

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The goal of the FY23 Action Plan is to provide quantifiable goals that will serve as a working guide for the use of 2023 CDBG funding. This plan sets forth goals and objectives that can be used to evaluate the progress and success of the programs.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The FY23 Action Plan will place emphasis on 3 goals. Firstly, the FY23 Action Plan hopes to enhance the quality of life and promote healthy neighborhoods for low-to-moderate income persons that live in Barberton through a variety of public services, infrastructure projects, economic development and redevelopment, and other activities that address the community's needs. Secondly, the goal is to preserve and/or increase the availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for low-to-moderate income individuals in the City of Barberton. Eliminating unsafe structures is one way of accomplishing this and hopefully all these actions will increase the viability of our neighborhoods. And finally, the City continues to preserve/protect historic resources as identified in the Barberton Preservation Plan.

Community Development priorities for FY23 include:

1. Public Improvements (public art, sculptures, fountains, trees, etc. Broadly interpreted to include all improvements and facilities that are either publicly owned or that are traditionally provided by the government, or owned by a nonprofit, and operated so as to be open to the general public;
2. Promoting health and safety of low-to-moderate residents through expanded services thanks to the Barberton Mobile Community Center;
3. Maintaining and expanding economic development activities to encourage job creation or retention for low-to-moderate-income persons; and
4. Working to eliminate and prevent slum and blight.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City of Barberton has endured turnover in CDBG administration over the last several years. A new administrator is being hired in April of 2023 and while the goals have mostly remained the same, with the exception of adding an expansion of economic development opportunities, the process can vary based on funding levels, the results of the 2020 census findings, local needs, and other factors. Existing conditions and past performance are constantly evaluated to develop the current Action Plan.

Based upon past performance, and difficulties meeting timeliness, it was determined that greater emphasis should be placed on projects where City staff would have greater control in the project management, such as Capital Infrastructure projects.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

A legal notice was issued in the *Akron Beacon Journal*, a local newspaper of general circulation; allowing interested parties ample time to review the information and/or provide comments. The summary included a description of the contents and purpose of the plan. The entire plan was made available for review in the Planning Department, 576 W Park Avenue, Barberton, Ohio 44203, as well as the City of Barberton Library, 602 W Park Avenue, Barberton, OH 44203. The City of Barberton will have all records and information related to the Action Plan maintained and available for review for a minimum of five years.

The City held several public meetings to present the proposed draft of the Annual Action Plan in order to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies/officials, and other interested parties. Residents were encouraged to respond, comment, and provide feedback during all stages of the Action Plan submission. The following meetings were held throughout the month of April and into May:

- Planning Commission (PC): April 19, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers 2nd Floor of Municipal Building at 576 W Park Avenue in Barberton.
- Board of Health (BOH): April 26, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers 2nd Floor of Municipal Building at 576 W Park Avenue in Barberton.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Several comments were received following the legal notice and public hearings. For more information, please refer to AP-12: Participation.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

A list of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them can be found in AP-12: Participation.

7. Summary

The City of Barberton makes a conscientious effort to receive comments and feedback regarding the Annual Action Plan. The City looks forward to ensuring growth in public engagement and participation in the CDBG program.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BARBERTON	Department of Planning & Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Barberton Department of Planning & Community Development is the lead agency responsible for the development of the Consolidated Plan and also administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program covered by this Consolidated Plan. This current Consolidated Plan submission covers the period for fiscal years 2020-2024.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Barberton Department of Planning & Community Development is the lead agency that is responsible for the development of the Action Plan and administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program covered by this Action Plan for FY23.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The City will continue to coordinate meetings, events, and seminars between the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, Continuum of Care, public housing providers, fair housing services, and other health and social service providers.

The City is involved in local non-profit committee meetings established to combine resources and reduce duplication of services to provide efficient assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals. This group also focuses on community needs and approaches to effectively meet these needs.

The City in conjunction with Fair Housing Contact Service, Inc. will continue to hold training sessions with sub-grantees, residents, and landlords on fair housing. This informative training will cover fair housing laws, rules, and regulations in order to promote fair housing throughout the City of Barberton.

During the preparation of the five-year Consolidated Plan, the City hosted many different discussion sessions with various groups to get input on needs present in the community. The City strived to get input from a variety of groups to help with the development of the priority goals and objectives to be included in the Consolidated Plan. The sessions were held with elected officials, financial institutions, local public and private agencies that provide services to persons in need of housing, health and social services and economic development opportunities. All sessions were held in handicapped accessible facilities and were publicized through a variety of media sources including the newspaper, written notices sent to government and non-profit organizations, brochure mailings, postings at libraries and other public buildings, and the City’s web page.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Akron/Summit County Continuum of Care representatives meet on an ongoing basis with various non-profit organizations to discuss housing and supportive service needs in the community.

The agencies invited to these sessions provide a variety of services throughout Summit County, including housing, health, and social services for at-risk groups, including children, the elderly, the homeless, persons with disabilities, and persons living with HIV/AIDS. Of primary concern to most of the agencies, was the need throughout the County for affordable housing for the homeless, be it transitional, rental, or permanent housing.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Barberton is an active member of the Akron/Summit County Continuum of Care and will strive to work towards the goal of ending chronic homelessness. With the availability of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the City anticipates this goal being met in the future.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	AMHA is consulted on occasion to provide basic overview of housing needs and what they need to do to improve their facilities. Environmental Reviews are completed by the City of Barberton as requests are submitted.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Barberton Community Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Economic Development
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City of Barberton officials and staff are representatives on the Board and evaluate the organization's strategic plans regularly.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Contact Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City works with Fair Housing Contact services to promote fair housing and address fair housing issues in Barberton. Fair Housing Contact Services is often contracted to provide trainings in Barberton to landlords, residents, and City employees.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Neighborhood Development Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Owner Occupied Rehabilitation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	NDS works closely with the City of Barberton to improve housing, provide housing-related resources, and complete Economic Development projects.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Summit and Medina
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The United Way has recently merged 211/Infoline Services. This merger has provided the availability of more services to Barberton residents.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Victim Advocacy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Victims Assistance receives CDBG funding to provide assistance to victims of violence and human trafficking. We hope to see their program continue to expand in Barberton.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care of Summit County	The City of Barberton sits on the Board of Directors for the Continuum of Care of Summit County. This is a mandated collaboration of homeless service providers, funders, etc. The goals of our strategic plan overlap with the goals of each plan because veteran homelessness has reached functional zero and a similar process has started for chronic homelessness.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

N/A

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

A legal notice of the proposed FY23 Action Plan was published in the *Akron Beacon Herald*, a newspaper of General Circulation allowing interested parties ample time to review the information and/or provide comments in writing to the City of Barberton Department of Planning & Community Development or on record at the public meetings. The City of Barberton will have all records and information related to the Annual Action Plan maintained and available for review. The City of Barberton encourages the participation of all its residents (low-to-moderate income as well as those above HUD guidelines); especially those representing diverse facets of the population (i.e. minorities, non-English speaking residents, people with limited mobility, visual or hearing impairments, etc.). All residents are encouraged to respond, comment, and provide feedback during all stages of the Plan submission. Goal-setting can be impacted by the comments because the City takes all opinions seriously. The City of Barberton will have all records and information related to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan maintained and available for review for a minimum of five years.

The following meetings were held as followed:

- April 5, 2023 - Advertisements in the local paper (Akron Beacon Journal) soliciting comments.
- April 19, 2023 - 5:30 PM, Planning Commission, 576 W Park Ave., Barberton, OH 44203
- April 26, 2023 - 5:00 PM, Board of Health, 576 W Park Ave., Barberton, OH 44203

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>April 5, 2023 - Advertisement in the local paper (Akron Beacon Journal) soliciting comments for 30 days.</p>	TBD	TBD	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: ANY Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	April 19 - 5:30 PM, Planning Commission, 576 W Park Ave.	TBD	TBD	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: ANY Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	April 26, 2023 - 5:00 PM, Board of Health, 576 W Park Ave. All members were present.	TBD	TBD	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

In order to determine priority needs and the basis for funding allocations, a number of agencies and/or data sources were consulted including but not limited to:

- Barberton/Akron/Summit Continuum of Care
- United Way
- The City of Akron
- The Ohio Department of Development
- Summit County Department of Development
- United States Census Bureau
- Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Barberton Public Library
- Various public hearings, council meetings and neighborhood meetings
- Community Task Force meetings
- Neighborhood Focus Groups
- Neighborhood survey's
- Barberton Community Development Corporation (BCDC)
- NeighborWorks
- Fair Housing Advocates Association (FHAA)
- Neighborhood Development Services (NDS)
- Private industry
- 2010 Census

Additionally, while the factors listed above determined what we might need to address, staff capacity and estimated funding levels played an even larger role in determining what we can realistically undertake during the 2020-2014 Consolidated Strategic Plan period.

Based on these factors housing, quality of life/suitably living environment issues, and preservation activities will be the focus of this plan.

Geographically, funds will be used for projects located within the City of Barberton. Throughout the plan period, priority will be given to projects located in low-to-moderate income areas.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	678,980	20,000	1,405,083	2,782,257	677,408	Annual allocation varies each year. It is anticipated that the City will receive \$670,000 each year from 2021-2024, which is approximately \$2,460,000. Program income is expected to yield approximately \$20,000 per year with a total of \$80,000 for the remainder of the consolidated plan. FY23 Allocation of \$678,980 was subtracted from this total amount.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Proposals are accepted from private individuals and non-profits throughout the year. All proposals submitted and determined by staff to be eligible are reviewed and discussed by the Planning Commission, City Administrators, and City Council to finalize funding amounts if any.

Additionally, the City collaborates with the Barberton Community Development Corporation (BCDC) and Development Finance Authority / Western Reserve Fund (DFA/WRF) to address the City's economic development activities. BCDC and the DFA/WRF has several programs leveraged with CDBG funds. Programs are:

- BCDC administers the City of Barberton's CDBG Revolving Loan Fund to assist businesses with economic development;
- The CDBG Image Enhancement Fund is dedicated to facade and exterior improvements which enhance the curb appeal of structures, thus creating and retaining jobs through upgraded aesthetics marketing practices;
- The Economic Development Association (EDA) Revolving Loan Fund is BCDC's primary RLF followed by the Small Business Association (SBA) RLF.
- BCDC manages a loan fund for the Barberton Community Foundation (BCF) of approximately \$4.5 Million. The current PRI agreement allows for a case-by-case basis on percentages of interest retained by BCDC. Currently, this amounts to approximately \$20,000 per year.
- DFA/WRF is expected to administer the City of Barberton's CDBG Revolving Loan Fund to assist businesses with economic development.

Funding and staff capacity are the largest obstacles to meeting underserved needs within the City of Barberton. In order to make the most efficient use of CDBG dollars, the City continues to collaborate with public and private organizations and to leverage its dollars, whenever possible, to pursue funding sources as they become available for specific priority activities. Other obstacles include staff capacity, zoning restrictions, and NIMBYism.

During this program year and throughout the duration of the Consolidated Plan, the City will continue to provide training for its staff members. Additionally, City staff will work with the County to provide CDBG training and technical assistance workshops for sub-recipients. Possible topics include, but are not limited to fair housing, timeliness, and compliance with Davis Bacon and other federal requirements.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City of Barberton continues to work with BCDC and other organizations to acquire property throughout the City of Barberton. The City also utilizes the State-regulated Land Reutilization program to acquire vacant properties throughout the City.

These properties are then utilized to accomplish needs such as:

1. Creating green space and lessening density in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods while also eliminating slums and blight.
2. Acquiring properties in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods so that retention ponds can be created to help reduce flooding in these neighborhoods.
3. Acquiring properties to assist with economic development needs by razing slum and blighted properties so that new commercial buildings can be built for the purpose of creating jobs for low-to-moderate income individuals.

