

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

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

Grant Period Covered by CAPER: Fiscal Year 2023 program year began on October 1, 2023 and ended on September 30, 2024. Grant Numbers Associated with CAPER: B-23-UC-39-0007 (CDBG) and M-23-UC-39-0201 (HOME).

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CDBG Use of Funds for High Priority Activities: This jurisdiction has performed well with respect to meeting high priority needs. There are five primary funding objectives that were identified in the strategic plan, selected as a result of high level needs in the jurisdiction: (1) Affordable Housing. During FY23, the housing rehabilitation goals were 50% completed. 100% of goals are expected to be accomplished once the total amount of funds are expended. (2) Targeted Infrastructure improvements in Low-to-Moderate Income Residential Areas. The goal was exceeded in this category. (3) Provide Supportive Services for Low-to-Moderate Income Persons. Essential services such as domestic violence services, family services, and homeless services were funded. The goal was exceeded. (4) Address issues of Homelessness and Special Needs Populations. Funding was provided to the homeless shelter located in this jurisdiction and outcome goals were 35% completed. Lake County continued efforts to participate and support the Coalition for Housing Organization and Continuum of Care Organization. HOME TBRA provided to meet security deposit needs as well as subsidy for special populations including domestic violence, elderly, disabled and persons improving self sufficiency. (5) Promote Regionally Coordinated Economic Development planning strategies. Prior year funding was provided to storefront renovation program, this program had accomplishments during FY23. Lake County has continued to service business loans made in prior years. Fiscal Year 2023 is the second year of the most recent Consolidated Plan (FY-22 - 26).

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

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

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
AFH GOAL: EVALUATE THE PREVALENCE OF HATE CRIMES	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%			
AFH GOAL: INCREASE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%			
AFH GOAL: INCREASE LEVEL OF FAIR HOUSING KNOWLEDGE	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%			

<p>AFH GOAL: MONITOR LOCAL ZONING CODES</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development</p>	<p>CDBG: \$/ HOME: \$</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0.00%</p>			
<p>AFH GOAL: PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>Non-Housing Community Development</p>	<p>CDBG: \$/ HOME: \$</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0.00%</p>			
<p>AFH GOAL: PROVIDE INCREASED FAIR HOUSING INFO.</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development</p>	<p>CDBG: \$/ HOME: \$</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0.00%</p>			

AFH GOAL: STRENGTHEN FAIR HOUSING EDUCATION	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%			
ASSIST HOMELESS AND SPECIAL NEEDS	Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	600	53	8.83%	150	53	35.33%
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	15000	11708	78.05%	1203	3058	254.20%
REGIONALLY COORDINATED EC. DEV. PLANNING STRATEGY	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	6	1	16.67%	0	1	

REGIONALLY COORDINATED EC. DEV. PLANNING STRATEGY	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	7	1	14.29%			
REGIONALLY COORDINATED EC. DEV. PLANNING STRATEGY	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	8	1	12.50%	0	1	
SAFE AND DECENT HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0		1	0	0.00%
SAFE AND DECENT HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	2	2	100.00%	2	0	0.00%
SAFE AND DECENT HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	140	54	38.57%	62	31	50.00%
SAFE AND DECENT HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	10000	11717	117.17%	877	7973	909.12%

SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	10	0	0.00%			
SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	20000	25009	125.05%	909	1880	206.82%
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	55		0	55	

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

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

CDBG Table 1: During the FY 23 program year, CDBG funded projects that had accomplishments in the following categories: (1) Infrastructure Improvements, 3,058 persons were assisted, and exceeded goal expectations; (2) Safe and Decent Housing (high priority), 31 households were assisted with housing rehabilitation, and is 50% completed. (3) Economic Development, 1 Façade treatment/business building rehabilitation. (4) Suitable Living Environment, 7,973 persons assisted. This category exceeded the goal. (5) Supportive Services (including homeless services, high priority), 1,880 persons assisted, and exceeded the goal expectations. All categories are expected to meet goals once the total amount of allocated funding is expended. There are six public improvement & public facilities activities that still have balances. These projects obtained a time extension to complete the scopes of work. There are three housing program activities that still have balances, and they are still processing income-qualified homeowners for assistance.

