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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.

The City of Akron continues to move forward with activities to stabilize neighborhoods and assist residents in keeping a safe, warm and dry home while providing assistance to activities and organizations providing services for low income residents and seniors. The City is combining rehabilitation assistance with Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program funding and Healthy Homes funding to maximize the efficient use of available resources and manpower. In the past year, 113 homes receiving lead abatement assistance received additional assistance utilizing CDBG funds to improve the overall condition of the home. The City also works with Rebuilding Together of Summit County to offer minor home repair assistance to low income seniors. 231 homeowners receiving minor home repair assistance were closed out in IDIS in 2013. 13 other homeowners received assistance thru the Westside Development Corporation Exterior Paint program. Five more homes were rehabilitated in purchase / rehab projects and 8 rental units received rehabilitation assistance.

In addition to physical home improvements, public service activities benefited thousands of low-income residents thru the City's Community Service Program and Neighborhood Partnership Program. 55 potentially homeless residents were assisted in tenant-based rental assistance. The City of Akron Neighborhood Business District Program provides support to businesses in selected areas in the City to improve their appearance. Six businesses were assisted in 2013. The City also continues to move forward with eliminating blight by removing vacant homes, supporting the construction of new homes and supporting the acquisition and rehabilitation of vacant homes. 34 new homes were constructed (30 in the Moon / Mallison Low-Income Housing Tax Credit project undertaken by the East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation (EANDC) and four thru ongoing activities of the Urban Neighborhood Development Corporation). Nearly 200 structures (98 homes, six commercial buildings and 84 garages) were demolished. The City is exploring the reuse of selected vacant lots as neighborhood community gardens providing fresh produce to participants in the City's "Akron Grows" Program. Approximately 50 residents a year apply to garden their

own plot on seven sub-divided vacant lots spread across the City.

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
Economic Development Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$300000	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	1	1	60.00%	10	6	60.00%
Economic Development Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$300000	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	10	6	60.00%		2	
Eliminate Slum and Blight	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$1200000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted		45			45	
Eliminate Slum and Blight	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$1200000	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	100	188	188.00%	100	188	188.00%
Homeless Assistance	Homeless	HOME: \$100000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	100	55	55.00%	25	55	220.00%

Homeless Assistance	Homeless	HOME: \$100000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	1500	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Homeless Assistance	Homeless	HOME: \$100000	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	100	55	55.00%	0	0	
Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1015000 / HOME: \$250000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	230	362	157.39%	230	362	157.39%
Public Improvements	Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$500000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	35000	0	0.00%		0	
Public Improvements	Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$500000	Other	Other		0		5000	0	0.00%
Public Services	General Supportive Services to Public	CDBG: \$535000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	35000	81706	233.45%	35000	81706	233.45%
Public Services	General Supportive Services to Public	CDBG: \$535000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit		9			9	
Rental Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$50000	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	5	8	160.00%	5	8	160.00%

Rental Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$50000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0	
Rental Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$50000	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0	
Rental Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$50000	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0	
Single Family New Construction	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$200000 / HOME: \$600000	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	28	34	28	121.43%
							34	121.43%

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

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

The City’s use of funds is consistent with the City’s overall housing strategy as defined in Akron’s Consolidated Action Plan and Strategy. The City of Akron’s housing strategy is to maintain and conserve Akron’s affordable housing stock and neighborhoods, expand home ownership opportunities and address housing needs of lower income persons including the homeless and special needs populations. The overall goals of the community planning and development programs are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and to extend economic development opportunities to low and moderate income persons. The three broad strategy goals identified in the Five-year Plan are to provide decent housing, provide a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunity. In order to achieve these goals, priority activities are identified as assisting low income owner households, assisting low income renter households, assisting homeless families and individuals and assisting non-homeless special needs persons. Activities include neighborhood rehabilitation, new housing construction, acquisition and removal of blighted properties, rehabilitation or new construction of rental