Discussion

N/A

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration & Planning	2020	2024	Program Compliance	ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Economic Opportunities Neighborhood Improvements	CDBG: \$135,796	Other: 1 Other
2	Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0 RLF: \$70,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated:5 Household Housing Unit
3	Public Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing General Supportive Services to benefit Low/Mod Income Individuals	ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	Affordable Housing Non-Housing	CDBG: \$80,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 950 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 60 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Capital Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Infrastructure Improvements	ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	Non-Housing	CDBG: \$131,847	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
5	Eliminate Slum and Blight	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	Affordable Housing Non-Housing	CDBG: \$80,000	Buildings Demolished: 3 Buildings
6	Economic Development Activities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	Economic Opportunities	CDBG: \$81,337	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 2 Business Jobs created/retained: 5 Jobs Businesses assisted: 3 Businesses Assisted Other: 1 Other
7	Code Enforcement	2020	2024	Health & Safety/ Eliminate Slum & Blight	ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	Neighborhood Improvements	CDBG: \$170,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 400 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration & Planning
	Goal Description	Funds used to remain compliant with reporting/documentation and to carry out CDBG activities and plan future projects.
2	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of decent, safe, sanitary housing by providing homeowners with assistance to maintain existing housing to code.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	General supportive services to benefit low-to-moderate income individuals
4	Goal Name	Capital Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Capital Infrastructure Improvements for low-to-moderate income areas.
5	Goal Name	Eliminate Slum and Blight
	Goal Description	Remove vacant, blighted housing that is infeasible to rehabilitate and which represents a threat to health and safety in order to preserve and protect property values and improve living conditions.
6	Goal Name	Economic Development Activities
	Goal Description	To assist for-profit businesses with low interest, no-interest, or forgivable loans to start, retain, or grow Barberton businesses.
7	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	Code Enforcement relating to health and safety issues and other code violations in LMI Areas

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In general, programs provided funding through the FY23 Annual Action Plan will meet or exceeded its stated goals.

Objectives Identified in the Plan:

The emphasis during this program year will be 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

(3) preserve/protect historic resources as identified in the Barberton Preservation Plan.

The City of Barberton’s FY23 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 homeownership 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 FY22 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.

Projects

#	Project Name	Goal Name	2023 CDBG Funds
1	Economic Development Grant Program	Economic Development	\$81,337
2	Residential Demolition Program	Slum & Blight	\$80,000
3	Code Enforcement	Slum & Blight	\$170,000
4	Housing Rehabilitation Program	Housing Rehabilitation	\$70,000
5	Fair Housing Program	Public Services	\$10,000
6	Administration	Administration & Planning	\$135,796

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Insufficient funding and limited staff capacity are the two largest obstacles to meeting underserved needs within Barberton. In order to make the most efficient use of CDBG dollars, the City continues to collaborate with public and private organizations. The City leverages its dollars whenever possible, to pursue funding sources as they become available for specific priority activities.

The City will continue to seek additional funding opportunities from the federal and state governments as well as private funding sources.

It was determined Through HUD’s Timeliness Reporting Process that a large quantity of prior year funds would need to be spent in order to meet timeliness. Through speaking with City Officials and Department Heads, a plan was put in place on how to spend down the City’s CDBG funds to ensure the City is complying with HUD regulations. This involves a large portion of extra funds being allocated toward capital infrastructure project.

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Project Summary Information

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Barberton is located in northeast Ohio with a population of 26,030 according to the 2020 ACS Survey. Barberton, at 8.6 square miles, offers businesses and residents extensive services and facilities. Barberton is located in Summit County. Summit County is located directly adjacent to and south of Cuyahoga County, the state’s most populous county. Cuyahoga County’s central city is Cleveland (2020 ACS-estimated population 372,624); Summit County’s central city is Akron (2020 ACS-estimated population 197,375).

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
WUNDERLICH NEIGHBORHOOD	
LMA'S OF CITY	100
ALL LMA'S OF THE CITY	
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT	
SOUTH BARBERTON	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Barberton defines a concentration of low-to-moderate-income persons as a census tract or block group in which at least 51 percent or more of the total population is low-to-moderate-income according to HUD guidelines. The projects described in the 2023 Action plan will all occur in census tracts as defined by the 2020 census.

Discussion

N/A

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Barberton chooses sub-recipients by the “open door or unsolicited application process” so the process is open and the City can quickly respond to community needs. Planning staff internally reviews proposals to determine if the proposed activity is consistent with the Consolidated Plan. Any proposal determined by staff to be eligible for CDBG funding is reviewed and discussed by the Planning Department, Mayor, Planning Commission, and other City Administrators to finalize funding amounts if any. This program year the City will collaborate with Neighborhood Development Services (NDS) to address the City’s low-to-moderate income housing issues. NDS has many housing-related activities and programs to offer the residents of the City. NDS is a HUD-certified housing counseling agency, they celebrate National NeighborWorks week by gathering volunteers to paint and landscape areas of the City, provide financial fitness, post-purchase education, down payment assistance (DPA), home rehabilitation, lead assessment and abatement, and foreclosure prevention counseling. NDS has many partners to ensure LMIs are being serviced including local lenders, the State of Ohio Development Services Agency, Ohio Housing Financing Agency, Ohio Capital Corporation, and various other organizations.

When funded, selection for the DPA and rehab program is based on applications submitted by homeowners and a determination of eligibility. Any resident of Barberton who is low-to-moderate income may be eligible to receive CDBG housing assistance.

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) provides public housing rental assistance in the City of Barberton. CDBG is not utilized to support AMHA’s programs.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	5
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	5

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	4
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	4

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Lending institutions in Barberton and the Greater Akron Area generally offer a variety of special mortgages, First Time Homebuyer loans, and Home Improvement loans for lower-income households. Key Bank, PNC, Charter One, Huntington, Chase, Third Federal, 5/3, and US Bank had special programs to assist low-to-moderate income persons in Barberton

The Barberton Community Development Corporation also works closely with private lending institutions due to the fact their economic development loans require a 70% match.

Private lenders, among others, sit on the Barberton Community Development Corporation and Neighborhood Development Services Boards.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Prior to the most recent Consolidated Plan, the City sponsored a Community Development Exposition to increase the involvement of the public, social services and other public agencies. The exposition was specifically geared towards educating residents of Barberton in how federal, state, and local funding is being used to address issues of housing, economic development, infrastructure, health issues, and other related activities in the City. Present at the exposition were representatives from public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services in the area, as well as others.

The above representatives provided information regarding Barberton's homeless population, population threatened with homelessness, housing needs of children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their families. Suggestions and comments gathered from the said Exposition and various public hearings were again considered this Fiscal Year when preparing the Annual Action Plan.

During the preparation of the five-year Consolidated Plan, the City hosted many different discussion sessions with various groups to gain input on needs present in the community. The City strived to gain input from a variety of groups to help with the development of the priority goals and objectives to be included in the Consolidated Plan. The sessions were held with elected officials, financial institutions, local public and private agencies that provide services to persons in need of housing, health and social services and economic development and residents. All of the sessions were held in disabled accessible facilities and were publicized through a variety of media sources including the newspaper, written notices sent to government and non-profit organizations, brochure mailings, postings at libraries and other public buildings as well as the City's web page.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The City and the AMHA are currently working together to strengthen communication and are working together to decentralize poverty within the City.

AMHA offers a Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program that is used to assist a qualifying family residing in a home owned by one more members of the family. AMHA also offers post-purchase counseling programs for home buyers.

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

The City will continue to host many neighborhood ward/forums/task force meetings for elected officials and administrators to get comments from the various community representatives on what needs the

City should address in the Consolidated Plan as well as the City's new Comprehensive Plan.

The City will continue to work with Fair Housing Contact Service, Inc. and AMHA to hold educational workshops/seminars to educate Barberton residents on homeownership and the programs available to offer assistance.

The City is also working with United Way's - Financial Empowerment Program to assist LMI individuals on how to manage their money, improve their credit score, pay off debts, and build their income base. This program is designed to help individuals get back on track and will be helpful to families trying to improve their credit score and manage a working budget to purchase a home.

Representatives from a variety of backgrounds attended the meetings in addition to the City's Administrators, Council, and City Department Heads. The meetings discussed topics such as housing, economic development, parks, and open space, downtown revitalization, and the City's general image. The meetings are events in which comments from community members (as well as elected officials and administrators) are gathered and utilized in the creation of the above Plans.

The need for new jobs, infrastructure improvements in low-to-moderate income residential areas, and the need for increased senior services/housing has been a priority need in Barberton for many years and will continue to be a high priority need in the current Consolidated Plan.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

N/A

Discussion

N/A

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board is located in Barberton and they offer support services to adults and children who have developmental disabilities to reach their fullest potential.

In addition, several public agencies provide housing and housing-related services in Barberton. They include but are not limited to the following:

- Summit County Continuum of Care
- Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority;
- Akron-Summit Community Action Agency;
- Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board;
- Area Agency on Aging;
- Community Support Services;
- Habitat for Humanity;
- Summit Housing Development;
- Children Services Board and
- Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Many of these public agencies receive funding and coordinate services with counterparts at the state and federal levels.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

The City is worked with Community Support Services (CSS) to do outreach to homeless camps and other areas where the City has a homeless population. CSS's services incorporate assessment, planning, facilitation, and advocacy for options and services to meet an individual's health needs. Combined with communication and available resources, case management services promote quality cost-effective outcomes. The City plans to utilize Community Support Services again this year to help assess the needs of homeless and unsheltered persons.

Members from the Akron/Summit Continuum of Care and Summit County government continue to meet with representatives from various non-profit organizations to discuss homelessness and supportive service needs in the community. Additionally, the Summit County Quality of Life continues to meet on a

regular basis and addresses issues such as homeless and social services in our community.

The agencies invited to the session provide a variety of services throughout Summit County, including housing, health, and social services for at-risk groups, including children, the elderly, the homeless, persons with disabilities, and persons living with HIV/AIDS. Of primary concern to most of the agencies, is the need throughout the County for affordable housing for the homeless, be it transitional, rental, or permanent housing.

The City of Barberton is a member of the Akron/Summit County Continuum of Care and will strive to work towards ending chronic homelessness in our City.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

During a prior fiscal year, the City sponsored a Community Development Exposition to increase the involvement of the public, social services, and other public agencies. The exposition was specifically geared towards educating residents of Barberton in how federal, state, and local funding is being used to address issues of housing, economic development, infrastructure, health issues, and other related activities in the City. Present at the exposition were representatives from public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services in the area, as well as others.

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 above representatives provided information regarding Barberton's homeless population, population threatened with homelessness, housing needs of children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and their families. Suggestions and comments gathered from the Exposition and various public hearings were again considered this Fiscal Year when preparing the City's Annual Action Plan.

In preparing the current Annual Action Plan, the City consulted with adjacent units of local government and other area agencies such as the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA), Summit County, the City of Akron, City of Cuyahoga Falls, and the Summit County Continuum of Care Committee regarding data collection and problems/concerns reaching beyond a single jurisdiction. Public housing initiatives are discussed in detail throughout this Plan as well as lead-based paint issues.

The neighborhood forums/task force meetings were discussed in an earlier section and the comments continue to be utilized when ranking our priorities. Finally, drafts of the State of Ohio's Annual Plan, Summit County's, and the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority's Annual Plans were reviewed to

ensure maximum coordination of efforts and to identify new opportunities for cooperative efforts within the City and surrounding areas. The Neighborhood Stabilization and Moving Ohio Forward programs have greatly impacted areas of the City most in need.

The City will continue to work with other Summit County communities and agencies to enhance the services and programs offered to low-to-moderate income residents.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Lending institutions in Barberton and the Greater Akron Area generally offer a variety of special mortgages, First Time Homebuyer loans, and Home Improvement loans for lower-income households. Key Bank, PNC, Charter One, First Merit, Chase, Third Federal, 5/3 and US Bank had special programs to assist low-to-moderate income persons in Barberton. Neighborhood Development Services will work closely with all of the above lenders to increase private homeowner investment in Barberton although, during these tough economic times, it will be more difficult than in years past.

Fostering strong working relationships with lending institutions allows NDS to provide more financial services to clients which can help more low-to-moderate income homebuyers purchase a home. The lending institutions benefit from the working partnership because the homebuyer programs provide them with an opportunity to commit some of their Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) dollars to improve the community.

Several successful projects in south Barberton have been Hyacinth Acres Phases I and II and Elson Acres. Hyacinth Acres project involved the construction of thirty-eight (38) single-family homes with first mortgages financed by the lenders and second mortgages financed with federal grant funds. The Elson Acres project involved the construction of twenty (20) single-family homes with first mortgages financed

by the lenders and second mortgages financed with Nehemiah funds.

The Barberton Community Development Corporation also works closely with private lending institutions due to the fact their economic development loans require a 70% match.