AFH Goals are completed through a contract with the Fair Housing Resource Center (FHRC) within the 20% administration cap, as well as actions taken by the County that are detailed in the AFH. Affirmatively furthering fair housing activity is detailed in a later section of this report.

CDBG, Table 2: FY23 is the second year in Lake County's 5-year plan. Table 2 demonstrates that all categories have made progress towards the 5-year goals. Priority needs were established in the Strategic Plan section of the Consolidated Plan. In the annual plan, goals were created and activities were selected to meet the priority needs, focusing on the high priority needs. High priority needs were met by the completion of activities in the following categories: Safe and Decent Housing/Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated (54 units, 38 % complete); Suitable Living Environment/Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Mod Housing Benefit (11,717 persons assisted, 117% complete); Supportive Services/Public Service Activities other than Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (25,009 persons assisted, 125% complete).

CDBG/Program Income Explanation: The PR26 report shows that program income of \$159,038.00 was received during the FY23 program year. The annual plan showed anticipated PI as \$68,800.00.

CDBG-CV: The PR-51 Report "CDBG-CV Accomplishment Report" shows the accomplishments for CDBG-CV during the program year which includes Neighborhood Facility 5,390 persons benefitting, and Senior Center 2,500 persons benefitting. All CV activities meet the requirement to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CDBG-CV-funded FY23 activities and accomplishments are detailed in the attachment to this Section.

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CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

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	CDBG	HOME
White	6,841	198
Black or African American	549	195
Asian	26	0
American Indian or American Native	6	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	0
Total	7,425	393
Hispanic	193	0
Not Hispanic	7,232	393

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

Narrative

All sub-recipients receiving CDBG funds are required to complete a performance report that collects data on race, ethnicity, and income level of beneficiaries. The data from the performance report is entered into IDIS for each activity, and is captured in the relevant IDIS reports. Many of the activities are ongoing and complete outcome information will be reported in the CAPER year in which the activity is completed.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	4,805,911	2,374,526
HOME	public - federal	568,236	117,294

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The amount of CDBG Expended During the Program Year 2023 is \$2,374,526.96. This amount is found on line 15 of the PR 26 Report. The amount of CDBG Resources Made Available is \$4,805,911.22. This amount is found on line 08 of the PR 26 Report and includes unexpended funds at the end of the previous year, entitlement grant amount, and program income.

The amount of HOME Expended During the Program Year 2023 is \$117,294.23. This amount is found in the attached PR 23 Report, "Home Disbursements and Unit Completions." The HOME program income is also reflected in the table below near to the MBE/WBE reporting. This shows carry over PI from the FY22 CAPER of \$3,670.30 and PI received this year as \$14,578.67 for a total of \$18,248.97.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City of Painesville	10	24	24 percent of project funds were allocated to projects in City of Painesville.
Lake County	90	76	76 percent of project funds were allocated to communities county-wide.

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

During FY 23 CDBG funds were allocated and disbursed for the following projects located in City of Painesville: Reed Avenue Improvements (Low/Mod Area); Caley Home Improvements (LMC); ADA Bathrooms Modifications at Caley Home (LMC); Painesville City Disadvantaged Sidewalk Program (LMH/Income-qualified homeowners). Additionally, several public service activities were funded that provide services county-wide, including Painesville City. Many of the non-profits providing services are physically located in the City.

CDBG-funded activities in the categories of Public Improvements, Public Facilities, Economic Development Programs, Public Services and Housing Programs, occurred in the following communities in Lake County: Fairport Harbor Village, Leroy Township, Painesville City, Willowick City, Madison Township, Painesville Township, Kirtland City. Additionally, housing rehab assistance and various public services are provided to low/mod persons county-wide.

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Leveraging

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

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	0
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	0
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	0

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

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Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
3,670	14,578	0	0	18,248

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period

	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			
Number	0	0	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted

	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0		0		
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

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CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	12	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	159	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	17	0
Total	188	0

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	107	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	19	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	62	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	188	0

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

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

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

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

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

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

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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

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

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Lake MHA Annual Plan provided information on what actions are being taken to address the needs of public housing. In 2023, the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority has ramped up its focus on growing affordable housing opportunities across Lake County. In early 2023, Lake MHA finished its housing assessment for Lake County. The findings indicate a severe shortage of affordable housing options, particularly in the western areas of the county, and a continued decline in housing opportunities for housing choice voucher recipients. In addition, the housing deficit among seniors, the disabled, and homeless families and individuals has emerged as an immediate need. As a result, Lake MHA procured partnerships with two co-developers to assess land opportunities in Lake County for possible new construction of affordable housing through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and mixed financing. These opportunities will focus on the development of housing for middle to low-income families, Housing Choice Voucher recipients, and Seniors. In addition, Lake MHA has developed preliminary plans to extend additional project-based housing opportunities for seniors, veterans, and the disabled. It is expected that these plans will be completed in 2024 with hopes to begin issuing Request for Proposals sometime in early 2025.

County staff continues to provide assistance to the PHA where asked and when able. Working together on the AFH was a good opportunity to learn more about each other's operations and challenges. Lake MHA is consulted during the Citizen Participation Process for Lake County's Consolidated Plan.

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

Lake MHA and the Fair Housing Resource Center co-sponsored an event at Lake Erie College to discuss the affordable housing shortage in the community and to offer community partners an opportunity to share their programs and services with tenants, landlords, and the general community. In 2023, Lake MHA successfully opened the landlord incentive program offering cash incentives for first-time landlords and damage assistance for those who qualify. Lake MHA is currently planning similar events in 2024 to motivate property owners and landlords to consider partnering with Lake MHA. These events will also be dedicated to spurring synergies and collaboration among our key stakeholders and partners in addressing the housing shortage across the county.

Lake MHA has a Family Self Sufficiency grant that provides for the services of a coordinator. There is also a program that allows participants in the HCV program to have savings matched and delivered upon completion - generally for an eligible activity related to house or car purchase. Lake MHA's annual plan describes its efforts to seek additional partnerships with Project Hope for the Homeless and Lake Geauga Habitat for Humanity to collaborate on other project-based housing assistance opportunities. County staff met with the Executive Director of Lake MHA during the development of Lake County's FY 2022 Consolidated Plan to discuss the goal and objectives of the agency and to obtain

input on the Plan.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority is not a troubled PHA.

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

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

County level participating jurisdictions and direct entitlement urban counties have influence but no direct legal control over the topics noted in this question. Cities in Ohio do perhaps have control but Counties do not. These topics relate directly to the Assessment of Fair Housing. The level of funding available to the County provides some limited level of influence.

AFH: Please note that the AFH Goals (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) listed in Tables 1 and 2 in CAPER Section CR05 do not contain funded projects and therefore do not have a unit of measure for accomplishments. AFH Goals are fulfilled through CDBG and HOME administrative work. Fair housing activities that fall within the \$45,000 contractual agreement executed with Fair Housing Resource Center (FHRC) are documented in performance reports collected at the end of the program year. Lake County requires that each sub-recipient fulfills a fair housing activity during the program year, including but not limited to: completing a fair housing training, sponsoring a fair housing event, reviewing fair housing policies for compliance, etc. Lake County staff incorporates fair housing into grant program documents and procedures, and staff attend and promote local fair housing events throughout the program year. These actions, in part, fulfill individual goals listed in the Lake County AFH.

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

The obstacles Lake County faces remain consistent with those noted in previous CAPERs. Common impediments for our low income neighborhoods include food insecurity, especially during disaster situations or major weather events. Lake County Commissioners adopted a resolution allocating \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Salvation Army Painesville Corps to acquire and improve a new mobile canteen, or truck. It provides much needed amenities, such as food services, to impoverished neighborhoods and further serves to aid disaster relief efforts in Lake County communities. Assistance is also provided to firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency management and rescue personnel.

Due to the county's increase in the aging population, ADA access is an obstacle. Lake County continues to address ADA public building requirements and improve access by funding various activities including curb cuts, bathroom modifications, and ADA walking paths.

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

Lake County began implementing the Ohio Lead Safe Program, under the State of Ohio Department of Development. Funding supports lead-based paint renovations and abatement projects. Lake County is

implementing the program under a contract with Ohio Regional Development Services. This program is expected to improve the housing stock in the county and make the housing safer for future generations of residents.