housing, homebuyer assistance, support facilities and public services and assistance to homeless individuals and families. The progress reports and IDIS activity sheets demonstrate the synchronization between spending and the activities and goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. Each CDBG-assisted activity undertaken by the City of Akron, with the exception of Planning and Program Administration, meets one of two national objectives - benefit to low and moderate income persons or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The primary change in objectives between the 2005-2009 Five-year Plan and the 2010-2014 Five-year plan is the City's focus on the acquisition and removal of deteriorated housing in some of the City's most depressed areas in order to create space for significant clusters of affordable new housing to help revitalize neighborhoods. Program outcomes have also been impacted by foreclosures and lead abatement activities.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME	HOPWA
White	37,039	0	0
Black or African American	42,025	0	0
Asian	57	0	0
American Indian or American Native	16	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	0
Hispanic	313	0	0
Not Hispanic	78,825	0	0
Total	158,276	0	0

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

Narrative

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Expected Amount Available	Actual Amount Expended Program Year X
CDBG			4,786,439
HOME			1,174,063
HOPWA			

Table 3 – Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Housing Program	100	100	Housing Program

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The basis for allocating investments geographically is based on income levels, with most of the assistance directed to low-income areas. In order to be able to serve low-income persons City-wide, some programs are directed to middle to outer-ring neighborhoods where residents are income-qualified to receive assistance. The City, in selecting the areas to receive intensive housing treatment, looks to a broad range of criteria including not only the age, value and condition of the housing stock, but also owner occupancy rates, household income and other demographics. By selecting areas which have a relatively high level of households with low incomes, structuring the rehabilitation program to meet the needs of low income households and monitoring this activity, Akron assures that a majority of the rehabilitation activities carried out will assist low income needs. Needs of the handicapped are also addressed by Akron's housing rehabilitation program. Loan and grant funds are available for the alteration of homes within selected areas, enabling these homes to become handicap accessible.

Leveraging

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

The City utilizes CDBG funding to leverage other Federal and State funding, including State of Ohio OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) funds and Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant funding. All subrecipients are required to match program funds with CDBG funds. The City also encourages the leveraging of private funds for neighborhood development and community projects. Homeowners are eligible for deferred loans for housing rehabilitation. At sale or vacation of the property, the owner repays the funds, the lien is released and funds are recycled. In the City's Neighborhood Business District Program, the City requires a 50/50 match of private funds to federal assistance. The owner is eligible to receive \$400 in assistance for every front foot of the structure as measured on its primary frontage up to a maximum of \$30,000 in assistance (based on at least 75 feet of structural frontage and a minimum \$60,000 project).

The City of Akron works directly with local banks in Akron's Housing Rehabilitation Program. CHDO projects are heavily leveraged with private funds, bank financing and assistance through other Federal, State and Local programs. Emergency Solutions Grants program and Continuum of Care providers receiving assistance are required to provide matching funds. These funds come from a variety of federal, state, local and private sources.

The HOME program required a 12.5% match for 2013 funds. The City used local funds from the street improvement program to match HOME funds

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	3,043,106
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	2,508
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	3,045,614
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	3,045,614

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

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 \$
0	86,704	86,704	90,000	0

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	25,325	15,350	0	9,975	0	0
Number	4	2	0	2	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	3	0	1	0	2	0
Dollar Amount	5,150	0	1,200	0	3,950	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			
Number	0	0	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	1	1	0			
Dollar Amount	98,000	98,000	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						
Dollar Amount						

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

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	25	55
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	81	209
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	106	264

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	25	55
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	81	209
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	106	264

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

The provision of affordable housing is one of the City's three main priorities for the CDBG program. In its five year strategy, the City of Akron was required to assess the effects of public policies impacting upon the availability of affordable housing, and set forth a plan to remove or ameliorate their negative effects. The specific actions or reform steps taken as part of that plan include providing adequate land for a variety of housing types through review by Zoning and Land Use and Development Guide Plan updates, working to eliminate obsolete and prescriptive building code requirements, continuing to educate the public on the need for affordable housing and promoting a diversity of affordable housing programs, continuing the practice of one-stop permitting and coordinating with local, state and federal agencies in implementing programs that support affordable housing (e.g. State of Ohio Low Income

Housing Tax Credits, Summit County Land Reutilization program and federal programs such as HOPE VI, etc.).

