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Annual Report

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Introduction

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 174.05, the Ohio Department of Development (Development) is required to submit an annual report to the president of the Ohio Senate and the speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives regarding the Ohio Housing Trust Fund's (OHTF) activity during the previous state fiscal year.

History

To address Ohio's housing needs, housing advocates, led by the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO), began a grassroots campaign that resulted in Ohio voters approving Issue 1, a constitutional amendment making housing a public purpose. During the following year, the Ohio legislature passed implementing legislation (House Bill 339) to establish the Ohio Housing Trust Fund and an Advisory Committee to work with Development (the administering agency) to develop the fund's housing programs and policies. In the 1992-1993 Ohio biennial budget, the Ohio General Assembly allocated $5 million of the state's general revenue to the fund, and Ohio's housing advocates began working for a permanent, stable funding source for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

Over the next 12 years, the state's economy and the high demand for other state-funded services affected the fund. During that period, allocations fluctuated from $5 million for a biennium to $20 million for one year. In 2002, the Development Director established the Affordable Housing Taskforce to expand the lines of communication with housing providers, housing developers, bankers, real estate agents, local governments, nonprofit organizations, housing advocates, and citizens. Upon consideration of the various funding options and housing needs, the Taskforce recommended an increase in recordation fees to provide a permanent, dedicated funding source for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. Stakeholders reached a consensus regarding the importance of state resources in establishing public/private partnerships to save, maintain, and increase affordable housing for Ohio's low- and moderate-income families. During the process, COHHIO and Development advocated for the permanent funding source by building a statewide advocacy network. In addition, COHHIO collected endorsements for the permanent funding source and launched an e-advocacy tool to increase advocacy participation, efficiency, and effectiveness efforts.

In June 2003, the legislature responded to the Taskforce's recommendation and endorsements from local governments, businesses, nonprofit service providers, financial institutions, and religious organizations representing all 88 counties. The legislature increased the recordation fees in the 2004-2005 Ohio biennial budget, and created a permanent, dedicated funding source for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Ohio biennial budget, the legislature appropriated $65 million each year to the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

Ohio Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee Members

Ohio Revised Code Section 174.06 governs the Ohio Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee. The committee consists of seven members appointed by the governor with two positions currently not filled. The committee members' names, area they represent and date their term expires, are listed below:

Name	Representing	Term Expires
Ann Block	County Recorders	March 18, 2029
Christopher Hiner	Lenders	March 18, 2029
Deborah Lieberman	Counties/Local Government Entities	March 18, 2029
John Royer	Real Estate Brokers	March 18, 2029
Laura Swanson	For-Profit Builders/Developers	March 18, 2029
Marcie Bragg	Housing/Homelessness Organizations	March 18, 2029
Sabrina Christian-Bennett	Counties/Local Government Entities	March 18, 2029

Funding Set-Asides

The Ohio Housing Trust Fund appropriation authority is restricted by Ohio Revised Code Section 174.02, as follows:

1	No more than 5 percent of the current year appropriation authority[1] for the fund shall be allocated between grants to community development corporations for the community development corporation grant program and grants and loans to the Ohio Community Development Finance Fund, a private, nonprofit corporation.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, the Ohio Department of Development allocated **4.1 percent ($2.68 million)** of Ohio Housing Trust Fund appropriation authority to Community Development Corporations and the Ohio Community Development Finance Fund.

2	In any year in which the amount in the fund exceeds $100,000, not less than $100,000 shall be used to provide training, technical assistance, and capacity building assistance to nonprofit development organizations.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, the Ohio Department of Development awarded **$200,000** to provide training, technical assistance, and capacity building assistance to nonprofit development organizations.

3	No more than 10 percent of any current year appropriation authority for the fund shall be used for the emergency shelter housing grants program to make grants to private, nonprofit organizations and municipal corporations, counties, and townships for emergency shelter housing for the homeless and emergency shelter facilities serving unaccompanied youth seventeen years of age and younger. The grants shall be distributed pursuant to rules the director adopts and qualify as matching funds for funds obtained pursuant to the McKinney Act, 101 Stat. 85 (1987), 42 U.S.C.A. 11371 to 11378.
	In State Fiscal 2025, Development allocated **10 percent ($6.5 million)** and awarded **8.3 percent ($5.42 million)** of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund appropriation authority to the emergency shelter grants program to make grants to private, nonprofit organizations and municipal corporations, counties, and townships for emergency shelter housing for the homeless and emergency shelter facilities serving unaccompanied youth 17 years of age and younger.

4	In any fiscal year in which the amount in the fund exceeds $250,000, at least $250,000 from the fund shall be provided to the Ohio Department of Aging for the Resident Services Coordinator Program.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, Development awarded **$262,500** of Ohio Housing Trust Fund dollars, including administration, to the Ohio Department of Aging for the Resident Services Coordinator Program.

5	Of the current year appropriation authority for the fund, not more than 5 percent shall be used for administration.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, **2.5 percent ($1,621,080.33)** was expended for administration.

6	No less than 45 percent of the funds awarded during any one fiscal year shall be for grants and loans to nonprofit organizations.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, **96.7 percent** of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund awarded dollars were awarded to nonprofit organizations.

7	No less than 50 percent of the funds awarded during any one fiscal year, excluding the 5 percent and 10 percent restrictions listed above, shall be for grants and loans for activities that provide housing and housing assistance to families and individuals in rural areas and small cities that are not eligible to participate as a participating jurisdiction under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act[2].
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, **81.9 percent ($36.5 million)** of the funds awarded[3], excluding the 5 percent awarded for Community Development Corporations and the 10 percent awarded for emergency shelter grant restrictions listed above, was for grants or loans that provide housing and housing assistance to families and individuals in rural areas who are not eligible to participate as a participating jurisdiction under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act.

[1] In State Fiscal Year 2025, the Ohio Housing Trust Fund appropriation authority was $65,000,000 million.

[2] "Rural area and small cities" means political subdivision of the state that is not designated as a participating jurisdiction under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, 104 Stat. 4094 (1990), 42 U.S.C. 12701 note, 12721.

[3] In State Fiscal Year 2025, Development awarded a total of $52,665,700.

Income Targeting

Ohio Revised Code Section 174.03 also includes the following income targeting requirements:

1	No more than 20 percent of the current year's appropriation authority, excluding the 5 percent and 10 percent restrictions listed previously, may be awarded for supportive services related to housing and the homeless, including housing counseling.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, **3.4 percent ($1.8 million)** of the appropriation authority, excluding the 5 percent and 10 percent restrictions listed previously ($8 million), was awarded for supportive services.

2	Not less than 75 percent of the money granted and loaned under this section in any fiscal year shall be for activities that provide affordable housing and housing assistance to families and individuals whose incomes are equal to or less than 50 percent of the median income for the county in which they live, as determined by the department under section 174.04 of the Revised Code.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, **98 percent ($51.6 million)** of the money granted and loaned was dedicated to activities that provide affordable housing/housing assistance to families and individuals whose incomes are equal to or less than 50 percent of the area median income.

3	The remainder of funds not granted or loaned above shall be for activities that provide affordable housing and housing assistance to families and individuals whose incomes are equal to or less than 80 percent of the area median income.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, **2 percent** (**$1.08 million)** were granted or loaned for activities that provide affordable housing and housing assistance to families and individuals whose incomes are greater than 50 percent of the area median income but less than or equal to 80 percent of the area median income.

4	The Agency shall give preference to viable projects and activities that benefit those families and individuals whose incomes are equal to or less than 35 percent of the area median income.
	In State Fiscal Year 2025, **37.2 percent ($19.6 million)** of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund awarded dollars were awarded to projects and activities benefiting those families and individuals whose incomes were equal to or less than 35 percent of the area median income.

Eligible Housing and Housing Assistance Award Recipients and Activities

The Ohio Housing Trust Fund provides funding to nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, private developers and lenders, local governments, and consortia of eligible applicants that are interested in increasing affordable housing opportunities, expanding housing services, and improving housing conditions for low- and moderate-income residents in Ohio.

Grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies may be used for:

- Acquiring, financing, constructing, leasing, rehabilitating, remodeling, improving and equipping publicly or privately-owned housing.
- Providing matching money for federal funds received by the state, counties, municipal corporations, and townships.
- Providing counties, townships, municipal corporations, and nonprofit organizations with technical assistance, design and finance services, and predevelopment consultation and payment and administrative costs related to any of the activities listed above.
- Providing supportive services related to housing and the homeless, including counseling.

