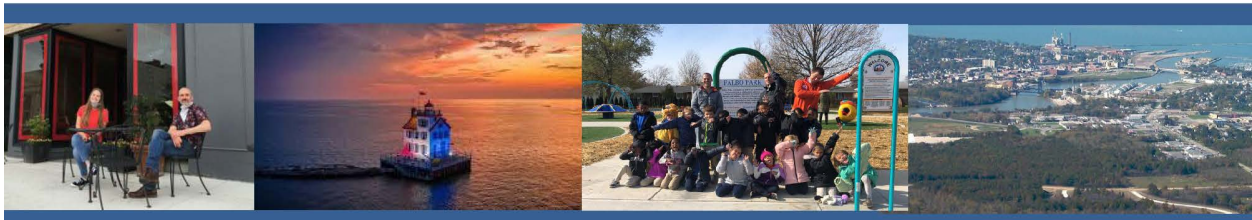




# CITY OF LORAIN

## 2021 Action Plan

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### Executive Summary

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

##### **1. Introduction**

The City of Lorain will focus its efforts on quality of life amenities, housing, and home ownership for low to moderate income people in the City. The plan is to address the greatest need within the community to serve a maximum number of people. Information for the five year consolidated plan can be found throughout this plan and on the City of Lorain website, [cityoflorain.org](http://cityoflorain.org) for a comprehensive view of needs that may not be addresses in this year's Action Plan.

##### **2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The 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 2021 Program Year are detailed below:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) \$1,264,081.00

2021 Estimated Program Income (CDBG) \$790,400.00

Home Investment Partnership Program \$477,783.00

2021 Estimated Program Income (HOME) \$60,000.00

Total 2021 Resources \$2,592,264.00

***CDBG:***

**Administration \$350,000.00**

**Planning: \$6,896.20**

**Street/Improvements:**

Street Improvements \$287,362.60

Sidewalk/Connectivity Improvements \$80,000.00

**Public Facility Improvements:**

Haven Center: \$50,000.00

Park Improvements: \$330,400.00

God's Kingdom Steeple Renovation and Public Service: \$100,000.00

**Housing Programs:**



Emergency Home Repair: \$200,000.00

Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential: \$100,000.00

Housing Rehabilitation: Acquisition: \$245,822.20

**Code Enforcement:**

Salaries, Education, Supplies: \$250,000.00

**Total CDBG Budget: \$2,035,639.00**

***HOME:***

Administration: \$53,778.30

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO): \$71,667.45

Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation: \$412,337.25

**Total HOME Budget \$537,783**

**3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

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.

## **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing and Planning will conduct an in-person and virtual meeting (simultaneous meeting hybrid) on Monday, May 3rd at 5:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers, virtual through GoTo Meeting with the ability to join online or via dial-in by phone. The efforts will be made for citizens to comment on the reports with reasonable notice are as follows: advertising a notice to the public within Lorain City hall, On LorainCounty.com (County website that includes all area political jurisdictions information) and the a locally circulating newspapers in addition to providing the CAPR report online (City of Lorain website) so the public has continuous access to the report. A timeline will be outlined for the public to make public comments. Additionally, there is a federal programs special committee that meets monthly in Council chambers to discuss project/activities/programs that federally funded

## **5. Summary of public comments**

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

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

**7. Summary**

## PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

### 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

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

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
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 (optional)

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

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Lorain has consulted numerous community stakeholders, and does so on a regular basis, to assess the needs of its citizens, particularly those who qualify as Low to Moderate Income and/or serve those residents. The 2021 Action Plan has been created to address the needs observed in the city through stakeholder engagement to creatively and effectively help the largest number of people.

#### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

The City of Lorain has had meetings with the local housing authority, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), while the Neighborhood Development Specialist regularly engages with community groups such as the "Live Healthy Lorain," group, Active Transportation Group, United Way, Racial Equity Task Force, Homeless Task Force, Fair Housing Board, Community Foundation of Lorain County, and the Nord Family Foundation.

#### **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.**

Through COVID Relief Funding, and previous funding projects, the City has worked with the Haven Center, the largest homeless shelter in the city. The 2021 Action Plan will work to provide a significant amount of funding towards the design and build of a high quality addition to the shelter that has been needed for quite some time. The Neighborhood Development Specialist has become the de-facto community liaison for the Building, Housing and Planning Department, however, as the department builds capacity and staffs up, more meetings and engagement continue to occur.

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

The City of 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 does not provide funding, but the city's fair housing administrator formally sat on various boards in order to assist with fair housing related needs of residents and other agencies that provide housing

assistance. The fair housing administrator position is currently vacant, but when it is filled the administrator will resume assisting through various boards including, but not limited to the: Homeless Taskforce; Lorain County Mental Health Board; and Community Foundation. The director has been involved with Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), El Centro Servicios, and the Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland to enhance public service type activities within the city as well as quality housing by helping local residents with downpayment assistance, homebuyer training and financial literacy type concerns.

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

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Haven Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

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

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care		

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**



**Narrative (optional)**

## AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

A hybrid in-person/online meeting took place on Monday, May 3rd. The meeting was open to the public and advertised in the Lorain Morning Journal, online at LorainCounty.com and CityofLorain.org, and via social media on the City's Facebook page. Several members of Lorain City Council attended, along with one community member who did not submit a question when asked. Lorain City Council was in favor of the proposed activities and usage of CDBG/HOME funds. Any suggestions, as attached to this report, was generally not contradictory to the Action Plan, as they pertained to other programming that the Department does.

### Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities  Persons with disabilities  Non-targeted/broad community	Seven Members of Council attended, one member of the public who did not pose any questions when asked, and two members of the press (Lorain Morning Journal and Chronicle-Telegram).	Minutes are attached to this Action Plan. Comments were positive and in support of the Action Plan.	n/a	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	No emails or phone calls were received regarding our 2021 Action Plan that was advertised in the Morning Journal	N/A	N/A	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**



## 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.

The City of Lorain anticipates a total allocation of \$1,264,081.00 in CDBG funding and \$477,783 in HOME funding for the 2021/2022 program year. Program income may be realized over the course of the 2021/2022 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, public facility improvements, 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 second 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 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1	Expected	Narrative
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	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,264,081	790,400	0	2,054,481	3,792,243	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	477,783	60,000	0	537,783	1,433,349	
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Public Improvements Public Services	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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
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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 Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Programs and services for low and moderate income	CDBG: \$545,822 HOME: \$480,018	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 0 Business Brownfield acres remediated: 0 Acre Rental units constructed: 0 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 21 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance
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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration/Planning		Program Administration	CDBG: \$407,128 HOME: \$53,778	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit
3	Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Homeless Services and Prevention		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Persons Assisted
4	Community and Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$560,400	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 11975 Persons Assisted
5	Non-Homeless Special Needs	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI	Programs and services for special needs residents Public Facilities and Infrastructure		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2205 Persons Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

**Goal Descriptions**

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Creation of a COmmunity Housing Development Organization
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Street Improvements, sidewalk improvements, and Park Improvements.
<b>5</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

City of Lorain's planned actions for the 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 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 to enhance the living environment for people living in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Planning
3	Street Improvements
4	Sidewalks
5	Haven Center
6	Park Improvements
7	God's Kingdom Steeple Renovation
8	Emergency Home Repair
9	Rehabilitation--Multi Unit Residential
10	Housing Rehabilitation: Acquisition
11	Code Enforcement
12	Administration (HOME)
13	CHDO
14	Home Owner Occupied Rehab

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**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**



1	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$350,000
	<b>Description</b>	Salaries, fringes, training, legal ads, etc.
	<b>Target Date</b>	5/1/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	administer BG program city-wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	salaries, fringes, education, legal ads, etc. to administer the CDBG 2021 program
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Planning
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$60,896
	<b>Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	N/A
3	<b>Project Name</b>	Street Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$287,363
	<b>Description</b>	Lexington between 32nd & 33rd : Mill/Fill, Pavement Repair, Casting Adjustments and installation of ADA compliant Curb Ramps E. 41st between Palm & Homewood: Mill/Fill, Pavement Repair, Casting Adjustments, Curb Ramps, Curb, Underdrains
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/1/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	460 LMI persons assisted in Block Group 001 of Census Tract 235 - 51.69% 565 LMI persons assisted in Block Group 001 of Census Tract 237 - 62.78%
	<b>Location Description</b>	Lexington between 32nd and 33rd--\$58,569  East 41st between Palm and Homewood--\$213,720
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lexington between 32nd &amp; 33rd : Mill/Fill, Pavement Repair, Casting Adjustments and installation of ADA compliant Curb Ramps</li> <li>E. 41st between Palm &amp; Homewood: Mill/Fill, Pavement Repair, Casting Adjustments, Curb Ramps, Curb, Underdrains</li> </ul>
4	<b>Project Name</b>	Sidewalks
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$80,000
	<b>Description</b>	full replacement of deteriorated sidewalks in LMI areas to assist with connectivity
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 4,450 LMI people will be assisted
	<b>Location Description</b>	LMI areas with severely deteriorated sidewalks

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	full replacement of deteriorated sidewalks in LMI areas to assist with connectivity
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Haven Center
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	new fence and playground equipment
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/1/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 100 families utilize the homeless shelter annually
	<b>Location Description</b>	1536 E 30th St, Lorain, OH 44055
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	new fence and playground equipment for homeless youth staying at the Haven Center
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Park Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Programs and services for special needs residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$330,400
	<b>Description</b>	Funds to improve parks in LMI areas and/or with ADA accessible playground equipment.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	11,825 LMI people

	<b>Location Description</b>	various LMI parks throughout the City; possibly 1 park in a non-lmi area for ADA accessibility
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	park improvements to various parks
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	God's Kingdom Steeple Renovation
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	renovation of steeple at historic church
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2,450 LMI people reside in the area
	<b>Location Description</b>	423 Washington Avenue
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	renovation of steeple at historic church
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Emergency Home Repair
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Programs and services for low and moderate income
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$200,000
	<b>Description</b>	emergency home repair
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	13 LMI Households
	<b>Location Description</b>	various LMI households throughout the City of Lorain
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	emergency home repair

9	<b>Project Name</b>	Rehabilitation--Multi Unit Residential
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 5 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	new roofs and gutters at Fulton Homes for 60 units of LMI households
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	60 units with a main address of 3228 Fulton Road. individual address on Fulton, Industrial, Factory, and Victory.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	new roofs and gutters at Fulton Homes for 60 units of LMI households
10	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation: Acquisition
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Increased Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$245,822
	<b>Description</b>	acquisition of homes to be rehabbed and sold to income eligible families
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 3 LMI families will be able to purchase these rehabbed houses
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	acquisition of homes to be rehabbed and sold to income eligible families

11	<b>Project Name</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	salaries, fringes, education, and other costs
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	citywide in LMI areas
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	salaries, fringes, education, and other costs
12	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration (HOME)
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$53,778
	<b>Description</b>	salaries, fringes, education, etc. to administer the HOME program
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
13	<b>Project Name</b>	CHDO
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Increased Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$62,611
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Home Owner Occupied Rehab
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$417,407
	<b>Description</b>	full rehab of income eligible occupied home units
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	8 Low income families
	<b>Location Description</b>	citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	full rehab of income eligible occupied home units

## **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 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. Assistance will also be made available citywide to persons meeting the CDBG eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Ward 2 LMI	25
Ward 5 LMI	25
Ward 6 LMI	25
Ward 3 LMI	25

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Serving the eligible ward areas in as equal of a fashion as allowable and possible.

### **Discussion**



## 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.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	50
Non-Homeless	55
Special-Needs	10
Total	115

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	21
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	21

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

#### Discussion

## **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.

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

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 where 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**

## **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.

#### **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. The Haven Center is going to receive funds to add a fence and new playground equipment at it's facility.

#### **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**

A significant amount of HOME funding will go towards home ownership and those that are particularly vulnerable to chronic homelessness.

**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.**

A significant amount of HOME funding will go towards home ownership and those that are particularly vulnerable to chronic homelessness.

## **Discussion**

## **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.

### **Discussion:**

The City has adopted a new zoning code on February 4, 2021 which allows for more inclusive zoning.

## **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 lead based paint hazards;

Reduce the number of poverty-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 Five-Year 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 low and moderate income, 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.

### **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 City of Lorain has also worked extensively to develop the former "Stoveworks" Site for affordable home ownership opportunities.

### **Discussion:**



## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

This section addresses the program-specific requirements for the Annual Action Plan.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	790,400
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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>790,400</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

#### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

The City of Lorain plans to utilize Home funds for Admin., CHDO set aside (15%) and Homeowner

occupied Rehab

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:

These are currently being established in cooperation with technical assistance being provided by TDA to Program Manager Joel Jacovetti.

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments

### City of Lorain

#### 2020/2024 Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Plan

The City of Lorain recognizes that citizen participation is a very important part of the consolidated planning process. To better guide the City's outreach in gaining citizen input, the City has developed a Citizen Participation Plan. The City of Lorain Citizen Participation Plan is designed to create opportunities for citizens to be involved in the development of the consolidated plan, annual action plans, the implementation of substantial amendments, and annual performance reporting.

#### Introduction

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning has prepared a Citizen Participation Plan to explain what opportunities are available to all residences, in addition, to how the public can participate in the process of preparing the city's Consolidated Plan. The City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning is responsible for administering the Citizen Participation Plan.

The overall goal of the Consolidated Plan is to utilize federal, state and local funding in a coordinated manner to promote the development of viable communities. Viable communities are described as meeting the residents' needs in regards to affordable and decent housing; a safe and suitable living environment; and adequate economic opportunities particularly for low- and moderate-income persons.

Citizen participation will be encouraged during the development of the consolidated plan, annual action plans, any substantial amendments, and the performance report by providing notice to residents and local organizations through various media methods. The Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the policies to be used for citizen participation and outlines the procedures used to encourage the participation of all residents of the City of Lorain – especially low-income residents, minorities, non-English speaking residents, the disabled and persons with HIV/AIDS.

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## **Five-Year Consolidated Plan**

### ***Public Hearings***

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, the City of Lorain will host, at a minimum, two public hearings during the development of the Consolidated Plan, prior to its proposed adoption by City Council for submission to HUD.

### ***Public Notice***

The City will publish a notice of availability of the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action Plan for public review in a newspaper of general circulation and in any widely disseminated smaller publications or posting serving low-income residents, minorities, non-English speaking residents, the disabled and persons with HIV/AIDS. The date of publication will be the beginning of a 30-day public comment period at the end of which a public hearing on the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action will also be held.

The notice of availability shall include a summary of the Consolidated Plan as well as a summary of those sections of the Consolidated Plan that concern CDBG and HOME funds. The summary will describe the contents and purpose of the Consolidated Plan, and will include a list of locations where copies of the entire Consolidated Plan may be examined.

### ***Comment Period***

Prior to the City Council approval of the Consolidated Plan, a 30-day public comment period shall be held as required by HUD.

The City shall publish a draft of the Consolidated Plan (including the corresponding Annual Action Plan) to be available during the 30 day comment period so that citizens have an opportunity to review the Consolidated Plan prior to adoption.

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During the 30-day comment period, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will receive written comments on the Consolidated Plan from the public and will later include those comments and the City's responses in the final publication of the Consolidated Plan.

Copies of the draft Consolidated Plan will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lorain Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
- South Lorain Library, 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain, OH 44055
- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052

Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups. In addition, electronic copies of the draft Consolidated Plan will be made available online at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

The City of Lorain City Council, as the elected authority of the citizens of the City of Lorain, is responsible for the Consolidated Plan. All public comments shall be reviewed and taken into consideration by the Council. The City Council authorizes final publication of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan and submission of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD.

#### ***Submission of the Plan***

Following approval by the City Council, the Consolidated Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than 60 days after the annual allocations are announced. Upon submission, all certifications of compliance will be included.

#### **Annual Action Plan**

Each program year, as a part of the consolidated planning process, the City of Lorain must develop an Annual Action Plan that identifies sources of funding, statement of

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objectives, description of projects, graphic distribution, monitoring of sub-recipients, and results of past efforts.

#### ***Public Hearings***

To receive public input prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan, the City of Lorain shall hold a minimum of one public hearing at the conclusion of a 30-day public comment period as required by HUD. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, HUD recognizes the need to limit public gatherings and therefore is allowing public hearings to be held virtually through August 16, 2021.

#### ***Public Notice***

A public notice shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation and/or posted in English and Spanish no less than ten days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

The public notice shall include a summary of the proposed Annual Action Plan and all pertinent information as to where the Annual Action Plan is available for public examination, including the locations address and hours of availability.

#### ***Comment Period***

A 30 day comment period of the draft Annual Action Plan will be established for public review prior to submission to the City of Lorain City Council for final consideration and adoption.

Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lorain Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
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- Crty Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052

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Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups. In addition, electronic copies of the draft Annual Action Plan will be made available online at [www.cityofflorain.org](http://www.cityofflorain.org).

Once the Annual Action plan has been approved by City Council and submitted to HUD, a 45 day HUD review period will commence.

### **Substantial Amendments**

If there are changes because of legislative authority or the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) causes changes in rules, regulations and guidelines which impact the Community Development Block Grant Program, said changes will supersede any/all of the provisions contained in this Citizen Participation Plan. In addition, any general or substantial amendment to any portion of the Consolidated Plan will follow HUD prescribed notice and comment period requirements.

Prior to the submission of any substantial change in the proposed use of funds, citizens will have reasonable notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, the proposed amendment using the citizen participation methods outlined in this Citizen Participation Plan and/or other methods that result in effective notice and comment. Substantial amendments may be made up to six (6) times per program year.

The following actions necessitate a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan:

- The elimination or addition of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan and/or Consolidated Plan.
- A change in the purpose of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan and/or Consolidated Plan, such as a change in the type of activity or its ultimate objective (i.e., a change in a construction project from housing to commercial).

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- A meaningful change in the location of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan and /or Consolidated Plan.
- A change that increases or decreases funding or the cost of an activity, project or program by more than 25 percent of the funds that were originally allocated for that activity, project or program originally described in the Annual Action Plan. This does not include activities, projects or programs that are completed under budget by more than 50 percent. In such case, the unspent balance may go to existing or previously approved activities.
- A change required by Federal law or regulation.

#### ***Public Hearings***

The City shall hold a minimum of one public hearing for public input on any Substantial Amendment. Prior to amending its Consolidated Plan for a new activity or a substantial change, the City will publish a notice of the substantial change in area newspapers. The public notice shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation no less than ten days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

#### ***Comment Period***

The public shall be given an opportunity to comment on any Substantial Amendments made to the City's Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. After proper notice is given, a 30 day public review period will be required in order to obtain public comment prior to submission to HUD.

Copies of draft Substantial Amendments will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lorain Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
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- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052

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Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups. In addition, electronic copies of draft Substantial Amendments will be made available online at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

### **COVID - 19**

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.

#### ***Public Hearings***

To receive public input prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan or a Substantial Amendment, the City of Lorain shall hold a minimum of one public hearing at the conclusion of a 5-day public comment period as required by HUD.

#### ***Public Notice***

A public notice shall be published on the City of Lorain's website, facebook, and the Lorain County website no less than five days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

Due to the "State of Emergency", all public hearings will be virtual. The Virtual Public Hearing will be live - streamed via Youtube (Lorain TV20) and Spectrum Cable Channel 1025. To participate and ask questions please call 440-204-2590.

The public notice shall include a summary of the proposed Annual Action Plan and/or Substantial Amendment and all pertinent information as to where the Annual Action Plan or Substantial Amendment is available for public examination, including the locations address and hours of availability.

#### ***Comment Period***

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A 5 day comment period of the draft Annual Action Plan or Substantial Amendment will be established for public review prior to submission to the City of Lorain City Council for final consideration and adoption.

Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan or Substantial Amendment will be available for review on the City of Lorain's website.

Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups.

Once the Annual Action plan has been approved by City Council and submitted to HUD, a 45 day HUD review period will commence.

### **Performance Reports**

Each year the City will issue a Performance Report showing the progress it has made in carrying out its Strategic Plan and its Annual Action Plan.

The Performance Report, or the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), will include a description of the resources available, the investment of those resources, where those resources were spent geographically, persons assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of persons assisted), actions taken to further fair housing, and other actions indicated in the Strategic Plan and the Annual Action Plan. The City must send HUD a CAPER by March 30th or within 90 days of the close of the program year. The City of Lorain's program year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

### **Public Hearings**

The City will hold a minimum of one public hearing to consider any comments or views of citizens in relation to the published Performance Report. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, HUD recognizes the need to limit public gatherings and therefore is

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allowing public hearings to be held virtually through August 16, 2021. A public notice shall be published in a local newspaper no less than ten days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

#### ***Comment Period***

The City will receive comments and make all Performance Reports available to the public at least 15 days prior to submission to HUD. The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally at public hearings in preparing the final version of Performance Reports.

A summary of these comments will be attached to the Performance Report, upon completion of the final version to be submitted to HUD. HUD conducts a 30 day review of the Performance Report after submission.

Copies of the draft CAPER Plan will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lorain Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
- South Lorain Library, 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain, OH 44055
- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052

Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups. In addition, electronic copies of the draft CAPER Plan will be made available online at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

#### **Complaints/Comments/Grievances**

The City will provide a timely and substantive response to all written complaints. Upon receipt of a written comment, the City will prepare and forward a written response (including clarification and/or corrective action as needed) and any other related documents will remain on file in the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning. All written complaints/comments should be addressed to City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 W. Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052.

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### **Public Hearings/Public Notices**

The City of Lorain will host, at a minimum, two public hearings annually during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan's term. The first public hearing will announce the availability of technical assistance and funding for current program year. A second public hearing will be held later in the program year, once the draft plan is ready for public review, to solicit comments on the strategies and proposed use of funds and to review program performance. Public hearings will be conveniently scheduled and located for people who will benefit from program funds, and will be accessible to persons with special needs.

Under circumstances where an in-person public hearing is not viable, virtual meetings will be held. These virtual public hearings will follow the same structure as an in-person public hearing. Virtual hearings will be held using an accessible software.

The City of Lorain is required to provide adequate advance notice of public hearings. There shall be advance public notice once a federally required document is available for public review, such as the proposed Annual Action Plan, Five-Year Consolidated Plan, any proposed Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan or Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and the Annual Performance Report. In addition, there shall be advance public notice of all public hearings, and public meetings related to the funds or planning process covered by this Citizen Participation Plan.

A translator will be provided based on prior written request of an individual or organization representing non-English speaking persons. Written requests must be made to the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, a minimum of five business days prior to hearing dates.

To ensure that adequate advance notice of public hearings is provided to citizens or other interested parties, the City will take the following actions:

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- The City will publish a notice of public hearing in one or more newspapers of general circulation ten days prior to the day of the public hearing, to allow interested parties to attend.
- Notices will be printed in readable size and placed in the general section of the newspaper. The notices will provide complete summary information on the purpose of the meeting, the date, time, and location. They shall provide a name and telephone number for persons who may have questions about the meeting / hearing, along with information regarding accessibility for the disabled.
- This information will also be disseminated at appropriate City libraries, government offices and public spaces. If public spaces are unavailable, information will always be available on the City of Lorain's website (cityoflorain.org) and at City Hall.

### **Access to Information**

Citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, including those most affected, will have the opportunity to receive information, review and submit comments on any proposed submission concerning any of the following documents:

- The draft and final Annual Action Plans
- The draft and final Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- The draft and final Substantial Amendments to either an Annual Action Plan or the Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- Annual Performance Reports
- The Citizen Participation Plan

Copies of the previously identified documents will be made available at advertised public buildings and upon request from the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning.

All correspondence, records, and minutes of public hearings will be retained in the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning. All input received through, or in association with, public meetings and workshops will be retained in the Department of

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Building, Housing, and Planning. Any pertinent information such as written proposals from a citizens group, etc., will be presented to the Building, Housing, and Planning staff for review and consideration. If assistance in reading or obtaining program records is needed, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning should be contacted at 440-204-2020 or interested parties can access records at the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning at 200 West Erle Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, Ohio 44052. Interested parties may also access any of the program documents at the City of Lorain website, [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

### **Technical Assistance**

Technical assistance will be provided to citizens, citizen groups, nonprofit organizations and agencies that need such assistance in developing project proposals. Such assistance is available upon request from the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning. Anyone needing technical assistance should contact the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning at 440-204-2020.

