

**2015 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN ALLOCATION & PROGRAMMING SUMMARY**

The County’s 2015 Action Plan identifies how the County will expend the 2015 funds allocated to it by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). By regulation those expenditures must be consistent with the community needs, priorities and strategies stated in the County’s pending 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The three Consolidated Plan programs the County receives grant allocations under are: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which primarily benefits low-income individuals, the HOME Partnership (HOME) program which funds affordable housing opportunities and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program which provides homelessness assistance.

As of November 1, 2014 the County had not received notice of its 2015 entitlement award amounts for those programs. In the absence of those award amounts, the Columbus HUD office has advised the County to prepare its 2015 budget based on 0% growth to the award amounts the County received in 2014 (for the respective CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.) Employing the 2014 allocation numbers, the County’s anticipated 2014 award amounts by program are:

- **\$1,846,700 for CDBG**
  - **\$ 639,457 for HOME**
  - **\$ 154,852 for ESG**
- Total \$2,651,009**

Additional resources available for programming include:

- Unprogrammed/recaptured dollars: (excess funds recaptured from completed projects or dollars that have yet to be allocated): \$323,654.00 in CDBG funds and \$0.00 in HOME funds
- Projected program Income dollars (from loan repayments): \$125,000 from CDBG and \$30,000.00 from HOME, and
- \$142,000 in HOME Cash Match dollars.

Adding these additional resources to the projected entitlement amounts, the estimated programmable totals for each program are:

<b>Sources:</b>	<b><u>CDBG</u></b>	<b><u>ESG</u></b>	<b><u>HOME</u></b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>\$1,846,700.00</b>	<b>\$154,852.00</b>	<b>\$ 639,457.00</b>
<b>Program Income</b>	<b>\$ 125,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
<b>HOME Match Reserve</b>			<b>\$ 142,000.00</b>
<b>Committed</b>	<b><u>\$ 323,654.00</u></b>	<b><u>                    </u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,295,354.00</b>	<b>\$154,852.00</b>	<b>\$ 811,457.00</b>

**Estimated TOTAL available for 2015 allocations:                   \$ 3,261,663.00**

Listed below are staff recommendations (based on the application scoring of new proposed CDBG activities and the monitoring results of standing programs) for allocating these dollars in 2015 and the corresponding project/program descriptions with comment:

<b><u>INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Source</u></b>
<b>Street Improvement Project</b>	\$250,000	CDBG
City of Hilliard - Landmark Lofts, Franklin Street.		
<b>Street Improvement Project</b>	\$113,854	CDBG
Franklin Township - Eastfield subdivision off of Frank Road.		
<b>CDBG Total:</b>	<b><u>\$363,854.00</u></b>	
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE Total:</b>	<b><u>\$363,854.00</u></b>	

Five (5) infrastructure projects are on the pending list for allocations should the County receive sufficient additional HUD funding beyond what has been estimated under this plan – the Homes on the Hill Public Facility project; Lincoln Park West; the Village of Riverlea; the village of Urbancrest and Metropolitan Community Services. If there are additional funds beyond the estimates, those HUD funds will either be allocated based on Commissioner priorities or based on the 2015 CDBG discretionary scoring process.

<b><u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Grant Source</u></b>
<b>Urgent Need Rehabilitation Grants</b>	\$875,000	CDBG
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission – the urgent repair program provides grants to low-income families to address a major failing household system that threatens the occupant’s immediate health and safety. The program anticipates rehabilitating (ninety) 90 homes.		
<b>Elderly &amp; Disabled Home Repair</b>	\$75,000	CDBG
Economic & Community Development Institute - the program provides minor home repair services to elderly and/or disabled individuals fifty-five (55) years or older to assist them in maintaining their homes. The program anticipates providing services to 50 homes.		
<b>Down Payment Assistance Program</b>	\$100,000	CDBG

Homeport – the allocations fund a First-time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance program for income-eligible Franklin County residents. The program anticipates providing down payment assistance to 15 households.

**CHDO Development** \$95,919 HOME

Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus - HUD requires that recipient jurisdictions set aside a minimum of 15% of its HOME allocation to support the development of local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and the implementation of their projects.

**CHDO Operating** \$31,973 HOME

Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus - HUD requires that recipient jurisdictions set aside a minimum of 5% of its HOME allocation to support the operating expenses of local CHDOs.

