

2012 ACTION PLAN

FRANKLIN COUNTY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPARTMENT



CDBG • HOME • ESG

February 2012

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Village of Obetz
Village of Urbancrest
Village of Valleyview
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Amanda King
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Overview of Funds Available in 2012

This Action Plan outlines the intended uses of federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2012 program year. The three Consolidated Plan programs Franklin County receives funding under: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which primarily benefits low-income individuals; the HOME Partnership (HOME) program, which funds affordable housing activities, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), which provides homelessness assistance.

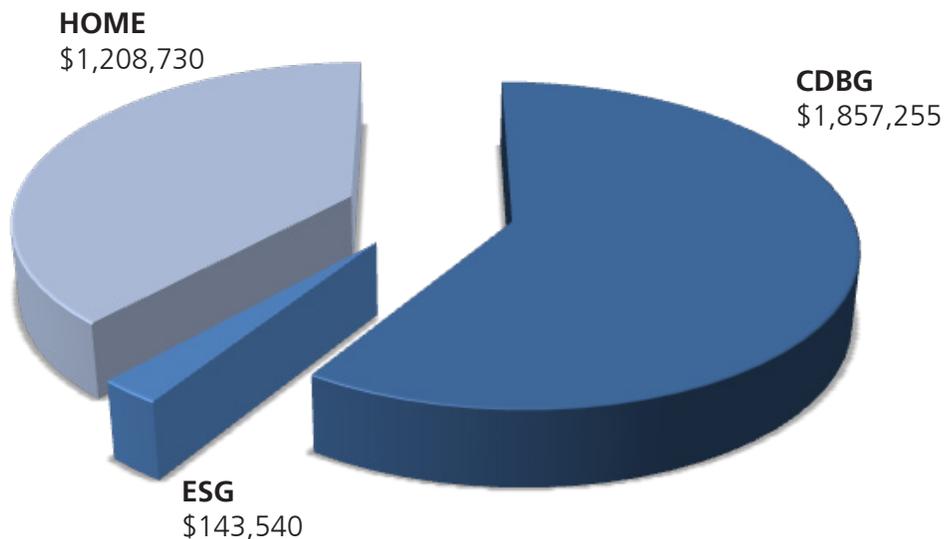
Action Plan activities are selected based on the Strategic Plan outlined in the County's 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, the CDBG and HOME application process, and recommendations from the Community Development Advisory Board. The County will fund a variety of affordable housing, economic development, infrastructure, and public and social service projects to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.

Despite the fact that the 2012 CDBG and HOME federal budgets were cut (CDBG by 11.6% and the HOME by 38.4%), the County actually saw a 8.9% increase in its CDBG Budget and only a 23.33% cut to HOME. The County fared better in its allocations compared to the rest of the nation due to the fact that this is the first year that allocations are based in part on the findings of the 2010 census. The primary factors in the census that increased the program allocations were Franklin County's 22% increase in population and unfortunately, also a 26.6% increase in poverty. The total available funds for 2012 is \$3,209,525.

Sources of Funds

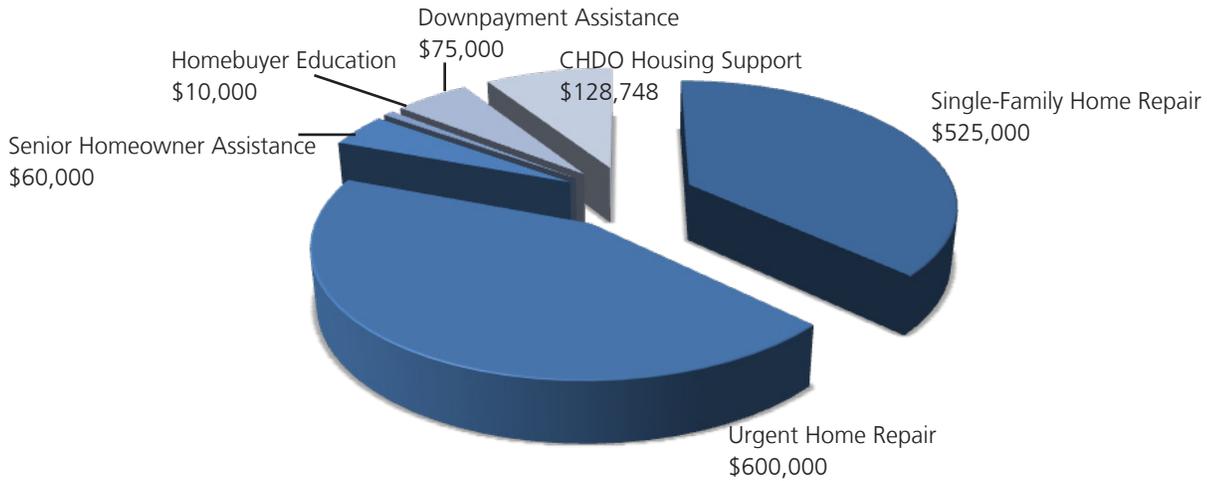
| | CDBG | HOME | ESG |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Grants | \$1,804,831 | \$648,730 | \$143,540 |
| Program Income | \$30,000 | \$60,000 | |
| HOME Match Reserve | | \$500,000 | |
| Unprogrammed | \$22,424 | | |
| TOTAL | \$1,858,102 | \$1,203,740 | \$143,540 |

Total Funds Available - \$3,209,525

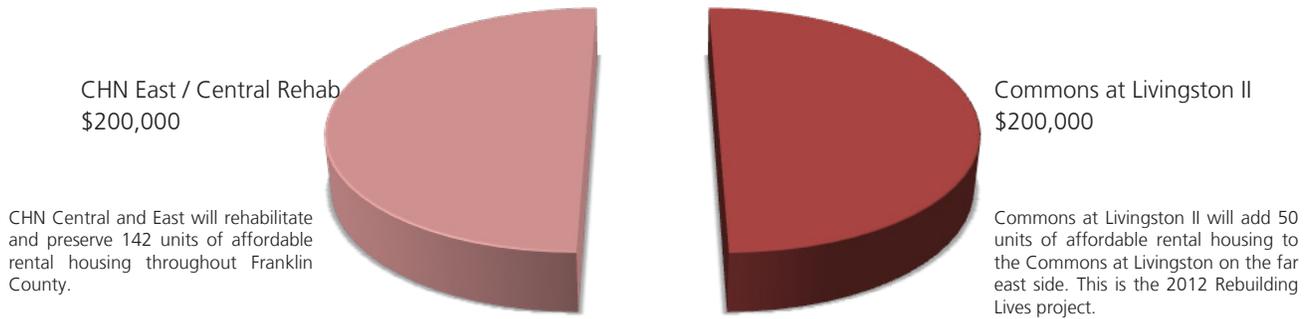


Affordable Housing - \$1,798,748

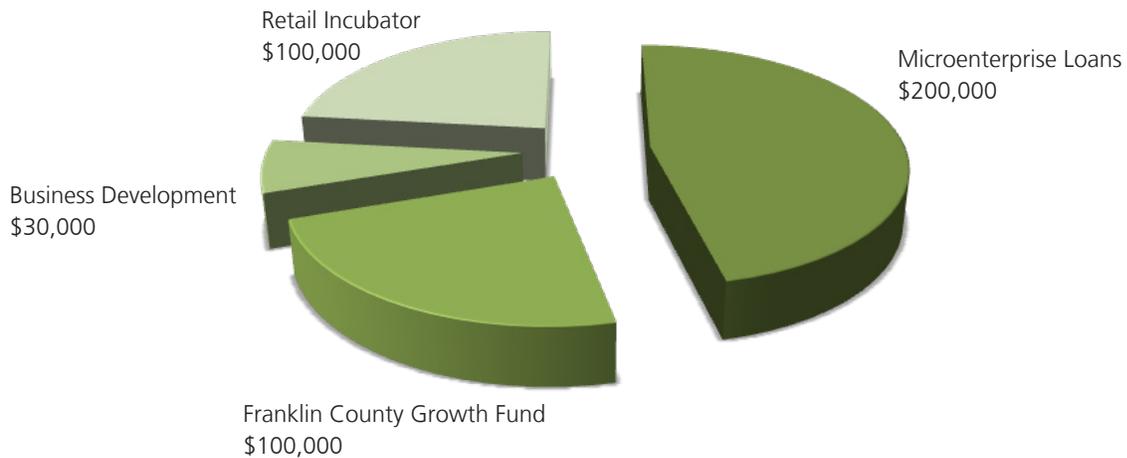
Homeownership



Rental Housing

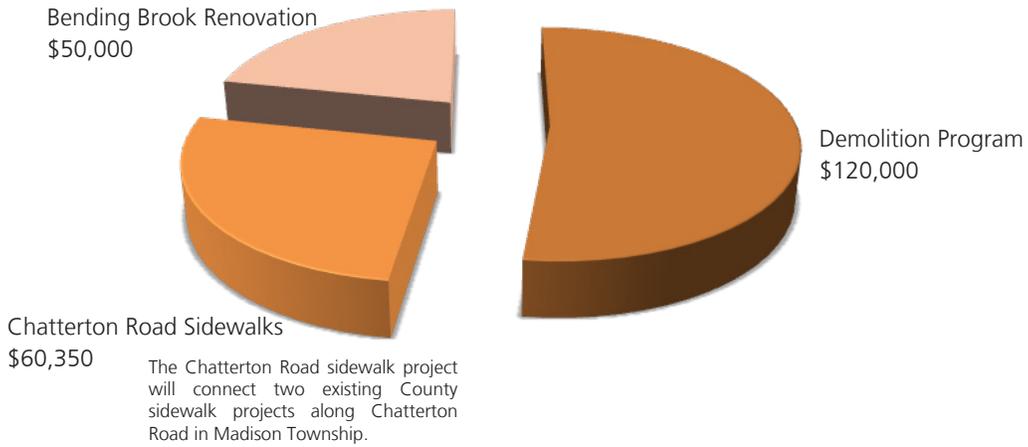


Economic Development - \$430,000

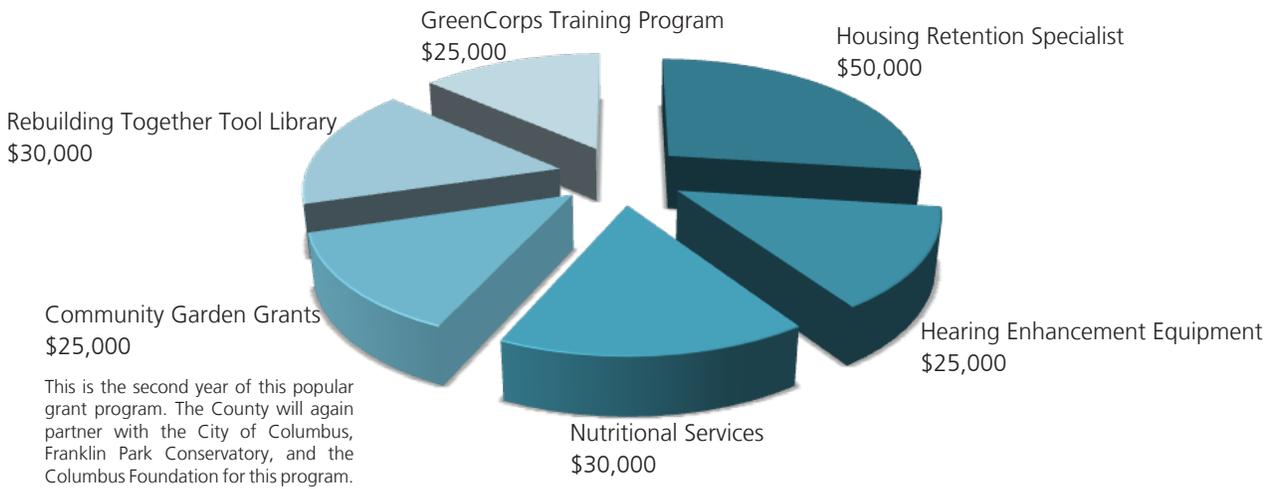


The Retail Incubator System of Franklin County (RISFC) will create new economic opportunity in older retail corridors by providing retail space and capacity-building technical assistance to emerging retailers.

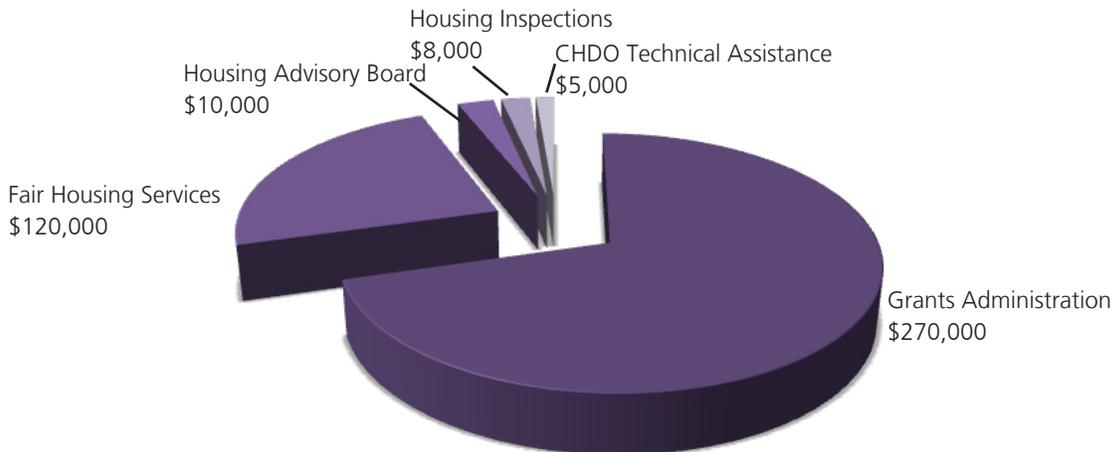
Infrastructure - \$230,350



Public Services - \$185,000



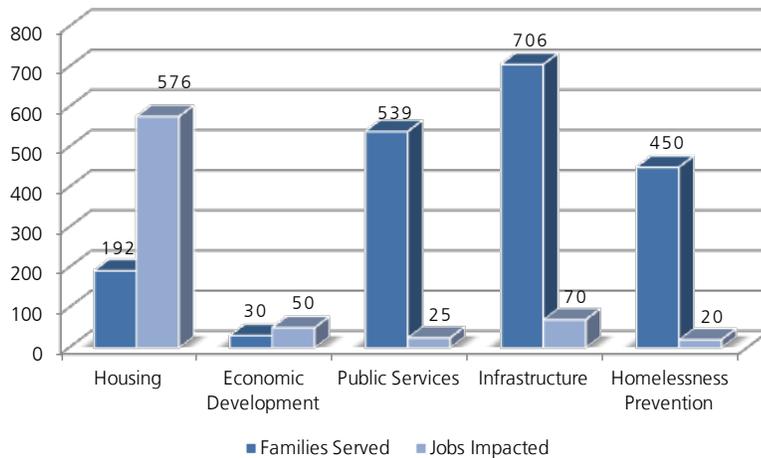
Planning and Administration - \$413,000



Projected Impact of 2012 Action Plan

The County's Action Plan for the expenditure of HUD funds in 2012 is designed to impact the greatest number of low-income County residents, contribute to the local economy by impacting jobs, and introduce new and innovative initiatives to maximize the impact of these funds. As a result, the County expects its 2012 activities to serve over 1,900 families and impact approximately 750 jobs in the community.

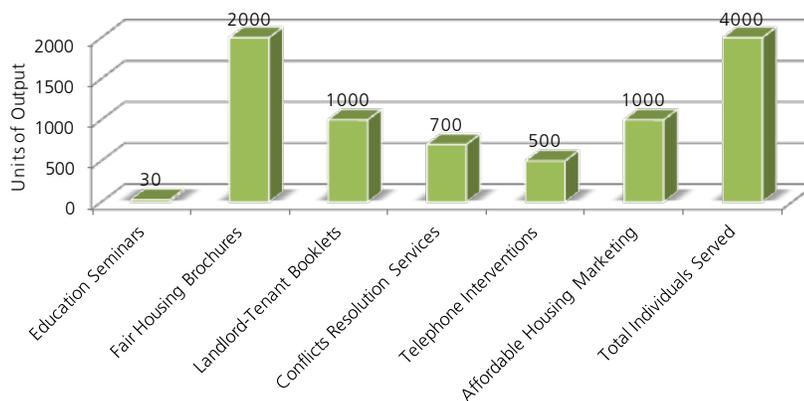
Action Plan Impacts on Families and Jobs



Job impact figures are based on the following data: Average 7 jobs/single-family housing unit (3 jobs/minor repair), 3 jobs/unit for multi-family housing projects, job creation commitments for economic development contracts, public service staffing, and infrastructure construction applications.

In addition to these programmatic outcomes, the County's Fair Housing Services, provided by the Columbus Urban League, will impact an additional 4,000 households. These households will receive educational materials, conflict resolutions services, and other interventions to address and prevent discriminatory housing practices in the County.

Fair Housing Services - Expected Outcomes



2012 Action Plan Timeline

Public hearings to provide technical assistance and to garner citizen input identifying the County's community development needs:

September 22, 2011
9 – 11 a.m.

September 23, 2011
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Local public hearings by applicants and the provision of County Technical assistance:

September-October 2010

Review and ranking of the applications by the Franklin County Community Development Advisory Committee:

December 2, 2011
2 – 4 p.m.

Publish proposed/draft Annual Action Plan:

December 25, 2011

Second public hearings to receive citizen comment on the proposed Action Plan:

January 19, 2012
9 – 11 a.m.

January 20, 2012
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners are presented plan for approval:

February 14, 2012

Annual Action Plan submission to HUD:

February 15, 2012

Project award letters sent:

February 21, 2012

Commencement of 2012 Program Year:

April 1, 2012



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