### **Anti-Displacement**

The City does not have, nor does it anticipate funding any activities that will displace any resident or businesses. If displacement does occur, the residents or businesses displaced would be entitled to compensation and / or assistance under applicable federal laws. Should the need for displacement ever arise, the City will officially notify the residents or businesses expected to be displaced as soon as practicable following approval of the activity. The notice will include a description of the proposed action, a discussion of how the resident or business owner might be affected, and information concerning their rights and benefits.

### **Use of the Plan**

The City of Lorain will follow this Citizen Participation Plan in the development of the Consolidated Plan, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and the Performance Report.

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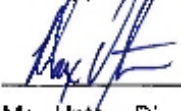
*For more information regarding the Consolidated Plan or to submit your comments:*  
Inquiries and complaints concerning the Consolidated Plan, any amendments, or the performance reports, can be conveyed by contacting the City staff at:

Lorain Consolidated Plan Comments  
Department of Building, Housing, and Planning  
200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lorain, OH 44052  
Telephone: (440) 204-2020  
Fax: (440) 204-2080

Complaints and related comments on the programs may also be offered at the public hearings. Written responses to all written complaints may also be made to the Columbus, Ohio 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, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Telephone: (614) 489-5737  
Fax: (614) 280-6178

Plan approved by:

  
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Max Upton, Director

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City of Lorain  
Department of Building, Housing Planning

Public Hearing for 2021 Annual Action Plan

May 3, 2021  
5pm

Minutes

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**PRESENT:** Max Upton, Joel Jacovetti, Drew Crawford, Hannah Kiraly, Robyn Davey

**REMARKS:** **Max Upton, Director of BHP:** This meeting is statutory and required by HUD Action Plan to discuss the 2021 CDBG Budget. Overview of CDBG budget slide shown including the topics of CDBG Revenue, Administration Expenses, Street/Improvements, Public Facility Improvements, Housing Programs, Code Enforcement and Home Programs.

**Hannah Kiraly, Program Manager for Economic Development, Public Services and Community Projects:**

- Public Facilities including Street Improvements for:
  - Lexington Avenue, allocated \$58,569
  - East 41<sup>st</sup> Street allocated \$213,720.
- Public Facilities:
  - Haven Center allocated \$50,000 for fencing and playground equipment
  - Park Improvements allocated \$330,400 in LMI areas and/or ADA accessibility

**Drew Crawford, Planning and Zoning Administrator:**

- Public Facilities:
  - Previous Stoveworks site (13<sup>th</sup> Street and Long Ave) allocated \$80,000 for Sidewalk Connectivity
    - Between two parks Streater and Pawlak
    - Close to Broadway
    - Area of possible new affordable housing ownership opportunities
  - God's Kingdom steeple renovation, *Historic Preservation District*, allocated \$100,000
    - Previously First Congregational Church
    - Public service / Public facility improvement due to steeple crumbling
    - Soon to be an official Historic Preservation District with the state preservation office -public presentation May 13, 2021
    - Church will be required to continue public service and increase their public service offerings and assistance

**Joel Jacovetti, Housing Programs**

- Allocated \$200,000 to the Emergency Home Repair Program to run the program for the next year (up to \$15,000 for emergency home repairs program)
- Allocated \$100,000 for a rehabilitation multi-unit residential, which is the Fulton Homes
  - Repair/replace roofs and gutters
  - Possible additional work, depending on left-over funds
- Allocated \$245,822.20 for new program beginning around the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 titled Acquisition for Rehabilitation
  - City to buy homes in tax foreclosure with vacant home status
  - Rehabbing these homes
  - Then selling the homes back to low income potential buyers and possibly including our home down-payment assistance program for their purchase
    - Keeps their payments low
    - Assists with having a down-payment

**Max Upton, Director**

- Allocated \$250,000 for Code Enforcement (Officers)
  - Salaries
  - Continuing Education
  - Supplies

**Joel Jacovetti, HOME Program**

- HOME Program tentatively scheduled to start in approximately two months
- Allocating \$537,783 for program
  - Will allow up to \$50,000 loans
    - To assist in home renovations cited by code violations to bring up to code

**Council Comments / Questions:****Beth Henley**

- Questions with purchasing the homes and rehabbing them, are we going to do anything with the homes the city already owns?

**Max Upton**

- Refers to the City owned home on Leroy Street stating it is currently under contract which was done through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The home was already purchased using a different federal program. We only have a handful of these homes left, I believe we have 3 of those homes remaining.

**Joel Arredondo**

- Questions how many code enforcement officers we are employing. Do we plan to add positions?

**Max Upton**

- Currently, there are three:
  - Greg Landry – Oversees the code enforcement division
  - Andy Arocho
  - Juan Cotto
- As it relates to federal funds, we will keep the three positions

**Joel Arredondo**

- HOME Program – can they borrow up to \$50,000?

**Max Upton**

- HOME Program is not a loan program, depending on income it can be part loan, part grant for home repairs totaling up to \$50,000.

**Pam Carter**

- Addresses issues with two homes on West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Brown's home and Gibson's home

**Max Upton**

- City has not taken ownership/possession of either property. Homes with deceased owners must go through probate before us. Families of deceased homeowners can give the gift of deed to the city if they do not want the house and then the city can sell the property.

**Rey Carrion**

- Is the \$250,000 for Code Enforcement an annual placeholder for the inspector's individual salaries? Is the enforcement specific to the LMI areas? Is their work complaint based or ward/area based? Two ideas: 1. For the upcoming sidewalk inspections could they assist in inspecting the sidewalks? They could do this formally and without bias. 2. Parks dollars set aside and partner with non-profits to assist in the parks and they can match our funds

**Max Upton**

- The allocated money is for both salaries and benefits of the inspectors. The inspectors have always covered the entire city for enforcement, not just LMI areas. Prior to the Council repealing the Point of Sale Inspections, 50% of the inspector's time was used for those Point of Sale inspections.

**JoAnne Moon**

- Very excited, along with Miss Jones, for Fulton Homes, which is a black historical ownership place. Thank you. What is the \$1 home rehab program that you purchase a home for \$1 and rehab it?

**Max Upton**

- Will be in conjunction with our HOME Program. We will be going into homes that made it through the Sheriff's sale, that shouldn't be demolished and can use the \$50,000 investment to become a marketable home. In addition, we will also be doing the \$1 home program in reverse where we line up and qualify people to do the rehab of the program, so the City would take ownership of the home, hold the deed in escrow and then the City building inspectors and rehab administrators would create the scope of the work that needs to be done, selling it to a "flipper" and will hold the deed in escrow until the home passes inspection. The "flipper" would have restrictions on who they can sell it to, how much they can sell it for, and same thing for the rentals. This has proven successful in Ohio City, Detroit Shoreway and some on the near east-side, the Central and Hough neighborhoods.

**Rey Carrion**

- Is it possible to partner with some of our non-profits to be the middleman for this project? Also, select another choice replacing the word "flipper".

**Max Upton**

- Probably "qualified rehab firm" would be another term that could be used. The Deed in Escrow program means the deed does not transfer to the owner until the City signs off on everything. Holding the deed in escrow is what gives the city leverage to dictate the outcomes along with using the land bank's power.

**Beth Henley**

- Will these homes be rehabbed and sold to investors for rentals?

**Max Upton**

- Home owners

**Beth Henley**

- What is the minimum period? Five years, ten years, forever?

**Max Upton**

- Ideally forever. If they are home-assisted units, depending on how much money we put into it, it could be up to 15 years they would have to own the home or as little as 5 years.

**JoAnne Moon**

- Has concerns regarding getting the word out to the citizens. Would like to meet with BHP and citizens to explain the programs. There are a lot of homes in Ward 5 that could be part of this program.

**Max Upton**

- BHP would be pleased to have meetings with citizens regarding these programs. BHP wants to boost home ownership within the City.

**Rey Carrion**

- How fast do you see these dollars going out into the community?

**Max Upton**

- Bring legislature to the Council Meeting for vote
- Will need to be passed in order to submit to HUD
- HUD has 45 days to review it, which is end of June
- Depending on the program
  - Environmental reviews must take place
    - May request a release of funds
    - Have to request HUD permission to use the funds
- The timeframe to for these programs to start seeing these funds flow into the community would be end of July to mid-August.
- If we can expedite we will, but we must hit every item with HUD or we will get fined and that will require the General Fund to pay back the dollars.
- There will be approximately \$480,000 of Parks money that should be approved by HUD within the next couple of weeks. The Parks money will be seen out in the community sooner than our \$330,000 from this particular allocation.
- There are still funds to be expended for 2019 and 2020 for the parks.
- Confirms that it is the federal regulations that are the hold-up for the parks.
- What are the steps for purchasing a building to start a business
  - Find out who owns it – use the Lorain County Auditor site
  - Is there a back tax balance
    - Excessive back tax may signify the owner abandoned the building
      - Contact the County Landbank
        - File a property tax foreclosure
        - Takes 9 months to a year
      - Landbank takes possession and sells the property

**No Questions from the Audience.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

President Arredondo called the public hearing to order at 5:33 p.m.

CLERK GREER announced that this public hearing was called to discuss an application to rezone 1605 Broadway from I-2 Industrial to MU Mixed Use, ZCA 4-2021. Zachary Johnson and Milton Velazquez Jr. are the applicants. The Lorain City Planning Commission met on April 7, 2021 and recommended approval of this application to Lorain City Council. Notice of this hearing was published in a local newspaper as required by State Statutes and abutting property owners were notified of this hearing by mail. I believe we have Mr. Milton Velazquez on.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Mr. Velazquez, you get the floor first, so proceed and give us an idea of what you plan to do. I know Planning Commission, as Nancy Greer has stated, has given their approval so we have to have a public hearing to fulfill commitment.

MILTON VELAZQUEZ, Applicant: The plans are to build three apartments upstairs and have a small restaurant downstairs. We are going to work on the upstairs first so we can produce some money so that we can reinvest it to the downstairs. That is the main thing is to try to get a small pub downstairs is what we want to do.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Any questions from Council?

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Regarding the pub downstairs, do you have access to a liquor license or not at this point?

MR. VELAZQUEZ: Not yet but we have applied for it. We just did a few weeks.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Is that an application for a new one or an existing one?

MR. VELAZQUEZ: A new one.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: First of all thank you for investing in an area that has not seen much development in years. My only concern that I would have is for parking. I am not familiar with the building, I am not sure technically which building it is, but in terms of parking do you have enough parking to support the living units and then also a pub down below?

MR. VELAZQUEZ: So we have enough parking for the living units upstairs. We did ask who owns the property next to me and behind that building so I do have a contract with them to lease the backside of the building that is the empty lot to the south, which is the right side of the Gyro House. They aren't going to lease the whole property but what is behind the building.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Just a point of information, the location that we are talking about used to be called the Broadway Feed & Supply, right?

MR. VELAZQUEZ: Yes.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: I was going to comment that yes, I believe there was parking behind that building.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: That is the entire building that you are taking? Am I understanding this correct?

MR. VELAZQUEZ: Yes, it is the red building and we own the whole building. There is a building next to it to the right of it.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: But you will take what is the old Broadway Feed?

MR. VELAZQUEZ: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: Okay, I just wasn't real clear on that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Do we have any questions from the public, Ms. Greer?

CLERK GREER: No but I do see Mr. McFarland has his hand up.

COUNCILMAN McFARLAND: I just want to add that I have spoken to the residents a couple of times on the project and I think the zoning use is in line with other zoning on Broadway. We looked at having mixed use all the way up

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and down Broadway originally, which I was in support of. Ultimately we did not expand that all the way south to 21<sup>st</sup> Street. I think that this would be a great addition to that area. Like Rey said, it is good to see some investment going into that area. This project has my support.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Congratulations and thank you for investing in Downtown Lorain and we look forward to seeing the finished product. Is there a timeline on this project, Milton?

MR. VELAZQUEZ: We are going to try to the apartments right away. Once I get permit pulled I would say 90 days to get the upstairs going and then as soon as we are done with that we are moving right downstairs.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Right now we are at the end of May, so are you looking at the end of the year? Or fall?

MR. VELAZQUEZ: Probably closer to the end of the year.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Okay, good luck, thank you and if you need any assistance I am sure the city is here to assist you.

There being no further comment, President Arredondo adjourned this public hearing at 5:41pm.

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President Arredondo called the second public hearing to order at 5:44 p.m.

CLERK GREER announced that this public hearing was called to discuss an application to rezone 1105 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street from B-2 to MU Mixed Use, ZCA 6-2021. Miguel Castro is the applicant. The Lorain City Planning Commission met on April 7, 2021 and recommended approval of this application to Lorain City Council. Notice of this hearing was published in a local newspaper as required by State Statutes and abutting property owners were notified of this hearing by mail. Mr. Castro is online with us.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Greetings, Mr. Castro, thank you for joining us. If you could state your name for the record and tell us what your project entails.

MIGUEL CASTRO, Applicant: A couple of months back I purchased the old Bonaminio's flower shop, that is the address in question. It has a three bedroom attached to it that I am converting to a three bedroom rental unit. My wife and I have a rental business and we need the mixed use so that we can rent it out. Basically the building is going to be...like I said, I have a rental business, and it has a big, probably equivalent to a six car garage in the back, where I want to use it to put my rental supplies and trailers inside the garage. Then the office space up front would be used for my rental business in general. It has a large greenhouse in the back that is actually just going to be used for personal reasons. Overall, in a nutshell, it is not going to be a business type location, it is just going to be for my rental business and its own personal use. I own all of the property around it, also. I just want to rent out the three bedroom. When I purchased it, I was erroneously told that it was residential/commercial, I bought it and then I was told it was commercial so I need the mixed use so I can rent the three bedroom home. In fact, if it is approved it will be rented in a couple of weeks.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: And you already went in front of the Planning Commission?

MR. CASTRO: Yes.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Any questions or comments from Council?

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I have known Mr. Castro going all the way back to the Whittier days and I have known the family. It has been an outstanding family in the Lorain and South Lorain community for years. I am excited that Miguel and his wife not only own that property but own the adjoining properties because I know they will take great care of all of them and they will provide a solid asset to that central corridor up 21<sup>st</sup> Street to ensure that as development takes place at the former St. Joseph's site that we have key stakeholders along that corridor that



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will maintain that pathway. I couldn't be happier for him. I know he is a man of character and I am sure that area will be very well maintained.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I wanted to get some clarity, are you going to build a garage in the back there? I heard you mention a six car garage?

MR. CASTRO: No, it has one already.

c Is has a six car garage back there?

MR. CASTRO: It has one door but once you open it up you can park about six cars inside.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Okay. I have been back there before going to the flower shop and never noticed the six car garage because it doesn't appear to be that large.

MR. CASTRO: It has one door and then it is the length of the greenhouse.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Good luck with your investment on 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

MR. CASTRO: I just purchased the white house on the corner, too. I am getting to close on it. I didn't want to create any conflict with other people so I just purchased all of it.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Makes sense! Protect your investment on both sides.

MR. CASTRO: Yes. I own the property in the back and on the sides.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Ms. Greer do we have any comments from the public?

CLERK GREER: No we do not.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you. Mr. Castro, we wish you the best. Thank you for investing in Lorain and stabilizing the neighborhood. Once again, you have a very good character reference from Mr. Carrion. Good luck!

There being no further comment, President Arredondo adjourned this public hearing at 5:51pm

President Arredondo called the regular meeting to order at 6:02p.m. Chaplain Mitchell Fallis led Council in the prayer and Councilmember Moon led the pledge.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT - 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, and Thornsberry.

ABSENT - 2 Messrs. Dimacchia & Carter. (Mrs. Carter joined the meeting at 6:13pm)

Moved by Mr. Carrion, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to excuse the absent members. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES:**

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

a.) Mayor's submission of the report from Zencity regarding the results from the recent survey on the city parks.

REMARKS: MAYOR BRADLEY: I think it is a good report and I think that it is going to be helpful when it comes to committee for purposes of discussion.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to send the report to the Parks and Recreation Committee for further discussion and review. The motion carried unanimously.

b.) Mayor Bradley's notice of the upcoming Lorain Veterans Council Memorial Day Celebration which will be held on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Black River Landing. The event will be broadcasted on WDLW 1380 or 98.9FM. The correspondence was received and filed without objection.

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REMARKS: MAYOR BRADLEY: I would like to thank all the members of the City of Lorain staff, elected officials and everyone else that participated in Pride Day on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone did an excellent job, worked very hard and all of the projects that were done really look great. I also want to thank Lori Garcia for getting materials to all of the different locations and helping out with picking up the debris. I especially want to thank Rick Soto who was in charge of Pride Day this year. My understanding is that he was able to secure over 25 groups that participated in Pride Day this year and also over 300 people participated in Pride Day this year. In addition, Rick helped coordinate Pride Day with the Lorain City Schools and it was very successful and a nice collaboration between the City of Lorain and the Lorain City Schools. They did theirs on Friday, we did ours on Saturday and it just worked out very, very well. I just want to thank everyone who participated and was actively involved. Hopefully it will be bigger and better next year.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

a.) Auditor's submission of the budget performance report through April 30, 2021.  
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

b.) Auditor Shawver's submission of the engagement letter from James Zupka, CPA, to provide auditing services to the City of Lorain for a five year period.

REMARKS: PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: I believe Auditor Shawver sent out an email replying to Mr. Dimacchia. Did everyone get the email? Any comments or remarks?

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I did not see the email. It doesn't mean I did not get it, I just haven't seen it. What was the gist of the email?

AUDITOR SHAWVER: Mr. Dimacchia just had some questions, general contract questions and budgetary questions. I explained that the audit processes are basically governed by the Auditor of State. Generally the audit process is performed by auditors who are actually employed by the Auditor of State. That happened for quite so many years, probably 10 or 15 years before I became the Auditor. In 2015 because the Auditor of State has so many entities, municipalities, school districts and non-profits that they are required to audit every year they outside contract with what is called IPA, Independent Public Accountants, and basically what they do is RFPs with contractors who have supplied their criteria and contractual information as far as their company is concerned. They determine that they are fit to serve as an independent contractor for the Auditor of State and then generally those contracts are for a five year period and then once the five year period is up they can offer if your finances are in good shape and you don't have any issues they will generally offer another five year extension period and that is where we are at now. This one was originally approved by Ron Mantini in 2015 when he was the Auditor so this is basically a contract to extend the first contract with Mr. Mantini and the Auditor of State for the five years, 2020-2024. It is just a necessary expense that we do have to pay whether we have a contractor or the Auditor of State and it was just an email explaining those things. This engagement letter is not required to have any council action. It does require the President of Council's signature concurring with their processes so that is why it was on the agenda today.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: In the private sector typically when you have an auditing of your books typically the audit partner of the auditing firm is rotated every two, three or four years. Will we be getting a different audit partner is this second five year contract compared to the first five year contract? Maybe that is not a requirement, I don't know. I guess my first question is that, is that a requirement? And number two is will we be getting a new audit partner on this particular engagement with the City of Lorain?

AUDITOR SHAWVER: Also as I explained in my email, because the audit processes of the city are so vast and they cover a multitude of funds and departments and different functions of the city they allow, if all things have gone well, now if the city was in bad shape and we weren't doing what we were supposed to do they

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would probably not allow it, they would take it back and to it internally, but they do offer the extension. They did reach out to me last summer and said do you want to work again with Zupka and they reached out to Zupka and said do you want to continue working with the city? We both agreed that we have a good working relationship so they are continuing this process for the next five years. Also indicated in my email is generally after a 10 year period with internal auditors or independent audits they generally go back to the State service so we probably wouldn't change to a new process until after 2024.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: My question was typically the audit firm, Zupka, typically in the private sector that audit firm would change the auditor in charge, the partner in charge of Zupka. You would generally have one for the first five years of the contract and if you go with a second five years you would have a different audit partner so you have someone different having a fresh set of eyes on the audit. My question is will Zupka provide us with a new auditor in charge for this next five year period or will we be retaining the same partner? I think partner is the term. Will we have a different partner this next five years versus the first five years?

AUDITOR SHAWVER: We are not the private sector, obviously, so I am not familiar with those rules. As far as I have been told I do not believe we are getting new teams. We did have the same audit team this year for 2020 that we have had since I became the auditor in 2016. I have not been told that they are changing the personnel that will be doing this so I would have to say no on your question.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: First I would like to note for the record that Mrs. Carter has joined us. (6:13pm)

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to accept the Auditor's engagement letter from J. Zupka, CPA, to provide the auditing services to the City of Lorain for a five year period. The motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:**

a.) Ohio Department of Liquor Control's notification of a C1, C2, transfer permit application for from Benzito's Inc. d/b/a Broadway BP to Hira Inc. d/b/a Broadway BP at 2803 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio.

Moved by Ms. Moon, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no objections have been received. The motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

a.) Correspondence from local non-profit group Director, Dr. Stephanie Ouhadi from Storm's Angels. She is requesting an opportunity to address the body and provide information on their animal rescue, rehoming and overpopulation reduction efforts that are taking place in the City of Lorain.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Shawver, to waive the rules and allow Dr. Ouhadi to address the body. The motion carried unanimously.

REMARKS: DR. OUHADI, Storm's Angels: Thank you for allowing me a chance to speak. I was actually contacted by Mr. Thornsberry a few weeks ago about a situation in his ward that is obviously a more widespread situation in the City of Lorain of stray, dumped cats that are destroying residents' properties, their flower bed, peeing and pooping, just not normal stuff you would see in a residential area. We did start that process, we have trapped three cats in the area and are continuing the process to remove them and place them into an appropriate barn or inside homes depending on their temperament. Storm's Angels started out in 2014. We started out as a dog rescue, we had about 40 animals in rescue at the time. Mid-2017 we increased to over 200 animals in rescue. We are 100% foster based, we are all run by donations and we have no paid board members, volunteers or otherwise. Our only money goes to take care of the animals. As to why I am here today, obviously funding is a major issue when you are trying to clean up an entire city. Our current operating budget is about \$100,000 a year and that covers vetting of all the animals that we take in. We have currently over

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200 cats, kittens, puppies and dogs in rescue right now in private foster homes. Our supporters obviously take care of donating food and such but in order to take on the volume of helping with the city, which we would love to do to help make it a better place to live and that the animals don't get injured, hit by cars, poisoned and otherwise hurt because people don't want them on their property we would obviously need more support. We are happy to that if we can get that support from City Council to go out and help these people. It is a widespread issue, a lot of people don't complain anymore because they don't get heard so they give up and put out antifreeze or some other poison and that is obviously another issue. That is why I am here today.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: I want to thank Dr. Ouhadi, she has gotten more done in a couple of weeks than I have been able to get done with any of these issues in year. I also want to thank Chief McCann who was the one who kind of facilitated from a person to another person to another person that got Stephanie and I together. Anything we can do from a city or council standpoint I would certainly encourage us doing to support them. They are doing really, really good work and they also do work that other groups don't do. A lot of the groups, and Dr. Ouhadi can tell you the letters better than I can, they'll trap them, they'll spay them and then they return them right where they were and the same problem is persisting. They are actually relocating and finding them either inside homes or barn homes which is a service that nobody else is offering. Again, I didn't know they were out there until recently and I thought it would be a good idea if maybe other members of council knew about it and to see what we could do as a group to possibly support them and help them keep doing the good work that they are doing and hopefully be able to do even more good work.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Dr. Ouhadi, can you give us the name of your organization and address? I would be interested in making a donation towards the great work that you do and if the newspapers could get that out there, too, to the community. They could use some help and it would certainly be a benefit to our community and the animals as well.

DR. OUHADI: Absolutely, thank you very much. The organization is called Storm's Angels and we have a P.O. Box address because we are foster based and it is P.O. Box 259, Lorain, Ohio 44052.

CLERK GREER: Dr. Ouhadi, don't you also have wish lists and things like that on Amazon making it real easy for people to donate?

DR. OUHADI: Thank you, Nancy. Yes we do. We have wish lists on Chewy.com and Amazon as well.

CLERK GREER: So you can just log on there and look it up as a registration and send it directly over there and kudos to you, you are just such a great organization. It is true, they go above and beyond what a TNR group can do and we do appreciate that. Thank you so much.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: I wanted to thank the doctor. I am familiar with Storm's Angels. I have had a few instances with stray dogs and cats which some of your volunteers have taken care of. That being said, I have cats that just had kittens, about 10 of them. I think especially since this pandemic and people going through tough times I am seeing more and more, and cats have always been a problem in my neighborhood, but this last year and a half I am seeing them almost herd-like now. Thank you for what you do and thank you Lorain TNR.

DR. OUHADI: Absolutely. We have actually worked with Lorain TNR as well and if you need help with those kittens if you want to reach out to me just send us an email or give me a call after you are done tonight.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: One of our biggest problems and I know it is over in Beth's ward, is you have people who are feeding these stray animals and essentially hoarding them in their garages or sheds and hiding them and some of them are diseased and they are infecting peoples' pets that are outside.

We have this problem with cats, we've got dogs that are loose all over the place. We have people that have 5, 6 or 7 dogs without kennel licenses. For whatever reason...we have ordinances for this and we have got to start enforcing them. If people are hoarding these cats and feeding these strays this has to be addressed. We desperately need an animal control officer that this is this person's job and can deal with it and work in conjunction with Dr. Ouhadi and Brandy Randolph with TNR because the trap, neuter, release program is not ideal but it helps control the problem a little bit. Dr. Ouhadi's program goes that much further but we have got to get cooperation from the residents of the city and there has to be a penalty if you are hoarding and feeding these stray cats then you need to be held accountable for them. I don't know if that is sending them the vet bill or what have you but you can go a few streets on the eastside and there are a few streets that have a woman hoarding these cats. At one time she had like 36 cats.

DR. OUHADI: It is a serious issue, Mary, I agree with you. A lot of people don't understand that feeding them makes them multiply. We are trying to encourage people that if you feed them to fix them. Even if they reach out to us for help if they can't financially afford it. Yes, TNR is better than not doing anything but a lot of these residents do not want these cats returned to the neighborhood because they are not staying on the homeowners property, or hoarder as you were saying, which is actually the correct term, they are travelling other places.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Doctor, I appreciate your time. I am just looking at your Facebook page and website. Is the 782-1268 the best number to reach you?

DR. OUHADI: That is correct.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Thank you, I just wanted to make sure so that we can share that info.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: One follow up question, Dr. Ouhadi, do you guys do fundraisers annually? If so can you communicate that information to council through Clerk of Council Greer?

DR. OUHADI: We do do fundraisers. Since COVID those things have changed drastically so we are hoping to get back to it. We usually do them quarterly, so four a year and hopefully at the end of this year we will get back to those. Right now we are doing mostly online fundraising due to COVID.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: Awesome. If you could please continue to communicate with us so that we know when these things are coming up so that we can support them, attend them, share them on social media and things like that.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you, Dr. Ouhadi, for being here this evening and sharing this point of view and your efforts along with Mr. Thornsberry for bringing it to Council. I will look forward to assisting you as I have heard quite a few comments about people donating. You got the information. Unfortunately, this problem will not go away but at least there is one way to try to deal with it and help them. Once again, thank you for being here.

- b. Correspondence from Lisa Brown-Hite and Crystal Hollifield, 2531 East Erie Avenue, regarding the informal notice for sidewalk repair she received on April 15, 2021. They are requesting a detailed and formal investigation on this matter for presentation to Lorain City Council.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I have been over to 2531 East Erie Avenue. I took some pictures and sent them in to Kate Golden and Dale Vandersommen. I know that they are currently doing an investigation and this is part of what I am speaking about when we are talking about these sidewalk issues in that there was lateral work done, sewer work done down along East Erie and other streets that has affected the sidewalks and we need to fully investigate this before we start dingling the homeowners. These are not the worst

of the worst; they are just the ones that are getting attention because you've got one person that is repeatedly harping about this. I still think that 30 days is not enough time for them to abate this issue given the fact that a lot of contractors are booked up, that a homeowner may not be capable, especially if that homeowner has been laid off and it find themselves in reduced circumstances. At this point we need to give them some latitude and I would say give them six months until this system starts to recover from the pandemic. This goes into the sidewalk issue. I still feel that we are coming at this the wrong way. We have got to work with the citizens and not penalize the citizens.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: We recently held a public meeting with BHP where different staffing issues were discussed, different programs were discussed and I think something that council should consider at least to let the Administration explore a little bit further is what could we do to bring back some type of a form of a sidewalk inspection program. Our current condition with our lack of manpower prevents us from doing that so basically has been mostly complaint driven at this time. I believe in our meeting a few weeks ago, perhaps Max can clarify that since he is on the call. We currently have housing inspectors that are responsible for property code and property maintenance issues citywide and they are in those areas and in those blocks and neighborhoods. I think it could be somehow threaded into that scope that while you are out at those properties that you could just visually provide a report of the sidewalks. I think that we have the resources that are there. Many times you might have two or three departments going into the same area but perhaps...I am not sure if this is something that is doable, I think it is something that deserves a little bit more understanding to see if it is feasible.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Your comments are well taken, Mr. Carrion. I think, as you said, they are out at a property. I don't think it would take much to take a look at the sidewalk.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: Just to remind everybody that sidewalk issue is in the Streets & Utilities Committee and we are scheduled to meet at 5:30 on June 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss that particular issue and Mr. Vandersommen is going to be present to discuss how they go about doing this and what it is right now. I think everybody's comments are very good and I would definitely bring them to that meeting on the seventh.

COUNCILWOMAN HENLEY: I would just like to say that I get a lot of calls regarding the sidewalks and I think many of the people in the city are still under the impression that the sidewalks are the city's responsibility. When I explain to them that that is the property owner's responsibility they are stunned. We are getting really good at this water bill thing, so perhaps that could be an item on future water bills or just stating that the sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner because I don't believe a lot of people understand that.

Motion to receive and file carried without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT: CLERK GREER: We do have an email received today from a resident that I would like to read into the record, Mr. President.

MATT PARK 321 W. Marina Pkwy: I am here to address the council about an important development with the Black River Dredge Reuse Project. The Army Corps recently learned that Alternative 2 of the project, at the site east of the combined disposal facility, would irreparably harm the surf break known as Spitzer. To further scope this concern, the Corps convened a virtual listening session last week to solicit comments from the public about if and how the proposed dredge project would impact surfing opportunities at Spitzer here in Lorain. Over 40 members of the public, including local folks and others who care about this wave as far away as Southeast Michigan and New Jersey, attended the virtual meeting held on a Tuesday night, and shared compelling testimony about what this surf break means to them. As of that

date, 60 emails had also been sent in from surfers near and far asking for the break to be saved from destruction. Myself and others were given the opportunity to give an organized presentation on the issue to characterize the concerns and impact of pursuing the dredge project alternative in this location. We discussed the history of surfing at this location, the rare and unmatched quality of the wave, the lack of other surf access and opportunities in Northern Ohio, the recent and ongoing growth and interest in surfing, and the opportunity for the city in opting to instead preserve this wave. I have a copy of that presentation and would be happy to share it with council members. Councilmember Rob McFarland was in attendance, and we thank him for caring about our concerns. I wanted to make sure that the rest of the council was aware of this development with the project, and urge you to reconsider the project alternative at this location, given that there are other alternative sites on the table, and given that preserving this wave safeguards an economic opportunity for the city and a priceless natural resource for surfers and coastal enthusiasts in the region. Thank you for your consideration.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I certainly would be interested in learning more about their concerns and where this location is at. I would recommend that we invite them to talk and let us hear their position on this.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Wouldn't this fall under Mr. Thornsberry's committee of utilities? If so I think that maybe we need to have a committee meeting regarding this situation with Mr. McFarland there as well as some representatives from this group that is interested in surfing and have Kate Golden and Dale Vandersommen there so that we can get more information on this.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: I am willing to host it in my committee but I also wonder if it would be Federal Programs. A lot of the dredging related stuff is very EPA & FEMA regulated and things like that. I don't know, it could even be a joint committee. I was just thinking the same thing Mary thought which was that Kate and Dale are going to be able to shed a lot of light on those regulations. I remember the dredging was a big issue about a year ago with the open water dumping situation that was going on and I am sure there have been a lot of developments on that and Kate could probably educate us a bunch on that. Whichever committee, it doesn't matter to me.

MAYOR BRADLEY: I met with Kate Golden and Tom Brown on the issue and we are going to try to put something together to the EPA to see if we can come up with an alternative site that might not affect the waves in that particular area. It is the beach that would be to the east of the Oasis Marina where you pull into the marina it is the beach right there at the entrance way to the marina and they do get good wave action there. We have been working on it, we've got an alternative plan and we are going to see if the EPA would accept that plan. Kate could probably give your committee some update on that if you call a committee meeting in maybe 30-60 days.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: That was one of my comments I was going to make about possibly getting with the Port Authority and you already answered that. Before I think we call any meetings or anything let's get the facts here and then we can share with council and then they can move forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (None)

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Proposed Resolution

a.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, a resolution accepting the donation of \$39,604.83 from Mercy Health Regional Medical Center for the purpose of obtaining a feasibility study on renovating or relocating City Hall.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski to send the matter to Building and Lands Committee.

REMARKS: CLERK GREER: To committee of the whole?

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I would like to move it committee meeting to discuss this further because we have some issues at the St. Joseph's site. That is one of the things I believe people are looking at for moving City Hall and until that situation is

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cleared up I have some real serious questions about it. I think we need to focus on one problem first before we start moving on to others. I want to move this to a committee meeting right now so that we can discuss this because until this came onto the agenda this is the first I knew of any feasibility study. We weren't getting a lot of communication on this so I figured that it is best that all of council, since we are the ones that have to appropriate money, I think it is best that it go into a committee meeting so we can all discuss this.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Argenti, to send the matter to Building and Lands Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 20-21

b.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, a resolution, authorizing the Safety/Service Director to apply for, accept and enter into an agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation upon receiving funding dollars from the Ohio Association of Regional Councils on behalf of the City of Lorain for construction of the Westside connectivity project improvements.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: I have been working a lot on this for probably the past six months working with Kat Bray at the county level and Veronica Newsome at the city level. Basically, we are just getting ready to apply for this grant. There is a lot of grant dollars available for various programs to reduce congestion, improve public health by making walking and biking more accessible, safer routes to schools, things like that, there is a pot of money there. As we mentioned a few meetings ago on another topic, the far Westside of Lorain has the lowest ratings when it comes to walkability in the City of Lorain. We also have very low scores when it comes to access to parks and things like that. We are trying to apply for this grant to hopefully be able to add some sidewalks or piece together places where sidewalks are missing to improve the walkability of the area. I can tell you first hand when I drive down Jaeger Rd. there is hardly a time that I drive down there since the sidewalks went in that I don't see somebody out there biking, walking or walking a dog and it is just amazing to see that since the sidewalks went in. Unfortunately on the far Westside of town you don't see that very often and that is what we are trying to fix here by applying for this grant money. Thanks to everybody who has put in so much time and effort. This is kind of the next step in the process so I wish us luck in obtaining this grant funding.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution.

AYES - 10 Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance

c.) An ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to accept the award from the Bureau of Justice assistance, FY20 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership.

REMARKS: CLERK GREER: This item is being withdrawn at the request of the Administration. This is a duplication of an ordinance that was already passed.

Ordinance No. 75-21

d.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance amending Ordinance 154-14 and Chapter 1541.01(I) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lorain, Untenanted Residential Property Certification "definitions" "secure".

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Shawver, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN CARRION: Just maybe a little bit of clarification. In reading the proposed paragraph obviously we are looking at adding and maybe removing that requirement of plywood with some type of thicker glass, plexiglass, I would imagine. Just my question or clarification, it talks about securings, a covering

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shall be placed over all doors and windows which are within 15' of grade. Are we talking about the offset? Vertical? 15' from grade, are you going up in terms of second story windows? Are these first story windows that we are discussing or are they all windows that need to be boarded? I just need clarification on that language when it refers to within 15' of the exterior grade. That was one question that I would have. The other question that ties a little bit to that is the existing code required ½" plywood to be placed over those window openings and then those sheets of plywood are to be painted with two coats of oil based paint. I guess my question is if we are going to approve these type of requirements who is going to enforce it and oversee it because for many years I have seen an incredible amount of properties with just bare plywood that have sat there for months and years. I just want to make sure that we are just not passing legislation that we cannot enforce.

BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: With respect to your first question, 15' from grade changes nothing regarding the existing requirements for boarding up so any windows that were to be boarded up under the old ordinance would continue to be boarded up. As to your second question, in 2017 the State of Ohio amended the O.R.C. that banned the use of plywood. I believe we spoke about this a little bit, this is referred to as "clear boarding" so whereas decaying OSB that tends to rot overtime and looks a certain way to the street front, a clear polycarbonate actually allows for law enforcement to see directly into an abandoned building, it allows for more eyes into the building itself and it has a more aesthetically pleasing look than OSB screwed to a building. As the Law Director can attest to, as a statutory city we kind of have to move with the times when the O.R.C. changes. That is what precipitated this one word change in the definition of what it means to secure a vacant residency.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: At this point with prices the way that they are it might actually be cheaper for the polycarbonate than the plywood. The thing is, I know that this was passed down in Columbus a while ago, my concern is if there is a fire in a building how much more difficult is it for firefighters to get in through that polycarbonate boarding up. Does anybody know?

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: That is a good question. The other one that I would suggest that you brought up is the prices. That would be good to see the prices of plywood versus the polycarbonate.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR WASHINGTON: That is something that I will check on. You are absolutely correct, wood prices are actually doubling on a lot of projects right now. That is a cost that we can look at. As far as the ability to get to an endangered entity based on the use of the clear boards I will check with Chief Radman and get you that answer.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 10 Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 76-21 e.) Introduced by Mr. Argenti, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to enter into an amended mutual aid agreement for law enforcement in Lorain County and declaring an emergency. Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.

AYES - 10 Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance. Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 77-21 f.) Introduced by Mr. Argenti, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to accept an award from the Cuyahoga

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	County Public Safety and Justice Services/ FY 2018 Law Enforcement- State Homeland Security Program (FY18 LE-SHSP) in the amount of \$9244.00. Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.
REMARKS:	COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I would like to thank the Chief and the Administration for going after these grants and awards and bringing them to City of Lorain. I really appreciate on behalf of the budget. CHIEF McCANN: Every little bit helps, we will keep chasing them. Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
AYES - 10	Messrs. Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.
NAYS - 0	The ordinance passed unanimously.
Ordinance No. 78-21	g.) 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 Mr. Shawver, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Shawver, to pass the ordinance.
AYES - 10	Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.
NAYS - 0	None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
Ordinance No. 79-21	h.) Introduced by Mr. Carrion, an ordinance approving the City of Lorain's Program Year 2021 CDBG and HOME one-year action plan 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 Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The motion carried and the rule was suspended.
REMARKS:	COUNCILMAN CARRION: I was informed today that through a formula change the city actually received \$18k more than what was previously reported so as a result of that we will have to amend this legislation by substituting the attachment. Perhaps Mr. Upton can clarify. BHP DIRECTOR UPTON: HUD discovered an error in the formula calculation which resulted in an additional \$18,842 so the amendment will be to amend the exhibit to the legislation. Clerk Greer had that this afternoon and gave it to all members of Council. We are putting an additional \$15,073.60 into street improvements that we are only partially improving and the other \$3,768.40 will go towards our planning and admin cap that helps us plan our expenditures and pay for staff, that is what the \$18,842 will go towards. Moved by Mr. Carrion, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to amend the legislation by substituting Exhibit A. The motion to amend carried unanimously. Moved by Mr. Carrion, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance as amended.
AYES - 10	Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.
NAYS - 0	The ordinance passed.
Ordinance No. 80-21	i.) Introduced by Mr. McFarland, an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the City of Lorain Planning Commission to approve the request for the reclassification of a parcel of real property assigned Permanent Parcel Number 02-01-003-142-001 and commonly known as 1605 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio, as identified in Exhibits A and B, attached hereto.

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	Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Shawver, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.
	Moved by Mr. McFarland, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.
	Moved by Mr. McFarland, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
AYES - 10	Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.
NAYS - 0	None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
Ordinance No. 81-21	j.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the City of Lorain Planning Commission to approve the request for the reclassification of a parcel of real property assigned Permanent Parcel Number 02-01-006-148-019 and commonly known as 1105 West 21 <sup>st</sup> Street, Lorain, Ohio, as identified in Exhibits A and B, attached hereto.
	Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.
REMARKS:	COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: What exactly is this going to be Mrs. Carter?
	COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: It is going to be storage and a rental office for his business.
	COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: What is it currently zoned as?
	PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: We had the public hearing before the meeting and it was zoned as commercial and he was told it was residential and it wasn't so he had to come to Planning Commission to get approval and then a public hearing. It will be zoned mixed use.
	CLERK GREER: It was B-2, Mary.
	COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: Also, I have been following the Board of Control minutes regarding Mr. Castro's request so I did some research and he seems to be doing fine with his properties. He has no violations right now. He had some in 2016 but he has resolved those. Listening to him on the floor I trust that he is going to do the right thing and he is not going to have a lot of traffic in and out of there. I do want to say that in sponsoring this and being one of the youngsters at the church who would go pick up the flowers from Bonaminio's, they are going to be very well missed over there and kind of strange not seeing them there. I see the sign but that is passed now so I am welcoming Mr. Castro to the neighborhood and hopefully I get to meet you soon.
	COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: The reason I asked the questions was for the public that is watching, just for their clarification.
	Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
AYES - 10	Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.
NAYS - 0	None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
Ordinance No. 82-21	k.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance establishing the compensation, benefits and terms of employment for the Fire Chief of the City of Lorain; repealing Ordinance numbers 211-98, 112-01, 230-02, 47-07, 48-07 and 49-17 and declaring an emergency.
	Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.
	Moved by Mr. McFarland, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
AYES - 10	Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.
NAYS - 0	None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

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Ordinance No. 83-21

I.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance amending Section 15.3.6 (Law Director) of Ordinance number 109-20, adding the position of Assistant Law Director IV/ Contract Administrator.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I think this is a really good idea to reposition this position within the Law Department.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I was going to ask Law Director Riley if he had anything to say on this.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I guess point of order, if Mary would like to have the Law Director to make a comment I would pause at this point.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: As you know, we have been working with the Administration to reposition the contract administrator in the city. Historically, all the way back to the time when Rey worked for the city, the contracting process was disorganized and let's just say presented in different ways and different times in different means. We undertook with all of the department heads and sub-department heads to re-organize the contracting process with the help of Ice Miller, an outside, useful, expert law firm and we came to the process that we now utilize that I feel is streamlined, organized and efficient. It is the case the contract administrator, Mr. Turske, the first, Mr. Kuszniir, the second, do spend a lot of time in the Law Department, just as you might think, for the purpose of reviewing their work and being sure that everything that is in that contract is necessary and complies with our law. As you know, I have a young Lorain resident law student who also holds his MBA, works both for the Lorain Law Department as a clerk as well a banking transactional firm in Cleveland. Very bright, we are lucky to have him and I am excited to have him take this position. I in fact prepared an appointment letter for him to consider today. There is not salary increase, nothing of that nature; there is no additional financial impact as I see it to the City. We will consume additional administrative responsibilities inside my department with my administrative staff. They have already undertaken to train with Matt Kuszniir and I was happy today to have one of my administrative staff assistants actually present to me two contracts which she had a part in preparing. I think that the thought of moving forward in this way is already being implemented. Now, I have worked with the three most active contract departments in the city, Engineering, Property and Utilities and talked to them at length about how we might make this transition and I received a pledge from them, which I am very happy to report to Council, that they will help carry the ball until Mr. Pritchard completes his study for the Bar exam and joins the city's employ hopefully in the first week of August. I think in this transition, Mr. Kuszniir now in BHP, the department heads who did for a while between the Turske/Kuszniir transitions, about nine months, basically assembled their contracts themselves but with my administrative staff, the pledge from those department heads and me overseeing the process we will make our way from now until August. I am pleased to report that I think this is a proper place for it. We are making a transition, we are training our admin staff and I have full confidence that Mr. Pritchard will be able to perform these duties correctly.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: I just want to add a comment, thank you Mr. Riley for that clarification. In that position when we are dealing with contract administrator one of the key areas that also come into play is prevailing wage coordinator. Is that something that will be done as part of this Contract Administrator position or will prevailing wage be overseen by someone else?

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: That is a good question. Prevailing wage has been a position inside this city that has been tended to in different ways for the 10 years that I have been here. At one point in time there was an outside independent person who did the contract administration and it was paid as an outside independent contractor. Right now I don't want to describe it as hit or miss but

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prevailing wage is certainly administered by the current administration in a way that we have been concerned about and talked about. I haven't yet decided exactly how Mr. Pritchard and Ms. Falbo will perform that duty or whether it will be performed by us. It is really infield work, Rey, as you know, so that creates its own challenges but we are certainly mindful that that job has to be done and we will find a way to get it done. I have my own selfish reasons for accepting this responsibility in that it allows Mr. Pritchard to remain on my staff so that if we can perform this with the administrative staff in a way that is less time consuming I would be able to use Mr. Pritchard for other legal work in my department. As you know, he has been helping me in a very substantial way on the current class action suit that we are fighting on behalf of the city. I have my own reasons for hoping to redesign this in some ways to make it such that Mr. Pritchard would be more available to assist the Law Dept in other legal work so catch two jobs here out of one and I think we will get there, he is a talented young man.

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Many years ago I actually had the opportunity to serve as a contract administrator and also prevailing wage coordinator for the city and I will tell you in all honesty, about 65%-70% of the work we dealt with revolved around legal issues. We were always in the Law Director's office so I am glad that this position is actually being placed there. That is where it really belongs because the bulk of the work and the seriousness of the issues that we face as administrator really have a very strong connection to the law. I am glad that it is finally being placed where it needs to be.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: I remember those days spending a lot of time with you.

AYES - 10 Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 84-21 m.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance establishing and clarifying the annual base salary of the Lorain Fire Chief for calendar year 2020 and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 10 Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 85-21 n.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance approving the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the City of Lorain and the Ohio Benevolent Association Telecommunicator/Information Officers effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 10 Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion, Shawver, Thomsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 86-21 o.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance appropriating money for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio, as passed by budget ordinance 181-20 beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule. The rule was suspended and the motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

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AYES - 10 Messrs Fallis, Springowski, Henley, McFarland, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Carrion,  
Shawver, Thornsberry.  
NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING: (None)

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: (None)

COMMITTEE CALLS: A Federal Programs Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 24, 2021 @ 6 p.m. to discuss CDBG funding for 2021 and any remaining funds from 2019/2020. Following, the Parks & Recreation Committee will meet to review information on the Zencity park survey and discuss options.

The Streets & Utilities Committee will meet on June 7, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. will meet to discuss the sidewalk repair legislation prior to the regular meeting.

The Streets & Utilities Committee will also met on June 21, 2021 @ 5 p.m., to discuss/review the 2020 Utilities Department annual report (SWAB members will be invited to attend) prior to the regular meeting.

\*Chairwoman Springowski wishes to schedule a Building & Lands Committee Meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021, to discuss energy efficiencies city-wide (more info to follow) Mrs. Springowski also added the feasibility study to this meeting's agenda.

Lorain City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL:

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I have several concerns. First of all, it was brought up tonight about the feral cats and that but we are also having a serious problem with dogs. We need to look at the possibility of us having a dog warden because the police cannot keep getting called out for dogs being loose in the city. I was getting the calls this weekend because they were calling the police, we were having serious issues with dogs in different neighborhoods that have been ongoing. Secondly, I have a lot of complaints about nicer weather and people want to open their windows and sit on their porches, the exhausts. These mufflers are very noisy and the people that are driving them around the city and revving the engines and you can't hear anything and it is at all hours of the night. They are drag racing again with the traffic enforcement. We've got the ATV's out, the dirt bikes out, we've got the street racers out but the biggest thing are these mufflers. They are ridiculous! You see them on these little crap cars and they are just a nuisance and they are destroying peoples' peace inside their homes. People should be able to enjoy their homes. My third issue is that I sent an email last week regarding the questions that had come up regarding St. Joe's. I happened to receive some phone calls from some residents in the area that asked what was going on with the stuff that was being shoveled into the basement. I sent it to the BHP Dept to Mr. Upton and asked him if this was going on, were they putting garbage in the basement? He said not to his knowledge and that they were following the ordinances and that they had somebody out there and then I see a story in the newspaper that the demo group is all of a sudden gone and they scrapped everything out. At that point I sent an email back and asked for the asbestos abatement on that, I asked for the contract on that demolition if we have anything regarding that and I have also asked for the reason the permits were not pulled or what was going on with the process and why it is not more robust and I have not been answered yet. I am going to keep asking these questions until somebody answers me because I get the questions and I think that Council needs to know these things because we are getting asked by the residents and if that

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becomes a superfund site we are on the hook for it and we would be negligent in our duty if we didn't ask these questions so I want some answers!

COUNCILMAN CARRION: Next week I would like just a brief ride along with someone in the administration, perhaps Mr. Washington and BHP, just to look at a few areas of concern. I am not going to go into detail in what they are but I think it is better if we see them in person we can talk about it and figure out where we are in terms of the legislation we have in place and what avenues we can follow just to achieve the result that we are all looking for. This goes back, Mr. President and I thank you for the comment that you shared with me a few weeks ago, if we are going to make progress in this city we have to work together as a team and support our efforts as much as we can and that is what I intend to do. That was my intention of coming on Council to try to make a difference in South Lorain and to be able to work with whoever is willing to work. I just wanted to share that in the last couple of weeks my daily conversations with multiple departments have been very strong and I think very helpful and what I am looking for is to sit down together and look at the conditions because if we don't have that mutual understanding and our expectations are different because of the law and based on requirements that we have to follow I think it will be helpful to know where we sit. I am concerned around 28<sup>th</sup> Street many buildings that I believe should be addressed for some type of improvement based on the existing codes that we have but a little ride around might be helpful.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.



Clerk of Council

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Accepted: June 7, 2021

## **City of Lorain - 2021 Action Plan Notice of Plan Availability - Notice of Public Hearing**

June 18, 2021 -- City of Lorain

### **2021 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 2021 Program Year.

#### **Notice of Plan Availability**

The City of Lorain has prepared its 2021 Annual Action Plan that includes the regular 2021 allocation. On May 13, 2021, the City of Lorain was made aware of an allocation error from HUD. The revised plan is available to the public. This notice is being published to make citizens aware of a modified three (3) day citizen participation public comment period for states and local jurisdictions beginning June 17, 2021 which will conclude at the end of business on June 22, 2021. During this period copies of the Plan may be reviewed at the following locations:

The City of Lorain website at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

Lorain City Hall

200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Lorain, Ohio 44052

Inquiries and comments concerning the Action Plan can be conveyed by email to:

Drew Crawford

Building, Housing & Planning Department

[Drew\\_Crawford@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Drew_Crawford@cityoflorain.org)



#### **Notice of Public Hearings**

There will be a public hearing of the 2021 Annual Action Plan, including the proposed use of funds on:

*Monday, June 21, 2021, 4:30pm*

*Lorain City Hall - Council Chambers*

*200 West Erie Avenue*

*Lorain, OH 44052*

Note: A City Council Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.

The City will provide technical assistance to citizens and group representative of persons that request assistance. In addition, the City will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program details and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. For requests for special accommodations please email or call Drew Crawford, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Department of Building, Housing and Planning, 440-204-2082 or [Drew\\_Crawford@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Drew_Crawford@cityoflorain.org). Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

#### **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 2021 Program Year are detailed below:

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**Administration \$350,000**

Planning: \$60,896.20

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Sidewalk/Connectivity Improvements \$80,000.00

Public Facility Improvements:

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Park Improvements: \$330,400

God's Kingdom Steeple Renovation and Public Service: \$100,000

Housing Programs:

Emergency Home Repair: \$200,000

Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential: \$100,000

Housing Rehabilitation: Acquisition: \$245,822.20

Code Enforcement:

Salaries, Education, Supplies: \$250,000

**Total CDBG Budget: \$2,054,481.00**

**HOME:**

Administration: \$53,778.30

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO): \$80,667.45

Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation: \$403,337.25

**Total HOME Budget \$537,783**

## **BHP CDBG Meeting**

June 21, 2021

Max Upton: Welcome everyone. This is the CDBG Meeting for the 20/21 Action Plan as required by Federal Statutes. We had a change in our allocation amounts which required us to notify the public and have a public hearing regarding our CDBG funding for this year. On page 2, our overview of allocation of federal funds, as provided in the handout, anticipated entitlement revenue of \$1,264,081.00. And in program income an estimation of \$790,400.00 which gives us a total anticipated revenue of \$2,054,481.00. Our expenses are as follows.

- \$350,000.00 for Administrative expenses which includes salaries, fringe benefits, training, advertising
- \$60,896.20 in costs for Planning

We are planning to assist in two street improvement projects this year:

- On Lexington between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Streets in anticipated costs of \$73,642.60
- East 41<sup>st</sup> Street between Palm and Homewood Drive of \$213,720.00
- Sidewalk Improvements planned in and around the Stoveworks project for an estimated cost of \$80,000.00

This year, for our public facility improvements, we are going to be assisting The Haven Center as well as God's Kingdom Church. God's Kingdom Church will be repairing the steeple that many associate with downtown Lorain. It's one of the landmarks of downtown Lorain. We are also preparing \$330,400.00 in parks improvements. Again, mainly around the Stoveworks facility, the Pawlak and Streator Park are getting substantial amount of investment from this year's block grant program. We are going to be capitalizing our home repair with an additional \$200,000.00 of funding. As well as doing \$100,000.00 worth of work on rehab of multi-units residentials, this is specifically for the Fulton Home project in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward.

The one thing the city is taking on new this year is acquiring properties for purposes of rehab and we have \$245,822.20 set aside for acquisition rehab funding this year. Additionally, our CDBG entitlement pays for code enforcement. Of that we have \$250,000.00 in code enforcement salaries, fringe benefits, education, and supplies. Towards the right, you will see a small block that is our HOME program funding. This year, we are projecting \$477,783.00 in entitlement funding as well as \$60,000.00 of program income. We are entitled to 10% of it, that being covered or captured for Admin costs of \$53,778.30. Under the federal statute, we are required to set aside funds for community housing development organization, more commonly referred to as CHDO as \$71,667.45 is set aside as statute requires. And the other \$412,337.25 is planned to be expended on the homeowner occupied rehabilitation program that we are launching shortly from HUD.

As mentioned on Page 3, here are some photos of street that are going to be paved. Lexington between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Streets along with East 41<sup>st</sup> Street between Palm and Homewood.

On Page 4, the public facility improvement \$50,000.00 is going to the Haven Center for fencing and new playground equipment. The other \$330,400.00 will be going to Pawlak and Streater Parks as well as some ADA accessible park equipment in some areas of the city that aren't necessarily considered low or moderate income areas.

Page 5 shows you a zoomed out view of the Stoveworks site and if you look to the east, where the computer generated trees are, we will be specifically working on new sidewalks to Reid Avenue so that when the site is developed the sidewalks will already have built-in connections to downtown Lorain.

Page 6, again, we have \$100,000.00 set aside for the God's Kingdom steeple renovation project. This is eligible under the Historic Preservation part of the CDBG regulations. The church will be required to offer assistance programs that are open to the entire community, which they already do.

This coming year, we'll have \$545,822.20 to assist with our Housing Programs. \$300,000.00 is to rehab single and multi-family homes. The other \$245,822.20 is for the acquisition rehab and selling of homes to income eligible households.

Page 8 is Code Enforcement, pretty self-explanatory: salaries, education, supplies \$250,000.00 pays for the code enforcement folks.

Our HOME program, we are moving forward with it. We have our final policies and procedures into HUD. They're going to be taking a bit longer than what we had hoped them to approve or even review and approve. We anticipate approval in the very near future. We had asked them to give us approval or come back with any additional questions by June 7<sup>th</sup> and they are federal government and we are local government so they have not given us comments by the date we requested. We are awaiting further guidance from HUD.

And that concludes our 20/21 Plan. We are asking if any members of the public have any questions. I would ask our Planning and Zoning Administrator, Mr. Drew Crawford, if any questions have come in via phone or any other means.

Drew Crawford: No, thank you, Mr. Upton, there have not been any questions via email or phone that have come in.

Max Upton: Robyn, is there something you would like to add?

Robyn Davey: Silence.

Max Upton: Copies of our 20/21 Action Plan can be found in our office and can be accessed by sending myself or Drew Crawford or Robyn Davey an email. We have also submitted this to HUD for their comment. It will also be available on the City's website as well. At this time, seeing no questions from the public present or having received any electronically, I will call this public meeting adjourned. Thank you.

ORDINANCE NO. 7921

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF LORAIN'S PROGRAM YEAR 2021 CDBG AND HOME ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN 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, 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; the Emergency Shelter Grant (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 prior Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lorain has made the 2021 One-Year Action Plan available to the public through advertising that the plan is on file at the Lorain Public Library's Main Branch and South Lorain Branch, Loraincounty.com website, as well as within the Department of Building, Housing and Planning and the City of Lorain's webpage for a minimum thirty (30) days for citizen participation public comments; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the 2021 Annual Action Plan and Budget Summary are included as attachment 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 2021 One-Year Action Plan budget for the Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and other departmental funds attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as "Exhibit A."

**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, 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 2021, the full amount of funds specified in the CDBG, HOME and other program budgets incorporated herein.

**SECTION V.** The City Auditor is further authorized to secure for his or her records a line item appropriation of each activity listing 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, 2021 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 17, 2021

ATTEST: Nancy Green, CLERK

APPROVED: May 18, 2021

[Signature]  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

[Signature]  
MAYOR



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## CITY OF LORAIN

### 2021 Action Plan

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### Executive Summary

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

##### 1. Introduction

The City of Lorain will focus its efforts on quality of life amenities, housing, and home ownership for low to moderate income people in the City. The plan is to address the greatest need within the community to serve a maximum number of people. Information for the five year consolidated plan can be found throughout this plan and on the City of Lorain website, [cityoflorain.org](http://cityoflorain.org) for a comprehensive view of needs that may not be addresses in this year's Action Plan.

##### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

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**3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

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

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- 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.

#### 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing and Planning will conduct an in-person and virtual meeting (simultaneous meeting hybrid) on Monday, May 3rd at 5:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers, virtual through GoTo Meeting with the ability to join online or via dial-in by phone. The efforts will be made for citizens to comment on the reports with reasonable notice are as follows: advertising a notice to the public within Lorain City hall, On LorainCounty.com (County website that includes all area political jurisdictions information) and the a locally circulating newspapers in addition to providing the CAPR report online (City of Lorain website) so the public has continuous access to the report. A timeline will be outlined for the public to make public comments. Additionally, there is a federal programs special committee that meets monthly in Council chambers to discuss project/activities/programs that federally funded

#### 5. Summary of public comments

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

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

7. **Summary**

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**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

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

Lead Agency	Agency Role	LORAIN	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		LORAIN		Department of Building, Housing and Planning
HOPWA Administrator		LORAIN		Department of Building, Housing and Planning
HOME Administrator		LORAIN		Department of Building, Housing and Planning
HOPWA-C Administrator		LORAIN		Department of Building, Housing and Planning

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Lorain has consulted numerous community stakeholders, and does so on a regular basis, to assess the needs of its citizens, particularly those who qualify as Low to Moderate Income and/or serve those residents. The 2021 Action Plan has been created to address the needs observed in the city through stakeholder engagement to creatively and effectively help the largest number of people.

**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))**

The City of Lorain has had meetings with the local housing authority, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), while the Neighborhood Development Specialist regularly engages with community groups such as the "Live Healthy Lorain," group, Active Transportation Group, United Way, Racial Equity Task Force, Homeless Task Force, Fair Housing Board, Community Foundation of Lorain County, and the Nord Family Foundation.

**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.**

Through COVID Relief Funding, and previous funding projects, the City has worked with the Haven Center, the largest homeless shelter in the city. The 2021 Action Plan will work to provide a significant amount of funding towards the design and build of a high quality addition to the shelter that has been needed for quite some time. The Neighborhood Development Specialist has become the de-facto community liaison for the Building, Housing and Planning Department, however, as the department builds capacity and staffs up, more meetings and engagement continue to occur.

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

The City of 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 does not provide funding, but the city's fair housing administrator formally sat on various boards in order to assist with fair housing related needs of residents and other agencies that provide housing.

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assistance. The fair housing administrator position is currently vacant, but when it is filled the administrator will resume assisting through various boards including, but not limited to the: Homeless Taskforce; Lorain County Mental Health Board; and Community Foundation. The director has been involved with Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), El Centro Servicios, and the Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland to enhance public service type activities within the city as well as quality housing by helping local residents with downpayment assistance, homebuyer training and financial literacy type concerns.

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

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Haven Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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## AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

A hybrid in-person/online meeting took place on Monday, May 3rd. The meeting was open to the public and advertised in the Lorain Morning Journal, online at [loraincounty.com](http://loraincounty.com) and [cityoflorain.org](http://cityoflorain.org), and via social media on the City's Facebook page. Several members of Lorain City Council attended, along with one community member who did not submit a question when asked. Lorain City Council was in favor of the proposed activities and usage of CDBG/HOME funds. Any suggestions, as attached to this report, was generally not contradictory to the Action Plan, as they pertained to other programming that the Department does.

### Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	Seven Members of Council attended, one member of the public who did not pose any questions when asked, and two members of the press (Lorain Morning Journal and Chronicle-Telegram).	Minutes are attached to this Action Plan. Comments were positive and in support of the Action Plan.	n/a	

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	No emails or phone calls were received regarding our 2021 Action Plan that was advertised in the Morning Journal	N/A	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach



## 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.

The City of Lorain anticipates a total allocation of \$1,264,081.00 in CDBG funding and \$477,783 in HOME funding for the 2021/2022 program year. Program income may be realized over the course of the 2021/2022 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, public facility improvements, 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 second 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 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan.

### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of	Uses of funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1	Expected	Narrative
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	Funds	Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Totals: \$	Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Description
CD8G	public - federal						
							Acquisition
							Admin and Planning
							Economic Development
							Housing
							Public Improvements
		1,264,081	790,400	0	2,054,481	3,792,243	Public Services
HQMT	public - federal						
							Acquisition
							Homebuyer assistance
							Homeowner rehab
							Multifamily rental new construction
							Multifamily rental rehab
							New construction for ownership
		477,783	60,000	0	537,783	1,433,349	IBWA
Other	public - federal						
							Admin and Planning
							Economic Development
							Public Improvements
		0	0	0	0	0	Public Services
Other	public - federal	0	0	0	0	0	Other

Table 5 - Expected Resources - Priority Table

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

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.

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**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.

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### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
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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 Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Programs and services for low and moderate income	CDBG: \$545,822 HOME: \$480,018	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 0 Business Brownfield acres remediated: 0 Acre Rental units constructed: 0 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 21 Household Housing Unit
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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration/Planning		Program Administration	CD8G: \$407,128 HOME: \$53,778	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit
3	Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI LMI	Homeless Services and Prevention		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Persons Assisted
4	Community and Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI LMI	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CD8G: \$560,400	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 119/75 Persons Assisted
5	Non-Homeless Special Needs	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI LMI	Programs and services for special needs residents Public Facilities and Infrastructure		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 220/5 Persons Assisted
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Table 6 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation
2	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Creation of a Community Housing Development Organization
3	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Community and Economic Development
	Goal Description	Street Improvements, sidewalk improvements, and Park Improvements.
5	Goal Name	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Goal Description	

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

City of Lorain's planned actions for the 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 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 to enhance the living environment for people living in low- and moderate income neighborhoods.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Planning
3	Street Improvements
4	Sidewalks
5	Haven Center
6	Park Improvements
7	God's Kingdom Stucco Renovation
8	Emergency Home Repair
9	Rehabilitation--Multi Unit Residential
10	Housing Rehabilitation: Acquisition
11	Code Enforcement
12	Administration (HOME)
13	CHDO
14	Home Owner Occupied Rehab

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**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

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1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$350,000
	Description	Salaries, fringes, training, legal ads, etc.
	Target Date	5/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	administer BG program city-wide
	Planned Activities	salaries, fringes, education, legal ads, etc. to administer the CDBG 2021 program
2	Project Name	Planning
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,896
	Description	N/A
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
3	Planned Activities	N/A
	Project Name	Street Improvements
	Target Area	Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure

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	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$287,363
	<b>Description</b>	<p>32nd Lexington between 32nd &amp; 33rd : Mill/Fill, Pavement Repair, Casting Adjustments and Installation of ADA compliant Curb Ramps</p> <p>E. 41st between Palm &amp; Homewood: Mill/Fill, Pavement Repair, Casting Adjustments, Curb Ramps, Curb, Underdrains</p>
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/1/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	<p>460 LMI persons assisted in Block Group 001 of Census Tract 235 51.69%</p> <p>565 LMI persons assisted in Block Group 001 of Census Tract 237 - 62.78%</p>
	<b>Location Description</b>	<p>Lexington between 32nd and 33rd--\$58,569</p> <p>East 41st between Palm and Homewood--\$213,720</p>
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lexington between 32nd &amp; 33rd : Mill/Fill, Pavement Repair, Casting Adjustments and installation of ADA compliant Curb Ramps</li> <li>E. 41st between Palm &amp; Homewood: Mill/Fill, Pavement Repair, Casting Adjustments, Curb Ramps, Curb, Underdrains</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Sidewalks
	<b>Target Area</b>	<p>Ward 2 LMI</p> <p>Ward 5 LMI</p> <p>Ward 6 LMI</p> <p>Ward 3 LMI</p>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$80,000
	<b>Description</b>	full replacement of deteriorated sidewalks in LMI areas to assist w/lt connectivity
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 4,150 LMI people will be assisted
	<b>Location Description</b>	LMI areas with severely deteriorated sidewalks

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	full replacement of deteriorated sidewalks in LMI areas to assist with connectivity
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Haven Center
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	new fence and playground equipment
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/1/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 100 families utilize the homeless shelter annually
	<b>Location Description</b>	1536 E 30th St, Lorain, OH 44055
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	new fence and playground equipment for homeless youth staying at the Haven Center
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Park Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development Non Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Programs and services for special needs residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$330,400
	<b>Description</b>	Funds to improve parks in LMI areas and/or with ADA accessible playground equipment.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	11,875 LMI people

	<b>Location Description</b>	various LMI parks throughout the City; possibly 1 park in a non-lmi area for ADA accessibility
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	park improvements to various parks
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	God's Kingdom Steeple Renovation
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	renovation of steeple at historic church
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2,450 LMI people reside in the area
	<b>Location Description</b>	423 Washington Avenue
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	renovation of steeple at historic church
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Emergency Home Repair
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Programs and services for low and moderate income
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$200,000
	<b>Description</b>	emergency home repair
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	13 LMI Households
	<b>Location Description</b>	various LMI households throughout the City of Lorain
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	emergency home repair

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9	<b>Project Name</b>	Rehabilitation--Multi Unit Residential
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 5 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	new roofs and gutters at Fulton Homes for 60 units of LMI households
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	60 units with a main address of 3228 Fulton Road. individual address on Fulton, Industrial, Factory, and Victory.
10	<b>Planned Activities</b>	new roofs and gutters at Fulton Homes for 60 units of LMI households
	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation: Acquisition
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Increased Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$245,822
	<b>Description</b>	acquisition of homes to be rehabbed and sold to income eligible families
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	approximately 3 LMI families will be able to purchase these rehabbed houses
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	acquisition of homes to be rehabbed and sold to income eligible families

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11	<b>Project Name</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	salaries, fringes, education, and other costs
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	citywide in LMI areas
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	salaries, fringes, education, and other costs
12	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration (HOME)
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$53,778
	<b>Description</b>	salaries, fringes, education, etc. to administer the HOME program
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	citywide
13	<b>Project Name</b>	CHDO
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing

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	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization Increased Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$62,611
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Home Owner Occupied Rehab
	<b>Target Area</b>	Ward 2 LMI Ward 5 LMI Ward 6 LMI Ward 3 LMI
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$417,407
	<b>Description</b>	full rehab of income eligible occupied home units
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	8 Low income families
	<b>Location Description</b>	citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	full rehab of income eligible occupied home units



#### **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 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. Assistance will also be made available citywide to persons meeting the CDBG eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit.

##### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Ward 2 LMI	25
Ward 5 LMI	25
Ward 6 LMI	25
Ward 3 LMI	25

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

##### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Serving the eligible ward areas in as equal of a fashion as allowable and possible.

##### **Discussion**

## 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.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	50
Non-Homeless	55
Special-Needs	10
Total	115

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	21
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	21

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

#### Discussion

## **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.

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

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 where 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)

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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.

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## **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.

#### **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. The Haven Center is going to receive funds to add a fence and new playground equipment at it's facility.

**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**

A significant amount of HOME funding will go towards home ownership and those that are particularly vulnerable to chronic homelessness.

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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.

A significant amount of HOME funding will go towards home ownership and those that are particularly vulnerable to chronic homelessness.

#### Discussion

## **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 ILC 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.

### **Discussion:**

The City has adopted a new zoning code on February 4, 2021 which allows for more inclusive zoning.

## **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 lead based paint hazards;

Reduce the number of poverty-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 Five-Year 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 low- and moderate-income, 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-

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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.

#### **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.

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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 City of Lorain has also worked extensively to develop the former "Stoveworks" Site for affordable home ownership opportunities.

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## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

This section addresses the program-specific requirements for the Annual Action Plan,

#### 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	790,400
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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>790,400</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

#### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

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

The City of Lorain plans to utilize Home funds for Admin., CHDO set aside (15%) and Homeowner

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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:

These are currently being established in cooperation with technical assistance being provided by TDA to Program Manager Joel Jacovetti.

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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## Citizen Participation Comments

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#### 2020/2024 Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Plan

The City of Lorain recognizes that citizen participation is a very important part of the consolidated planning process. To better guide the City's outreach in gaining citizen input, the City has developed a Citizen Participation Plan. The City of Lorain Citizen Participation Plan is designed to create opportunities for citizens to be involved in the development of the consolidated plan, annual action plans, the implementation of substantial amendments, and annual performance reporting.

#### Introduction

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning has prepared a Citizen Participation Plan to explain what opportunities are available to all residents, in addition, to how the public can participate in the process of preparing the city's Consolidated Plan. The City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning is responsible for administering the Citizen Participation Plan.

The overall goal of the Consolidated Plan is to utilize federal, state and local funding in a coordinated manner to promote the development of viable communities. Viable communities are described as meeting the residents' needs in regards to affordable and decent housing; a safe and suitable living environment; and adequate economic opportunities particularly for low- and moderate-income persons.

Citizen participation will be encouraged during the development of the consolidated plan, annual action plans, any substantial amendments, and the performance report by providing notice to residents and local organizations through various media methods. The Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the policies to be used for citizen participation and outlines the procedures used to encourage the participation of all residents of the City of Lorain – especially low-income residents, minorities, non-English speaking residents, the disabled and persons with HIV/AIDS.

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### **Five-Year Consolidated Plan**

#### ***Public Hearings***

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 81.105, the City of Lorain will host, at a minimum, two public hearings during the development of the Consolidated Plan, prior to its proposed adoption by City Council for submission to HUD.

#### ***Public Notice***

The City will publish a notice of availability of the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action Plan for public review in a newspaper of general circulation and in any widely disseminated similar publications or posting serving low-income residents, minorities, non-English speaking residents, the disabled and persons with HIV/AIDS. The date of publication will be the beginning of a 30-day public comment period at the end of which a public hearing on the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action will also be held.

The notice of availability shall include a summary of the Consolidated Plan as well as a summary of those sections of the Consolidated Plan that concern CDBG and HOME funds. The summary will describe the contents and purpose of the Consolidated Plan, and will include a list of locations where copies of the entire Consolidated Plan may be examined.

#### ***Comment Period***

Prior to the City Council approval of the Consolidated Plan, a 30-day public comment period shall be held as required by HUD.

The City shall publish a draft of the Consolidated Plan (including the corresponding Annual Action Plan) to be available during the 30 day comment period so that citizens have an opportunity to review the Consolidated Plan prior to adoption.

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During the 30-day comment period, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will receive written comments on the Consolidated Plan from the public and will later include those comments and the City's responses in the final publication of the Consolidated Plan.

Copies of the draft Consolidated Plan will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lorain Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
- South Lorain Library, 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain, OH 44055
- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052

Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups. In addition, electronic copies of the draft Consolidated Plan will be made available online at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

The City of Lorain City Council, as the elected authority of the citizens of the City of Lorain, is responsible for the Consolidated Plan. All public comments shall be reviewed and taken into consideration by the Council. The City Council authorizes final publication of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan and submission of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD.

#### Submission of the Plan

Following approval by the City Council, the Consolidated Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than 60 days after the annual allocations are announced. Upon submission, all certifications of compliance will be included.

#### Annual Action Plan

Each program year, as a part of the consolidated planning process, the City of Lorain must develop an Annual Action Plan that identifies sources of funding, statement of

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objectives, description of projects, graphic distribution, monitoring of sub-recipients, and results of past efforts.

#### **Public Hearings**

To receive public input prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan, the City of Lorain shall hold a minimum of one public hearing at the conclusion of a 30-day public comment period as required by HUD. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, HUD recognizes the need to limit public gatherings and therefore is allowing public hearings to be held virtually through August 16, 2021.

#### **Public Notice**

A public notice shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation and/or posted in English and Spanish no less than ten days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment. The public notice shall include a summary of the proposed Annual Action Plan and all pertinent information as to where the Annual Action Plan is available for public examination, including the locations address and hours of availability.

#### **Comment Period**

A 30 day comment period of the draft Annual Action Plan will be established for public review prior to submission to the City of Lorain City Council for final consideration and adoption.

Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lorain Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
- South Lorain Library, 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain, OH 44055
- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052

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Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups. In addition, electronic copies of the draft Annual Action Plan will be made available online at [www.cityoflancaster.org](http://www.cityoflancaster.org).

Once the Annual Action plan has been approved by City Council and submitted to HUD, a 45 day HUD review period will commence.

#### **Substantial Amendments**

If there are changes because of legislative authority or the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) causes changes in rules, regulations and guidelines which impact the Community Development Block Grant Program, said changes will supersede any/all of the provisions contained in this Citizen Participation Plan. In addition, any general or substantial amendment to any portion of the Consolidated Plan will follow HUD prescribed notice and comment period requirements.

Prior to the submission of any substantial change in the proposed use of funds, citizens will have reasonable notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, the proposed amendment using the citizen participation methods outlined in this Citizen Participation Plan and/or other methods that result in effective notice and comment. Substantial amendments may be made up to six (6) times per program year.

The following actions necessitate a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan:

- The elimination or addition of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan and/or Consolidated Plan.
- A change in the purpose of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan and/or Consolidated Plan, such as a change in the type of activity or its ultimate objective (i.e., a change in a construction project from housing to commercial).

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- A meaningful change in the location of an activity originally described in the Annual Action Plan and/or Consolidated Plan.
- A change that increases or decreases funding or the cost of an activity, project or program by more than 25 percent of the funds that were originally allocated for that activity, project or program originally described in the Annual Action Plan. This does not include activities, projects or programs that are completed under budget by more than 50 percent. In such case, the unspent balance may go to existing or previously approved activities.
- A change required by Federal law or regulation.

#### **Public Hearings**

The City shall hold a minimum of one public hearing for public input on any Substantial Amendment. Prior to amending its Consolidated Plan for a new activity or a substantial change, the City will publish a notice of the substantial change in area newspapers. The public notice shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation no less than ten days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

#### **Comment Period**

The public shall be given an opportunity to comment on any Substantial Amendments made to the City's Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. After proper notice is given, a 30 day public review period will be required in order to obtain public comment prior to submission to HUD.

Copies of draft Substantial Amendments will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lorain Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
- South Lorain Library, 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain, OH 44055
- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052

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Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups. In addition, electronic copies of draft Substantial Amendments will be made available online at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

#### **COVID - 19**

Given the need to expedite actions to respond to COVID-19, HUD waives 24 CFR 81.105(c)(2) and (k), §1.115(c)(2) and (l) 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.

#### **Public Hearings**

To receive public input prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan or a Substantial Amendment, the City of Lorain shall hold a minimum of one public hearing at the conclusion of a 5-day public comment period as required by HUD.

#### **Public Notice**

A public notice shall be published on the City of Lorain's website, facebook, and the Lorain County website no less than five days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

Due to the "State of Emergency", all public hearings will be virtual. The Virtual Public Hearing will be live-streamed via Youtube (Lorain TV20) and Spectrum Cable Channel 1026. To participate and ask questions please call 440-204-2590.

The public notice shall include a summary of the proposed Annual Action Plan and/or Substantial Amendment and all pertinent information as to where the Annual Action Plan or Substantial Amendment is available for public examination, including the locations address and hours of availability.

#### **Comment Period**

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A 5 day comment period of the draft Annual Action Plan or Substantial Amendment will be established for public review prior to submission to the City of Lorain City Council for final consideration and adoption.

Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan or Substantial Amendment will be available for review on the City of Lorain's website.

Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups.

Once the Annual Action plan has been approved by City Council and submitted to HUD, a 45 day HUD review period will commence.

#### **Performance Reports**

Each year the City will issue a Performance Report showing the progress it has made in carrying out its Strategic Plan and its Annual Action Plan.

The Performance Report, or the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), will include a description of the resources available, the investment of those resources, where those resources were spent geographically, persons assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of persons assisted), actions taken to further fair housing, and other actions indicated in the Strategic Plan and the Annual Action Plan. The City must send HUD a CAPER by March 30th or within 90 days of the close of the program year. The City of Lorain's program year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

#### **Public Hearings**

The City will hold a minimum of one public hearing to consider any comments or views of citizens in relation to the published Performance Report. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, HUD recognizes the need to limit public gatherings and therefore is

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allowing public hearings to be held virtually through August 16, 2021. A public notice shall be published in a local newspaper no less than ten days prior to the hearing date to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the hearing and provide comment.

#### **Comment Period**

The City will receive comments and make all Performance Reports available to the public at least 15 days prior to submission to HUD. The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally at public hearings in preparing the final version of Performance Reports.

A summary of these comments will be attached to the Performance Report, upon completion of the final version to be submitted to HUD. HUD conducts a 30 day review of the Performance Report after submission.

Copies of the draft CAPER Plan will be available for review at the following locations:

- City of Lorain Main Library, 351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
- South Lorain Library, 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain, OH 44055
- City Hall, Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052

Upon request, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning will provide a reasonable number of additional copies to citizens and groups. In addition, electronic copies of the draft CAPER Plan will be made available online at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

#### **Complaints/Comments/Grievances**

The City will provide a timely and substantive response to all written complaints. Upon receipt of a written complaint, the City will prepare and forward a written response (including clarification and/or corrective action as needed) and any other related documents will remain on file in the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning. All written complaints/comments should be addressed to City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, 200 W. Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052.

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### Public Hearings/Public Notices

The City of Lorain will host, at a minimum, two public hearings annually during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan's term. The first public hearing will announce the availability of technical assistance and funding for current program year. A second public hearing will be held later in the program year, once the draft plan is ready for public review, to solicit comments on the strategies and proposed use of funds and to review program performance. Public hearings will be conveniently scheduled and located for people who will benefit from program funds, and will be accessible to persons with special needs.

Under circumstances where an in-person public hearing is not viable, virtual meetings will be held. These virtual public hearings will follow the same structure as an in-person public hearing. Virtual hearings will be held using an accessible software.

The City of Lorain is required to provide adequate advance notice of public hearings. There shall be advance public notice once a federally required document is available for public review, such as the proposed Annual Action Plan, Five-Year Consolidated Plan, any proposed Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan or Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and the Annual Performance Report. In addition, there shall be advance public notice of all public hearings, and public meetings related to the funds or planning process covered by this Citizen Participation Plan.

A translator will be provided based on prior written request of an individual or organization representing non-English speaking persons. Written requests must be made to the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning, a minimum of five business days prior to hearing dates.

To ensure that adequate advance notice of public hearings is provided to citizens or other interested parties, the City will take the following actions:

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- The City will publish a notice of public hearing in one or more newspapers of general circulation ten days prior to the day of the public hearing, to allow interested parties to attend.
- Notices will be printed in readable size and placed in the general section of the newspaper. The notices will provide complete summary information on the purpose of the meeting, the date, time, and location. They shall provide a name and telephone number for persons who may have questions about the meeting / hearing, along with information regarding accessibility for the disabled.
- This information will also be disseminated at appropriate City libraries, government offices and public spaces. If public spaces are unavailable, information will always be available on the City of Lorain's website ([cityoflorain.org](http://cityoflorain.org)) and at City Hall.

#### **Access to Information**

Citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, including those most affected, will have the opportunity to receive information, review and submit comments on any proposed submission concerning any of the following documents:

- The draft and final Annual Action Plans
- The draft and final Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- The draft and final Substantial Amendments to either an Annual Action Plan or the Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- Annual Performance Reports
- The Citizen Participation Plan

Copies of the previously identified documents will be made available at advertised public buildings and upon request from the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning.

All correspondence, records, and minutes of public hearings will be retained in the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning. All input received through, or in association with, public meetings and workshops will be retained in the Department of

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Building, Housing, and Planning. Any pertinent information such as written proposals from a citizens group, etc., will be presented to the Building, Housing, and Planning staff for review and consideration. If assistance in reading or obtaining program records is needed, the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning should be contacted at 440-204-2020 or interested parties can access records at the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning at 200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, Ohio 44052. Interested parties may also access any of the program documents at the City of Lorain website, [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

#### **Technical Assistance**

Technical assistance will be provided to citizens, citizen groups, nonprofit organizations and agencies that need such assistance in developing project proposals. Such assistance is available upon request from the Department of Building, Housing, and Planning. Anyone needing technical assistance should contact the City of Lorain Department of Building, Housing, and Planning at 440-204-2020.

#### **Anti-Displacement**

The City does not have, nor does it anticipate funding any activities that will displace any resident or businesses. If displacement does occur, the residents or businesses displaced would be entitled to compensation and / or assistance under applicable federal laws. Should the need for displacement ever arise, the City will officially notify the residents or businesses expected to be displaced as soon as practicable following approval of the activity. The notice will include a description of the proposed action, a discussion of how the resident or business owner might be affected, and information concerning their rights and benefits.

#### **Use of the Plan**

The City of Lorain will follow this Citizen Participation Plan in the development of the Consolidated Plan, any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and the Performance Report.

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For more information regarding the Consolidated Plan or to submit your comments, inquiries and complaints concerning the Consolidated Plan, any amendments, or the performance reports, can be conveyed by contacting the City staff at:

Lorain Consolidated Plan Comments  
Department of Building, Housing, and Planning  
200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lorain, OH 44052  
Telephone: (440) 204-2020  
Fax: (440) 204-2060

Comments and related comments on the programs may also be offered at the public hearings. Written responses to all written complaints may also be made to the Columbus, Ohio 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) 489-5737  
Fax: (614) 280-8178

Plan approved by:

  
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Max Upson, Director

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City of Lorain  
Department of Building, Housing Planning

Public Hearing for 2021 Annual Action Plan

May 3, 2021  
5pm

Minutes

**PRESENT:** Max Upton, Joel Jacovetti, Drew Crawford, Hannah Kirby, Aobyn Davey

**REMARKS:** Max Upton, Director of BHP: This meeting is statutory and required by HJD Action Plan to discuss the 2021 CDBG Budget. Overview of CDBG budget slide shown including the topics of CDBG Revenue, Administration Expenses, Street/Improvements, Public Facility Improvements, Housing Programs, Code Enforcement and Home Programs.

Hannah Kirby, Program Manager for Economic Development, Public Services and Community Projects:

- Public Facilities including Street improvements for:
  - Lexington Avenue, allocated \$58,569
  - East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street allocated \$213,720.
- Public Facilities:
  - Haven Center allocated \$50,000 for fencing and playground equipment
  - Park improvements allocated \$390,400 in k&w areas and/or ADA accessibility

Drew Crawford, Planning and Zoning Administrator:

- Public Facilities:
  - Previous Steepleworks site [13<sup>th</sup> Street and Long Ave] allocated \$80,000 for sidewalk connectivity
    - Between two parks Senechal and Pawlak
    - Close to Broadway
    - Area of possible new affordable housing ownership opportunities
  - God's Kingdom steeple renovation, Historic Preservation District, allocated \$100,000
    - Previously First Congregational Church
    - Public service / Public facility improvement due to steeple crumbling
    - Soon to be an official Historic Preservation District with the steeple preservation office - public presentation May 23, 2021
    - Church will be required to continue public service and increase their public service offerings and assistance

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**Joel Jacovetti, Housing Programs**

- Allocated \$200,000 to the Emergency Home Repair Program to run the program for the next year (up to \$15,000 for emergency home repairs program)
- Allocated \$100,000 for a rehabilitation multi-unit residential, which is the Fulton Homes
  - Repair/replace roofs and gutters
  - Possible additional work, depending on left-over funds
- Allocated \$245,822.20 for new program beginning around the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 titled Acquisition for Rehabilitation
  - City to buy homes in tax foreclosure with vacant home status
  - Rehabbing these homes
  - Then selling the homes back to low income potential buyers and possibly including our home down-payment assistance program for their purchase
    - Keeps their payments low
    - Assists with having a down-payment

**Max Upton, Director**

- Allocated \$250,000 for Code Enforcement (Officers)
  - Salaries
  - Continuing Education
  - Supplies

**Joel Jacovetti, HOME Programs**

- HOME Program tentatively scheduled to start in approximately two months
- Allocating \$537,783 for program
  - Will allow up to \$50,000 loans
    - To assist in home renovations cited by code violations to bring up to code

**Council Comments / Questions:**

**Beth Hendry**

- Questions with purchasing the homes and rehabbing them, are we going to do anything with the homes the city already owns?

**Max Upton**

- Refers to the City owned home on Leroy Street stating it is currently under contract which was done through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The home was already purchased using a different federal program. We only have a handful of these homes left, I believe we have 3 of those homes remaining.

**Joel Arredondo**

- Questioned how many code enforcement officers we are employing. Do we plan to add positions?

**Max Upton**

- Currently, there are three:
  - Greg Landry – Oversees the code enforcement division
  - Andy Aracho
  - Juan Colla
- As it relates to federal funds, we will keep the three positions

Joel Arradondo

- HOME Program - can they borrow up to \$50,000?

Max Upton

- HOME Program is not a loan program, depending on income it can be part loan, part grant for home repairs totaling up to \$50,000.

Pam Carter

- Addresses issues with two homes on West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Brown's home and Gibson's home

Max Upton

- City has not taken ownership/possession of either property. Homes with deceased owners must go through probate before us. Families of deceased homeowners can give the gift of deed to the city if they do not want the house and then the city can sell the property.

Rey Carrion

- Is the \$250,000 for Code Enforcement an annual placeholder for the inspector's individual salaries? Is the enforcement specific to the LMI areas? Is their work complaint based or ward/area based? Two ideas: 1. For the upcoming sidewalk inspections could they assist in inspecting the sidewalks? They could do this formally and without bias. 2. Parks dollars set aside and partner with non-profits to assist in the parks and they can attach our funds

Max Upton

- The allocated money is for both salaries and benefits of the inspectors. The inspectors have always covered the entire city for enforcement, not just LMI areas. Prior to the Council repealing the Point of Sale inspections, 50% of the inspector's time was used for those Point of Sale inspections.

Jaunae Wilson

- Very excited, along with Miss Jones, for Fulson Homes, which is a black historical ownership place. Thank you. What is the \$1 home rehab program that you purchase a home for \$1 and rehab it?

Max Upton

- Will be in conjunction with our HOME Program. We will be going into homes that made it through the Sheriff's sale, that shouldn't be demolished and can use the \$50,000 investment to become a marketable home. In addition, we will also be doing the \$1 home program in reverse where we line up and qualify people to do the rehab of the program, so the City would take ownership of the home, hold the deed in escrow and then the City building inspectors and rehab administrators would create the scope of the work that needs to be done, selling it to a "flipper" and will hold the deed in escrow until the home passes inspection. The "flipper" would have restrictions on who they can sell it to, how much they can sell it for, and same thing for the rentals. This has proven successful in Ohio City, Detroit Shoreway and some on the near east-side, the Central and Hough neighborhoods.

Rey Carrion

- Is it possible to partner with some of our non-profits to be the middleman for this project? Also, select another choice replacing the word "flipper".

Max Upton

- Probably "qualified rehab firm" would be another term that could be used. The Deed in Escrow program means the deed does not transfer to the owner until the City signs off on everything. Holding the deed in escrow is what gives the city leverage to dictate the outcomes along with using the land bank's power.

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Beth Hanley

- Will these homes be rehabbed and sold to investors for rentals?

Max Upton

- Home owners

Beth Hanley

- What is the minimum period? Five years, ten years, forever?

Max Upton

- Ideally forever. If they are home-assisted units, depending on how much money we put into it, it could be up to 15 years they would have to own the home or as little as 5 years.

Jeanne Maup

- Has concerns regarding getting the word out to the citizens. Would like to meet with BHP and citizens to explain the programs. There are a lot of homes in Ward 5 that could be part of this program.

Max Upton

- BHP would be pleased to have meetings with citizens regarding these programs. BHP wants to boost home ownership within the City.

Ray Carlson

- How fast do you see these dollars going out into the community?

Max Upton

- Bring legislation to the Council Meeting for vote
- Will need to be passed in order to submit to HUD
- HUD has 45 days to review it, which is end of June
- Depending on the program
  - Environmental reviews must take place
    - May request a release of funds
    - Have to request HUD permission to use the funds
- The timeframe for these programs to start seeing these funds flow into the community would be end of July to mid-August.
- If we can expedite we will, but we must hit every item with HUD or we will get fined and that will require the General Fund to pay back the dollars.
- There will be approximately \$480,000 of Parks money that should be approved by HUD within the next couple of weeks. The Parks money will be seen out in the community sooner than our \$320,000 from this particular allocation.
- There are still funds to be expanded for 2019 and 2020 for the parks.
- Confirm that it is the federal regulations that are the hold-up for the parks.
- What are the steps for purchasing a building to start a business
  - Find out who owns it – use the Larain County Auditor site
  - Is there a back tax balance
    - Excessive back tax may signify the owner abandoned the building
      - Contact the County Landbank
        - File a property tax foreclosure
        - Takes 9 months to a year
      - Landbank takes possession and sells the property

No Questions From the Audience.  
Meeting adjourned.

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# Overview

Allocation of Federal Funds, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)

<b>CDBG</b>	
Revenue	
Commitment	\$ 1,245,235.00
Program Income	\$ 790,400.00
Total Anticipated Revenue	\$ 2,035,635.00

<b>Expenses</b>	
Administration	
Salaries & Fringe, Training, Regs, etc.	\$ 350,000.00
Marketing	\$ 57,127.80

<b>Blount/Improvements:</b>	
Exchange between 32nd and 33rd	\$ 58,563.00
E. 43rd between Palm & Homewood	\$ 213,720.00
Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 30,000.00

<b>Public Facility Improvements:</b>	
Haven Center	\$ 70,000.00
Park Improvements	\$ 330,400.00
Gordon Kingdom Steele Renovation	\$ 300,000.00

<b>Housing:</b>	
Emergency Home Repair	\$ 200,000.00
Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential	\$ 100,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation: Acquisition	\$ 245,622.10

<b>Deeds Enforcement:</b>	
Salaries & Fringe, Education, Supplies, etc.	\$ 750,000.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,085,829.90

<b>HOME</b>	
Revenue	
Endowment	\$477,787.00
Program Income	\$60,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenue	\$537,787.00

<b>Expenses</b>	
Administration	\$51,770.30
CHDO	\$71,687.43
Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$312,737.27
Total Expenses	\$537,798.00



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## Public Facilities

### *Street Improvements*

Lexington between 32nd and 33rd—  
**\$58,569**

East 41<sup>st</sup> between Palm and  
Homewood—**\$213,720**



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## Public Facilities

**\$50,000** for Haven Center for fencing & playground equipment

**\$330,400** for Park Improvements for Improvements to parks in LMI areas and/or ADA accessibility



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## Public Facilities (Stoveworks)

Sidewalk Connectivity, \$80,000



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## Public Facility Improvements



**\$100,000** for God's Kingdom steeple renovation—*Historic Preservation District*

Church will offer public assistance programs—open to the entire community



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## Housing Programs

- **\$200,000**--Emergency Home Repair
- **\$100,000**—Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential (Fulton Homes)
- **\$245,822.20**—Acquisition for Rehabilitation (buy, rehabilitate, sell to income eligible household)



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## Code Enforcement

**\$250,000** (salaries,  
education, supplies)



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## HOME Program

- Total budget: \$537,783
  - Administration
  - Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
  - Homeowner Rehab
- Good news for approval
- HOME funds moving forward



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Lorain City Hall

200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Lorain, Ohio 44052

Inquiries and comments concerning the Action Plan can be conveyed by email to:

Drew Crawford

Building, Housing & Planning Department

[Drew.Crawford@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Drew.Crawford@cityoflorain.org)

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#### Notice of Public Hearings

There will be a public hearing of the 2021 Annual Action Plan, including the proposed use of funds on:

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. virtually via GoTo Meeting at:

<https://attendee.gotomeetings.com/join/369380789797576653>

You may dial in for audio only at:

(415) 655-0052 / Access Code: 273-881-521

If Lorain City Hall is Open to the public on May 3, 2021, the meeting will also take place in person at City Council Chambers, First Floor.

Monday, May 3, 2021, 5:00pm  
Lorain City Hall - Council Chambers  
200 West Erie Avenue  
Lorain, OH 44052

Note: A City Council Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.

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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 projects 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 2021 Program Year are detailed below:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) \$1,245,239.00

2021 Estimated Program Income (CDBG) \$1,045,400.00

Home Investment Partnership Program \$472,763.00

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2021 Estimated Program Income (HOME) \$40,000.00

Total 2021 Resources \$2,828,472.00

CDBG:

Administration \$350,000

Planning: \$100,000

Street Improvements:

Street Improvements \$272,289

Sidewalk/Connectivity Improvements \$136,460

Public Facility Improvements:

Home Center Professional Services: \$130,000

Park Improvements: \$310,400

God's Kingdom Steeple Renovation and Public Service: \$400,000

Housing Programs:

Emergency Home Repair: \$200,000

Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential: \$100,000

Housing Rehabilitation Acquisition: \$221,450

Code Enforcement:

Salaries, Education, Supplies: \$250,000

Total CDBG Budget: \$2,293,639.00

HOME:

Administration: \$53,778.50

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO): \$83,667.45

Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation: \$403,337.25

Total HOME Budget \$537,783

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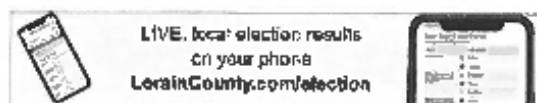
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The City of Lorain website at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

##### Lorain City Hall

201 West Pike Avenue, 3rd Floor

Lorain, Ohio 44042

Inquiries and comments concerning the Action Plan can be conveyed by email to:

[Debra\\_Crisp@cityoflorain.org](mailto:Debra_Crisp@cityoflorain.org)

Building, Housing & Planning Department

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##### Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing of the 2021 Annual Action Plan, including the proposed use of funds on:

Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. virtually via GoTo Meeting at

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Суды Близнецов:

Salaries, Education, Supplies: \$259,000

Total CDBG Budget: \$2,286,839.08

**HOME:**

Administrative: \$63,778.30

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO): \$80,887.46

Minority-Owned Business: \$403,337.26

Total HOME Budget: \$547,703

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**National Vietnam War Veterans Day**

04/08/2021



THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATIONS.

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**Manly Helps Lead School Testing Flexibility Bill to Become Law**

Apr 12 2021

By Jennifer Lee, Deputy Mayor, City of Manly



State Rep. Gabe Manning (R-North Ridgeville), chair of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, announced that House Bill 101 has been signed into law. The bill provides flexibility with testing and relief to school students who are struggling in the classroom following

Spring break.

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**Lorain County Treasurer's Office Awarded the Oving Cup**

Apr 17 2021

By Arley Harper

Each year, the departments of Lorain County Government have a friendly competition to see which department can raise the most to support Linn's Way or Lorain's Way. Lorain County's collaborative approach to preventing community misbehavior, the department that has the competition to win a trophy called the Oving Cup.

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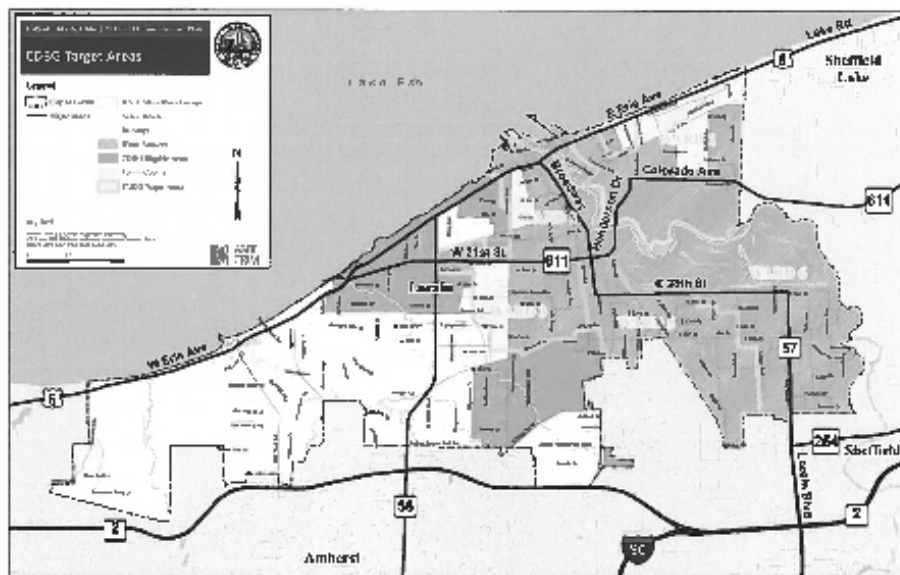
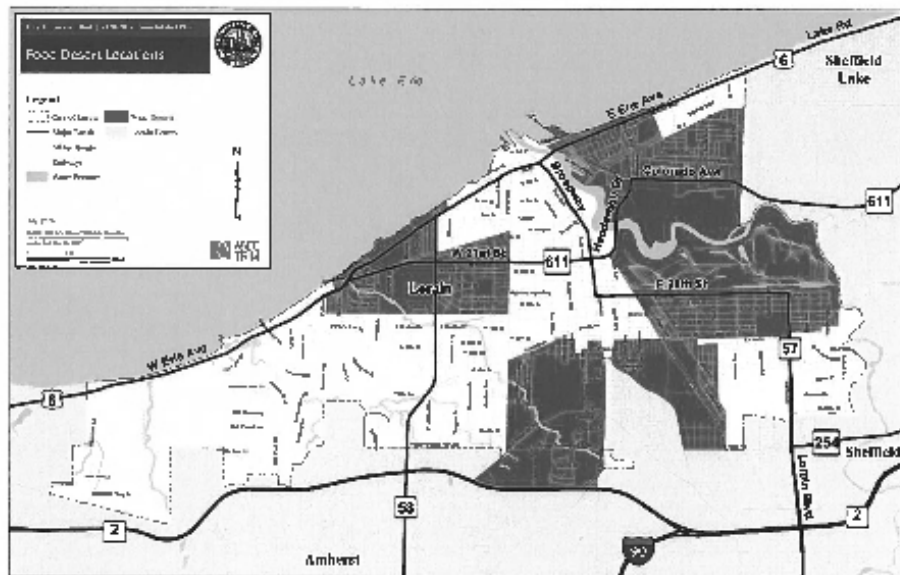
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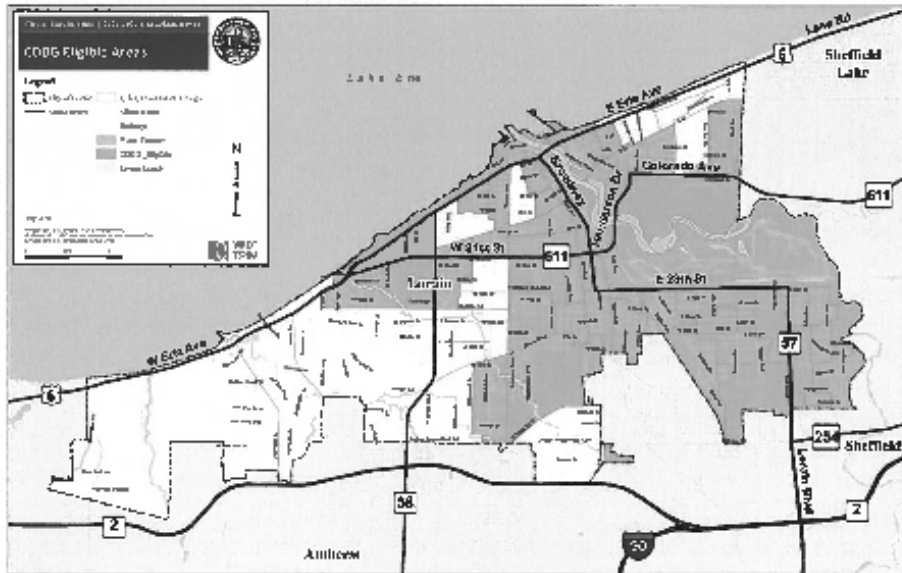
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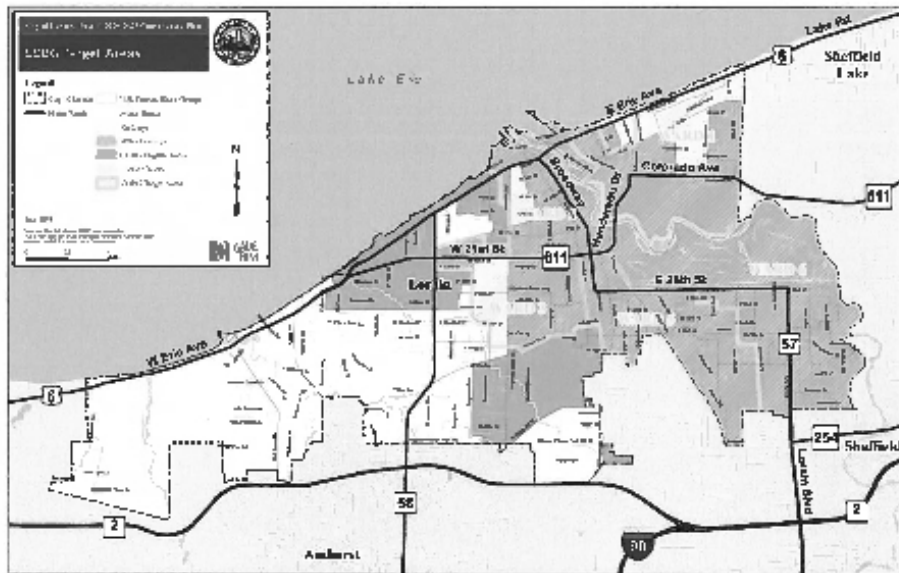
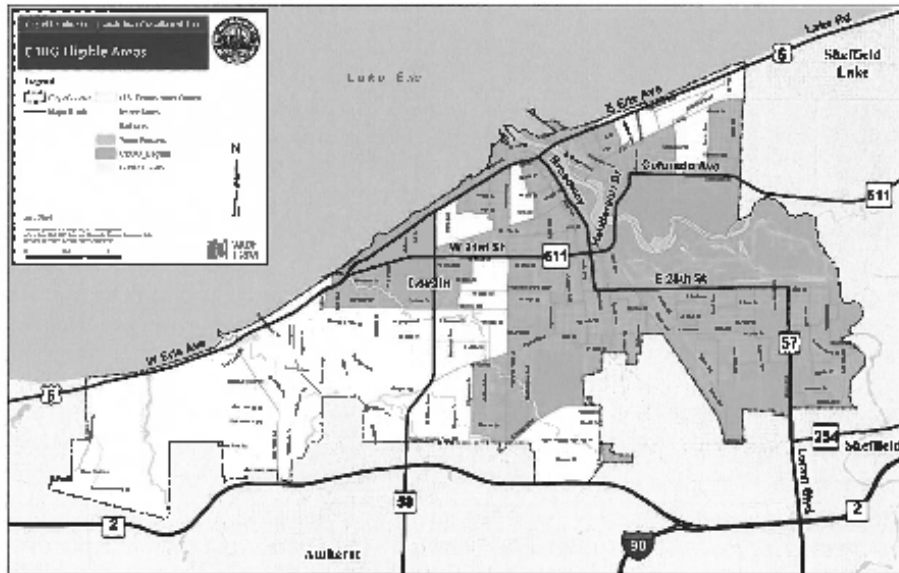




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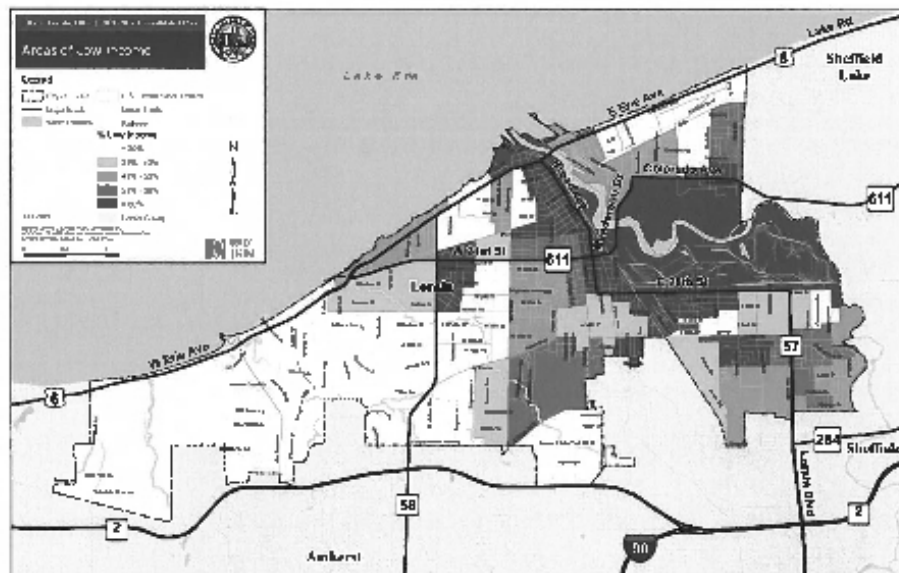
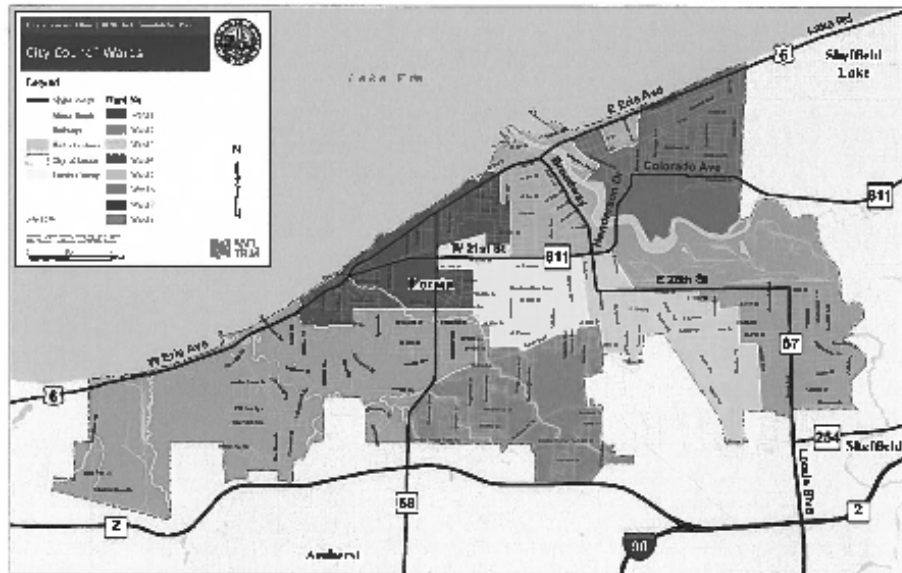
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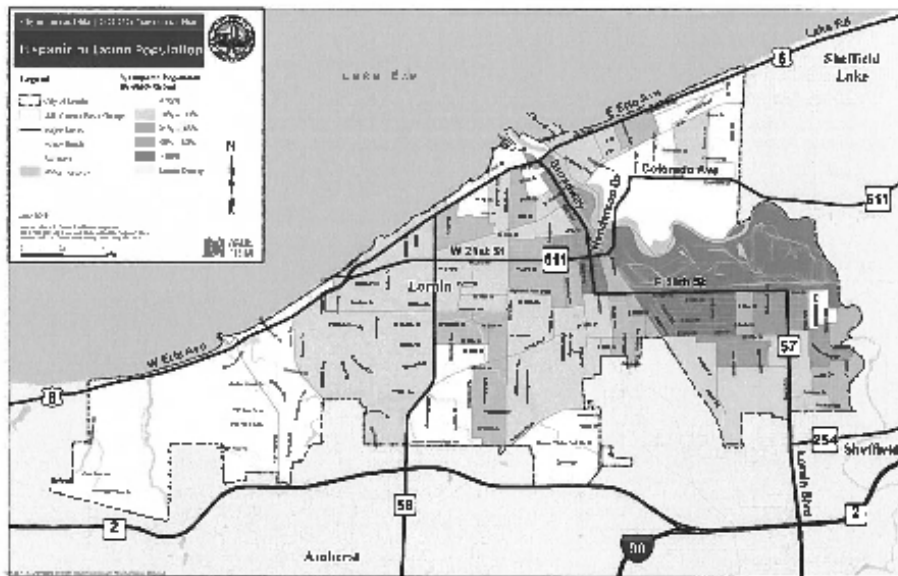
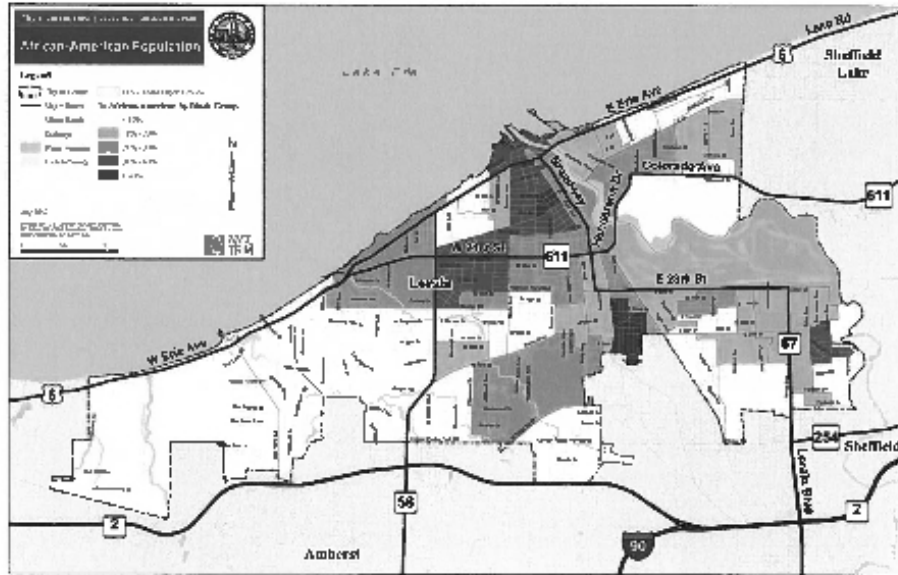
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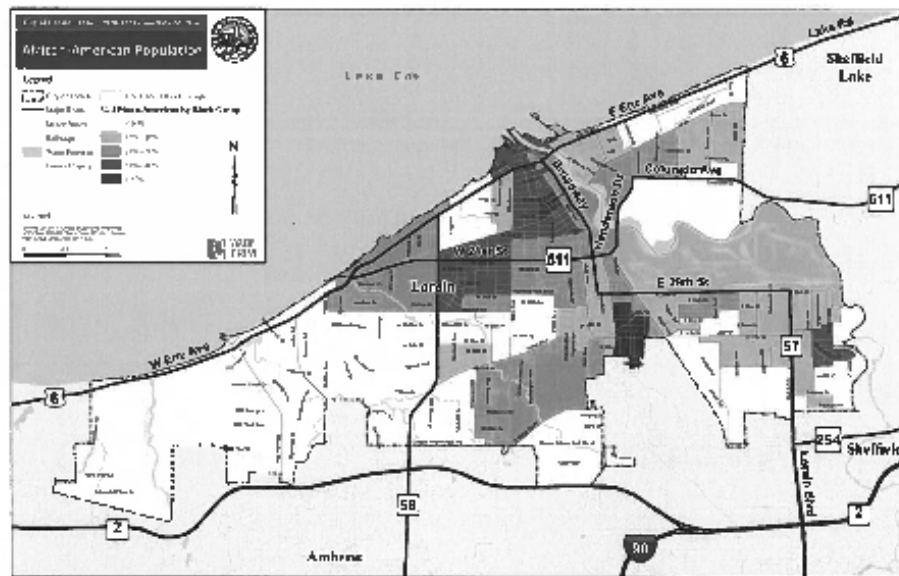
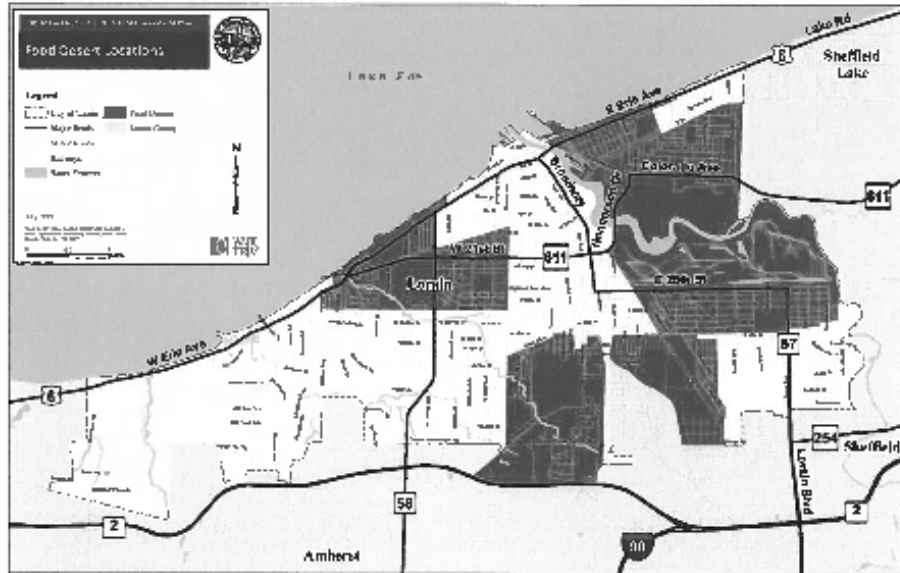
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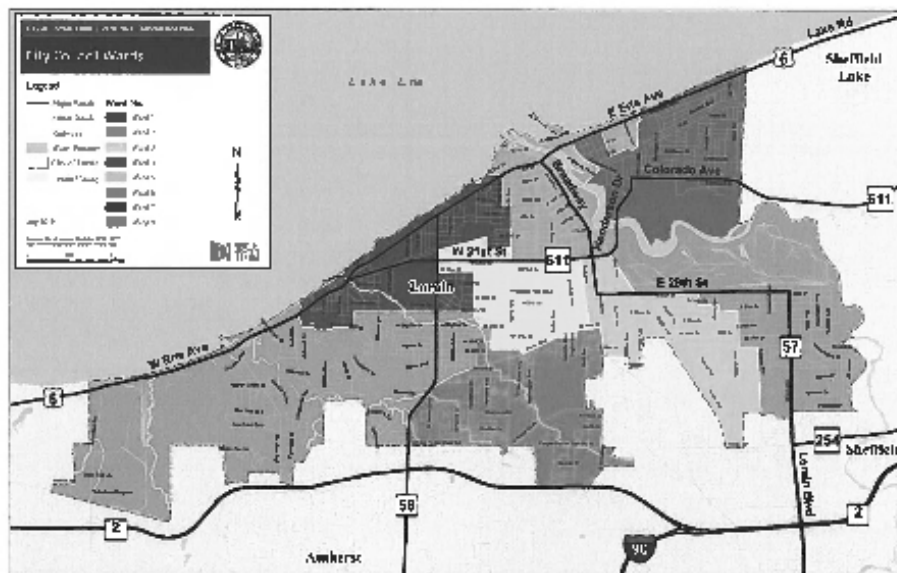
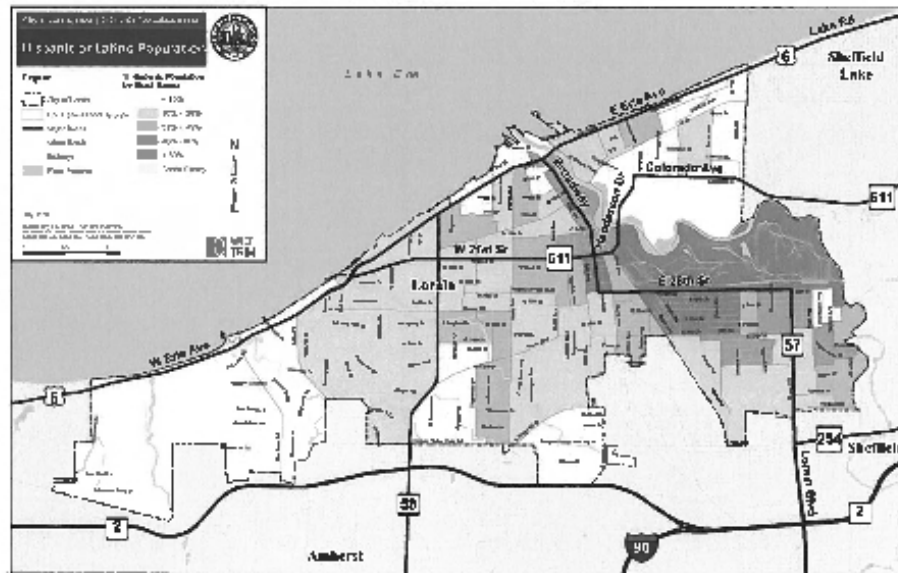
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**Action Plan / Citizen Participation Meeting**  
**Sign-In Sheet**  
**Monday, May 3, 2021 5:00-6:00 PM**  
**Lorain City Hall, Council Chambers**  
**200 W. Erie Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052**

Name and Organization - Print	Contact Information (Telephone Number)	Email Address	Address


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**Action Plan / Citizen Participation 2021 Meeting**  
**Sign-In Sheet**  
**Monday, May 3, 2021 5:00-6:00 PM**  
**Via of Go to Meeting & In-person**

Name and Organization - Print	Contact Information (Telephone Number)	Email Address	Address
David Comer	440-204-2095	<a href="mailto:DComer@cityoflorain.org">DComer@cityoflorain.org</a>	200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052
Robyn Davey	440-204-2062	<a href="mailto:Robyn_davey@cityoflorain.org">Robyn_davey@cityoflorain.org</a>	200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052
Hannah Kiraly	440-204-2087	<a href="mailto:Hannah_kiraly@cityoflorain.org">Hannah_kiraly@cityoflorain.org</a>	200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052
Joel Jacovetti	440-204-2093	<a href="mailto:Joel_jacovetti@cityoflorain.org">Joel_jacovetti@cityoflorain.org</a>	200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052
Drew Crawford	440-204-2082	<a href="mailto:Drew_crawford@cityoflorain.org">Drew_crawford@cityoflorain.org</a>	200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052
Desiree Thompson	440-204-8268	<a href="mailto:Desiree_thompson@cityoflorain.org">Desiree_thompson@cityoflorain.org</a>	200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052

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Alexis Pinto	440-204-2864	<a href="mailto:Alexis_pinto@cityoflorain.org">Alexis_pinto@cityoflorain.org</a>	200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052
Rick Pyserchin		<a href="mailto:rpyserchin@morningjournal.com">rpyserchin@morningjournal.com</a>	2500 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052
Greg Landry	440-204-2042	<a href="mailto:Greg_landry@cityoflorain.org">Greg_landry@cityoflorain.org</a>	200 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44052

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Local News

## Aiming for vertical with help

Historic church plans steeple restoration

By John J. Hennrich  
The steeple of the historic Church of the Holy Spirit, 1000 N. 1st St., will be restored to its original height of 100 feet, according to plans of the church's restoration committee.

The church, which was built in 1887, is one of the oldest in Minneapolis. The steeple, which was damaged by fire in 1904, was replaced by a smaller one in 1905. The restoration committee, which was formed last year, is now planning to raise the steeple to its original height.

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## Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

### CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statute and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4653) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

**Anti-Lobbying** -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-278, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all levels (including subawards, subgrants, and awards under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.


**Authority of Jurisdiction** -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** -- The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grants, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3 --** It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 1701a) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 155.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

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#### **Specific Community Development Block Grant Considerations**

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Choice Participation** — It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.103.

**Community Development Plan** — Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, priority for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 94 and 320.

**Following a Plan** — It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** — It is compliant with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the preservation or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) \_\_\_\_\_, the period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years, shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the impact is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guarantees of funds, by a levying any annual special assessment against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** — It has a department in enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

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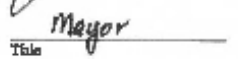
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Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws - The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2001d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint - Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, I, K and R.

Compliance with Laws - It will comply with applicable laws.

  
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**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certifications**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.203(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having partial or urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

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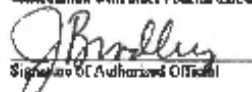
**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant-Based Rental Assistance** — If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** — It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Sensitivity Screening** — Before contributing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

  
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#### APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

##### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

###### Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance may be placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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3. Date Issued:		4. Applicant Name: City of Austin, TX
5. Federal Award Number: 0-14-00-20-200		6. Federal Award Number: 0-14-00-20-200
7. State Application Number:		
8. Date Received by State:		
9. State Application Number:		
B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
a. Legal Name: City of Austin, TX		
b. Governmental or Non-Governmental (OMB Form 424-001-001)		
c. DUNS Number: 0111173475608		
d. Address:		
Street: 1000 Red River St.		
City: Austin		
State: TX		
Zip: 78701		
Country: USA		
E-mail: info@cityofaustin.org		
e. Organization Info:		
Business Name: Building, Acquiring, and Maintaining		
Business Type: 000		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted for information involving this application:		
Name: Mr. [REDACTED] Title: [REDACTED]		
Address: [REDACTED]		
City: [REDACTED]		
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<b>II. Name of Federal Agency</b> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
<b>III. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number</b> 14.215 HUD, Title Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	
<b>IV. Funding Opportunity Number:</b> _____ Title: _____	
<b>V. Description of Project (Title, Goals, Objectives, etc.):</b> _____ Add Attachment: [Add Attachment] [Delete Attachment] [View Attachment]	
<b>VI. Description of Applicant's Project</b> Project Description: Continuation of the City of Louisville program, facilitating housing rehabilitation, public facility improvements, public service, and neighborhood revitalization.	
Attach supporting documents as detailed in agency instructions. Add Attachment: [Add Attachment] [Delete Attachment] [View Attachment]	

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**16. General and Budgetary Data**

a. Applicant:  b. Program/Project:

**17. Purpose of Project**

a. Start Date:  b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$)**

a. Federal	1,250,000.00
b. Applicant	
c. State	
d. Local	
e. Other	
f. Program Income	125,000.00
g. Total	2,000,000.00

**19. Is this application subject to Review by State's Adult Protective Center (APC) Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Adult Protective Center (APC) Process for review on .

☐ b. Program is subject to APC 47527 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by APC 47527.

**20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes" provide explanation in attachment)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation in attachment

**21. By signing this application, I certify (a) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and by statements regarding the true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, I also provide the required assurances and agree to accept the responsibility for the truthfulness of the information provided. I also agree that any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties (31 U.S.C. 3235, Title 28, Section 1592)**

☒ I Agree

**22. By (a) of 28 USC 532 and 532A, or as amended when you may obtain this, but is covered in the contract or agreement between the parties.**

**Authorized Representative:**

Name:  First Name:

Mobile Phone:

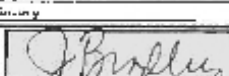
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# ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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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 regulations mandating additional requirements may require applicants to certify in addition to the assurance. 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 the 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 referred to in the bid/bids, and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency procedures.
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 local ties without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency checkbook and not include a payment in the title of real property obtained in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assurance awarding agency with regard to the timing, nature and removal of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the construction complies with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the 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 a potential for 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. 6452a-705a) relating to the employment standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 18 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. 4830) et seq. which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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. 1681-1681f, and 1681h, 1681i), 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 handicap; (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 Civil Rights Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-284), as amended relating to non-discrimination on the basis of religion; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to non-discrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 205 and 207 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 242a-242b and 242c-242d), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e) et seq., as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sex, race, color or ethnicity of housing; (i) any other non-discrimination provisions in the applicable statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other non-discrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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Application for Loan Guarantee

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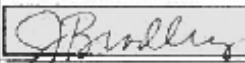
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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles I and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-498) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced 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 public purposes regardless of Federal participation in funding.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1401-1506 and 7504-7530) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276e-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for Federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(n) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-224) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insured construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) inclusion of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) prohibition of violating Federal law pursuant to EO 11738; (c) prohibition of waste disposal in accordance with EO 11800; (d) assurance of project compliance with the national site management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1601 et seq.); (e) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§1761 et seq.); (f) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (g) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), E.O. 11583 (designation and protection of historic preservation), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469-7 et seq.).
18. All money to be performed the required financial and accounting audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audit of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of 21 CFR for Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1536) which prohibits grant award recipients or subcontractors from (1) engaging in severe forms of land clearing or activities during the critical time that the award is in effect (2) placing a commercial interest during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) using forced labor as the performance of the award or a subcontract under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Director
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of London	5-17-2021

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**APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL AID (Form 424)**

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7. State Application Identifier: 100-000000000000000000				
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b. Business/Process Identification Number (BIN): 100-000000000000000000		c. Organizational DUNS: 100-000000000000000000		
d. Address:				
Street: 100 West Lake Street				
City: Chicago				
State: IL				
Zip: 60601-1000				
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Department Name: Department of State		Division Name: Division of State		
f. Main contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:				
Name: John Doe		First Name: John		
Last Name: Doe		Last Name: Doe		
Title: Director		Title: Director		
g. Departmental Application:				
Application Number: 100-000000000000000000		Award Number: 100-000000000000000000		
Email: john.doe@cityofchicago.gov				

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-426	
16. Governmental Service Of:	
a. Account #	b. Program/Project #
Attach in following (List Program/Project or systems described in detail)	
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17. Proposed Project	
a. Start Date	b. End Date
18. Estimated Funding (\$)	
a. Federal	1,000,000.00
b. Applicant	
c. State	
d. Local	
e. Other	
f. Program Income	12,000.00
g. TOTAL	1,012,000.00
19. Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 12812 Process?	
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20. Is this application subject to any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in this space)	
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If "Yes," provide explanation and attach	
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21. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the "Statement of Work" and (2) that the information herein is true, correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurance and agree to comply with any rules and regulations of the Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services, or other agency having jurisdiction over this application. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1541)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I AGREE	
The U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services, or other agency having jurisdiction over this application, is hereby notified of the application.	
Author of the presentation:	
Print:	Full Name: Jack
Media Name:	
Legal Name:	Jack J. J.
State:	
Year:	2020
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Grant:	U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services
Signature of Authorized Representative:	Date Signed: 5-17-2021

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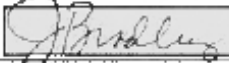
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Los Angeles	DATE SUBMITTED 5-27-2021

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## CITY OF LORAIN

### City Council Virtual Regular Meeting

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Meeting Date: 05/17/2021

Submitted by: Drew Crawford, Planning & Zoning Administrator

#### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE

Ord. Approving the City of Lorain's Program Year 2021 CDBG and HOME One-Year Action Plan

#### PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF LORAIN'S PROGRAM YEAR 2021 CDBG AND HOME ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN 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.**

#### RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Recommended for passage in consultation with the May 3, 2021 public meeting in Lorain City Hall and virtually via GoTo meeting.

#### Attachments

ordinance

REVISED Action Plan Pt 1

REVISED Action Plan Pt 2

#### Form Review

##### Inbox

Upton,

Safety/Service Director

Mayor Bradley

Legal

Form Started By: Drew Crawford

Final Approval Date: 05/13/2021

##### Reviewed By

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# CITY OF LORAIN

## 2021 Action Plan

May 3, 2021



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# Overview

Allocation of Federal Funds, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)

<b>CDBG</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
Entitlement		\$ 1,245,239.00
Program Income		\$ 790,400.00
Total Anticipated Revenue		\$ 2,035,639.00
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Salaries & Fringes, training, legal ads, etc.	\$ 350,000.00	
Planning	\$ 57,127.80	
<b>Street/ Improvements:</b>		
Lexington between 32nd and 33rd	\$ 58,569.00	
E. 41st between Palm & Homewood	\$ 213,720.00	
Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 80,000.00	
<b>Public Facility Improvements:</b>		
Haven Center	\$ 50,000.00	
Park Improvements	\$ 330,400.00	
God's Kingdom Steeple Renovation	\$ 100,000.00	
<b>Housing:</b>		
Emergency Home Repair	\$ 200,000.00	
Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential	\$ 100,000.00	
Housing Rehabilitation: Acquisition	\$ 245,822.20	
<b>Code Enforcement:</b>		
Salaries & Fringes, Education, Supplies, etc.	\$ 250,000.00	
Total Expenses:		\$ 2,035,639.00

<b>HOME</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Entitlement	\$477,783.00
Program Income	\$60,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenue	\$537,783.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Administration	\$53,778.30
CHDO	\$71,667.45
HomeOwner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$412,337.25
Total Expenses	\$537,783.00



# Public Facilities

## *Street Improvements*

Lexington between 32nd and 33rd--  
***\$58,569***

East 41<sup>st</sup> between Palm and  
Homewood--***\$213,720***





# Public Facilities

**\$50,000** for Haven Center for fencing & playground equipment

**\$330,400** for Park Improvements for improvements to parks in LMI areas and/or ADA accessibility



# Public Facilities (Stoveworks)

Sidewalk Connectivity, \$80,000



# Public Facility Improvements



**\$100,000** for God's Kingdom steeple renovation—*Historic Preservation District*



Church will offer public assistance programs—open to the entire community



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# Housing Programs

- **\$200,000**--Emergency Home Repair
- **\$100,000**—Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential (Fulton Homes)
- **\$245,822.20**—Acquisition for Rehabilitation (buy, rehabilitate, sell to income eligible household)



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# Code Enforcement

**\$250,000** (salaries,  
education, supplies)



# HOME Program

- Total budget: \$537,783
  - Administration
  - Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
  - Homeowner Rehab
- Good news for approval
- HOME funds moving forward







# Questions

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## **City of Lorain - 2021 Action Plan Notice of Plan Availability - Notice of Public Hearing**

April 2, 2021 -- City of Lorain

### **2021 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 2021 Program Year.

#### **Notice of Plan Availability**

The City of Lorain has prepared its 2021 Annual Action Plan that includes the regular 2021 allocation. The plan will be made available to the public on April 2, 2021. This notice is being published to make citizens aware of the 30 day citizen participation public comment period for states and local jurisdictions beginning April 2, 2021 and will conclude on May 3, 2021. During this period copies of the Plan may be reviewed at the following locations:

The City of Lorain website at [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

#### **Lorain City Hall**

200 West Erie Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Lorain, Ohio 44052

Inquiries and comments concerning the Action Plan can be conveyed by email to:

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by: Aaron B. Day, Major & Deputy Press Secretary

Mar 23, 2021



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by: Ashley Hampson

Mar 17, 2021

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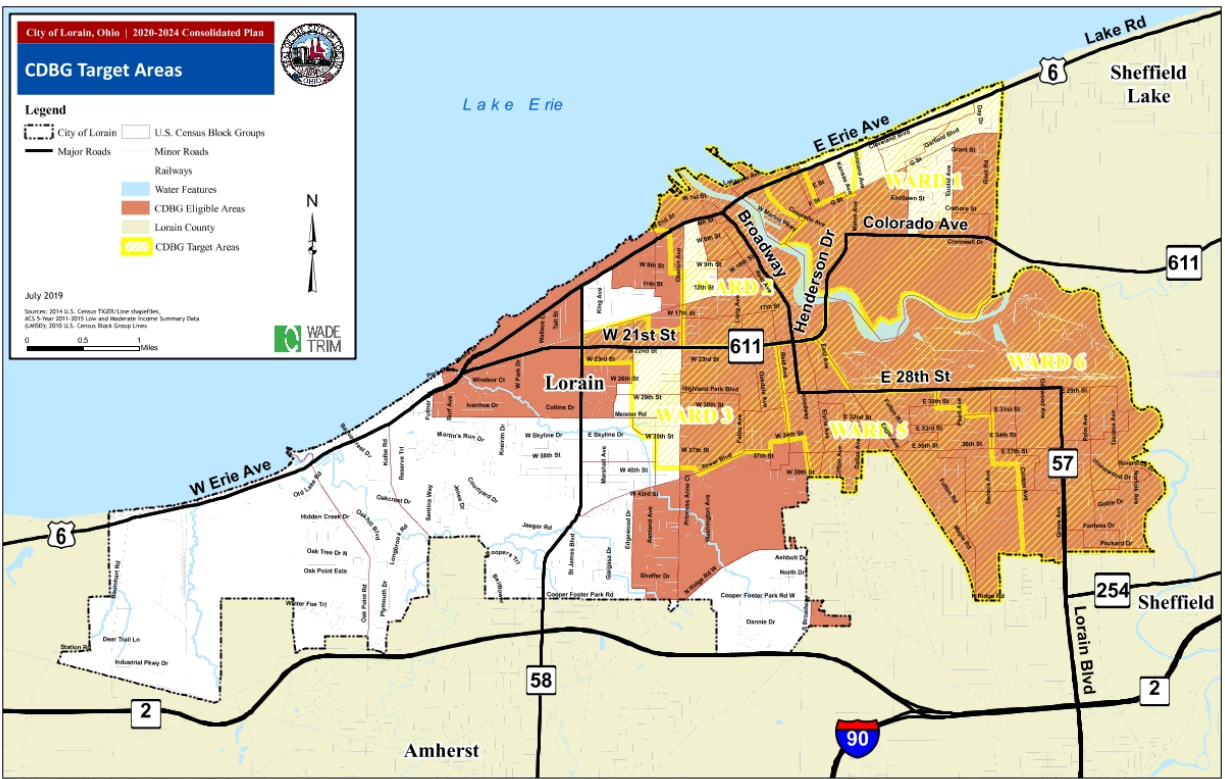
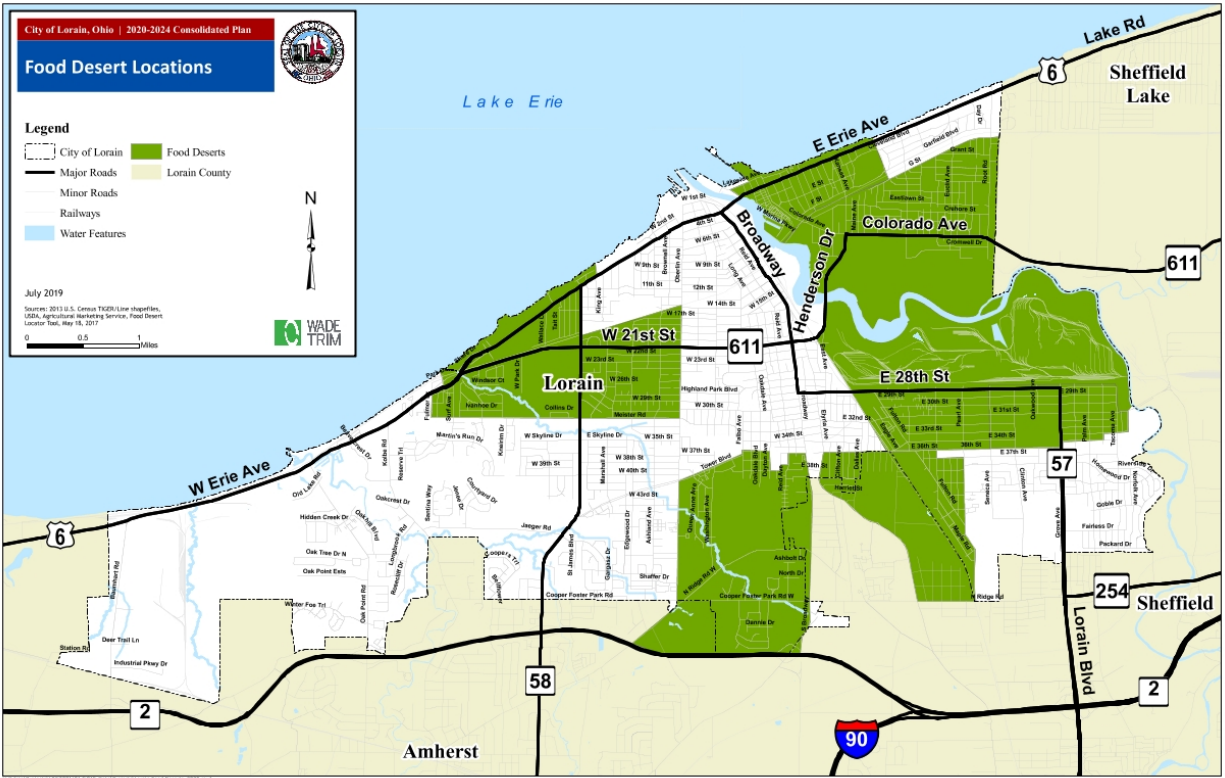
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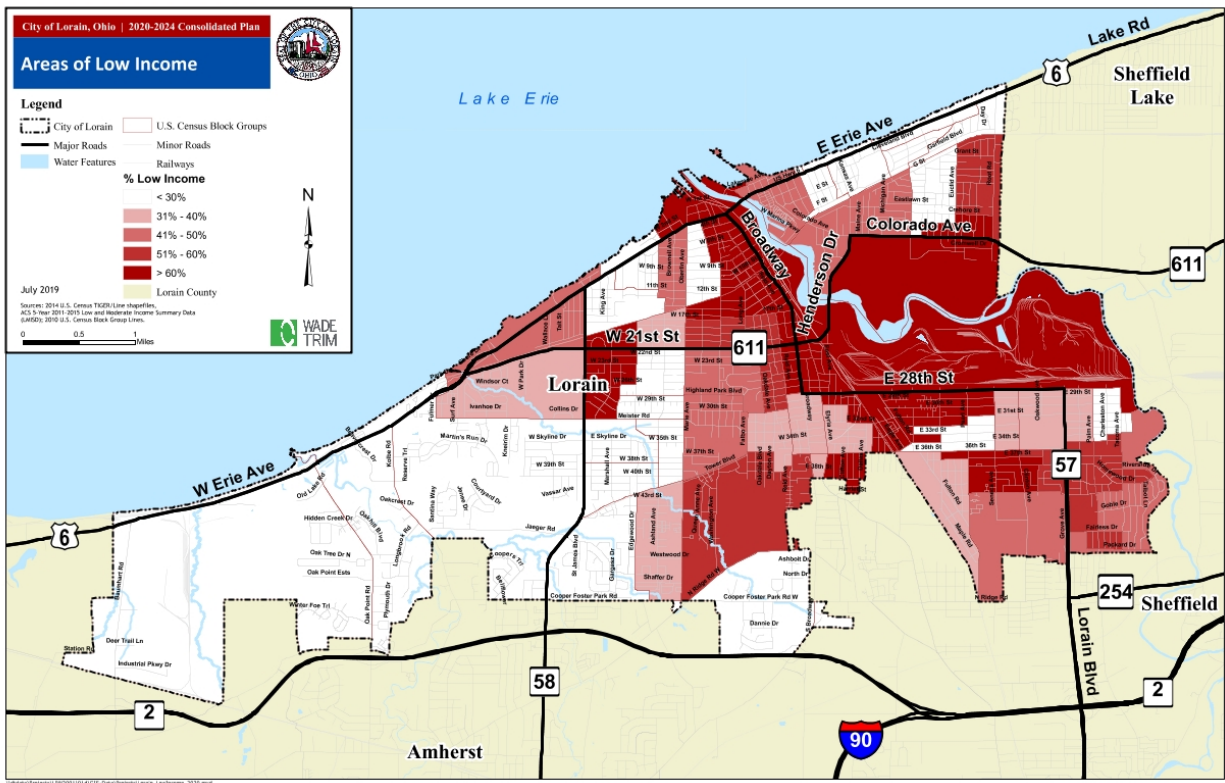
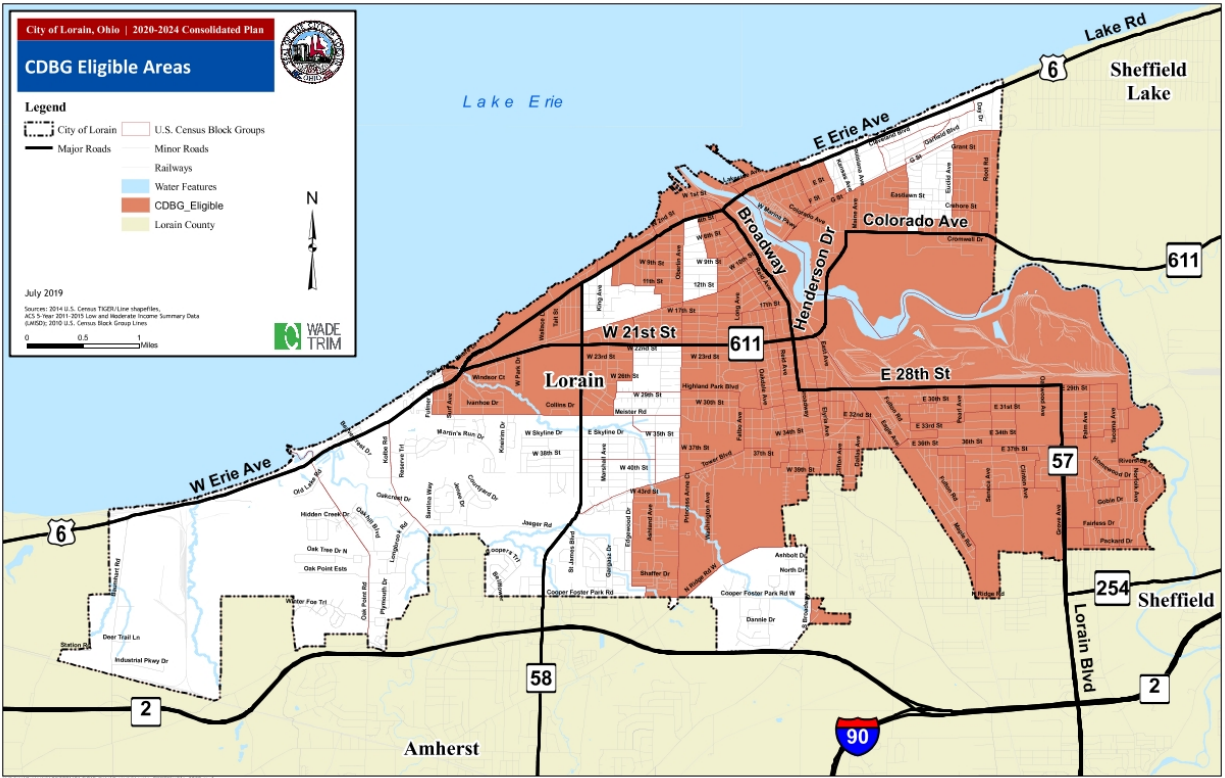
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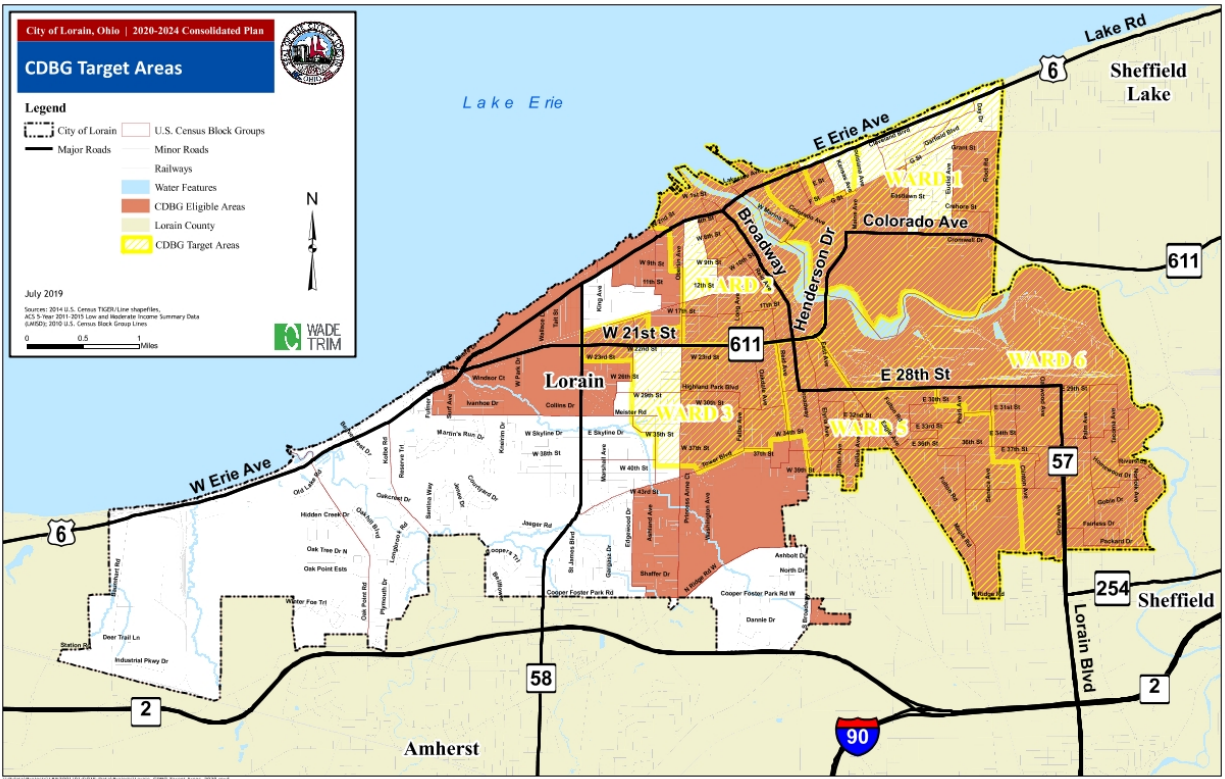
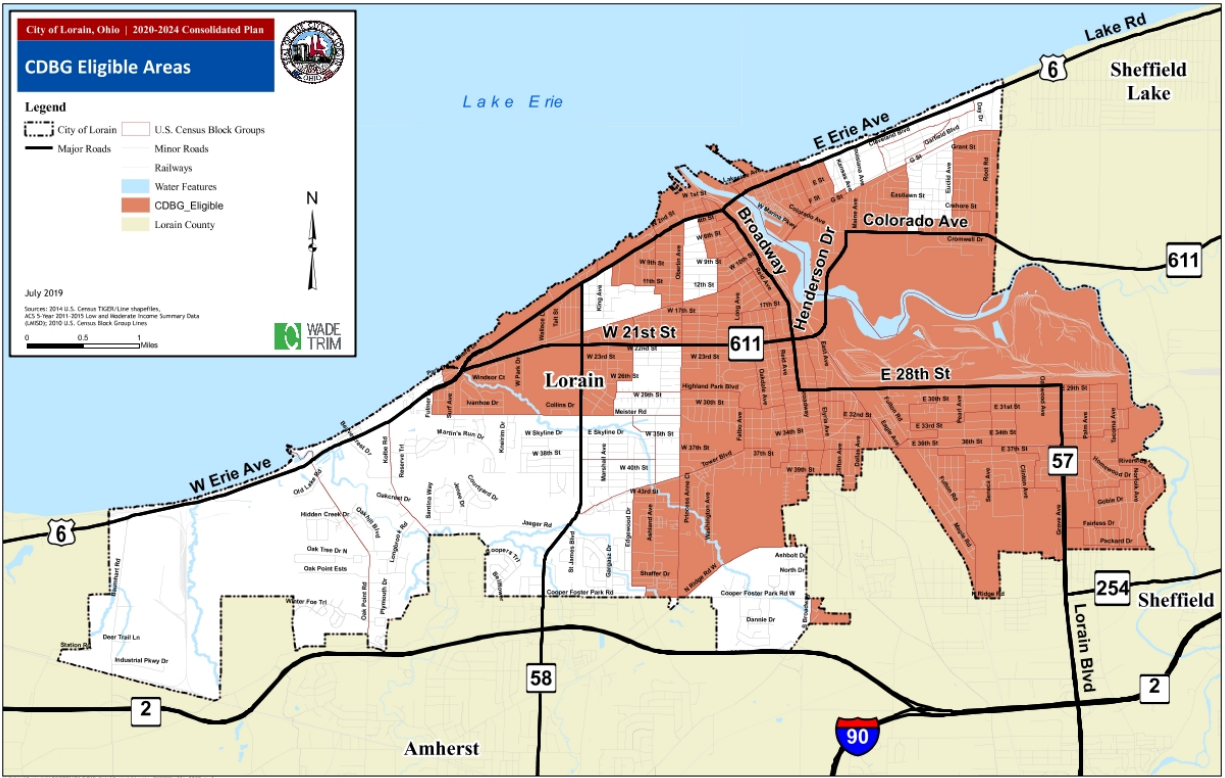
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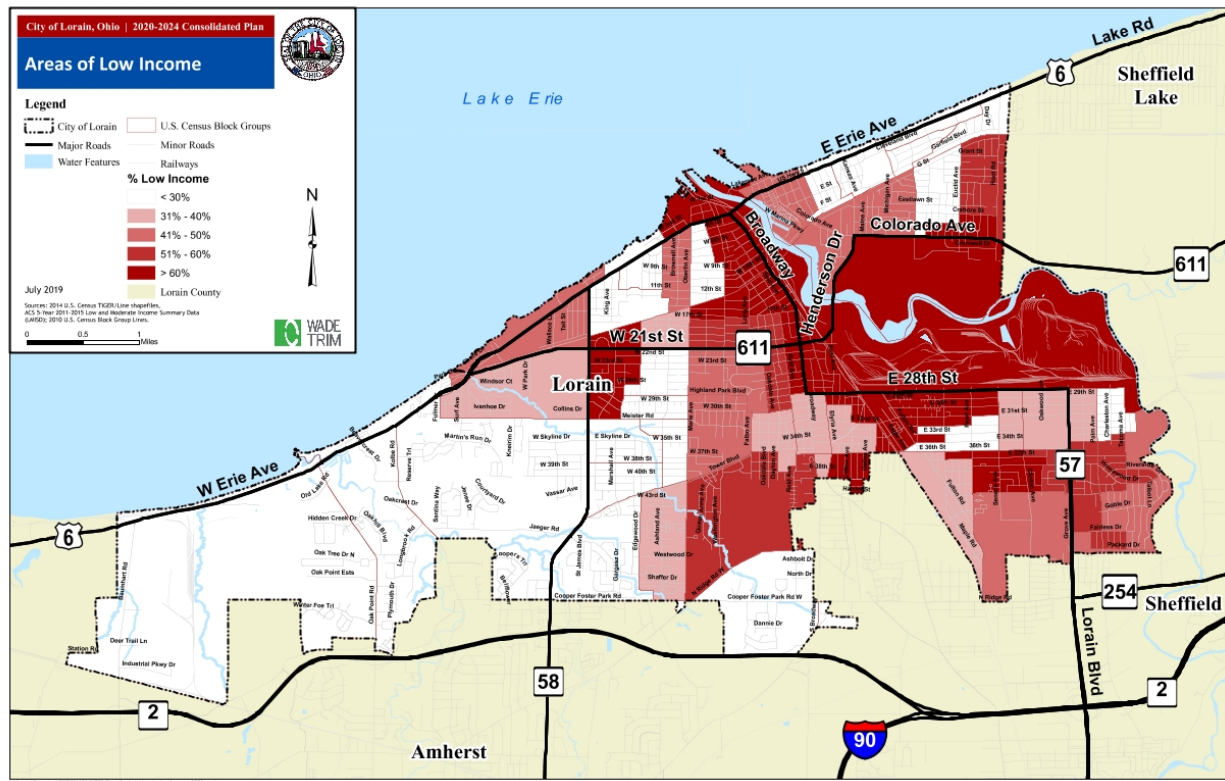
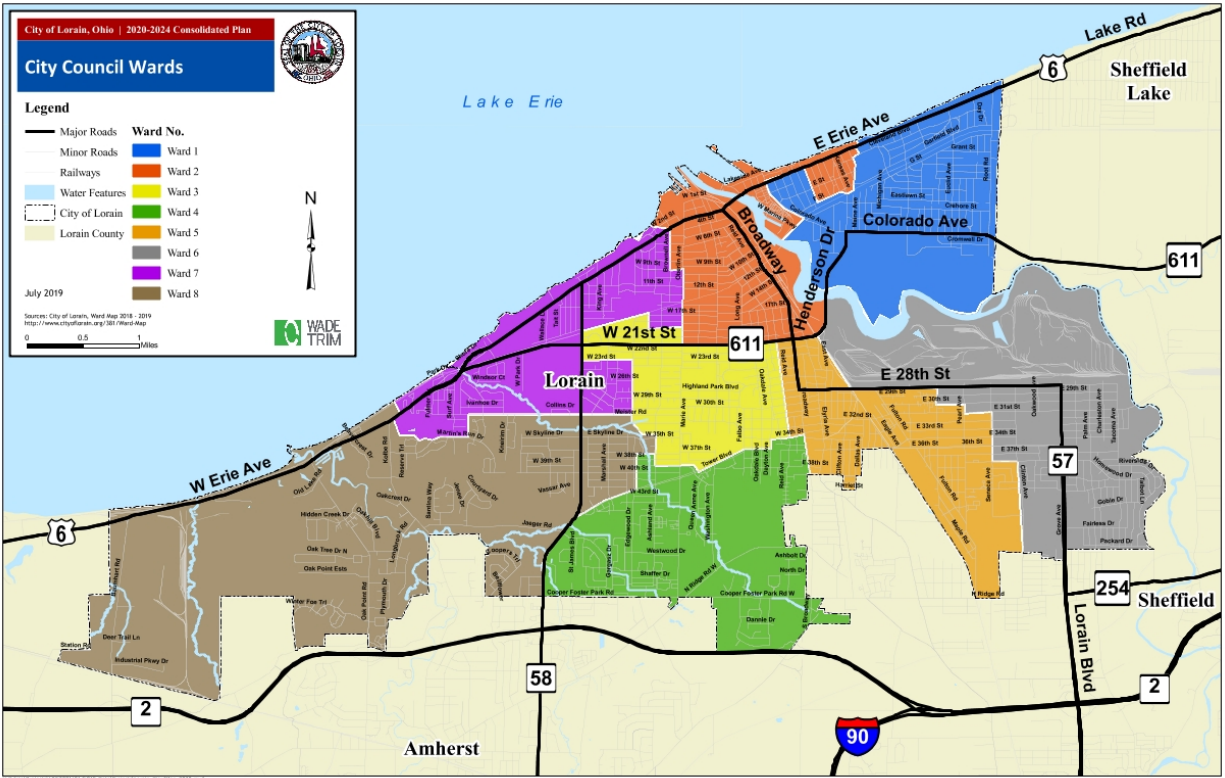


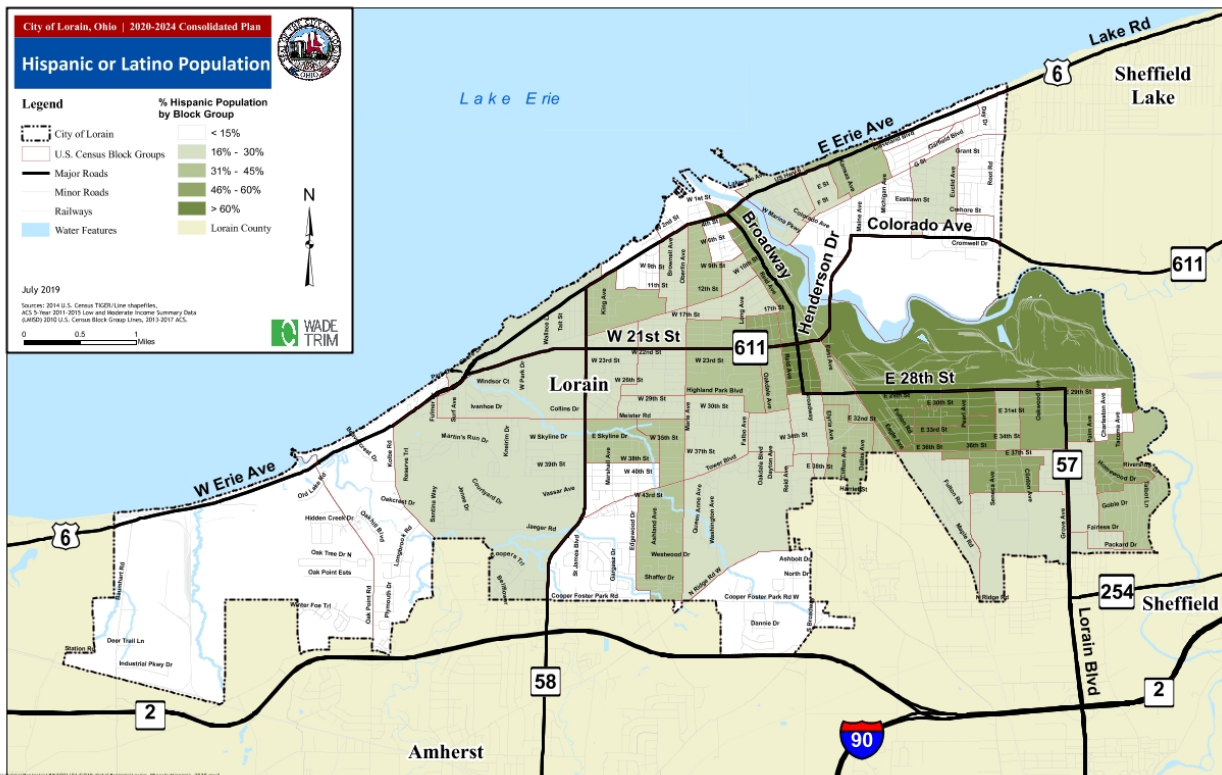
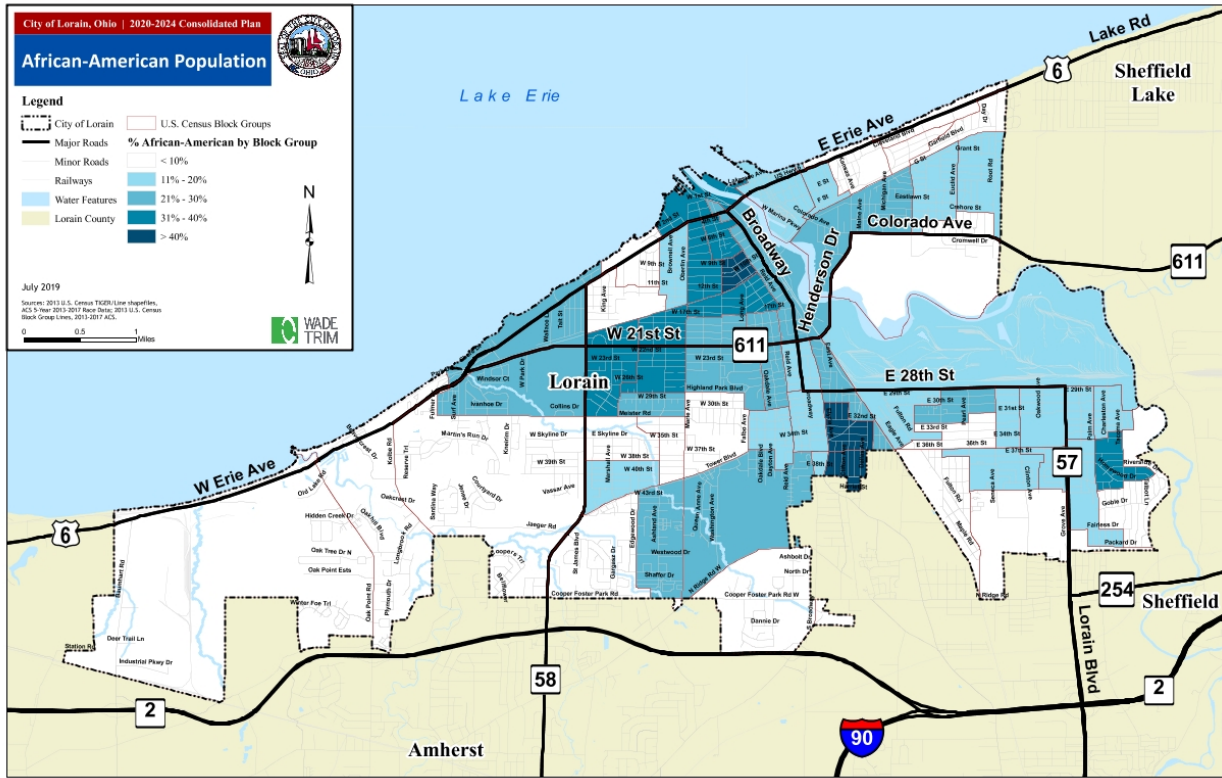




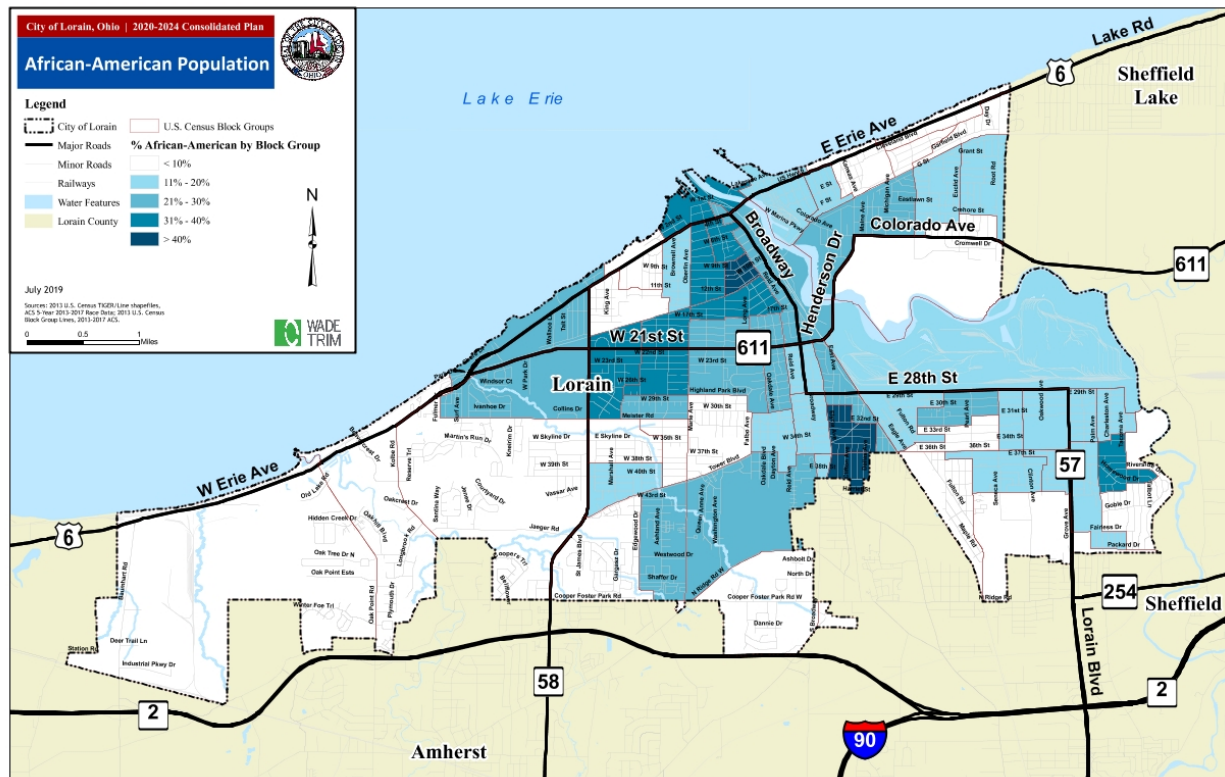














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### Historic church plans steeple restoration

The crews stop the building burning, a small Mustang Jack Brown

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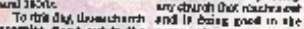
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## Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

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**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

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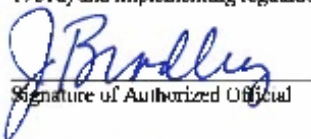
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Signature of Authorized Official

5-17-2021  
Date

Mayor  
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### **Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications**

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

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In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

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**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

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**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

5-17-2021  
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### Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

  
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## **APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



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22. Zip/Postal Code: <span style="background-color: yellow;">[REDACTED]</span>		
23. e. Organizational Unit:		
24. Department Name: <span style="background-color: yellow;">[REDACTED]</span>		25. Division Name: <span style="background-color: yellow;">[REDACTED]</span>
26. f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
27. Prefix: <span style="background-color: yellow;">[REDACTED]</span> * First Name: <span style="background-color: yellow;">[REDACTED]</span>		
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<b>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</b> <input type="text" value="US Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
<b>* 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b> <input type="text" value="14.236"/>	
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18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
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* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
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* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="740,400.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,054,481.00"/>
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Authorized Representative:	
Print:	Mr. <input type="text" value="Jack"/> First Name: <input type="text" value="Jack"/>
Middle Name:	<input type="text" value="M"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Bradley"/>
Suffix:	<input type="text" value=""/>
Title:	<input type="text" value="Mayor"/>
Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="404-204-2000"/> Fax Number: <input type="text" value="404-204-2542"/>
Email:	<input type="text" value="Jack_Bradley@cityofcolumbus.org"/>
Signature of Authorized Representative:	<input type="text" value="Jack Bradley"/> Date Signed: <input type="text" value="5-17-2021"/>

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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.
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.
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9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4901 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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 1695-1698), 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.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1601-1506 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11888; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1986 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Lorain	5-17-2024

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<p>7. State Application Identifier: _____</p>		
<p>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</p>		
<p>* a. Legal Name: City of Lorain, Ohio</p>		
<p>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 34-6601700</p>		
<p>* c. Organizational DUNS: 3874171870000</p>		
<p>d. Address:</p>		
<p>* Street1: 240 West Erie Avenue</p>		
<p>* Street2: _____</p>		
<p>* City: Lorain</p>		
<p>* County/Parish: _____</p>		
<p>* State: _____ OH: Ohio</p>		
<p>* Province: _____</p>		
<p>* County: _____ ISO: UNITED STATES</p>		
<p>* Zip/Postal Code: 44022-1603</p>		
<p>9. Organizational Unit:</p>		
<p>Department Name: Building, Housing, and Planning</p>		
<p>Division Name: _____</p>		
<p>10. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</p>		
<p>Title: Director</p>		
<p>Organizational Affiliation: _____</p>		
<p>* Telephone Number: 440-204-2085</p>		
<p>* Fax Number: 440-204-2080</p>		
<p>* Email: waa_upron@cityoflorain.org</p>		

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* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="477,783.00"/>
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<b>Authorized Representative:</b>	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Jack"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="M"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Bradley"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text" value=""/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="440-204-2002"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text" value="440-204-2542"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="Jack.Bradley@cityoflancaster.org"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="5-17-2021"/>

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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 1685-1696), 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. 92-266), 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 (k)-3 and 290 et seq.), 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.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 178(n) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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