**HOME HOUSING PROJECTS:**

- **CHN Rehabilitation Project** \$250,000 HOME

Community Housing Network - This allocation represents the fourth year allocation of a five-year plan to rehabilitate 400 units of permanent subsidized housing to individuals disabled by mental illness.

- **Rebuilding Lives Project** \$250,000 HOME

This allocation is annually made to the Continuum of Care, Community Shelter Board’s designated Rebuilding Lives Project (which addresses homelessness and assists individuals suffering from de-habilitating circumstances and/or illnesses.)

**CDBG Total:** \$1,050,000.00  
**HOME Total:** \$ 627,892.00  
**AFFORDABLE HOUSING Total:** \$1,677,892.00

**PUBLIC SERVICES PROJECTS** **Grant Amount** **Grant Source**

**Housing Retention Services** \$52,500 CDBG

Community Housing Network - this program provides housing retention services to low income tenant households that have a history of mental illness, addiction and/or homelessness. The program anticipates assisting 150 households.

**Meals Distribution & Nutrition Prog.** \$35,000 CDBG

LifeCare Alliance – the allocation supports a nutritional program including the distribution of meals to low-income residents. LifeCare will distribute an estimated 2,000 meals and 700 food pantry packets to an estimated 55 households.

**Tool Loan Library** \$50,000 CDBG

Rebuilding Together Central Ohio - this program provides a tool loan program to low-income Franklin County residents and nonprofit partners. The program anticipates making 550 tool loans to County residents.

**Housing Counseling** \$15,000 CDBG

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission - the program provides housing counseling services to eligible homeowners and potential homeowners advising those clients in regards to purchasing a home, renting, defaults, foreclosures and credit issues. It is anticipated that 50 households will receive housing counseling services.

**Housing Counseling** \$15,000 CDBG

Homes on the Hill - the program provides housing counseling services to eligible homeowners and potential homeowners advising those clients in regards to purchasing a home, renting, defaults, foreclosures and credit issues. It is anticipated that 50 households will receive housing counseling services.

**Hearing Enhancement Services** \$25,000 CDBG

The Mid Ohio Board for Independent Living (MOBILE) - provides adaptive equipment for the hearing impaired. The program anticipates serving thirty (30) clients.

**Summer Nutritional Program** \$25,000 CDBG

The Children’s Hunger Alliance - the program provides needy children nutritious meals and educates them and their families in regards to healthy living to promote lifelong health and to reduce the incidence of obesity.

**After- School Mentoring Program** \$25,000 CDBG

All That Inc. – will conduct an afterschool mentoring program in the Whitehall school system.

**Individual Development Accounts** \$24,000 CDBG

East Columbus Development Company - Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are special savings accounts that match the deposits of low- and moderate-income individuals. For every dollar saved in an IDA, clients receive a corresponding match. In return the clients contractually agree to complete financial education classes and to use their savings for an asset-building purpose – either for post-secondary education, job training, the purchase of a home or to capitalize a small business.

**Dress for Success** \$15,000 CDBG

Dress for Success – the program provides career development services to disadvantaged women; activities include providing professional attire, a network of support, and career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. The program anticipates serving 75 women through this allocation.

**CDBG Total:** \$281,500.00  
**PUBLIC SERVICES Total:** \$281,500.00

HUD regulations cap the amount of dollars a jurisdiction can use for public services in a single year at 15% of that year’s CDBG Grant plus its program income. Under this draft plan the County anticipates receiving \$1,846,700 in entitlement dollars and \$125,000 in program income for a total of \$1,971,700; 15% of that amount is \$295,755, which represents the cap the County cannot exceed. Under this proposed plan the County anticipates its 2015 administration and planning expenditure to be \$266,500 which would place the County at 13.5% of the 15% it is allowed.

Three public service projects are on the pending list for an allocation should the County receive sufficient additional HUD funding beyond what has been estimated under this plan – Faith Mission; the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation; and the Youth Advocate Services. Again, additional HUD funds will either be allocated based on Commissioner priorities or based on the 2015 CDBG discretionary scoring process.

**Economic Development** **Grant Amount** **Grant Source**

**Microenterprise Loan Program** \$150,000 CDBG

Economic & Community Development Institute - this allocation provides microenterprise revolving loans to low and moderate income business owners (new and expanding) who employ 1-5 employees. To qualify for assistance, the owner applicant’s household earnings must not exceed 80% of the area median income. It is anticipated that ECDI will aid a minimum of 25 businesses and create or retain a minimum of 7 jobs.

**Business Development** \$75,000 CDBG

Increase CDC - this allocation supports a business development program that provides technical assistance culminating in the development of a business plan for aspiring low-income entrepreneurs. It is anticipated that the program will assist fifty (50) prospective businesses.

**Fresh Foods Initiative** \$40,000 CDBG

United Way of Central Ohio - the program focuses on making healthful foods available to low and moderate income neighborhoods on the west side of Franklin County by working with local food businesses to stock such commodities on their shelves.





## **2015 Proposed Project Cost Summaries**

Below is a summary that lists the projects (and their sub-categories) proposed for grant allocations under each HUD program.

### **I. CDBG 2015 Proposed Program Cost Summary**

<b>Housing Stabilization and Improvement Program</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>
HS05a Home Rehabilitation – Urgent Repair Grants	875,000
HS05b Elderly & Senior Homeowners Assistance Program	75,000
HS05c First-time Homebuyers downpayment-assistance	100,000
<b>Economic Development Program</b>	<b>\$315,000</b>
ED05a Microenterprise Loan Program	150,000
ED05b Business Development	75,000
ED05c Fresh Foods Initiative	40,000
ED05d Respite Connections	35,000
ED05e Lemonade Stand	15,000
<b>Public and Social Service Support Program</b>	<b>\$281,500</b>
PS05a Housing Retention Specialist	52,500
PS05b Lifecare Alliance – Nutritional Program	35,000
PS05c Rebuilding Together	50,000
PS05d Housing Counseling - MORPC	15,000
PS05e Housing Counseling – Homes on the Hill	15,000
PS05f M.O.B.I.L.E	25,000
PS05g Children’s Hunger Alliance	25,000
PS05h All That Whitehall Mentoring program	25,000
PS05i Individual Development Accounts	24,000
PS05j Dress for Success	15,000
<b>Infrastructure and Neighborhood Conservation Program</b>	<b>\$363,854</b>
IN05a City of Hilliard Street improvements project	250,000
IN05b Franklin Township Street repair	113,854
<b>Grant Program Administration and Compliance</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>
GA05a Program Administration	170,000
GA05b Fair Housing Services	85,000
GA05c Housing Advisory Board	10,000
GA05d Westland planning study	20,000

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**Sub-Total 2015 CDBG Funds Allocated**

**\$2,295,354**

**II. HOME 2015 Proposed Program Cost Summary**

<b>Administration Programs</b>	<b>\$ 190,892</b>
H05A01 CHDO Development (15% of 2015 grant)	95,919
CHDO Operating (5% of 2015 grant)	31,973
CHDO Technical Assistance – Community Dev. Collaborative	5,000
H05A02 County Administrative Support	50,000
H05A03 HQS Inspections – Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority	8,000
 <b>County Rental Rehabilitation &amp; New Construction</b>	 <b>\$ 500,000</b>
H05R02 Rental New Construction	
CHN Relocation Project	250,000
Community Designated Rebuilding Lives Project	250,000

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**Sub-Total Planned 2015 HOME Funds Allocated** **\$ 690,892**

**III. Emergency Solutions Grant Proposed 2015 Program Cost Summary**

Emergency Solutions Support	\$154,852
E05S01 Community Shelter Board/YWCA Family Center	154,852

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**Sub-Total Planned 2015 ESG Funds Allocated** **\$154,852**

**Grand Total 2015 CPD Program Allocations** **\$3,141,098**

**PROPOSED ALLOCATION SUMMARY**

<b><u>Programs</u></b>	<b><u>CDBG</u></b>	<b><u>ESG</u></b>	<b><u>HOME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
Infrastructure	\$ 363,854	\$0	\$0	\$363,854
Affordable Housing	1,050,000	0	627,892	1,677,892
Public Services	281,500	154,852	0	421,352
Economic Dev.	315,000	0	0	315,000
Administration	<u>285,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>63,000</u>	<u>348,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,295,354</b>	<b>\$154,852</b>	<b>\$690,892</b>	<b>\$3,141,098</b>
 <b>Funds Available:</b>	 <b><u>\$2,295,354</u></b>	 <b><u>\$154,852</u></b>	 <b><u>\$811,457</u></b>	 <b><u>\$3,261,663</u></b>
 <b>Contingency:</b>	 <b>\$0</b>	 <b>\$0</b>	 <b>\$120,565</b>	 <b>\$120,565</b>