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

During FY23, CDBG funded the Lifeline Helping Hands for Senior Program, and the Fair Housing Resource Center Housing HSLT Program which serves low-income renters. Lake County works closely with the local Community Action Agency - Lifeline, Inc. Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are nonprofit private and public organizations established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty. Community Action Agencies help people to help themselves in achieving self-sufficiency. This agency also participates with other county/state level offices such as Job & Family Services and ADAMHS to serve populations in need with a variety of compliant and creative programs. This agency with others has participated in the Bridges out of Poverty model presentation/experience to various groups in the county.

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

91.220 (k) calls for 1) Affirmatively furthering fair housing. The AFH addresses a wide range of issues in the community, including but not limited to education, law enforcement, banking, transportation, zoning, and more. While the grant administration staff and county Commissioners can have limited impact on many of these issues, this section will report on actions taken by staff and Commissioners as well actions taken by local governments and agencies. The actions taken during this year that addresses fair housing goals identified in the AFH are included in the attachment to this section (please see attachment "AFH actions").

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(AFH Goal 1) Strengthening fair housing education, investigation, enforcement, and administration: Funding was allocated for fair housing administration, including paired testing. P&CD staff assisted the Housing Coalition with planning and implementation of a luncheon and panel discussion on affordable and accessible housing in September 2024. The luncheon was well attended by local leaders, non-profit agencies, and housing providers.

(AFH Goal 2) Access to Fair Housing Knowledge: Staff attended APA Ohio Affordable Housing training in April 2024. Staff completed a tour of Project Hope for the Homeless and learned more about shelter services; this agency is supported with CDBG funds. Fair housing marketing and outreach was performed under this jurisdiction's contract with Fair Housing Resource Center (FHRC). In October 2024 County Commissioners approved a Resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the FHRC; this agency successfully responds to critical housing needs across the county.

(AFH Goal 3) Zoning: P&CD staff planned and implemented the Northeast Ohio Planning and Zoning Workshop that took place in June 2024. Sessions included "Affordable Housing" and "Understanding Housing Authorities." The sessions provided information on diverse housing needs and the impacts of zoning laws in communities. This workshop was well attended by Lake and surrounding counties.

(AFH Goal 4) Transportation: Laketrans, along with cities of Willoughby, Eastlake, and Willowick, released the Vine Street Corridor TLCI Planning Study in 2023. The study suggests many multimodal transportation improvements to foster economic development and create a consistent, unique aesthetic identity along the corridor. NOACA funded the TLCI plan and provided an initial \$1.5 mil implementation grant to improve multimodal connectivity between the three cities and enhance the streetscape along the corridor. This area along Vine Street is LMA. County Commissioners approved CDBG funding to be used towards streets/sidewalks improvements in this area, through subrecipient agreements with Cities of Eastlake and Willoughby.

(AFH Goal 5) Increase amount of affordable housing: The Lake MHA Annual Plan drafted in March 2024, reported that they procured partnerships with two co-developers to assess land opportunities in Lake County for possible new construction of affordable housing through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and mixed financing. These opportunities will focus on the development of housing for middle to low-income families, HCV recipients, and Seniors. Preliminary plans to extend additional project-based housing opportunities for seniors, veterans, and the disabled have also been developed. From the P&CD office, HOME funds were expended through subrecipient agreement to mitigate effects of a mass exit of low-income renters from Shoregate Towers due to deteriorating sanitary and safety standards (implemented during FY22 and 23).

(AFH Goal 6) Law enforcement: In June 2024 Painesville police officers held the first in a series of monthly community events, at which they met with residents and discussed safety, police activity, preventing crime and reporting suspicious activity. Also, in June 2024 County Commissioners adopted a resolution to establish a hybrid Drug Overdose Fatality and Suicide Fatality Review Committee. The committee can help identify gaps in services, highlight areas for improvement, and contribute to reducing the number of deaths. P&CD staff continue to collect Hate Crime Data from the FBI Crime Data Explorer tool. During FY23, through this jurisdiction's contract with FHRC, eighteen (18) fair housing investigations involving the following protected classes were conducted: 8 mental disability, 8 physical disability, 1 familial status, 1 source of income. The investigation outcomes include, 8 reasonable accommodations granted, 1 under investigation, and 15 of the matters settled.