Accomplishments

The following are some accomplishments resulting from State FY 2025 Ohio Housing Trust Fund dollars:

Accomplishments	Outcomes
Number of households provided homelessness prevention assistance through the Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program	**960 households**
Number of households provided rapid rehousing assistance (short-term rental assistance, utility assistance, rental application fees, moving cost assistance and housing relocation/stabilization services) through the Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program	**2,046 households**
Number of persons provided emergency shelter assistance through the Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program	**35,100 persons**
Number of households provided permanent supportive housing assistance through the Supportive Housing Program	**2,861 households**
Number of households provided transitional housing assistance through the Supportive Housing Program	**2,025 households**
Number of homeowner and rental units repaired	**1,182 repaired units**
Number of homeowner units constructed	**30 units constructed**
Number of rental units constructed	**205 units constructed**
Number of businesses assisted	**810 businesses assisted**

Allocation Information

State FY 2025 Ohio Housing Trust Fund Allocations

On July 11, 2024, the Ohio Department of Development's director approved the recommended SFY 2025 Ohio Housing Trust Fund allocations. Below are the final, approved allocations:

Restricted Funds	
Community Development Corporations	$2,685,000
Emergency Shelter Housing	$6,500,000
Resident Services Coordinator Program	$262,500
Administration	$2,747,100
Restricted Subtotal	**$12,194,600**
Non-restricted Funds	
Special Project Grant Program	$2,727,000
Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)	
Shelter Repair Target of Opportunity Grants Program	$100,000
Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program	$7,778,400
Supportive Housing Grant Program	$10,795,000
Housing Assistance Grant Program	$6,800,000
Housing Development Assistance Program	$14,605,000
Non-restricted Subtotal	**$42,805,400**
Total	**$55,000,000**

State FY 2025 Ohio Housing Trust Fund Awards and Administration

Restricted Funds	
Community Development Corporations	$2,685,000
Community Development Finance Fund	$1,735,000
Microenterprise Business Development Program	$750,000
Training/Technical Assistance and Capacity Building	$200,000
Emergency Shelter Housing	$5,429,000
Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program	$5,429,000
Resident Services Coordinator Program	$250,000
Administration	$1,621,080
Community Services Division	$956,080
Ohio Housing Finance Agency	$652,500
Ohio Department of Aging	$12,500
Restricted Subtotal	**$9,985,080**
Non-restricted Funds	
Special Projects Grant Program	$3,059,700
COHHIO (TTA, CE, HEFH, YHI & CoC Planning Grant Match)	$500,000
Habitat for Humanity of Ohio	$1,000,000
Licking County Coalition for Housing	$200,000
Medina MHA	$600,000
Ohio CDCA IDA	$82,000
Ohio CDCA VISTA	$145,000
Ohio Domestic Violence Network	$200,000
Ohio Recovery Housing*	$332,700
Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program	$160,000
Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program	$8,999,000
Supportive Housing Grant Program	$10,645,000
Housing Assistance Grant Program	$6,800,000
Housing Development Assistance Program	$14,605,000
Emergency Shelter Flexible Grant Program	$33,000
Non-restricted Subtotal	**$44,301,700**
Total	**$54,286,780**

*The remaining balance of the SFY24 award to Family Service Council was transitioned to the Ohio Recovery Housing

State FY 2025 Ohio Housing Trust Fund Program Summaries

Community Development Corporation (CDC) Grant Program (5%) (Restricted)

Finance Fund - $1,735,000

The Ohio Community Development Finance Fund (FF) will assist community-based nonprofit development organizations undertaking housing, economic development, and commercial revitalization projects. The Pre-Development Program funds pre-development project costs including, but not limited to, feasibility studies, environmental review, legal research, engineering/architectural drawings and site plans, business plans, market studies, and zoning and permit fees for housing and mixed-use projects. The Economic Development Program funds community-based nonprofits that create long-term private-sector jobs to stabilize income for low-income communities. Funding will also be used for businesses and nonprofits affected by economic hardship in the form of grants, forgivable loans, and low-interest rate loans as well as a related loan loss reserve for the program.

Ohio CDC Association - $200,000

The Ohio CDC Association will provide community economic development training and technical assistance to 800 community development professionals and housing training and technical assistance to 800 community development professionals. These professionals will support community or neighborhood resident beneficiaries that are at 50% AMI or below. $230,000 in leverage will be provided by private grants, sponsorship, memberships, registration fees, and private partners for a project total of $430,000.

Ohio CDC Association - $750,000

The Ohio Microbusiness Development Program (OMBDP) - through the Ohio CDC Association - provides funding for CDCs to further advance a local delivery system that encourages microbusiness development. OMDBP provides low-to-moderate income households with access to capital for business development and self-employment and creates and retains long-term jobs in the private sector. The assistance enabled by this funding is delivered in the form of either training or technical assistance or direct assistance to the business in the form of a loan, with loan funds repaid into a microbusiness revolving loan fund. This project will assist 1,609 households of which are at or below 50% area median income. Private banks, Savers Match and Subsite Match funds will contribute $1,583,168 in leverage towards this project for a total project cost of $2,333,168.

Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)

Athens County - $15,000

Athens County has been awarded $15,000 in OHTF through the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program. The CHIP Program eligible activities will be made available to qualified low and moderate-income residents. The program activities with additional funding made available to the grantee are as follows: Owner Rehabilitation to complete seven units; Rental Rehabilitation to complete two units; Owner Home Repair to complete to complete 15 units; Rental Home Repair to complete one unit; and will include the required Fair Housing component. Partnering jurisdiction(s) include the Cities of Athens and Nelsonville.

Defiance County - $15,000

Defiance County has been awarded $15,000 in OHTF through the CHIP Program. The CHIP Program eligible activities will be made available to qualified low and moderate-income residents. The program activities with additional funding made available to the grantee are as follows: Owner Rehabilitation to complete 10 units; Owner Home Repair to complete 10 units; Rental Home Repair to complete one unit; and will include the required Fair Housing component. Partnering jurisdiction(s) include the City of Defiance and Paulding County.

Hancock County - $15,000

Hancock County has been awarded $15,000 in OHTF through the CHIP Program. The CHIP Program eligible activities will be made available to qualified low and moderate-income residents. The program activities with additional funding made available to the grantee are as follows: Owner Rehabilitation $435,000 to complete six units; Owner Home Repair $210,000 to complete seven units; Rental Home Repair $15,000 to complete one unit; and will include the required Fair Housing component. Partnering jurisdiction(s) include the City of Findlay.

Henry County - $15,000

Henry County has been awarded $15,000 in OHTF through the CHIP Program. The CHIP Program eligible activities will be made available to qualified low- and moderate-income residents. The program activities with additional funding made available to the grantee are as follows: Owner Rehabilitation to complete 12 units; Rental Home Repair to complete one unit; Owner Home Repair to complete 12 units; and will include the required Fair Housing component. Partnering jurisdiction(s) include the Fulton County and the Cities of Napoleon and Wauseon.

Jackson County - $70,000

Jackson County has been awarded $15,000 in OHTF through the CHIP Program. The CHIP Program eligible activities will be made available to qualified low and moderate-income residents. The program activities with additional funding made available to the grantee are as follows: Owner Rehabilitation to complete five units; Rental Rehabilitation to complete one unit; Owner Home Repair to complete 11 units; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance to assist 20 households; and will include the required Fair Housing component. Partnering jurisdiction(s) include the Cities of Jackson and Wellston.

Ottawa County - $15,000

Ottawa County has been awarded $15,000 in OHTF through the CHIP Program. The CHIP Program eligible activities will be made available to qualified low and moderate-income residents. The program activities with additional funding made available to the grantee are as follows: Owner Rehabilitation $346,000 to complete five units; Rental Home Repair to complete one unit; Owner Home Repair to complete seven units; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance to assist 10 households; and will include the required Fair Housing component. Partnering jurisdiction(s) include the City of Port Clinton.

Williams County - $15,000

Williams County has been awarded $15,000 in OHTF through the CHIP Program. The CHIP Program eligible activities will be made available to qualified low- and moderate-income residents. The program activities with additional funding made available to the grantee are as follows: Owner Rehabilitation to complete six units; Owner Home Repair to complete eight units, Rental Home Repair to complete one unit; and will include the required Fair Housing component. Partnering jurisdiction(s) include the City of Bryan.