Private lenders, among others, sit on the Barberton Community Development Corporation and Neighborhood Development Services Boards.

Discussion

N/A

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

Barriers to affordable housing exist in every community. While some of these barriers can be addressed through legislative or procedural changes, others are very difficult to alter because they are the result of socio-economic and/or market conditions. Analysis shows some of the following barriers to affordable housing exist in the City of Barberton:

- Smaller supply of affordable single-family housing units that make it difficult for low-to-moderate income, first time homebuyers to make the transition from renting to homeownership.
- The current average sales price of many of the homes on the market are below the national average, but still above the affordability level of many low-to-moderate income households.
- Housing rehabilitation is often costly making it difficult for low-to-moderate income households to afford necessary repairs. Bank financing to assist with such repairs is often more difficult for lower income individuals and families.
- Minimum lot sizes that increase the cost of land and decrease the feasibility of providing smaller, more affordable homes.
- Cost prohibitive local ordinances, zoning ordinances and building codes for stormwater systems, sidewalks, and landscaping that often add unnecessary costs to affordable housing development projects.
- Environmental conditions such as brownfields, eliminate the possibility of building homes in some of the more affordable areas of the community. Ohio brownfield remediation grant funding has been cut in recent years with the change in the State legislature.
- NIMBY attitudes often dictate where affordable housing projects are located. NIMBYism has been the subject of fair housing laws for years.
- Lack of Transportation or lack of public transportation options have a negative effect on affordable housing location choice.

Policies to market available housing opportunities could be further expanded to include measures ensuring housing information reaches traditionally underserved populations. Advertising in targeted media sources, distributing information at churches or community gatherings or conducting special outreach efforts to targeted groups are effective marketing tools for reducing barriers to affordable housing. The City will continue striving to address negative effects and barriers to affordable housing during the 2022 plan period.

Actions it planned 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

The City is committed to removing or reducing barriers to affordable housing whenever possible. During 2023, the City:

- will continue to assure the availability of adequate sites for the development of affordable housing and researched state and federal funding sources to support efforts to construct affordable housing;
- continue to support the AMHA as a valued business in our community;
- if funding is available the City and in conjunction with a housing provider, will develop affordable housing;
- the City will support Low-Income Housing Tax Credit projects as they arise;
- continue to utilize the Ohio and USEPA Brownfield programs to remediate underutilized sites; and
- the City will continue to offer CRA tax abatements to those homes located in an approved CRA District.
- The City will also continue to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to preserve and improve the stock of affordable housing options.

Fair housing programming will also continue to play a critical role in addressing barriers to affordable housing. The City will continue to take appropriate actions to affirmatively further fair housing and reduce all negatives effects of public policies within the City. Additionally, the City of Cuyahoga Falls will be participating in the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI).

Discussion:

N/A

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Barberton’s housing priorities include the following:

- maintaining an existing stock of affordable housing through rehabilitation;
- increasing neighborhood viability and safety through code enforcement and demolition of unsafe structures;
- encouraging new construction of affordable housing units;
- reduce the risk of homelessness in the City;
- providing fair housing services to all Barberton residents.

The City of Barberton’s non-housing community development priorities include the following:

- upgrading public improvements/facilities in neighborhoods specifically for the senior/disabled population;
- promote the health and safety of residents through expanded public services;
- maintain and expand economic development activities to encourage jobs for low-income community members;
- addressing slum and blighting conditions through code enforcement.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to work with non-profit agencies, local governments, and AMHA to address the needs of the underserved community. The City will collaborate on projects and activities to use our resources to best serve our residents. Staff will continue to attend seminars and training sessions to

develop our skills and knowledge in the field.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Barberton's housing priorities include the following:

- maintaining an existing stock of affordable housing through rehabilitation by continuing to partner with NDS for his housing rehab program;
- increasing neighborhood viability and safety through code enforcement and demolition of unsafe structures;
- encouraging new construction of affordable housing units;
- reduce the risk of homelessness in the City through programs such as homeless outreach;
- providing fair housing services to all Barberton residents.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City's lead-based paint abatement goal is to reduce the number of units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to families of lower-income.