(AFH Goal 7) Providing increased fair housing information to the general public: This jurisdiction continued to include fair housing requirements in the CDBG and HOME application forms and grant applicants can choose to fulfill the requirements by providing fair housing information to the public that utilizes their services. P&CD staff participated in a Resource Fair in January 2024 in Painesville City and provided information to the public.

AFH Actions FY23

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service

agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The County through the Commissioners Office and the Planning and Community Development Office has assisted several nonprofit and for-profit organizations by leveraging other private, state and federal funds for housing, social service activities and economic development with CDBG and HOME funds. Communities seeking to establish housing rehabilitation target areas in low and moderate income neighborhoods have been assisted. This effort will continue throughout our next consolidated plan cycle. County support of the Coalition for Housing and Support Services of Lake County, Inc. helps to strengthen the level of cooperation/collaboration between entities.

The Continuum of Care continues to coordinate homeless efforts throughout Lake County but more organization and authority is placed at the Region 5 level. The Coalition continued to meet to address the provision of supportive services in conjunction with affordable housing and related issues throughout Lake County.

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

The Assessment tool for Local Governments may be used by local governments and any collaborating partners that choose to conduct an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). Lake County and Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority conducted an AFH, which was approved by HUD. The AFH is being utilized by this jurisdiction. On February 9, 2023, HUD published in the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing." HUD will review public comments before finalizing the rule. The AFFH Interim Final Rule remains in effect.

Regarding impediments to Fair Housing, the Board of Commissioners and other jurisdiction staff continues to work with, fund and provide in kind support to applications for federal funding made by Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. While the new Consolidated Plan tool incorporates the concept and practice of AFFH throughout the plan it does not call out for specific responses, thus this FY23 CAPER follows the previous format that isolates this reporting into one section. Guidance was provided to jurisdictions regarding AFFH reporting within the new Consolidated Plan tool, and AFH goals are specifically identified in the 5-year ConPlan. The jurisdiction staff received training in AFH and continues to require subrecipient applicants to increase their knowledge base as well. Fair Housing training has continued to be a required element of the application process. Further actions are described in the attachment to this section "AFH Actions".

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

Please view the attached narrative which explains monitoring efforts. Lake County's standards and procedures include adhering to the metrics, milestones, timelines and measures detailed in both the AFH and the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action plans. Performance expectations are established with Subrecipients, and training and technical assistance is provided during each program year. The County actively encourages participation by minority and women-owned businesses, including the marketing and outreach. These efforts include contractor advertisements placed in local newspapers, MBE contractors lists provided to subrecipients to be included in procurement documents, and monitoring projects for compliance. Additionally, this jurisdiction completed a CDBG Workout Plan to address timeliness issues, and was successful in passing the last timeliness test.

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Lake County, Monitoring Policy for CDBG and HOME Programs

AFH Monitoring: The AFH goals are tied to specific metrics, milestones, timelines and measures in the AFH. The AFH goals have been incorporated into the Con Plan. The staff of the Lake Co. Planning and Community Development office is responsible for implementing AFH goals, and will develop a master calendar to ensure that each milestone is met. The AFH metrics will be assigned to specific staff, who will receive oversight from the Department Director. At the end of each program year, outcomes resulting from the AFH goals will be reported to HUD in the CAPER.

Con Plan Monitoring: Under the programs funded directly by HUD to Lake County (CDBG and HOME), the County works closely with subrecipients, whether nonprofit agencies or governmental entities to ensure compliance.

CDBG and HOME Program performance expectations are established through the use of training resources, technical assistance and monitoring. Mandatory attendance at an annual pre-application meeting helps to ensure that a clear message is understood by all current and prospective subrecipient Agreements under the HOME Program provide sufficient detail regarding funds, budget, timeline, matching funds, location, and number of beneficiaries expected. Restrictive covenants and or mortgage/liens are used to secure HOME Program affordability periods. These documents are filed with the Lake County Recorder's Office.

Lake County Planning & Community Development (LCP&CD) conducts on-site and remote monitoring of subrecipients, including units of local government and public service agencies. LCP&CD has developed standards and procedures for ensuring recipients of CDBG and HOME funds are in compliance with HUD regulations and that the funds are disbursed in a timely manner. LCP&CD will issue monitoring letters to Subrecipients following on-site or remote monitoring meetings. Monitoring letters will address any issues that were discovered and will provide guidance on compliance.