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The outcomes have been consistent with anticipated goals so the City hopes to achieve similar success in the future. The City's ongoing relationship with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority and involvement with the Continuum of Care Network has been important in achieving progress.

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 Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	1,767	0
Low-income	1,320	49
Moderate-income	1,053	0
Total	4,140	49

Table 13 – Number of Persons Served

Narrative Information

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

During the past year the City of Akron and the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care have significantly expanded outreach services with the addition of the VA funded CRRC (Community Referral and Resource Center) and two SSVF grants (Supportive Services for Veteran Families). The number of street outreach workers has doubled with the addition of these programs. This allows all the programs to operate more efficiently and increases the overall capacity of individuals served. The PATH funded Outreach Center actively engages homeless individuals by offering free showers, hot drinks, phone access, and linkage to community resources. The PATH team provides daily outreach to homeless shelters, libraries, and meal sites. The PATH team works closely with all the programs who provide street outreach these include the VA funded CRRC, SSVF programs, and Safe Landing. Individuals identified as homeless are then referred to the appropriate CoC agency. The CoC agencies have a good working relationship and remain committed to ending homelessness in Summit County. Safe Landing Street Outreach Services (SOS) works with youth between the ages of 16 and 21 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Akron is the recipient of ESGP and provides oversight and management for the program. The City issues an annual RFP to all homeless prevention and rapid re-housing providers, emergency and TH providers. The City's 1st priority is rapid rehousing and homeless prevention. Over 48% of the 2012 HESG allocation was dedicated to rapid re-housing and homeless prevention activities. The 2013 HESG award to the City of Akron was cut by 25%. This cut was unexpected at the local level. Had the cut been passed on to local ES and TH providers, significant programmatic changes would have been made and the City believes there would have been an increase in homelessness. The City of Akron made the decision to cut HPRP ESGP funding to 31% and seek other funding opportunities. The City's second priority is the rehabilitation of emergency and transitional facilities. The City is committed to assuring that the community's facilities for the homeless provide decent, safe and sanitary residence. Because of the transient nature of shelter operations, these facilities incur significant wear and tear. It is important that the physical condition of these facilities remain high to provide good living conditions for the

residents and maintain a standard of quality acceptable to surrounding properties and the community.

The City's third funding priority is for operating costs of shelter activities with an emphasis on the purchase of furniture and equipment. Again, the City is concerned with maintaining a quality living environment for residents and to respond to the inevitable wear and tear on facilities. Normal facility operating costs are also eligible for funding.

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

Discharge Planning: Youth

The CoC, in collaboration with CSB and OMCDC have created 36 beds designated specifically for former foster care youth upon discharge from the foster care system. Additionally, the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority offers preference points to youths that have aged out of the foster care system. Case management services are provided to youths to assist them during transition. Community Support Services work closely with youth with a mental illness to stabilize them and locate housing.

Discharge Planning: Health Care

Ohio has enacted laws governing the transfer and discharge of residents in health institutions and facilities. The Dept. of Health promulgated rules that further expound on the transfer and discharge rights of residents. The Dept. ensures that providers follow the appropriate regulations regarding discharge (d/c) by reviewing documentation that the facility has initiated d/c planning and that alternatives have been explored and exhausted. ODH surveys hospitals for compliance with Medicare regulations related to resident d/c rights. ODSA and COHHIO, representing the COC, are involved in the Homelessness and Housing Collaborative that includes other state departments. Meetings of the collaborative address progress towards ensuring individuals are not homeless post discharge from institutions. For CoC clients, housing after hospitalization is a barrier. Clients are discharged to residential or adult care facilities and community alternative homes.

Discharge Planning: Mental Health

Akron's primary Mental Health Agency (MHA) works with jails, hospitals, and other institutions to prevent discharge into homelessness. The lead MHA employs 2 recovery specialists to work with individuals with an identified mental health issue being discharged from jail. Staff is able to assist with medications, linking individuals to service providers, housing opportunities, and mainstream resources.

Services are provided until they have established services with an appropriate service provider. All individuals hospitalized for mental health concerns are contacted daily by their case manager and visited weekly. The assigned worker is actively involved with the discharge plan. Individuals ready for discharge from a psychiatric institution who are not engaged in services and will be homeless at discharge are referred to the PATH funded Homeless Outreach team. This team works with the individual to engage them in services and identify appropriate housing opportunities.

Discharge Planning: Corrections

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction policy is to not discharge persons to the streets or a shelter. Reentry planning addresses an offender's needs, linkages to the community and appropriate supervision activities subsequent to release. Prior to release, prison case managers will assist in determining potential housing options for release, review and assist offenders with appropriate documents, review the Summit County web page on the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition (OERC) website, to educate inmates about the weekly Reentry Support Group, facilitate a meeting with the Adult Parole Authority Reentry Coordinator for the Akron Region, if the inmate is going to be released on parole supervision, and make appropriate community linkages for offenders with substance abuse mental health diagnoses and medical concerns. Case managers will finalize housing and transportation plans and secure transportation if needed.

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

CoC agencies currently use an HMIS generated report to track recidivism for all persons served by Rapid Re-housing dollars. The challenge with this method is a result of our largest emergency shelter, whose data is not provided directly into HMIS but rather uploaded daily in HMIS. We are working with our vendor to update the XML tool for this reason which will benefit the CoC on this measure and so many others. As we move forward with Central Intake for our community, in addition to central intake for RRH and SSVF, we will have access to information on prior service provision as a method of tracking recidivism. Part of the central intake process is diversion and prevention assessments which will help to identify alternatives to entering the shelter system for all who present at the front door.

The CoC will continue to expand collaborations to prevent and end homelessness. Efforts within the CoC will focus on assessment tools to enhance prevention and diversion tools to close the front door. Rapid re-housing and homeless prevention data will be reviewed to determine best practices and coordination within the system to further enhance our delivery systems. As the CoC pursues a one-time

funding opportunity through the State of Ohio, a review of local housing inventory to determine where the greatest needs are in relation to ending homelessness will begin in 2014. The CoC, through the review of data, will work to identify TH projects that may lend themselves to successful conversion to PSH. TH programs will continue to reduce the length of stay at TH units. Partnerships with the VA and Housing Authority will be explored to increase the # of vouchers available to the CH population. This includes more active involvement from non-profit CHDO's and workforce development.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Akron meets throughout the year with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) to coordinate programs, monitor progress and discuss issues of mutual concern. In the past fifteen years, the City supported the Housing Authority in the construction of two HOPE VI projects by designating surrounding areas as Neighborhood Development Areas enabling the City to purchase surrounding blighted properties and offer rehabilitation assistance to property owners. The second of these projects was completed in 2012. The City programmed CDBG/HOME funds to support both projects, both within the new developments and in surrounding neighborhoods.

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

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority offers two self-sufficiency programs to prepare recipients of public housing benefits for careers, economic independence and homeownership. Both programs have waiting lists. In addition, AMHA offers other programs such as the HUD funded ROSS (Resident Opportunities for Self Sufficiency) Resident Service Delivery Model Grant, Home Ownership Grant, and Family Stability/Prevention, Retention and Contingency program through the Summit County Department of Job & Family Services.

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Home For Me Homeownership program assesses mortgage readiness of HCV program candidates. Qualified participants are prepared for the responsibilities of homeownership and are evaluated for issuance of a homeownership voucher to purchase a home. Supportive programs for public housing residents include budgeting, credit counseling, homeownership classes, and educational information.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

N/A

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

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

The specific actions taken to remove or ameliorate these negative effects include providing adequate land for a variety of housing types through review by Zoning and Land Use and Development Guide Plan updates, working to eliminate obsolete and prescriptive building code requirements, continuing to educate the public on the need for affordable housing and promoting a diversity of affordable housing programs, continuing the practice of one-stop permitting and coordinating with local, state and federal agencies in implementing programs that support affordable housing (e.g. State of Ohio Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Summit County Land Reutilization program and federal programs such as HOPE VI, etc.).

In addition to the above actions, each year the City of Akron convenes a meeting of interested citizens, community organizers, low-income neighborhood residents and others including affordable housing advocates, providers, social service agencies, homeless housing advocates, lending institutions and the Public Housing Authority to allow citizens an opportunity to present their views on community needs. Information is disseminated utilizing mailing lists, neighborhood based groups, block clubs, City Council newsletters and various print media outlets. Presentations are also made at ward meetings and community gatherings.

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

The City of Akron continues to educate the public on the need for affordable housing and promotes a variety of affordable housing programs. The City meets with lenders who serve the Akron area and holds public meetings to inform citizens of housing programs. The City takes action to eliminate identified gaps and to strengthen, coordinate and integrate the institutions and delivery system. These include one-stop permitting, coordinating social services within housing treatment areas and participating on committees/boards involved in housing and social service delivery.

One of the primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs is lack of funding. By applying for additional funding, the City can combine CD funding with Lead Hazard Reduction Program funding to provide more assistance to low-income families with children under the age of six at high risk of lead poisoning. The City also received \$1.56 million in Healthy Homes Initiative funding in late 2011 to be utilized over three years to qualified applicants city-wide. This funding helps fill a need for qualified applicants to address safety hazards in their homes. Up to \$4,000 per home is available for issues

ranging from leaky roofs to indoor allergens, grab bars, mold, etc.

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

This is in answer to the question "Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards." The Akron Health Department and the Summit County Health Department merged effective January 1, 2011. The Department continues to provide extensive screening and intervention to children less than six years of age to identify elevated blood lead levels. Screening initiatives are performed by the Health Department, WIC Clinics, Children's Hospital Medical Center and other area health care providers. The City has also received additional funding through the HUD Office of Healthy Homes Lead Demonstration Grant Program in 2009 and again in 2012 to address lead hazards. In order to qualify for the Lead Demonstration Grant funding, applicants must income qualify and have children under the age of 6 residing in the home. the program is coordinated through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Division.

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

Akron continues to fund public service programs to assist those emerging from poverty. These include consumer credit counseling, family development services and information and referral. The City also works with AMHA, CHDOs and CDCs to support their efforts to train and uplift people in poverty. Akron partners with area agencies on economic development programs for low income, inner city neighborhoods. Akron citizens have opportunities in meetings throughout the year to offer suggestions on ways to reduce poverty. Copies of correspondence, newspaper ads, recordings of meetings, etc. are on file with the Department of Planning and Urban Development.

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

In the five-year strategy, the City describes the institutional structure, including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions through which it will carry out the affordable and supportive housing strategy. The City assessed existing strengths and gaps in that delivery system and set forth a plan for improvement. The City aims to eliminate identified gaps and strengthen, coordinate, and integrate the institutions and delivery systems by pursuing other funding sources for affordable housing as they become available, holding regular meetings with AMHA to help ensure coordination on programs and monitor progress, expanding programs with lenders who serve the Akron area, continuing to work with non-profit housing developers, serving on committees and boards involved in housing and social service delivery and holding public meetings to inform citizens of housing programs.

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

Coordination and communication is ongoing between public and non-profit housing providers and private and public health and social service agencies. The City will continue to schedule regular meetings with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, the Homebuilders Association, neighborhood organizations, neighborhood residents, business associations and health and social service providers. The City worked hand-in-hand with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority and various partners on two Hope VI projects that received funding (the Cascade Village and Edgewood developments). In turn, the City also works with neighborhood residents, businesses, social service agencies, etc. when preparing the Renewal Plans for specified project areas. Where new housing is involved, the City works with both the Homebuilders Association and private builders as necessary. The Continuum of Care is an extensive network of health and social service agencies, shelter providers and City and County officials working together to combat homelessness. The Continuum of Care adopted a set of committees and sub-committees structure. These committees will meet regularly to network and identify solutions to specific identified needs and assist in the preparation of the annual Continuum of Care application.

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

In addition to ongoing efforts to increase awareness of fair housing and fair lending issues, the City will work thru the Fair Housing Contact Service and the Fair Housing Task Force to address impediments identified in the Analysis of Impediments. To increase accessibility, the City is advocating accessibility language in the zoning code and increasing accessible units to ten percent of new units constructed (it is now five percent). Education on fair housing will be targeted to specific census tracts where redlining appears to be prevalent; the City will propose meetings with area banks regarding this topic. Many of these same areas are negatively impacted by slum landlords. Efforts will be made to reach renters and make them aware of their rights while enforcing code regulations against landlords. Efforts will also be made to minimize displacement of residents during new construction or renovation activities by advocating projects to offer a range of housing types. The City will continue to promote fair housing in Akron for all classes and household types.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

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

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

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

Each year the City of Akron convenes a meeting of interested citizens, community organizers, low-income neighborhood residents and others including affordable housing advocates, providers, social service agencies, homeless housing advocates, lending institutions and the Public Housing Authority to allow citizens an opportunity to present their views on community needs. Information is disseminated utilizing mailing lists, neighborhood based groups, block clubs, City Council newsletters and various print media outlets. Presentations are also made at ward meetings and community gatherings.

For any specific project that will impact neighborhood residents, such as the designation of Urban Renewal Areas and the preparation of Renewal Plans for specific areas, a number of public meetings will be conducted to inform residents of potential impacts prior to the Plan's proceeding to City Planning Commission and City Council for adoption.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

The overall goals of the community planning and development programs are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and to extend economic development opportunities to low and moderate income persons. These are the goals that have been guiding Akron's process for a number of years. While the goals stay the same, the process can fluctuate based on funding levels, housing conditions in specific areas of the city, local needs and a variety of other factors. Existing conditions and past performance are constantly evaluated to develop the current action plan.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?	No
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[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-50 - HOME 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 §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.

All HOME assisted units are inspected at the time of completion of rehabilitation or new construction. For the 2013 program year, this included 30 new units associated with the Moon / Mallison low-income housing tax credit project, 5 purchase / rehab projects, 12 rehabilitation projects and 6 HOME assisted units associated with the Channelwood Village renovation. 55 units of tenant-based rental assistance were also inspected.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

The City utilizes the Fair Housing Contact Service (FHCS) to promote the policy and practice of equal housing opportunity. FHCS activities are broken down into three major divisions: client services, research and public/industry education.

Client Services Division – provides direct advisory and referral services to residents with investigation, housing counseling and requests for information, tests the housing delivery system for discriminatory patterns and practices and investigates reported incidents of housing discrimination and harassment.

Research Division – staff review, investigate and monitor the local lending industry for compliance under fair housing laws and conduct research of local housing markets, housing providers and communities to assess the effectiveness of fair housing programs.

Public/Industry Education – combines the outreach and affirmative marketing activities of the agency. This division also provides for education of real estate professionals, lenders, public officials and community groups and offers various speaking engagements and community events to promote awareness of fair housing.

The City of Akron continues to follow established procedures of the marketing of HOME units in order to meet affirmative marketing requirements for the HOME program. Housing funded by the City of Akron's HOME program will not involve discrimination against any individual or family. Housing is made available without regard to race, disabilities, sex, age, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religion or national origin. Developers participating with the City in the HOME program must comply

with affirmative marketing requirements or risk removal from the program.

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

Program income was drawn for two projects - \$60,385 for the Arlington Veterans Housing project that is under construction (rehab of 10 units - 3 HOME assisted) and \$26,319.07 for Tenant Based Rental Assistance for 55 persons at risk of being homeless. Of the 55 assisted, 13 are white, 40 are lack and 2 are of mixed race.

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

The provision of affordable housing in Akron through rehabilitation also can be addressed through local non-profit development corporations in the City of Akron. Assistance is targeted to different income groups including very low-income households (50% of median income or below) and low-income households (80% of median and below). The City supports non-profit housing organizations through CDBG and HOME funds.

CR-55 - HOPWA 91.520(e)

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

Table for report on the one-year goals for the number of households provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities for: short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent homelessness of the individual or family; tenant-based rental assistance; and units provided in housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds.

Number of Households Served Through:	One-year Goal	Actual
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	0	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	0	0
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0	0

Table 14 – HOPWA Number of Households Served

Narrative

CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps*

For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

Recipient Name	AKRON
Organizational DUNS Number	944268952
EIN/TIN Number	346000020
Identify the Field Office	COLUMBUS
Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance	

ESG Contact Name

Prefix	MR
First Name	WARREN
Middle Name	L
Last Name	WOOLFORD
Suffix	0
Title	CDBG Program Director

ESG Contact Address

Street Address 1	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & URBAN DEV
Street Address 2	166 SOUTH HIGH STREET, SUITE 400
City	AKRON
State	OH
ZIP Code	44308-1653
Phone Number	3303752770
Extension	0
Fax Number	3303752387
Email Address	Email Required

ESG Secondary Contact

Prefix	0
First Name	NANCY
Last Name	COOK
Suffix	0
Title	0
Phone Number	0
Extension	0
Email Address	Email Required

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date	01/01/2013
Program Year End Date	12/31/2013

3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name
City
State
Zip Code
DUNS Number
Is subrecipient a victim services provider
Subrecipient Organization Type
ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount

CR-65 - Persons Assisted

4. Persons Served

4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	285
Children	325
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	610

Table 15 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	277
Children	307
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	584

Table 16 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

4c. Complete for Shelter

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	577
Children	742
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	1,319

Table 17 – Shelter Information

4d. Street Outreach

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

Table 18 – Household Information for Street Outreach

4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	853
Children	1070
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	5
Total	1923

Table 19 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Male	722
Female	1200
Transgender	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	1
Missing Information	0
Total	1923

Table 20 - Gender Information

6. Age—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Under 18	1070
18-24	160
25 and over	693
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	1923

Table 21 – Age Information

7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities

Number of Persons in Households

Subpopulation	Total Persons Served – Prevention	Total Persons Served – RRH	Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters	Total
Veterans	14	21	8	39
Victims of Domestic Violence	32	78	198	289
Elderly	7	7	2	16
HIV/AIDS	0	0	11	11
Chronically Homeless	0	29	76	93
Persons with Disabilities:				
Severely Mentally Ill	49	84	76	192
Chronic Substance Abuse	0	44	78	114
Other Disability	92	102	76	250
Total (unduplicated if possible)	155	225	328	651

Table 22 – Special Population Served

CR-70 – ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

10. Shelter Utilization

Number of New Units – Rehabbed	
Number of New Units – Conversion	
Total Number of bed - nights available	121,249
Total Number of bed - nights provided	98,936
Capacity Utilization	81.6%

Table 23 – Shelter Capacity

11. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

CR-75 – Expenditures

11. Expenditures

11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Expenditures for Rental Assistance		\$27,900	\$56,100
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services		\$22,000	\$17,500
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program	\$22,000	\$13,000	\$10,481.08
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention	\$22,000	\$62,900	\$84,081.08

Table 24 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Expenditures for Rental Assistance		\$22,781	\$127,141.12
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance		\$7,000	\$11,780.00
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services		\$7,788	\$54,762.00
Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program		\$13,000	\$10,481.08
Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing		\$50,569	\$204,164.20

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Essential Services	\$83,075	\$93,690	\$99,146
Operations	\$178,876	\$161,067	\$156,397
Renovation	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500
Major Rehab			
Conversion			
Subtotal	\$276,451	\$269,257	\$270,043

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

11d. Other Grant Expenditures

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Street Outreach			
HMIS		\$11,790	\$10,893.98
Administration		\$15,079	\$14,121.00

Table 27 - Other Grant Expenditures

11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

Total ESG Funds Expended	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
	\$298,451	\$409,595	\$583,393.26

Table 28 - Total ESG Funds Expended

11f. Match Source

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds	\$596,069	\$622,069	\$381,385
Other Federal Funds	\$352,131	\$231,500	\$336,000
State Government	\$378,668	\$398,668	\$381,516
Local Government	\$508,875	\$452,550	\$488,060
Private Funds	\$807,129	\$924,721	\$1,177,877
Other	\$101,357	\$100,000	\$391,205
Fees			
Program Income	\$31,000	\$32,223	\$32,223
Total Match Amount	\$2,775,229	\$2,761,731	\$3,188,276

Table 29 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

11g. Total

Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
	\$3,073,680	\$3,171,326	\$3,771,669.26

Table 30 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities