

2014 Action Plan

Franklin County

Economic Development & Planning Department
Community Development Division



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Overview of Funds Available in 2014

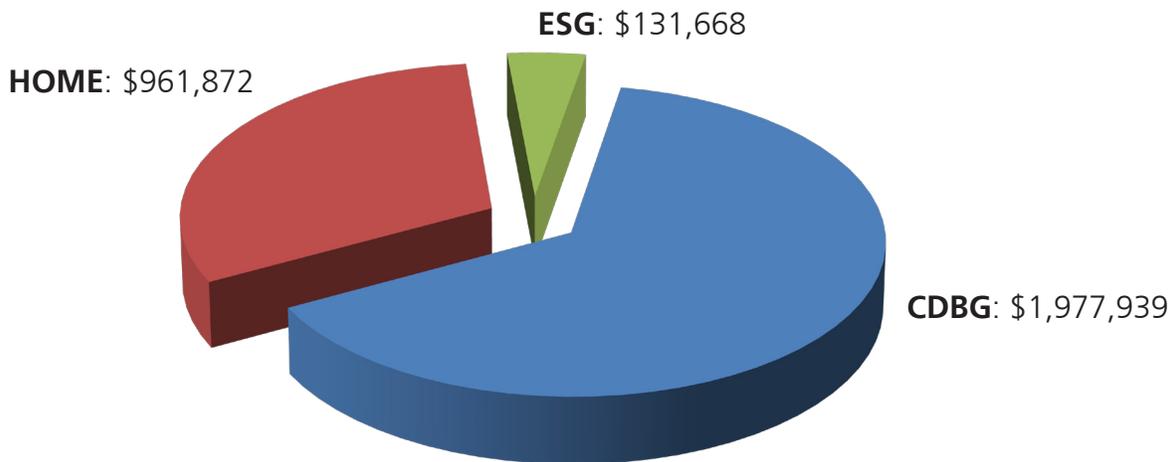
As of January 2014, the County had not received notice of its 2014 entitlement award amounts for the following programs. In the absence of these award amounts, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office in Columbus has advised the County to prepare its budget based on 0% growth of the award amounts received in 2013 (for the respective CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs).

The Action Plan outlines the intended uses of federal HUD funds for the 2014 program year. Franklin County receives funding under three Consolidated Plan programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program benefitting low-income individuals and families; the HOME Partnership program, which promotes affordable housing activities; and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for homelessness prevention.

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.

Total Funds Available:
\$3,071,479

Sources of Funds	CDBG	HOME	ESG
Grants	\$1,906,140	\$616,872	\$131,668
Program Income	\$45,000	\$30,000	
HOME Match Reserve		\$148,000	
Unprogrammed	\$26,799	\$167,000	
TOTAL	\$1,977,939	\$961,872	\$131,668



Projected Leveraged Funds:
\$35,000,000

It is anticipated that the County will realize approximately \$35,000,000 in leveraged funding from allocations made under its 2014 Action Plan. This projection is based on the amount of leverage the County realized during its 2012 HUD program year. This represents a similar investment in housing projects.

2014 Action Plan Timeline

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

September 19, 2013
9-11 a.m.

September 20, 2013
5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

September-October 2013

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

December 13, 2013
2-4 p.m.

Publish proposed/draft Annual Action Plan:

December 22, 2013

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

January 16, 2014
9-11 a.m.

January 17, 2014
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Public hearings held at 150 S. Front Street, Suite 10, South Conference Room

Board of Commissioners are presented plan for approval:

February 11, 2014

Annual Action Plan submission to HUD:

February 15, 2014

Project award letters sent:

February 21, 2014

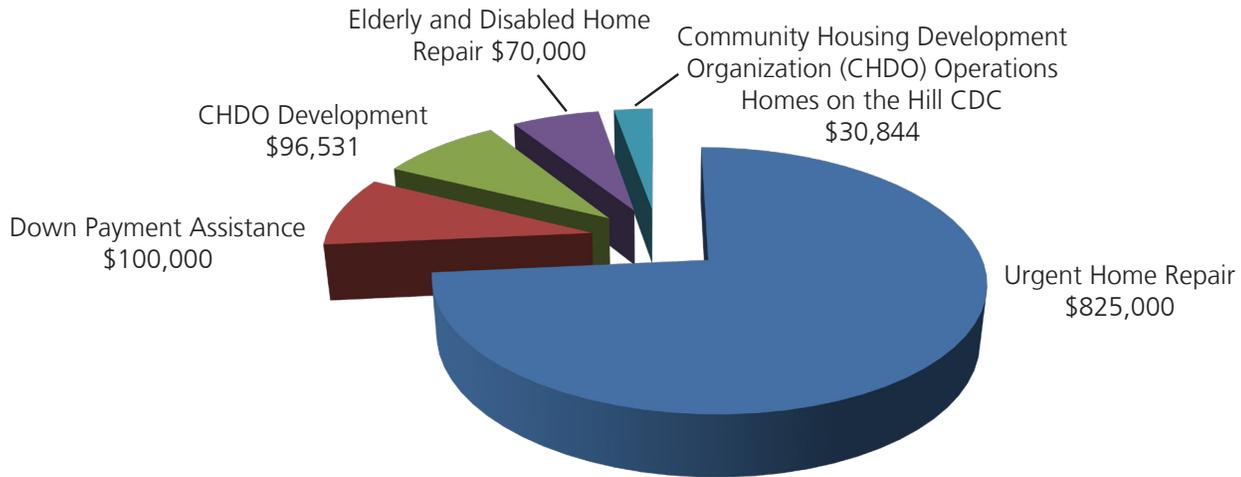
Commencement of 2014 Program Year:

April 1, 2014

Affordable Housing - \$1,872,375

Individuals Impacted: 698

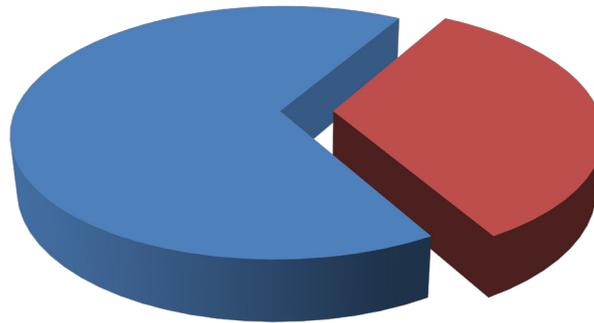
Homeownership: \$1,122,375



Rental Housing: \$750,000

Community Housing Network Rehabilitation Project
\$500,000

This allocation will help fund the rehabilitation of 72 units of permanent subsidized housing to serve mentally disabled individuals in Franklin County. This represents the fourth and fifth year allocations of a five-year plan to rehabilitate 400 total units.

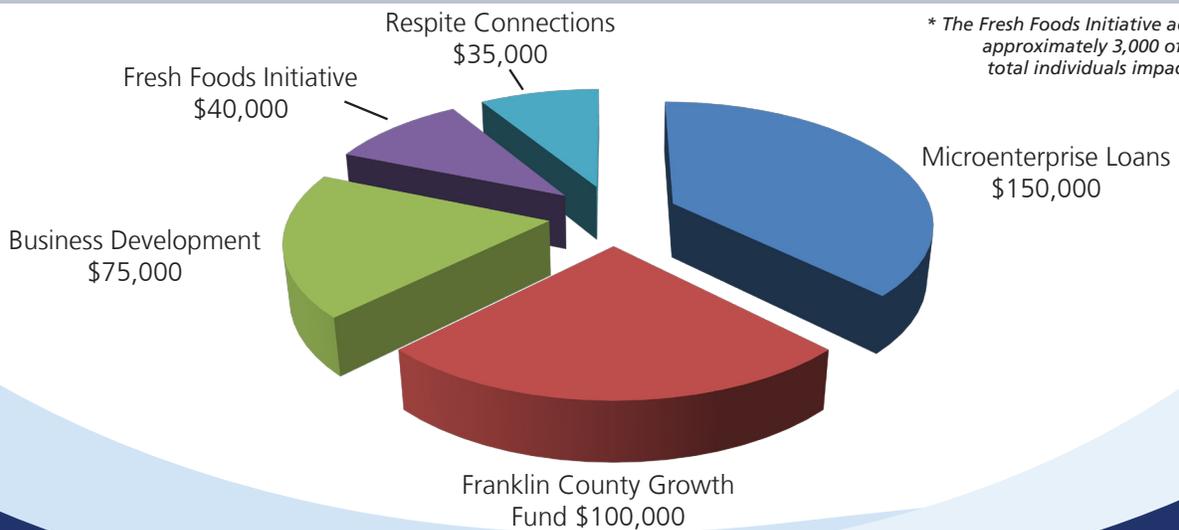


Griswold Building Renovation
\$250,000

This allocation is designated to go to the Community Shelter Board 2014 Rebuilding Lives Project for the rehabilitation of 91 housing units.

Economic Development - \$400,000

Jobs Created/Retained: 22
Individuals Impacted: 3,092



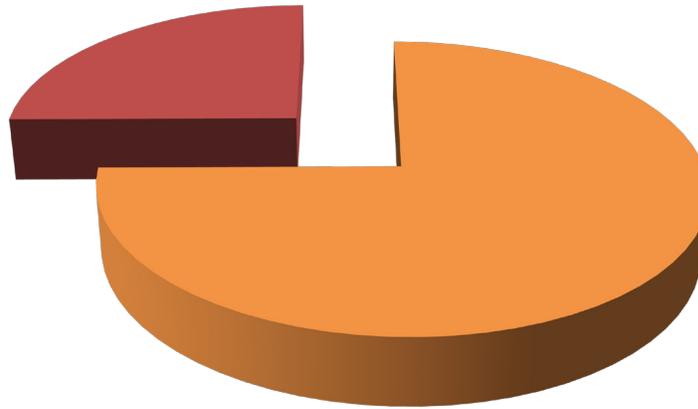
* The Fresh Foods Initiative accounts for approximately 3,000 of the total individuals impacted

Infrastructure - \$99,480

Individuals Impacted: 124

Neighborhood Clean Sweep
\$25,000

This project will fund the provision of a roll-off dumpster container to low-income neighborhoods, allowing verified residents to discard debris and remove old and unwanted items from their homes and community.



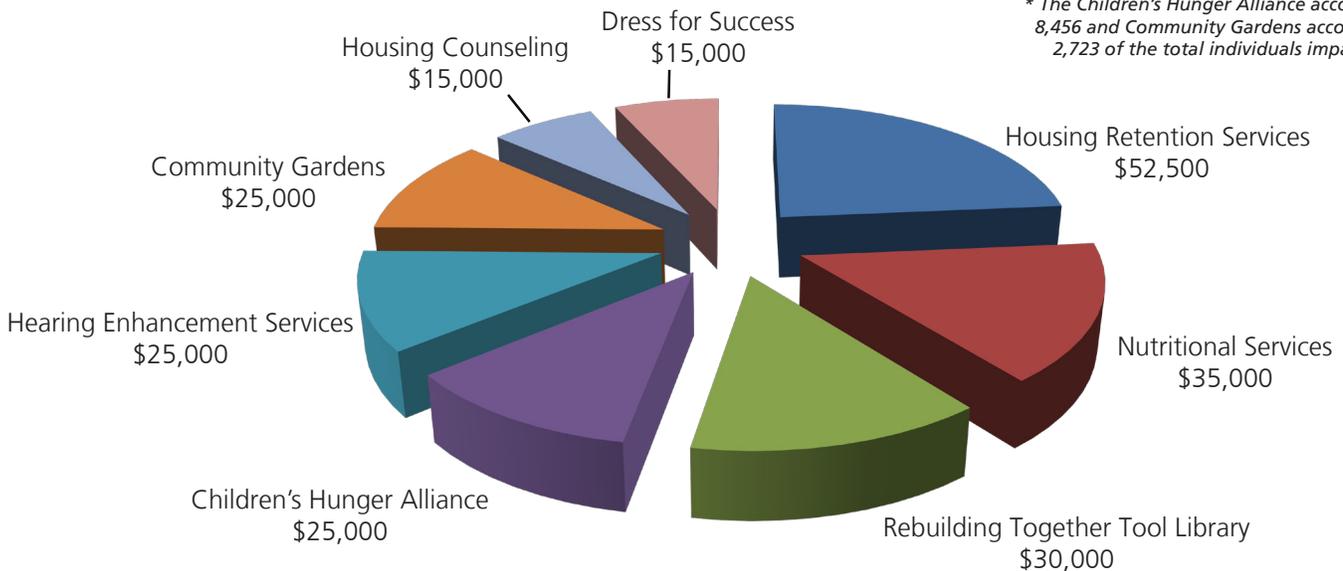
City of Whitehall
\$74,480

This allocation is for a curb and gutter infrastructure improvement project in the City of Whitehall on Westphal Avenue, extending from Etna Road to Broadhurst Drive and encompassing approximately 2,500 lineal feet.

Public Services - \$222,500

Individuals Impacted: 12,582

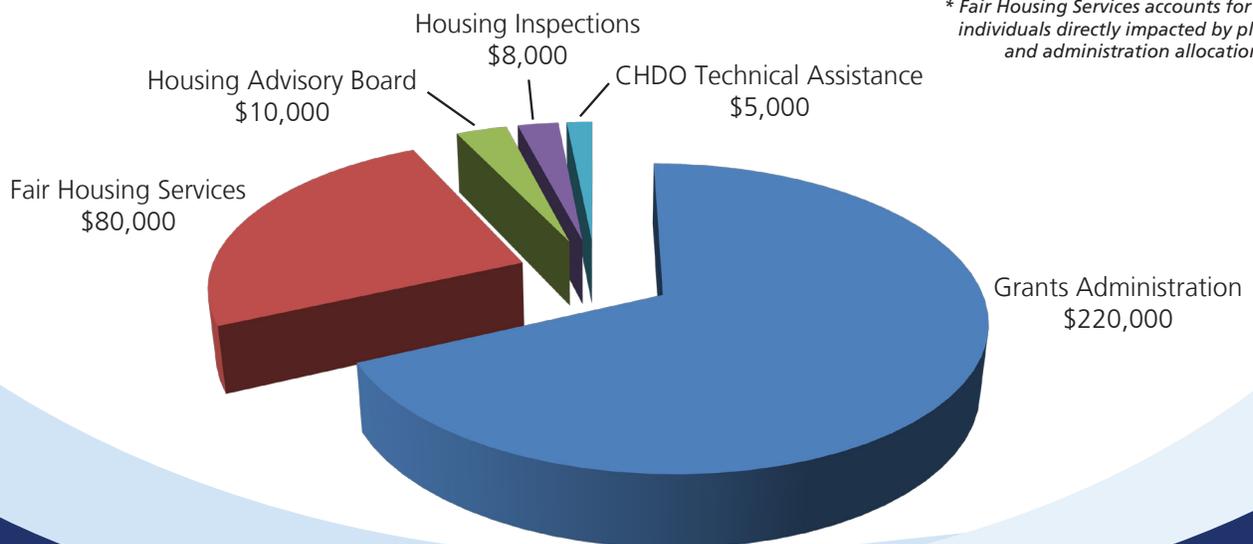
** The Children's Hunger Alliance accounts for 8,456 and Community Gardens account for 2,723 of the total individuals impacted*



Planning and Administration - \$323,000

Individuals Impacted: 4,000

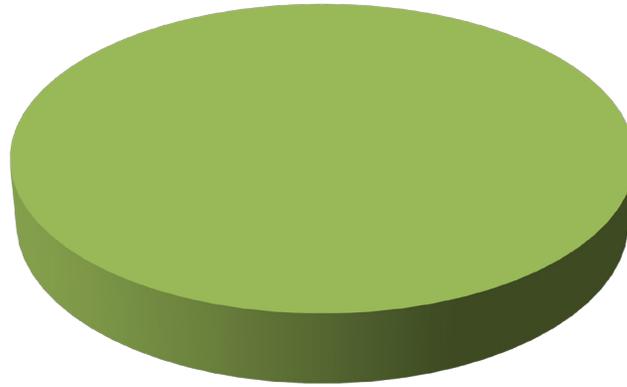
** Fair Housing Services accounts for all 4,000 individuals directly impacted by planning and administration allocations*



Homelessness Prevention (ESG) - \$131,668

Individuals Impacted: 1,200

Community Shelter Board
\$131,668



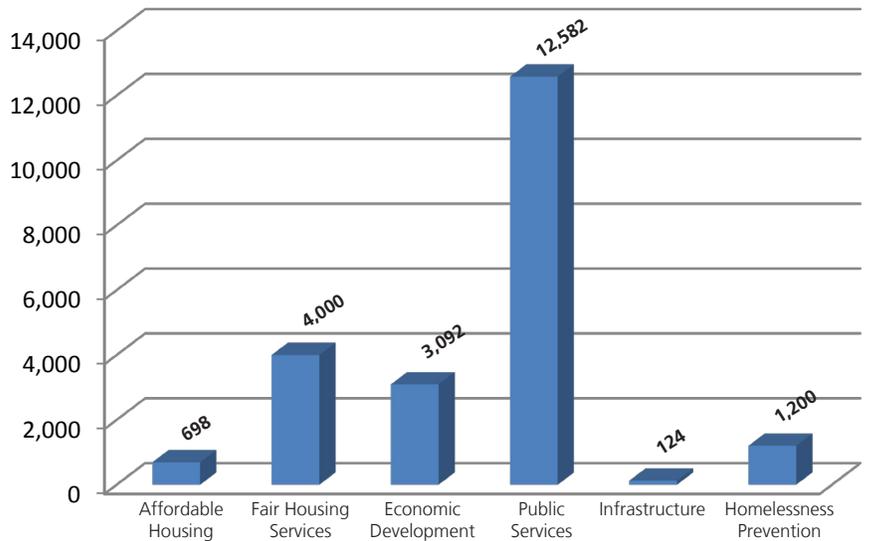
This allocation provides essential services to the homeless, including shelter. The Community Shelter Board reviews proposals from homeless shelters and awards the grant dollars on behalf of Franklin County based on community needs and priorities. The program anticipates providing 630 units of homeless shelter services to homeless individuals (each unit represents 30 days of services including overnight shelter).

*2014 Contingency Funds - \$22,456

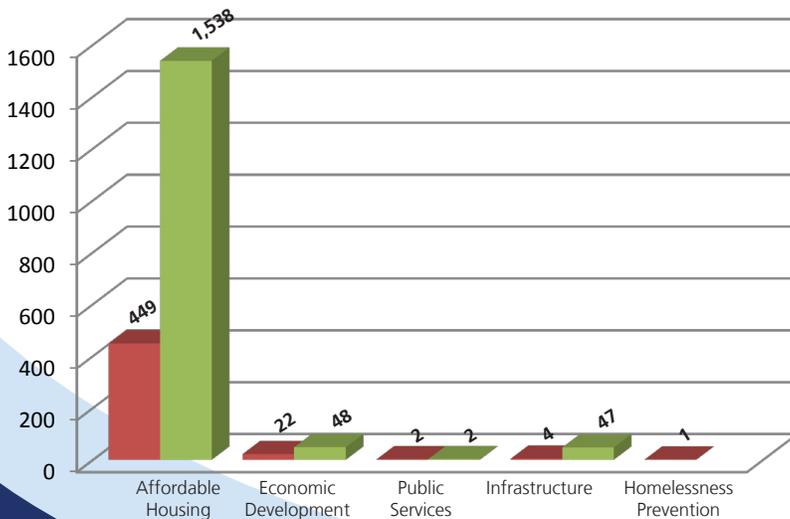
Projected Impacts of 2014 Action Plan

The County's 2014 Action Plan for the expenditure of HUD funds 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 2014 activities to serve 21,696 individuals and impact 478 jobs directly and 1,635 jobs indirectly.

Individuals Impacted (21,696)



Jobs Impacted



*Direct job impact figures are based on the following data: Average 3 jobs/single-family housing unit repair, 3 jobs/unit for multi-family housing projects, job creation commitments for economic development contracts, public service staffing, and infrastructure construction applications. Indirect job impacts were calculated by Community Research Partners, using multipliers of 3.5 for infrastructure/housing, 2.2 for economic development, and 0.8 for public services.

■ Direct Jobs- Total: 478

■ Indirect Jobs- Total: 1,635

Our Local Partners

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County Partners

City of Columbus
Franklin County Public Health
Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering

Nonprofit Partners

Children's Hunger Alliance
Columbus Urban League
Community Capital Development Corporation
Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus
Community Housing Network
Community Shelter Board
Dress for Success
Economic and Community Development Institute
Franklin Park Conservatory
Homeport
Homes on the Hill
Increase CDC
LifeCare Alliance
Mid-Ohio Board for Independent Living
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Rebuilding Together Central Ohio
Respite Connections
United Way of Central Ohio

Participating Jurisdictions

City of Bexley
City of Dublin
City of Gahanna
City of Grandview Heights
City of Grove City
City of Hilliard
City of Reynoldsburg
City of Upper Arlington
City of Westerville
City of Whitehall
City of Worthington
Village of Canal Winchester
Village of Groveport
Village of Harrisburg
Village of Lockbourne
Village of Marble Cliff
Village of Minerva Park
Village of Obetz
Village of Urbancrest
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