That is through the State of Ohio's small business relief office. Mr. Argenti further explained the program stating these are $10,000 grants and there is an application process to go through all the information is on the website. The business process is very explanatory and the website walks your right through it. This however does not apply to restaurants. Mr. Argenti asked a question on the reallocation of funds, with regards to the street improvement projects. He was under the impression that the $260,000 was removed from the streets and $200,000 of those funds was applied to demo. Max explained that the $262,849.54 was put into the streets and the $90,697.76 was reallocated. The three streets were originally allocated $353,547.30 but when the projects were completed they came in at the $262,849.54 which left an allocation of $90,697.76. The $90,697.76 was then reallocated into the clearance and demolition allocation. Mr. Argenti was reading the allocated amount against the excess balance amount and was under the impression that the excess balance amount was the new cost of the project. Max explained that the allocated amount minus the cost of the actual project left the $90,697.76 excess allocation available.

JoAnne Moon posed the comment regarding Lorain County Community Development expanded their grants for $5,000. The question was does that tie into the City's Community Development money? Max explained that this is the County's CARESAct funding. Ms. Moon further asked if a Lorain Business can also apply for the County's grant? Max, responded yes. Ms. Moon asked if these grants need to be paid back. Max explained that the only way they would have to pay back these loans is if they do not retain the required number of employees a year after the funds are disbursed.

Ray Carrion made an additional comment regarding the reallocation of funds with regards to not putting the pavilion in at Oakwood Park. This reallocation amounted to $135,000 in funds but would actually amount to more as the cost of the bids, the lowest bid on that project came in at $165,000. without a contingency so realistically you are looking at a bid of $185,000. with contingency which would have taken 550,000 more dollars to complete. Max added in that council is the leaders in the community which allowed the City to actually list to the people and hear what the people actually wanted. Max thanked all the councilmembers for their assistance on helping achieve as to what the community really wants.

III. CONCLUSION

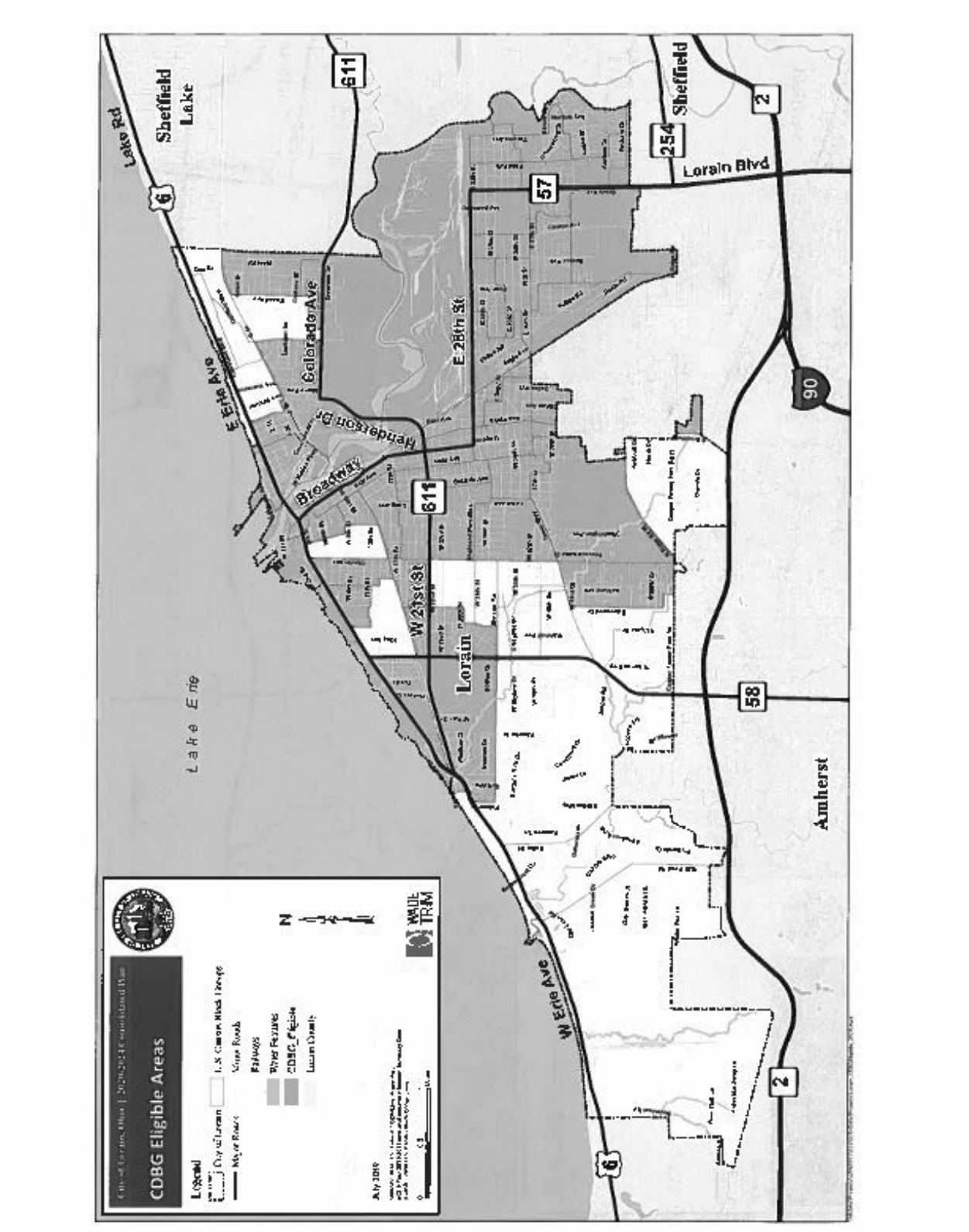
Max Upton concluded the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the Substantial Amendment for the reallocation of CDBG-CVIII, CDBG-CV, Entitlement 2020 and Entitlement 2019 funds.

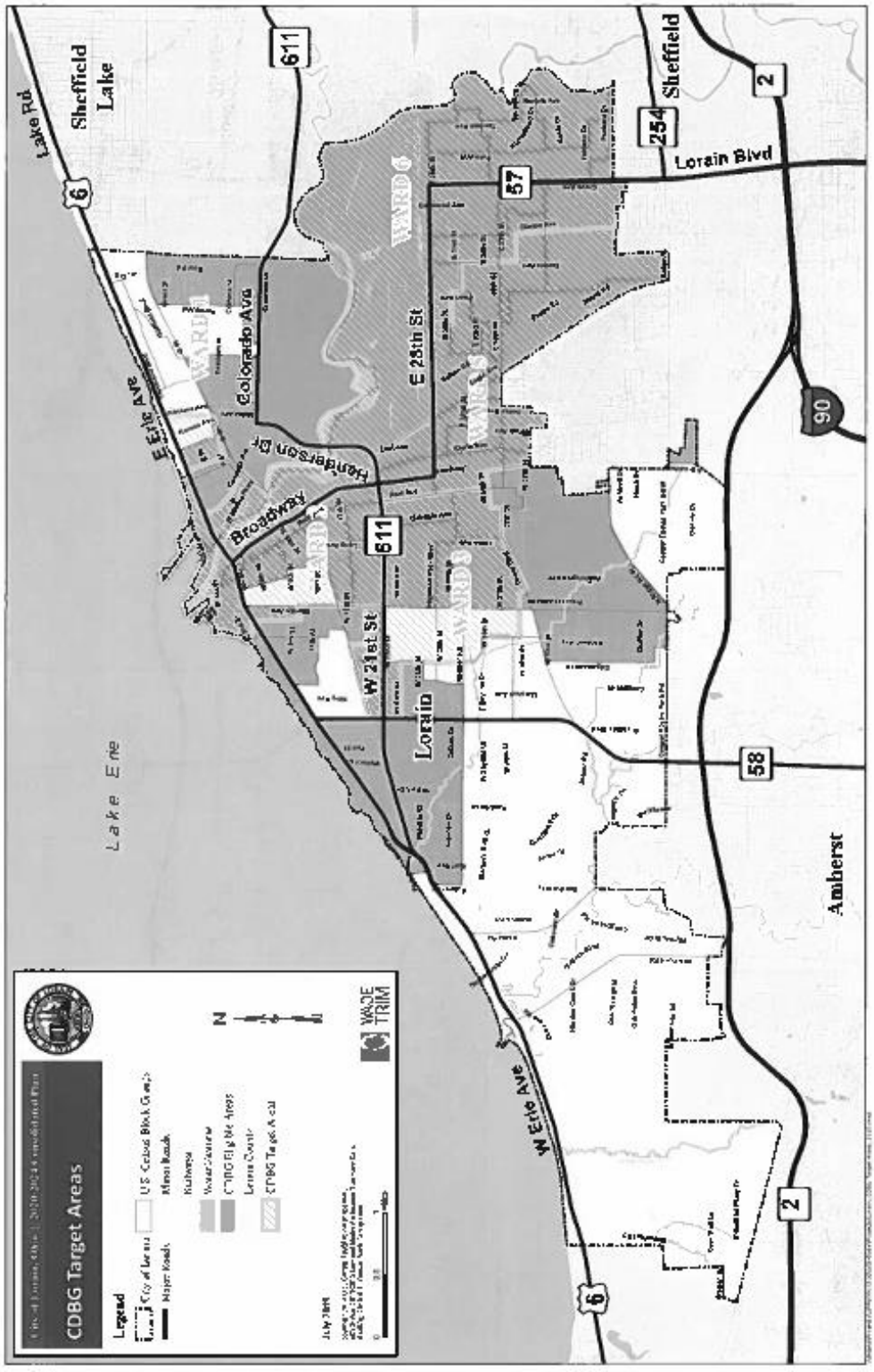
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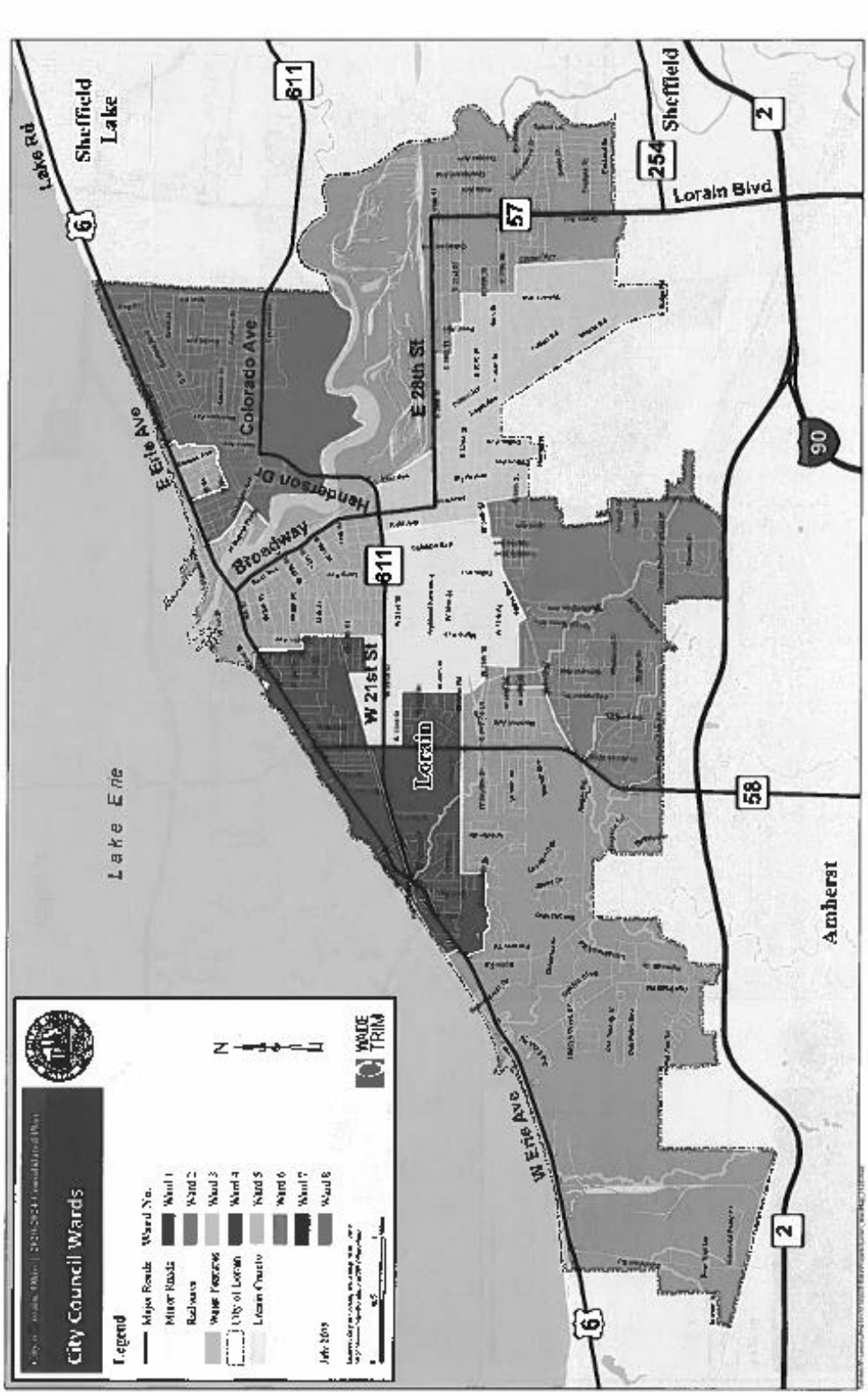


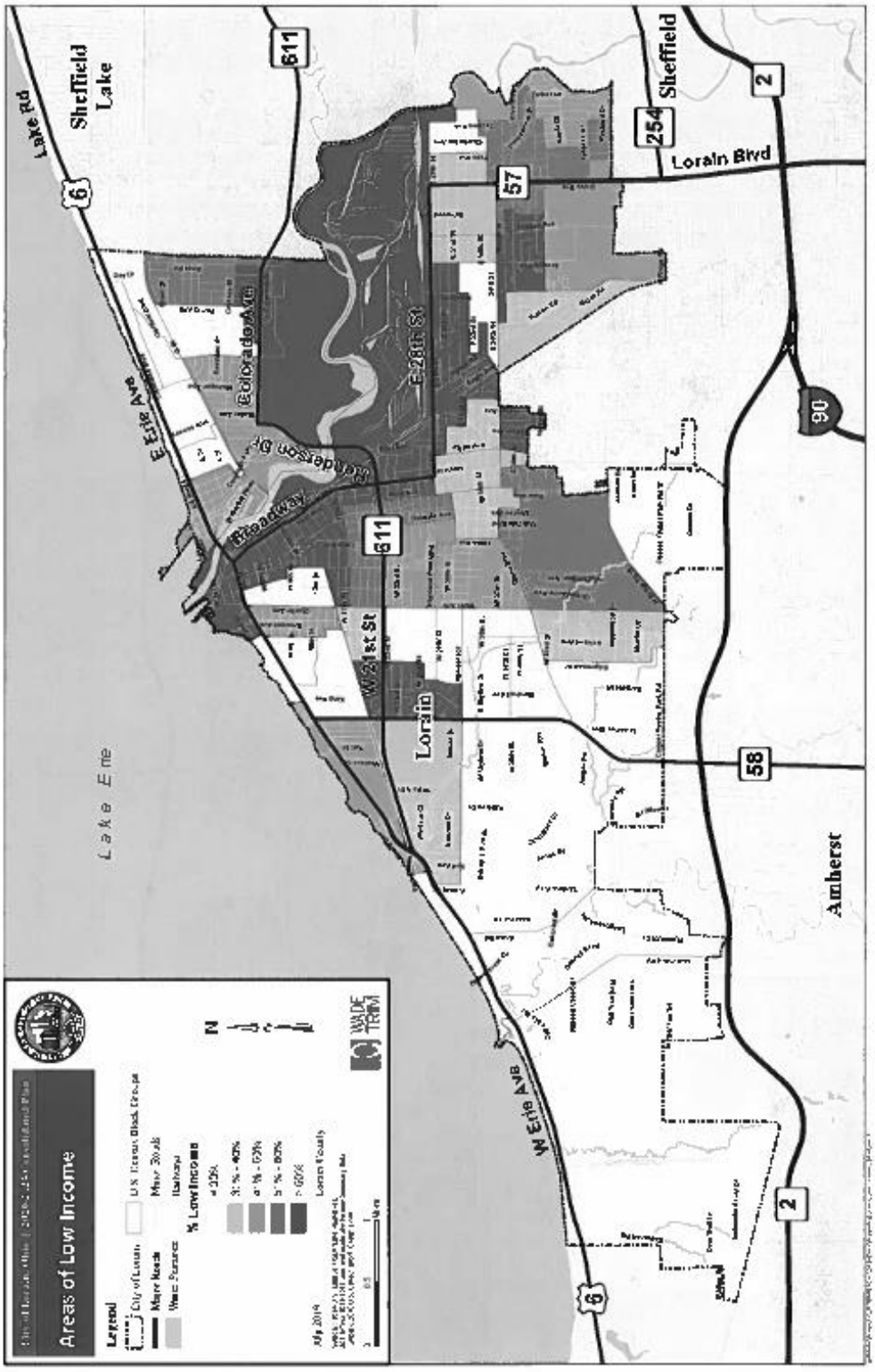
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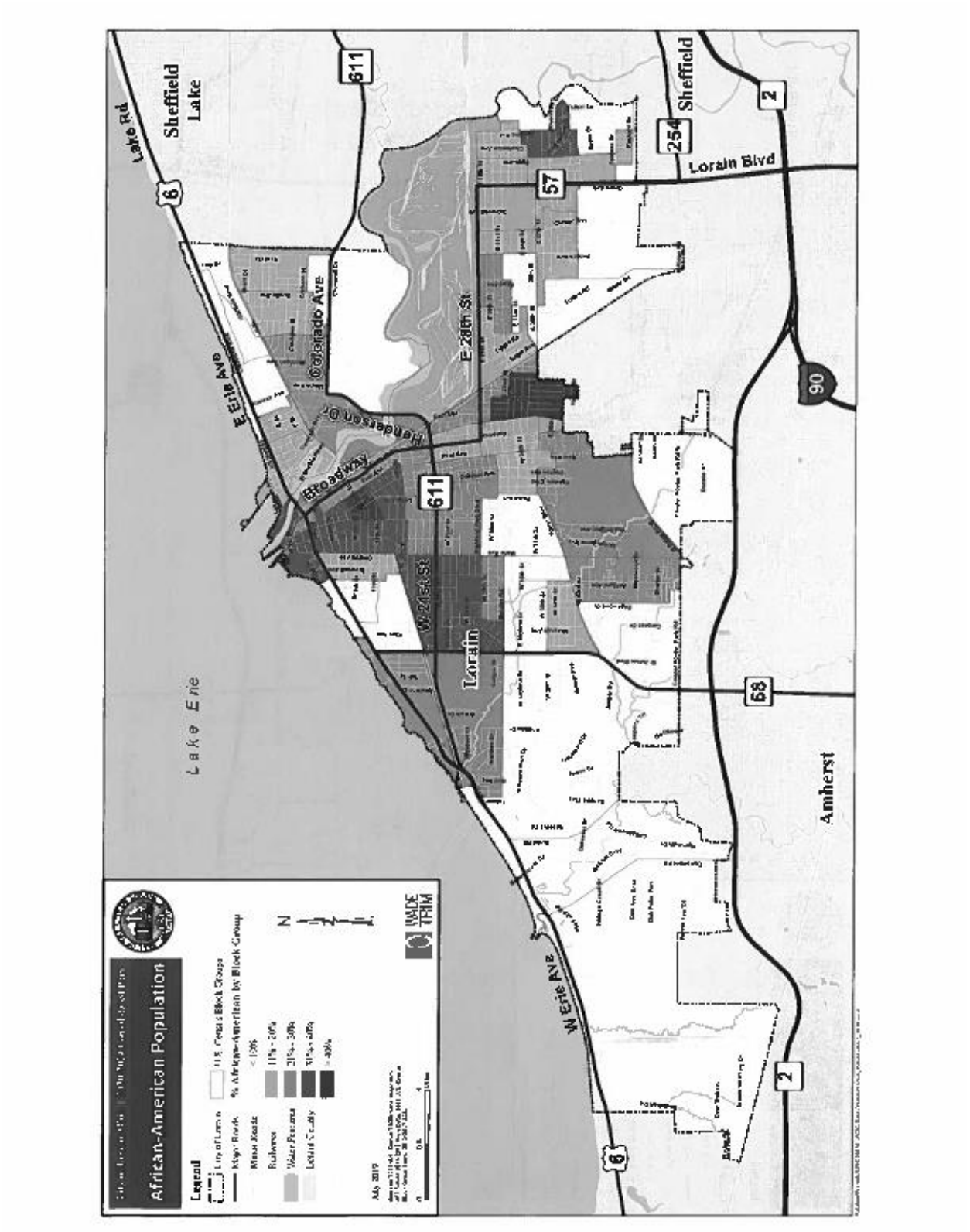
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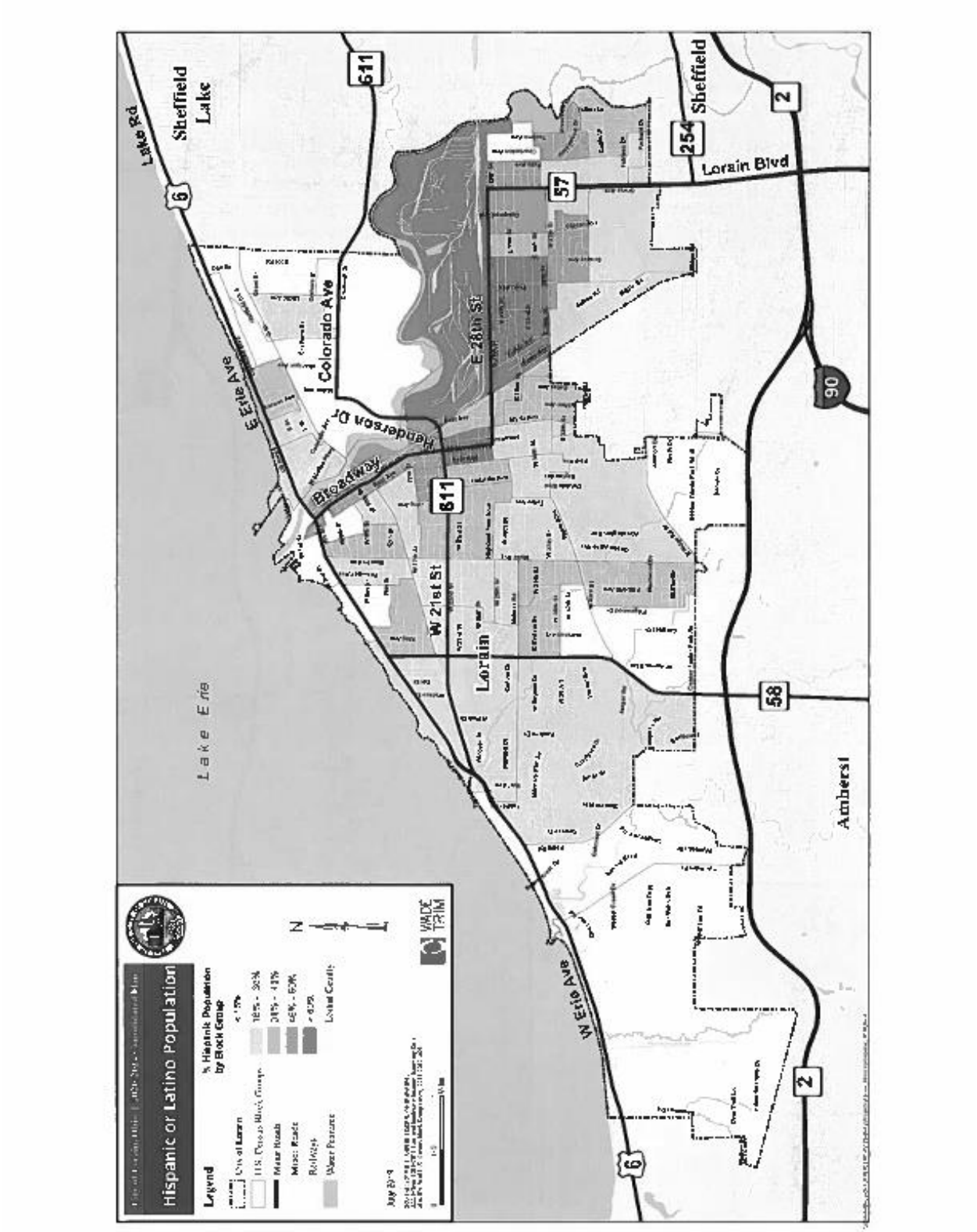

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CDBG Target Areas
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Public Participation

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April 8, 2020

Ms. Renee D. Ryles, Acting Director Community Planning Director
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning and Development
200 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-2499

Re: **Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment**

Dear Ms. Ryles:

The City of Lorain has reviewed the COVID Mega Waiver issued on 04/01/20. The City of Lorain would like to have the flexibility to use the following waiver provisions:

Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plan Amendment

Requirement: 30-day Public Comment Period.

Citations: 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401

Explanation: A Community Planning Director grantee may amend an approved consolidated plan in accordance with 24 CFR 91.505. Substantial amendments to the consolidated plan are subject to the citizen participation process in the grantee's citizen participation plan. The citizen participation plan must provide citizens with 30 days to comment on substantial amendments.

Justification: Given the need to expedite actions to respond to COVID-19, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 91.115(c)(2) and (i) as specified below, in order to balance the need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19 with the statutory requirement to provide reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment on substantial amendments concerning the proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, HTF, HOPWA or ESG funds.

200 West Erie Avenue, 5th Floor, Lorain, Ohio 44052
Building Division: (440) 204-2045 Fax: (440) 204-2540
Housing & Planning Division: (440) 204-2020 Fax: (440) 204-2080
Email: bhp@cityoflorain.org

Applicability: This 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived for substantial amendments, provided that no less than 5 days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. The waiver is available through the end of the recipient's 2020 program year. Any recipient wishing to undertake further amendments to prior year plans following the 2020 program year can do so during the development of its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment

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Explanation: As noted above, the regulations at 24 CFR 91.105 (for local governments) and 91.115 (for States) set forth the citizen participation plan requirements for recipients. For substantial amendments to the consolidated plan, the regulations require the recipient to follow its citizen participation plan to provide citizens with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment. The citizen participation plan must state how reasonable notice and opportunity to comment will be given.

Justification: HUD recognizes the efforts to contain COVID-19 require limiting public gatherings, such as those often used to obtain citizen participation, and that there is a need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19. Therefore, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401 as specified below to allow these grantees to determine what constitutes reasonable notice and opportunity to comment given their circumstances.

Applicability: This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

The City of Lorain would like to thank HUD for the opportunity to use these waivers. Please let me know if any addition information is needed in grant the waivers.

Sincerely,

Kellie Glenn

Kellie F. Glenn, Director
Department of Building, Housing, & Planning

cc: Jeff Idom, HUD Field Representative for the City of Lorain

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City of Lorain
2020/2024 Consolidated Plan
2020 Action Plan
Notice of Plan Availability – Notice of Public Hearing

Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the City of Lorain, Ohio is required to prepare a plan that describes how the City will allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to meet the needs of low and moderate income persons in the City of Lorain.

To that end an Action Plan is completed annually to describe the activities that will be undertaken to address the needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. It also serves as an application for CDBG and HOME funds. This Action Plan describes the activities that will take place during 2020 Program Year.

Notice of Plan Availability

The City of Lorain has prepared its 2020 Annual Action Plan. The plan will be made available to the public on April 1, 2020. This notice is being published to make citizens aware of the regulatory 30-day citizen participation public comment period for states and local jurisdictions. March 23, 2020 and will conclude on April 24, 2020. During this period copies of the Plan may be reviewed at the following locations:

- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5th Floor, Lorain, OH 44052
- The City of Lorain website at www.cityoflorain.org

Inquiries and comments concerning the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan can be conveyed by email to:

Kellie Glenn
Director, Building, Housing & Planning Department
Kellie_Glenn@cityoflorain.org

Notice of Public Hearings

Due to the recent developments concerning COVID-19 and a declaration of a "State of Emergency" by the President of the United States, Governor of Ohio, and Mayor of Lorain, there will not be an in-person public hearing.
There will be a virtual public hearing of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan, including the proposed use of funds on:

Monday, March 30, 2020, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

The city of Lorain is Live Streaming the Public Hearing via Youtube [Lorain TV20] and Spectrum Cable Channel 1025. To participate and ask questions please call 440-204-2590. The public hearing will begin with an initial presentation lasting until approximately 5:20 p.m. To ask questions about the presentation, residents may call 440-204-2590 where a member of the city staff will receive and read the question to the presenter and the presenter will answer the questions live during the hearing. Residents may call with questions from 5:20-6:00 p.m.