The City of Barberton will leverage CDBG funds, used for Owner Occupied Rehabilitation with a Lead Hazard Reduction Grant from the Summit County Public Health District.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The following activities will be undertaken to assist in the removal of households from poverty status.

Affordable Housing Activities

- Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority - The City supports AMHA's programs which work with and encourages residents to become economically self-sufficient. The City does not utilize CDBG funds to support the AMHA.
- Neighborhood Development Services - The City contracts with Neighborhood Development Services to administer CDBG housing activities which assist persons in becoming self-sufficient. NDS offers many services not limited to the following; down payment assistance, homebuyer education, rehab loans, interest subsidies, foreclosure prevention, new construction, and rental rehabilitation.

Economic Development

- The City contracts with the Barberton Community Development Corporation (BCDC) to administer revolving loan funds which are for economic development loans to qualifying businesses. Each loan made stipulates a certain number of jobs are created for low-income

persons. The Barberton Community Development Corporation does not loan more than \$35,000 for every full-time job that is created.

Additional Assistance

- The following groups/agencies located outside the City may also assist in the removal of Barberton households from poverty status. The following agencies offer job training or apprentice opportunities:
- Private Industry Council (PIC)/Job Training Partnership Act
- Ohio Means Jobs
- Department of Human Services JOBS program
- Ohio Bureau of Employment Services
- Programs operated/funded by the United Way
- Small and minority business programs
- SCORE assists small business get off the ground with mentoring
- Public and private efforts to promote business development
- Minority Business Lending Program

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Housing and economic development programs in the City, other than those offered by AMHA, are implemented jointly by the Department of Planning and Community Development, Neighborhood Conservation Services, Neighborhood Development Services, Fair Housing Advocates Association, Fair Housing Contact Services, and Barberton Community Development Corporation. What follows is a discussion of agencies and organizations involved in the delivery of housing services.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City of Barberton works with other agencies to enhance and foster coordination among government agencies, non-profit providers, and private entities serving the housing and supportive service needs of low-to-moderate income persons.

Barberton will continue to play a role in the local Continuum of Care during this Consolidated Plan period.

The City will continue to foster relationships with local lenders to encourage and promote homeownership. These relationships will continue throughout the Consolidated Plan period. Homebuyer initiatives will also involve coordinated efforts with staff members of the Akron

Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) and the City of Barberton.

Discussion:

The City of Barberton will continue to undertake other actions as necessary to coordinate the delivery of CDBG funded services. In addition, the City will continue to work with agencies to identify needs for possible future CDBG.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

All of the CDBG funds the City expects to receive this program year 2023 have been committed to the projects described throughout this report.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	20,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	20,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	70.00%

No urgent need activities are currently proposed for this program year. In the event that would change, all public hearing and citizen participation requirements will be met and an amendment to this action plan will be completed and submitted to HUD.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Grantee Unique Appendices

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.


Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


Signature of Authorized Official

8-16-2022
Date

Mayor
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

William B. Judge
Signature of Authorized Official

8-15-2022
Date

Mayor
Title

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number 4040-0084
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
<p>* 1. Type of Submission:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	
<p>* 2. Type of Application: * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
<p>* 3. Date Received: 09/30/2022</p>	
<p>4. Applicant Identifier: City of Barberton</p>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: 34-6000188	5b. Federal Award Identifier:
<p>State Use Only:</p>	
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:
<p>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</p>	
<p>* a. Legal Name: City of Barberton</p>	
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 34-6000188	* c. UCI: JB6RCDX00B85
<p>d. Address:</p>	
* Street1: 576 X Bank Ave	Street2:
* City: Barberton	County/Parish:
* State: OH: Ohio	Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: 44203-9998
<p>e. Organizational Unit:</p>	
Department Name: Planning	Division Name: Community Development
<p>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</p>	
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Pete
Middle Name:	* Last Name: Weasler
Suffix:	Title: Assistant Director - Planning & Community Dev
<p>Organizational Affiliation: Local Government</p>	
* Telephone Number: 330-848-6728	Fax Number:
<p>* Email: pweasler@cityofbarberton.com</p>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type

* Other (specify)

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="698,194.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="20,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="698,194.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes" provide explanation and attach

21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:


* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed: