

CDBG Program and HOME Program Annual Action Plan PY2014-2015

The below is a short description of the programs and activities recommended to be supported in Program Year 2014-2015.

CDBG Budget and Programs

<u>INCOME</u> <u>(SOURCES OF FUNDS)</u>	<u>CDBG</u> <u>ACTIVITIES</u>
Anticipated Entitlement	1,420,110
Program Income	117,106
Carry-Over (Unexpended Funds)	355,500
108 Repayment	25,000
TOTAL	1,917,716

- **Section 108 Repayment – 1.3%**
 - Section 108 ED Loan pool (\$25,000) – We will be leveraging our entitlement amount to borrow up to \$4 million to be available for a loan pool for economic development loans to eligible businesses who follow the ED Incentives process for selection. This expenditure will be covered by income from performing loans.
- **Public Improvements - 31.7%**
 - Streets, gutters and curb ramps (\$278,000) – The next cycle of 3-year street resurface schedule is included and the ADA curb ramps
 - Goebel (\$50,000) – This will support the make improvement to this gateway park. Neighborhood strategy meetings and prioritization will determine how best to leverage and utilize the funding.
 - Latonia Elem (\$20,000) - The school has a \$100,000 improvement plan for their playground. They were already awarded \$60,000 in other grant funds. This would be the city’s contribution.
 - Urban Agriculture (\$25,000) – These funds would support the activation of some of our vacant lots into community garden spaces and hopefully supply products to our Farmers Market and local businesses
 - Licking River Greenway Phase 2 Construction (\$45, 000) – Contribution toward the construction of Phase 2 of the Licking River Greenway adding paved trail length from Clayton-Meyer Park at Thomas Street to Austinburg Park at E 15th Street.
 - BMX (\$40,000) – This would support the supplies necessary to construct a BMX track in Latonia.
 - Public Facilities Senior Center (\$150,000) – Partnership with Kenton County and other partners, this will be the City’s contribution toward the project
- **Residential Programs – 11.2%**

- Code Enforcement Hardship Rehab/Repair (\$103,924) – This program will include a process for Code Enforcement staff evaluation of hardship cases, and include use restriction based on income eligibility and other factors, available citywide.
- Homeowner Repair (\$50,000) – This program provide funding to qualified individuals for assistance on repairs: furnace, plumbing (sewer laterals) and roof patching. This program support at a maximum of \$5,000.
- Upper Floor Residential Rent Rehab Program/White Box Commercial (\$60,000) – Residential rental rehab of upper floors of our downtown businesses, available within our downtown area, also looking into possible use for doing basic white boxing of a commercial space
- **Economic Development – 5.4%**
 - Small Business Program (\$50,000) – This program will offer grant assistance to small businesses by offering them the flexibility to use the funds in a manner most necessary to them, such as rent reimbursement, professional services, equipment, etc, available within our downtown area
 - Economic Development Technical Assistance & Xceligent (\$53,300) – These services provide technical assistance in the form of pro forma review, educational opportunities, as well as a database to monitor available commercial properties
- **Public Services – 10.4%**
 - Crime Prevention City Heights & Downtown (\$150,000) – Agreement with HAC over officer in City Heights - \$50,000. Additional police presence and crime prevention activities or tools for the downtown - \$100,000
 - Recreation Programs (\$50,000) – Provides for our Summer Youth Program and Aquatic Arts Program
- **Other Activities – 40%**
 - Code Enforcement Program Staff (\$126,750) – Staff will handle the implementation of the Code Enforcement Hardship Program
 - Place Matters (\$35,000) – City’s contribution toward the Place Matters Program in partnership with CGN and United Way
 - Housing Program Staff (\$161,653) – Staff will handle the implementation of the Housing Programs
 - Business Development Staff (\$96,646) – Staff will handle the Business Retention Program
 - Administration (\$312,443) - Staff will handle all monitoring, reporting, required reviews and financial management
 - Interim Assistance & Relocation (\$35,000) - Interim Assistance is used to cover maintenance and utility costs associated with federally acquired properties. Relocation funding assists with the expenses incurred while a property is under renovation or where it is necessary to relocate a homeowner during a repair.

HOME Covington Budget and Programs

<u>INCOME</u> <u>(SOURCES OF FUNDS)</u>	<u>HOME Activities</u> <u>Covington</u>
Anticipated Entitlement	253,132
Program Income	68,148
Carry-Over (Unexpend. Funds)	36,718
TOTAL	357,998

- **Residential Programs – 81.1%**
 - Homebuyer Assistance Program (\$205,533) – Provides down payment assistance to homebuyers, these funds can also be used to provide a small grant toward façade improvements
 - CHDO Development Projects (\$84,910) – HONK and CGN serve as our Community Housing Development Organizations and these funds will contribute toward a rehab project
- **Other Activities – 18.9%**
 - Program Staff (\$35,426) - Staff will handle the implementation of the Housing Programs and inspection of the Development Projects
 - Administration (\$32,128)- Staff will handle all monitoring, reporting, required reviews and financial management

HOME Consortium Budget and Programs

<u>INCOME</u> <u>(SOURCES OF FUNDS)</u>	<u>HOME Activities</u> <u>Consortium</u>
Anticipated Entitlement	190,960
Program Income	1,800
Carry-Over (Unexpend. Funds)	50,000
TOTAL	357,998

- **Residential Programs – 82.3%**
 - Homebuyer Assistance Program (\$121,250) – Provides down payment assistance to homebuyers, these funds can also be used to provide a small grant toward façade improvements
 - Non-CHDO Development Projects (\$49,563) –These funds will contribute toward a rehab project by a non-CHDO.
 - CHDO Development Projects (\$28,914) – HONK and CGN serve as our Community Housing Development Organizations and these funds will contribute toward a rehab project
- **Other Activities – 17.7%**

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- Program Staff (\$23,756) - Staff will handle the implementation of the Housing Programs and inspection of the Development Projects
- Administration (\$19,276)- Staff will handle all monitoring, reporting, required reviews and financial management

Process and Timeline

May 15 th	Submit Consolidated Plan and first year Annual Action Plan to HUD
June 11 th	Create Draft Program Guidelines and present for comment
June 25 th	Commission to adopt Program Guidelines
July 1 st	Start of Program Year 2014