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There will be a public hearing and adoption of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan with the City of Lorain City Council, including the proposed use of funds on:

Monday, April 20, 2020, 5:00pm
Lorain City Hall Building
City Council Chambers
200 West Erie Avenue
Lorain, OH 44052
Note: The City Council Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

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Summary of Plan

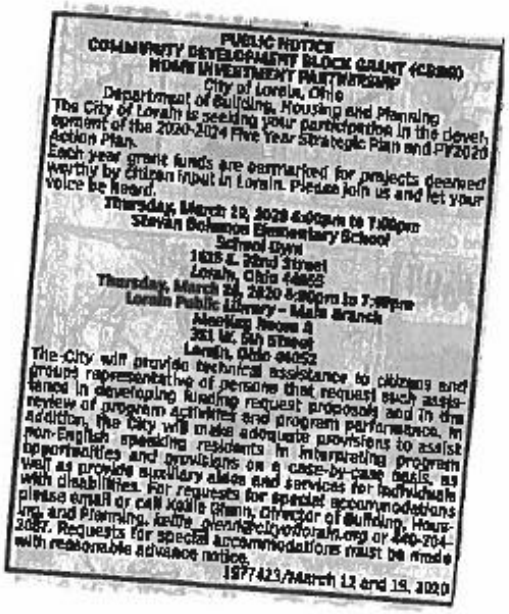
The Action Plan includes an estimate of available resources from private and public sources to address identified needs, a description of the priorities and specific objectives to be addressed in this program year, a summary of the eligible programs or project that the City of Lorain will undertake to address the needs, and a description of geographic areas of the City in which assistance will be directed. Resources available for the 2020 Program Year are detailed below:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	$1,233,655.00
Home Investment Partnership Program	$433,406.00
2020 Estimated Program Income (HOME/CDBG)	$640,400.00
Total 2020 Resources	$2,307,461.00
CDBG:	
Administration	$300,000.00
Public Service:	
B.O.S.S. Productions	$12,000.00
Urban League (Senior Services)	$5,000.00
211 Go Program	$12,000.00
Habitat for Humanity	$25,000.00
Youth Employment	$27,480.00
Park & Rec. Facilities	
Oakwood Park Pool	$200,000.00
Clearance/Demolition	$250,000.00
Housing Programs:	
Emergency Home Repair	$225,000.00
Lead Hazard Control Grant Match	$80,000.00
Down Payment Assistance	$177,500.00
Urban League (Housing Counseling)	$25,000.00
Code Enforcement	$335,075.00
Economic Development	$100,000.00
Total CDBG Budget	$1,774,055.00

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HOME:	
Administration	$53,340.60
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	$30,065.40
Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation	$450,000.00
Total HOME Budget	$533,406.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP
City of Lorain, Ohio
Department of Building, Housing and Planning
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Each year grant funds are earmarked for projects deemed worthy by citizen input in Lorain. Please join us and let your voice be heard.
Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Steven Solomon Elementary School
School Gym
1625 E. 32nd Street
Lorain, Ohio 44052
Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Lorain Public Library - Main Branch
Meeting Room A
351 W. 6th Street
Lorain, Ohio 44052
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Building, Housing & Planning Department

Posted on: March 11, 2020

Public Notice - 2020-2024 Five Year Strategic Plan and PY2020 Action Plan

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Public Notice - 2020-2024 Five Year Strategic Plan and PY2020 Action Plan

Matt Kuzmik
City of Lorain - Building, Housing & Planning Department

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Posted on: March 23, 2020

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2020 Annual Action Plan

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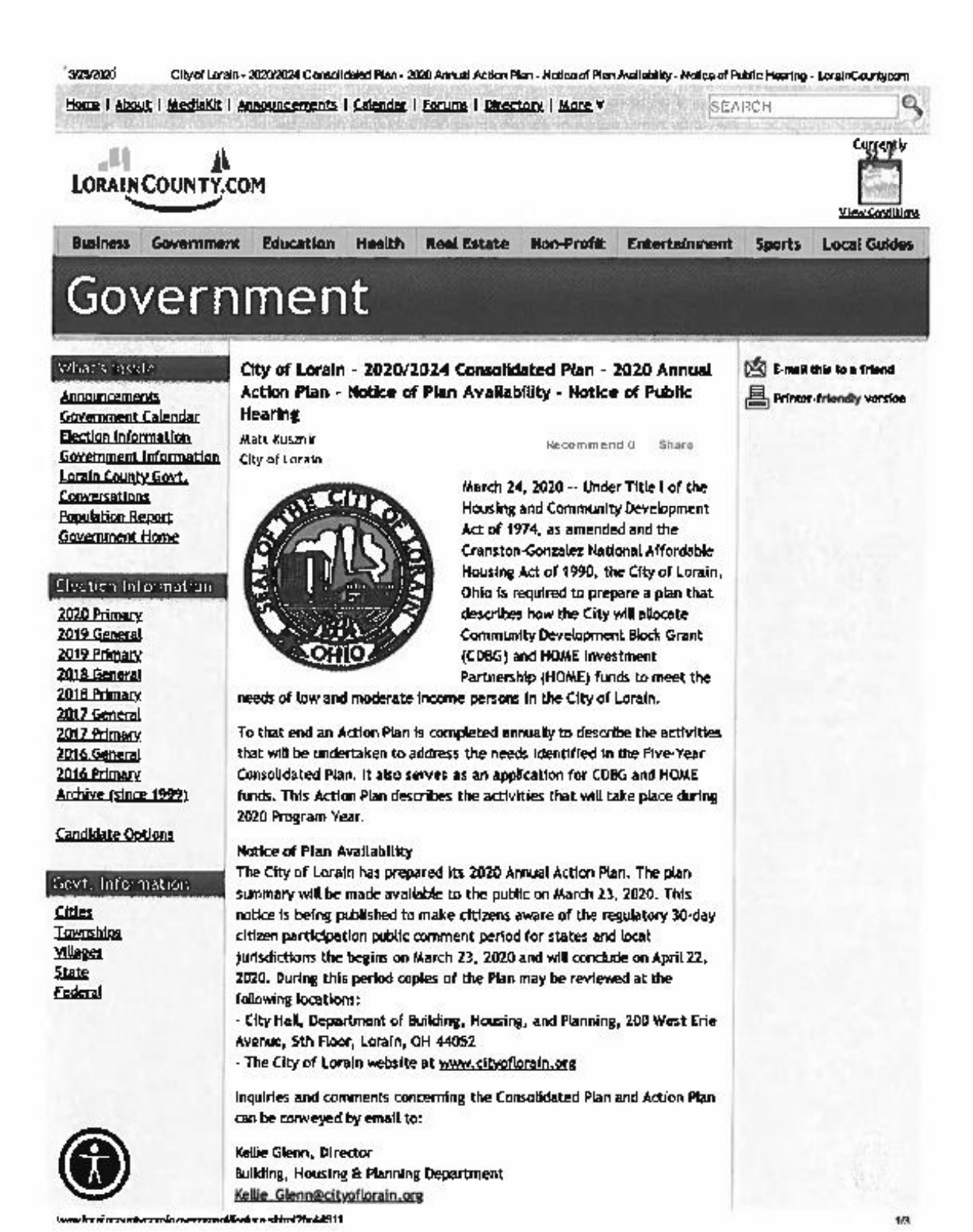
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Public Hearing, March 30, 2020

Kellie Glenn: Good evening. This is the City of Lorain Consolidated Plan public hearing for the 2020-2021 to 2023-2024 federal programs. My name is Kellie Glenn. I'm the director of building housing and planning and we're here to conduct the first public hearing for the consolidated plan. The consolidated plan is a five-year strategic plan that governs the use of federal housing and community development funds. The consolidated plan has four main functions: the planning document for the City of Lorain, it serves as an application for federal programs both CDBG funds and HOME dollars, it identifies strategies for carrying out community development goals, and an action plan provides a basic a basis for assessing the performance of those goals. The components of this consolidated plan is a strategic plan that sets goals and objectives for each fiscal year and it covers a five-year period it has a citizen participation component to it and then identifies the needs and priorities throughout the city through data analysis and consultation with stakeholders. The citizen participation plan is an outline of the tool of who the city will make a concerted effort to engage citizens within the city of Lorain in a process utilizing federal dollars. We are not going to be able to solve all the city needs overnight but this the process. The process will render a better place to live, work, play, and raise a family. The components of the consolidated plan are housing assessment and needs, homeless assessment needs, community development assessment and needs, and special needs assessment, and needs that are not related to non homeless. The one-year action plan the city's annual one-year plan that describes specifically how federal funds will be spent over the course of the up and coming program year. Currently we are in fiscal 2020. The projects are geared to the accomplishment accomplish the goals stated in the consolidated plan; and again the funding is Community Development Block Grant known as CDBG and Home Investment Partnership Funds which is HOME. Project eligibility. There are three components to eligibility: benefiting low to moderate income persons, activities which aid the prevention or elimination of slum and blight, or activities designated to meet what is considered an urgent need. Though 2019 the low income for a four person family in the City of Lorain is $58,950. The median income for the Cleveland-Elyria Statistical Area is $73,700. What is eligible. Acquisition of real property, public improvements, public facility improvements, public service projects, code enforcement, home ownership, construction of housing, clearance, which is the same as clearance and demolition, economic development activities, and housing rehabilitation. Public improvements are streets and sidewalks. Public facilities are parks, ADA accessibility like restrooms and doors. Home ownership would be down payment assistance, home repair. Clearance and demolition. Economic development could be facade improvements, food deserts, micro loans. Some of the programs under Block Grant are infrastructure, homeowner rehabilitation, public facilities improvement, and public service projects. Our allocation for fiscal 2020 is 1.2 million a little over 1.2 million. Of that money only 15 percent can be geared towards public service. There's a cap and for admin, the cap is 20%. We anticipate our program income for Block Grant to be around 400, I'm sorry, $640,000. Program income is comprised of title nine loan payments. Any CDBG rehab loans that we may have that people are making payments on, and any other type of loan

payments; what could be comprised of five hundred and forty thousand dollars. Some of the highlights of the programming that we have done in in the past, We have funded Second Harvest so that they can increase their mobile mobile operations, produce school food pantries, for a total of $61,000 to date. We also demolished the first Spanish Evangelical Church wae which was located at 1714 Reid Ave. for a cost of $48,243.00. In addition to that we demolished Stoveworks for a cost of $1.4 million. The Stoveworks site was completed in 2018 but there are still additional environmental concerns that need to be addressed but they're minor concerns. As of right now our plan is to place senior housing on that site. Public facilities improvement. We did Falbo park which is the city's first ADA accessible playground. Other projects that we have done our Highview Park which is located on the Eastside; we purchased playground equipment for $10,699.36. At Central Park we put the splash pad in a couple years ago but we went back in 2019 and added additional apparatuses for the kids to play. We also did a pavilion slash restroom and that $13,625.29. In 2019 we also completed the Broadway streetscape. Block Grant dollars were comprised of $182,000 for the street sign and that was at the beginning of Broadway till the end of Broadway. Some other CDBG highlights. Over the past five years we have spent $892,929.06 on code enforcement and on emergency home repair we spent $515,038.94. The emergency home repair, that program has been running for five years. This is broken down in Wards, but you probably can't see it that well so I'll read those off. In the past since June of 2019: Ward 1 we did 3 emergency home repairs, Ward 2 we did 7, Ward 3 we did 12, Ward 4 there were two, Ward 5 we did eight, Ward 6 was 4, Ward 7 was 3, and Ward 8 there were none. So we did 39 emergency home repairs to date with the money that we received that we allocated for the emergency home repair program. In addition I want to go back for code enforcement that $894,929.06 that was utilized for education and training for the housing inspectors. Also their salaries that afforded them the ability to go out and write citations. We purchased equipment because now the inspectors can result in the field with their iPads. We also purchased new vehicles for them. A lot of the vehicles were 10 to 12 years old. The HOME program. Our HOME funds have been frozen since about 2014. We are working on getting the home program back up and running. We have the money in the bank but we are not allowed to use it until we update our policies and procedures and we are proposing to use the funds for downpayment assistance for $177,500. The downpayment assistance program in the past was under block grant since our home dollars were frozen but we are moving it back to the home program. Then we want to do homeowner rehabilitation and we have set aside, we are proposing to set aside $450,000 for the homeowner rehabilitation. Then we also want to bring back the tenant based rental assistance program through the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority in the amount of $30,065.40. Our allocation for home for fiscal 2020 is $433,406, and we anticipate receiving $100,00 in program income. That program income is from people that had past rehab loans and that's their payments that we receive. Of course this is an estimate we can't guarantee it but again it's based on past borrowers. In addition, we sold in 2019, we rehabbed and sold 958 Lakeview. That's the before and after picture. I'm not sure if that's a really good picture. It cost us approximately $111,000 to rehab the property and we sold the property for $128,000. In order to meet timeliness requirements as proposed, we correct the ownership of land, correct zoning, additional financing in place, agency capacity, clear and defined project narrative, and specified budgets. What is not eligible. Buildings or portions thereof used for the general conduct of government for example the city administration building.

We can't spend money in the city administration building. General government expenses, salaries for those not directly involved with the programs. Like our housing inspectors, as long as they do work in LMI areas block grant money can pay for that but whenever they cite in a non-LMI area that's not eligible to use Block Grant money towards that. We can't use it for political activities, the purchase of equipment, operating and maintenance expenses, purchase of construction equipment, and we can use Block Grant money for new construction. Some of the requirements that we have to adhere to when we utilize federal dollars across the board, this is HOME and Block Grant, we must conduct environmental reviews, adhere to davis-bacon labor standards when it is appropriate, make sure that we afford equal opportunities to everyone, be in a drug-free workplace, have accessibility for disabled people, adhere to purchasing standards, make sure that we always follow the lead based paint regulations, and avoid conflicts of interest. We also must make sure that we adhere to affirmative marketing and fair housing requirements where necessary. What we are proposing for fiscal 2020. Clearance and demolition we have set aside $250,000 to demolish 15 to 16 blighted areas within the city. Some of our most distressed wards are two, three, five, and six. I talked about code enforcement earlier so we'll be setting aside dollars for code enforcement. $335,075 for code enforcement, emergency home repair which will also include assistance with accessibility, $225,000. Public facilities improvement again, our public facilities improvement this time will be for Oakland Park for the pool which is $200,000. We are doing a numerous amount of public service type activities. We are going to have a program that's called Voss productions which will be located on Broadway, that is provide dance and life skills to low-income children ages 13 to 19. We're going to provide senior services through the Urban League and that is educating seniors about scams and how to avoid them to the tune of $5,000. There's a summer program, a nine week summer program, that teaches life skills and academic skills in career scenarios to children 9 to 14 the program is called 231 Go that is through El Centro. Habitat for Humanity will do a program for minor repairs for low-income households that is geared toward seniors but it doesn't stop anybody else from applying for that program. We're setting aside $26,000 for that for that program and sometimes we end up getting people that are sighted and for minor repairs that is not really necessary for them to apply for emergency home repair assistance, so this program would a lot more money to go to the emergency home repair program for those major programs, I mean, I'm sorry, major repairs, and the minor repairs be done through Habitat for Humanity. Then we're going to do youth employment again through with Lorain high school students or even if they are the student is located that they live within the city limits there will be $27,480 set aside for that project. I went over the HOME activities to homeowner rehabilitation, $450,000. Tenant-based rental assistance a little over $30,000 and down payment assistance $177,000. The emergency home repair program right now, we a lot assistance up to $15,000, sometimes we go a little bit above that depending on the severity of the repair that is needed in that household. For emergency home repair assistance if your income is sixty percent or below it's given to you as a grant and it's forgivable over a five-year period which means you must live in home for at least five years. If your income is above the 60 percent of low to moderate income then that's going to be a payment but you would pay on the first 20 percent of the loan and the 80 percent will be forgiven over a five year period and you have five years to pay the twenty percent off so they go in conjunction with one another. The schedule. Back in February of 2019 is when we solicited for public service type projects up until this I think at the end of this

February we were taking public service type applications. We but we physically had the actual workshop on February the 13th of 2019. We have the public participation meeting today and the next one will be April the 20th at City Hall from from five to six again because we have to have at least two public meetings. The budget will be presented to Council for adoption and then we have the draft consolidated plan and action plan available as of last Monday. It's a 30-day review process. Public review period. It says its April the 22nd but the public review period actually ends April the 24th so that's typo. Then we will be submitting the budget and the plan to HUD on the following day April the 24th. If you have any questions please call for 440-204-2590 or you can also text your questions to 440-654-8114 but please make sure you include your name and your address. At this time I can take questions.

Desiree Thompson (Question from Caller #1): So we have one question from caller number one who has concerns about the cost to the City about Oakwood Park pool. They would like to know what considerations have been taken for the use of funds regarding the costs and future costs of insurance and upkeep for the Oakland Park pool and what considerations have been made to prepare for the decrease in tax dollars due to coronavirus. So to summarize, they just want to know what's going to be considered to done for the upkeep and the cost of insurance for Oakwood Park pool in the future and then the decrease of tax dollars from the effects of coronavirus in the future.

Kellie Glenn: I can answer the first part of that question for Oakland Park. The $200,000 is not the total cost of the pool. My understanding is that pool could range from anywhere from $300,000 to $400,000 and I know that that is something that Lori Garcia the director of Public Properties is working on right now. What I could do is at the public hearing on the 20th, I can get additional information and answer the remaining portion of that question.

Desiree Thompson: That's all for phone calls right now.

Kellie Glenn: Any questions from the audience, if you go to the mic here.

Pamela Carter: Pamela Carter, 1910 Pole Avenue, Lorain. Pools were outdated when I came in on City Council and also they were considered a maintenance nightmare and even the federal government I believe had told us that splash pads were recommended and so as a city councilperson, Central Park is one of the areas in my ward, and I was told that when I first came on council that we were not going to receive a pool anymore and that we were going to go with splash pads and so and the reasoning behind that is they said that we didn't have the funds nor did we have the manpower to maintain that so how do we have the funds now if you're talking about a $200,000 to $300,000 dollar pool? I don't think that that's gonna go over well in my area when they still ask me about a pool and I keep telling them we're not gonna get a pool we're going to get splash pads, that's what we have and that's probably what we're going to keep. So how is it right from one side of the town to get a pool and the other side not get a pool? And the other question here is, I guess I'm also would like to know where in other cities and urban LMI areas are they putting up pools now? I mean it seems to me they cost too much money.

Kellie Glenn: The answer to your question to my understanding when I first got here was, I was always told that the pool would be too costly too. We didn't have the manpower to maintain it. It was going to be too costly to repair to the condition due to the EPA regulations and guidelines. So that is why in Central Park there was a splash pad placed there. In addition to that, there was supposed to be a splash pad at Oakwood as well but since the new administration has came aboard, I know that they've been looking into different avenues to try to bring a pool back to Oakwood and that's why money was set aside in the Block Grant, for the Block Grant budget to assist with that. The federal program, the federal dollars, is not going to pay for the entire pool at Oakwood. There are supposed to be some other avenues that are going to be matching that money so that the pool would be able to adhere to the EPA regulations.

Pamela Carter: Okay you just mentioned that there's going to be other funds. What other funds are those?

Kellie Glenn: I know there has been some discussion about, I know there was, I don't know if the Metroparks is going to come in and give, provide any funds, but maybe the councilman can can answer that question better than I because I'm just going on based on what I was told to date.

Rey Carrion: Good evening. Rey Carrion 2138 East 39th Street. That particular question, I cannot answer that. I am just aware of what the city had budgeted for improvements at Oakwood park which it is my understanding that the $200,000 was previously earmarked for a splash pad in the park and I'm not sure if it included other amenities but that cost was focused on that area. So in terms of any additional dollars for partners, I'm not at liberty to discuss it as I'm not aware. That's just to answer your questions.

Kellie Glenn: I can answer the question about the splash pad. There was never going to be a splash pad at Oakwood that cost $200,000. There was money earmarked to do a number of, a numerous amount of things in Oakwood to bring a playground area that was for the younger kids because the playground area there right now is more for the older children so there was going to be that. We've also still have to do things to the ball field, the benches, the restroom. We're going to make a restroom that is ADA accessible because right now there's not an ADA accessible restroom. We're also going to bring, and I hope I'm pronouncing it right because I'm always messing it up, its futsal. That looks similar to a tennis court. So there were a numerous amount of things that were gonna be done it wasn't just going to be $200,000 towards a splash pad.The other thing that I'd know there was, and I think there may be some discussions with the Y (YMCA) to assist with the pool, the cost of the pool.

Rey Carrion: I can add a few comments just to ease the councilwoman's concerns. In terms of the pool itself, the pool itself there had been quotes provided to the city a few years back in terms of upgrading the pool in terms of the walls of the pool in terms of the pumps, things of that sort etcetera. That cost was no way near close to the $200,000 that we're talking about so it was a lower amount and I believe Lori Garcia was too working to obtain updated quotes on that. A big bulk of also what we intend to do in that area is to do a lot of community involvement like

we have done in the south side of the 6th Ward so there is a contingency of residents and key stakeholders that are willing to donate and be involved as a community project to assure that the resources that were good stewards of the dollars are being invested into that park.

Pamela Carter: So he said he mentioned the Y and the Y is not even in our area they're over in Avon so I don't know, so how does Avon feel about that?

Kellie Glenn: Oh and I know there was another part of the question I didn't answer. You asked about, are there other communities that are doing pools? The only community that I know personally was Avon upgraded and did this big pool with the big with the slide and things like that. I know that Elyria has put splash pads in. Lori and I, we actually went over to the city of Elyria to investigate their splash pads.

Jack Bradley: 1358 2nd Street, Lorain Ohio. I'm the new administration. So I went to a town hall meeting early when I took office in the Sixth Ward and I mentioned to the people that were present, it's pretty large contingent of people and I mentioned the fact that we had money available for a splash pad at Oakwood Park and they were ready to throw me out of the meeting when I mentioned splash pad. They said they didn't want a splash pad at Oakwood Park they said they wanted a swimming pool. I said well we'll look into that we'll see how feasible that is to get that swimming pool rehabilitated at Oakwood Park. So we got in touch with the YMCA and Avon and they said that they would be willing to team up with the City of Lorain to do whatever they could to get that pool open and operating in the City of Lorain. So even though the YMCA in Avon, they want to come in to Lorain and help us not only get that pool going but they want to operate that pool for us and they want to take care of the maintenance and they want to take care of supplying lifeguards employees so on and so forth. It's our hope that not only can we get that all up and running so we can have young children in Lorain learn how to swim or at least learn how to float and we want to make sure that since we live on the water that people know how to conduct themselves when they get into water in case they were to have an accident and fall in. Besides that there are other improvements that we've been looking at regarding that pool such as restrooms, refreshment stand, locker facilities, and so forth and all those things were being considered in conjunction with the town hall meeting that we had with the citizens in that particular Ward but this pool is not going to just benefit the people in the Sixth Ward, it's going to benefit all the citizens of Lorain because the YMCA is going to be able to conduct classes there and do things to benefit all all children and people in the city of Lorain. So I think it's a good project I know that pools are considered things in the past but this is a, this is 2020 this is the new era and we're going to try some, some things that maybe are things of the past but maybe you're going to become things to the future. I know when I was a young child my dad took me over to the YMCA in south Lorain. I grew up on the east side of Lorain. We went over to the YMCA in the south side of Lorain. I learned how to swim at probably five or six years old. One of the proudest moments of my life is when I was able to swim the length of the pool at the YMCA and I want to see young young children in Lorain have that same advantage and that same opportunity to learn how to swim to learn how to conduct themselves in water so I think it's a good project. I wasn't here when this splash pad was done at Central Park and if I had had a town-hall meeting and I heard from people that they wanted a splash pad at Central Park, I

mean a pool at Central Park, I certainly would have put that on the radar so maybe we're going to get some other pools in Lorain once we get this one going in south Lorain. But nothing's impossible everything is possible and I'm glad that we have Block Grant funds to do it. Lori Garcia has indicated to me that they have other funding available to help get that project going and we'll do our best to get it going so thank you. I hope I answered the questions.

Kellie Glenn: Mayor, there's another question for the Oakland pool

Jack Bradley: Okay.

Desiree Thompson (Question from Caller #2): Caller #2, Lillian Green asks: why are we spending $200,000 for a pool when south Lorain needs to be cleaned up? All the parks should be looked at as a whole. 200,000 is too much money for any park specifically.

Jack Bradley: Again when I first took office I was told that there was two $200,000 that was going to be appropriated for a splash pad and that's when I heard from the citizens in south Lorain that they didn't want a splash pad they wanted a pool. So we said well let's see if it's possible to do the appropriation for the pool so that money is going to be used for either splash pad or a pool and other amenities at Oakwood Park. That's what the money was appropriated for and that's what we can use it for at this point.

Pamela Carter: I just want to say all due respect to the Mayor and to my fellow councilman and to the administration, I'm not here to block anything or discourage. I'm all about being positive but I'm just trying to express what was told to me at the beginning when I first came on council. You know I just want the same thing for central Lorain as we have for Oakland Park. I believe our restrooms need some attention as well. I mean there's a lot of areas that need some attention so I want to make sure that this money is spread evenly.

Kellie Glenn: Thank you. Are there any additional questions on the pool or anything that was presented?

Roy Carrion: If I could again, Roy Carrion 2138 East 39th St. I have quite a few questions if you don't mind if I could just based on your sheet, just clarifications and things that I would like to ask based on your budget. Obviously we've covered the pool in the area but just to allude a little bit to the question that was asked. When we're looking at communities and you look at a strategic plan for an area of the city, South Lorain included, there are many parts that should be looked at in terms of that redevelopment plan. Obviously you have your infrastructure your housing your safety but recreational ranks at the top of that list. You have to have safe programs safe neighborhoods recreational progress for youth and that's where the pool will play a role in that plan because it does stabilize the neighborhood and it follows with the tagline of a great place to live, work, and play, and that's where the play comes from. A question that I had is had to do with the next line item with your slum and blight removal. You have $250,000 set aside for that estimated on maybe 15 to 16 homes to be demolished and as I understood this, this was part of a match where the general fund would also match the same amount of dollars

$250,000 is what I recall reading from past council minutes. My question is maybe you're not able to answer this now but my question is, if the pledge and the match from council from the general fund is reduced as some new initiatives would have to be taken into consideration considering the crisis that were in would that have an impact on that dollar figure that you have placed there or is that a stand alone pledge?

Kellie Glenn: No, it's a stand alone. The reason why we asked, I asked, council to match that money is because sometimes there are homes that may be in a non-LMI area that still need to be demolished and we wanted to still have the ability to take those homes down. In addition to that ordinance, I'm sorry that resolution, that was passed is for a three-year period. So this year in calendar year 2020 we hope to tear down fifteen or sixteen and then this money here that we're talking about currently is for 2021 and then we would do another ask again in the budget for 2022.

Rey Carrion: Perfect, thank you thank you. Just a point of clarification, in the past I had also seen dollars earmarked for lighting for the Boys & Girls Club basketball area also other projects such as a pickleball court at Oakwood Park and zipline. I don't see that as listed here. Is that part of a bigger line item?

Kellie Glenn: The zipline has already been purchased, it just hasn't been installed yet.

Rey Carrion: Thank you.

Kellie Glenn: That's in 19's money, that was already approved.

Rey Carrion: Okay next question I had was about your tenant based rental assistance program. You have $30,000 set aside. Is that going to be administered by the city or certain other agency?

Kellie Glenn: As I stated in the presentation, LMHA is going to be administering that program but as of right now they are still in the process of developing policies and procedures. They have experienced doing tenant-based rental assistance but unfortunately they never wrote anything down on how they do it and HUD will not allow them to do that program until they actually show how it's going to be administered in writing so that is what they're currently working on right now as we speak.

Rey Carrion: The next question I had is about code enforcement. I know the city has set aside $335,000 for code enforcement and I just wanted to go back a few years ago. Back in 2011 the city through the Western Reserve Land Conservancy conducted the vacant property study in 2011. In that study it had listed the total number of parcels in the city, the total number of parcels ranked by category in terms of areas of distress and then also in that study it listed by categories what were the areas that need, whether they needed roofing, siding, painting, etc. My question is has that plan from that original study, has that been updated to reflect the changes to reflect the need, because early on there was a heavy need to bulk up on the code

enforcement and also on the rehab loans. Has that been evaluated over the last eight years to see as those properties have been addressed and blighted properties have been torn down how that impacts that the enforcement in the loan capacity?

Kellie Glenn: In actuality that is being done currently right now. I hope to have a draft of that by the next meeting, the next public meeting. CSU, Cleveland State University is currently working on a housing study, but it goes more in-depth than the plan that you're referring to from 2011. The Western Reserve Historical Society has ranked our housing A, B, C, D, and F, with F being the structures that need to come down. Right now from the phone call that I had with CSU this morning, there's 200 structures that need to come down, and we are only talking about residential because that study only covers residential, just like the previous plan. Properties that rank A, B, C, and D, C specifically, is telling us those structures by ward by census tract. Those are the structures that need to be rehabbed and I believe, don't quote me on this, but I believe it's like 4,000. So those structures that have the D rating, those are the ones if we don't go and address them they're going to fall into the F rating. There's going to be a formal presentation to Council with the results of the housing study.

Rey Carrion: Do you have a timeline?

Kellie Glenn: She's going to provide a draft, I told her I needed the draft by April the. 20th.Now I'll have to determine when she'll actually be able to do the formal presentation.

Rey Carrion: I appreciate that, and this has been very very detailed and informative. The question that I had is, have there been or has there been any modifications to the budget in terms of your the planning based on what we're seeing not with this pandemic? I know typically budgets just flow kind of linear every year based on past practices but based on what we are about to see has there been any consideration on how that might impact low-mod areas and what other programs perhaps we should have now approved in a budget that way it can cover the city for this year in the event that things do change over the next six to twelve months? And one question that I wanted just to add that stood out to me, I noticed yesterday somebody has shared with me that the city of North Ridgeville they were outfitting there some of their fire trucks some other fire vehicles, that are used for first respondents, to make them negative pressure units so as they're bringing folks in that are ill that it allows them to save and protect not only the residents but the staff members in this crisis that we're dealing with. And I think those are things that I'm just wondering if that's something that we have taken into consideration based on what possibly could come down the road here in our city and in our country? So I just wanted to mention that, that it may be perhaps something that would be eligible under the CDBG program.

Kellie Glenn: I would have to go and research that more because this is the first time I've heard anything of that nature, but what I can tell you is there's always a little bit of wiggle room, not a whole lot, but a little where we can move some money around. What we may end up having to do is reduce some of the allocations that I presented tonight down so that we can set money aside. The other thing is, I don't know how true this is, so please don't take this to heart what I'm about to say, there is a chance that the communities through the President's program, might be

getting additional funding just because of the pandemic circumstance that we're experiencing right now. I got an email but it's not set in stone because when I got the email, I got from our consultant, and I sent it to HUD, but HUD has not responded yet. I'm thinking that our consultant must have found something out before everybody else, before an actual public announcement is coming, is basically what I'm saying. It actually looks like it might be a substantial amount of money for other committees affected by this epidemic.

Roy Carrion: Thank you for your time.

Kellie Glenn: There's another question.

Desiree Thompson (Question from Caller #3): Caller #3 wants to know if the money allocated for Oakwood Park has any specific breakdowns regarding the 200,000, if it's for salaries or specific equipment or anything like that. They want to know how does that compare to the total cost of improvements to that park and what are the priorities of improvements in that park.

Kellie Glenn: The best way that I can answer that question, unless the Mayor has additional information, but my understanding is that $200,000 is going directly to the pool.

Melissa Barnhart: Melissa Barnhart, it's actually got several components not just the pool that they're doing this in totality with. That's director Garcia is putting those plans together as well.

Kellie Glenn: So what I can do is for the April 20th meeting, I will make sure to invite director Garcia to the public hearing so that she can answer the Oakwood Park questions. I was just a money provider.

JoAnne Moon: JoAnne Moon, 3543 Toledo Avenue. I'm in the middle of South Lorain and Central and most of the kids go to Southview Middle School, Palm, and Steven Dohanos. Their bused there. I work in the school systems and with talking to the children there, a young scholar said to me miss Joann, how are we going to get to South Lorain because their main park is Central Park because we used to have a big basketball tournament in South Lorain. Now that basketball tournament is in Central Park which hopefully we'll be doing again this June. Also at Central Park you have a splash pad but when the parents go to change their kids there's no place where they're to go and change their clothes at this park because the bathrooms are always locked. And we need toilets there because when we have the basketball tournament those are house toilets and they are always plugged, their overflowed. Also, with Cityview park and General Johnnie Wilson park, I'm just wondering if we're gonna do anything in those two parks. And also, you talk about the lead based housing and Cleveland they test the children in the school but will we be doing that because I have some kids that are eating that lead and if you know anything about that and you know that starts autistic so we need to hopefully get a program where we can test the kids in the school because working in the schools you see a lot going on. One other question to the summer program, that nine week summer program, it's going to be in El Centro but is it going to be any place else because we do have that city view area with a lot of children there and what age are the children going to be for the summer

program? I would just like to see some bathrooms put in at Cityview park and General Johnnie Wilson park because the bathrooms are really bad. I would like to see something going on in my 5th Ward. Thank you.

Kellie Glenn: I'm going to try to answer all those questions but it was a series of them. I can tell you the summer camp program is ages 9 to 14. She said according to their application the program is centered at El Centro but they take trips to different places. The answer to the General Johnnie Wilson question, there was a new roof put on the pavilion. We were in discussions about the bathroom but we haven't gotten there yet so I would just say that could be something that we can make sure that we address next time because I'm one of those people that I try to spread the money throughout the city not just be in one centralized location. If you saw in the presentation we did Highview park because the east side didn't get any kind of money. That's why we've been working on Highview park. Cityview was a park we did when I first got here. We replaced some playground equipment. I believe there was a request to do the fencing but we didn't do the fencing at that time. I did drive by Cityview a couple weeks ago to see what things could be done over there so I just wanted to let you know, I'm again, I'm not focused in one area. I do drive around so that I could see where the actual needs are to try to spread that money around. As far as the lead based paint question, we currently have a lead grant. This is the second time we received that grant inside my tenure here and I've been here for five years. We just found out we got funding late last year for the next three years. The testing that I know right now is you go to the County Health Department. If you find out that somebody has a danger of lead poisoning, you can call the Health Department and they will make arrangements to get that individual, a child tested. They don't necessarily have to come out to the County I believe that they will come to where they are to get tested even though Erie County runs our lead grant for us.

JoAnne Moon: What was the age group for the summer job program?

Kellie Glenn: The age group for the summer is 9th through 12th graders.

JoAnne Moon: Another thing, Cityview Park. The water department was out this year and I have a water problem over at Cityview park a very bad water problem. They did some but they didn't finish it and right on the corner of Clifton and 39th Street there's a big water problem there. That whole Ward right there holds water. We were working with the engineering department last year but they never got back to me about it so that's another issue there so maybe we could get together Kellie.

Kellie Glenn: Me, you, and Dale should get together and see if there's something that we can do and see what the cost would be then make sure that it's eligible. I know it's iffy over there because part of it is the Township and that's the problem that we had before when we came in and did the playground equipment.

Jack Bradley: Again you know a lot of these plans were made prior to this pandemic confronting us and so I think everyone has to realize that we have to reevaluate and see what

we're going to be able to do as time goes on according to our auditor our budget constraints really probably won't be known until May. We won't know it at the April 20th meeting we probably won't know it till May. We got to kind of plan ahead. Our budget was looking to have a park director in place around April to start looking at our parks so we could address some of these issues about restrooms and parks, about facilities at our parks, and doing some of the things that we needed to have happen. We are also are in the process of still trying to get a summer works program in place for young people in our city from the ages of 16 through 24. Now originally we were told that we were going to get funding for a hundred young people to work for the City of Lorain this summer outside of the money that you have for the Block Grant money. They're telling us now that we're still going to get some money but we're probably not going to get the amount to fund a hundred young people for jobs. I was hoping to have two young people at every Park in the City of Lorain this summer to work with youngsters and be there at the parks just kind of supervise and get them involved in activities. That's going to change but we're going to get as many young people working this summer as we can. I know that these families are going to need young people working this summer based upon the employment situation right now in the City of Lorain and really all over the country so we're still working on the summer jobs program we're still going to be trying to look at our parks to see if we can do some things and all the parks as best we can based upon whatever our budgets going to be like when we find out these figures probably in the middle or late May. I appreciate what you all have done to try to allocate these funds for our citizens but I think everybody has to realize that this is kind of a work in progress and Kellie, you'll have some additional information at that April 20th but again I don't think anything's going to be hard and fast even then but you guys do a good job and we hope you continue to work on this and help all of us get through this particular epidemic that we're going through. I want to salute the citizens of Lorain because I've been seeing that they've been staying at home, they've been trying to avoid the physical contact, staying six feet apart, not having contact with other people, and now hopefully that continues because if we can keep this pandemic down in the city of Lorain we're going to have more money available to do the things that are needed to be done in our community so again thank you for your work.

Kellie Glenn: Thank you Mayor. I just want to iterate before we close the public meeting that we will be sure on April the 20th to have director Garcia here to answer the Oakwood park questions and in addition to that, my staff, as well as the federal programs chair, he will work with my staff and I to maybe try to move around some numbers so that we can set aside some funding just in case we need it due to the epidemic. If there's no additional questions I would like to close the public meeting and I thank everyone for calling in with their questions and I thank everyone for attending.

CITY OF LORAIN

Public Information Session
2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan
Meeting of April 20, 2020

MINUTES

The second Public Hearing Meeting for the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan commenced at 5:10pm by Drew Crawford in council chambers of Lorain City Hall. In attendance were Drew Crawford, Joel Jacovetti, Matt Kusznir, Desiree Thompson, Mayor Jack Brady, Max Upton, Melissa Barnhart, Rick Soto, Joel Arredondo, Mary Springowski, Rey Carrion, Greg Argenti, Joel Arredondo, Lori Garcia, Tony Dimacchia, Carissa Woytach, Kate Golden, and Beth Henley.

I. PRESENTATION

Drew Crawford commenced the hearing at 5:10 pm on Monday, April 20, 2020 to discuss the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan. The presentation explained the importance of planning and the uses of the consolidated and annual action plan. Joel Jacovetti presented highlights of projects completed thus far as well as explaining the Emergency Home Repair Program.

II. DISCUSSION

The first question posed came from Councilwoman Mary Springowski. She had concerns with the proposed plan of building affordable housing on the Stoveworks site due to the state of the housing in the surrounding neighborhood. She stressed the need to increase code enforcement and if the department is going after out of state property owners. Drew Crawford explained that due to the amount of CDBG funding and stipulations with the Stoveworks site that there is a timeframe to redevelop the site.

Councilman Rey Carrion raised questions on how the budget would reflect the current pandemic caused by COVID-19 and pressed the importance of public participation. Drew Crawford explained that funds being received for COVID-19 are separate from the presentation at hand. He explained they the current proposal was following a timeframe that started before the pandemic and is required by HUD. Safety Service Director, Max Upton, explained that the legislation for the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan was not up for approval that evening, but rather May, to include the legislation for the emergency COVID funding as well. He is also informed them that the staff is working on recommendations for the administration to review.

A commenter asked about the City's relationship with the Erie County Health District and how we can let more residents know about the lead abatement program. Desiree Thompson informed him that the City is providing an $80,000 match each year for 3 years and that they are aware that a lot of residents are unaware of the program; that is why they have the information on the city's website, inform those interested in Emergency Home Repair and have put a memo on all Lorain water bills.

Councilwoman Beth Henley expressed concerns over the $200,000 being allocated to the Oakwood Park pool. She would rather see that money spread across various parks within Lorain, citing that 2 parks in the first ward do not have baseball fields and only backstops. Drew Crawford reassured her that investments have been made in various parks and that Oakwood Park is in need of a much larger investment.

Council President Joel Arredondo asked if the department has any other projects similar to that of 958 Lakeview Ave and if we can set up more projects like it. Desiree Thompson explained that the department still has a few properties for sell that are on the website and that people can inquire to express interest or setup viewings. She also explain that there are no acquisition and rehab projects currently set up as the department currently has been in position of properties for too long and that these types of projects can be reviewed and assessed on an annual basis if deemed necessary to implement again. Joel Arredondo brought up reinvesting funds back into the Stoveworks site and Drew Crawford, again, stated that per HUD regulations that we would have to develop a project on that site for the Stoveworks project to remain an eligible project. He also stated that he can confirm all of the details another time.

Councilman Rob McFarland inquired about how the use of Stoveworks was determined and if that information is available. Drew Crawford explained that the use was determined last year. He explained that a survey was completed for the consolidated plan and a housing study is being completed that confirms that shortage of affordable and senior housing in the city. Max Upton also informed everyone that there is still money left in the Stoveworks demolition project to plan redevelopment. The city will be seeking request for proposals in the coming weeks.

Councilman Rey Carrion spoke on the deadline regarding the redevelopment of Stoveworks and the need to invest into Oakwood Park. Carrion stressed the need to have plans that suite the needs of everyone, including council and the administration. He also said that the $200,000 budgeted for the Oakwood Park pool was not just for the pool and that this money was previously set aside for a splash pad that the people in his ward do not want.

Councilman Greg Argenti also raised questions regarding the Oakwood Park pool. He would like to get an accurate cost of bringing the pool and all additional aspects (restrooms and showers) up to current codes and regulations; as well as how much the maintenance would cost. He additionally questioned how the annual maintenance costs would be covered. He suggested that this all needed to be reviewed before taking action.

Mayor Jack Bradley expressed the importance for children to learn to swim. He explained that an article shared to him, from the Center for disease Control and Prevention, says that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for all children, but especially children of color. He stated the YMCA has expressed interested in partnering with the City regarding the pool and believes that if you build it, then people will come. Parents will find a way to get their children to the pool regardless of location. He pressed the importance of saving children's lives, even if just one, over the cost and location.

Councilwoman Mary Springowski brought up the pool only being open during summer months. She suggested combining resources and centrally located a rec center that could have an indoor

pool so that the pool could be open year round and be accessible to everyone, including the elderly. She believes it would be a better return on investment – an investment in the community.

Mayor Jack Bradley stressed that the City does not have the money for a rec center, but they do for a pool. He also brought up that children swim in the summertime and that you only need to learn how to swim once.

III. CONCLUSION

Drew Crawford concluded the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan.

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Drew Crawford: Good Evening to all of you and happy Monday evening. My name is Drew Crawford. I am from the Building, Housing Planning Department here. I am the Neighborhood Development Specialist and I am joined by my colleague, Joel, who is the program manager. So, welcome to our second public meeting when it comes to our consolidated plan and annual action plan and also welcome to those following at home. So well get started and tell you a little bit about our presentation and at the end well have time for questions. Again, anybody at home will have the opportunity to call in or email a question and of course anyone here, in person, will have the chance to ask a question.

So, the Consolidated Plan is the city's 5 year strategic plan that governs, as I am reading off of this, the use of federal housing and community development funds for the funding years for a total of five years. All the way through 2024 receiving our money. I am sure many of you are familiar in this room where we get the funding from but I will explain a little bit more where that comes from as well as specific dollar amounts. You also should have a handout that has information on that as well right here if you would like to pick that up now or at the end of the presentation. There are four main functions to the plan and it is required by HUD – the housing and urban development office through the federal government. But it is a planning document for the city. So it is specifically what our department our fifth floor as well as the rest of the city references throughout the year as well as the 5 year plan to provide a framework for what we plan to use the money for. Of course we have to be accountable, makes a lot of sense. Its serves as an application for the federal funds under CDBG. That stands for Community Development Block Grant money. That is where we do receive a statistically majority of the funding here in the city of Lorain and I will provide some figures in the next couple of slides, as well as on your handout you may want to reference. AS well as HOME formula grant applications. That's the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Money that comes from the federal government. IT identifies strategies for carrying out the community development goals. So how are we going to help improve the city. How are we going to spend that money in a very positive way and in the most effective – bang for your buck way – if you will. Provides a basis for assessing performance. Again, being accountable to HUD being accountable to the citizens here of the city, as well as the council, the administration making sure that everything we are doing is in effect good and that we are following what we said we would do.

So the components for this plan, strategic, sets goals and objectives. It's an update to the citizen participation plan. It's an update to that community members have told us what they want us to do with the money. What they think and what they would like have done in their neighborhoods,

on their streets and in the city, overall. Identifies needs and priorities throughout the city through data analysis and consultation with stakeholders. A very systematic approach to using this money, which again, I think makes a lot of sense.

So the continued slide of what we use this form of what are the components: housing assessment and needs so determining what kinds of hosing needs to happen in the city, new housing; homeless assessment and needs, pretty self-explanatory; community development assessment and needs so what the community needs outside of housing and what the city needs for that; and any other special needs for the city that we can use with federal funds. That we can program whether its physical changes or programmatic changes.

This presentation is us also presenting our one year action plan that has to happen every single year. We are just also presenting the 5 year plan which is up for approval. So it's our annual one year plan that describes very much how the federal funds will be spent. I am repeating myself a little bit here, but again cant emphasis enough that we have to have this plan for what we are doing with the money. Geared toward accomplishing the goals stated in the consolidated plan and again, CDBG dollars as well as HOME dollars. Community Development Block Grant from the federal government and HOME Investment Partnerships.

So projects that are funded through these means have to benefit low and moderate income persons whether that's in specific census tracts that are indicated as low or moderate income very specific neighborhood breakdowns by the census bureau of average or median incomes or proving that we are serving the citizens that fall into that socioeconomic category. Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blights. So the biggest thing that a lot of city's do, and specifically here in Lorain is demolition of housing – substandard housing hat has fallen into despair. We have done a really good job over that if I do say so myself. I can say that without basis because I haven't worked in the department very long. I think we have done a pretty good job. So that's a really big factor in what we do to knock down homes for a variety of reasons. Activities designed to meet community development needs of a particular urgency so things that are assessed and determined to need the money; to need something to happen really immediately. That can be emergency funds, so if it's something like a house fire or something like that but also has to do with natural disasters. For your reference, low and moderate income is determined to be $58,950 for a 4 person family. So there are, I want to use my words carefully, a good deal of census tracts that meet that here in the city of Lorain. By the way, I have mentioned this a couple of times, but the census is how we get this money in a way. It determines how money is spent because we have to have a number of people counted in the city of Lorain and then it determines how that money is spent. So the more participation we have in the census, the best. We will get the most money if every single person responds to the census that has to respond, by law, to the census.

So a little about what is eligible. I am trying not to block this, but there are a lot of things that are eligible under these particular funds. Acquisition of property, purchasing property for the

strategic investment for the City of Lorain. Public improvements, so that's things that the public can use such as sidewalks, roads, traffic lights as far as I am aware. Public service projects include things that are not necessarily related to one of those other things I mentioned but its community centers or parks or pools. Those types of things that can be used with community development block grant money for or HOME money with other things. Code Enforcement. We will tell you a little bit more about what we have done in the city in the past couple of years, enforcing the codes here. We've done a really good job with that in Lorain. The housings stock continues to be cared after and looked after because of code enforcement and really trying to preserve houses in decent quality so they don't fall onto the demolition list. Homeownership is something that could possibly help with downpayment assistance or something like that. Construction of housing; clearance and demolition; economic development activities especially with small businesses; and housing rehabilitation. Preserving the beautiful houses here in Lorain and again not having them get onto the demolition list.

The community development block grant program again CDBG it just rolls of the tongue right, can be used for infrastructure, home owner rehabilitation, public facility improvements, again ill make the difference infrastructure, roads, those types of things, public facilities parks community centers anything in a park, public service projects, economic development.

In program year 2020 program year 1.233655 in community development block grant, was spent, or will be allocated I apologize will be allocated. That is the targeted amount of money we are expecting from HUD and they are subjected to 15% public service cap and 20% administration cap. So of that 1.2 million 15% can go towards public service projects, things that not necessarily the physical building or roads or those types of things. Well show you examples of those things in a little bit. And 20% administration cap that includes salary. The majority of people in our department do receive part of their salaries or a large part of their salary from HUD funding.

So some highlights for what we have done in the past year. Second Harvest Food Bank receives $61,000 from our allocation of the money. Mobile food banks, produce, school food pantries and administration costs associated with that. By technicality, we are not allowed to purchase food for the food bank we can do a lot of other things for the second harvest food bank. Another thing with CDBG money was the demolition of the first Spanish evangelical church on Reid ave. it was a $49, 23 demolition so we were lucky to have that. I think you all know better than me that it needed to e demoed and was in disrepair and the Stoveworks project $1.4 million dollars from federal sources to demolish Stoveworks and we are really excited about what could possibly go next on that land it was determined that affordable housing would likely be a good thing for that and we are going to be working on that in the coming year. So I will turn it over to my college Joel who will take the second half of this presentation.

Joel Jacovetti: Okay so moving forwards here some other activities we have done with the money here is Falbo Park is the first ADA accessible park. We had spent $49,980 to that and then Fairview Park [correction - Highview Park] on the eastside got $10,699.36 for playground

equipment and central park got the splash pad additions and the pavilion restroom roof for $13,625.29 We have also allocated money to the Broadway streetscape. It was $182,000 for the signage that we allocated to that project. And as we are moving through here. CDBG highlights also over the past 5 years we have allocated $892,929.06 for code enforcement and along with that $515,038.94 for emergency home repair. And on the code enforcement side this is actual citations, salaries, education and training and equipment. We also purchased iPads for the guys so that they can be more productive and instead of writing up on paper logs and have to come back in they can automatically send it and we can review a lot quicker.

This slide here is the emergency home repair projects clients within wards. So I know it's a little difficult to see here but each dot represents a project we have helped in the different wards from 2015 to 2019 and an average cost that we've helped out is $13,205.

And talking more about the HOME program. The HOME program is funds and what they can be used for. You have administrative costs, home owner rehabilitation, tenant based rental assistance, new construction of rental housing and down payment assistance. For project year 2020 we are going to allocated $433,406 in funding to be allocated to the program with hopefully $100,000 in program income. This program income comes from loans that are out there currently being repaired. So as long as we can collect everything on time we can maybe see an additional $100,000.

Here is a home on 958 Lakeview Dr. We had purchase this home and used HOME money to rehab this home at a cost of $111,043 and eventually sold. It is a 4 bedroom 2.5 bath for $128,000. So this is to show how our home funds – we put the money into it and try to get as much back out of it and we saved a home in Lorain.

How we select a project. This goes from anything from the second harvest to doing the signs. How we select a project has to do with first of all we make sure if we are a helping a homeowner or any type of rehab project that it is the homeowner they own the land. So we check the Lorain county auditor's website to make sure. We also go through the zoning and then also or the second harvest and different things drew was mentioning, since we cannot do food we look to make sure they have additional funding for those service and everything so we are okay to give them money to allocate elsewhere and then we have the agency capacity. We make sure they are able to handle this project with the capacity of the people they have on demand. We have clear defined project narrative – does the project make sense and do they have a specified budget for the project. Additional things that we look into are environmental reviews, for the contractor and sometimes subrecipient do they have prevailing wages and are they abiding by the prevailing wages; equal housing opportunity; drug free workplace; ADA guidelines; federal procurement and purchasing standards; lead base paint elimination; and avoiding conflicts of interest. So now to switch over to the next slide of what is not eligible. So what can funds not be used for

We have in regards to the building and general use for conduct of government. So basically we are not putting any of this money into the city hall building. General government expenses. Salaries for those not directly involved in programs. So anybody that is outside of the 5th floor their salaries are not paid for with money. This money is only paid for fifth floor salaries. And if it is allocated correctly for that. No political activities. No purchasing of equipment outside of the fifth floor. Operating and maintenance expenses. Purchase of construction equipment and new housing contraction.

One of our big programs that we do, so we have what the CDBG funding is potentially used. So we have clearance and demolition. So we have allocated $250.00 to clearance and emo and potentially council has allocated $250,000 to clearance and demo so if we can get those funds together hopefully we can take care of some housing this year. Then we have code enforcement and emergency home repair which I will get into some more details. Down payment assistance, planning, public facilities improvements, public service, economic development. That is what CDBG funds are used for. HOME funds are used for owner occupied rehabs and tenant based rental assistance.

So one of our big projects is emergency home repair and what this does is allow home owner occupied for us to allocated $150,000 to each homeowner for a project as long as it meets the requirements that we have for the project. This can be either a grant or a loan. It's based on income so if they are at 60% of the median income level than it is considered a grant and as long as they stay in the home for 5 years it is forgiven and then you have the 80%. If they are at 80% then 20% is repayable over the 5 year period with the additionally 60% forgiven, excuse me 80% as long as they stay in the home for a 5 year period.

This is the schedule of allocations and documentations and making sure everything is in check. So with that if you have any questions, we can take questions now. If you are calling in there is the number and you can also email in. Do we have anybody? 30.55

Okay for the questions if you could step up to the microphone or we can turn your microphone on and well go from there.

Mary Springoskwi: Lorain City Council at large. Some of the things that you brought up – first of all will there be a handout that will be avaible to us? With regards, okay I did not see that up there. And then with regards to some of the plans. I commend you for the second harvest. I think given the current pandemic situation that that is going to be more critical than ever and I think that it's only going to continue throughout the rest of this year. They are expecting a second wave in the fall or the winter and this is going to be a life line for a great number of people in the city. I would disagree with you – most vehemently with regards to Stoveworks and affordable housing. I go to church in that neighborhood and the housing code enforcement over there is very lax. It is some of the houses there I don't know how they're fit for human habitation and we need to address that before we would introduce some of the most vulnerable people in our

society, the elderly, into a neighborhood that unfortunately does have a reputation for crime and violence. Why on earth we put vulnerable people such as that in that area in affordable housing? If we want to go rehab some of these littler ranches and that, there are plenty of them in this city that we can do. We need to be very aggressive in our demolition of a lot of these houses that are being used as clubhouses by these kids, that being used as hangouts for drug addicts. I don't know how many, I don't know if we were to go into these houses if we are going to find dead bodies. But we have got to really get serious about addressing – we are not doing enough with regards to the code enforcement. We are going after these homeowners instead of a lot of these out of town property owners. There is a big difference between being a homeowner and a property owner. And we need to be addressing these out of town property owners that don't care and get an absent property management company coming in and these houses are going in- they're decaying rapidly. You can go through any neighborhood and see this but over by the Stoveworks it is nearly every house so we need to go and address that before we would even think of addressing anything with the Stoveworks. And I would like to know there was somebody that had owned the Stoveworks and they were supposed to have cleaned it up. They didn't do what they were supposed to be doing. Have we proceeded to go after them to get some of this money back? Why are the taxpayers always having to pick up the pieces from people who don't follow through with what they are supposed to be doing? Alright, he's still doing business in the city of Lorain and until he gets his act together I wouldn't let him do business in the City of Lorain. So we need to be aggressive on this housing demolition and the code enforcement. And I would like to have the actual number, I don't want to know what the salaries are, I don't want to know what the cost of equipment was – I want to know the exact dollar amount that was put into actual emergency home repairs. Was it fixing a window, a roof? Anything that was value added to an h housing repair. That is the number we need to give to the public. They deserve to know what they're money is being spent on. Thank you.

Drew Crawford: Okay, I'll do my best to address your questions within there because I think I highlighted the main parts but feel free to make sure if we didn't address them. In terms of this presentation it is what we are going to use our HUD dollars for. So in terms of our department there are many more things doing necessarily fall under this. I mean much of it does but that's not necessarily, anyway, there is difference between what our HUD dollars are doing and what tax payer dollars are for. This is HUD dollars... For, personally speaking, my position as the Neighborhood Development Specialist, was to address these types of situations and I can say that we are working aggressively to do these things and I can understand what you are saying I have driven by there before and have seen what you are saying. There are also stipulations in using the money that we used to demolish Stoveworks. That we have a particular time frame that we have to develop or do something with that site to be eligible for federal money and if we don't do that soon, I don't know the exact expiration but it is within a few more years, were going to lose hat money and I believe it is a significant amount of money. That is why I believe Stoveworks is going to be something that—

Mary Springowski: Then do something that is going to benefit hat community that is going to especially that neighborhood, that is one of the poorest in our city. Do something like a rec center for the kids and the people that live in that community and can't get out of that community and that neighborhood I should say. You're trying to paint a rosy picture and we may have different definitions of aggressive, I will say that right now. But do something that is meaningful to that neighborhood. IF we are going to the use the tax dollars then let's do something that really adds to the neighborhood , not more housing that we can maintain. We're putting people into a very precarious situation over there. Let's do something is going to really benefit it.

Drew Crawford: Next question I think will come from Rey.

Rey Carrion: Good Afternoon. Rey Carrion. 6th ward councilman for Lorain. Former director of the Building, Housing and Planning Department and I will tell you both of you. Fine job. Fine job on this presentation. Doing this for 20+ years we know what this invoices and what this takes so I want to commend you for presenting a clear understanding of the program and what is eligible and what is not eligible so I just want to thank you on that. Couple of questions. I mentioned this at the first public hearing and once at the time that this budgeted was drafted and created, it was obviously pre the pandemic. And one of the things that I would like to see is how this budget is going to be modified to take into consideration what's coming. We know that we have 1.2 million dollars in CDBG funds for 2020 and there was another allocation of about $700,00+ which we really haven't figured out from the government how to use it in terms of the guidelines. I a particularly interested as we look at your slum and blight removal, emergency home repair owner occupied rehabs and tenant based rental assistance programs. Those are areas that we need to pay attention to now. The economy has changed and as the numbers are coming in we are going to see how this pandemic has impacted our economy there is going to be greater need sin those areas that we should be planning for now. In addition, the SBA went through those funds immediately. SO even today they opened the rounds for the second round of applications today. So how can the city participate in that area because that is an eligible area under the CDBG program. How can we then look at our budget and see how we can implement those programs and those dollars to assist in those areas.. so I like what I see here but I would like to see a revised budge that takes all of those factors in consideration because they will be here not now. We're going to start seeing that here in another 2 months 3 4 and 6. So I just want to make sure we can adapt for that because it is coming. But thank you for that program.

Drew Crawford: Yeah, I certainly agree that given where the global pandemic and what can or cannot possibly happen it is a very good idea to be planning for what may happen in the city. I think as well, respectfully for that, we don't necessarily know what could be coming. We don't know how long this quarantine is going to last and goodness know it's going to be more weeks or months. I think we have a little bit of planning for the unknown at this point but I see your point on that. Also, it is the city and many cities are slated to receive a significant amount of emergency funding at some point, we don't know the very significant details on that. When we do and have the discussions of things that could possibly happen with that it will obviously

involve the community as well as council. So we believe there are more things coming out from this but that is at the incredibly early stages for that and this is also because we are following a timeframe that started before the pandemic and HUD requires us to have these things done for our plan.

Rey Carrion: If I can add one last comment before Max. I think public participation is key, is critical and instrumental. This is a role I believe all of us on council can play an instrumental role going back to our community going back to our constituents and finding out what it is exactly the needs are. Many times the programs that make it to the final cut doesn't represent what the community wants. Just a small group of people with a loud voice are carrying what gets implemented and budgeted. So we need to make our own effort to talk to the people and find out what is important to you and get it back to you so we can at least put it on a systematic approach to determine what makes sense and how does this become sustainable so it's not a poor investment where we have to come back in a year or two and do an additional investment.

Drew Crawford: Absolutely, thank you. Max has a comment from the administration.

Max Upton: I would just like to say in respect to the planning to the additional $725,00 the staff is already working on their recommendations for the administration to review including which would be a business assistance plan because the PPE money is going to dry up again. Also things like second harvest so they are working on that diligently. We plan to review that with them which is also why the legislation for the approval of the plan was put of until May. It is our intention to have the legislation for the emergency COVID funding and the regular block grant allocation considered at the same time.

Commenter: Good Afternoon, I would like to thank you for your presentation tonight. Very synced and detailed. My comment is really on the line of, I would like to talk about the city's relationship with the general health district of Erie county. My understanding is that they have partnered with them in the past and they have gotten HUD dollars and brought those to the city of Lorain to help homeowners who have unsafe homes or lead abatement issues. I guess my question is will that continue this year and what funding is available from them in terms of the total dollars with the general health district of Erie county number one and what funds do we have to partner with them if you could explain that. I think that's a program that a lot fo residents in Lorain are not aware of if you could elaborate on that and provides some contact information for citizens that would like to explore that

Drew Crawford: I might defer to the administration for this because I do not necessarily know all the details to speak on those specific items but I do know that Greg Landry our housing inspector has received lead training and is fully certified and has the ability to do that. So my educated guess on that is that is very much in the works and very soon to be ale to promote a little more on what we can do with that but I am not completely aware of everything with hat but supposed Desiree can assist with that some more.

Desiree Thompson: So I do not have all of the details off of the top of my head but I do believe that the exact number is that we are e providing an $80,000 match each year for the next 3 years and we are aware that a lot of the residents in the city are not aware of it. For instance, when we have people come in for emergency home repair a lot of times people ask about painting or something that could lead to lead abatement issues so we can recommend them there first before they go through emergency home repair because that is something that does not qualify for that program and we did go through and put a little memo on the city of Lorain's water bills to let people know about the program.

Drew Crawford: Matt, do we have questions that have been emailed or called in perhaps to get to that? Okay. Yes?

Beth Henley: Mr. Carrion brought it up about listening to the people in our wards. So with that being said I am going to bring this up right now – this $200,000 for Oakwood Park for a pool. I am hearing loud and clear that there is a problem with that from the people in my ward. Now you mentioned, or the other gentlemen mentioned, that $10,000 going into Fairview Park. That's highview Park over on Fillmore Avenue. Many many people did not even realize that park existed, including our mayor at the time. Thanks to Lori Garcia and Kellie Glenn we were able to get some new equipment over there and thanks to a bunch of volunteers we cleaned that park up and I am happy to say that it has remained relatively nice. But with that being said I have two parks in the first ward that have baseball back stops. No field for the kids in the neighborhood to go and play. So things like that. Basketball courts. Let's spread this money out so that all the kids, in the city, have a place to go within walking distance of their home. That they can go play ya know a game of softball without having to pay a fee to be in a league, ya know, a lot of these people can't afford it. They just want to get six, seven, eight kids together and they want to walk down and toss a ball period or play basketball. A couple years ago we replaced the nets at G Street park. Those have remained in relatively good shape. I think I have one to replace now whenever we can go out and about and do that. But the kids are always there and they keep an eye on the equipment there. When it was cleaned up a couple years ago we took two days. There was graffiti everywhere and I think Lori can attest to that. So I would like to see those dollars spread out throughout the city so that all the kids in our city have a place to go to play, to play safely and get them off the streets. Thank you.

Drew Crawford: I don't know if there are any additions to that, but you know my personal quick response to that is that we have invested in all the parks in the city of Lorain and yes that is a substantial amount but there needs to be that type of investment in the parks and that ya know is going to e something that is hopefully seen in coming years at other parks. That would be my response to that. Does – yeah

Beth Henley: In response to that, we cannot wait another few years. We have a lot of kids out there that have nowhere to go. And I think Lori can attest and some other people that I have been

beating the drums on this for quite some time. So it's time to invest all the way across the board in less costly things that we can do to improve our city and parks for these kids. Thank you.

Joel Arredondo: Couple questions. You mentioned this house on Lakeview Ave. and sold it for about $128,000. What did we invest in that?

Joel Jacovetti: We invested about $111,000 into the house.

Joel Arredondo: And do we have other projects set up like that – to your knowledge?

Joel Jacovetti: I think all of our properties are sold now. We have one more property.

Desiree Thompson: No, we have a couple properties that they were set up where we were required to sell them back to low-moderate income household members. Right now we still have a few. We have a couple that are pending sale right now. Then we have 314 w. 32nd St and then 1005/1007 W. 17th St. These properties are on our website so people can call in to inquire about them if they are interested or set up viewings. The goal is to always sell them to low-to-moderate income residents.

Joel Arredondo: And who determines what houses we are going to reinvest in and the amount of money we are going to spend on these houses?

Desiree Thompson: Right now we are investing more rehab into these houses. These houses were acquired I don't even remember how long. The department has had them for quite some time. And right now there is no program set u to acquire houses in the future, at the moment, to rehab and ressle because of those properties that we have right now.

Joel Arredondo: So is this a year to year that can be included in the plan as is or is there a plan for that?

Desiree Thompson: For like acquiring new houses to rehab?

Joel Arredondo: Yes.

Desiree Thompson: That is something that can be assessed on an annual basis if that's a program that could be setup.

Joel Arredondo: Okay, next question councilwoman Springowski addressed reinvesting the money into that area where the Stoveworks was removed. Is that HUD guidelines that we have to reinvest the money in where money was spent?

Drew Crawford: I believe it is a complicated answer that it does because HUD money was used for that if we want to have any further HUD money on that we have to have a particular time frame. So if I am not mistaken we cannot also have private development. I would have to check

this on that particular land. I cannot say for sure or if anyone can fact check me on that, but that is my understanding.

Joel Arredondo: The reason I mention that is because about two years ago there was a place down the street from here called hot waters. There was a bait shop in disrepair and the city invested quite a bit of money to remove it and all and now a little while later there is a makeshift pavilion set up there and we were told, council was told, by the administration that because we had taken CDBG funds to remove that that we had to reinvest it in that area to replace it. That's my question why we had to go by Stoveworks.

Drew Crawford: Again that is my understanding of this – I would have to confirm that but my understanding is that the money would have to be used towards a public service as well.

Joel Arredondo: The last comment I have is that I was once again council people are here to advocate for their constituents, their wards, the city, etc and the I understand the Oakwood park investment which is sizeable but once again but cannot be done without investing big monies in it. I hear council woman Henley's comment and I am sure other council people here have comments for their folks but once I again I have heard this over the years like on streets – how come my street didn't get done this other street did. There is a grading service that is done that Mrs. Garcia could apply to that or the engineering department on that more. But we have to start somewhere. I understand that so hopefully in the future we can address other areas but ya know the Oakwood park, like the mayor says, there's no place in Lorain that you can go learn how to swim and hopefully other places in the community they can go out there for now. Thank you for your presentation once again. It was very professional, very informative. I know your door is always open and council can always ask more questions and I am sure the public also. Thank you.

Drew Crawford: Thank you very much. Councilman McFarland do you have a question?

Rob McFarland: First of all I w want to thank you for the work you did in the second ward with Stoveworks and the church are two sites that needed a lot of attention and its very much appreciated in the second ward. Regarding the best use for Stoveworks moving forward how was that determined and is that information available? Was a heist and best use study, community input? And whatever it was can we see the feedback?

Drew Crawford: Seeing the feedback I believe it was for the most part, yes it should be as far as I am aware. In terms of the survey, Desiree can perhaps assist me, but we did have a survey that went out for the overall consolidated plan and then also in terms of housing studies have confirmed that there is a shortage of affordable and senior housing in the city, but I would expect to be able to make that public and be able to share it with all of you. Max any additions?

Max Upton: Just one other comment to councilmen McFarland. In the allocation of the Stoveworks demolition there is still some money left in there to plan for the redevelopment of

the side. We intend to issue a request for proposals to do a site planning to see the future of that site would look like and that should be coming here in the coming weeks.

Drew Crawford: Yes, councilman carrion

Rey Carrion: Alright if I can just add a couple of comments. Depending on the Stoveworks site what type of funds were you using CDBG or if there were any type of HOME dollars involved. Typically you have that 2 on 5 rule. 2 years to identify the project, 5 to build. So the clock is ticking not hat site. So really if you are looking at a way to be innovative and not be subject to losing dollar potentially face penalties from HUD its best to have a plant the community can rally on but the clock is actually ticking on that one. My other comment was to Councilwoman Henley's comments and I appreciate her comments and every other comment here. And as council president Arredondo stated we all advocate for our wards and that's what we do but we have to also be considerate and cognizant that there are needs across town and across the board so we want to be mindful of that. The issue that I have seen in this city, for many years is the lack of a plan. A lack of a formal strategic plan that can withstand all of us, council, administrations where it doesn't become political. You need a plan that works, that identifies what the needs are and you can put it on a timeline. So I was pleased when I read the summary that through Nancy Greer shared with us through Mitchell Fallis, thank you Mitch, that gave us an overview of what took place over the last 3 4 years and that it appears that that basis was under consideration. Where council looks at the needs of the city looked at the needs of Oakwood park at that particular park when the trees were taken down and the community was in an uproar and decided that that park being the largest park in the city almost 70 acres needing major major projects. That there needed to be a conserved effort to put dollars every year to try and bring that back to a level that is respectable. I would like to make a couple other comments just for clarification because I hear so many comments that are just not accurate, not right. The original plan from 2-3 years ago to take down the trees and redevelop that park based on 8 9 million dollar grants that was not there, that was money that was never received, never authorized and never encumbered. It was just a plan. That park and that plan included basically removing the southern part of the ark because it was consider to be in a floodplain and CDBG dollars or other type of federal dollars are ineligible to be spent in that area. That was what was presented by the staff and the city at the time and that's not the case, absolutely not the case. That's false. False. That park was built and there has been federal dollars put into that park over the last 40 years. The park is in a flood plain. The official ruling from HUD and there is an executive ordered signed by jimmy carter that is still in effect from the 70s, the only thing that would preclude any kind of federal dollars being spent would be in the actual flood way. The flood way at Oakwood Park is the ditch. That's it. That's it. Anything else is eligible and meets the criteria and we have confirmation from headquarters in HUD DC stating such. But I wanted to go back to Oakwood because the $200,000. I get a lot of calls from people that are not in my ward saying hey, that's a lot of money for the pool. That $200,000 is not a full allocation for a pool project, it includes other items. And I am looking at a price of $65,000 and I am not sure if

Lori Garcia can clarify that but I the last time I was at the pool with Lori and Mr. Upton was back in January and I don't remember those figures being at that level; but what needs to be taken into consideration here is that prior to the pool conversation entering into this mix in January when I came on board the plan was to build a splash pad for the same amount of dollars. So the same amount of dollars that have been earmarked for the pool is what we were going to put into the park for a splash pad. Now when I walked door-to-door and talked to everyone in my ward I asked them do you want a splash pad – is that what you want? And the answer was a no, a resounding no. no way. It's an insult; we are lowering the bar once again. We take down buildings, we don't replace them. We take down traffic light s were given people the appearance that this town is declining. Now we continue to lower the bar. We're going to put a rinky dinky splash pad here and expect you and the kids to go out and get your ankles wet and be happy. That is what we are telling our underserved communities, be happy with that. And that's just not what the community wants. So when people keep saying $200,000 for a pool, that's erroneous. That's wrong information. It was never that amount. It was the same amount that was earmarked and budgeted for a splash pad. For a building that is strong, we walked that building in January. It is solid, that building is in great shape. If there are issues needed, there are many community members and businesses that have already offered to donate the materials if we were to go to that extent. I don't want people to get afraid or feel that wow Oakwood Park is going to get $200,000 for the pool because that is absolutely not the case.

Greg Argenti: Thank you, Greg Argenti. 4th ward council. I would like to speak to the pool issue also. I am fearful that we may be getting into something where we are grossly underestimating the full cost of that pool. Normally things like this, you would first do a needs assessment to find out who, how many people are going to come and use that facility. And then researching a little about pool restoration and repairs. There are a lot of other situations that you need to be made aware of. So, the pool itself, the restrooms; the showers; are they compliant with current ADA regulations, current OCEA regulations? Suction vacuum release. That requirement has changed since that pool was put in. I would like to really get an accurate cost of what it would cost to restore this pool and annual maintenance cost because if we are not going to charge a fee to get in which I don't think we want to do. If it's not generating any revenue annual maintenance cost needs to be factored in too after the initial restoration is completed. So I think we need to – before we jump into something like this and also in researching this on a national level, the things like the splash pad and everything are e trending replacing traditional swimming pools and things like that in a lot of cities nationwide. So I think that is something that needs to be looked at before we jumped into something like this especially at these times with things that are going on. Thank you.

Drew Crowford: Thank you for those comments

Mayor Jack Bradley: I just wanted to share with council. First of all I grew up in Lorain. I grew up on the eastside on the corner of Euclid and sterling but my dad put me in the car when I was about 5 or 6 years old and took me over to the YMCA over there on 28th street so I could learn

how to swim because he knew that his son was probably going to wander over to century park or end of root road or even Lakeview park and swim. And he wanted to make sure that I wasn't going to drown. Melissa Barnhart provided me with an article that says that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for all children, but children of color are particularly at risk and that's from the center for disease control and prevention. Minority children in some age groups drowned at rates 7 times higher than their white counterparts. There are many reasons for their skilled discrepancies: few pools in their neighborhoods, parents who can't swim little money for lessons and parents swimming ability is the most telling. It also indicates that many times these children that qualify for reduced lunches and other assistance also qualify for getting money to help them learn how to swim at community pools. So I think as Joel arrdenondo said this beginning. It's not an end. We want to see how this works. Now we do have the YMCA that wants to partner with us and help us run this pool. And ya know again, if you build it, I think they'll come especially if we get it out there. I used to go eat my lunch at Cascade Park in Elyria and they spent all kinds of money on Cascade Park. I mean millions of dollars on Cascade Park. So before they did the rehab I used to eat my lunch there in Elyria and then after the rehab id go there and eat my lunch. Ya know what, id dint see any kids there. They spent all this money and no kids there. So you can build baseball diamonds – ya know when I was growing up at g street park we hardly ever played on the ball field except for regular games because we didn't want to go on the ball field and mess up the lines so we would go out and play in the field around the ballpark because we knew we were going to have a game the next day or something like that. But kids will be able to – they know how to innovate. You don't have to have a perfect field for a kid to get a ball and a bat or a soccer ball or a football and play. But a pool that's important because if we save one child's life by teaching that child how to swim then we have spent $200,000 very wisely in the city of Lorain. So don't just make it about money. Don't just make it about where it's going to be at. Let's think about encouraging our parents to get their kids over to this pool and learn how to swim so we save lives.

Mary Springowski: I was also one of those kids that went to the Y on 28th st as a matter of fact, that Y was my father's first home in this country. They did end up giving my mother her money back because teaching me to swim was futile. It really was. I do dog paddle better than most labradoodles, but the thing is that pool is only going to be available in the summer months. If we combined all of our resources and centrally locate something, does a rec center that has a pool in it that can be sued year round then it can also be sued by the elderly that is a fitness regime that helps keep them healthy. I remember when the Y was open on tower blvd my father-in-law had a membership and went swimming everyday once he retired. If we do this and do something that we can centrally locate it and we focus on the entire community I think we are going to get a better return on our investment because this is what we are doing. We are investing in our community. I would like us to have some type of pool or the ability to have an indoor pool that the elderly can use it as well as the kids.

Mayor Jack Bradley: So how much does a rec center cost?

Commenter: Someone: 6 million dollars

Mayor Jack Bradley: 6 million dollars? Oh, do we have 6 million dollars? Do we have $200,000 for a pool? Do we have 6 million dollars for a rec center? I don't think so.

Mary Springowski: That we can use 3 months out of the year.

Mayor Jack Bradley: Hey, you only need to learn how to swim once. You can learn in the summertime because kids don't swim in the wintertime. Kids swim in the summertime. They go to Lakeview Park. They go to Century Park. That's where they go to swim. That's the time of the year they go to swim. It's important that we have our kids swimming. It was important for me to learn how to swim. It was important for you to learn how to swim. And if you can't swim, then at least you know how to save yourself, I would hope because a dog paddle is at least going to save you. We need to save lives. We need to do something positive. We can talk about pipe dreams like 6 million dollar rec centers or 5 million dollar rec centers but $200,000 pool. We are going to do something for our community and believe me, if the parents want to get their kids to Oakwood Park they'll get them there. My dad got me to the YMCA on 28th St. it was a great experience for me. I met kids from all over the city.

Drew Crawford: Okay, I believe that since it is past 6 o'clock that it is time for your council meeting to being so thank you all very much for your participation and hearing our plans. Again, feel free to email us if there is any further feedback CDBG@cityoflorain..org. Thank you all for your time. Thanks.

CITY OF LORAIN

Public Information Session
2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan
Meeting of May 18, 2020

MINUTES

The third Public Hearing Meeting for the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan commenced at 5:07 p.m. by Drew Crawford in council chambers of Lorain City Hall. In attendance were Drew Crawford, Joel Jacovetti, Desiree Thompson, Mayor Jack Brady, Max Upton, Melissa Barnhart, Rick Soto, Joel Arredondo, Mary Springowski, and Rey Carrion.

I. PRESENTATION

Drew Crawford commenced the hearing at 5:07 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020 to discuss the updated budget for the 5 Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for 2020-2024. The presentation explained the changes to the budget which had the following changes made to it. The 2020 Estimated Program Income (CDBG) amount increase to $1,020,400.00. This increase was contributed to loan pay-offs that came in ahead of schedule. Community Development Block Grant – CV program (CDBG-CV) funds received are $725,720.00. This is additional money the City of Lorain received to help prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 related economic downturn and recovery. In addition to the loan pay-offs the 2020 Estimate Program Income (HOME) increase to $100,000.00. The CDBG Administration income increased from the additional administration income that was calculated off the $725,720.00 off of the CDBG-CV funds. Some of the funds from the loan pay-offs allowed for the City of Lorain to now include Public Facility Improvements of street improvements ($353,547.30) and a Senior Center parking ($25,000.00) lot. There was a decrease in the amount of funds to the Clearance/Demolition amount which is now allocated $200,400.00. The final changes to the budget plan are related to how the additional CDBG-CV funds will be allocated. Administration at $145,144, Public Service activities, Lorain City Schools $25,000 for LTE enabled laptops, Urban League $200,000 for emergency assistance up to 3 months rental/mortgage and utilities assistance to low-to-mod residents within the City of Lorain, Neighborhood Alliance $60,000 to assist the organization to ensure social distancing guidelines are able to be implemented, Second Harvest $70,576.00 to assist with the cost associated with delivery of emergency food, Church of the Open Door $25,000 for 2 urban gardens to grow produce to distribute to LMI households. From an Economic Development standpoint there will be $100,000 allocated for a Local Business Relief Grant fund to help local small businesses receive funds to help with payroll, rent/mortgage or utility costs. Also, an additional $100,000 was allocated for Local Business Retrofit program to help local small businesses retrofit their business to the new State of Ohio Social Distancing guidelines.

II. DISCUSSION

The first question posed came from Councilman Mitchell Fallis. He asked for more in depth description of the HOME program regarding the qualifications and cost that are covered. Drew Crawford explained that this will be new program for Building, Housing and Planning to administer and that it will cover cost to assist with a variety of projects covering rehabilitation.

Safety Service Director, Max Upton to clarify the HOME program has been receiving allocations for a number of years but Building, Housing and Planning has not been able to use the funds. How this program differs from Emergency Home Repair (CDBG funding), is when HOME funds are used all code violations identified in the home must be repaired from foundation to roof. Emergency Home Repair funds are capped at $15,000 as where HOME funds will be capped at $50,000. The HOME option is for an owner occupied home that is in major disrepair. This allows the City of Lorain to take extensive measures to preserve home owner occupied housing within the City. Mitchell Fallis said that he can see a tremendous need for the HOME program. He had asked for who the proper point of contact for the program is. Drew Crawford deferred to Max Upton for who the proper point of contact should be as Drew stated we are working on drafting the proper procedures for this program. Max Upton stated Drew and the staff (Building, Housing and Planning), are working through the documentation of the procedure for the program. Program, policies and procedures to make the City of Lorain right in the eyes of HUDs personnel. Until the policies and procedures are signed off by HUD, the City is still unable to access the HOME funds. Also the City's timeliness of expenditures these HOME funds being on hold counts against us from HUDs standpoint.

Councilman Rey Carrion commends Drew and the team for putting together a plain that focuses on a lot of areas of need in the City. Rey Carrion had a question regarding the COVID-19 slide funds. Asked for more information regarding the Urban League scope of work since that is the largest amount of funds ($200,000) being allocated? Ray also will have a follow question to the Lorain City Schools allocation of $25,000. Drew Crawford explained that the Urban League put together a detail proposal of a plan and are most equipped with resources to assist anyone with utility and rental/mortgage assistance program for a 3-month timeframe. Back to the Lorain City Schools question regarding how digital inclusion is key in the communities and schools. What is the impact that the $25,000 will bring? Drew Crawford stressed the immediacy of using the COVID-19 funds in order to keep the City of Lorain within their timeliness guidelines. The $25,000 that is allocated for the schools should go pretty far since the cost of a laptop is roughly $175 each. Ray Carrion asked Drew Crawford to elaborate with which students would qualify for the laptops? Drew Crawford elaborated that the students are in grades K – 12 and should assist about 142 students. Max Upton also spoke up that it will be 142 computers. Ray Carrion elaborated more regarding with what is the need for this and how we can maybe looking to assist more students. Are there other partners or can we obtain additional funds to potentially reach every family and every student. Ray Carrion added how other communities outside of the Lorain County area have been extremely aggressive with the school work that the kids are doing. To complete this work the students need to be connected. Ray Carrion asked that we look at how to help the students get better connect to complete more school work online. Joel Jacovetti added that there is a third party that reached out to us regarding the need for these students to obtain laptops and this is why the $25,000 was originally allocated to assist the 30 families that the third party is looking to assist. Joel Jacovetti also elaborated on how there might be additional COVID-19 funding coming and that the City of Lorain will take into consideration helping the schools and students further if the need is still there. Max Upton added an additional point that he participates in the Lorain County Connected Digital Inclusion Coalition which is partnered with the Community foundation of Lorain County and the City has been working with Mark Gonzalez and his group, along with the Community foundation Public Library systems, so it is a coalition

that is working on the funding of this program and this is where the idea came from regarding the need of these laptops.

Council President Joel Arredondo asked Drew Crawford to go back to the summary plan at the being of the presentation regarding line item number 2 (2020 Estimated Program Income CDBG) regarding the increase and what was the increase from the prior budget? Drew Crawford responded that the prior amount was $640,400. Joel Arredondo stated that Drew said during the presentation this was attributed to early loan payoffs. Drew Crawford responded correct. Joel Arredondo elaborated further asking how are we with the loan payoffs is everyone current and up to date? Drew Crawford responded that as of right now most people are paying on time. Joel Arredondo asked that for future presentations to bring this up to date regarding the outstanding loans and their statuses. Joel Arredondo added regarding past issues with these loans and monitoring not being completed timely which lead to HUD not allowing the City to access their funding. Joel Arredondo asked further that if a loan is paid off are these individuals eligible for another loan. Joel Jacovetti responded that they will be after a 5 year waiting period. Joel Arredondo had one more question regarding the $200,400 for Clearance/Demolition. Drew Crawford elaborated that the Clearance/Demolition money was actually reduced by $50,000 based on our ability to do the demolitions in a timely manner in accordance with HUDs guidelines. Joel Arredondo asked about the funding for Senior Center which is at $25,000 and what are those funds going to be used for? Drew Crawford explained that those funds were for the paving the parking lot which is one of their biggest needs, which falls within CDBG guidelines. Joel Arredondo stated that by putting the funds to the parking lot it allows people to see where the money is going and he commended the team for that. Joel Arredondo lastly asked about the street improvements amount of $353,547.30, that will the administration be providing information regarding what streets will be being completed with those funds? Drew Crawford responded yes.

Councilman Mitchell Fallis posed the question regarding Oakwood Park and the allocation of the $200,000 regarding how the funds will be used. Drew Crawford responded with that those funds will be for the rehabilitation of the pool. Mitchell Fallis added further comment regarding as a councilman at large official that they represent the citizens of Lorain, and when it comes down to what to vote for or against this is a classic case of something that would benefit the entire city and he is in favor of the pool since at this current time there is no other location or facility that can be improved on absent of Oakwood Park. He is in full favor of allocating the $200,000 to that facility for that reason number 1. Number 2 since Oakwood Park is the largest park in our city at 70 acres plus, it has gone way to many years without being updated so this improvement is long overdue for the citizens and he agrees with the Mayor about providing an opportunity for all of our citizens to learn how to swim.

III. CONCLUSION

Drew Crawford concluded the meeting at 5:34 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan updated budget.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Chaplain Mitchell Fallis led Council in the prayer and pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT - 11 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Diruzzo, Hanley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

ABSENT - 0 None.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES:

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

a.) Mayor Bradley's appointments/reappointments to several boards and commissions as follows: Lorain Port Authority (2) Carl Nielsen and Jon Veard Jr.; Metropolitan Housing Auth Board (2) Teja Vasquez and Linda Davis; Community Reinvestment Housing Council (2) Harry Williamson and Ted Kalo Jr., Records Commission (1) Frank Sipkovsky; and Design Review Board (7) Frank Sipkovsky, Drew Crawford, Andrea Neal, Gary Fischer, Janet Garcia, Joyce Arredondo, Jon Veard Jr.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mr. Carrion, to concur with the Port Authority appointments. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to concur with the Design Review Board appointments. The motion carried unanimously

The remaining appointments/reappointments were received and filed without objection.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you to all these folks for their service. Once again, all of these positions are not monetarily compensated, so once again, thank you for your service.

REMARKS: MAYOR BRADLEY: I want to start off the meeting with some good news regarding St. Joseph's hospital. The development company that owns the site, A7 Development, they have indicated to us their intention to demolish St. Joseph's hospital. We are hoping that will be accomplished by the end of the year for development purposes. Safety/Service Director Max Upton has been working with them diligently to get this put together. We are going to have a press release to release to the press today but I think that this is really, really good news. That eyesore has been there and we are going to be able to reduce crime, the vandalism and we are going to be able to put a project there that is going to start to develop that area of Lorain because with housing and other development that is proposed there we will then start having restaurants in that area, we'll start having shops in that area and that area will be revitalized again. It is very, very good news. The owners of that site are A7 Development and I think they are out of Massachusetts. It is good to start off the meeting with some good news for our city.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: First of all I want to welcome A7 Development to Lorain. Number 2, I am glad to hear that they are moving forward on removing this blighted situation on our city. I have a comment on that, will the City of Lorain be participating at all with assistance or funds to help with that blighted situation?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: At this point in time they are in land development and the point in which the city can help is when they go "ground up" and actually building the site from clean. They're working to do the demolition. Once they get a clean site the City will do anything and everything it is able to do to help facilitate the revitalization of that corridor.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I want to thank the administration for helping to move this project forward and also there is a gentleman who was with Southshore Development Corporation, Mr. Jim Janasko, and I understand that he had a lot of input in terms of trying to get this deal done so we thank him for his efforts as well.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Do we know what type of development? Will it be retail, commercial, housing? What are they looking at?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: The short answer is yes, they are looking at a mixed use site that is part retail, part housing, amenity space. There has been conveyed

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: S/S Director Upton, can you give us a brief description of the property that is being conveyed? It is really hard to figure that out on the on correspondence received if you could make a brief comment.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: The property is a little sliver of land between the Broadway hotel and the street. Tom Brown from the Port can elaborate but basically during the transaction that conveyed this initially for whatever reason this little sliver didn't get on the conveyance and this is a matter of getting this over to the Port so that they can roll this into the lease to Radhika so that she can satisfy requirements for her historic tax credit equity. That is what this is about. Like I said, for history that goes back to the transaction itself Tom can answer any questions relative to that.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I am certainly in favor of conveying this over so that we can get that project moved forward and provide some significant financial assistance with the historical tax credits.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance 38-20 e.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, authorizing the Auditor of the City of Lorain, Ohio to pay an invoice submitted by the Utilities Department that invokes the Then & Now Certification Exception process as per Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 and to pay for said invoices and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 39-20 f.) Introduced by Mr. Argenti, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to accept the award from the FY20 Coronavirus emergency supplemental funding program.

Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Just briefly, congratulations again to the LPD for securing this much needed at this time funding. They really help themselves so congratulations to them.

Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 40-20 g.) Introduced by Mr. Carrion, an ordinance approving the City of Lorain's Program Year 2020-2024 CDBG and HOME Consolidated Plan along with the 2020 one year action plan which includes CDBG-CV funds and authorizing the Mayor to submit for financial assistance under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, authorizing the Director of Public Safety & Service to enter into all contracts and agreements to accept financial assistance, appropriating the funds and establishing the individual accounts consistent with all attached budgets and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Carrion, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN CARRION: I think it is incumbent for members of Council to recognize the work that is being done by the city staff members. Obviously working in this department for many years I can relate to the amount of work and the amount of detail that

is required to put this plan together. For the members of BHP Department that are here and were very involved in the two detailed public hearings plus responsible for the documentation that was behind it, I would like to commend them on their work. This is very good work and it really emphasized the needs of our community throughout many of our areas that are eligible for funding under CDBG and HOME and I thought that the research and the attention to detail in some of those areas was very well done. I'd like to commend them for their fine work.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Also, with that in mind just to show you what a normal piece of legislation looks like, is here and if our clerk would raise the packet for CDBG. As you mentioned about the research, the work, all that has to be done, I would agree with you and commend the staff for that.

COUNCILMAN SHAWVER: Just for clarification, I just want to make sure what I am reading is correct. This budget still contains $200k for the Oakwood Park pool?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: That is correct.

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: Just to clarify, am I correct that that pool is not going in the same area? Is there a different area that it is going into that is not in a flood zone?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: The pool is going to be rehabbed in place and it is outside of the floodway portion of the flood zone and since it is already there there is no issue with spending federal funds in that particular area.

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: And am I correct that we have that documentation from FEMA?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: We have that documentation through the CDBG Program policies and procedures from the federal government. Also, a Lorain resident and D.C. staffer of HUD pretty high up the food chain, Nelson, personally confirmed that with us as well. We did extensive due diligence with the Engineering Dept, with the federal government and with our BHP staff to make sure we are good.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I know that there was conversation earlier that federal dollars were prohibited in flood zones. The distinction here, and this was a distinction that was clarified by HUD headquarters in Washington D.C. not only by Mr. Nelson _____, but by the other lady that was in the email, she is the personnel responsible for this program in the state and essential that the distinction is that the floodway would be the only area that would be prohibited from spending any type of federal dollars. As they review Oakwood Park the floodway itself is the ditch on 36th Street. Anything outside of the ditch is within the floodplain and that is certainly eligible and we did have that information confirmed in writing by HUD headquarters in D.C.

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: Okay, I just wanted to make sure that we have all of those things in place for future questions. Also, I just want to make a comment that with this not there talking about the pools, can we not forget about the other parks that need attention. Central Park's pool was taken out. I am hoping that we can get another pool. I know you said that we probably won't be able to do a rec center but I don't see it happening this year or next year but maybe we can move forward and plan something for the future. I don't know where I am going to be in four years or eight years but I want to give something back to that area. They want a pool. Once they see that pool going up they want a pool, too.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRUNGOWSKI: I have had other people that have said that if a pool is going into Oakwood they would like to see a pool located elsewhere in the city for other people. The eastside is very cut off. There used to be a pool at Longfellow but the eastside is very cutoff from being able to get over to Oakwood Park. Kids on the far Westside and Central Lorain makes it very difficult for these kids. I know it is easy to say that if they really want to go there they'll get there but I would like to see if we can look at an additional pool and look at it centrally located because we are supposed to be doing this for the kids. It is something to look at further down the road but we do have to recognize that we do have the eastside and central Lorain and these kids deserve it, too.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: I will piggyback on what Councilwoman Springowski said. If I have heard from any of the people in my ward this has been a hot button issue and Longfellow Park, the pool being gone from there, we are cut off. I envision kids trying to get to Oakwood Park down the road if this ever comes to fruition riding bikes over the bridge, down 28th Street, whatever and to me that creates a really big danger. I just want to

be heard on this because it is a big deal for the residents of the first ward and the eastside and I think I can speak for part of Council McFarland's ward as it is located east of the bridge.

COUNCILWOMAN MOON: I also want to piggyback on Council At-Large. Living in the fifth ward and working in the school system I find we as adults forget about the youth. We never listen to what the youth want, it would be so nice to get the youth in here and see what they would like because they are the ones going to the pools. When I am at the park I hardly ever see any adults there. We have a basketball tournament, unfortunately we won't be able to do it at Central Park, Cityview has a big reunion and General Johnnie Wilson but I think we should involve the youth because they are the ones that are going to be going to the pool and me being out there I always here how are we going to get there? If we could do little buses or try to get them there from the eastside and Westside it would be nice but let's try to listen to our youth and get them involved also.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I just want to follow up and I appreciate all the comments that have been made here. I think that they are legitimate, they are real and those are comments that we can all resonate with. I'd just like to make a point, at least for the folks in Lorain, because this facility benefits citizens of Lorain in general and I think that what we are hearing from Council and I have heard this throughout the last month here in the sixth ward. It is not necessarily that this is a bad project for the city, it is the fact that the same need is needed elsewhere in the city. A city of 64,000 residents could afford to have more than one swimming pool and how do we do that strategically? One of the comments that I wanted to get back to and as I look at the area of South Lorain, an area that has been underserved for many, many years and an area that has seen a lack of investment at all levels for many years is that when you look at healthy communities, and this is what we do in planning and for the planning folks that are out there I am sure that they say this, when you look at communities and development in healthy communities you have 10 key ingredients and three of those key ingredients are what we are touching now. One has to do with housing, obviously with new housing around that area we will improve the neighborhoods, parks is at the top, parks and recreation. That is why many communities use the tagline of live, work and play. The play refers specifically to recreation. At Oakwood Park, and I am going to speak for Lorain, I worked for 20 years in this city and I was involved in all parts of the city, now I represent the sixth ward but it makes sense at Oakwood Park because you do have the infrastructure in place to do this for this amount of dollars. If you wanted to do this same project anywhere else you would be looking at $500,000-$600,000 because the infrastructure is not there. If we are going to do this let's start and make sure we support it and it is incumbent upon ourselves to assure that we are promoting the recreation aspects of the city so now we can actually see the result and would incentivize others to support additional recreational programs throughout the city in the central area and on the eastside. The Westside is pretty much self sufficient and they do pretty well but the other areas have not and hopefully this is a start and it can show how strategically you can focus housing, recreational economic development to start bringing these neighborhoods back and I think this would be a catalyst for what is in the works for South Lorain. This would be at the center hub because it is going to bring additional recreational programs beside swimming.

COUNCILMAN SHAWVER: I would echo Councilwoman Henley's comments. I have received a significant number of calls from people in my ward that think we should be fixing the drainage issues in Lakeview Park before putting in pools. My follow up question on that would be do we have a funding source for maintenance and upkeep for this pool?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR UPTON: That is something to talk with Councilman Carrion on. We are working on our agreement with the YMCA, we have also identified the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Councilman Carrion through his work in the South Lorain Endowment fund is also a part of that and we have had initial conversations with a number of master sponsors through a larger grand request.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: If I could answer that question, knowing that the park in South Lorain is the catalyst for raised success for having healthy neighborhoods as well as strong families. We have looked at that and what we have learned from the past is that somewhere in the neighborhood of $15,000-$20,000 a year is what is required not only to

provide chemicals, pay for lifeguards and do those type of upgrades. What we wanted to do here is develop a plan that doesn't just fall on the shoulders on the city. There has got to be ownership and we have as community members need to have skin in the game. We have worked with the foundation to be able to provide some funding for some of that maintenance work. The work that I have been leading with the Friends of South Lorain, that is part of the program. We are raising money through community involvement, through grassroots initiatives, to not only beautify South Lorain through banners, flowers, improvements but at the same time we are raising money to put back in and through that Friends of South Lorain we would be able to cover half of that maintenance agreement just from what we are doing. Additionally I donated my full Council salary and created an endowment fund through the community foundation and Oakwood is going to be the choice. Oakwood Park will have a stream of funds that are going to run forever based on those models that we have in place. We are not sitting here saying city give me money, give me money. We are actually getting out there, we are rolling up our sleeves and we are putting our money where our mouth is. We are basically saying this is how we are going to do it, community. You can do this together by being involved and putting your money and sweat equity into this.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you. It has been a good discussion, people are taking ownership. We had three public hearings from BHP regarding our funds for this year. The one we had today there was only a handful of council people there. I don't know if you forgot or maybe it was agendas, but a lot of these questions could have been asked there but that is fine, it is being asked now. Just a little quick history, we did have three pools in our city at one time. We also had three high schools in our city at one time. Once again, one thing the City of Lorain has been able to do is to adapt, reorganize, make adjustments. We have been under a lot of economic strain. We know that, the people that have been here, some of the council people here, you've lived it firsthand yourself. When we were kids there was one Y which was in South Lorain, later on there was one Y in Central Lorain and once again we were able to get those extra pools put in there. Always as a kid growing up in South Lorain I always heard about the kids on the Eastside have the lake and the kids on the Westside had the lake so they didn't need to go to any pools. Then we were fortunate at some time also there was a place called Oak Hills Country Club that had their own pool. Later on the only school in Lorain that ever had a pool was Lorain Catholic. As the Mayor had talked in one of the public hearings about saving one child's life. If a parent really wants their child to get educated, just like in youth baseball, I never got to play youth baseball because there were only two little league fields, one on the eastside and one in Central Lorain. My father always worked, I didn't have a ride to get there. What did we do? We played in the parks. The parks had park leagues where every park had a league in the summer and you had organized baseball. I didn't play city league or later on as it came out to be youth baseball. Then we even had at a time recreational basketball, we've had the flag football teams that a lot of mentors are out there. We commend them. The people like Ricky Jackson, others who have been out there with the kids. The Steele City Youth. People take ownership. They are not looking for the city to do everything but we as council people, I like the vision, I like the aggressiveness. Yes, you want to support your folks, sure. Let's get this project started. It is not going to be started until next year unfortunately because of what is there. I read in the paper about Avon, a community to the west, they are not even opening their pool. Other cities are and unfortunately there are a lot of concerns. Once again, thank you Council for weighing in. We know this is on your heart but let's get one started first. We cannot be running. We have to walk or crawl first then start walking. If we get this project off, great. It would be great to see another pool in as the council people, you are advocating for your folks. That would be great, a great vision. Thank you for the healthy discussion.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I just have a couple of comments, President Arredondo. I really support my fellow councilmen's vision of having pools on central and the eastside of Lorain. I think that parks are community parks and it would be great for us to get to that point at some point to have multiple pools in our city. I would recommend that we take a look at creating a long terms strategic plan for our park system and start that. I would love to work with the rest of council and the administration to move forward on those two

proposals; however, the opportunity presented before us tonight is to take an infrastructure that we currently have, which is the pool at Oakwood, and improve that to a point where we could open that up for our residents of the City of Lorain. As a councilman at-large official I am responsible for all of our residents and I think that would be a pool that everyone could use if they wanted to so I am certainly in support of that particular part of this CDBG fund. I think it is incumbent that we start, we have a pool and then we work on the rest of the parks in the city. Not only do the park, do we need to look at pools but we need other improvements in various parks. I mean, some of the parks on the eastside don't even have a baseball diamond where they could play or even in South Lorain. I agree, we need to make that happen and I would be happy to work with you and the administration to do that. Those are all great visions and I think we need to roll up our sleeves, get some work committees together and make that happen over the next two or three years.

Moved by Mr. Carrion, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Dimacchia, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 41-20 h) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service of the City of Lorain, Ohio to enter into an option to purchase portions of two parcels owned by Eschuruth Investment Co. llc for the purpose of flood mitigation along Martin's Run Creek.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried unanimously and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Now we are going to talk about the flooding! I got out there, thank God Tom is willing to be my chauffeur on this. We were all down Washington, we were driving around where it normally floods. I did get some complaints from people on Washington saying that there is wetlands behind Washington, you've got a lot of ATV riders back there and it is destroying the ground and they feel that is contributing to some of the issues. Where I saw it getting bound up was once it crossed under Oberlin Avenue and came down through Ashland to Tower that is where it seems we have a lot of flooding. You could tell from it coming up back from the drains and when I got down to Tower and Ashland, you know, our natural flood zone there, it was very deep and it was just bubbling up. I think that this retention pond is going to really help alleviate some of this. I wish we could go through and totally dredge the entire creek and widen it a little bit. I think that that would help. Just underneath the city streets and culverts where we've built over the creek, I think that is where we are getting our bottlenecks. We have to do something. We cannot keep letting our residents get their property destroyed. I have had people calling me crying because their basements have flooded for the sixth and seventh time. My cousin's older house, she said it destroyed her daughter's bedroom in the basement. We've got to do something with this flooding and I think that this property purchase is going to help with the creation of the retention pond but we know that once we get past Oberlin Avenue going east and from that section over through Tower it flooded all the way to my house this time over to East Skyline and West 33rd. We know that there is an issue there, we have got to do something to help our residents. I thank the administration for going forward with this purchase.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: I know that you have been here about four years now and when you came onto Council if you remember that discussion we had even back then. Hopefully something will get done this time.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: Thank you Mrs. Springowski for her comments. This is critical but this is just the beginning. It is critical that we make this purchase and put that detention pond in because it is actually getting worse. As Mary said, it is on Tower and Washington now, it is back on Felbo, Amherst Avenue, it is actually worse than it was in 2014. Like I said, this is a critical first step to help and then afterwards we do need to get engineering out there if we dig up road or whatever we have to do. As she said, it is getting redundant. The same people are flooding three, four, five, six times. This is a critical first step.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-20

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF LORAIN'S PROGRAM YEAR 2020-2024 CDBG AND HOME CONSOLIDATED PLAN ALONG WITH THE 2020 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN WHICH INCLUDES CDBG-CV FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, AND THE CRANSTON GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING THE INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS CONSISTENT WITH ALL ATTACHED BUDGETS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance is available to the City of Lorain under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the purposes of eliminating slum and neighborhood blight and improving housing and economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons ,and;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 which is to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 related economic downturn and recovery program

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance is available to the City of Lorain under the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, for the purpose of expanding the supply of decent; safe; sanitary; and affordable housing for very low-income and low-to-moderate income persons, and;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued federal regulations on January 4, 1995 that consolidates into the single submission the planning application process for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; Community Development Block Grant-CV (CDBG-CV) program; the Emergency Shelter Gran (ESG); the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program; and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs; and;

WHEREAS, The City of Lorain has prepared a One-Year Action Plan that implements the goals and objectives found in the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lorain has made the 2020-2024 CDBG, AND HOME Consolidated Plan, along with the 2020 One-Year Action Plan, which includes CDBG-CV available to the public through advertising that the plan; is available within the Department of Building, Housing and Planning and the City of Lorain's webpage for a minimum five (5) days for citizen participation public comments; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the 2020-2024 CDBG AND HOME Consolidated Plan, along with the 2020 One-Year Action Plan, which includes CDBG-CV are included as attachments to this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Lorain City Council hereby approves the 2020-2024 CDBG AND HOME Consolidated Plan, along with the 2020 One-Year Action Plan, which includes CDBG-CV budget for the Community Development Block Grant Program, Community Development Block Grant-CV Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and other departmental funds attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as "Attachment 1."

SECTION II. That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the City of Lorain for funding under the CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME and other federal programs in accordance with applicable federal laws.

SECTION III. That the Director of Public Safety & Service be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into all contracts and agreements to accept financial assistance, appropriating the funds and establishing the individual accounts consistent with all attached budgets.

SECTION IV. That City Council hereby appropriates for the entire calendar year 2020 the full amount of funds specified in the CDBG, CDBG-CV, HOME and other program budgets incorporated herein

SECTION V. The City Auditor is further authorized to secure for her records a line item appropriation of each activity listed all categories incorporated budgets.

SECTION VI. That it is found that all actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION VII. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being to meet the submission deadline established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of August 16, 2020 and to provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Lorain, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: May 18, 2020

ATTEST: Nancy Greer, CLERK

APPROVED: May 18, 2020

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MAYOR

I, NANCY A. GREER, CLERK OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, OHIO, CERTIFY THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF ORD. NO. 20-[illegible] PASSED ON THE 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2020 BY COUNCIL AND TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK.

5/21/2020
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City Council Regular Meeting **10. g.**
Meeting Date: 05/18/2020
Submitted by: Joel Jacovetti, Program Manager I

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE:
Ordinance approving the City of Lorain's program year 2020-2024 CDBG and Home Consolidated Plan along with the 2020 One-year action plan which includes CDBG-CV funding

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:
To pass the ordinance and budget for approval of the spending of the federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:
Recommending the approval of the ordinance and budget for the spending of the federal funds.

Fiscal Impact

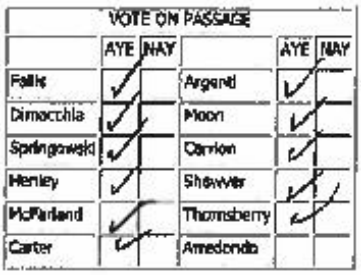
Funds Available in Current Year Budget (Y/N):	Y
Estimated Total Expenditure:	$3,513,181.00
List of Funding Source and/or Account Number:	CDBG-2260/HOME-2580
Estimate of Incoming Revenue (fees, grants, etc.):	
Financing Requirements (Bonds, Loans, Lease, etc.):	

Attachments

Ordinance
Budget
5-Year Consolidated Plan/Action Plan with CDBG-CV funds

Form Review

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BHP Director	Breanna Dull	05/14/2020 03:59 PM
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CITY OF LORAIN FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

The City of Lorain is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are used to support a variety of activities, improvements, and aid relating to housing choice and community development.
The City of Lorain, Ohio conducted a public survey as part of their outreach efforts for the completion of their Five-Year Consolidated Plan (5YCP) and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The survey was hosted through an online platform, and hard copies were also available at the city offices. The survey was open starting on Monday, October 14th, 2019 until Sunday December 15th, 2019. The City received 78 online responses and 6 hard copy submissions. The following survey summary details the responses from these 84 community members, most of whom are full-time residents in the City (71%). Many of the respondents are also employed at businesses and agencies within the City.

HOUSING NEEDS

Among the major housing and community development concerns listed by respondents, property and home maintenance (relating to abandoned housing, housing in disrepair, and blighted properties) for both owner- and renter-occupied homes were the primary concerns. Approximately 57% of respondents rated renter-occupied housing repairs as a high priority. Fifty percent of respondents rated owner-occupied housing repairs as high priority, and 42.7% of respondents rated assistance with purchasing a home as high priority. In congruence with these sentiments, respondents also expressed concern for the lack of quality and affordable housing, lack of business/commercial development growth, and a lack of recreational and other programmatic opportunities.

HOMELESS NEEDS

Survey respondents indicated a high priority need for various homeless services, such as employment training (68.3%), mental health services (62.2%), and substance abuse services (58.5%). Additionally, assistances with finding homeless services and case management and homeless services for youth rated as high priorities (51.2% and 47.5%), respectively. These sentiments were also supported in the comment sections of the survey.

PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS

With regard to public service needs, priority levels were spread across many activities; however, nearly 70% of respondents indicated the need for increased/improved transportation services. Respondents also indicated a high priority need for employment assistance/job training (61.4%), and youth services (i.e. childcare, tutoring, after-school care) (59.2%). Senior and elderly services also received a relatively high priority rating from respondents (nearly 56%).

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

In general, there is an overwhelming sentiment that blight removal, dilapidated structures, and lack of property repairs within the City is negatively impacting economic development. Over 77% of survey respondents rated blight removal as high priority for community and economic development activities. Additionally, 62.5% of respondents indicated a high priority need for road repair/construction, and 58.3% of respondents indicated a high priority need for a community/recreation center.

COMMUNICATION

The survey reports that 73.5% of respondents are only somewhat familiar or are not at all familiar with housing programs and community development services in the City of Lorain. When prompted to describe how the City could better communicate community development initiatives, several respondents indicated that the City's website has accessibility issues and would benefit from navigation improvements and informational updates. Approximately 68% of respondents feel that information about housing programs and community development services are not readily available to them or are unsure if they are available to them. This is an additional indicator that the City would benefit from improved communication pertaining to resources and services relating to community development, fair housing, and other social services.

FAIR HOUSING

The survey reports that only about 12% of respondents have experienced housing discrimination or know someone who has experienced housing discrimination. Of this 12% of respondents who have experienced housing discrimination, approximately 70% of this discrimination is based on race or color.

It is important to note that the majority of respondents (72.3%) are only somewhat aware or not at all aware of the Fair Housing Laws. This further suggests the need for improved communications between the City and its residents about services, initiatives, and rights available to them.

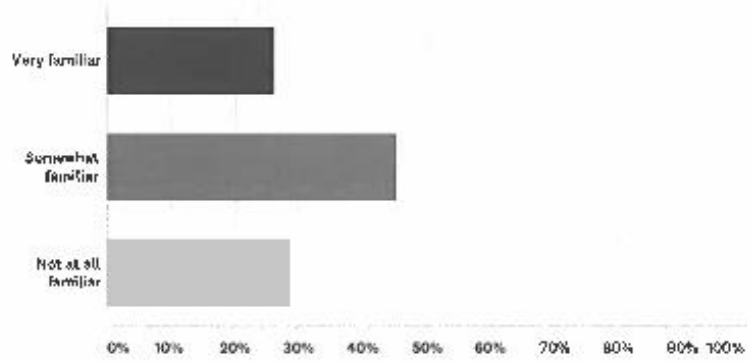
CONCLUSION

Based on the detailed results of the survey, the data suggests that the City of Lorain could benefit by prioritizing funding around the following high priority needs: blight removal, road repair, home repair and other housing services, code enforcement, transportation services, and improved communication efforts (e.g. website updates, increased social media presence, and increased resource accessibility) to ensure that its housing and community development services are known and utilized.

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Q1 How familiar are you with the City of Lorain housing programs and community development services?

Answered: 84 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very familiar	26.19%	22
Somewhat familiar	45.24%	38
Not at all familiar	28.57%	24
TOTAL		84

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Q2 What have you perceived to be the City's major housing or community development concerns over the past 5 years?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Answer 1	100.00%	76
Answer 2	89.47%	68
Answer 3	63.16%	48

#	ANSWER 1	DATE
1	Blight Blight Removal	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Blight Property Maimenance	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Blight Maintenance & Upkeep	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Blight Abandoned housing redevelopment	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
5	Housing Housing Development	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
6	Housing Lack of mixed use development outside of downtown	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
7	Housing not enough housing	12/9/2019 4:44 PM
8	Economic Growth Economic Development	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
9	Blight Economic Growth Attracting new business	12/9/2019 1:44 PM
10	Safety Crime and violence	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
11	Housing Need more affordable rooms available for people coming out of recovery	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
12	Housing Availability	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
13	Blight Abandoned properties	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
14	Economic Growth Downtown 16 blocks underway	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
15	Safety Availability of Safe Housing	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
16	Blight Economic Growth Safety Maintaining our public parks	12/6/2019 8:20 PM
17	Blight Abandoned properties	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
18	Restrictions on purchasing a house	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
19	RESTRICTIONS	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
20	Blight Home owner responsibility	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
21	Blight Housing Housing Stock Improvement	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
22	Blight Abandoned homes	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
23	Blight property maintenance	12/4/2019 1:49 PM
24	Blight Too many run down rentals	12/4/2019 12:55 PM
25	buy in from the community	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
26	Safety Unsafe Neighborhoods	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
27	Too many projects	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
28	Cost Burdens lack of funding available for residents in need	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
29	Blight Housing Housing Repairs	12/3/2019 9:03 PM

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30	Blight abandoned homes	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
31	Blight Building code violations	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
32	Blight Vacant housing and demolition	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
33	Blight Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
34	Economic Growth Urban Sprawl rather than Housing redevelopment in City's Core	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
35	Small Business Money	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
36	Housing Far too many rental properties!	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
37	Blight Demolition in residential areas	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
38	Blight Demolition of derelict buildings	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
39	Blight Run down house	11/27/2019 9:01 PM
40	Safety Crime	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
41	Poor landlords	11/27/2019 7:00 PM
42	Community Development Lack of programs	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
43	Blight deteriorating housing stock	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
44	Housing Lack of inner-city housing development	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
45	Blight Abandoned building	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
46	Blight Vacant / dilapidated housing	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
47	Blight Demolition	11/26/2019 5:45 PM
48	Blight Blighted housing needing demolished	11/26/2019 5:43 PM
49	New Construction in other wards besides 8	11/26/2019 5:39 PM
50	Website / Access If there is an overall game plan, it is not being explained well.	11/26/2019 5:34 PM
51	Housing Too much rental property	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
52	Blight blighted homes	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
53	Blight UPKEEP OF PROPERTY	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
54	Blight Demolition of nuisance properties.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
55	homeless	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
56	Don't know	11/26/2019 4:48 PM
57	Blight Demolition	11/13/2019 4:56 PM
58	Blight Lack of Demolition Development & Maintenance	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
59	Blight Neighborhood housing decay throughout the city	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
60	Housing Lack of affordable housing	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
61	Housing Not a fast enough process to meet the need and get families into adequate housing.	11/5/2019 3:59 PM
62	Safety Lack of police response to minor issues	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
63	Blight Blight	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
64	Housing old housing stock	11/1/2019 6:03 PM
65	Blight Foreclosed or empty properties	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
66	Blight Lack of accountability and enforcement	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
67	Blight Blighted Homes	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
68	Economic Growth Attracting new business and industry.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
69	Blight Large number of homes needing to be demolished	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
70	Housing Lack of affordable housing.	10/26/2019 9:22 AM

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71	Cost Burdens Cost burden	10/25/2019 7:15 PM
72	Blight Economic Growth Housing Safety Improvements within the Neighborhoods	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
73	Hard to work with City	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
74	Blight Run-down homes	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
75	Blight Removing blight	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
76	City Parks	10/15/2019 10:40 PM
#	ANSWER 2	DATE
1	Community Support Substance Abuse Services	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Economic Development Business Growth	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Blight Abandoned Housed	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Blight Infrastructure Rehabbing/fixing property for economic development	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
5	Blight Vacant Housing	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
6	Blight Slumlords managing properties from afar, not caring for buildings	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
7	Blight old houses and buildings	12/9/2019 4:44 PM
8	Blight Blighted Homes	12/9/2019 2:38 PM
9	Safety Creating a reputation of being a safe place to visit.	12/9/2019 1:44 PM
10	Economic Development Job opportunities	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
11	Housing Understanding/ educated on the process of housing	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
12	Blight Cost Burdens Lack of funds to tear down properties	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
13	Cost Burdens Too many tax abatement homes	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
14	Cost Burdens Availability of quality low-income housing	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
15	Blight Abandoned/dilapidated buildings	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
16	Junk motor vehicles	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
17	Blight Abandoned Houses	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
18	Community Support Website/Info Access KNOW MORE OF PROGRAMS	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
19	Blight Landlord housing repairs	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
20	Economic Development Economic Development	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
21	Blight upkeep on homes	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
22	Blight slum landlords	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
23	Cost Burdens lack of resources	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
24	Blight Dilapidated Homes	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
25	Cost Burdens Too many section 8	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
26	Cost Burdens no loan funds available	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
27	Infrastructure Improvement in Road conditions	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
28	Blight damaged homes	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
29	Community Support City of Lorain should not be the sole provider for all the county's drug and rehab issues. Sober living houses and the like should be a shared effort.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
30	Housing New Construction Single Family units	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
31	Blight Vacant homes	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
32	Cost Burdens Section 8 housing not dispersed fairly in the county(ie too many in Lorain)	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
33	Economic Development Re-purpose of empty commercial space	11/29/2019 4:56 PM

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34	Blight Enforcement of housing maintenance (with particularly poor execution)	11/28/2019 7:01 PM
35	Economic Development Infrastructure Not enough green space	11/27/2019 9:01 PM
36	Cost Burdens Affordability	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
37	Blight Houses that have not been maintained	11/27/2019 7:00 PM
38	Economic Development Infrastructure Western sprawl/greenfield development	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
39	lack of short and long-term planning	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
40	Cost Burdens CD programs lack money/strategy/outreach	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
41	Economic Development Support and encouragement to open small business	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
42	Economic Development Infrastructure Poor Rec facilities	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
43	Blight Home Repair	11/26/2019 6:46 PM
44	Cost Burdens Housing Affordable Quality Housing in Urban core	11/26/2019 5:43 PM
45	Community Support Economic Development a community center	11/26/2019 5:39 PM
46	Blight Too many vacant homes	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
47	Economic Development bringing businesses to Lorain	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
48	Blight VACANT HOMES	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
49	Blight Property maintenance of existing homes.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
50	Cost B... Cons low income	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
51	Cost B... ens Affordable and quality housing	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
52	Blight Maintenance of all city owned properties	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
53	Increase in rental units in neighborhoods	11/12/2019 2:00 AM
54	Cost Burdens Lack of supports to help those who are not housed, i.e. financial assistance/programs	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
55	Website/Info Access Not enough open communication or availability to the public when they have questions or need help.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
56	Homeless	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
57	Economic Development Business growth	11/4/2019 9:05 PM
58	Blight vacant homes	11/1/2019 5:03 PM
59	Cost Burdens Lack of living wages	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
60	Rental properties	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
61	Blight Elimination of blight and abandoned homes.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
62	Blight Large number of absentee landlords	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
63	Cost Burdens Availability and accessibility of affordable housing to low income residents	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
64	Economic Development Support for local business and organizations	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
65	City Depts don't talk to each other	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
66	Blight Cost Burdens Costs for home repairs	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
67	Infrastructure Repairing Roads	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
68	Not citing about garage in tree lawns	10/15/2019 10:40 PM
#	ANSWER 3	DATE
1	Community Support Mental Health Services	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Cost Burdens Housing Low Income Housing	12/19/2019 4:29 PM
3	Economic Development Urban redevelopment	12/19/2019 3:29 PM

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4	Blight Code Enforcement	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
5	Community Support Positive community development efforts being hauled by a few angry /loud voices	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
6	Blight Code Enforcement	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
7	Infrastructure Transportation	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
8	Economic Development Economic instability	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
9	POS inspection needs some revisions	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
10	Infrastructure Flooding on older neighbor hoods	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
11	Blight Maintained housing	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
12	Infrastructure Lack of public transportation	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
13	Community Support Homelessness	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
14	Community Support COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
15	Infrastructure Transporation	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
16	Blight vacant property	12/4/2019 1:49 PM
17	Community Support public awareness	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
18	Economic Development Lack of available jobs keeping people from moving here	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
19	Economic Development If any funds were used to improve the city, it was kept secret	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
20	Economic Development Commercial Development	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
21	Blight Updated and enforced building and fire codes reduces fires and increases property values.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
22	Community Support Community/Recreation Center	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
23	Civil Rights Issues Housing Website/Data Access awareness of current and availability of more home buying programs	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
24	Blight Low home values	11/27/2019 9:01 PM
25	Economic Development No downtown, southside or eastside housing starts	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
26	Civil Rights Issues a need in slack grants, loans from outside sources	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
27	Blight Housing/Business rehab loan program no longer exists	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
28	Community Support Neighborhood watch and organizing	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
29	Economic Development Economic Development	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
30	Economic Development Infrastructure Lack of recreation for housing near urban core	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
31	Economic Development food deserts (East of side, South Lorain, Central Lorain)	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
32	Economic Development Not enough viable businesses	11/26/2019 5:28 PM
33	too many rentals	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
34	Economic Development Deseublication of the city	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
35	Blight Housing	11/13/2019 9:37 PM
36	Blight Small business loans for bldg rehab and startup and expansion	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
37	Community Support Lack of city support for non-profit organizations that are trying to help community members	11/8/2019 8:23 PM
38	Community Support Not enough awareness or visibility of programs to help people transition out of poverty.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
39	Economic Development No businesses except alcohol	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
40	In some areas of the city, apathy for the first two	11/4/2019 2:05 PM
41	Community Support poor schools	11/3/2019 6:03 PM

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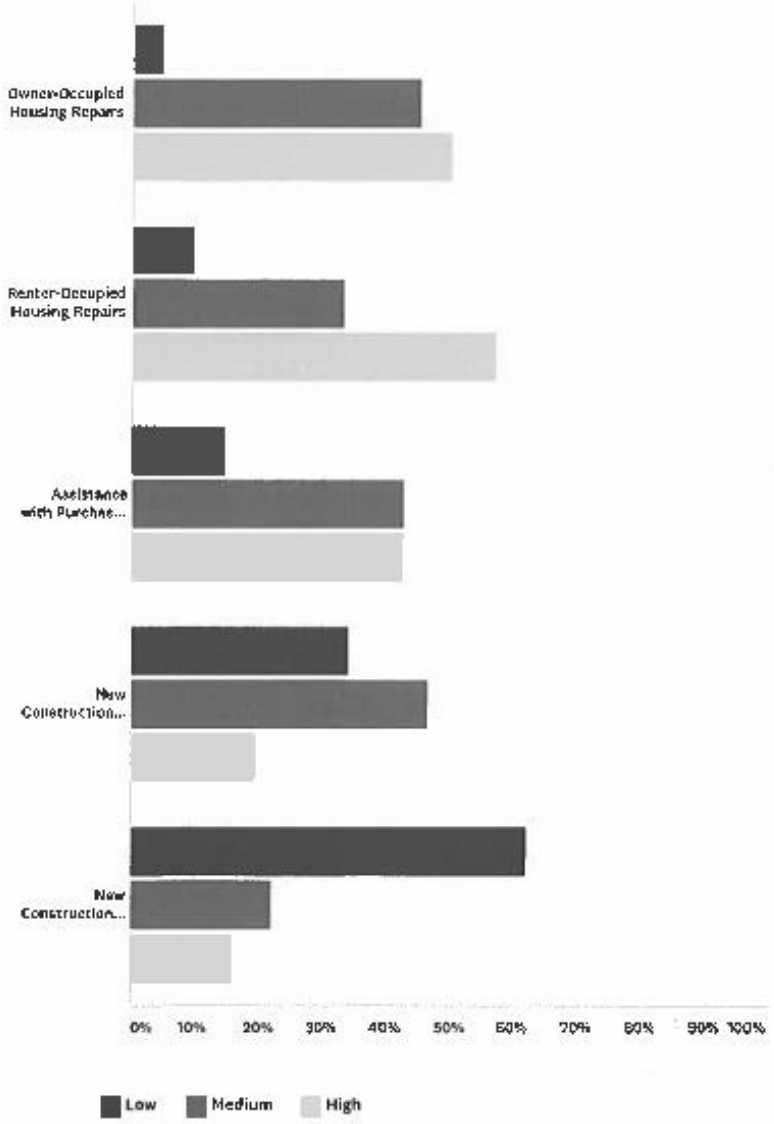
42	Blight Vacant properties	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
43	Community Support Lack of a public presence or awareness	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
44	Blight Number of residents who lack funds to keep up homes	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
45	Blight Helping the less fortunate in ways to preserves their properties	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
46	Furnace repairs	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
47	Economic Development Working on Broadway corridor	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
48	Community Support Laziness to not weed wack parks and around trees	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

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Q3 Please rate the need for the following housing activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 84 Skipped: 0



	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL

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Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs	4.76% 4	45.24% 38	50.00% 42	84
Renter-Occupied Housing Repairs	6.52% 6	33.33% 28	57.14% 48	84
Assistance with Purchasing a Home	14.63% 12	42.68% 35	42.68% 35	82
New Construction: Single-Family Units	34.15% 28	46.34% 38	19.51% 16	82
New Construction: Multi-Family Units (Rental)	62.20% 51	21.95% 18	15.85% 13	82

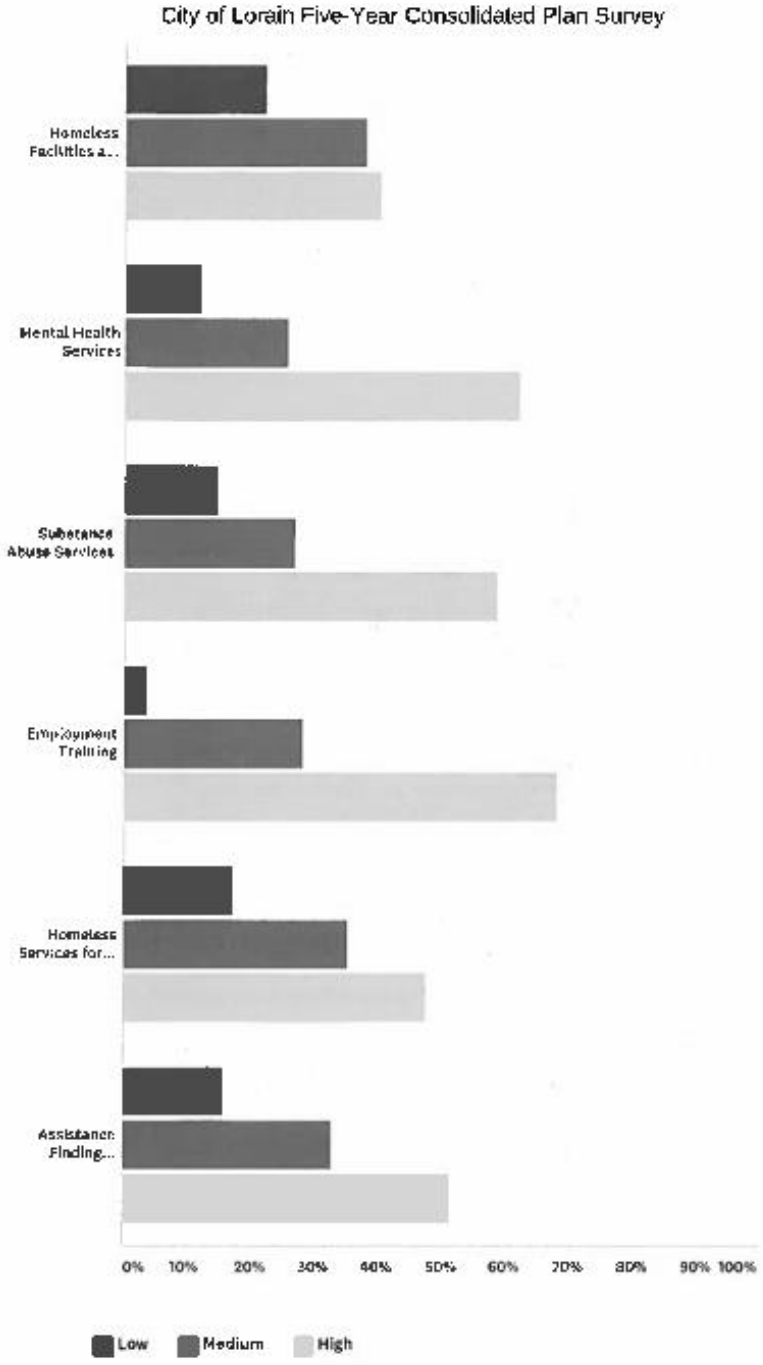
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Blight Economic Development Housing We need to make sure that the housing stock of the city is in good repair so as to attract businesses who will bring jobs to the city, and we need to strongly address out of town landlords not taking care of properties.	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
2	Economic Development More mixed use developments	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
3	Blight Community Development Cost Burdens Economic Development Reject abatements & rehab what's here/use community funds for citizens not politicians & buddies/too many senior rentals & housing cause not putting money in city/ Upper shopping no more dollar stores	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
4	Community Development Safety Unsupervised Group homes causing problems in neighborhoods	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
5	Blight Abandoned Homes --- HIGH	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
6	Blight Cost Burdens Housing need to move to more owner occupied housing, owning your own home is the American dream, and that dream has been lost. Need to move away from a low income housing community. Not to cash rentals, it just seems like the ratio of owner occupied and renter occupied is not good. When you own that home you have a sense of pride and it shows	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
7	Community Development City of Lorain has way too many sober living houses, rehab facilities, mental issues requiring special care and resources. City of Lorain should not foot the bill for all the special requirement for these types of facilities. These facilities utilize the police, fire and ems services more than others. This can easily be supported with data and statistics. This is an issue that should be dealt with collectively by all county entities.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
8	Blight Cost Burdens A host of properties, whether owner or renter occupied could use renovations, however, namely with owner occupied, we should work to ensure owners have the resources to tend to such work. Also, we should foster/encourage repair and renovation of homes/property before pushing for demolition.	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
9	Economic Development Infrastructure Ban all future greenfield construction or create 1 to 1 ratio that for every greenfield unit another needs to be built in central, south or east side	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
10	Blight Number 1 priority - clean up or remove existing housing. Then, plan for what is needed.	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
11	Housing High-end, lakefront apartments/condos.	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
12	Economic Development Stop gouging people who wish to buy / sell houses with foolish, point of sales inspections.	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
13	Housing Senior Housing there is a shortage	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
14	Housing Limit rental housing	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
15	Blight Cost Burdens Owner occupied incentive programs, owner & renter occupied housing repairs should have programs for helping with violations instead of criminal prosecution.	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
16	Blight Lorain needs to focus on renovation of the existing aging housing stock. The elimination of blighted or abandoned homes. We need to stop the proliferation of rental units in the older neighborhoods and encourage single family home ownership.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
17	Blight The City should work on rehabbing old delinquent properties instead of just demo. for all. Hold homeowners of vacant properties accountable.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM

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18	Right The city needs to have stiffer penalties on slum lords and council needs to worry about issues like this instead of putting no smoking signs in parks	12/15/2019 10:40 PM

Q4 Please rate the need for the following homeless services activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 82 Skipped: 2



	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL

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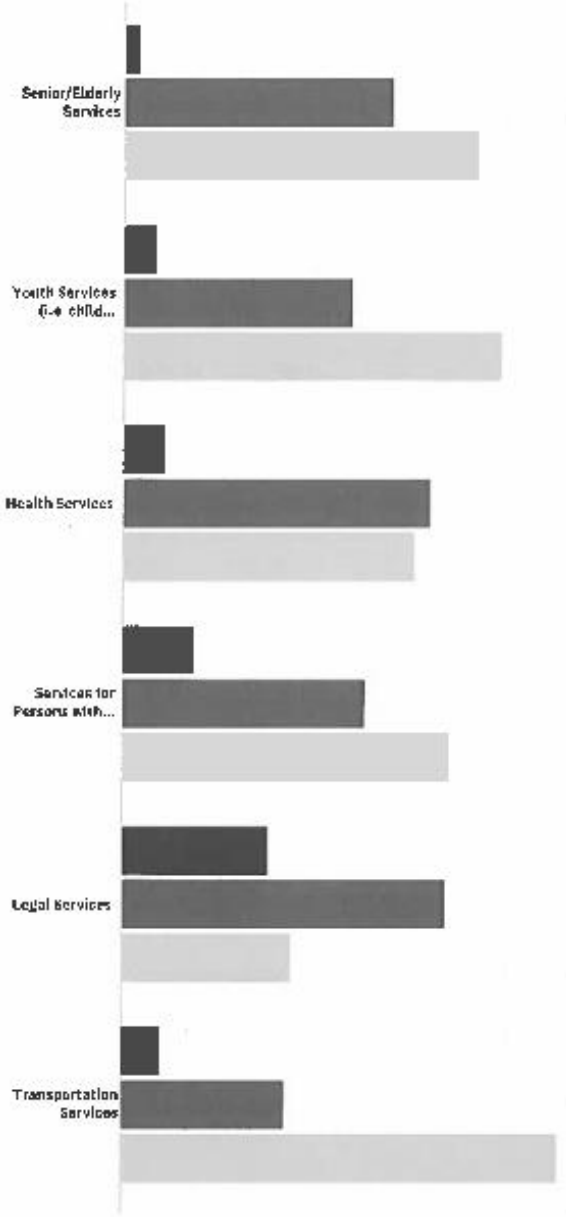
Homeless Facilities and Shelters	21.95% 18	37.80% 31	40.24% 33	82
Mental Health Services	12.20% 10	25.61% 21	62.20% 51	82
Substance Abuse Services	14.63% 12	26.83% 22	58.54% 48	82
Employment Training	3.66% 3	28.05% 23	68.29% 56	82
Homeless Services for Youth	17.07% 14	35.37% 29	47.56% 39	82
Assistance Finding Homeless Services/Case Management	15.85% 13	32.93% 27	51.22% 42	82

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Community Development We need to work with children aging out of foster care.	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
2	Community Development I guess I don't see the need for homeless assistance from our local assets. Sometimes that's a winless battle. I'm sure Lorain has its share of homeless issues but let the federal and state handle that. Way too big of a problem for our limited local personnel.	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
3	Blight Too many Vacant homes and not enough services to deal with them, Lorain has the majority of these houses and services in the county and it has dragged the city down.	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
4	Community Development Cost Burdens All of these services are provided in Lorain. Collaboration is needed with other communities to begin to carry their weight and responsibility for those in need. The needs noted above are all high priorities, but Lorain has provided the majority of housing and services to these populations. I hope the City has surveyed the number of beds that are provided in our community and compared these to other communities throughout the County of Lorain. Existing agencies need to do a better job at finding funding sources to support these important services!	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
5	Community Development Cost Burdens The shelters need the support of the city to be able to run effectively. Funding, assistance with facility-related issues, like parking and capital improvements, accessibility, discounts on utilities for the shelters, etc.	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
6	Homeless are dropped off in Lorain everyday. Put them to work sweeping, cleaning lots etc. I won't go to library because homeless move in all day.	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
7	Lorain has more than its share of social services. We actually need to look at ways to rebalance our services and not encourage Lorain to be the clearinghouse in the county for social service agencies. The proliferation of these services and the elimination of industrial base have created an imbalance that has damaged Lorain.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
8	Community Development Infrastructure Work to get bus service so people can get around. The County Commissioners will never get this done.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
9	Community Development There are so many homeless people in Lorain and there are no places for them to go besides the library during the day. Like everyone, they get bored doing the same thing every day. We need to find other places and other activities that interest the homeless and where they feel welcome.	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
10	The shelter on 25th street needs to do a better job having more discipline with their residents and not letting them sleep on the sidewalks or drinking beer at the vacant lot across the street	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

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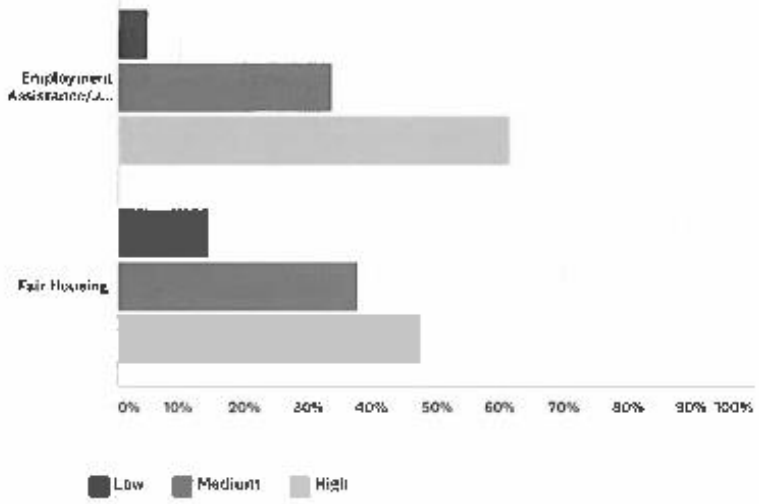
Q5 Please rate the need for the following public/social services activities from low to high priority

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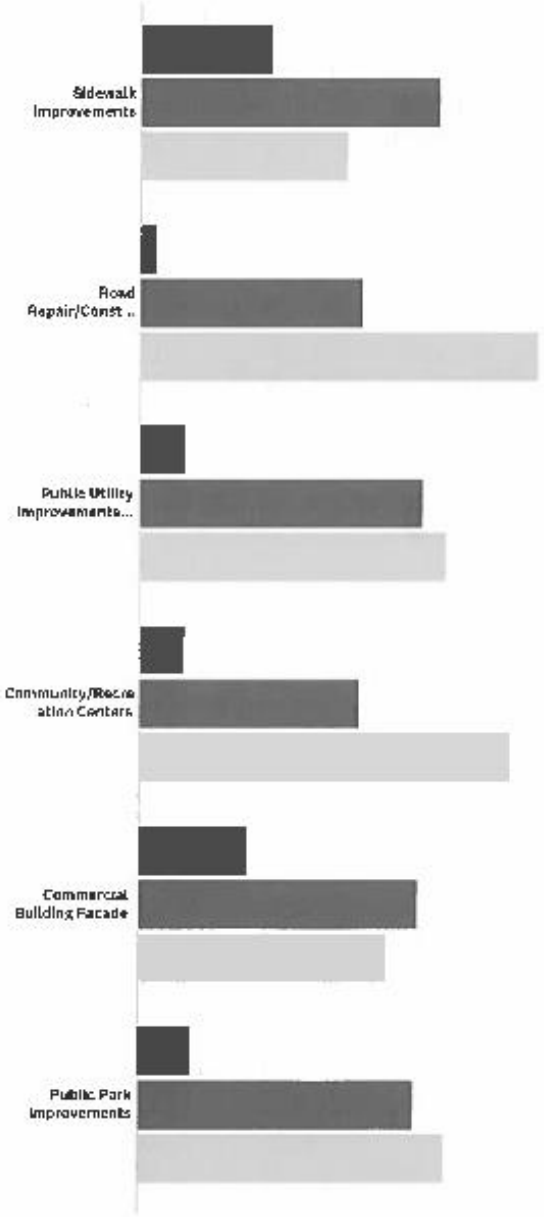
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Senior/Elderly Services	2.47% 2	41.98% 34	55.56% 45	81
Youth Services (i.e. child care, tutoring, after school care, etc.)	4.94% 4	35.80% 29	59.26% 48	81
Health Services	6.17% 5	48.15% 39	45.68% 37	81
Services for Persons with Disabilities	10.98% 9	37.80% 31	51.22% 42	82
Legal Services	22.89% 19	50.60% 42	26.51% 22	83
Transportation Services	6.10% 5	25.61% 21	68.29% 56	82
Employment Assistance/Job Training	4.82% 4	34.73% 28	61.45% 51	83
Fair Housing	14.63% 12	37.80% 31	47.56% 39	82

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Right Economic Development again all these services are beyond our local capibilities, the task at hand should be cleaning up our neighborhoods, attracting home buyers and businesses to move back in Lorain.	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
2	These are ALL high priority items for funding through collaborative efforts with agencies and funding sources other than CDBG funding.	11/12/2019 9:30 AM
3	The primary provider of home delivered meals in the city of Lorain has an extensive waiting list. What is the city doing to help?	11/8/2019 8:28 PM
4	Infrastructure Finding tutors who can travel to Lorain is a huge barrier to access. If we had better transportation, we could pull tutors from Oberlin College and/or Cleveland State, but these FREE volunteers don't have cars and can't get to downtown Lorain.	10/24/2019 2:32 PM

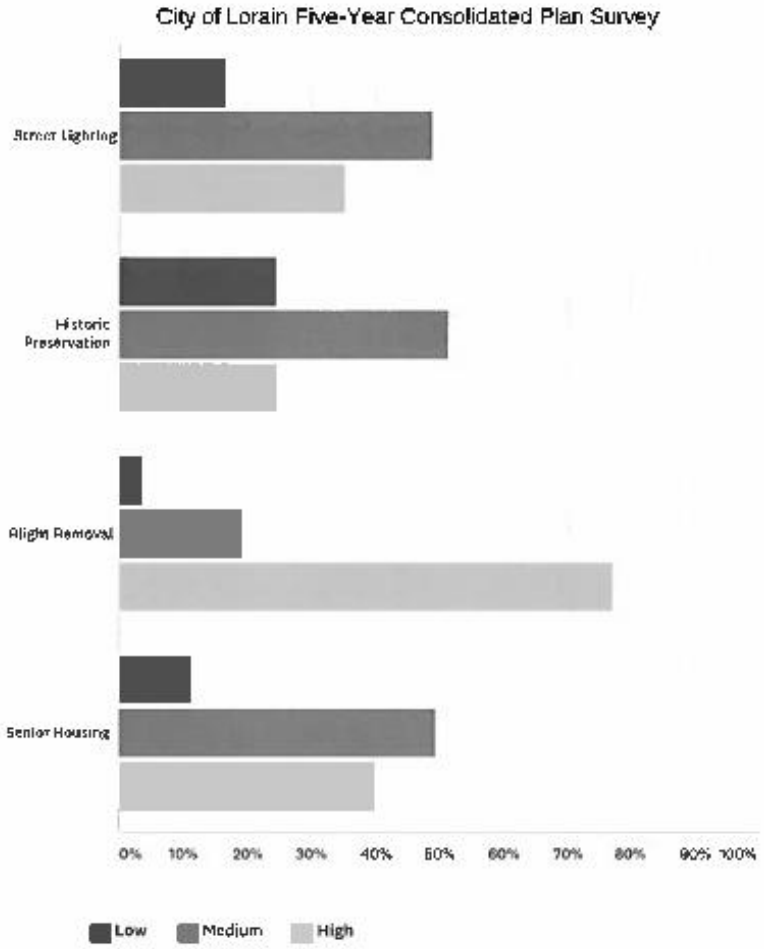
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Q6 Please rate the need for the following community and economic development activities from low to high priority:

Answered: 84 Skipped: 0



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	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOTAL
Sidewalk Improvements	20.48% 17	46.99% 39	32.53% 27	83
Road Repair/Construction	2.41% 2	34.94% 29	62.65% 52	83
Public Utility Improvements (Water, Sewer, Stormwater)	7.23% 6	44.58% 37	48.19% 40	83
Community/Recreation Centers	7.14% 6	34.52% 29	58.33% 49	84
Commercial Building Facade	17.07% 14	43.90% 36	39.02% 32	82
Public Park Improvements	8.43% 7	43.37% 36	48.19% 40	83
Street Lighting	15.25% 13	48.15% 39	35.80% 28	80

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Historic Preservation	24.39% 20	51.22% 42	24.39% 20	82
Blight Removal	9.61% 8	19.28% 16	77.11% 64	83
Senior Housing	10.84% 9	49.40% 41	39.76% 33	83

#	IF THERE ARE OTHER COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PLEASE SPECIFY. FOR ANY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE "HIGH" PRIORITY PLEASE INDICATE LOCATION BELOW:	DATE
1	Economic Development I think there needs to be more businesses in the city & hotels. We need affordable/nice hotels where your family members can stay when they come into town. They need sporting/game facilities for our youth.	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
2	Economic Development Infrastructure Implement the 11th Lakefront Connectivity Plan that was completed with regional partners in 2017/2018.	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
3	Infrastructure All areas East, West and South sides need lighting for safety and seniors to live.	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
4	Economic Development Lorain is not just 10 blocks!! No more pizza shops or dollar stores!need tourist attractions/ have miles of lake & river front with parked city & police cars WHY?	12/8/2019 11:01 PM
5	Blight The blight is out of control. Continue tearing down abandoned properties, and force blighted property owners and banks to do the same. East 28th street has started to recover but it's still atrocious! That area should be attractive to businesses with its close proximity to highways and turnpike.	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
6	Community Development Consistent funding for a full fledged Mainstreet and Lorain Community Senior Center	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
7	Infrastructure We need to be focused on clean energy investment in Lorain - solar energy use, energy efficiency upgrades, electrification of some fleet vehicles and general carbon reduction etc. Public Parks need stronger support, many need new trees planted and new playground equipment. But general maintenance needs stronger investment. We need to keep an eye on water affordability alongside our infrastructure improvements.	11/22/2019 3:58 PM
8	Blight The city needs to be held accountable for the lack of property maintenance of streets, parks parking lots, etc. Take pride in the City to which you serve!	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
9	Blight Economic Development Commercial Facade #1 Downtown Lorain Preservation District #2 South Lorain, #3 Central Lorain Public Park Improvements--#1 Oakwood Park Restoration Project Historic Preservation--#1 Downtown Preservation District and Adjoining Neighborhoods #2 South Lorain Neighborhoods OTHER PROGRAMS. CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM- Blight Removal would not be necessary if we had a strong one!!! MAIN STREET LORAIN--Funding for PROJECT DIRECTOR and ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM START-UP for Downtown Lorain. BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION LOAN PROGRAMS FUNDING of HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS ABOVE	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
10	Community Development Senior housing should be the number one concern. Many seniors are on a fixed income, and there are no programs to help them if they need assistance with their bills or homes. Road repair should be a priority along with removal of snow from side streets during the winter. Street lighting is a close third.	11/8/2019 8:28 PM
11	Economic Development Lorain needs to focus on commercial development activities that will stimulate economic growth and encourage community reinvestment.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
12	For high priority items create a plan for implementation over next 5 years. If a plan already exists, keep dedicating dollars and manpower to completing.	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
13	People shouldn't have to pay for past mismanagement with outrageous water bills.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
14	Everywhere, but particularly downtown in areas that will be travelled by tourists that come for the festivals in the summer. If they see a city thriving, they'll stay longer and spend more money at locations downtown.	10/24/2019 2:32 PM

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Q7 From the activities listed in question 3 thru 6, what do you perceive to be the 3 highest priorities for housing and community development activities in the City of Lorain over the next 5 years?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Answer 1	100.00%	79
Answer 2	93.59%	73
Answer 3	85.90%	67

#	ANSWER 1	DATE
1	Blight Blight removal	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Cost Burdens Housing Affordable housing	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Economic Development more business	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Infrastructure Road Repair/Construction	12/19/2019 3:11 PM
5	Economic Development Making business buildings ready for new tenants	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
6	Infrastructure Public Utilities	12/13/2019 3:04 PM
7	Cost Burdens Housing Look in to Land Trust to increase assistance with home ownership (https://www.morningjournal.com/news/lorain-county/lorain-community-land-trust-seeks-to-keep-housing-affordable/article_ff56ac42-1b9-11e9-8bf0-47f9b7458018.html)	12/13/2019 7:42 PM
8	Infrastructure The streets to be fixed	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
9	Community Development Health services	12/9/2019 4:44 PM
10	Blight Blight Removal	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
11	Blight Blight removal	12/9/2019 1:44 PM
12	Community Development Homeless shelters	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
13	Community Development Homeless shelters	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
14	Economic Development Recreational activities	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
15	Blight Blighted houses	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
16	Economic Development No more gobc buddies & contractors	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
17	Infrastructure Transportation	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
18	Infrastructure Walkability and public transportation	12/6/2019 6:26 PM
19	Blight Abandoned structure demolition	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
20	Community Development Fixing our homeless problem	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
21	Community Development HOMELESS ISSUES	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
22	Economic Development Employment and Job training	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
23	Infrastructure Transportation	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
24	Blight abandoned homes	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
25	Blight Blight Removal	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
26	Housing senior housing	12/4/2019 1:09 PM
27	#3	12/4/2019 12:55 PM

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28	Economic Development Job training	12/4/2019 12:43 PM
29	Blight removal of blighted properties	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
30	Infrastructure Transportation Services	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
31	Blight Knock down slums	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
32	Blight owner occupied repairs	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
33	Community Development Mental Health Services Increasing	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
34	Community Development Homeless Facilities and Shelters	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
35	Community Development homeless	12/3/2019 8:25 PM
36	Infrastructure Road repairs	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
37	Community Development Community Center	12/3/2019 5:17 PM
38	Blight Demo vacant housing	12/3/2019 4:21 PM
39	Blight Owner-Occupied Housing Repairs	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
40	Economic Development Commercial Building Programs	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
41	Blight Blight removal	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
42	Blight Eliminate the blighted areas	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
43	Housing assistance with home purchase	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
44	Blight Demolition of derelict properties	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
45	Blight Blight Removal	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
46	Economic Development Abolish greenfield construction without re-development of other sections	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
47	Blight Clean up or repair or remove deteriorating housing stock.	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
48	Blight Economic Development Housing / Commercial Repairs	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
49	Infrastructure Side walks	11/26/2019 9:41 PM
50	Community Development Build a rec center / YMCA type establishment	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
51	Blight Owner-occupied housing stabilization	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
52	Community Development Economic Development Parks and Rec Development	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
53	Community Development Community Centers	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
54	Housing Fostering development of existing housing stock. Revitalization	11/26/2019 5:34 PM
55	Blight Cost Burdens Assistance for owner occupied homes	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
56	Community Development Senior Services	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
57	Community Development ASSIST WITH ELDERLY	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
58	Blight Cost Burdens Housing Funding for low to moderate income homeowners to get financial assistance for home repairs	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
59	Infrastructure sidewalks	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
60	Community Development Mental health services	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
61	Economic Development City Maintenance, inviting atmosphere	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
62	Cost Burdens Economic Development Downtown Revitalization with Facade Improvement Program and Small Business Loan programs combined with Main Street Lorain initiatives	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
63	Community Development Providing assistance to the shelters in the city	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
64	Blight Decrease the number of derelict/abandoned properties.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
65	Infrastructure Sewer improvements	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
66	Blight Blight	11/1/2019 6:03 PM

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67	Infrastructure Transportation	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
68	Infrastructure Road and Utility Improvements	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
69	Blight Commercial demo	10/29/2019 12:33 PM
70	Economic Development Focus on commercial development	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
71	Infrastructure Road Repair	10/26/2019 2:16 PM
72	Cost Burdens Housing Affordable housing	10/26/2019 9:22 AM
73	Blight Eliminating blight	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
74	Infrastructure Transportation	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
75	Economic Development The City needs to create an almosphere that allows the peop'e to help'better themselves.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
76	Blight Housing repair	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
77	Blight Blight removal	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
78	Community Development Parks	10/15/2019 10:40 PM
#	ANSWER 2	DATE
1	Community Development Assistance finding homeless services/case mangement	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Blight Blight improvement	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
3	Economic Development hotels	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Blight Blight Removal	12/19/2019 3:11 PM
5	Blight Economic Development Addressing vacant commercial buildings	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
6	Bad Employments	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
7	Economic Development Prioritize connectivity and implementation of Lorain's Comprehensive Plan, with focus on zoning and form based code implementation where possible	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
8	Housing Housing Services	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
9	Community Development homeless	12/9/2019 4:04 PM
10	Community Development Legal Services	12/9/2019 3:08 PM
11	Infrastructure road repair	12/9/2019 1:44 PM
12	Housing Single family housing opportunities	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
13	Community Development Social living	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
14	Infrastructure Streets and road upkeep	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
15	Get back all money never paid back	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
16	Community Development Substance abuse services	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
17	Infrastructure Upkeep and maintenance of public park areas	12/6/2019 8:26 PM
18	Housing Senior citizen housing	12/5/2019 6:24 PM
19	Housing Making it easier to buy a house	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
20	Housing LANDLORD RENTER	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
21	Blight Housing Landlord and home owner repairs	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
22	Infrastructure Road/Sidewalk Repair	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
23	Blight Housing repairs to exisiting homes	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
24	Infrastructure Public Park Improvements	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
25	Blight blight removal	12/4/2019 1:09 PM
26	no	12/4/2019 12:55 PM

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27	Community Development Youth center/activities	12/4/2019 12:43 PM
28	Housing Home buying assistance	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
29	Community Development Mental Health Services	12/4/2019 1:22 AM
30	Community Development Housing Reduce Nord housing	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
31	Economic Development commercial building facade	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
32	Community Development Employment/Job Training	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
33	Infrastructure Road Repair/Construction	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
34	Infrastructure Sidewalk repairs	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
35	Community Development Housing Senior Housing	12/3/2019 5:17 PM
36	Community Development Halfway sober living facilities, and the like. It is not just a Lorain problem	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
37	Housing New Construction Single Family units	12/2/2019 4:51 PM
38	Blight Blight removal	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
39	Blight Economic Development Downtown commercial facade and building reno	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
40	Community Development Housing Reduce section 8 housing	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
41	Community Development mental health service	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
42	Blight Housing Housing maintenance enforcement (which again, has been executed so poorly)	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
43	Blight Owner responsibility	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
44	Economic Development Funding downtown programming and maintenance	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
45	Blight Economic Development Clean up or repair or remove deteriorating commercial stock.	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
46	Infrastructure Clean Energy / Energy Efficiency	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
47	Infrastructure Transportation	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
48	Blight Housing Demo vacant houses or offer owner occupied incentives	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
49	Economic Development Economic Development on Broadway	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
50	Blight Blight removal	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
51	Housing Senior Housing	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
52	Housing Assitance with owner occupied home repairs	11/26/2019 5:28 PM
53	Community Development Mental Health Services	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
54	Infrastructure UTILITIES UPGRADE	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
55	Blight Economic Development Funding for facade improvements in our older business districts	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
56	Blight Economic Development beautification of the buildings in the city	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
57	Community Development Youth programming	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
58	Blight Economic Development Downtown Lorain upgrades/Facade improvement grants	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
59	Community Development Economic Development Oakwood Park Restoration Program	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
60	Housing Affordable housing	11/6/2019 8:28 PM
61	Infrastructure Roads in most neighborhoods are in bad need of repair. especially near the high school due to high traffic.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
62	Infrastructure Road repair	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
63	Community Development Substance abuse	11/1/2019 8:03 PM
64	Infrastructure Sidewalk improvement	10/31/2019 1:05 PM
65	Community Development Community and recreation Centers	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
66	Blight Economic Development Urban revitalization program	10/29/2019 12:53 PM

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67	Blight Eliminate slum and blight	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
68	Blight Blight Removal	10/25/2019 2:16 PM
69	Infrastructure Transportation	10/23/2019 7:13 PM
70	Community Development Economic Development Community Recreation centers	10/21/2019 4:42 PM
71	Furnace replacement/repair	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
72	Infrastructure Continuing improvements in the Broadway corridor	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
73	Infrastructure Sidewalks	10/15/2019 10:40 PM
#	ANSWER 3	DATE
1	Community Development Substance Abuse & mental health services	12/20/2019 3:03 PM
2	Blight Cost Burdens Housing Low income property maintenance	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
3	Community Development Economic Development recreational places	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
4	Economic Development Infrastructure Historic Preservation	12/19/2019 3:11 PM
5	Infrastructure Upgrade our roads	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
6	Community Development Economic Development Public Park Improvements	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
7	Cost Burdens Housing Implement innovative ways to increase affordable housing (single and multi unit, renter and owner occupied)	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
8	Infrastructure Transportation	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
9	Infrastructure Road Repair	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
10	Cost Burdens Affordable utility bill such as water	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
11	Housing Senior housing	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
12	Housing Quality housing	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
13	Put limit on any community/fed funds	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
14	Community Development Senior Services	12/6/2019 5:39 PM
15	Infrastructure Public Utility improvements	12/6/2019 5:20 PM
16	Community Development Reduction in unsupervised group homes	12/6/2019 3:24 PM
17	Community Development COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	12/5/2019 2:02 PM
18	Infrastructure Street repairs	12/5/2019 2:01 PM
19	Blight Blight Removal	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
20	Blight Housing Renter-Occupied Housing Repairs	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
21	Infrastructure lighting	12/4/2019 1:06 PM
22	#10	12/4/2019 12:55 PM
23	Community Development Housing senior/homeless housing	12/4/2019 12:43 PM
24	Blight Community Development Cost Burdens Home repair assistance	12/4/2019 12:25 PM
25	Community Development Cost Burdens Employment Training	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
26	Blight Blight more	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
27	Infrastructure road repairs	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
28	Blight Housing Housing Repairs	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
29	Blight Blight Removal	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
30	Blight Rehab	12/3/2019 5:17 PM
31	Blight All persons, public and private need to maintain properties to a higher standard.	12/3/2019 4:01 PM
32	Community Development Community/Recreation Center	12/2/2019 4:51 PM

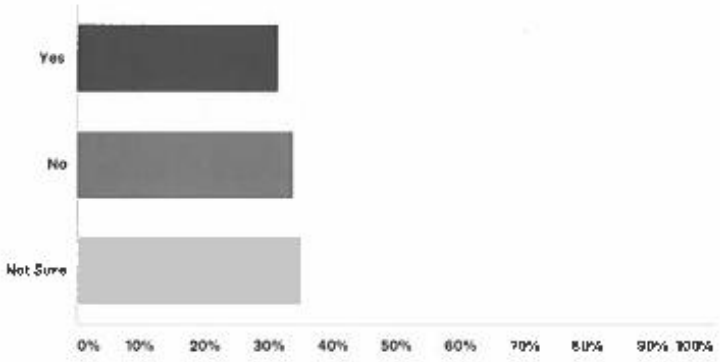
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33	Infrastructure Transportation	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
34	Community Development Housing Senior housing	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
35	Economic Development Housing Create housings and areas that will bring in families willing to spend money in the city	12/2/2019 3:48 PM
36	Blight Blight removal	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
37	Community Development Senior Services	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
38	Blight Community Development Cost Burdens Financing or incentive programs for improvements	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
39	Community Development Support homeless needs	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
40	Community Development Economic Development Parks	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
41	Community Development Homeless	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
42	Economic Development Focus on business growth	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
43	Blight Vacant building demolition	11/26/2019 6:45 PM
44	Economic Development Infrastructure Historic preservation grant program	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
45	Infrastructure Transportation /better paying jobs	11/26/2019 6:39 PM
46	Community Development Transportation services	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
47	Community Development Substance Abuse services	11/26/2019 4:56 PM
48	Blight VACANT HOME DEMOLITION	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
49	Web/Internet Access A single source for all pertinent information for residents and housing/business concerns.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
50	Community Development Economic Development public parks	11/26/2019 4:49 PM
51	Cost Burdens Rental assistance	11/18/2019 4:50 PM
52	Blight Cost Burdens Housing Code violations - educate, offer assistance not prosecution	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
53	Blight Code Enforcement in conjunction with Housing Rehab Program in targeted older neighborhoods where private or public investment has occurred	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
54	Community Development Supporting senior service programs	11/6/2019 8:26 PM
55	Infrastructure Light up the city, plant more flowers, make spaces less bleak and less neglected.	11/5/2019 5:50 PM
56	Blight Economic Development Commercial building facade	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
57	Community Development Cost Burdens Employment training	11/1/2019 6:03 PM
58	Community Development Community/Rec Center	11/1/2019 1:05 PM
59	Blight Blight Removal	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
60	Community Development Job training	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
61	Housing Cut down the amount of rental housing and social service agencies in Lorain	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
62	Infrastructure Street Lighting	10/26/2019 2:18 PM
63	Cost Burdens Housing Affordable housing for LMI	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
64	Community Development Homeless assistance	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
65	Community Development More Homeless shelters	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
66	Community Development All areas of service and enrichment for the homeless population	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
67	Infrastructure Roads	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

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Q8 Do you feel information pertaining to housing programs and community development services is readily available to you?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.33%	26
No	33.73%	28
Not Sure	34.94%	29
TOTAL		83

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Q9 What suggestions, if any, do you have for the City to better communicate and work with housing providers or community development initiatives?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 25

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Community Development Cost Burdens Housing They can work more with the non profit agencies in the county to help get our low income citizens into decent housing.	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
2	Website Info Access Make website more user friendly	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
3	Website Info Access Monthly activities reports and program results would be greatly appreciated.	12/19/2019 8:04 PM
4	Community Development Website Info Access Connect with existing community mobilizations and service providers to share information and collaborate	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
5	Infrastructure Fix the streets with the sidewalks and curb ins	12/10/2019 11:01 PM
6	No Comment/Unsure NA	12/9/2019 1:34 PM
7	Housing Website/Info Access How can housing info be made more available to the community? How can info be communicated to the masses?	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
8	Website/Info Access Finding a more intuitive way to catch the eye of community to learn and understand housing initiatives	12/7/2019 1:24 PM
9	Website/Info Access Get qualified employees and relatives/close public meetings/no backroom deals/info on water bills	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
10	No Comment/Unsure Can't think of anything at moment	12/6/2019 8:39 PM
11	Website/Info Access Better, more open and thoughtful communication from the City to the community.	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
12	Website/Info Access Social media presence. That would be a quick way to get information, correct information, out to more people.	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
13	No Comment/Unsure That is not my field	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
14	No Comment/Unsure no	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
15	Website/Info Access put out information	12/4/2019 1:09 PM
16	Blight Purchase their own demolition equipment. GET RID OF THE BLIGHT	12/4/2019 12:36 PM
17	Website/Info Access create a database of resources that is easy to access for providers and community members	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
18	Housing Ask the citizens that live in the city whether they want Nord and shelters in the city	12/3/2019 10:19 PM
19	Website/Info Access make information readily available through social media, newspaper articles, council hearings	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
20	Website/Info Access Sending out a monthly newsletter	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
21	No Comment/Unsure na	12/3/2019 8:25 PM
22	No Comment/Unsure None	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
23	Website/Info Access A user friendly website that can answer and direct all users the proper ways to obtain the required repos for residents and also for businesses wanting to set up here in Lorain. I know for a fact most people that want to set up do not know that you need a certificate of occupancy from building dept and also a fire inspection done.	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
24	Community Development Website/Info Access Just keep informing the different organizations and developers that the City has programs in place. Let them know that the City is looking to create partnerships to create a stronger process with any initiatives they are looking at taking on.	12/2/2019 4:51 PM

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25	Website/Info Access In-person presentations from employees of BHP to community groups and churches giving them information on programs the city offers. A more structured referral sheet with a listing all the agencies that are available to the public and what services they specifically offer.	12/3/2019 3:47 PM
26	Economic Development 1. Create a Small Business Packet and entice businesses to locate to our city	12/2/2019 3:48 PM
27	Blight Website/Info Access Working deals with local contractors on blight removal and new construction. Work with existing outreach to better communicate programs available from the City/County	11/29/2019 4:56 PM
28	Website/Info Access I'm not privy to such dealings, but they need to be open to suggestions/new ideas, and ensure that information and resources are readily accessible	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
29	Cost Burdens You must offer some kind of incentives to get people involved.	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
30	Website/Info Access Marketing, outreach, showcase events	11/27/2019 5:22 PM
31	Website/Info Access Present Status Report at each Council Meeting.	11/27/2019 5:15 PM
32	Community Development Website/Info Access Utilize non-profit/community organization network Continuously updated website	11/27/2019 3:59 PM
33	Community Development Work in collaboration with non profit and use their networks and expertises	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
34	Website/Info Access Create social media campaigns and share council / committee meetings Also live stream both.	11/26/2019 7:39 PM
35	No Comment/Unsure n/a	11/26/2019 6:48 PM
36	Website/Info Access Regular updates for council	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
37	Website/Info Access Continue to get the word out	11/26/2019 6:30 PM
38	Community Development Better coordination with engineering and new residential development	11/26/2019 5:34 PM
39	Website/Info Access Public relations person	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
40	No Comment/Unsure .	11/26/2019 4:52 PM
41	Community Development Outreach through non-profits, faith based organizations and self promotion of available programs.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
42	No Comment/Unsure no response at this time	11/26/2019 4:45 PM
43	Community Development Reinstate a sustainable Community Development Dept and inform all property owners of the resources that are readily available. Add value and create an inviting atmosphere that is conducive to building productive business relationships.	11/13/2019 2:37 PM
44	Website/Info Access City employees need to learn to be customer friendly. City should require all employees to attend a mandatory training on Customer Service. There are consultants available for such training to public employees. Information should be available to give residents that have questions about city services and permitting procedures. Staff should be in attendance at meetings such as Neighborhood Block Watch, Growth Team, Homeless Task Force, housing providers meetings to help coordinate and and ease the flow of information to City Hall.	11/12/2019 7:30 AM
45	Community Development Hold meetings with local non-profits and connect them with housing providers. Listen to the concerns they are facing.	11/8/2019 8:28 PM
46	Website/Info Access I work as a public librarian, so I'm helping people all the time find information on various services, but it seems difficult to connect people to actual people to speak to; many of our patrons are referred to web sites/portals and given no further instruction or aid. I would like to see more public events, meet-and-greets and an actual physical presence in the heart of the community.	11/5/2019 5:58 PM
47	Website/Info Access public emails and fast responses	11/4/2019 9:36 PM
48	Website/Info Access Push out on social media instead of JUST road closures	11/4/2019 8:05 PM
49	No Comment/Unsure none	11/1/2019 6:03 PM
50	Website/Info Access Publicize west improvements more often and on more media platforms.	11/1/2019 1:05 PM

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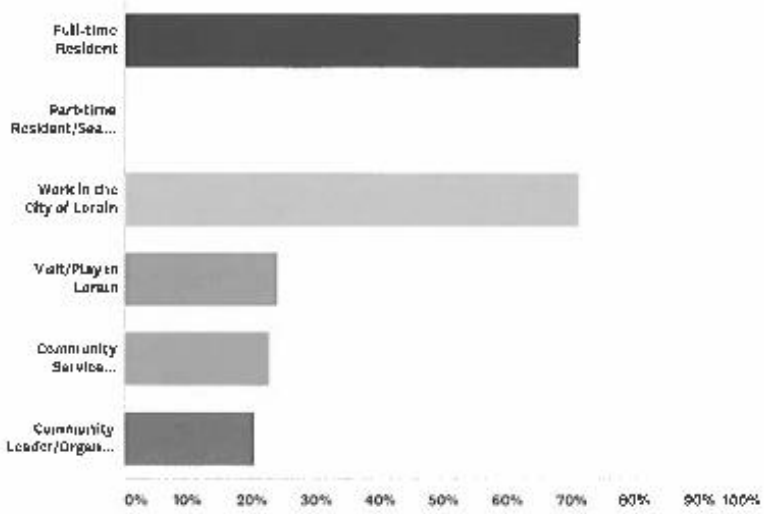
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51	Website/Info Access Improvement of access to information via website and access to employees to address the community's concerns	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
52	Blight Housing Infrastructure I would like to see us give 50 vacant lots to a builder. Waive all fees. They build 120k homes. We work with bank and funding programs to qualify 50 people. We call this the Phoenix program. If it works we expand it. City and land banked owned empty lots will cripple us. Need a rebuild program. Not just a tear down program.	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
53	Website/Info Access Better public presence and public relations. More accessible staff.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
54	Website/Info Access Perhaps some sort of a regular newsletter (simple) especially with community development initiatives that could be posted monthly on the website	10/24/2019 2:16 PM
55	Website/Info Access Having representatives available to answer question when people call. advertise programs more through radio and television.	10/24/2019 4:42 PM
56	Get out into the community	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
57	Website/Info Access Town Hall meetings, information flyers, possible inserts to the newspapers	10/24/2019 3:34 PM
58	Website/Info Access I usually hear through the news, and I think that's a pretty good channel. It would be nice to have an email newsletter for those that choose to sign up for one to get updates. I think a lot of nonprofit providers would do that. Forgive me if this is available and I've missed it.	10/24/2019 2:32 PM
59	Website/Info Access More information available online	10/15/2019 10:40 PM

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Q10 What is your relationship to the City of Lorain? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 83 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time Resident	71.08%	59
Part-time Resident/Seasonal	0.00%	0
Work in the City of Lorain	71.08%	59
Visit/Play in Lorain	24.10%	20
Community Service Provider	22.89%	19
Community Leader/Organizer	20.48%	17

Total Respondents: 83

#	IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE SHARE WITH US YOUR AREA/NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY OF LORAIN	DATE
1	Lakeview district	12/19/2019 4:36 PM
2	Lorain City Council	12/19/2019 3:11 PM
3	Live in 8th ward. Lovely area.	12/19/2019 3:09 PM
4	7th Ward - 6th & Allison Ave	12/19/2019 3:04 PM
5	City Wide	12/13/2019 7:44 PM
6	west side on lorain near washington	12/10/2019 11:31 PM
7	Ward 2, just outside of downtown.	12/9/2019 2:08 PM
8	I live off of Tower Blvd on Washington Ave. I work for LMHA at different housing communities.	12/9/2019 1:34 PM

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9	Work downtown and live on west side	12/9/2019 12:22 AM
10	Born and lived here on and off over the years. Have renovated numerous properties in Lorain. Own several rental properties on west side. Also a realtor working all around the city.	12/7/2019 1:27 AM
11	West side flooding & tower raceway/where we all pays taxes & are forgotten!! Roads awful!!no building more stores & no consideration for taxpayers in their path	12/6/2019 11:01 PM
12	Neighborhood around South Lakeview Park	12/6/2019 6:20 PM
13	East side	12/6/2019 6:24 PM
14	2nd ward	12/5/2019 2:14 PM
15	Ward 5 .	12/4/2019 5:03 PM
16	Osborn Ave	12/4/2019 3:28 PM
17	mostly old people all around. It's quiet except these new Spanish people who moved in last year. cops are called all the time. most any younger people who has moved into our neighborhood has issues with regular property maintenance	12/4/2019 1:43 PM
18	Westside	12/4/2019 12:45 PM
19	I grew up in South lorain. lived there until my mid 40's, crime schools and home values forced me to move.	12/4/2019 12:35 PM
20	Central Park Area	12/4/2019 1:24 AM
21	East Side of Lorain	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
22	ward 6	12/3/2019 8:37 PM
23	West side,	12/3/2019 4:11 PM
24	Ward 2 and 3	12/2/2019 4:41 PM
25	West side	12/2/2019 3:47 PM
26	I was born and raised on the east side of Lorain. I am encouraged by the recent progress in the city but hope that this is only the beginning.	12/2/2019 3:46 PM
27	East side of Lorain	11/29/2019 2:01 PM
28	Along with working for the City I used to live on the west side off of Kolbe Rd.	11/27/2019 8:17 PM
29	Central Park	11/27/2019 3:58 PM
30	South Lorain	11/26/2019 9:44 PM
31	St James Reserve	11/26/2019 7:32 PM
32	Lakeview Park	11/26/2019 6:43 PM
33	South Lorain	11/26/2019 5:29 PM
34	Lakeview Neighborhood	11/26/2019 4:58 PM
35	West side of Lorain.	11/26/2019 4:51 PM
36	8th Ward	11/15/2019 2:37 PM
37	7th Ward	11/12/2019 2:30 AM
38	Clifton Ave. E. 30th St.	11/6/2019 8:25 PM
39	East side, between Root Road and Euclid.	11/5/2019 5:59 PM
40	West Side Overlin Ave Area	11/4/2019 9:30 PM
41	Downtown	11/4/2019 8:06 PM
42	Lakeview Area	10/30/2019 2:02 PM
43	8th ward	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
44	Charleston village area. Near-Downtown resident.	10/27/2019 10:47 PM
45	Central Lorain	10/24/2019 4:42 PM

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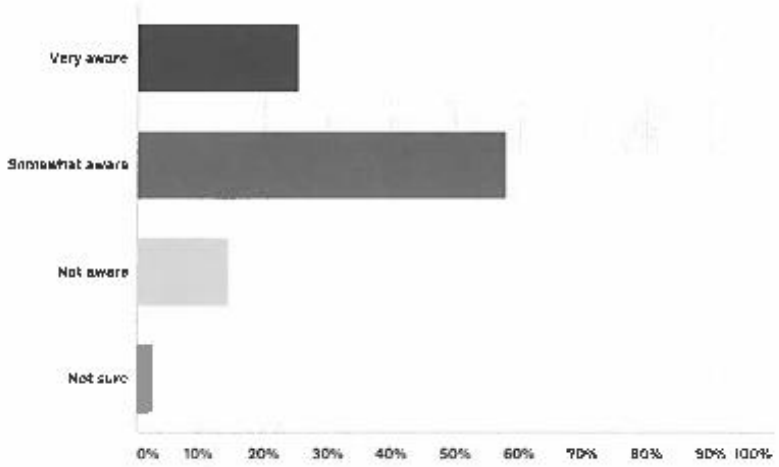
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46	Operate We Care We Share. Located in South Lorain but serve all of Lorain.	10/24/2019 3:44 PM
47	9th Street, downtown	10/24/2019 2:32 PM

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Q11 Before taking this survey, were you aware of Fair Housing Laws?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 1

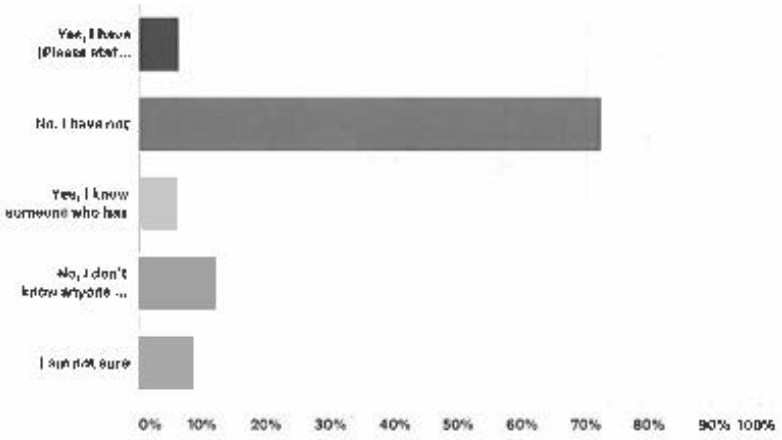


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very aware	25.30%	21
Somewhat aware	57.83%	48
Not aware	14.46%	12
Not sure	2.41%	2
TOTAL		83

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Q12 Have you ever experienced discrimination in housing?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 1



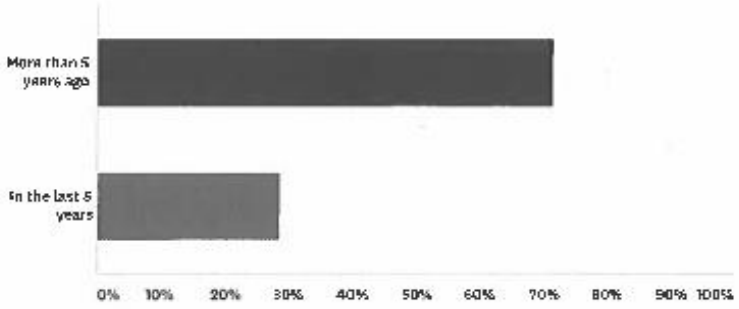
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I have (Please state what happened in the space provided below)	6.02%	5
No, I have not	72.29%	60
Yes, I know someone who has	6.02%	5
No, I don't know anyone who has	12.05%	10
I am not sure	8.43%	7
Total Respondents: 83		

#	IF YOU ANSWERED "YES, I HAVE", PLEASE EXPLAIN:	DATE
1	Single mangagement; female; not qualified; Apartment rentals unlivable but rented ; Bugs	12/6/2019 11:03 PM
2	yes i have a friend that was the victom of predtory lending.	12/4/2019 12:57 PM
3	Only when I was a child, my family was looking to build in a neighboring community and my father was told not to bother looking here.	12/3/2019 4:13 PM
4	Discriminated due to the my ethnicity regarding renting a home	11/26/2019 8:40 PM
5	She is black, sued, got a settlement, and a gag order was placed on her.	11/12/2019 2:32 AM

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Q13 If you answered "Yes" in question 12, when did this occur?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 77

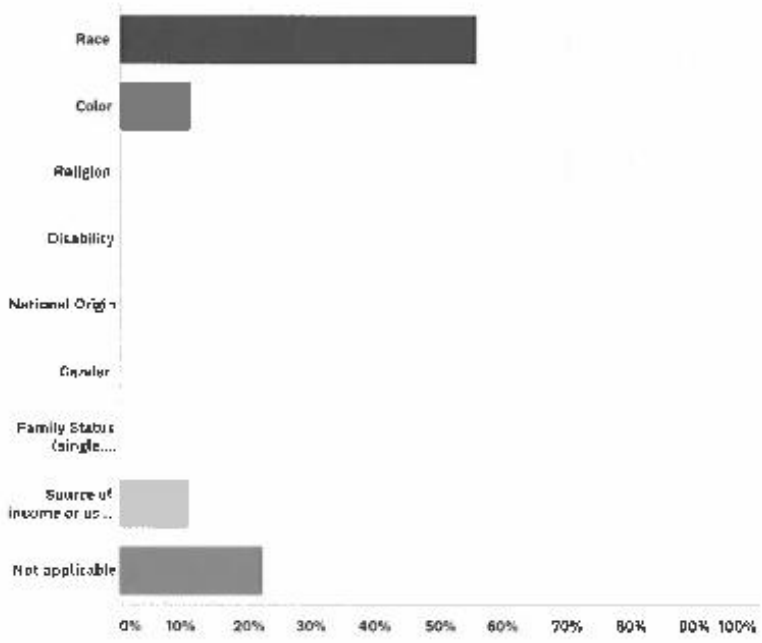


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than 5 years ago	71.43%	5
In the last 5 years	28.57%	2
TOTAL		7

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Q14 If you answered "Yes" in question 12, on what protected group basis do you believe this discrimination occurred?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 75



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Race	55.55%	5
Color	11.11%	1
Religion	0.00%	0
Disability	0.00%	0
National Origin	0.00%	0
Gender	0.00%	0
Family Status (single, divorced, children, expecting a child)	0.00%	0
Source of income or use of vouchers to pay rent	11.11%	1
Not applicable	22.22%	2
Total Respondents: 9		

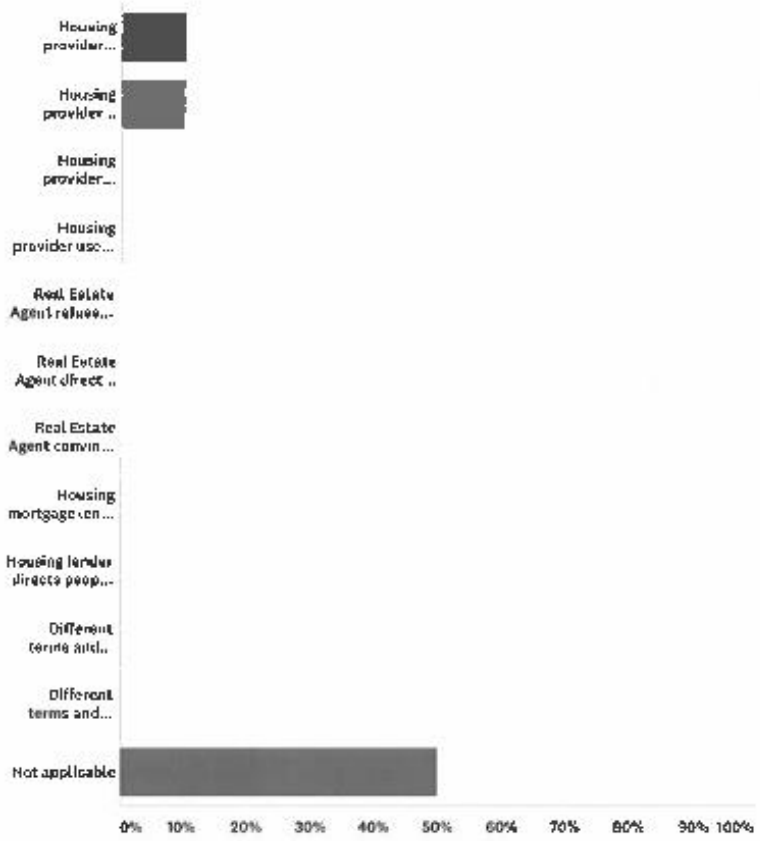
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Native. He had no guidance, he entered a financial agreement that was not a fair agreement.	12/4/2019 1:05 PM

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Q15 If you answered "Yes" in question 12, which of the following activities were involved?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Housing provider refuses to rent or deal with a person	10.00%	1
Housing provider falsely denies that housing was available	10.00%	1
Housing provider refuses to make reasonable accommodations for a tenant with one or more disabilities	0.00%	0
Housing provider uses discriminatory advertising	0.00%	0
Real Estate Agent refuses to sell or deal with a person	0.00%	0
Real Estate Agent directs people to certain neighborhoods	0.00%	0
Real Estate Agent convinces homeowner to sell based on projected group change in the neighborhood	0.00%	0

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Housing mortgage lender discriminates by denying mortgage	0.00%	0
Housing lender directs people to certain neighborhoods	0.00%	0
Different terms and conditions are provided for renting based on protected group status of the tenant	0.00%	0
Different terms and conditions are provided for housing insurance based on protected group status of the tenant or buyer	0.00%	0
Not applicable	50.00%	5

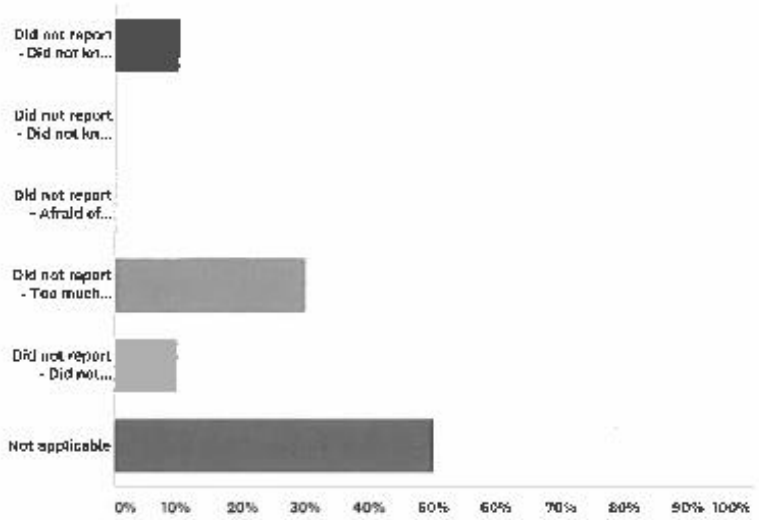
Total Respondents: 10

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Real Estate Agent encouraged buyer to work with unethical mortgage company. No other options	12/4/2019 1:05 PM
2	Realtor was told by property owners not to look here	12/3/2019 4:14 PM
3	Real Estate agent accepted second offer to present to owner rather than hers.	11/12/2019 9:30 AM

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Q16 If you answered "Yes" in question 12, what did you do about the incident (select all that apply)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Did not report - Did not know it was illegal	10.00%	1
Did not report - Did not know where to report	0.00%	0
Did not report - Afraid of retaliation	0.00%	0
Did not report - Too much trouble	30.00%	3
Did not report - Did not believe it would make a difference	10.00%	1
Not applicable	50.00%	5

Total Respondents: 10

	REPORTED IT (PLEASE TELL US WHO YOU REPORTED TO):	DATE
1	it was a nation wide problem. Lorain was hit hard by it.	12/4/2019 1:08 PM

SF424 & SF 424D

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: ☐ Preapplication ☒ Application ☐ Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Continuation ☐ Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): * Other (Specify):
* 3. Date Received:	4. Applicant Identifier: City of Lorain, Ohio	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-20-MC-39-0220	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:	

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:	City of Lorain, Ohio
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 34-6001700	* c. Organizational DUNS: 787413870000

d. Address:

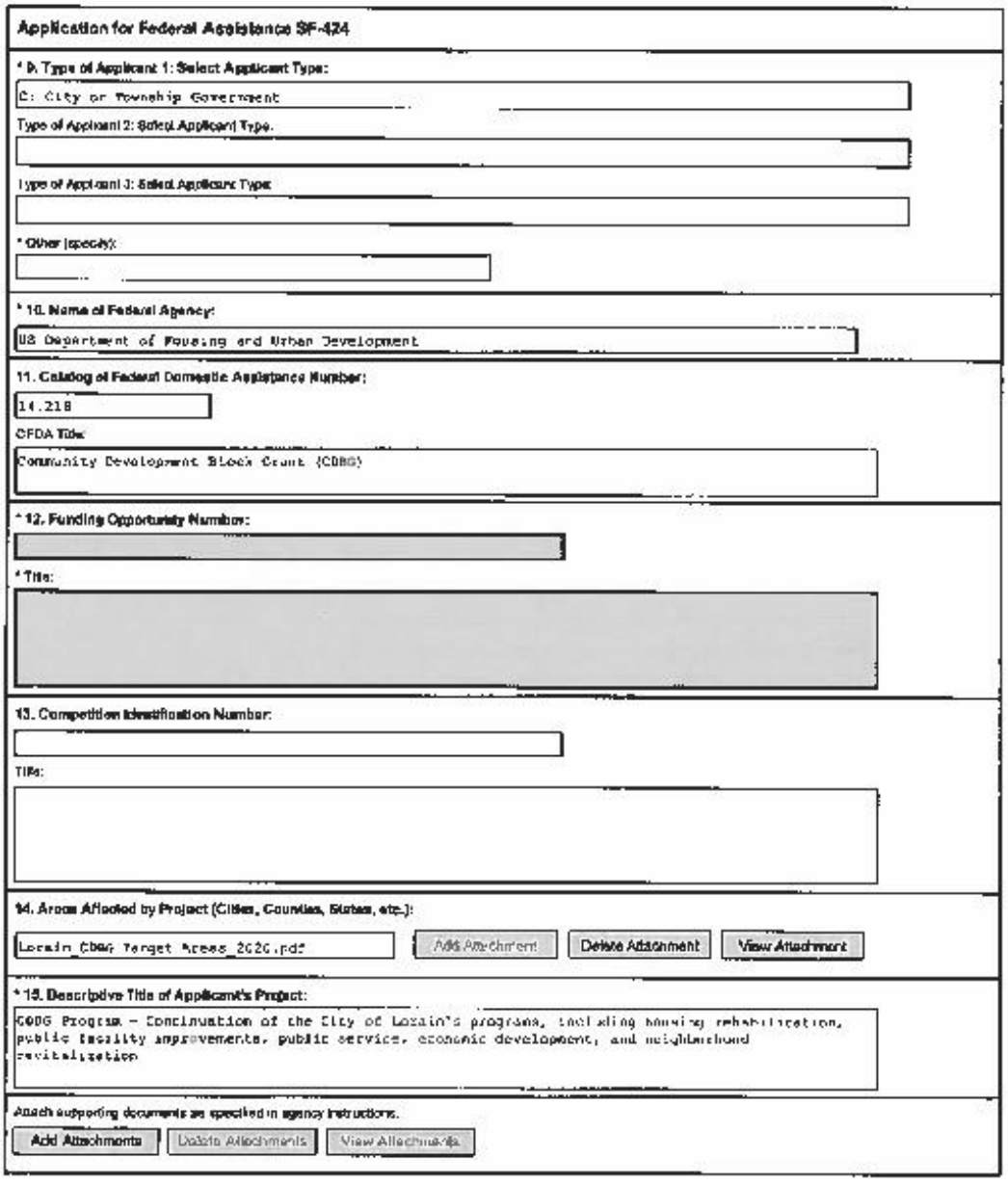
* Street1:	200 West Erie Avenue
Street2:	
* City:	Lorain
County/Parish:	
* State:	OH: Ohio
Province:	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	44052-1606

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Building, Housing, and Planning	Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.	* First Name: Kellie
Middle Name:	
* Last Name: Glenn	
Suffix:	
Title: Director	
Organizational Affiliation:	
* Telephone Number: 440-204-2087	Fax Number: 440-204-2060
* Email: kellie_glenn@cityoflorain.org	



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Lorain_CDBG_Target_Areas_2020.pdf | Add Attachment | Delete Attachment | View Attachment

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

CDBG Program - Continuation of the City of Lorain's programs, including housing rehabilitation, public facility improvements, public service, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: 9 * b. Program/Project: 9

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 01/01/2020 * b. End Date: 12/31/2020

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	1,233,555.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	1,020,400.00
* g. TOTAL	2,253,955.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☐ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:	Mr.
* First Name:	Jack
Middle Name:	M
* Last Name:	Bradley
Suffix:	
* Title:	Mayor
* Telephone Number:	440-204-2002
Fax Number:	440-204-2542
* Email:	Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	5/26/2020

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant: I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Lorain	5/26/2020

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	* Other (Specify):
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-20-MC-39-0220
State Use Only:	
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:	City of Lorain, Ohio
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):	34-6001700
* c. Organizational DUNS:	7814171810000

d. Address:

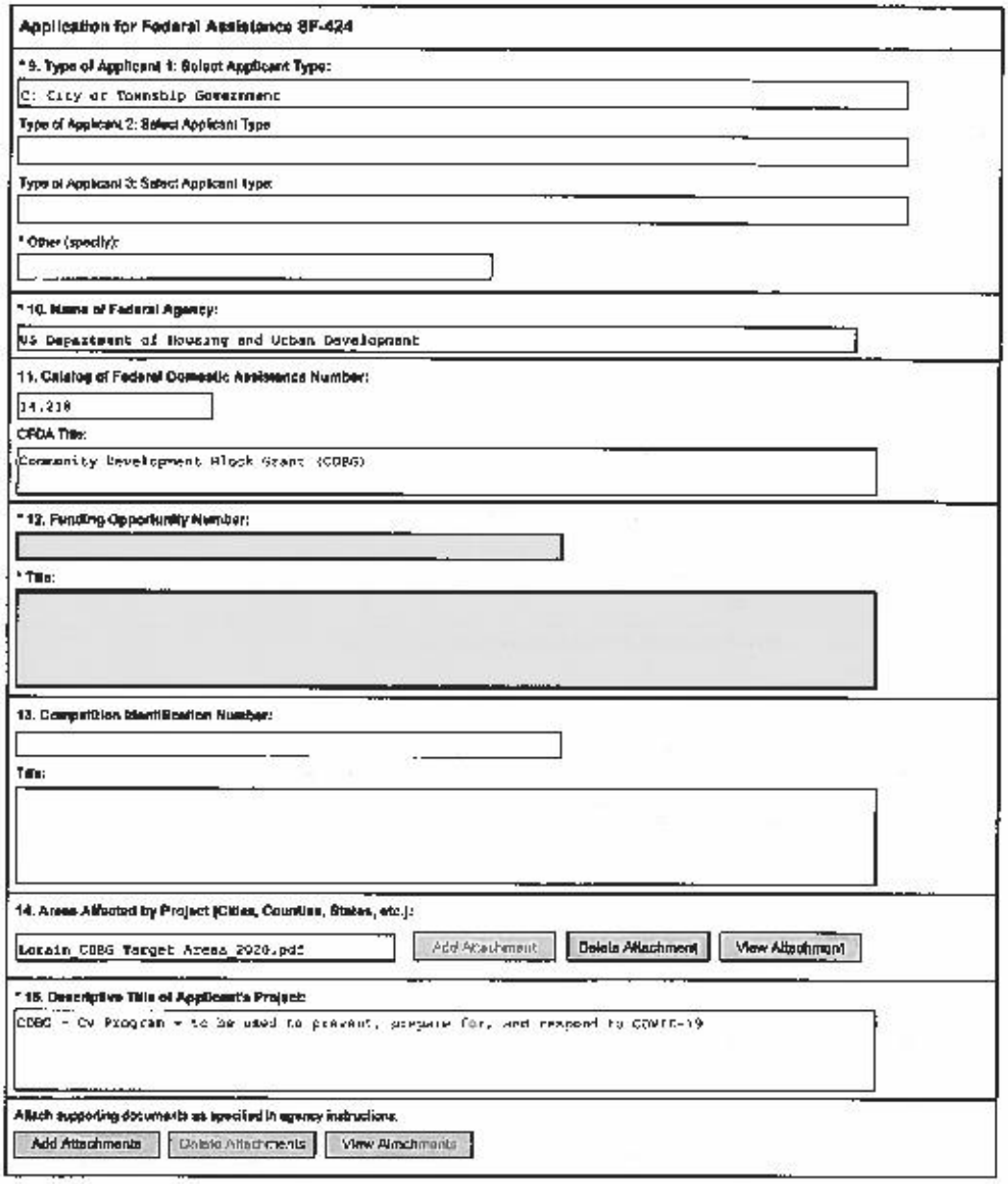
* Street1:	200 West Erie Avenue
Street2:	
* City:	Lorain
County/Parish:	
* State:	OH: Ohio
Province:	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	44052-1606

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:	Building, Housing, and Planning
Division Name:	

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:	Ms.
* First Name:	Kellie
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Glenn
Suffix:	
Title:	Director
Organizational Affiliation:	
* Telephone Number:	440-204-2087
Fax Number:	440-204-2050
* Email:	kellie_glenn@cityoflorain.org



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C: City or Township Government

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* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

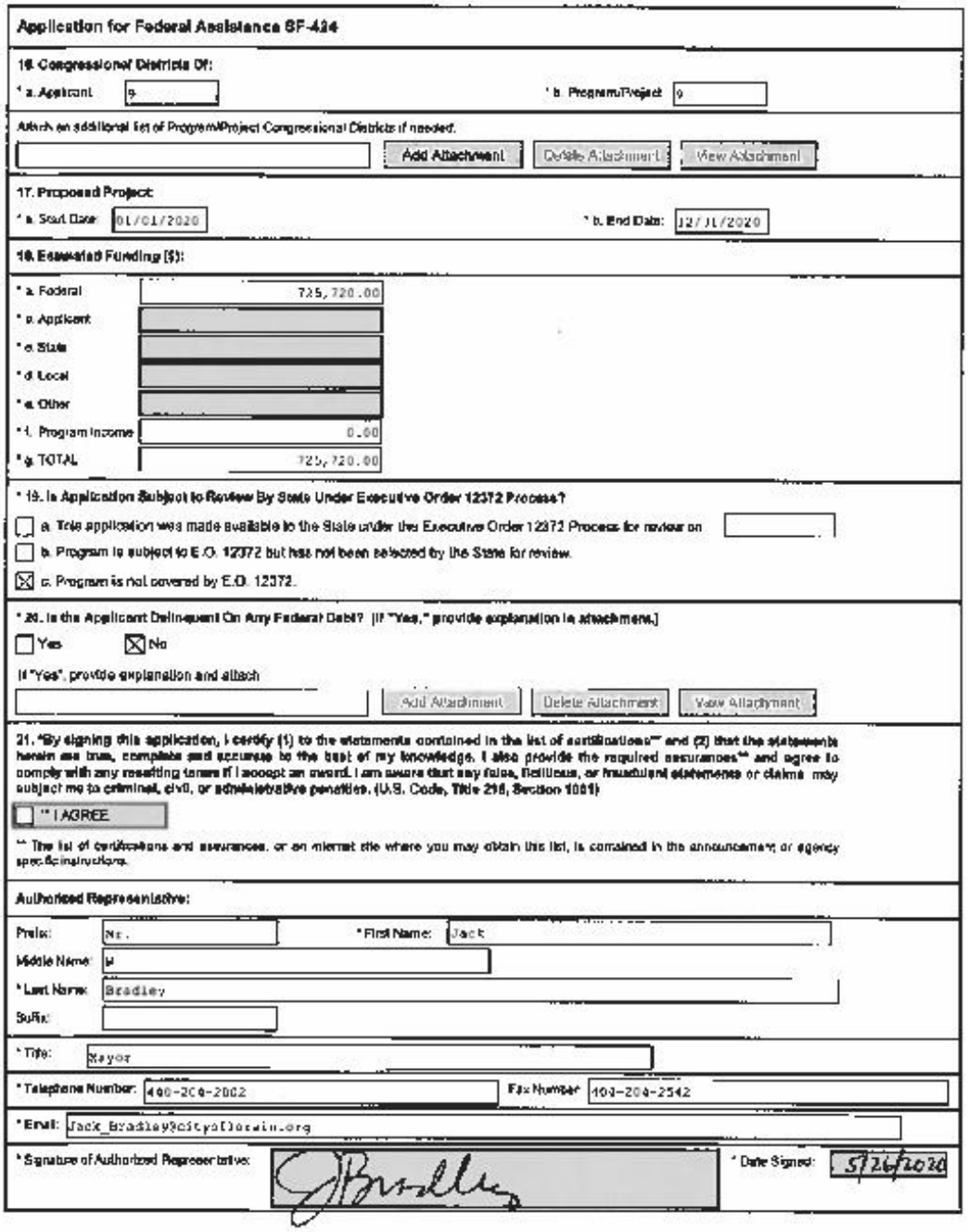
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CDBG - CV Program - to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	725,720.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
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☐ ** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Jack

Middle Name: W

* Last Name: Bradley

Suffix:

* Title: Mayor

* Telephone Number: 440-204-2002 Fax Number: 440-204-2542

* Email: Jack_Bradley@cityofLorain.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative: [signature] * Date Signed: 5/26/2020

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

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2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
[signature]	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Lorain	5/26/2020

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5b. Federal Award Identifier: M-20-MC-39-0220	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:	

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:	City of Lorain, Ohio
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):	* c. Organizational DUNS:
34-6001700	7874171870000

d. Address:

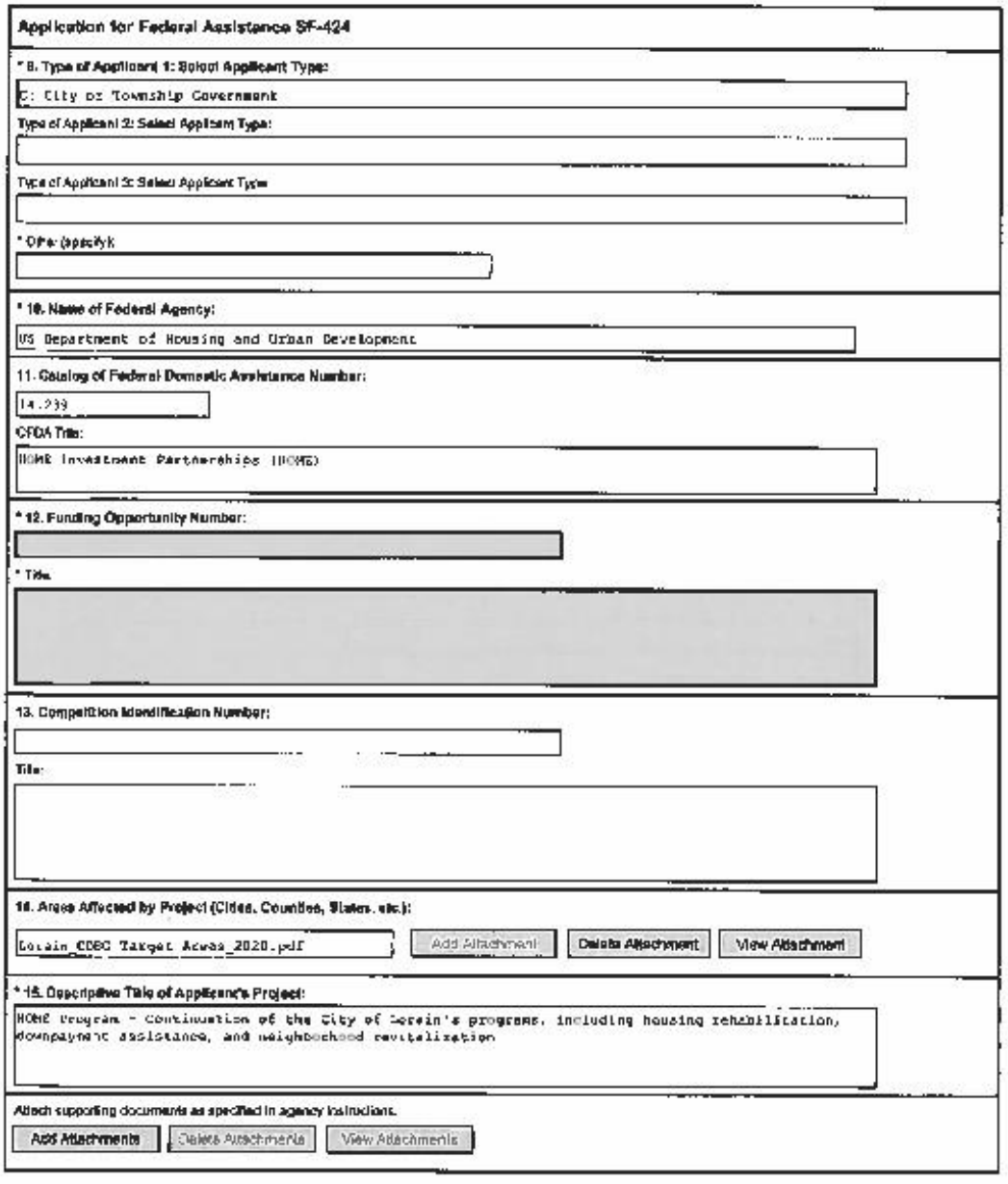
* Street1:	200 West Erie Avenue
Street2:	
* City:	Lorain
County/Parish:	
* State:	OH: Ohio
Province:	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	44052-1606

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:	Division Name:
Building, Housing, and Planning	

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:	Ms.
* First Name:	Kellie
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Glenn
Suffix:	
Title:	Director
Organizational Affiliation:	
* Telephone Number:	440-204-2087
Fax Number:	440-204-2080
* Email:	kellie_glenn@cityoflorain.org



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

HOME Program - Continuation of the City of Lorain's programs, including housing rehabilitation, downpayment assistance, and neighborhood revitalization

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 01/01/2020 * b. End Date: 12/31/2020

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	433,406.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	100,000.00
* g. TOTAL	533,406.00

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Jack

Middle Name: M

* Last Name: Bradley

Suffix:

* Title: Mayor

* Telephone Number: 440-204-2032 Fax Number: 440-204-2642

* Email: Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative: J Bradley * Date Signed: 5/26/2020

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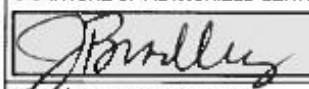
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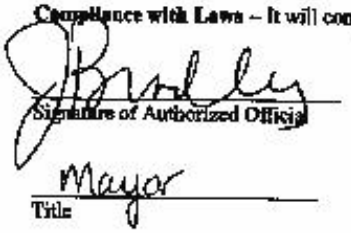
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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

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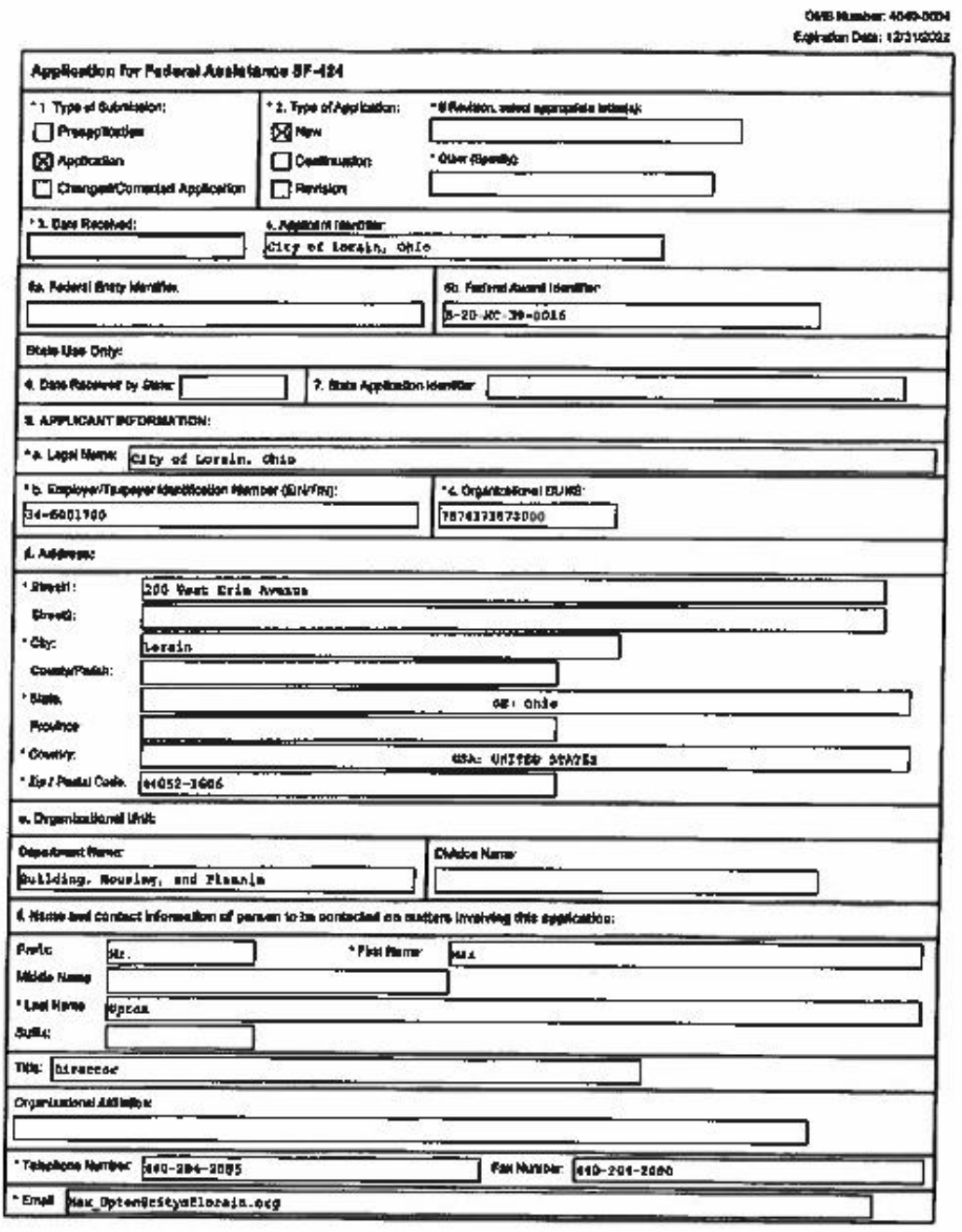
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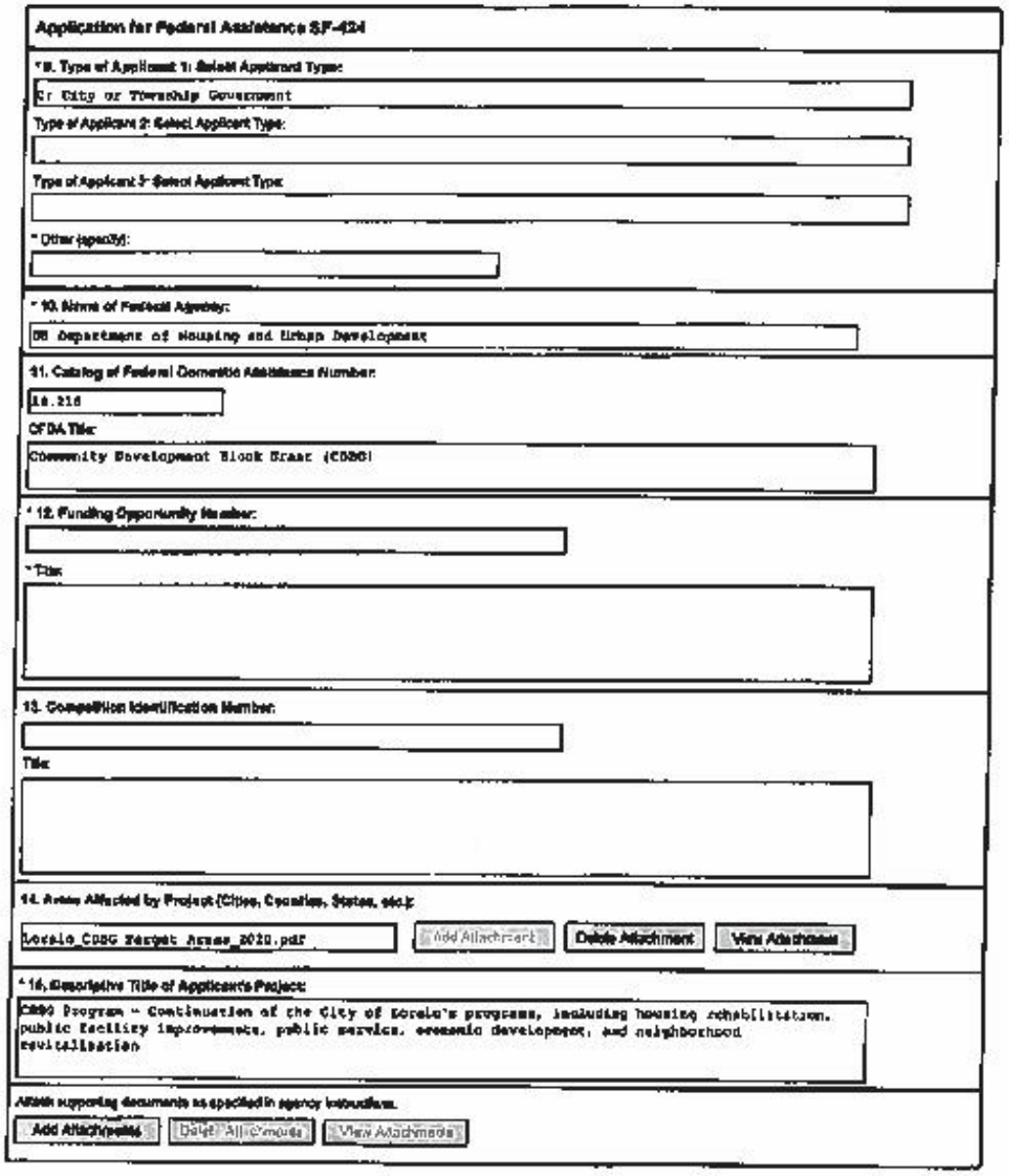
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State Use Only:	
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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 34-6001760	* c. Organizational DUNS: 787433873000
d. Address:	
* Street1: 200 West Erie Avenue	
Street2:	
* City: Lorain	
County/Parish:	
* State: OH: Ohio	
Province:	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	
* Zip / Postal Code: 44052-1686	
e. Organizational Unit:	
Department Name: Building, Housing, and Planning	Division Name:
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:	
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Max
Middle Name:	
* Last Name: Upton	
Suffix:	
Title: Director	
Organizational Affiliation:	
* Telephone Number: 440-204-2085	Fax Number: 440-204-2060
* Email: Max_Upton@cityofLorain.org	



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11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

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CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* a. Federal	1,233,478.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	1,020,400.00
* g. TOTAL	2,253,878.00

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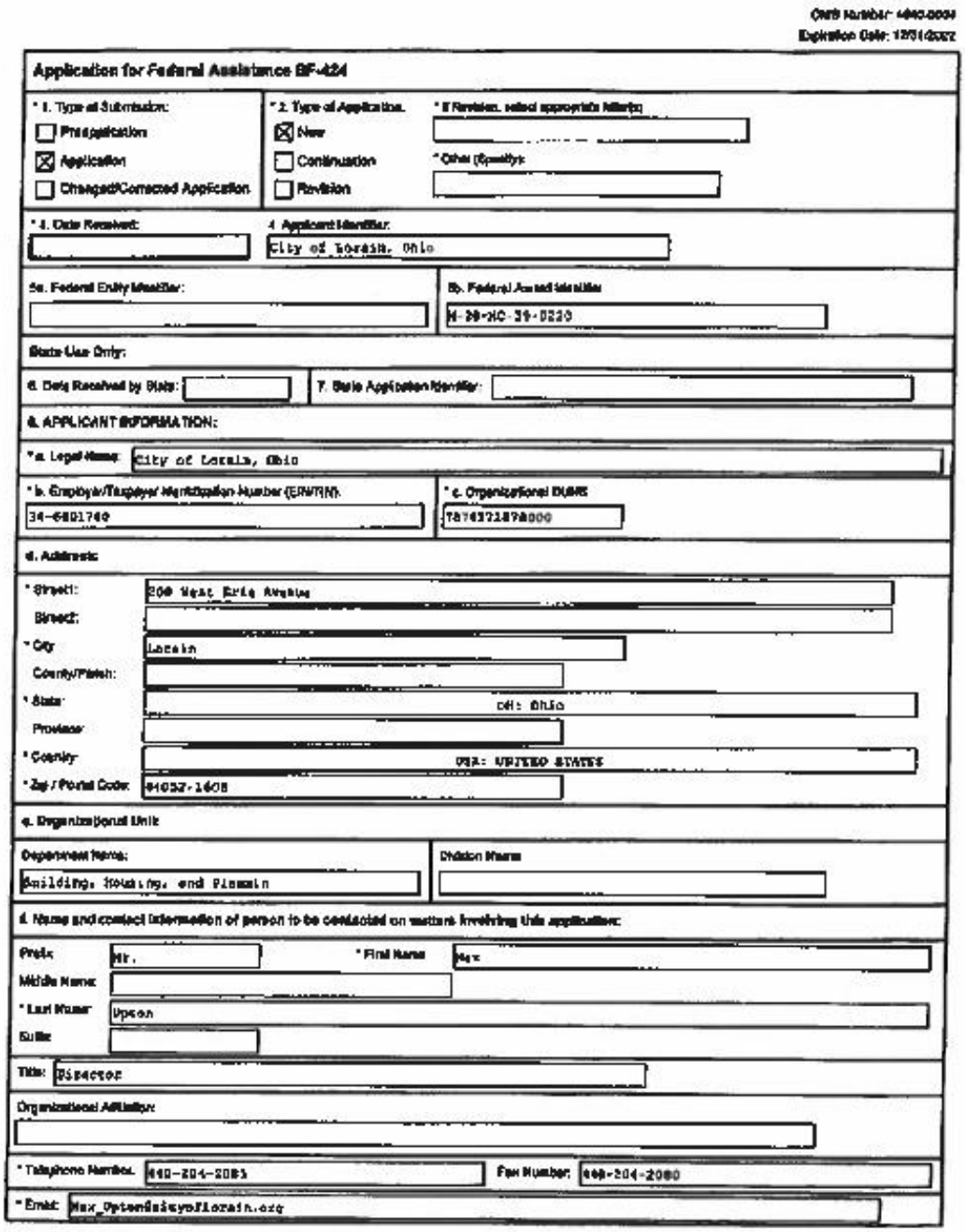
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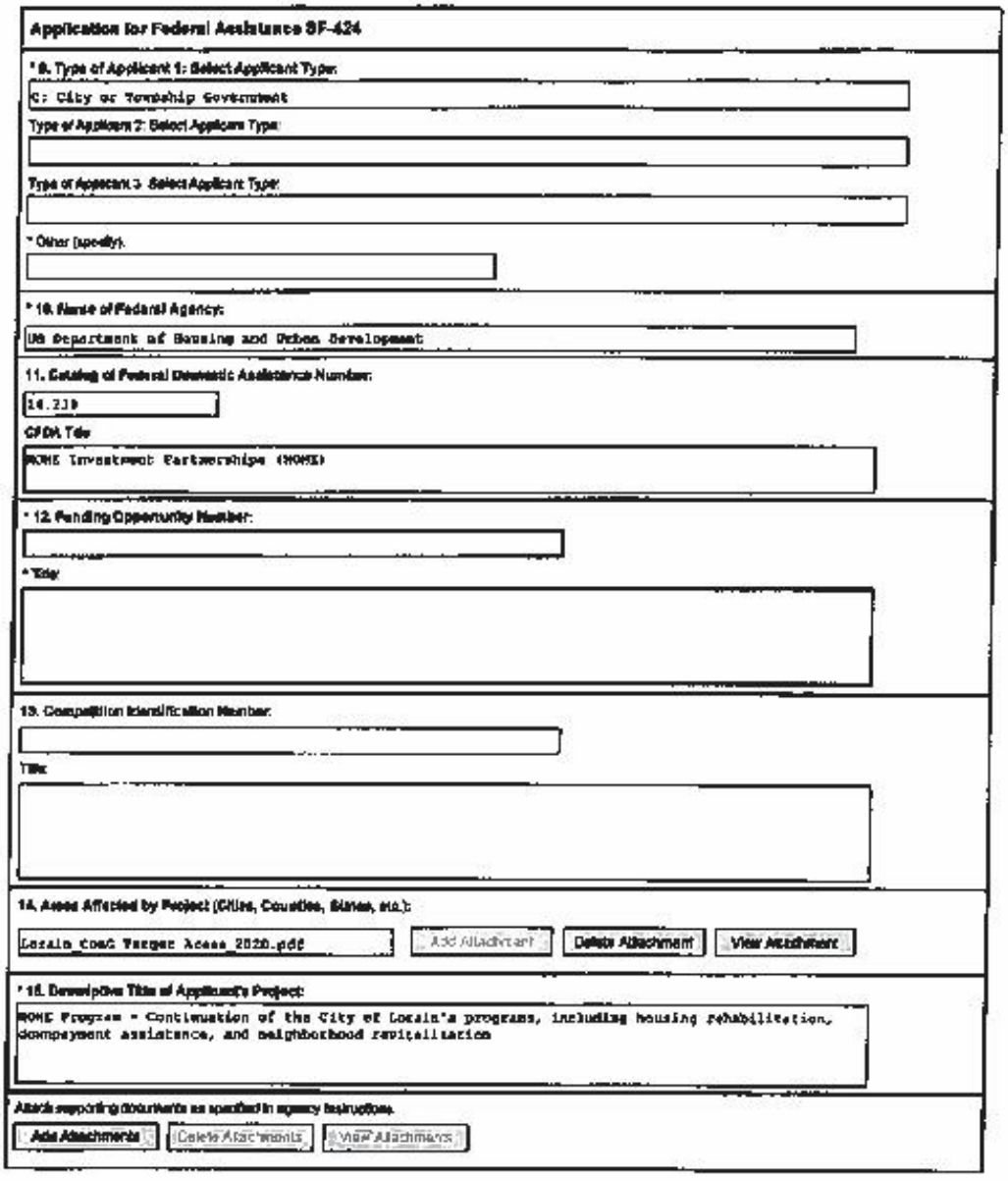
Prefix:	Mr.
* First Name:	Jack
Middle Name:	W
* Last Name:	Bradley
Suffix:	
* Title:	Mayor
* Telephone Number:	440-204-2002
Fax Number:	440-284-2347
* Email:	Jack.Bradley@cityoflorain.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	11-25-2019



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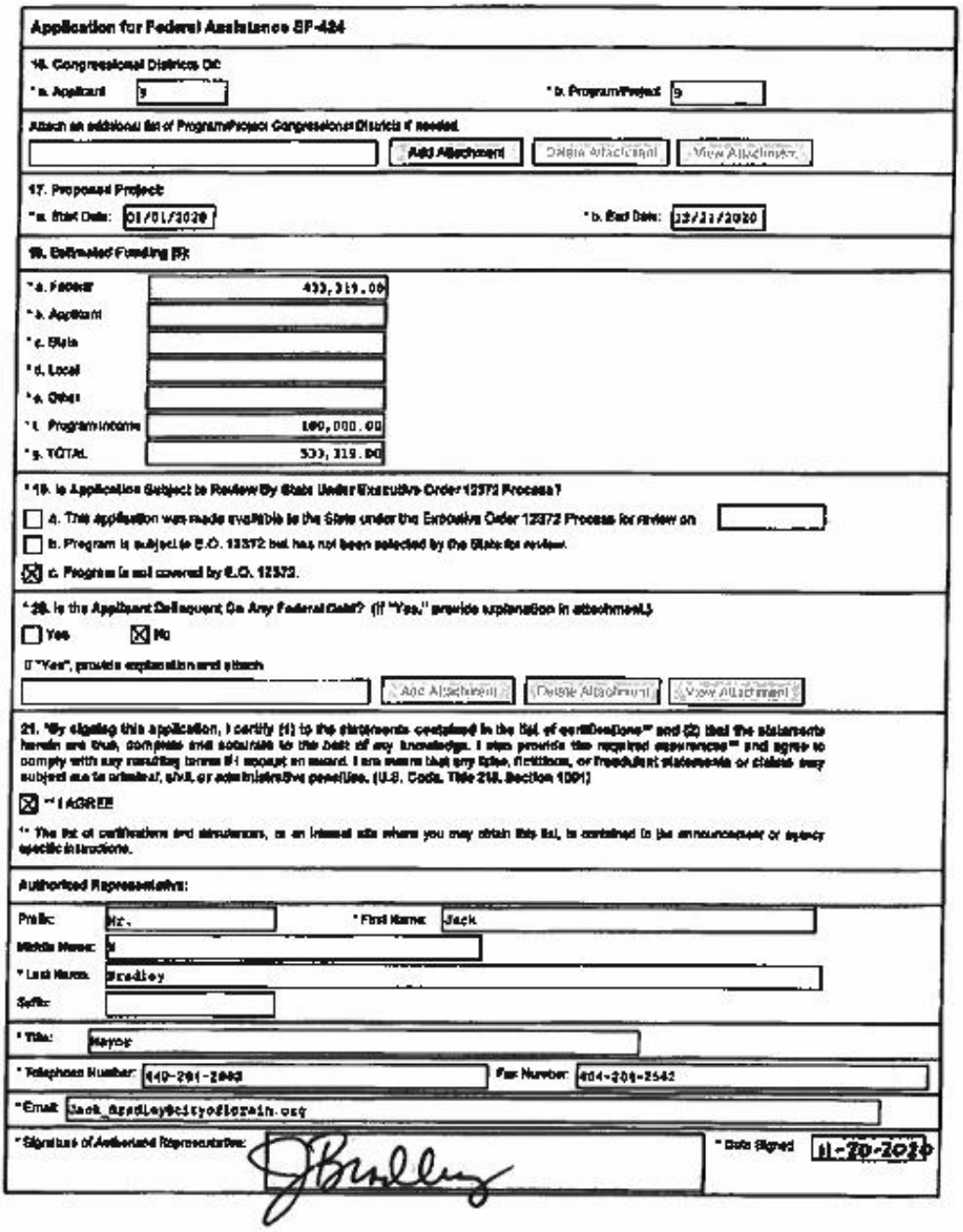
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* Telephone Number:	440-204-2043
Fax Number:	440-204-2542
* Email:	jack_bradley@cityofelyria.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	11-20-2019

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

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2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
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4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

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	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
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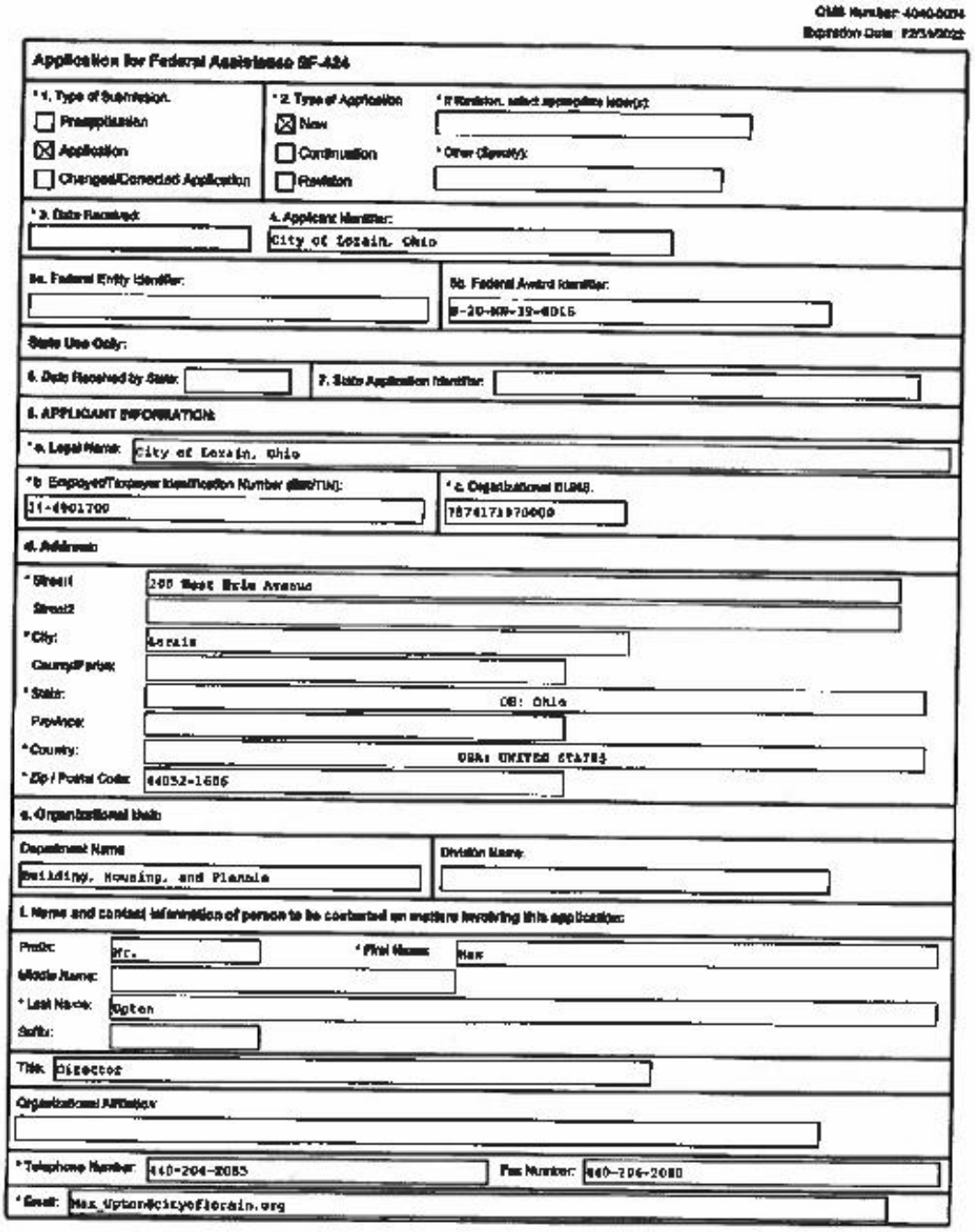
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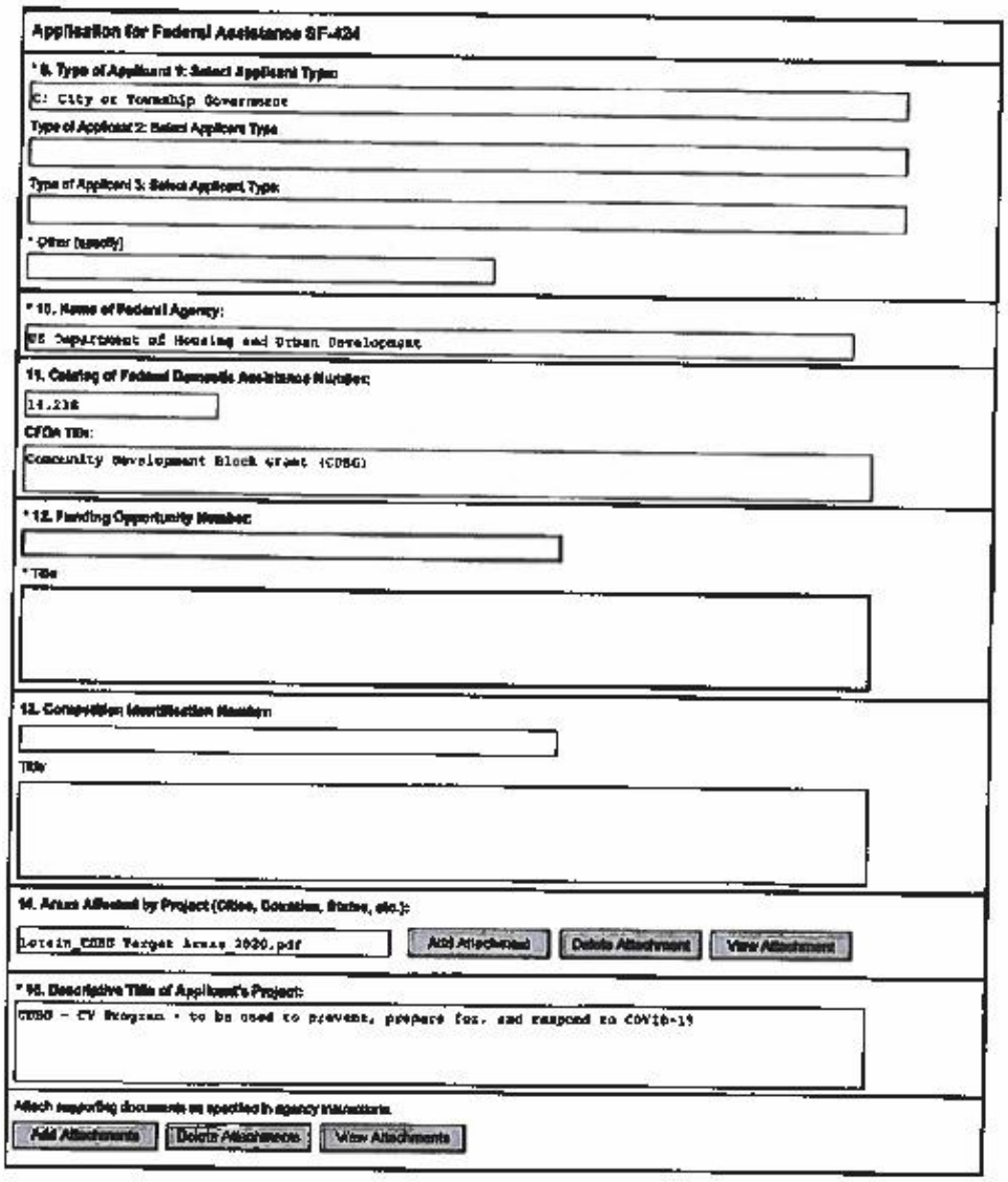
Prefix: Mr.
* First Name: Max
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Upton
Suffix:

Title: Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 440-204-2085
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* Email: Max.Upton@cityoflorain.org



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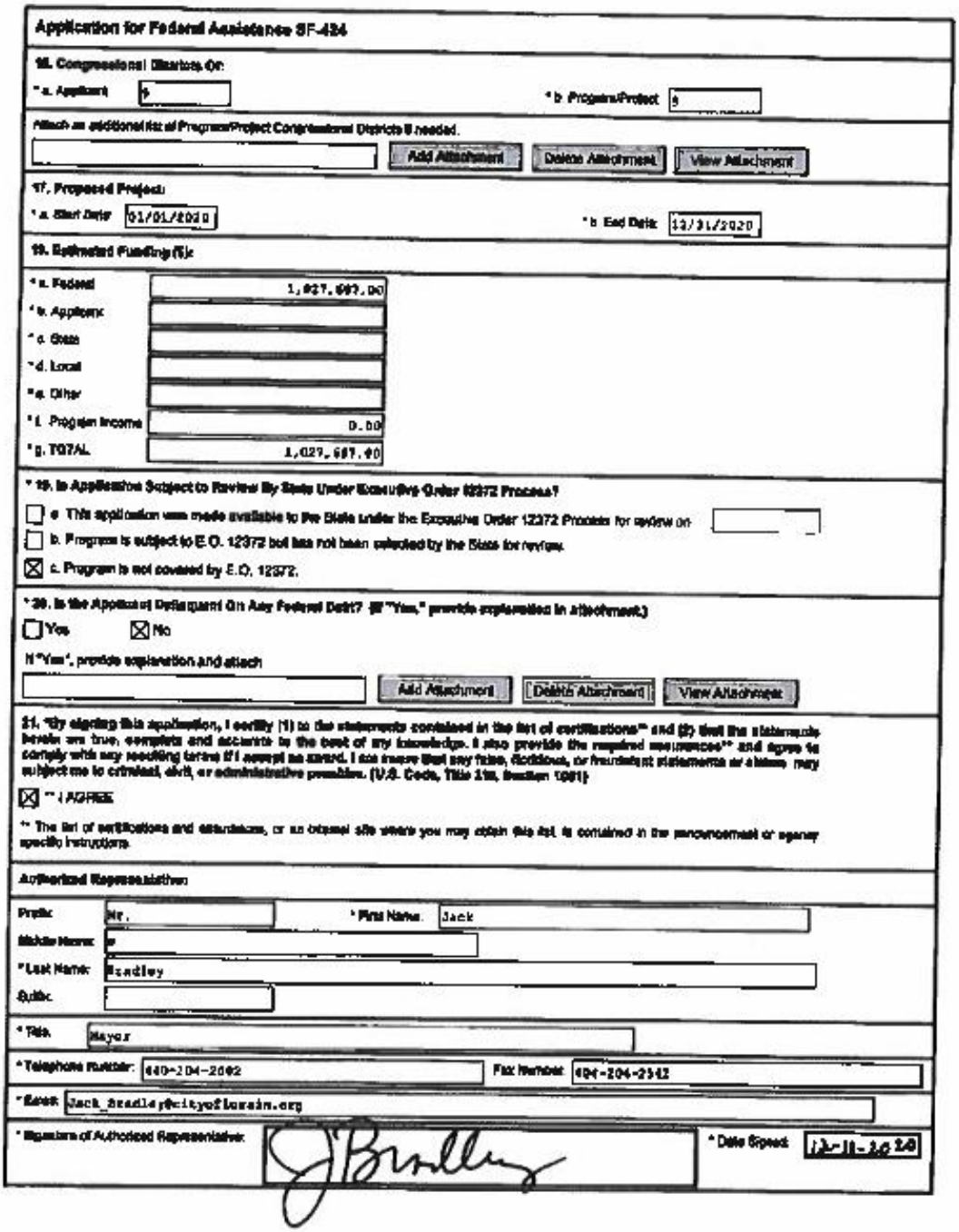
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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

CDBG - CV Program - to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant 9 * b. Program/Project 9

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 01/01/2020 * b. End Date: 12/31/2020

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	1,027,697.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	1,027,697.00

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:	Mr.
* First Name:	Jack
Middle Name:	W
* Last Name:	Bradley
Suffix:	
* Title:	Mayor
* Telephone Number:	440-204-2002
Fax Number:	404-204-2342
* Email:	jack_bradley@cityoflorain.org
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	12-11-2020

Appendixx - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	**Data Source Name** 2014-2018 American Community Survey
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. US Census Bureau
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. This is the most up to date census data available for the City of Lorain
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? To have the most up to date data shown in the Consolidated Plan
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. January 2020
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection. Internet through Census website
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken. Block group data and City-wide
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.
2	**Data Source Name** Public Information Center (PIC)
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. Public Information Center (PIC) Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)
	Provide a brief summary of the data set.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?
	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?

	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?
3	**Data Source Name** Lorain Coutny PIT Survey, Jan. 15 2015
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. Lorain County Continuum of Care
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Point in Time Homeless Census.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? To obtain an accurate count of the number of people experiencing homelessness in Lorain County.
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. January 27th, 2015.
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection. Survey.
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken. Homeless population.
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed. Homeless population.
4	**Data Source Name** 2000 Census (base year), 2009-2013 ACS
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. U.S. Census
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. base year and most current year
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? Demographic and housing characteristics
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. 2000 and 2013
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.

	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.
5	**Data Source Name** HUD FY2015 FMR and HOME Rents for Cleveland-Elyria
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. HUD
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Fair Market Rent data
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?
	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?
	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?
6	**Data Source Name** 2009-2013 ACS; 2007-2011 CHAS
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. U.S. Census and CHAS
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. 2013 ACS most current year
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.

	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.
7	**Data Source Name** Lorain Vacant Property Inventory; RealtyTrac.com
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. RealtyTrac.com
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Inventory of vacant property.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? Vacant properties
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. May 27th, 2015.
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection. Filter for vacant properties.
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken. All homes in Lorain
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.
8	**Data Source Name** PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. Lorain Metroploitan Housing Authority
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Inventory of Public Housing in the Lorain area.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? Assess status of public housing and needs.
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population? Lorain Metro Area.

	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set? 2015
	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)? Complete.
9	**Data Source Name** ACS 2011-2015
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. U.S. Census Bureau
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates American Community Survey
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? Replace the decennial census long-form
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection. Estimates based on continual surveys and decennial information
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken. United States communities
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed. City of Lorain, Lorain County, and State of Ohio
10	**Data Source Name** 2019 Lorain County PIT Homeless Census
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care.
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons in Lorain County.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? Counting homeless persons for all communities who reveice federal funding.
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. January 22, 2019

	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection. Point-in-time survey count
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken. Ohio homeless populations
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed. Homeless persons in Lorain County.
11	**Data Source Name** 2019 FMR and HOME Rents - Cleveland-Elyria, OH MSA
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. HUD
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Fair Market Rents
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. 2019
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.
12	**Data Source Name** 2017 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. U.S. Census Bureau
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Employer and Workforce dynamics.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?

	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. 2017
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.
13	**Data Source Name** 2012- 2016 CHAS
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. U.S. Housing and Urban Development
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? To demonstrate the extent of housing problems and housing needs, particularly for low income households. The CHAS data are used by local governments to plan how to spend HUD funds, and may also be used by HUD to distribute grant funds.
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected. 2012-2016
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection. U.S. Census bureau and ACS data compilations
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken. Lorain County - City of Lorain
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed. Lorain County - City of Lorain