Homeless Crisis Response and Grant Program (HCRP)

Access - $85,000

Access will operate a 52-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single women, and households with children in Summit County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 285 persons during the two-year period. Access projects that 55 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 90 days.

Alliance For Children & Families - $40,000

Alliance For Children & Families, Inc. will operate a 27-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Stark County. Funding will support shelter operations, data collection and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 200 persons during the two-year period. Alliance For Children And Families, Inc. projects that 60 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 60 days.

Ashtabula Homeless Shelter - $178,000

Ashtabula Homeless Shelter, Inc. will operate a 12-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Ashtabula County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 160 persons during the two-year period. Ashtabula Homeless Shelter, Inc. projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Beach House - $150,000

Beach House will operate a 96-bed emergency shelter serving single women and households with children in Lucas County. Funding will support grant administration and shelter operations, and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 275 persons during the two-year period. Beach House projects that 65 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 90 days.

Bethany House Services - $190,000

Bethany House Services, Inc will operate a 194-bed emergency shelter, BHS Family Shelter- 0248, serving households with children and chronically homeless individuals in Hamilton County. Funding will support shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 2,200 persons during the two-year period. Bethany House Services, Inc. projects that 88 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 55 days.

Bridges Community Action Partnership (CAP) - $14,000

Bridges CAP will operate a seven-bed emergency shelter serving Households with children in Madison County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 92 persons during the two-year period. Bridges CAP projects that 55 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 30 days.

Catholic Charities Regional Agency - $300,000

Catholic Charities Regional Agency will provide rapid re-housing assistance to eligible recipients in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. Catholic Charities Regional Agency does not utilize subrecipient agencies. Catholic Charities Regional Agency expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 154 households during the two-year period.

Coleman Professional Services - $1,890,000

Coleman Professional Services will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage and Trumbull Counties. The subrecipient agencies in providing assistance include: Catholic Charities, Coleman Professional Services, Community Action Agency, Emmanuel Community Center, Family & Community Services, Lifeline Inc. and Women Safe. Coleman Professional Services expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 350 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 61 households during the two-year period.

Columbiana County – Community Action Agency (CAA) - $836,000

Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc. will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, and Tuscarawas Counties. The subrecipients agencies in providing assistance include: The Columbiana County Counseling Center, CAA of Columbiana County, Inc., Jefferson CAC, and Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas. The Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc. expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 140 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 95 households during the two-year period.

CommQuest Services, Inc. - $58,000

CommQuest Services, Inc. will operate a 34-bed emergency shelter serving Single women, and households with children in Stark County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 400 persons during the two-year period. CommQuest Services, Inc. projects that 55 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 60 days.

Daybreak - $108,000

Daybreak, Inc. will operate two emergency shelters within Montgomery County: Emergency Shelter- Minor, a 5-bed shelter serving unaccompanied young males and females (ages 10-17); and Emergency Shelter- Tay a 16-bed shelter serving single males and females ages 18-21. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve a total of 525 persons during the two-year period. The Emergency Shelter- Minor project proposes that 85 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination with an average length of stay of 3 days. The Emergency Shelter- Tay project proposes that 29 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 41 days.

Ecumenical Shelter Network - Lake - $70,000

Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc. will operate a 50-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Lake County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 750 persons during the two-year period. Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc. projects that 70 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Erie, Huron, Richland – Community Action Commission (CAC) - $51,000

Community Action Commission of Erie, Huron & Richland Counties, Inc. will operate a 6-bed emergency shelter serving households with children in Huron County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 48 persons during the two-year period. Community Action Commission of Erie, Huron & Richland Counties, Inc. projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Family Abuse Shelter - Miami County - $913,000

Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc. will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Preble, Logan, Darke, Champagne, Shelby and Miami Counties. The subrecipients agencies in providing assistance include: Home is the Foundation, Residential Administrators, Miami Valley Community Action (MVCAP), Bridges Community Action Partnership and Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc. Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc. expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 120 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 45 households during the two-year period.

Friends of the Homeless Tuscarawas - $242,000

Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County, Inc. will operate a 36-bed emergency shelter serving single men and single women in Tuscarawas County. Funding will support shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 225 persons during the two-year period. Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County, Inc. projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

GMN Tri-county – Community Action Committee (CAC) - $476,000

G.M.N. Tri- County CAC Inc. will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, and Noble Counties. G.M.N. Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 150 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 100 households during the two-year period.

Hocking Hills Inspire Shelter - $106,000

Hocking Hills Inspire Shelter will operate a 14-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Athens, Fairfield, Franklin, Hocking, Jackson, Meigs, Perry, and Vinton Counties. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 150 persons during the two-year period. Hocking Hills Inspire Shelter projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Home Is The Foundation - $95,000

Home Is the Foundation will operate a 10-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Preble County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 100 persons during the two-year period. Home Is the Foundation projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 88 days.

Hope House Rescue Mission - $316,000

Hope House Rescue Mission, Inc. will operate two emergency shelters in Butler and Warren Counties: The Center of Hope, a 40-bed shelter serving single women and single women with children ; and The Hope House, a 40-bed shelter serving single men and households with children; Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve a total of 950 persons during the two-year period. The Center of Hope project proposes that 50 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination with an average length of stay of 40 days. The Hope House project proposes that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Integrated Services for Behavioral Health - $939,000

Integrated Services for Behavioral Health, Inc. will provide rapid re-housing assistance to eligible recipients in Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Meigs, Perry, and Vinton Counties. Integrated Services for Behavioral Health, Inc. expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 300 households during the two-year period.

Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland - CAC - $90,000

Kno-Ho-Co Ashland will operate a 20-bed emergency shelter serving Households with children in Ashland, Coshocton, Knox and Holmes Counties. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 60 persons during the two-year period. Kno-Ho-Co Ashland projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 90 days.

Lancaster-Fairfield - CAP - $34,000

Lancaster Fairfield CAP will operate a 16-bed emergency shelter serving households with children in Fairfield County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 70 persons during the two-year period. Lancaster Fairfield CAP projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Lancaster-Fairfield - CAP - $680,000

Lancaster Fairfield CAP will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Muskingum, Licking, Knox, Holmes, Coshocton and Fairfield Counties. The subrecipients agencies in providing assistance include Licking County Coalition for Housing, Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, KnoHoCo-Ashland Community Action Commission,Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency, Salvation Army Zanesville, Muskingum Economic Opportunity Action Group. Lancaster Fairfield CAP expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 156 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 80 households during the two-year period.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry - $391,000

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry will operate a 415-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men in Cuyahoga County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 4385 persons during the two-year period. Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry projects that 7 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Lutheran Services - Central Ohio - $182,000

Lutheran Services Central Ohio will operate a 24-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women in Fairfield County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 600 persons during the two-year period. Lutheran Services Central Ohio projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Marion Shelter Program - $258,000

Marion Shelter Program will operate a 28-bed emergency shelter serving single men, single women, and households with children in Union, Crawford, Wyandot, Morrow, Marion and Delaware. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 635 persons during the two-year period. Marion Shelter Program projects that 65 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 25 days.

Mercy Mission - $49,000

Mercy Mission House will operate a 36-bed emergency shelter serving single men, single women, and households with children in Shelby, Miami, Allen, Auglaize, Butler, Darke, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Jefferson, Logan, Lucas, Madison, Mercer, Montgomery, Wayne and Richland counties. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 400 persons during the two-year period. Mercy Mission House projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP) - $68,000

MVCAP will operate two emergency shelters in Darke and Green Counties: Darke Emergency Shelter, a seven-bed shelter serving single men and female and households with children; and Donnellan Emergency Family Shelter, a 21-bed shelter serving single men and female and households with children; Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve a total of 155 persons during the two-year period. Miami Valley Community Action Partnership projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Neighborhood Alliance - $454,000

Neighborhood Alliance, Inc. will operate a 64-bed emergency shelter serving households with children in Lorain County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 668 persons during the two-year period. Neighborhood Alliance, Inc. projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

OneEighty - $38,000

OneEighty, Inc. will operate a 44-bed emergency shelter serving single women and households with children in Wayne County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 62 persons during the two-year period. OneEighty, Inc. projects that 53 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Salvation Army-Belmont - $320,000

The Salvation Army will operate a 24-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Belmont County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 360 persons during the two-year period. The Salvation Army projects that 80 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Salvation Army-Cleveland - $123,000

The Salvation Army will operate a 140-bed emergency shelter serving homeless households with children in Cuyahoga County. Funding will support shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 1,300 persons during the two-year period. The Salvation Army projects that 75 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 60 days.

Salvation Army-Newark - $307,000

Salvation Army Newark will operate a 53-bed emergency shelter serving households with children in Licking County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 465 persons during the two-year period. Salvation Army Newark projects that 30 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Salvation Army-Wooster - $234,000

The Salvation Army will operate a 30-bed emergency shelter serving households with Children in Wayne County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 375 persons during the two-year period. The Salvation Army projects that 40 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Scioto Christian Ministry - $213,000

Scioto Christian Ministry will operate a 25-bed emergency shelter serving single men, single women, and households with children in Scioto County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 210 persons during the two-year period. Scioto Christian Ministry projects that 45 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Shelter Care - $68,000

Shelter Care, Inc. will operate an eight bed emergency shelter serving unaccompanied, chronically homeless, young males and young females (under 18) in Summit County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 250 persons during the two-year period. Shelter Care, Inc. projects that 65 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 21 days.

Shelter House Volunteer Group - $184,000

Shelter House Volunteer Group will operate three emergency shelters in Hamilton County: Men's Safe Shelter, a 50-bed shelter serving single men; and Men's Step Up Shelter, a 100-bed shelter serving single men; Women's Shelter, a 60-bed shelter serving single women. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve a total of 4600 persons during the two-year period. The Mens Safe Shelter project proposes that 0 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination with an average length of stay of 38 days. The Mens Step Up Shelter project proposes that 66 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 38 days. Womens Shelter project proposes that 42 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 38 days.

Sheltered - $92,000

Sheltered Inc. will operate two emergency shelters in Clark County: Hartley House, a 36-bed shelter serving single men and Norms Place, a 48-bed shelter serving single women, and households with children. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve a total of 4100 persons during the two-year period. The Hartley House project proposes that 70 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination with an average length of stay of 40 days. The Norms Place project proposes that 70 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Sheltered - $263,000

Sheltered Inc. will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Clark and Greene Counties. Sheltered Inc. expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 22 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 74 households during the two-year period.

St. Paul's Community Center - $88,000

St. Pauls Community Center will operate a 35-bed emergency shelter serving single men and single women in Lucas County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 360 persons during the two-year period. St. Pauls Community Center projects that 70 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 210 days.

St. Vincent De Paul Social Services - $212,000

St. Vincent de Paul Social Services, Inc. will operate two emergency shelters in Montgomery County: St. Vincent de Paul Shelter for Women and Families, a 253-bed shelter serving single females and households with children and Gettysburg Gateway Shelter for Men, a 258-bed shelter serving single men; Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve a total of 7800 persons during the two-year period. St. Vincent de Paul Social Services, Inc. projects that 29 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 44 days.

Stark County - $334,000

Stark Housing Network Inc. will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Stark County. The subrecipients agencies in providing assistance include: ICAN and Alliance for Children and Family. Stark Housing Network Inc. expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 21 households during the two-year period.

Strategies To End Homelessness - $599,000

Strategies To End Homelessness, Inc. will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Hamilton County. The subrecipients agencies in providing assistance include: Strategies to End Homelessness, Bethany House Services, Freestore Foodbank and Talbert House. Strategies To End Homelessness, Inc. expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 40 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 200 households during the two-year period.

Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority (MHA) - $945,000

Warren MHA will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Butler, Clermont, and Warren Counties. The subrecipients agencies in providing assistance include Family Promise of Warren, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, Clermont County Community Services, and Warren MHA. Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 340 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 240 households during the two-year period.

Warren-Youngstown Urban League - $203,000

Greater Warren Youngstown Urban League, Inc. will operate a 25-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Trumbull County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 535 persons during the two-year period. Greater Warren Youngstown Urban League, Inc. projects that 50 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 40 days.

Washington-Morgan – Community Action Program Corporation (CAPC) - $361,000

The CAPC of Washington-Morgan Counties, Inc. will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Morgan and Washington Counties. The Community Action Program Corporation of Washington- Morgan Counties, Inc. expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to eight households and homelessness prevention assistance to 30 households during the two-year period.

Wayfinders - $118,000

Wayfinders will operate a 58-bed emergency shelter serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children in Richland County. Funding will support grant administration, data collection and evaluation and shelter operations and the grantee will provide housing search and placement, housing focused case management, and referral to mainstream resources. The program expects to serve 1350 persons during the two-year period. Wayfinders projects that 50 percent of persons will exit to a permanent destination and an average length of stay of 30 days.

Wayne-Medina, Community Action (CA) of - $463,000

CA of Wayne and Medina will provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance to eligible recipients in Ashland, Lorain, Medina, and Wayne Counties. The subrecipients agencies in providing assistance include Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, Humility of Mary Housing, and Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority. Community Action of Wayne and Medina expects to provide rapid re-housing assistance to 245 households and homelessness prevention assistance to 35 households during the two-year period.

Housing Assistance Grant Program (HAGP)

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) - 5 - $830,000

Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will provide home repair/handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners 60 years and older who are at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot counties. The funds will be used to complete 104 units.

AAA - 7 - $270,000

Ohio District 7 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. will provide emergency home repair/handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners 60 years and older who are at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income in Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton Counties. The funds will be used to complete 47 units.

AAA - NW Ohio - $480,000

Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. will provide essential home repair/handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners 60 years and older who are at or below 50 percent of AMI in Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood counties. The funds will be used to complete 86 units.

Ability Center - Toledo - $430,000

The Ability Center of Greater Toledo will provide Handicapped Accessibility Modifications for homeowners with disabilities who are at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams, and Wood Counties. The funds will be used to complete 87 units.

Bridges CAP - $550,000

Bridges CAP will provide essential home repairs and handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners who are at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income in Delaware, Madison, Union, Logan, Champaign and Shelby counties. The funds will be used to complete 150 units.

CHN Housing - $550,000

CHN Housing Partners will provide emergency home repair to low-income homeowners in Cuyahoga County who are at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income and continue its Down Payment Assistance Program for its Lease Purchase homebuyers in Cleveland, Ohio who are at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income. Down payment assistance will not exceed $3,000 per unit. The funds will be used to complete 50 home repair units and 40 downpayment assistance units.

Clermont Senior Services - $200,000

Clermont Senior Services, Inc., the Home Safety Repair Program will provide essential home repairs and accessibility modifications for homeowners 60 years and older at or below 50 percent AMI in Clermont County. Seniors must be owner-occupied residents. The funds will be used to complete 54 units.

Famicos Foundation - $250,000

Famicos Foundation will provide essential home repairs for homeowners 60 years and older who are at or below 50 percent of AMI in select neighborhoods within the City of Cleveland and downpayment assistance to households who are at or below 65 percent of AMI. The funds will be used to complete 50 home repair units and seven downpayment assistance units.

Fayette County – Community Action Commission (CAC) - $115,000

CAC of Fayette County will provide essential home repairs and/or handicap modifications for Fayette County residents 60 years and older at or below 50 percent AMI, and downpayment assistance and housing counseling to households in Fayette, Ross, Greene, and Clinton Counties with an AMI up to 65 percent. The funds will be used to complete 12 home repair units and 10 downpayment assistance units.

Highland County – Community Action Organization (CAO) - $100,000

Highland County CAO, Inc. will provide essential home repair / handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners who are at or below 50 percent AMI in Highland County. The funds will be used to complete 10 units.

Hocking, Athens, Perry CA - $300,000

Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action will provide essential home repair/handicapped accessibility for homeowners who are at or below 50 percent AMI in Hocking, Athens, and Perry Counties. The funds will be used to complete 19 units.

Home Is The Foundation - $100,000

Home Is The Foundation Senior Home Repair Program provides essential home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income homeowners in Preble County focusing on individuals 60 years and older who are at or below 50 percent AMI. The funds will complete 12 units.

Jackson-Vinton - CA - $100,000

Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc. (JVCAI) will provide essential home repair or handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners 60 years and older who are at or below 50 percent AMI in Jackson and Vinton counties. The funds will complete 28 units.

Lancaster-Fairfield - CAP - $200,000

Community Action Program Commission of the Lancaster-Fairfield County Area, Inc. will provide essential home repairs and handicapped accessibility modifications to homeowners who are at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income in Fairfield County. The funds will complete 45 units.

MVCAP - $200,000

MVCAP will provide emergency home repair/handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners at or below 50 percent AMI in Darke and Miami counties and down payment assistance and homebuyer counseling for prospective homeowners at or below 65 percent AMI in Montgomery, Greene, Darke, and Preble counties. The funds will complete 12 home repair units and five downpayment assistance units.

Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield - $300,000

Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc. will provide essential home repair/handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners who are at or below 50 percent of AMI in Clark County. The funds will complete 20 units.

Portage County - CAC - $325,000

The Community Action Council of Portage County will provide essential emergency home repair and handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners at or below 50 percent AMI in Portage and Trumbull Counties in northeastern Ohio. The program will target mobile homeowners in the two-county area, but site-built housing units could be served as well. The funds will complete 75 units.

Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership - $400,000

Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership will provide home repair and handicapped accessibility modifications for Trumbull County homeowners 50 percent or below AMI. The funds will complete 51 units.

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (NDC) - $1,100,000

The Youngstown NDC will provide essential home repair and handicapped accessibility modifications for homeowners who are at or below 50 percent of AMI in Mahoning County. The funds will complete 205 units.

Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP)

In State FY 2025, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) awarded $14.6 million in Ohio Housing Trust Fund dollars to provide gap financing to projects which provide units affordable to households at or below 50 percent AMI. OHFA estimates that a total of 205 units in four projects will be created with these resources. A percentage of the total units will require deeper income and rent restrictions required for HDAP.

		Project Funding			Number of Units	
Grantee	**Project**	**OHTF Funds**	**Other Funds**	**Total Funds**	**Construction Type**	**Units**
Wallick Development LLC	Harding Heights Apartments	$3,853,255	$10,987,326	$14,840,581	New Construction	50
Fairfield Homes	Cornerstone at Eclipse Run	$2,751,745	$17,379,262	$20,131,007	New Construction	58
Woda Cooper Development, Inc	The Lofts on First	$4,000,000	$14,874,578	$18,874,578	New Construction	51
Provident Management Inc	Booth Pointe	$4,000,000	$13,983,633	$17,983,633	New Construction	46
	Totals =	**$14,605,000**	**$57,224,799**	**$71,829,799**		**205**

Special Projects Grant Program

COHHIO - $500,000

As part of the Homelessness and Housing Technical Assistance and Training activity, COHHIO provides quality, evidence-supported learning opportunities that promote the use of best practices to address homelessness and provide housing. COHHIOs Youth Housing Initiative will focus on addressing gaps and enhancing services and housing efforts for transition age youth through continued collaboration with homeless youth providers and stakeholders and the provision of on-going training and technical assistance. Combining traditional work on Ohio Tenant Landlord Law and work with the Housing Information Line, COHHIO intends to continue its work around fair housing. COHHIO will collaborate with the fair housing organizations across the state when appropriate so that the collective voice will be a stronger voice on fair housing issues. Each year, HUD requires match funds to support the CoC planning grant. Development has provided this match as cash for the last two HUD rounds and has committed to provide cash match again for the FY23 CoC Planning grant award, which will start April 1, 2025 and end May 31, 2026. This match commitment is $85,000.

Habitat For Humanity - $1,000,000

The Habitat for Humanity of Ohio (HFH) submitted a SFY 2025 OHTF Special Project application to provide funding for homeownership opportunities to low-and moderate-income households. The program incorporates a community-wide approach to improve and provide affordable housing and strengthen neighborhoods through community collaboration. Collaboration efforts include either donated or discounted materials from local businesses and the families themselves that invest in the home by providing sweat equity. HFH has indicated in the application that over $1 million in matching funds has been committed to the project, which far exceeds the dollar-to-dollar match requirement. The project proposal has projected to construct a minimum of 30 habitat homes throughout the state, with 50 percent of the program award prioritized for rural areas of the state. HFH of Ohio funds affiliates throughout Ohio that are not eligible under the Office of Community Enhancement's (OCE) Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program. HFH of Ohio requested a waiver to exceed the funding limit along with a waiver to serve persons at or below 80 percent area median income.

Licking County Housing - $200,000

LCCH is requesting $200,000 for a two-year period to match the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) program funding announced (renewed) Jan. 29, 2024 (see attached cash commitment letter citing the HUD award of $829,209), a significant increase requiring a larger cash match. The grant period will begin Jan. 1, 2025. Families are assisted with obtaining an appropriate 1- to 3-bedroom, scattered site rental unit in one of the 80 counties within the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (OBoSCoC). LCCH administers RRHO and coordinates a centralized intake process for homeless families entering the program. LCCH staff work with non-profit homeless service agencies throughout the OBoSCoC by conducting rapid re-housing case management and Housing First training, enrolling partners into the Program, reviewing the Programs eligibility criteria and referral process. Partner agencies then make referrals to RRHO and deliver in-kind case management services to the families, completing paperwork for every family that demonstrates they have met the Programs eligibility criteria, including documentation that the household is homeless, and that they are utilizing Housing First principles related to program entry and participation. LCCH handles all HMIS requirements.RRHOs financial assistance and supportive service levels are determined through the completion of a VI-SPDAT (HUD-required vulnerability assessment) tool at the local level, assessing the housing barriers faced by each homeless family and their appropriate homeless program placement. LCCH and community based case managers work with each homeless family to complete their individualized goal plan for housing stability and provide ongoing linkage and referral to other social service agencies, childcare programs, transportation, employment, and other mainstream resources to assist families in achieving housing stability. In 2023, at least 71 percent of people (adults and children) served in RRHO achieved a successful housing outcome.Homeless families living in OBoSCoC communities with no or few Rapid Re-Housing program slots are prioritized for the RRHO program. RRHO is a valuable exit strategy for emergency shelters and communities struggling to meet the demand for homeless services.

Medina MHA - $600,000

The OHTF Special Projects Grant Program activity sought in this application is for operating funds for a new Emergency Housing Shelter, the first of its kind in Medina County. The Shelter, Next Step Up, will be located at 850 Walter Road in Medina, Ohio. Its location is ideal. It is adjacent to retail shopping and personal service businesses, across the street to Job & Family Services and Community Action (same building), less than 300 yards from Hope Recovery, and less 1,000 feet to Veterans Services, Alternative Paths, and Ohio GuideStone. The Shelter is designed to accommodate men, women, children, and guests pets. The grounds will include a playground for small children, a pet exercise area, and a covered smoking area (the Shelter will be a smoke-free facility). The Shelter will include laundry facilities for guests use as well as computer stations and a day room for guests use. Office space for staff and meeting space for case management purposes are also included in the design. The Shelter has been designed, and its operational plan coordinated, through considerable public input.

Ohio CDC Association - $82,000

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are a match-savings program designed to help low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals gain wealth through the accruement of assets (home, microbusiness, and education) and the adoption of financial empowerment behaviors like life-long saving and investing. This program will support 20 IDA LMI participant-savers with match funding for their first home down payment assistance or home repair projects. We anticipate 10 accounts will be used for home repair. Due to the incredibly tight housing market, we found that decent inventory affordable to people at or below 50% AMI is extremely low. Given that, we request to be able to serve participants up to 80% AMI, who also need additional support finding housing in the tight market. This funding will serve individuals in Butler, Licking, Montgomery, Medina, Cuyahoga, Franklin, and Summit, Counties. The IDA project timeline will run from Jan. 1, 2025, through the end of 2026. IDAs not only give potential homeowners down payment assistance toward the purchase of a first home or home repair projects but participants are also trained to become savvier consumers, savers, and investors. Moreover, they leave the program thoroughly prepared and eager to participate in other strategies. Ohio CDC Association offers the only statewide project designed to promote homeownership by saving and investing. IDA is a way to fill the gap with knowledge as well as an opportunity to permanently change behavior. IDAs focus on building capacity and maximizing the resources of our non-profit members performing direct service with low-income clients. Based on program guidelines, the Ohio Department of

Development (Development) and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) do not offer any other funding source for this program. For example, OCDCAs IDA program doesnt qualify for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. As a statewide program intermediary, the Special Projects Program is the only source for this critical work.

Ohio CDC Association - $145,000

The OHTF grant has historically supplemented cost-Share VISTAs, and they work specifically on housing-related activities, such as developing and creating homeownership education and counseling programs, foreclosure prevention programs, home improvement and home repair programs, IDA Homeownership programs, supportive housing activities, and activities that address vacant and abandoned properties. The OCDCA AmeriCorps VISTA Program focuses on building capacity and maximizing the resources of our non-profit members performing direct service with low-income clients. Specifically, this program will benefit populations at or below 50 percent of the area median across the state of Ohio. The needs identified in this section are problems the VISTA project will address. Based on program guidelines, Development and OHTF do not offer any other funding source for this program. As a statewide program intermediary, the Special Projects Program is the only source for this critical work. With this funding, VISTA members will assist with developing 200 new constructions or rehabilitated affordable housing units. All beneficiaries will be from the LMI community (50 percent AMI). This funding over the years has served individuals in over half of Ohios counties this years funding will serve individuals in Athens, Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Lorain, Montgomery, Perry and Summit, and surrounding counties. The OCDCA VISTA Project allows OCDCA members to focus on the internal organizational capacity that increases the organizations ability to provide affordable housing services to the LMI community. Our members face the challenge many non-profits face: a lot to do and not enough people. This means that improving tools, equipment, and other resources to provide to the LMI community effectively takes a back seat to more pressing concerns of the organization.Members and sites are provided with program training pertaining to managing the program and necessary requirements to collect outcomes. OCDCA provides the platform for members and sites to effectively track and report member activities. We expect these activities will result in the development of 200 affordable housing units, and increased levels of knowledge for 800 LMI individuals (50 percent AMI) who will have been assisted to prevent foreclosure or assisted with home repair.

Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN)- $200,000

This project would provide Homeless Prevention (HP) assistance to survivors to prevent eviction and maintain housing stability as they continue to rebuild their lives. The project could also provide Rapid Rehousing assistance to survivors who need assistance with the first months rent and deposit to obtain housing. This would assist with affordability for the survivor, as they lack the resources to pay the upfront costs associated with obtaining housing and reduce barriers to permanent housing. Homeless Prevention funding would be available to survivors in all Balance of State (BoS) counties, but most of the assistance would be used for survivors in BoS Housing Regions 1-2, 4-14, and 17. These are the Housing Regions that ODVN currently has subrecipients in for the HUD CoC REACH Rapid Rehousing Program that ODVN operates. The subrecipients in these counties have experience with various Housing Programs and would have the capacity to help execute the project as soon as funds were available. This project would fill an unmet need or gap by providing additional Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing assistance to communities across the state that lack resources to assist survivors. Of the 14 Housing Regions ODVN currently serves in, 23 counties are a part of the 32 county Appalachian Region.

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) - $332,700

ORH supports the development and operation of quality alcohol & drug free living in a community of recovery for people with SUDs. With this grant ORH will provide funding (up to $10,000) to organizations who have identified physical property deficiencies that prevent their physical property from meeting nationally recognized quality standards. ORH will perform a review of the organization to determine what quality improvements are needed to meet minimum national standards. Organizations will have the ability to apply for up $10,000 to address identified issues. Issues may include installing egress windows, repairing flooring or carpeting, repairing appliances, or other issues that prevent the home from meeting nationally recognized standards for physical property.The Family Service Council was funded with SFY24 OHTF SSP funds for a total of $532,600. A total of $199,868 has been expended leaving a balance of $332,732. The grant has been transitioned over to the Ohio Recovery Housing to complete the administration of the grant, which is the balance that is presented as part of this application.

Resident Services Coordinator Program

The Ohio Department of Aging administers the Resident Service Coordinator Program. OHTF dollars have been awarded to ten organizations to provide part-time service coordinators for 15 properties that were part of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's project-based Section 8 portfolio or recipients of Ohio Housing Tax Credit financing. The goal of the program is to help elderly and disabled low-income tenants identify and obtain services and benefits available in the local community. Service coordinators interact with residents, residents' families, property management and community service providers. As a result of the program, tenants have increased access to services and benefits, are able to maintain their apartments, comply with the lease terms and continue to live independently. Service coordinators reduce the burden on property managers by dealing with tenant issues and help decrease move-outs and unit turnover. Ohio Department of Aging received $12,500 to administer the program.

Supportive Housing Program (SHP)

AIDS Task Force - Cleveland - $210,900

AIDS Taskforce of Great Cleveland, Inc. will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Cuyahoga County. Funds will be used for administration, operations, data collection and supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity for 30 households. The agency proposes to serve 100 households and that 80 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Alliance For Children & Families - $654,400

Alliance for Family and Children will operate three permanent supportive housing projects serving homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Stark County. Funds will be used for administration, operations and data collection expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 37 households. The agency proposes to serve a total of 37 households during the two-year period. The A-First project proposes that 91 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The B-First project proposes that 91 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The SOHO Bonus project proposes 91 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing.

Beach House - $349,300

Beach House, Inc. will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Lucas County. Funds will be used for administration and supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity for 75 households. The agency proposes to serve 75 households, and that 90 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Caracole - $260,400

Caracole, Inc. will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Hamilton County. Funds will be used for administration, operations and supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity for 74 households. The agency proposes to serve 113 households and that 98% percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Coleman Professional Services - $465,500

Coleman Professional Services, Inc. will operate four permanent supportive housing projects serving homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Jefferson, Portage, Stark and Trumbull Counties. Funds will be used for operations expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 75 households. The agency proposes to serve a total of 75 households during the two-year period. The Coleman Trumbull County PSH project proposes that 83 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The Coleman Portage County PSH project proposes that 83 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The Beacon House Jefferson County project proposes that 83 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The Stark County TAY project proposes that 83 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing.

Columbiana County MHC - $375,800

Columbiana MHC will operate two permanent supportive housing projects serving homeless and disabled single men and single women at or below 35 percent of AMI in Columbiana County. Funds will be used for administration, operations, data collection, supportive services, and rental and housing assistance expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 24 households. B) Projects have different permanent housing projections: The agency proposes to serve a total of 28 households during the two-year period. The Adult Youth Mentor Program project proposes that 90 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The Hornsby House project proposes that 90 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing.

Community Housing Network - $486,200

Community Housing Network, Inc. will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Franklin County. Funds will be used for administration and operations expenses. The project has the capacity for 447 households. The agency proposes to serve 447 households, and that 95 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Daybreak - $582,300

Daybreak Inc. will provide transitional housing for homeless single men, single women, and households with children with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Montgomery County. Funds will be used for administration, operations, and supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity to serve 54 households. Daybreak Inc. proposes to serve 236 households during the two-year period, and that 74 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 284 days.

Edna Brooks - $15,000

Edna Brooks Foundation will provide transitional housing for homeless single women, and households with children with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties. Funds will be used for operations expenses. The project has the capacity to serve three households. Agency proposes to serve 12 households during the two-year period, and that 83 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 60 days.

Eve, Incorporated - $91,900

Eve, Incorporated will provide transitional housing for homeless single men, single women, and households with children with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Washington County. Funds will be used for administration and operations expenses. The project has the capacity to serve 4 households. Eve, Incorporated proposes to serve 50 households during the two-year period, and that 57 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 97 days.

Family & Community Services - $427,400

Family & Community Services, Inc. will operate four permanent supportive housing projects serving homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Lorain, Portage and Summit Counties. Funds will be used for administration, operations, data collection and supportive services expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 68 households. The agency proposes to serve a total of 68 households, and that 90 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Family & Community Services - $447,200

Family & Community Services, Inc. will operate two transitional housing program projects serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Lorain, Portage and Summit Counties. Funds will be used for administration, operations and supportive services expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 282 households. The agency proposes to serve 282 households, and that 83 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Family Promise - Cleveland - $327,000

Family Promise of Greater Cleveland will provide transitional housing for homeless households with children with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Cuyahoga County. Funds will be used for operations, and supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity to serve 140 households. Family Promise of Greater Cleveland proposes to serve 140 households during the two-year period, and that 95 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 121 days.

Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) - $81,400

Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Geauga County. Funds will be used for administration, operations, data collection and supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity for 16 households. The agency proposes to serve 16 households, and that 90 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Homefull - $893,400

Homefull will operate three permanent supportive housing projects serving homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Franklin and Montgomery Counties. Funds will be used for administration, operations and supportive services expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 305 households. The agency proposes to serve a total of 590 households during the two-year period. The Columbus Master leasing project proposes that 95 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The Montgomery County PSH project proposes that 95 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The Franklin County PSH project proposes that 95 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing.

Housing Solutions of Greene County - $127,000

Housing Solutinos Green County will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men and single women with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Greene County. Funds will be used for operations expenses. The project has the capacity for 55 households. The agency proposes to serve 60 households and that 90 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Humility Of Mary Housing - $636,300

Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. will operate five permanent supportive housing projects serving homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Cuyahoga, Lorain, Summit and Trumbull Counties. Funds will be used for administration and operations expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 81 households. The agency proposes to serve a total of 100 households during the two-year period. The Opportunity House project proposes that 90 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The HM Life Opportunity Services project proposes that 90 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The Emmanual Community Care Center project proposes that 90 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The HMLOS Scattered Sites project proposes that 90 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing. The Faith House project proposes that 90 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing.

ICAN - $319,000

ICAN Inc. will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Stark County. Funds will be used for operations expenses. The project has the capacity for 68 households. The agency proposes to serve 85 households, and that 96 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Journey Center - $110,200

Journey Center for Safety and Healing will provide transitional housing for homeless single men, single women, and households with children with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Cuyahoga County. Funds will be used for operations, and supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity to serve 120 households. Journey Center for Safety and Healing proposes to serve 120 households during the two-year period, and that 70 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 75 days.

Lighthouse Youth Services - $109,400

Lighthouse Youth Services, Inc. will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Hamilton County. Funds will be used for supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity for 19 households. The agency proposes to serve 70 households and that 97 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

MVCAP - $260,100

MVCAP will operate two transitional housing program projects serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Greene County. Funds will be used for administration, operations, data collection, and supportive services expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 17 households. The agency proposes to serve a total of 232 households during the two-year period. The Harding Place Transitional Housing project proposes that 83 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing with an average length of stay of 180 days. The Donnellan Family Transitional project proposes that 83 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing with an average length of stay of 160 days.

National Church Residences - $918,200

National Church Residences will operate six permanent supportive housing projects serving homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Franklin, Hamilton and Lucas Counties. Funds will be used for operations expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 405 households. The agency proposes to serve a total of 405 households, and that 90 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Project Woman - $53,400

Project Woman, Inc. will provide transitional housing for homeless single women, and households with children with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Champagne, Clark and Madison Counties. Funds will be used for administration, operations, data collection, supportive services and rental and housing assistance expenses. Project

Woman, Inc. proposes to serve 15 households during the two-year period, and that 75 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 365 days.

Salvation Army-Cleveland - $465,700

The Salvation Army Cleveland will provide transitional housing for homeless single men with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Cuyahoga County. Funds will be used for operations expenses. The project has the capacity to serve 400 households. The Salvation Army Cleveland proposes to serve 400 households during the two-year period, and that 70 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 140 days.

Sheltered - $78,500

Sheltered Inc. will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Clark County. Funds will be used for administration, operations, and data collection expenses. The project has the capacity for 68 households. The agency proposes to serve 100 households and that 92 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Sojourners Care Network - $307,200

Sojourners Care Network will operate two transitional housing program projects serving homeless single men, single women, and households with children at or below 35 percent of AMI in Ross, Athens, Gallia, Jackson and Viton Counties. Funds will be used for administration, operations and supportive services expenses. The projects have a combined capacity for 19 households. The agency proposes to serve a total of 120 households during the two-year period. The Sojourners Supportive Housing project proposes that 83 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing with an average length of stay of 240 days. The YDHP Transitional Housing project proposes that 83 percent of persons will exit to or remain in permanent housing with an average length of stay of 240 days.

Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority - $281,100

Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men and single women with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Stark County. Funds will be used for operations expenses. The project has the capacity for 44 households. The agency proposes to serve 44 households, and that 96 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

Tender Mercies - $312,300

Tender Mercies, Inc. will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men and single women with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Hamilton County. Funds will be used for administration and operations expenses. The project has the capacity for 205 households. The agency proposes to serve 240 households and that 98 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

The Nord Center - $156,400

Riveon Mental Health and Recovery will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men and single women with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Lorain County. Funds will be used for supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity for 62 households. The agency proposes to serve 62 households and that 90 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

YMCA - Central Ohio - $209,900

The Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men, single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Franklin County. Funds will be used for administration, operations and data collection expenses. The project has the capacity for 100 households. The agency proposes to serve 100 households, and that 35 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

YMCA - Cleveland - $178,700

YMCA of Greater Cleveland will provide transitional housing for homeless single men with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Cuyahoga County. Funds will be used for operations expenses. The project has the capacity to serve 110 households. YMCA of Greater Cleveland proposes to serve 440 households during the two-year period, and that 70 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 80 days.

YWCA - Cleveland - $271,300

The Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Cleveland, Ohio will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single men and single women with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Cuyahoga County. Funds will be used for operations and rental and housing assistance expenses. The project has the capacity for 41 households. The agency proposes to serve 41 households, and that 100 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

YWCA Mahoning - $70,200

YWCA Mahoning PSH will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and disabled single women, and households with children with household incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Trumbull County. Funds will be used for administration and operations expenses. The project has the capacity for six households. The agency proposes to serve 10 households and that 90 percent of persons will exit to or retain permanent housing during the two-year period.

YWCA Mahoning - $112,000

YWCA Mahoning Valley will provide transitional housing for homeless single men, single women, and households with children with incomes at or below 35 percent of AMI in Mahoning County. Funds will be used for administration, operations, rental and housing assistance and supportive services expenses. The project has the capacity to serve 5 households. YWCA Mahoning Valley proposes to serve 24 households during the two-year period, and that 83 percent of persons will exit to permanent housing with an average length of stay of 240 days.

Emergency Shelter Flexible Grant Program

Clinton County Services Homeless - $6,000

Clinton County Services Homeless, a current Homeless Crisis Response Program emergency shelter, will receive these Target of Opportunity funds to cover the cost for eligible shelter repairs. The eligible costs will include replacement of fire and security alarm, vital to shelter operations, repair damage from leaking plumbing and removal of trees which are damaging shelter façade.

Home Is The Foundation - $27,000

Home is The Foundation, a current Homeless Crisis Response Program emergency shelter, will receive these Target of Opportunity funds to cover the cost of abandoning their existing septic system and having a new system installed as the existing one is past its expected useful life and not the appropriate capacity for shelter operations, causing adverse effects to their current budget. The eligible costs will include soil testing, installation of the new system, and proper remedy of the old system.

State FY 2025 Ohio Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Ohio Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee

June 17, 2024

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee Members Present

Anita Hall
Bob Brokaw
Bill Faith
Deborah Lieberman
John Royer
Laura Swanson

Committee Members Not Present

Ohio Department of Development

Julie Jarrell
Ashley Germano
Talia Givens-Gore
Thomas Fitz Gibbon
Patrick Smith
Whitney Sullinger
Ian Thomas
Ronald Todd
Jane Perera
Josiah Clark
Keri Harris
Kellie Jones

Ohio Housing Finance Agency

Guy Ford
Taylor Koch
Barbara Richards

Other

Ryan Miller
Amy Riegle
Deb Tegtmeyer
Jennifer Jones
Torey Hollingsworth

Welcome

Ms. Julie Jarrell welcomed the Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) Advisory Committee members and determined that with all six members present, the committee established a quorum.

Bill Faith was previously chosen to Chair the Committee during the duration of his appointment. The Chair asks for motions to be made on the meeting minutes, special project applications and overall budget. If the Chair cannot attend the meeting a replacement can be selected at that meeting.

OHTF Background

Ms. Jarrell proceeded to discuss the next item on the agenda, *OHTF Background* providing the committee with an OHTF historical overview. She also discussed the Ohio Revised Code 174 requirements to explain to committee members the various statutory funding set asides along with award thresholds required to be met.

Committee Vote to Approve SFY 2024 OHTF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Bill Faith asked the committee members for a motion to approve the SFY 2024 OHTF Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Ian Thomas noted that a few minor changes had been made to the meeting minutes based on comments provided to Development from the committee's review.

Bob Brokaw made a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

John Royer seconded the motion.

All committee members approved the SFY 2024 OHTF Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Recordation Fee Collections Update

Ms. Jarrell discussed the SFY 2025 OHTF Funding Allocations and Collections. She provided the committee with an OHTF collection overview discussing how the funds are generated and how they factor into the overall budget. She proceeded to review the OHTF recordation fee collections in SFY 2023 and SFY 2024. She directed the members' attention to the ***Lifetime Collection Summary of the OHTF Recorder Fees*** and the chart titled ***OHTF Lifetime Collections and Commitments of Funds by Year SFY 2004 – SFY 2024***. Ms. Jarrell mentioned that in 2019 the Legislature approved the OHTF a base fee increase from fourteen dollars to seventeen dollars for the first two pages, as well as approved a housing trust fund fee increase from fourteen dollars to seventeen dollars.

Ms. Jarrell noted that at this point seven counties have yet to submit 4th quarter Collections and 1st quarter Collections are not available. There has been a significant increase since the Collection fee increase in 2019, but due to high mortgage rates we are back at the 2019 levels. We've seen a significant decrease in Collections during the first 3 quarters of SFY23 to SFY24 Collections. All of the major urban counties saw significant decreases during that period. Franklin and Hamilton counties both posted a nearly 17% reduction in collection fees from the previous year.

Review SFY 2025 Funding Allocation Recommendations

Ms. Jarrell stated that Development recommends a $55 million SFY 2025 OHTF allocation based on projected Collections to be received over the next four quarters. The following funding levels by program were discussed at the meeting:

- The Shelter Repair Program is recommended for funding at $100,000;
- The Resident Services Coordinator Program administered by the Department on Aging is recommended for funding at $250k with $12,500 awarded for administration.
- The Special Project Grant Program is recommended for funding at a much lower level than the previous year as there were a number of Special Project requests made last year.
- Due to additional resources being directed to the Community Housing Impact and Preservation program along with local capacity issues, Development recommends pausing funding this state fiscal year as funds were not spent last year.
- The general admin shared between Development and OHFA will see a decrease as a result of the overall decrease to the budget.
- The CDC set-aside will remain at the same funding level as the previous year.

- The Housing Assistance Grant Program will see funding increased from last year to $6.8, nearly the same level as two years ago as there is still a high demand for home repair projects throughout the state.
- The next two programs covered were the Supportive Housing Program and the Homeless Crisis Response Program, which are allocation based programs that offer funding on two-year awards. The HCRP remains the same as it was two years ago at $14.3 million while the SHP program is up slightly from two years ago.
- Lastly, the Housing Development Assistance Program is recommended for funding at $14.6 million, a decrease from the previous year but approximately the same level of funding from two and three years ago.

There were no comments or questions received regarding the proposed SFY 2025 OHTF Allocation recommendations.

Review of SFY 2024 OHTF Funded Programs

Ms. Jarrell mentioned that in SFY 2024 a total of $65 million was allocated. The percentages of funds made available by program have remained relatively the same over the past few years for each program with exception made to the Special Projects Program based on information discussed previously. Awards were made available to nearly every county in the state as a result of a number of regional awards.

The first program reviewed was the SFY 2024 Resident Services Coordinator (RSC) Program. The SFY 2024 RSC Program award totaled $262,500 – $250,000 for program services and $12,500 for administration. The dollars were awarded to nine nonprofit organizations to provide part-time coordinators for 15 properties that receive Ohio Housing Tax Credit financing or are part of OHFA's project-based Section 8 portfolio that assist older adults and disabled low-income rental housing residents. The RSC Program funding period is from May 1 to April 30. Resident service coordinators reduce the number of resident issues that landlords and property managers must address, help tenants maintain their apartments and comply with the lease terms, decrease turnover and vacancy rates and increase access to mainstream, integrated housing for people with disabilities.

Ms. Jarrell next discussed the Microenterprise Business Development Program, Community Development Finance Fund (CDFF) and the Training and Technical Assistance Grant Program. She mentioned that funding for these three programs has been determined based upon Ohio Revised Code 174.02 that requires a 5 percent set-aside. In SFY2024 a total of $2.6 million to the Ohio CDC and Community Development Finance Fund to assist community-based non-profit development organizations undertaking housing, economic development, and commercial revitalization projects as well as the microbusiness development and training and technical assistance.

Ms. Jarrell provided a brief overview of the programs offered through the housing section in the Office of Community Enhancements, the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) and the Housing Assistance Grant Program (HAGP). In SFY 2024, Development awarded $7.3 million through the HGAP for home repair activities. She mentioned that HAGP works with local Area Agencies on Aging, as well as Community Action Agencies to keep homeowners in their homes, specifically as it relates to supporting people as they age in place. There were no OHTF funds awarded to CHIP in SFY 2024.

Ms. Jarrell next discussed the two supportive housing programs, the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and the Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program (HCRP). In SFY 2024, a total of just over $1.8 million was awarded for homelessness prevention, $6.8 million for rapid rehousing, $5.7 million for shelter operations and the remainder for data collection and admin as part of the HCRP program.

The majority of Supportive Housing Grant Program funds awarded were for operating expenses ($7.8 million), with supportive services with housing funded at $1.5 million. The remainder of the funds were for admin, data collection and a small amount for rental assistance.

Ms. Jarrell next discussed the Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP) administered by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). OHFA awards OHTF HDAP awards to provide gap financing to developments predominantly serving low-income households with incomes at or below 50 percent of the area median income. In SFY24, OHFA awarded $16,500,000 to 16 projects in 14 counties.

Lastly, Ms. Jarrell covered the Special Project Grant Program. In SFY 2024, just over $9 million in Special Project Grant Fund was awarded to 11 grantees, which was a significant increase from previous years. There were a number of unique programs that were funded last year. The Special Project Grant Program provides funding for special projects and innovative proposals that will principally benefit persons with incomes at or below 50 percent of the area median income and meet the OHTF rules and requirements.

SFY 2025 Special Project Grant Program Applications Review/Approval

Ms. Jarrell reviewed each Special Project Grant Program award recommendation as part of the SFY 2025 OHTF Allocation. She mentioned that at this point the Chair asks that a motion be made to approve all grants after Development provides the summaries followed by a request that the motion be seconded for vote. All members that have any involvement in any of the applications or organizations were asked to recuse themselves.

Applicant:	**Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO)**
Project:	**Housing Education and Fair Housing Projects/Youth Housing and Training and Technical Assistance Program/ Coordinated Entry and CoC Planning Match**
Recommended Amount:	$500,000

Ms. Lieberman so moved.

Mr. Brokaw seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Applicant:	**Habitat for Humanity of Ohio**
Project:	**Habitat for Ohio**
Recommended Amount:	$1,000,000

Mr. Royer so moved.

Ms. Lieberman seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Applicant:	**Licking County Coalition on Housing**
Project:	**BoSCoC Rapid Rehousing Program**
Recommended Amount:	$200,000

Ms. Swanson so moved.

Mr. Brokaw seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Applicant: **Medina MHA**

Project: **New Shelter Operations**

Recommended Amount: $600,000

Mr. Faith asked if the program was regional and Ms. Jarrell responded that the program was to serve multiple counites. Ms. Jarrell added that there were no other funding sources identified for the project and that Development would like to treat this program as a pilot program.

Ms. Lieberman so moved.

Ms. Hall seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Applicant: **Ohio CDC Association**

Project: **IDA Program**

Recommended Amount: $82,000

Mr. Brokaw so moved.

Mr. Royer seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Applicant: **Ohio CDC Association**

Project: **AmeriCorps/VISTA Project**

Recommended Amount: $145,000

Mr. Brokaw so moved.

Mr. Royer seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Applicant: **Ohio Domestic Violence Network**

Project: **Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention**

Recommended Amount: $200,000

Ms. Lieberman so moved.

Ms. Swanson seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

SFY 2025 Funding Allocation Recommendation by OHTF Advisory Committee Members

Following the applications review recommended for funding by Development, Mr. Faith asked for a motion to recommend the following Special Project Grant Program applications as part of the SFY 2025 OHTF funding.

Mr. Faith asked if the SFY 2025 OHTF Funding level meets the HDAP LIHTC gap funding requirements and asked if the $2 million reduction from the previous year will present a challenge to meeting the LIHTC requirements. Mr. Koch, representing OHFA, indicated that they have planned for the reduction but will have to reduce the total number of projects.

Mr. Faith then asked for a motion to approve the SFY 2025 OHTF allocation as recommended by Development.

Mr. Brokaw so moved.

Mr. Royer seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Adjournment

Mr. Faith adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.