Environmental Review/Assessment: The environmental reviews/assessments are performed for each project, by the Lake County Planning & Community Development office. After the scope is identified, the level of environmental review is determined, the review is conducted, and the evaluation process and results are recorded. Tiered environmental reviews are used for programs that are repetitive activities in scattered locations.

Minority Outreach: The County will continue to actively encourage participation by minority and women-owned businesses among subrecipients who may be procuring goods and services and ensure subrecipient contract opportunities are incorporated into bid solicitations, requests for proposals, and subrecipient contracts. Limited contractor inquiries have resulted from advertisements, and future sessions will be planned to determine what type of training or assistance may be needed to increase participation. The County provides information to subrecipients during the annual meetings, and along with the subrecipient/county contract.

Performance Measures: The County's Strategic Plan includes goals, resources and measurable objectives. The organization of our strategy within the plan is in keeping with these five objectives: Housing, Infrastructure, Provision of support services to income eligible residents, Service coordination and linkages to Continuum of Care/Homeless agencies/populations, and Economic Development. Each project addresses a priority need, fulfills a strategic plan goal, and provides a goal outcome.

Statutory goals for each activity include: Creating suitable living environments; Providing decent housing; or Creating economic opportunities. Once the goal is selected, a program outcome is identified. One of the following outcomes will be selected for each activity: Availability/Accessibility; Affordability; or Sustainability. A Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be prepared to determine whether the specific objectives were met.

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

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

The public notice for the CAPER is advertised twice in the news paper, and a 15 day public comment period is established, during which the Board of Lake County Commissioners receives comments. Public notices are also posted to the County website and the department Facebook page. No comments were received. The draft CAPER is posted to the department website and is available for public viewing at the Lake County Planning & Community Development Department. The Notice is attached to the CAPER in the administration section. These efforts are in compliance with the Lake County Citizen Participation Plan.

In preparation of the AFH the Citizen Participation Plan was updated and adopted by Commissioner Resolution in August, 2016. This reaffirmed the required places and timing of the information to be posted about plans and reports related to HUD CPD. The Citizen Participation Plan was updated again in April 2020 to include the CARES Act flexibilities for CDBG funds and HOME funds waivers used to support coronavirus response.

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CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

During fiscal year 2023, in addition to administering CDBG and HOME funds, this jurisdiction continued to administer CDBG-CV funding and move forward with projects that prevent, prepare for, or respond to infectious disease.

Projects fell under existing objectives listed in the Consolidated Plan, including: Support essential services such as, bilingual support services, health care, and homeless services; Provide housing rehabilitation services; and Provide improvements to local facilities which benefit the public in low-income block groups and which improve accessibility in all areas. While the annual allocation program objectives did not change, data shows goal completion below 100%, mainly due to project delays caused by issues relating to the national COVID-19 crisis. There are still supply chain issues on some construction materials and prices have increased, causing project budget adjustments. As described in an earlier section of this report, this jurisdiction met the "high" level priority needs as they appear in the strategic plan.

Needs were met in part, through funding activities under the following categories: Public improvements, Public facilities, housing programs, and public services. Funding was awarded under subrecipient agreements with various non-profit agencies and communities throughout the County. This jurisdiction provided subrecipients with training and technical assistance where needed and monitoring services. The County's ongoing support aided the success of FY23 activities. Some subrecipients were allowed a time-extension for their time of performance to help meet challenges. These challenges include increased material and labor costs, problems finding and maintaining staffing, and having to re-think projects due to inflation of material costs. This jurisdiction worked with HUD representatives to develop a workout plan to address timeliness issues, and successfully passed the last timeliness test.

This jurisdiction participated in web-based training sessions during the program year. Trainings completed were offered by Ohio Conference of Community Development (OCCD), APA Ohio, and the HUD Exchange.

This jurisdiction continues to perform well, meeting the needs of the community and accomplishing goals. Procedural goals are also met, including reporting and record keeping. Lake County communicated with HUD representatives throughout the program period, and benefitted from HUD assistance on several occasions.

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

No

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

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CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

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CR-58 – Section 3

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

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

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

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

Other.					
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

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