

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

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

Public Services:

2-1-1/InfoLine (United Way of Summit County) - provided their services to 762 Barberton residents between January 1 and October 31 2019. Many more individuals were served than the goal that was set for 2019.

Mobile Meals- provided 1,014 meals to low-income Barberton residents in need in 2019. Victims Assistance Program- Victim Assistance Program assisted 210 low-income Barberton victims of crime in 2019. Fair Housing- A landlord training was held, fair housing ads were printed in the Barberton Herald, posters and other resources were distributed to various departments and nonprofits. Fair Housing Contact Services serves as the partner to providing Fair Housing services. A Fair Housing Legal Clinic was held on February 23, 2019 for low/moderate income tenants living in Barberton.

SCPH Lead Abatement – Three (3) Households were assisted in 2019. County of Summit Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)- Funds were leveraged with the County’s HWAP program. Two (2) Households in the City of Barberton were weatherized and assisted with the grant monies in 2019.

Economic Development:

BCDC RLF- 54 jobs were created with 7 clients reporting and 40 jobs were retained for each \$35,000 loan created, serving 100% lower-income residents. City of Barberton Economic Development Loan Program- 1 Economic Development loan was granted in 2019 to assist new; small businesses in the City of Barberton get started. City of Barberton Façade Loan Program – 1 Façade loan was granted in 2019. The Façade loans were to assist already established businesses that needed the support to be able to stay open.

Housing:

Neighborhood Development Services – 3 Barberton households were served in 2019 with home rehabilitation services. NDS RLF- The revolving loan fund reported 135 low-interest loans for low-income Barberton homeowners in their portfolio by the end of 2019.

-

Urgent Needs:

13 low-to-moderate income households were served with prior year funding due to flood damage from the June 2019 flood event. Households received assistance with sanitization and cleaning of damaged basements.

Public Improvements/Neighborhood Improvement Projects

Hanging baskets were purchased for the Downtown, Funded Wall Mural on side of building at 2nd Street and Bus Stop, and Excavation for Limitless Playground (handicap accessible) equipment at McCafferty Park

Other:

Code Enforcement- Approximately 737 properties in LMAs were inspected and corrected to increase the quality of life for lower income residents. These inspections were completed by a CDBG-funded staff member. Demolition – The City demolished 4 vacant, blighted, unsafe structures in low/moderate-income areas throughout 2019 and removed asbestos from 6 additional properties. Acquisitions- The City acquired 635 Norton Avenue and Wooster Rd Parcels with the hopes of attracting new development to those areas. Capital Infrastructure & Improvement Projects- Wooster Rd Parking lot was completed behind theater, Playground Equipment purchased for Limitless Playground at McCafferty Park, and Festoon Lighting was purchased for downtown

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

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

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Acquisition	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$30000	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%			
Acquisition	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$30000	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%			
Acquisition	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$30000	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%	1	1	100.00%
Business Incentive Program	Non-Housing Community Development		Jobs created/retained	Jobs	50	50	100.00%			
Capital Infrastructure Improvement projects	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$97500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	500	500	100.00%	2	0	0.00%

Capital Infrastructure Improvement projects	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$97500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		2	0	0.00%
Capital Infrastructure Improvement projects	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$97500	Other	Other	0	0		3	3	100.00%
Code Enforcement	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$144829	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	250	1500	600.00%	100	737	737.00%
College Now	Public Service	CDBG: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	50	34	68.00%	10	0	0.00%
Demolition		CDBG: \$80000	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	36	50	138.89%	5	4	80.00%
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$30000	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0		3	1	33.33%
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$30000	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	500	500	100.00%			
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$30000	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	50	90	180.00%	3	1	33.33%
Facade Improvement	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$25000	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	10	2	20.00%	3	2	66.67%

Facade Improvement	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$25000	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	2		0		
Fair Housing Activities	Fair Housing education and assistance	CDBG: \$10000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		4	1	25.00%
Fair Housing Activities	Fair Housing education and assistance	CDBG: \$10000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	100	600	600.00%			
Homeowner public service	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$10000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	50	50	100.00%	3	3	100.00%
Homeowner public service	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$10000	Other	Other	50	50	100.00%			
Lead Abatement	Non-Housing Community Development		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	25	12	48.00%			
Mobile Meals	Public Service	CDBG: \$10000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	500	500	100.00%			
Mobile Meals	Public Service	CDBG: \$10000	Other	Other	0	0		50	6	12.00%

Neighborhood Development Projects	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$27608	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		100	0	0.00%
Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$30000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	15	15	100.00%	3	3	100.00%
Sidewalks	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$11658	Other	Other	1	2	200.00%	2	0	0.00%
Victim Assistance	Advocacy for victims of crime	CDBG: \$10500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	500	710	142.00%	100	210	210.00%

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

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

Emphasis during this program year was placed upon activities that: (1) preserve and/or increase the availability of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-to-moderate income individuals in the City of Barberton and to increase neighborhood viability through eliminating unsafe structures; (2) enhance the quality of life and promote healthy neighborhoods for low-to-moderate income persons through a variety of public services, infrastructure projects, economic development and redevelopment and other activities addressing specific community needs and (3) preserve/protect historic resources as identified in the Barberton Preservation Plan.

The City of Barberton’s FY19 housing priorities include the following: (1) maintaining an existing stock of affordable housing through rehabilitation; (2) increasing neighborhood viability and safety through code enforcement and demolition of unsafe structures; (3) expanding home ownership opportunities for low and moderate income as well as minority households through the down payment assistance program

utilizing prior year funds; (4) encouraging new construction of affordable housing units utilizing private funds; (5) reduce the risk of homelessness in the City; (6) providing fair housing services to all Barberton residents.

The City of Barberton's FY19 non-housing community development priorities include the following: (1) public improvements in LMA neighborhoods; (2) promote the health and safety of LMA residents through expanded services; (3) maintain and expand economic development activities to encourage jobs for low-income community members; (4) eliminating slum and blighting conditions.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	670
Black or African American	264
Asian	48
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	982
Hispanic	2
Not Hispanic	980

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

Narrative

The total demographics are comparative to the City of Barberton's demographics. The City of Barberton reached more than 1,000 Barberton residents through CDBG programs in 2019 and managed to assess 980 of them with racial and ethnic status documentation. This documentation is important to ensuring that the City is providing equitable access to programs.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	1,010,469	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	100		
Census Tract 5103.01			
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT			
LMA'S OF CITY			
SOUTH BARBERTON			
WUNDERLICH NEIGHBORHOOD			

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Programs and projects were completed in all Low/Moderate Income areas of the City of Barberton. Special care was taken to ensure that the areas were still low/moderate income areas. Outreach was done to ensure that there was equitable access to the programs and projects in low/moderate income areas.

Leveraging

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

The City of Barberton asks that its sub-recipients provide matching or leveraged funds and that CDBG dollars are not the sole source of money for the project. The matching/leveraged dollars must be non-federal dollars, but can also be provided in sweat and equity hours, donated labor and/or materials. Each sub-recipient provides a detailed report on a yearly basis detailing their match contribution.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	3	3
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	3	3

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	3	3
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	1	1
Total	4	4

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

The City of Barberton participated in the Summit County Continuum of Care Coalition to ensure that homelessness is addressed. Thanks the Neighborhood Development Services through their home rehabilitation program, every year, 3 households are provided access to more affordable housing thanks to their program. The City of Barberton frequently acquires properties that are vacant, condemned, and blighted to provide demolition program to increase property values around that parcel. It is often a long process to be able to see the positive effects of these programs. Our goals and our actual outcomes have

been met again this year, but it would be nice to see more achieved than just our goal. If more funding could be leveraged it is possible that we would see more units rehabbed in the future.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

These outcomes will impact future annual action plans because the City of Barberton will need to take a look at the goals that have been attained and see if it would make more sense to allocate more resources to those goals than spread the plan too thin among so many different items. Annual action plans always take into account the previous year's successes and challenges. This past year we were fortunate to receive a higher allocation, so we were able to allocate more funding to boost other programs.

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

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	258	0
Low-income	699	0
Moderate-income	25	0
Total	982	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

All individuals served through CDBG programs were low/moderate income individuals. All were eligible recipients of programming.

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

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

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

The City of Barberton addresses homeless outreach through participation in the Summit County Continuum of Care (CoC). The City has staff representative who sits on the board of CoC and participates in the development of policies for the local HMIS, the CoC Advisory Board and the annual Point-in-Time Counts.

At the time of the 2019 Point in Time Count, the following sheltered and unsheltered homeless were counted for Akron/Barberton/Summit County:

By Household Type:

- Adults only: 181 in Emergency Shelter; 125 in Transitional Housing, 21 in Safe Haven, and 77 Unsheltered - total of 404
- Adults with children: 79 in Emergency Shelter and 42 in Transitional Housing - total of 121
- Children Only: 9 in Emergency Shelter and 2 in Transitional Housing - Total of 11
- Unaccompanied Youth:
 - under 25: 9 in Emergency Shelter and 22 in Transitional Housing - total of 31
 - under 18: 9 in Emergency Shelter and 2 in Transitional Housing - total of 11
 - 18-24: 0 in Emergency Shelter and 20 in Transitional Housing - total of 20
- Homeless Parenting Youth ages 18-24: 3 in Emergency Shelter
- Sheltered Children of Parenting Youth: 6 in Emergency Shelter

Total Households and Persons:

- Total Number of Households: 218 in Emergency Shelter, 147 in Transitional Housing, 21 in Safe Haven, and 77 Unsheltered - total of 463
- Total Number of Persons: 269 in Emergency Shelter, 169 in Transitional Housing, 21 in Safe Haven, and 87 Unsheltered - total of 546
- Total Number of Children under age 18: 55 in Emergency Shelter, and 24 in Transitional Housing - total 26
- Number of Persons over age 24: 208 in Emergency Shelter, 125 in Transitional Housing, 21 in Safe Haven, and 87 Unsheltered - total 441

By Gender:

- Female: 112 in Emergency Shelter, 85 in Transitional Housing, 2 in Safe Haven, and 25 Unsheltered - Total 224
- Males: 157 in Emergency Shelter, 84 in Transitional Housing, 19 in Safe Haven, and 62 Unsheltered - Total 322

By Race:

- Black or African American: 145 in Emergency Shelter, 60 in Transitional Housing, 11 in Safe Haven, and 19 Unsheltered - Total 235
- White: 121 in Emergency Shelter, 89 in Transitional Housing, 6 in Safe Haven, and 19 Unsheltered - Total 235
- Asian: 1 in Emergency Shelter, 5 in Transitional Housing, 1 in Safe Haven, and 1 Unsheltered - Total 3
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0
- Multiple Races: 4 in Emergency Shelter, 10 in Transitional Housing, and 10 Unsheltered - Total 24

Other Populations:

- Severely Mental Ill: 6 in Emergency Shelter, 18 in Transitional Housing, 16 in Safe Haven, and 47 Unsheltered - Total 87
- Chronic Substance Abusers: 6 in Emergency Shelter, 10 in Transitional Housing, 7 in Safe Haven, and 37 Unsheltered - Total 60
- Chronically Homeless: 10 in Emergency Shelter, 6 in Safe Haven, and 38 Unsheltered - Total 46
- Veterans: 19 Emergency Shelter, 37 Transitional Housing, and 8 Unsheltered - Total 64
- HIV/AIDS: 1 Emergency Shelter, 2 Transitional Housing, and 1 Safe Haven - Total 4
- Victims of Domestic Violence: 3 Emergency Shelter, 7 Transitional Housing, 4 Unsheltered - Total 14

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons are addressed by the Barberton police department. They will often take the individual to homeless housing available in Barberton. The City of Barberton also works closely with United Way's 2-1-1 InfoLine to provide rapid-rehousing and transitional housing services to Barberton residents in-need.

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

address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City of Barberton serves on the Board for the Continuum of Care for Summit County. The City of Barberton works closely with greater Akron area non-profits and other organizations that work together to ensure that low-income individuals and families can avoid becoming homeless. The City of Barberton feels it is important to recognize all of the variety of agencies that serve these populations and ensure that all of our residents have equitable access to these agencies to prevent them from losing their housing. Another important advocate of this work is Fair Housing Contact Services. Evictions often play a huge role in families and individuals becoming homeless, Fair Housing Contact Services provides trainings, resources, and discrimination investigations to individuals/families facing this issue.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City of Barberton police department in direct collaboration with Community Support Services reaches out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) on an as-needed basis. Homelessness is not a crime and each situation is different. Community Support Services has dedicated staff with experience in housing homeless and doing homeless outreach that helps mitigate any serious issues that arise. Each individual is assessed and tracked by CSS. Our police department tries to maintain relationships with the individuals they see most often and tries to keep track of where those individuals are staying within the City. The City of Barberton has several AMHA subsidized housing units available in Barberton as well as plenty of rental options for individuals and families of varying income levels. The City of Barberton also maintains an affordable housing stock with a couple credit unions that can work with individuals to ensure that they have access to the affordable housing options that are available. It is in the City's best interest that individuals and families who were recently homeless do not become homeless again.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Barberton as well as our Economic Development team maintains a working relationship with Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA). The City visits several of the AMHA buildings each year to find out the needs of individuals as well as management. In 2019, our Mayor along with a member of the Planning Department, met with resident councils and resident managers of Hilltop, Alpeter, and Allen Dickson Apartments.

The Continuum of Care is a formal community plan with performance reviews submitted to HUD on an annual basis. The planned goals and action steps are created to organize and deliver housing and supportive services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency. The community plan also includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.

The Continuum of Care planning process and committee tasks are on-going, yearly processes which culminate in a funding application being submitted to HUD requesting financial support for locally determined projects addressing the causes and needs of the homeless. Community participation and measurement of service provider collaboration and goal achievement are key factors for determining the levels of funding our Continuum of Care receives annually from HUD.

The City of Barberton plays an active role in the Continuum of Care and addresses the needs of public housing through participating in the Continuum of Care.

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

The City of Barberton works closely with Fair Housing Contact Service, PHAs, and other stakeholders to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership through workshops and advertising opportunities to learn about homeownership to residents. These residents are also encouraged through internal programs made available to them.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) is the only public housing provider in Summit County. AMHA provides affordable housing to more than 22,000 people who qualify for federal assistance. AMHA has been designated as a "High Achieving" PHA for the past 19 years.

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

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

The City of Barberton provides educational sessions on affordable housing to landlords, renters, and City staff to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that can serve as barriers to affordable housing. Public meetings will continue to be held to inform citizens of housing programs. Some of these housing programs include Fair Housing Renters and Landlord Rights and Responsibilities, Fair Housing Legal Assistance, Reverse Mortgage options, open Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings, and the piloted An Informed Barberton workshop series.

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

The City of Barberton, through the Consolidated Planning process, works to maximize federal funds received to target those individuals in the community who have traditionally not been served or are underserved by other programs. Various activities funded are designed to provide necessary services to members of the community who are geographically isolated due to a lack of transportation or accessibility issues, those that may not be eligible for assistance from other sources and those who may lack basic amenities in their neighborhoods. This is accomplished by utilizing federal funds received through HUD and by leveraging other resources to serve this population. In addition, the City partners with non-profit and for-profit entities to develop programs that will be available to those segments of the population traditionally underserved by other programs. It is important to note that for individuals in underserved groups, funds allocated through the Consolidated Plan greatly increase their quality of life.

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

The City of Barberton leveraged CDBG funds with a Lead Hazard Reduction Grant from the Summit County Public Health District to perform lead abatement measurer on eligible housing units. in 2019 three houses were completed.

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

The City of Barberton continues to work with the County of Summit Department of Job and Family Services to coordinate assistance for eligible needy families in the community through the following programs:

Children & Families: Cash Assistance - OWF, Child care services, Food Assistance - SNAP, Adult, Family and Children's Medicaid, Pregnancy Related Services, Repairs and Expenses - PRC, Supportive Services -

PRC, Refugee Resettlement. The City of Barberton also collaborates with United Way to offer Financial Empowerment courses in two separate locations in Barberton (one in the Salvation Army and the other in our Active Adult Center).

Disabled and Seniors: Adult Protective Services, Home Health Care - Ohio Home Choice Waivers, Age Blind and Disabled Medicaid

The City of Barberton also works with OhioMeansJobs to better serve the needs of job seekers to aid in their search for employment and training assistance.

- Barberton is involved in many programs dedicated to providing services to assist individuals emerging from poverty. The City also works with AMHA, City of Akron and various non-profits throughout Northeast, Ohio to help uplift folks in poverty. The City also works in partnership with Barberton Community Development Corporation who strives to create full time employment for low to moderate income individuals.
- Affordable Housing Activities: The City supports Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority's programs which work with and encourages residents to become economically self-sufficient. The City has also continued educating the public on the need for affordable housing and promoting a diversity of affordable housing programs throughout the City. The City will continue meeting with lenders who serve the area and holding public meetings to inform citizens of housing programs. The City of Barberton also works with NDS in assisting LMI Barberton residents through an owner occupied rehab program.
- Economic Development: The City works with the Barberton Community Development Corporation to carry out economic development activities. The primary loan fund is the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund (CDBG RLF) which has been in place since 1988. BCDC has other funding available. In 2019, 54 jobs were created.
- Leveraging Resources: Leveraging CDBG funds increases assistance to residents in need. The City actively encourages the leveraging of private and non-federal funds for neighborhood development and community projects which assist those most in need of services. The City of Barberton also leveraged CDBG funds with nonfederal funds to purchase smoke detectors for low income residents. The City's fire department distributed and installed these smoke detectors for these residents.

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

In regards to the City's institutional structure, staff training and attending classes and seminars to gain a greater knowledge of program requirements is a priority. The department has assembled a collection of resources that include useful websites, and copies of Federal Regulations. HUD staff are consulted regularly and the internet is used for research, webinars and online meetings. Staff members Use HUD criteria for CDBG programs and the Five Year Consolidated Plan to review each proposed project. A

final report is provided to the CDBG review committee and the Mayor for further review and approval. Final projects and funding amounts are approved by City of Barberton Council.

Department officials have also become more active in the Ohio Conference of Community Development (OCCD), NCDA, Summit County Continuum of Care, Planning Commission, and local non-profit collaborative group.

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

The City of Barberton continually builds upon the work it has undertaken to remove barriers to affordable housing, expand the range of services available to traditionally underserved populations and ensure their fair treatment in the housing market. Among the populations affected by these programs are persons of color, individuals with disabilities and low to moderate income persons whose need for safe, affordable housing is often not met by the market. The City strives to develop new land-use incentives and similar programs to facilitate the development of new affordable and market rate housing.

The City of Barberton continues to respond to the housing crisis by:

- Searching for dedicated revenue so this important priority is not competing for General Fund/CDBG dollars with other high priority services;
- Supporting affordable housing funding applications by non and for profits housing organizations;
- Supporting code enforcement, ensuring all rental and occupied housing is up to standards;
- Supporting AMHA's initiatives to improve and de-concentrate public housing;
- Supporting foreclosure prevention programs in Summit County;
- Supporting homebuyer education programs in Summit County which include: introduction to banking, budgeting and saving, understanding credit, rebuilding credit/credit repair, investment strategies, etc.

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

Attached to this CAPER is the City of Barberton's Fair Housing Action Plan. This plan includes an analysis of impediments (impediments with actions to be taken), goals, and accomplishments for the Fair Housing program at the City of Barberton. The Fair Housing program is ran internally through the Planning Department within the City of Barberton.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

It is the job of the Planning Department staff, as the lead agency, to ensure procedures are in place to monitor CDBG compliance. The staff ensures all procedures are administered properly and all projects undertaken will address goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The City of Barberton and our CDBG sub recipients are very committed to providing minority owned business opportunities for work. The City and its CDBG recipients' strategy (Action Plan) for encouraging more minority business participation and outreach follows:

- Utilizing the services of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency;
- Requiring, in our CDBG funded bids and contracts, that prime contractors take the same affirmative steps with respect to subcontracting;
- Require our CDBG sub recipients to establish a clear and realistic strategy for encouraging minority business participation in all HUD assisted programs and report to the City;
- Advertise in *The Reporter*, the only minority-focused newspaper in the area.

The City of Barberton requires sub recipients to provide a copy of their actions and plans for promoting minority businesses with the opportunity to work. The City conducts on site monitoring to sub recipients and also requires sub recipients to send annual accomplishment data, which is then reported to HUD through the IDIS system.

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

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

The City prepares and submits all required documents and/or reports making them available for public comment.

The draft and final CAPER will be made available for public inspection at the Barberton Planning Department and the Barberton Public Library. This report contains tables/reports showing the total amount of funds available, the total amount of funds committed during the reporting period, and the total amount expended. A legal notice will be ran in the Barberton Herald, advising the public of the availability of the draft CAPER report. A copy of the public notice and proof of publication will be included with this document.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

The City of Barberton was able to carry-out the objectives set forward in the 2019 Action Plan. Those programs not completed were due to extenuating circumstances out of the City's control, such as delays in action plan approvals, funds available late, and/or issues with leveraged funding. The City of Barberton will continue to strive for timeliness in all of our HUD programs and projects and continues to work dilligently to appropriately utilize HUD funds in the community.

All PR-03,06,23,26 reports will be sent hard copy through FEDEX mail.

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

No

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

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

The City of Barberton was able to carry-out the objectives set forward in the 2019 Action Plan. Those programs not completed were due to extenuating circumstances out of the City's control, such as delays in action plan approvals, funds available late, and/or issues with leveraged funding. The City of Barberton will continue to strive for timeliness in all of our HUD programs and projects and continues to work dilligently to appropriately utilize HUD funds in the community.

All PR-03,06,23,26 reports will be sent hard copy through FEDEX mail.

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

No

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