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&
PY2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Kent's Program Year (PY) 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identifies the strategic plan that the City will utilize for the allocation of its federal, state and local funding resources to address identified housing and community development needs over the next five-year period. The plan also includes the PY2020 Annual Action Plan.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The City has identified three primary funding objectives in its 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan in order to address identified priority needs in the community, including:

OBJECTIVE #1: Targeted Infrastructure Improvements in Low-to-Moderate Income Residential Areas

Promote a suitable living environment by allocating CDBG resources to support infrastructure and public facility improvement activities that will assist with addressing the problem of aging and insufficient infrastructure in residential areas that have high concentrations of low-to-moderate income households.

OBJECTIVE #2: Offer Housing Programs to Provide Safe and Decent Housing for Low-to-Moderate Income Households

Promote safe and decent housing for low-to-moderate income households throughout the City by providing owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and an energy efficiency repair program that ensures basic housing needs are met. Citywide, the percentage of households that are classified as low-to-moderate income is 61.6%. The City's housing stock is older, with 53.4% of the owner-occupied housing units constructed prior to 1960. Many of these older residential units have structural deficiencies or code issues which need to be corrected in order to ensure safe and decent housing.

OBJECTIVE #3: Provide Appropriate Supportive Services for Low-to-Moderate Income Persons

Provide assistance to nonprofit organizations that provide needed programs, public facilities and supportive services for low-to-moderate income persons living in the community. The City maintains a

strong working relationship with the nonprofit organizations operating in the Kent community and has used CDBG funds to support many needed programs.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City's most recent Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for PY2018 was completed and submitted to HUD in October 2019. PY2018 was year four of the five-year Consolidated Planning period that spans from 2015 through 2019. The PY2018 CAPER reported on performance for the program years 2015 thru 2018. According to this CAPER, the City was above its four-year target goal of achieving 80% of its five-year goal expenditure amounts in the following categories: Housing (91% of five-year goal) and Homelessness (114% of five-year goal). Expenditures for Community Development activities was at 72% of its five-year goal. In total, through the first four years of the plan, the City has expended \$1,335,308 of its \$1,453,189 5-year expenditure goal; this total expenditure level is 90% of the goal set forth in 2015 for the five-year period.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The City conducted two public hearings while preparing its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Announcements for these public hearings were posted as display advertisements that appeared in the local general circulation newspaper. The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was also available for viewing and public comment via the City of Kent's website, at www.kentohio.org. Copies of these notices are available in Appendix A, "Public Hearings and Public Notification Information. The City also held discussions with Non-Profit organizations and City personnel from various departments to identify needs and to collect insight on possible priority needs that should be considered for inclusion into the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

No public comments were received.

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

No public comments were received.

7. Summary

The City of Kent has developed the following three objectives for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan: 1.) Targeted Infrastructure Improvements in Low-to-Moderate Income Residential Areas; 2.) Offer Housing Programs to Provide Safe and Decent Housing for Low-to-Moderate Income Households; and 3.) Provide Appropriate Supportive Services for Low-to-Moderate Income Persons. These objectives are a result of consultation with local service providers and government officials, the opportunity for citizens of the community to voice their opinions as part of the citizen participation process and the City's past

experience with administering the CDBG program. The City of Kent will also utilize CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

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The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	KENT	Department of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Kent Community Development Department is the lead entity responsible for overseeing the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and is responsible for administering programs and activities covered by the 5-Year Plan. The City’s Community Development Department staff has been responsible for addressing all administrative aspects of the CDBG program since the City became an entitlement community in 1984. Department personnel were responsible for developing and administering the City’s last five (5) 5-Year Consolidated Plans (PY1995-1999, PY2000-2004, PY2005-2009, PY2010-2014, and 2015-2019) and addressing all regulatory requirements associated with the CDBG program. The City implements specific CDBG activities on its own or through the use of subrecipients and contractors.

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PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Kent’s 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process incorporated several different methodologies for gathering comments and input in order to identify needs and priorities the City should consider during the development of its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City of Kent distributed an electronic survey to numerous nonprofit organizations, which are summarized in Table 2, requesting information on current affordable housing inventory, the needs of the homeless, supportive services, special needs, community development needs and other proposed services that would benefit low-to-moderate income persons. The City also held discussions with City personnel from various departments to identify needs and to collect insights on possible priority needs that should be considered for inclusion into the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

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(I)).

Coordination among different service providers is an integral component in providing quality affordable housing opportunities and needed supportive services. The City has funded and collaborated on numerous housing and supportive service activities through the years with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program funding and local social service funding. As outlined in Table 2, the City sought input from numerous agencies in the community that provide a variety of housing and social service programs for specific beneficiaries. The Portage County Housing Services Council is an organization that meets on a quarterly basis and that provides an excellent forum for housing and service providers to discuss needs facing the community and to coordinate the provision of services to meet those needs.

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

The City of Kent is part of Region 5 of the State of Ohio’s Continuum of Care Balance of State (BoSCoC) program. Each year the City verifies and provides certification that the projects undertaken with CoC funding are consistent with the goals of the City’s Consolidated Plan. The City also funds activities undertaken by both Family & Community Services and Coleman Professional Services, the Region 5 lead agency, on efforts to address the needs of the homeless within the City and in Portage County. The City currently provides funding to Family & Community Services for operation of the only emergency homeless shelter in Portage County which is located in the City of Kent. The city also provides support for Family and Community Service, Inc.’s Safer Futures, a domestic violence shelter and their Housing and Emergency Support Services (HESS) program which provides homelessness prevention for those facing eviction and homelessness. The City has also provided funding to Coleman Professional Services for the construction

of new permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless with severe and persistent mental illness. Many of the non-housing supportive services that the City supports aim to address some of the conditions that often eventually lead to homelessness.

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

The City of Kent is part of Region 5 of the State of Ohio’s CoC Balance of State program which does not receive ESG funding.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was invited to complete an electronic survey that asked questions and requested information about housing, homelessness and community development needs in the community. A blank copy of the survey is attached in the Appendix of this report. The anticipated outcome from this consultation is that it will be considered as part of the process in determining the City's 5-year Consolidated Planning objectives, priority needs and goals, as well as which projects will be undertaken as part of each year's Annual Action Plan.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Family & Community Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing 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
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
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3	Agency/Group/Organization	Coleman Professional Services
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Employment Health Agency	
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy	
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was invited to complete an electronic survey that asked questions and requested information about housing, homelessness and community development needs in the community. A blank copy of the survey is attached in the Appendix of this report. The anticipated outcome from this consultation is that it will be considered as part of the process in determining the City's 5-year Consolidated Planning objectives, priority needs and goals, as well as which projects will be undertaken as part of each year's Annual Action Plan.	

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Action Council of Portage Cty
	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
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
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5	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWNHALL II
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Mental Health and Addiction Services

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was invited to complete an electronic survey that asked questions and requested information about housing, homelessness and community development needs in the community. A blank copy of the survey is attached in the Appendix of this report. The anticipated outcome from this consultation is that it will be considered as part of the process in determining the City's 5-year Consolidated Planning objectives, priority needs and goals, as well as which projects will be undertaken as part of each year's Annual Action Plan.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Summit Medina Business Alliance (SBDC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was invited to complete an electronic survey that asked questions and requested information about housing, homelessness and community development needs in the community. A blank copy of the survey is attached in the Appendix of this report. The anticipated outcome from this consultation is that it will be considered as part of the process in determining the City's 5-year Consolidated Planning objectives, priority needs and goals, as well as which projects will be undertaken as part of each year's Annual Action Plan.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of Portage County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was invited to complete an electronic survey that asked questions and requested information about housing, homelessness and community development needs in the community. A blank copy of the survey is attached in the Appendix of this report. The anticipated outcome from this consultation is that it will be considered as part of the process in determining the City's 5-year Consolidated Planning objectives, priority needs and goals, as well as which projects will be undertaken as part of each year's Annual Action Plan.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
9	Agency/Group/Organization	AxessPointe Community Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	AxessPointe Community Health Center was consulted through conversation about community development needs. The anticipated outcome from this consultation is that it will be considered as part of the process in determining the City's 5-year Consolidated Planning objectives, priority needs and goals, as well as which projects will be undertaken as part of each year's Annual Action Plan.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Kent
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development Needs
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Various city departments including: Engineering, Public Service, Health, Police and Parks & Recreation were consulted through conversation about community development needs. The anticipated outcome from this consultation is that it will be considered as part of the process in determining the City's 5-year Consolidated Planning objectives, priority needs and goals, as well as which projects will be undertaken as part of each year's Annual Action Plan.

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

N/A

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	Coleman Professional Services	Both plans address the needs of the homeless including efforts to provide stable housing opportunities, as well as needed supportive services.
Regional Analysis of Impediments	Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium	Both plans have goals to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

The City coordinates and shares goals with PMHA, the local public housing authority which is a public entity, and also Region 5 of the State of Ohio’s Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) as outlined above. Each year the City works with the CoC to ensure projects undertaken with State of Ohio CoC funding fall in accordance with the goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan, while also meeting important homelessness needs facing in the community. City staff have also worked with the CoC and participated

in the annual Point in Time count. The City coordinates with the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Office of Community Development (OCD) under the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program. The City maintains a housing rehabilitation revolving loan fund that was initially capitalized through the State of Ohio CHIP program that is available for eligible City of Kent residents. While all the activities outlined in this section don't fall directly under Consolidated Plan governed funding sources, they do share many of the same goals and objectives.

Narrative (optional):

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PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

The City will conduct two public hearings while preparing the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and a 30-day comment period is currently underway.

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	Non-targeted/broad community	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	No Comments Received.	No Comments Received.	No Comments Received.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

This section of the Consolidated Plan provides a needs assessment on housing, homelessness, non-homeless special needs, and housing and non-housing community development. At the end of each section in the discussion section bulleted points of discussion are used to identify trends or points of interest based upon an analysis of the quantitative data that is presented in the tables.

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NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

This section of the Consolidated Plan provides a needs assessment on housing. At the end of each section in the discussion section bulleted points of discussion are used to identify trends or points of interest based upon an analysis of the quantitative data that is presented in the tables.

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Population	28,904	29,565	2%
Households	10,493	10,120	-4%
Median Income	\$26,800.00	\$35,619.00	33%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	2,720	1,450	1,625	1,035	3,285
Small Family Households	615	480	375	210	1,760
Large Family Households	115	130	40	80	185
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	145	120	185	120	670
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	160	125	170	95	225
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	390	415	190	70	160

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	90	25	30	0	145	0	0	0	0	0
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	4	0	15	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	2,100	325	60	0	2,485	85	45	75	0	205

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	50	610	480	90	1,230	0	25	105	85	215
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	275	0	0	0	275	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	2,200	355	110	0	2,665	85	45	75	0	205
Having none of four housing problems	135	850	1,125	510	2,620	30	200	315	530	1,075
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	275	0	0	0	275	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	515	380	140	1,035	15	20	50	85
Large Related	95	65	0	160	0	10	15	25
Elderly	159	59	30	248	25	45	105	175
Other	1,440	455	370	2,265	45	0	4	49
Total need by income	2,209	959	540	3,708	85	75	174	334

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	475	100	0	575	15	20	25	60
Large Related	95	25	0	120	0	0	0	0
Elderly	155	10	0	165	25	30	50	105
Other	1,415	190	60	1,665	45	0	0	45
Total need by income	2,140	325	60	2,525	85	50	75	210

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	4	4	15	0	23	0	0	0	0	0

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Multiple, unrelated family households	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other, non-family households	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	4	4	15	0	23	0	0	0	0	0

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 5-Year American Community Survey, there are 3,509 single person households in the City of Kent, which make up 33.8% of the 10,386 total households in the City. Of these single person households, 951, or 27%, are occupied by residents age 65 years or older. It is likely that the elderly population actually makes up the majority of this category aside from single-person student rental units. Many elderly households live on fixed incomes and affordability of housing and maintaining quality of housing can be issues. Many elderly households also have needs for accessibility and safety improvements as they continue to age.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 5-Year American Community Survey, there are 3,521 disabled individuals in the City of Kent, this makes up about 11.9% of the City’s population. The age group with the largest proportion of the population reporting a disability is age 65 years and older, with 40% of the 2,289 individuals in that age group reporting a disability.

Portage County has one (1) emergency domestic violence shelter. The facility, known as Safer Futures, is a four (4) unit, twelve (12) bed shelter run by Family & Community Services, Inc., a nonprofit agency. Safer Futures' primary objective is emergency shelter and the facility acts as the initial point-of-entry for victims of domestic violence who are trying to leave an abusive household. Family & Community Services also administers the Safe Path program which provides eleven (11) units and twenty-three (23) beds of transitional housing, for up to 24 months, for victims of domestic violence. Both of these programs provide an array of needed emergency services, including case management, housing placement, childcare, employment services, counseling, and connecting victims with available programs in the community to separate themselves from a violent situation. Given that both of these programs operate at, or near, capacity year-round it is likely that at any given time there are at least thirty five (35) individuals actively a part of the support system that is in place to assist victims of domestic violence.

What are the most common housing problems?

According to the data presented in the preceding tables, the most common housing problem is cost burden.

Of those paying more than 30% of their household income on housing expenses:

- 2,209 are households with incomes at or below 30% of AMI;
- 959 are households with incomes between 30 - 50% of AMI, and
- 540 are households with incomes between 50 - 80% of AMI

Of those paying more than 50% of their household income on housing expenses:

- 2,140 are households with incomes at or below 30% of AMI;
- 325 are households with incomes between 30-50% of AMI, and
- 60 are households with incomes between 50 - 80% of AMI.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

The following were cited as populations most affected by these problems as part of the consultation process with local service providers: young adults, returning veterans, victims of domestic violence, those with the fewest resources (personal, financial, community), those experiencing generational poverty and/or those with a broken or non-existent family support system.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

Those that are currently housed, but are at an imminent risk of homelessness typically have one or more of the following characteristics that make their housing situation unstable: subsistence wages/income, arrearage of rent/mortgage, poor lease compliance, decision-making that doesn't prioritize housing, susceptibility to health issues or loss of reliable transportation.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

N/A

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Many of the characteristics listed above for populations that are currently housed, but at imminent risk of losing housing can also be linked to instability and increased risk of homelessness. In addition, as the needs sections has shown, housing cost burden is a persistent problem among low-to moderate-income households. When households are spending much of their income on housing they typically aren't able to financially handle any unplanned expenses that occur which may jeopardize their ability to maintain housing.

Discussion

According to the 2011-2015 CHAS data in this section, housing cost burden is the predominant housing problem facing households in the City of Kent when compared to the other housing problems of substandard housing (lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities) and overcrowding (over 1 person per room). **Table 7 – Housing Problems Table**, shows a total of 145 households reported a substandard housing problem, 23 households are overcrowded and a total of 3,715 have either a housing cost burden or severe housing cost burden.

Table 9 – Cost burden > 30%, summarizes housing cost burden for households by income range and household type. This data shows that a total of 3,708 renter households are experiencing a housing cost burden. Of these households, over half (59.6%) are below 30% of the AMI. It's worth pointing out that these figures include the student population that is living and renting in Kent. According to this table, a total of 334 owner-occupied households are experiencing a housing cost burden. The majority of the owner-occupied households (52.1%) fall within the 50-80% income range and the majority (60.3%) elderly.

Table 10 – Cost burden >50%, outlines severe housing cost burden for households by income range and household type. This data shows that a total of 2,525 renter households are experiencing a severe housing cost burden. Of these households, 84.8% are below 30% of the AMI and the majority (66.1%) are considered “Other” which includes non-elderly, unrelated households. As with Table 9, it’s worth pointing out that these figures include the student population that is living and renting in Kent. According to the table, a total of 210 owner-occupied households are experience a severe housing cost burden. The majority of these households (52.1%) fall within either the 0-30% or >30-50% income ranges, with the elderly household type has the largest percentage of households at 50%.

The cost of housing and household income are important elements in the calculation of housing cost burden for both renters and owners. **Table 5 – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics**, shows a 33% increase in median income for Kent households from 2009 to 2015. During this same time period, Fair Market Rent (FMR) has increased at a slightly lower rate. Using a two-bedroom unit as an example, FMR during this time period increased by \$245, or by 32.5%. The unemployment rate for Portage County dropped from 10.2% in 2009 to 4.9% in 2015.

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NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

In this section, a disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category for the jurisdiction as a whole. This section looks at housing problems which includes housing that has one of the following conditions: 1.) Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2.) Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3.) More than one person per room or 4.) Cost Burden greater than 30%.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,335	115	275
White	1,740	95	105
Black / African American	394	10	60
Asian	110	0	70
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	60	0	0

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS

Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,045	415	0
White	835	300	0
Black / African American	105	110	0
Asian	85	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	20	0	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	770	860	0
White	580	670	0
Black / African American	115	50	0
Asian	15	85	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	40	0	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	175	865	0
White	130	775	0
Black / African American	40	45	0
Asian	0	45	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

A disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole. Housing problems in this context include: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room or 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%. According to the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data as shown in Supplement Tables 13-16, the following demographic groups have disproportionately greater housing needs:

- In the 0-30% of AMI range, Hispanic households have disproportionately greater housing needs.
- In the 30-50% of AMI range, both Asian and Hispanic households have disproportionately greater housing needs.
- In the 50-80% of AMI range, both Black / African American and Asian households have disproportionately greater needs.
- In the 80%-100% of AMI range, both Black / African American and Asian households have disproportionately greater needs.

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

In this section, a disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category for the jurisdiction as a whole. This section looks at severe housing problems which includes housing that has one of the following conditions: 1.) Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2.) Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3.) More than 1.5 person per room or 4.) Cost Burden greater than 50%.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,285	165	275
White	1,690	145	105
Black / African American	394	10	60
Asian	110	0	70
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	60	0	0

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	400	1,050	0
White	330	800	0
Black / African American	45	170	0
Asian	20	65	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	4	10	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	185	1,440	0
White	155	1,090	0
Black / African American	10	155	0
Asian	15	85	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	40	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	0	1,040	0
White	0	910	0
Black / African American	0	85	0
Asian	0	45	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

A disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole. Severe housing problems in this context include: 1.) Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room or 4. Cost Burden greater than 50%. According to the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data as shown in Supplement Tables 17-20, the following demographic groups have disproportionately greater severe housing needs:

- In the 0-30% of AMI range, Hispanic households display a disproportionate need.
- In the 30-50% of AMI range, no demographic group displays a disproportionate need.
- In the 50-80% of AMI range, no demographic group displays a disproportionate need.
- In the 80%-100% of AMI range, no demographic group displays a disproportionate need.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

In this section, a disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category for the jurisdiction as a whole. This section looks specifically at housing cost burdens.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,550	1,545	2,740	280
White	4,865	1,185	2,065	110
Black / African American	325	225	445	60
Asian	255	65	130	70
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	24	50	65	0

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Discussion:

A disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole. According to the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data as shown in Supplement Tables 21A-21-C, the following demographic groups have disproportionately greater housing cost burden needs:

- In the 0-30% of AMI range, no demographic group displays a disproportionate housing cost burden.
- In the 30-50% of AMI range, Hispanic households have a disproportionately greater housing cost burden.
- In the 50-80% of AMI range, Black / African American and Hispanic households have a disproportionately greater housing cost burden.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

The discussion points after each section: NA15 – Housing Problems, NA20 – Severe Housing Problems and NA25 – Housing Cost Burdens outline demographic groups that have a disproportionately greater need when compared to the City’s population in each category as a whole. The below outlines the disproportionately greater needs by racial or ethnic group and income category spanning all three types of housing needs.

0-30% AMI – Extremely Low Income

- **Asian:** 1.) Housing Problems
- **Hispanic:** 1.) Housing Problems; 2.) Severe Housing Problems

30-50% AMI – Very Low Income

- **Asian:** 1.) Housing Problems
- **Hispanic:** 1.) Housing Problems; 2.) Housing Cost Burden

50-80% AMI – Low Income

- **Black / African American:** 1.) Housing Problems, 2.) Housing Cost Burden
- **Hispanic:** 1.) Housing Problems, 2.) Housing Cost Burden

80-100% AMI - Moderate Income

- **Black / African American:** 1.) Housing Problems.

The CHAS data shows that Asian, Black/African American and Hispanic populations have a disproportionately greater need than the City’s population as a whole. Across all income categories and types of housing problems, minorities tend to have disproportionately greater housing needs when compared to the population as a whole. As described in the NA – 10 Housing Needs Assessment discussion point, the predominant housing need is related to housing affordability. The CHAS data shows that the majority of housing problems in Kent stems from housing cost burden which is directly related to the cost of housing, income, and the many circumstances that can impact these two variables.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

N/A

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 Quick Facts, in the City of Kent 20.2% of residents are considered to be a racial or ethnic minority. For the purposes of this report, minority concentration is defined the same way as "disproportionate need" is in this section, or as when the percentage of persons residing in a Block Group who are members of a racial or ethnic minority is at least 10 percentage points higher than the percentage of persons of a racial or ethnic minority in the City as a whole. Based upon this definition, there is a concentration of minorities in the following Census Block Groups: Census Tract 6013, Block Group 4 (42%), Census Tract 6014, Block Group 1 (30%), Census Tract 6014, Block Group 2 (28%), and Census Tract 6015.03, Block Group 1 (28%). Three of these block groups are contiguous and encompass the South End of the City which consists of neighborhoods with some of the oldest single family housing stock in the City and also areas with multi-family apartments. The single family areas in the South End have traditionally been predominantly owner-occupied housing, but more and more units are being converted to rental housing. The fourth Block Group is located in the northwest portion of the City which has some single family houses and a concentration of multi-family housing, including the large 444-unit apartment complex called the Villages at Franklin Crossing. Section MA50 – Needs and Market Analysis provides a map of these Census Block Groups and more detail about the areas.

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NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

The below tables outline the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority's units in Portage County as reported by PMHA's 2014 Moving to Work plan and the PIC (PIH Information Center). The discussion at the end of this section provides a unit inventory within the City of Kent.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based			
# of units vouchers in use	0	153	289	1,502	15	1,396	0	0	64

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based		
Average Annual Income	0	4,633	11,962	10,360	8,618	10,161	0	0
Average length of stay	0	2	4	5	2	5	0	0

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based		Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
Average Household size	0	2	2	2	1	2	0	0
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	3	46	185	5	166	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	13	54	511	4	447	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	153	289	1,502	15	1,396	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Race	Program Type									
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based		Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	100	226	1,167	14	1,072	0	0	0	60
Black/African American	0	53	60	327	1	316	0	0	0	4
Asian	0	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition										

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

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Ethnicity of Residents

Ethnicity	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	3	2	17	0	15	0	0	1
Not Hispanic	0	150	287	1,482	15	1,378	0	0	63

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

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Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

According to the figures issued by the PIC (PIH Information Center), nearly 18% of existing Public Housing residents and just over 30% of current Voucher users are reported as being disabled. These figures are based upon existing PMHA clients, but are also most likely reflective of the numbers for clients on the waiting lists. PMHA has identified ADA improvements as a priority for housing it owns, which would further align with 504 compliance, as outlined in its most recent 5-year capital plan.

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders

PMHA operates two program waiting lists, one for Public Housing and one for Section 8 Vouchers. These waiting lists operate independently of each other, in that a program participant in one program remains eligible for the other waiting list. As of March 4, 2020 there were 1,745 potential clients on the waiting list for Public Housing and 2,134 potential clients on the waiting list for Housing Choice Vouchers. Other inter-related immediate needs include: skills training, stable employment and reliable transportation. The most immediate needs for clients on the waiting lists mirror the above needs of those currently housed in PMHA subsidized units and additionally include the need for security deposit assistance and the ability to get utilities turned on in their name.

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

The population at large shares the same most immediate need of obtaining safe and decent quality affordable housing. However, many who are self-sufficient in terms of maintaining stable housing typically don't share the need for job skills, stable employment or access to reliable transportation.

Discussion

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NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

This section of the Consolidated Plan looks at existing homeless facilities and services.

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	12	19	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	6	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	48	33	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Individuals	2	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	2	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Child	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments: Ohio BoSocC: Housing Inventory Count 2019 (all project types)

Indicate if the homeless population is: Has No Rural Homeless

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If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

The figures in **Table 26 – Homeless Needs Assessment** from the 2019 Point-In-Time Count (PIT) best reflect homelessness within the community. On a year-to-year basis the numbers of the PIT generally remain level, these mostly consistent figures infer that on a yearly basis many times when an individual or family exits homelessness, unfortunately, another individual or family enters homelessness. The 2019 PIT counted two (2) individuals who meet the definition of being chronically homeless. The PIT figures reflect thirty-one (31) households of families with children, twelve (12) unsheltered and 19 sheltered; two (2) sheltered veteran households without children; six (6) sheltered households with children only; forty-eight (48) unsheltered households with adults only and thirty-three (33) sheltered adults only households. The average stay for individuals and families who obtain shelter at Miller Community House, which is the local emergency homeless shelter, have an average stay of twenty-one (21) days. After a stay at the emergency shelter clients may be exiting to enter a permanent housing situation or one of the transitional housing programs that is offered in the area.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	32	47
Black or African American	46	8
Asian	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0

Data Source
Comments:

Ohio BoSCoC: Housing Inventory Count 2019 (all project types)

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

According to the 2019 Point-In-Time Count (PIT) data, households with at least one child and one adult were categorized as follows: sixteen (16) households were in Emergency Shelter, thirty-seven (37) households were in Transitional Housing, and twelve households were unsheltered. There is a transitional homeless shelter that accommodates homeless veterans', but it is designated for single males only, not families. On the night of the PIT count, two (2) Veterans were housed in the Transitional Housing facility for veterans.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

The following bullet points breaks down the figures in the above **Nature and Extent of Homelessness Table** into percentages in each racial category for sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations (note: the table does not include the category of "multi-race") as reported by the PIT count:

- Sheltered: 37.2% White; 53.5% Black or African American; 8% one or more races, and 1% Does Not Know/ Refused and .01% Missing.
- Unsheltered: 79.7% White; 13.6% Black or African American, and 6.8% Does Not Know / Refused.

The PIT data is for all of Portage County. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 9.1% of Portage County's population reports as being either a racial or ethnic minority. According to this same dataset, 19.2% of the population within the City of Kent was reported being a racial or ethnic minority. As the table shows, 29.4% of the homeless population counted during the PIT classify themselves as minorities. These figures show that minorities are more likely to experience homeless when compared to the population as a whole.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

Discussion:

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NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction:

This section of the Consolidated Plan provides a needs assessment of non-homeless special needs populations.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

Through the Consolidated Plan consultation process with local services providers and the City's involvement and communication with local service providers via the Housing Services Council and other groups, the City of Kent has determined that non-homeless special needs groups that stand out as having more housing needs when compared to the population as a whole include persons with disabilities, particularly those with a mental illness and/or a developmental disability, victims of domestic violence, and persons facing addiction and substance abuse. This need for quality physical housing is accompanied by the need for a spectrum of services that ranges from a small amount of support to more comprehensive support, intensive oversight and case management.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

The most immediate housing need is the need for safe and decent, quality, affordable housing. Supportive services are also crucial for special needs populations to maintain housing. These needs include: general case management, mental health and/or substance abuse counseling, employment training and reliable transportation. These needs were determined through the experiences and observations of local service providers who work in the housing field in Portage County and work with clients in need of quality affordable housing and supportive services on a daily basis.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) HIV Surveillance Report (1), the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has an overall estimated rate of 147.3 persons per 100,000 of population who are living with HIV as of the year-end 2015. The Akron MSA includes the entirety of both Summit and Portage Counties, including the City of Kent. Using this estimated rate issued by the CDC and the Akron MSA's population of 703,200 as reported by the 2010 Census, it can be inferred that there were 884 individuals living with an HIV in the Akron MSA during 2015.

(1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Diagnosed HIV infection among adults and adolescents in metropolitan statistical areas—United States and Puerto Rico, 2016. Accessed March 2, 2020.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Facilities:

Public facilities are viewed in two contexts; one is a community facility owned by a non-profit organization that provides a community service, and the second is a facility that is owned and managed by the city itself, such as Kent Parks and Recreation. When looking at public facilities owned by the City, as is the case with many aging cities, maintaining public facilities that are important to the day-to-day activities of residents can be a challenge. The City is one of the smallest entitlement communities in the State of Ohio and as such, it has limited CDBG resources to apply towards costly public facility projects. In the City of Kent, public facilities that would be funded through CDBG would typically be the City’s parks that are owned and managed by Kent Parks and Recreation. For a public facility to qualify for funding, the facility’s service area needs to contain 51% or more low-to-moderate income residents. The City of Kent boundary covers a portion of twenty four (24) Census Block Groups and eleven (11) of these Block Groups have 51% or more of the households reporting annual incomes that are at 80% or less of the area median income (AMI). On a citywide basis, 61.6% of City of Kent households are classified as low-to-moderate income, therefore a public facility that would serve the entire City would qualify for funding. The City anticipates that it may commit funds to assist with a City public facility project, such as one at a park facility which will generate a citywide benefit.

How were these needs determined?

These needs were determined as part of the Consolidated Plan consultation process and through conversations with AxessPointe Community Health Center, Family & Community Services and Parks and Recreation staff about their facilities and potential projects that would benefit low-to-moderate income Kent residents.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Improvements:

As is the case with many aging cities, maintaining public infrastructure that is important to the day-to-day activities of residents can be a challenge. The City is one of the smallest entitlement communities in the State of Ohio and as such, it has limited CDBG resources to apply towards costly public infrastructure projects. Despite this financial limitation, the City has identified targeted infrastructure improvements in low-to-moderate income residential areas as a primary funding objective for the 2020-2024 strategic plan period. The City of Kent boundary covers a portion of twenty four (24) Census Block Groups and eleven (11) of these Block Groups have 51% or more of the households reporting annual incomes that are at 80% or less of the area median income (AMI). On a citywide basis, 61.6% of City of Kent households are classified as low-to-moderate income. The low-to moderate-income (LMI) Block Groups located in Kent’s South End neighborhood contain the some of the oldest residential areas of the City. The South End is a geographic area in which the City anticipates focusing CDBG infrastructure investments.

As is typical in older neighborhoods, the existing infrastructure has aged and deteriorated over time and is in need of major repairs and upgrades. These residential neighborhoods have had additional housing units added over many decades. As a result, the original infrastructure is often undersized and unable to adequately meet the public infrastructure needs of today's residents. Unfortunately, the need in the community for such infrastructure upgrades and improvements far exceeds the amount of general fund dollars that can be allocated to this need. Since some of the areas with the greatest need for such improvements are located in low-to-moderate income residential areas, the City can assist in meeting the community development needs of these households by committing CDBG resources to public infrastructure. The City has identified this as a high priority need and it plans to commit a significant portion of its annual CDBG allocation for the 2020-2024 planning period to assist support infrastructure needs in low income residential neighborhoods.

How were these needs determined?

The City utilizes a "Five Year Capital Improvement Plan" in order to identify and prioritize needed upgrades and improvements of the City's public infrastructure, which includes improvements such as streets, sidewalks, water lines, storm sewers and sanitary sewers. During the Consolidated Plan consultation process City staff discussed infrastructure needs in the low-to-moderate income areas of the city.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

Public safety is an important need in the community, especially in the LMI areas of the City. For many years, the City has committed a portion of its annual CDBG allocation to support a crime prevention/community policing initiative. The program has been effective at reducing inappropriate activity in areas of the City that have high concentrations of subsidized housing and in Block Groups with low-to-moderate income households, which have historically generated a significant number of reports of criminal activity. This activity continues to remain a high priority need for the City and it is anticipated to be funded every year throughout the 2020-2024 planning period. The City also plans to continue committing funding for economic development by supporting the Summit-Medina Business Alliance, which is a nonprofit organization that provides technical assistance for low income persons committed to opening their own business within the City of Kent. The City has several other public service programs that it has funded for many years and it plans to continue funding these programs, including homeless services and other housing activities that benefit low-to-moderate income households. These programs will be undertaken by local non-profits during the 2020-2024 consolidated plan period, as they have in previous years. These programs provide critical services for the most at need persons in the community and the City is committed to ensuring these programs are continued in the next planning period.

How were these needs determined?

These needs were determined as part of the Consolidated Plan consultation process, through conversations with local services providers and by virtue of the City's involvement and regular communication with the wide array of community-oriented local service providers.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

This section of the Consolidated Plan provides a market analysis of housing. At the end of each section in the discussion section bulleted points of discussion are used to identify trends or points of interest based upon an analysis of the quantitative data that is presented in the tables.

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MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

This section of the Consolidated Plan looks at existing housing stock in the City and compares it to the needs in the community for different types of housing.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	5,060	42%
1-unit, attached structure	800	7%
2-4 units	1,500	12%
5-19 units	3,525	29%
20 or more units	1,255	10%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	0	0%
Total	12,140	100%

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	0	0%	325	5%
1 bedroom	60	2%	1,650	27%
2 bedrooms	405	10%	2,530	41%
3 or more bedrooms	3,480	88%	1,665	27%
Total	3,945	100%	6,170	100%

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) is the primary provider of housing units assisted by local, state, or other federally-funded programs within the City of Kent. PMHA Public housing is rented to clients at 29.6% of their median income using below Fair Market Rent rates (\$465 max). The PMHA owns and operates two (2) public housing complexes and six (6) scattered site units in the City of Kent. Athena Gardens, a public housing complex, is a 25-unit structure consisting of eight (8) two-bedroom units, thirteen (13) three-bedroom units, and four (4) four-bedroom units. The second public housing complex is Heritage Knolls, a 30-unit structure consisting of twenty-six (26) two-bedroom units and four (4) four-bedroom units. The PMHA also owns and operates six (6) units at scattered sites throughout the City,

including five (5) two-bedroom units and one (1) three-bedroom unit. The majority of PMHA-owned public housing units are occupied by households with reported annual incomes that are at 50% or less of the AMI. The PMHA also offers Housing Choice Vouchers throughout Portage County. PMHA has several voucher programs that include a total of 1,641 Vouchers, which includes 1,507 tenant based vouchers and 134 project based vouchers. Of these, PMHA offers 40 VASH vouchers for veterans and 74 Mainstream Vouchers. Virtually all of the households that hold a Section 8 voucher issued by PMHA have reported annual incomes that are at 50% or less of the AMI. In addition to the housing units owned and operated by PMHA, there are several other assisted housing units located in the City of Kent. More than 90% of the assisted housing units are concentrated in six (6) apartment complexes, namely The Villages of Franklin Crossings (formerly Silver Meadows Apartments), Indian Valley Estates, Kentway Apartments, Tower 43 Apartments, Cherry Estate Apartments and Maplebrook at Golden Pond. The Villages of Franklin Crossings is a large, multi-family complex consisting of 444 units and all tenants receive some form of rental assistance through PMHA or other assistance program. Indian Valley Estates is a housing development located in the south-central portion of the City. The complex consists of 288 units and many of the tenants receive Section 8 voucher assistance through the PMHA. Kentway Apartments is a 148 unit apartment complex exclusively for elderly persons. The complex consists of a mix of efficiency, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartment units. The Cleveland office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides 58 project-based Section 8 vouchers that subsidize rents for extremely low income seniors living in the complex. Tower 43 Apartments is a high rise apartment building that provides housing for low income elderly and handicapped persons. All of the tenants receive a rent subsidy through the Section 8 voucher program offered through PMHA. Project-based Section 8 vouchers also are provided to tenants at the 80-unit Summit Garden Apartments and the 48-unit Cherry Estates complex. Lastly, the newly constructed, low-income housing tax credit-funded Maplebrook at Golden Pond, provides 68 units of housing for seniors whose income are at or below 60% of AMI.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

The PMHA is not reporting that any assisted housing units are at risk of being converted to market rate rents and the City has not received any other information concerning the possible conversion of any other assisted housing units at the present time.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

PMHA operates two program waiting lists, one for Public Housing and one for Section 8 Vouchers. These waiting lists operate independently of each other, in that a program participant in one program remains eligible for the other waiting list.

As of March 4, 2020 there were 1,745 potential clients on the waiting list for Public Housing and 2,134 potential clients on the waiting list for Housing Choice Vouchers. Other inter-related immediate needs include: skills training, stable employment and reliable transportation. The most immediate needs for clients on the waiting lists mirror the above needs of those currently housed in PMHA

subsidized units and additionally include the need for security deposit assistance and the ability to get utilities turned on in their name.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

The lengthy waiting lists for public housing and housing choice vouchers show that quality affordable housing opportunities in the rental market are in high demand. As outlined in the Needs Section of this Consolidated Plan, housing cost burden remains the largest obstacle for low-to-moderate income Kent households to obtaining decent affordable housing. The high demand on the waiting lists for PMHA housing exemplifies the need to increase the supply of affordable rental housing opportunities for Kent residents. In particular, this need exists for at-risk populations, including populations with mental health issues, substances abuse problems and those at risk of homelessness. The City intends to facilitate the production of new affordable rental housing in the City as part of its application for funding through the State of Ohio’s Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program and through the use of a CHIP revolving loan fund (RLF).

The City is focused on using available resources to help preserve the quality of the housing stock in the City and also improve the affordability of housing for owner-occupied households through their Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program. As with rental housing, the City plans to address housing cost burden for owner-occupants by helping homeowners with the affordability of housing. This need can be addressed as part of the City’s owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program, which is funded through both CDBG and CHIP funding that provides needed housing improvements and addresses code items, through a low interest loan. Items addressed as part of this program greatly help with housing cost burden because the repairs that are needed are typically above and beyond what the homeowner can afford on their own. The City also partners with the local Community Action Agency to offer an Energy Efficiency Rehabilitation Program that repairs or replaces hot water tanks and furnaces for low-to moderate-income homeowners. As part of the City’s Social Service Program, the City has funded a Minor Repair Program for senior homeowners and the Safe at Home program, which provides minor repairs and accessibility improvement for senior homeowners.

Discussion

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MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

This section of the Consolidated Plan looks at cost of housing and housing that is affordable in different income ranges.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Median Home Value	141,200	140,000	(1%)
Median Contract Rent	605	648	7%

Table 29 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	1,270	20.6%
\$500-999	4,205	68.2%
\$1,000-1,499	520	8.4%
\$1,500-1,999	135	2.2%
\$2,000 or more	40	0.7%
Total	6,170	100.0%

Table 30 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	410	No Data
50% HAMFI	1,910	175
80% HAMFI	5,085	685
100% HAMFI	No Data	1,285
Total	7,405	2,145

Table 31 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	527	623	810	0	0
High HOME Rent	527	623	810	0	0
Low HOME Rent	527	623	810	951	0

Table 32 – Monthly Rent

Data Source Comments:

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

According to the CHAS data, there are 410 rental units within the City that are considered to be affordable to households with an income at or below 30% of AMI and there are a total 2,605 renter households at or below 30% of AMI. This shortage of affordable rental housing is likely greatly impacted by the large number of student renters in Kent, but is also exemplified by the large waiting lists the public housing authority maintains that have been summarized in previous sections. The table also displays a shortage of affordable owner-occupied units for households who are between 30% and 50% of AMI (245 owner-occupied households versus 175 affordable units). In both of these cases, households within these income ranges are likely maintaining housing but are paying an excessive amount of their income on housing that results in the housing cost burden problem which was outlined in the Needs Section of this report.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

As **Table 29 – Cost of Housing** shows, median home value has decreased from \$141,000 to \$140,000 (-1%) between 2009 and 2015 and median contract rent has increased from \$605 to \$648 (7%) during the same time period. As shown in the Needs Section **Table 5 – Housing Needs Assessment Demographics**, during this same time period Median household income increased from \$26,800 in 2009 to \$35,619 in 2015. These figures represent a 33% increase in incomes while cost of rent has increased 7%. Since 2009, median income has increased and median contract rent has decreased, as has the median purchase price of a single family home. Recent positive indicators that impact the affordability of housing, including lower levels of unemployment (as outlined in the discussion portion of the Needs Assessment) and increasing median incomes may indicate a continuation of this trend.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

The City of Kent is not a Participating Jurisdiction under the HOME program, so the City doesn't receive a direct allocation of HOME funds to be used to address affordable housing needs in the community. The City does participate in the State of Ohio's Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program. According to **Table 29 – Cost of Housing**, the median contract rent in 2015 was \$648. As shown

in **Table 32 – Monthly Rent**, the current HUD issued Fair Market Rent is \$623 and the current HUD high and low HOME rent is \$623 for one-bedroom units. By using CHIP funding from the State of Ohio, the City can help lower rent burdens and increase the availability of affordable housing by partnering with non-profit housing agencies to increase the supply of affordable rental housing.

Discussion

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MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

This section of the Consolidated Plan looks at the condition of housing in the market. Table 32 – Condition of Units displays housing conditions on the basis of the following four conditions: 1.) Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2.) Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3.) More than one person per room or 4.) Cost Burden greater than 30%.

Definitions

A substandard condition exists when one or more systems within the house or on the property is not up to local building code and/or the house does not meet the standard of being safe and decent. A property that is deemed to be substandard but suitable for rehab, is property that can be brought up to code within the threshold limits of the City's housing rehab program.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	510	13%	3,835	62%
With two selected Conditions	0	0%	80	1%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	3,440	87%	2,255	37%
Total	3,950	100%	6,170	100%

Table 33 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	530	13%	450	7%
1980-1999	420	11%	1,355	22%
1950-1979	1,775	45%	3,510	57%
Before 1950	1,225	31%	855	14%
Total	3,950	100%	6,170	100%

Table 34 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	3,000	76%	4,365	71%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	325	8%	120	2%

Table 35 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Total Units) 2011-2015 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 36 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

As seen in **Table 33 – Condition of Units**, 13% of owner-occupied housing units within the City have one of the following four housing problems: 1.) Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2.) Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3.) More than one person per room, or 4.) Cost Burden greater than 30%. Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation is important because it not only addresses substandard housing conditions, it also improves the affordability of housing by providing needed repairs. These costs are many times above and beyond what is affordable for households that are already experiencing a housing cost burden. For this reason, the City has identified housing programs to provide safe and decent housing for low- to moderate-income households as a main funding objective for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Period. The City intends to promote safe and decent housing for low- to moderate-income households throughout the City by providing owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and an energy efficiency repair program to ensure that basic housing needs are met. Citywide, the percentage of households that are classified as low-to-moderate income is 61.6%. The City’s housing stock is older, with 76% of the owner-occupied housing units constructed prior to 1980. Many of these older residential units have structural deficiencies or code issues which need to be corrected in order to ensure safe and decent housing. Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation is an important component of the City’s effort to preserve and enhance its owner-occupied housing stock because it promotes pride and stability within the City’s many residential neighborhoods. **Table 33 – Condition of Units** also shows that about 62% of rental units have at least one of the following four housing problems: 1.) Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2.) Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3.) More than one person per room or 4.) Cost Burden greater than 30%. One percent (1%) have at least two of the four housing problems. In an effort to improve the affordability of rental housing in the City during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period, the City is planning to use Community Housing

Improvement Program (CHIP) funding through the State of Ohio to create a rental rehabilitation program for housing complexes and facilities that are owned by non-profit organizations and house low-to-moderate income populations.

Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

As shown in **Table 35 – Risk of Lead Based Paint**, the majority of housing in Kent was built prior to 1980. Those units built in 1978 or earlier may have a lead-based paint risk. The CHAS data in the table shows that three hundred twenty-five (325) owner-occupied units and one hundred twenty (120) rental units were built prior to 1980 and have children present in the household.

Discussion

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MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	144	305	1,542	86	1,456	0	0	719
# of accessible units									

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 37 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Athena Gardens	96
Heritage Knolls	96

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

- Athena Gardens: All units: replace Bath vanities, toilets and tub surrounds (\$56,412); playground/spray pool (\$15,000).
- Heritage Knolls: All units: replace roofs (\$77,348.75); Community space (\$27,629.52); storm doors (\$10,000); Landscaping (\$52,302.80); Playground/spray pool (\$15,000); Site lighting (\$20,000); Cabinets, counters, bath vanities and fixtures (\$55,334.17).

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

PMHA provides programming for residents of Public Housing through a number of different measures including their Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant program and their Good Neighbor Program which is funded through the City of Kent's local Social Service Grant Program. ROSS is a HUD funded program specifically for public housing units that helps families and individuals obtain self-sufficiency and improve quality of life. The Good Neighbor program provides an array of services that aim to improve the living environment of LMI families residing in public housing. Programming through the Good Neighbor program includes: a forum for interaction between public housing residents and the Kent Police Department, referral and service coordination that to meet needs of residents, distribution literature promoting healthy lifestyles, and employment services. All of these measures are taken with the goal of improving the living environment of PMHA residents in Kent.

Discussion:

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MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds Current & New	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds		Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	24	0	48	0	0
Households with Only Adults	1	0	26	12	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	118	0
Veterans	0	0	0	58	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	0	0	0

Table 39 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments: 2019 Point in Time Count

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Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

An array of services are available for homeless individuals and families. The providers of these services are often the same agencies that provide housing for the homeless. The main providers in Kent, and throughout Portage County, include Family & Community Services (F&CS) and Coleman Professional Services (CPS). Both agencies provide programming and case management aimed at providing for the homeless population's need to obtain stable housing and receive needed supportive services in order to become self-sufficient. F&CS is the largest housing provider for the homeless in Portage County and also has a relatively new adult employment program for homeless individuals. This program that has received a lot of interest and has had some early success. CPS provides many services, but specializes in mental health counseling and supportive services, CPS owns and manages permanent supportive housing in the area. Along with a stable housing situation clients receive wrap-around services needed to maintain housing and self-sufficiency. In addition, the planning phase is currently underway for a new "Health Gateway" in Kent's South End which includes a partnership between F&CS, AxessPointe Community Health Center and a local church. The new development provides an unprecedented level of access to both physical and behavioral healthcare services for indigent populations, including the homeless. F&CS's Kent Social Services provides many services to the homeless and low-to-moderate population of Kent, including hot meals on a daily basis and a warming center when temperatures fall to ten (10) degrees Fahrenheit by 3:00 P.M.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

As described in the previous section, many of the services are also offered by the same agencies that provide housing to the homeless, which makes for a very coherent and streamlined approach to the provision of housing and service needs in the Kent community.

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MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

This section of the Consolidated Plan looks at existing special needs facilities and services.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

Elderly - the elderly and frail elderly may need assistance to "age in place" or remain in their homes, rather than in an assisted living facility. These residents may need ADA accessibility features, such as ramps, grab bars, and nonskid flooring to remain in their homes. They may also need housekeeping, lawn maintenance, and shopping assistance, as well as nutrition and meal preparation. Because many are on a fixed income, they may need financial assistance to pay for food, medicine, medical costs, utilities, or rent.

Disabled - the services required by a disabled individual will vary by disability:

- Wheelchair users may need: Gates which are easy to open and close, with catches that are easy to reach and operate, additional space on parking spaces to transfer from their car to their chair, Accessible toilets, handrails at appropriate heights with views unrestricted by handrails or walls, surfaces which are firm, level and nonslip, and space to turn corners.
- People with Walking Difficulties or Dexterity/Balance Problems may need: level even surfaces on paths, steps with handrails and even treads and risers, minimum gaps in the path surface, and minimum gradients along and across paths.
- Visually Impaired People may need: clear edges to paths, even and clearly marked steps, warning of hazards at head height, even path surfaces, and easy to use catches on gates.
- People with hearing impairment will need smoke detectors and alarms with flashing lights.

Chronic Substance Abusers - in addition to rehabilitation, they may need housing in a group home setting with supportive services, such as counseling, job training, and life skills training.

HIV / AIDS - these individuals may need counseling, or they may need financial assistance for housing, food, utilities, and medical care.

Veterans - in particular homeless veterans and their families, may need housing assistance, including utility assistance, job training, mental health counseling, drug or alcohol counseling, and assistance finding employment.

Victims of Domestic Violence - these individuals may need housing assistance, counseling, job training, childcare, and medical assistance.

The City of Kent provides \$70,000 in local public grant funding on an annual basis to support social service programs for a variety of nonprofit organizations that serve special needs populations in the community. The City typically allocates grant funding to an average of eight (8) nonprofit organizations through its social service grant program. Agencies that receive social service funding utilize the grant to support various programs that meet the needs of several special needs populations including the elderly, persons with substance abuse issues, and public housing residents.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

As outlined in previous sections of the plan, the two largest non-profit housing providers in the City, which also provide supportive housing, are Coleman Professional Services (CPS) and Family & Community Services (F&CS). The City has supported and partnered with both organizations for many years for the provision of housing and needed support services for at-risk populations.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

The City of Kent is one of the smallest entitlement communities in the State of Ohio and as such, it receives a limited amount of CDBG funding that must be used to address a myriad of needs in the community. During the 2020-2024 Consolidated Planning period, the City plans to undertake a number of housing and supportive service activities with CDBG funds and other funding sources in an effort to address the 'Other Special Needs' populations that are outlined in 91.315(e). This section includes the following: elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or drug addiction, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents. In addition, activities undertaken as part of the City's social service funding program on a yearly basis provide for housing and supportive services for special needs populations. Some examples of projects undertaken with social service program funding that address these populations, includes: Townhall II's services related to addiction and substance abuse intervention and counseling; Rebuilding Together's Safe at Home program which provides home modifications and accessibility improvements for the elderly; and PMHA's Good Neighbor program which assist residents of public housing.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

N/A

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

The City of Kent does not have any local public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. The primary barrier to affordable housing for many low-to moderate-income households remains the limited number of affordable housing units in the community. The City is home to Kent State University and the student population has created a large rental market in the community. The City recognizes that there still is a need for more affordable housing in the community and that the City's large student population does limit the availability of rental units for low-to-moderate income households, especially larger families. The City has implemented code violation and zoning ordinances to address some of the issues that have developed over the years as a result of the student renters. These ordinances are not restrictive in terms of limiting the availability of affordable housing, but rather, are focused on property maintenance issues to ensure landlords maintain safe and decent housing. The zoning code also limits the use of boarding/rooming houses in the city, which can be rented out by the bedroom. Enforcement of the code helps the affordability of housing by lowering rent structures that can escalate as a result of houses rented on a per bedroom basis. The City does not have tax policies or other public policies that affect the valuation of land or other property in a manner that adversely impacts the availability of housing in the community. It is also challenging for many low-to-moderate income households to make the transition from being renters to homeowners because of the difficulties associated with saving for a down payment and securing financing from traditional lenders.

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MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

This section of the Consolidated Plan looks at non-housing related assets in the City of Kent and economic development activities.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	23	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	1,238	1,740	15	28	13
Construction	293	86	4	1	-3
Education and Health Care Services	1,534	830	19	13	-6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	487	330	6	5	-1
Information	134	151	2	2	0
Manufacturing	1,219	1,058	15	17	2
Other Services	312	288	4	5	1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	845	650	10	11	1
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	1,242	869	15	14	-1
Transportation and Warehousing	250	10	3	0	-3
Wholesale Trade	473	157	6	3	-3
Total	8,050	6,169	--	--	--

Table 40 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Workers), 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	16,998
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	15,275
Unemployment Rate	10.15
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	24.45
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	5.93

Table 41 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	3,040
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	440
Service	2,025
Sales and office	3,705
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	639
Production, transportation and material moving	965

Table 42 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	9,710	72%
30-59 Minutes	3,350	25%
60 or More Minutes	455	3%
Total	13,515	100%

Table 43 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	275	40	215
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,520	265	635
Some college or Associate's degree	2,365	245	615
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,785	85	750

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	10	4	0	55	105
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	210	205	30	230	295
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,125	580	340	1,500	760
Some college, no degree	9,235	1,380	535	775	375
Associate's degree	80	165	110	260	55
Bachelor's degree	1,175	1,270	550	920	385
Graduate or professional degree	70	625	510	740	475

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	15,515
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25,739
Some college or Associate's degree	26,536
Bachelor's degree	31,207
Graduate or professional degree	49,290

Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

According to the 2011-2015 ACS (Workers) and 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs) data in **Table 40 – Business Activity**, the major employment sectors in Kent, as measured by number of workers, are:

1. Education and Health Care Services (1,534 Workers)
2. Retail Trade (1,242 Workers)
3. Arts, Entertainment and Accommodations (1,238 Workers)
4. Manufacturing (1,219 Workers)
5. Professional, Scientific, Management Services (845 Workers)

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

The business community is always looking for a skilled and reliable workforce. According to the 2011-2015 ACS (Workers) and 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs) data in **Table 40 – Business Activity**, there is a shortage of workers, or a need in the workforce, for the following sectors: Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations (502 more jobs than workers) and Information (17 more jobs than workers). In most cases, needed public infrastructure, such as adequate roads and rail lines, is in place. The City does lack direct access to an interstate highway. Another challenge in Kent, where most of the available land is built-out, is cleaning up former industrial sites that may contain various levels of contamination, for re-use. However, marketing these sites for prospective development versus green field sites outside the City limits that are already clean and ready for development, and often times closer to a direct interstate highway, is a challenge. The City actively applies for funding related to the clean-up of properties and has had recent success in receiving Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) funding through the State of Ohio.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

The City of Kent recently completed a large-scale revitalization in the City's downtown area. The project involved both public and private sector investment in the City and resulted in over \$100 million in new investment. As part of the revitalization, the local transit authority, known as the Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA), was awarded a \$20 million ARRA grant award for the construction of a new multi-modal transit structure. In addition to this major investment in Kent's downtown, the City entered

into agreements with Kent State University and two private developers on redevelopment projects, which included a hotel/conference center, new retail space, multiple eateries and office buildings. Downtown Kent is now home to three new corporate tenants, the Davey Corporation, Ametek and Smithers-Oasis. Overall the project met the City's short-term and long-term economic development goals for investment and job creation. The project generated both a large amount of construction related jobs, as well as permanent jobs. The City has now turned its focus on leveraging the transformation that has taken place to generate additional investment in the immediate area. The downtown now provides a better market for office space, which increases demand in business services, and is a better market environment for existing business owners and entrepreneurs who are interested in starting a business.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

As outlined in a previous section, according to the 2011-2015 ACS (Workers) and 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs) data in **Table 40 – Business Activity**, there is a shortage of workers in following sectors: Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations (502 more jobs than workers) and Information (17 more jobs than workers). These figures point to the sectors where a mismatch exists between the skills and education in demand by employers vs. the skills and education held by individuals looking for employment.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

Ohio Means Jobs- Portage County office is a workforce investment board and a one-stop service that serves residents and employers in Portage County by connecting workers and jobs, and employers with workers. Also, the Portage Development Board has a mission to create and retain jobs by coordinating economic development activities that encourages retention, expansion and attraction of businesses. The efforts of both of these groups support the City's Consolidated Plan because they aim to provide economic opportunities to Portage County residents, including the City of Kent and its low-to-moderate income (LMI) population. With CDBG funding the City has identified assistance to micro-enterprises as a priority need and will continue to provide funding for to the Summit-Medina Business Alliance, which is the local State of Ohio funded Small Business Development Center, in order to foster the establishment of new businesses by low-to-moderate income persons. The City is anticipating that the revitalized downtown may provide an enhanced business environment for LMI entrepreneurs.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The City is a member of the Northeast Ohio Four County Planning and Economic Development Organization (NEFCO), which updates the *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)*, as required by the Economic Development Administration (EDA), which contains the region's goals and objectives, and the economic development priorities of NEFCO members. The CEDs has four (4) projects that are considered tier 1 projects as having a high priority in the region. Two of these four high priority projects are located in the City of Kent: the City of Kent and Kent State University Research and Development Park and the Lake Street Technology Corridor. Both of these projects align with the Consolidated Plan in that they would provide economic opportunity to Kent residents, including low-to-moderate income residents.

Discussion

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MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The areas of the City that contain older housing stock are more likely to have multiple housing problems that are related to the age of the housing. In addition, many of the City's low-to-moderate (LMI) income block groups that contain lower income households are more susceptible to housing problems related to housing cost burden. It is also common that the neighborhoods with older housing stock are also LMI neighborhoods. Concentration is defined the same way as "disproportionate need" in this Consolidated Plan, or an area that displays at least 10% points greater than the City's average as a whole. The attached LMI concentration map shows the Census Block Groups that qualify as LMI by having more than 51% of households earning at or below 80% of area median income. According to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 61.6% of households Citywide are LMI. Given this information and using the above definition of concentrated, the Census Block Groups with an LMI population of 71.6% or greater, that are primarily residential in use, can be identified as areas that are likely to have a concentration of housing problems.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The definition of concentration used for this report is a variable that is at least 10% points greater than the City's average as a whole of the same variable. The attached LMI Concentration map shows the Census Block Groups that qualify as LMI by having more than 51% of households earning at or below 80% of area median income. According to the 2011 - 2015 American Community Survey, 61.6% of households Citywide are LMI. Given this information and using the above definition of concentrated, the Census Block Group's with an LMI population of 71.6% or greater are considered to have a concentration of LMI households.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

There are two Block Groups in the City where the data shows both a low-to-moderate income and minority concentration. This includes a portion of the area known as the City's South End which is south of downtown and west of Water Street, a main thoroughfare. This area consists of neighborhoods with some of the oldest public infrastructure and single family housing stock in the City that is intermixed with some businesses, Kent Parks and Rec's Recreation Center, an elementary school and churches; there are also pockets of multi-family apartments. The single family areas in the South End have traditionally been predominantly owner-occupied housing, but more and more units are being converted to rental housing.

There is also a concentration of LMI households and minorities in a northwest portion of the City which has contains some single family housing, but is primarily multi-family housing. This part of town includes

a large 444-unit apartment complex called the Villages at Franklin Crossing and other assisted apartment complexes.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Community assets in the South End area include the multiple churches located in the area, a Recreation Center and an Elementary School. The South End is also in close proximity to the newly revitalized downtown. The northwest portion of the city has the advantage of a newer housing stock and therefore, fewer issues with the age of infrastructure and housing. The largest apartment complex in the area changed ownership in 2013 and is now named the Villages at Franklin Crossing. The City is encouraged that the new ownership is anticipating on apply for tax credits to substantially invest in the rehabilitation of the property.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

The revitalization of the downtown Kent and continued efforts to expand upon this initial investment aim to provide business and employment opportunity for residents in both of these areas. AxxessPointe, a healthcare gateway and social services consolidation on Water Street provides unprecedented access to primary and behavioral healthcare for low-to-moderate income residents throughout the City. This partnership including, Family & Community Services (F&CS) and AxxessPointe Community Health Center provides a health center and also consolidates some of the services offered by F&CS to the site by providing easy access for residents in the area. This project expanded the availability and accessibility of these supportive services.

Another strategic opportunity that exists is to use available funding sources to capitalize on the assets that are already in place in an effort to improve the neighborhoods. Some recent investments the city has made in the South End include the full depth reconstruction of Pine Street using CDBG funding, as well as residential demolition activities in the area through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and Moving Ohio Forward (MOF) programs. The City demolished a blighted house and constructed a new house with NSP funding that was purchased in 2013 at the corner of reconstructed Pine Street and Harris Street. The City also recently provided a Neighborhood Grant for the Unity in the Community event, which was held on the grounds of the Recreation Center and has been in talks with the Community Action Council for Neighborhood Grant funding to develop a community garden at the northeast corner of Pine Street and Dodge Street. The City has worked with a non-profit organization as part of its social service funding program to provide programming and events targeted at youth in the area, which operates on site at the Villages at Franklin Crossing complex.

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

Broadband internet is available to 100% of Kent residents. The three (3) major broadband internet providers are: Spectrum, AT&T, and Earthlink. Spectrum covers 100% of the city, while AT&T and Earthlink can provide service to 96% of the city.

For those who do not have access to internet because of affordability issues, free internet access is available at a multitude of businesses, such as: Tree City Cafe, Food4Thought Cyber Cafe, Panera Bread, and multiple Starbuck locations. Free internet access is provided on the Kent State University Campus and in all Kent public schools.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

Currently, there are three (3) broadband providers that serve the jurisdiction: Spectrum, AT&T, and Earthlink. Satellite service is also available through Viasat and HughesNet.

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MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

As a result of the global warming component of climate change, Ohio is experiencing three more weeks of warm, humid weather – plus two fewer weeks of cold, dry days per year – compared to 40 years ago. That also includes more and heavier rainfall.

“On average we’re seeing 20 less days per year of the lake freezing,” says Matt Gray, chief of Cleveland’s office of sustainability. (Ohio Cities Prep Their Game Plan to Confront Climate Change, December 19, 2018, radio.wosu.org, accessed 3/6/2020).

According to "Climate Change and Ohio Summary of Projected Changes in Climate and Associated Impacts," Great Lakes Adaptation Assessment for Cities (GLAA-C), www.graham.udich.edu, accessed 3/6/2020), the following cross-cutting impacts of climate change are predicted for the Great Lakes region:

- Flooding and erosion damage transportation infrastructure, interfere with traffic, and cause economic disruption. More frequent flooding also poses numerous public health concerns.
- Although precipitation is projected to increase, higher temperatures will cause more surface water evaporation and snow melt, reducing Ohio’s surface water levels during the next century.
- Decreased water availability (lower groundwater recharge) timed with increased demand (due to rising temperatures) could lead to new or enhanced water conflicts.
- Reduced soil moisture can cause changes in tree species composition, geographic range, and overall forest health and productivity, leading to a decline in Ohio’s forests of up to 50 percent. A decline of 50 percent of existing forest cover would amount to \$8 billion in economic costs and the loss of tens of thousands of jobs.
- Warmer temperatures may increase some crop yields, however, higher ozone and severe weather could decrease overall productivity.
- Climate change will worsen smog and cause plants to produce more pollen, thereby increasing respiratory health threats, particularly for people with allergies and asthma.
- Residents will experience greater health risks from increasing dangerous heat waves, storms and flooding, waterborne illnesses, infectious diseases, declining air quality, and drought.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

The increasing number of dangerous heat waves will be particularly hazardous to low- and moderate-income households who are less likely to have air conditioning. The City of Kent will investigate previously available State funds that were available for the purchase of air conditioning units for LMI residents with a documented medical need. They will also consider funding a program through a non-CDBG funding source for this type of program.

None of the documented concentrations of LMI households are located in flood zones.

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Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The strategic plan section of this report lays out a specific plan after taking into account the data gathered and analyzed as part of the Needs Assessment and the Market Analysis sections.

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SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

The City of Kent made the determination to target some of its available CDBG and other local resources towards supporting public improvement projects and activities within the neighborhoods of the City that have some of the highest concentrations of low-to-moderate income and minority households. The City has identified this geographic targeting of public infrastructure improvements and some of the many infrastructure needs in targeted low-to-moderate income and minority concentration areas as a high priority need during the 2020-2024 period. The City is also identifying non-profit public facility improvements that provide appropriate supportive services as a high priority. This priority will provide supportive services for low-to-moderate income population on a citywide basis, but will also have more pronounced impact in its immediate area. The City will continue to commit a portion of its CDBG resources to support owner-occupied housing rehabilitation activities and public service activities that benefit low-to-moderate income households throughout the City. These housing rehabilitation programs and public service activities are considered high priority needs in the community. These activities typically do not cost as much as public improvement projects and are targeted towards qualifying households as opposed to a geographic area. Crime awareness provides additional police outreach to low-to-moderate income geographic areas of the City and is considered a high priority. Funding for other public facility improvements, such as Parks and Recreation facilities that have either a citywide or neighborhood benefit, will also continue to be considered for funding, but will be considered a medium priority need. Funding for microenterprise assistance that provides economic opportunity for LMI individuals is a direct benefit activity and rehabilitation of commercial facilities, which eliminates blight on a site specific basis, are both considered medium priority needs. A thorough evaluation of these types of projects will be completed in order to determine the effectiveness of the project in terms of the number of low-to-moderate income persons that will be assisted through the project and the overall benefit the project will generate for the City's low-to-moderate income residents.

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SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Walnut Street Reconstruction
	Description	Promote a suitable living environment by allocating CDBG resources to support public infrastructure activities that will assist with addressing the problem of aging and insufficient infrastructure in residential areas that have higher concentrations of low-to-moderate income (LMI) households.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The priority need of infrastructure improvements in LMI neighborhoods was determined to be high because of the aging infrastructure in the older LMI residential neighborhoods of the City and because these types of improvements are typically expensive and require the pooling of different funding sources to be completed.
2	Priority Need Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation

	Description	Provide safe and decent housing through a housing rehabilitation loan program for low- to moderate-income (LMI) owner-occupied households. This program will allocate CDBG revolving loan funds for both a substantial housing rehabilitation program and an emergency water/sewer connection repair program. Substantial housing rehabilitation will also be undertaken with the use of Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) funds through the State of Ohio. The Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation program will provide furnace and hot water tank inspections, tune-ups and replacements for low- to moderate-income (LMI) households.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Owner-occupied rehabilitation is considered a high priority because it directly addresses housing cost burden and the other housing problems that negatively impact LMI households as outlined in the Needs Section of this plan. There are no other funding sources that provide this type of assistance in the City.
3	Priority Need Name	Crime Prevention
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Neighborhood Policing Program
	Description	Crime prevention provides additional police patrols and visibility in low- to moderate-income (LMI) neighborhoods and in assisted housing complexes. The program has a goal of improving communication, trust and understanding between residents and the Police Department. The program provides additional public safety above and beyond what would be possible without the program.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The Crime Awareness program promotes a suitable living environment in LMI areas of the City by providing expanded police outreach above and beyond what would normally be feasible. There is no other entity that can provide enhanced public safety in LMI neighborhoods.

4	Priority Need Name	Homeless Shelter Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Homeless Shelter Services
	Description	This program provides emergency homeless shelter services at the only emergency homeless shelter in Portage County, which is located in the City of Kent.
	Basis for Relative Priority	This facility has a total of twelve (12) beds designated for individuals or families and is the only emergency homeless shelter in Portage County. The shelter nearly always operates at full capacity.

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5	Priority Need Name	Non-Profit Public Facilities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Nonprofit Public Facilities
	Description	Non-profit public facilities that provide appropriate supportive services for the low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons.
	Basis for Relative Priority	CDBG is the primary funding source available to the City for support to non-profit organizations that provide direct supportive services to LMI residents.

6	Priority Need Name	Non-Profit Rental Rehabilitation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	
	Description	Provide non-profit agencies funding for rental rehabilitation through the State of Ohio's Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program, in order to provide quality affordable housing for at-risk low- to moderate-income (LMI) households.
	Basis for Relative Priority	This priority need is high because addresses a gap in the affordable housing market for at-risk LMI populations that often times become homeless.
	7	Priority Need Name
Priority Level		Low
Population		Non-housing Community Development
Geographic Areas Affected		
Associated Goals		Micro-Enterprise Assistance

	Description	Micro-Enterprise assistance provides technical business assistance and consulting for low- to moderate-income (LMI) entrepreneurs and business owners.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Providing economic opportunity for LMI households in the City is an important priority. This project is also funded through the State of Ohio and is in the process of securing a funding commitment from Portage County.
8	Priority Need Name	Rehabilitation of Commercial Facilities
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	
	Description	Provide funding for commercial facade rehabilitation as part of the City's revolving loan-funded Downtown Facade Rehabilitation Program.
	Basis for Relative Priority	This project fulfills an important need in the City by promoting investment and job creation in the older area of Downtown. The project is an important priority, but not a relative high priority, because it eliminates slum and blight rather than providing a direct benefit to the LMI population as outlined in the City's three primary funding objectives.
9	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities for Parks & Recreation
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Public Facilities for Parks and Recreation
	Description	Provide assistance for development of parks and recreation facilities that typically provide either a city-wide benefit or a benefit within a low- to moderate-income (LMI) neighborhood.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The project is an important priority, but not a relative high priority, because it most often generates a citywide benefit that isn't targeted toward a specific LMI geographic area.

Narrative (Optional)

The City of Kent will utilize its CDBG funds to address these identified needs. In addition, the City of Kent anticipates receiving CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funding funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

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SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) is the largest provider of affordable rental housing in the City of Kent. As outlined in more detail in the Needs and Market Analysis Sections of this plan, PMHA's Housing Choice Voucher program currently has a waiting list of over 2,000 applicants. There is currently an estimated 290 TBRA vouchers issued by PMHA being used for housing within the City of Kent. In addition, Family & Community Services (F&CS) and Coleman Professional Services (CPS) also provide affordable rental housing in the City. Housing provided by these agencies is predominantly for the homeless and non-homeless special needs populations. The City anticipates providing tenant-based homelessness prevention funding to both F&CS and CPS during this 2020-2024 Consolidated Planning period as part of the City's Social Service Grant Program.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) is the largest provider of affordable rental housing in the City of Kent. As outlined in more detail in the Needs and Market Analysis Sections of this plan, PMHA's Housing Choice Voucher program currently has a waiting list of over 2,000 applicants. There is currently an estimated 290 TBRA vouchers issued by PMHA being used for housing within the City of Kent. In addition, Family & Community Services (F&CS) and Coleman Professional Services (CPS) also provide affordable rental housing in the City. Housing provided by these agencies is predominantly for the homeless and non-homeless special needs populations. The City anticipates providing tenant-based homelessness prevention funding to both F&CS and CPS during this 2020-2024 Consolidated Planning period as part of the City's Social Service Grant Program.
New Unit Production	The City will not use CDBG funds for new unit production because there is no active Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) operating within the City. The City also plans to use Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program funding through the State of Ohio to help CPS construct a ten (10) unit permanent supportive housing facility for transitional youth.
Rehabilitation	The City has identified owner-occupied, energy efficiency and non-profit rental housing rehabilitation as a high priority for the planning period to address the housing problems that were identified in the Needs Section of this plan. These programs are anticipated to be funded through the City's CDBG program and through the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program from the State of Ohio.

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Acquisition, including preservation	The City does not anticipate using CDBG funds for the acquisition of property during this Consolidated Planning period.

Table 49 – Influence of Market Conditions

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SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				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	303,766	25,000	16,301	345,067	1,315,064	These funding levels are estimated based upon the most current level of CDBG entitlement funding allocated to the City for PY2020.
Other	public - state	Housing	175,000	0	0	175,000	250,000	The City anticipates applying for State of Ohio Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) funding during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Planning period to address housing needs through an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program and a non-profit rental rehabilitation program.

Table 50 - Anticipated Resources

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

Leveraging other resources is an important part of the CDBG program and will be vital for meeting the needs and goals of the City’s 5-year Consolidated Plan because it increases the impact of CDBG funding above and beyond what would be feasible through the City’s yearly CDBG allocation on its own. The importance of leveraged funds is seen in the projects that the City funds and significant weight is given to leveraged funds as part of the City’s project evaluation process. Most of the projects and activities undertaken provide some sort of leverage whether it be local agency funds into a project, funding through the State of Ohio, or through other sources. The largest amount of leveraged funds anticipated during the next 5-year period is funding related to the two planned public infrastructure projects. The costly infrastructure improvements proposed during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period will rely heavily on local capital funding for completion. The City will continue to value the importance of leveraged funds moving through the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The City is not a Participating Jurisdiction under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), so there are no match requirements related to HOME.

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

N/A

Discussion

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SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority	PHA	Homelessness Public Housing Rental	Region
Family & Community Services	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Rental public facilities public services	Region
Coleman Professional Services	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Rental public facilities public services	Region
AxessPointe Community Health Center	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Region
Community Action Council of Portage Cty	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs Ownership public facilities	Region
TOWNHALL II	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Region
Summit Medina Business Alliance (SBDC)	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs	Region

Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The City of Kent has developed close working relationships with many local nonprofit organizations, affordable housing providers, Kent State University, and several banks and lending institutions that are based in the Kent community. The City continues to commit CDBG funding to support social service agencies that provide needed services for low-to-moderate income persons in the community. The City has fostered a good working relationship with these agencies and plans to continue working with these agencies in the future. The City is an important funding source for these agencies and the commitment of CDBG funds enables these agencies to continue to provide needed supportive services for low- to moderate-income Kent residents, including emergency food bank services, counseling, aid to victims of domestic violence, transportation, crisis intervention, homeless shelter services, and transitional housing. CDBG funding also enables many agencies to leverage additional support for their project/service.

The City recognizes the importance of maintaining working relationships with these various agencies because it ensures that the City has an understanding of the problems these agencies and organizations may be experiencing as they work to provide services to those in need in the community. The close working relationship also enables the City to be aware of emerging issues or problems that may need to be taken into consideration when allocating CDBG funds in future program years.

The City also enjoys a positive working relationship with the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA). The PMHA provides public housing and rental vouchers through the Section 8 program and many participants from these two PMHA programs reside in the City of Kent. Both the City and PMHA participate in the Housing Services Council, which is a group of representatives from various housing and social service agencies that share information and collaborate on various housing related initiatives in the County. The HSC meets quarterly and is a key component in identifying homeless and housing needs in the community.

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Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X		
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services			
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS			
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
Other			

Table 52 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

The delivery system that provides services to the homeless is primarily coordinated by Family & Community Services (F&CS) and Coleman Professional Services (CPS). CPS is the regional leader for the State of Ohio’s Region 5 Continuum of Care, which includes the City of Kent. Many agencies and groups in Portage County are up-to-date with the needs of the homeless through their participation in the Portage County Housing Services Council, but CPS and F&CS are at the forefront. Each provides both housing and an array of supportive services for the homeless. The items shown in the above **Table 57 – Homeless Prevention Services Summary** are services that are primarily provided through one of these

two agencies. The City has provided support to both of these agencies through the years for provision of services for the homeless, including the chronically homeless, families with children, veterans and unaccompanied youth. The City has provided F&CS with CDBG funding for a number of years to support Miller Community House, which is an emergency homeless shelter located in the City of Kent. Both agencies will also be using CHIP funding within the next year from the City of Kent for rental rehabilitation of housing that addresses homelessness. The City also partners with both agencies in homelessness prevention programs through the City's Social Service Grant Program.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The delivery system used to ensure needed housing and supportive services are reaching those most in need in the community is effective because of the quality of the various organizations that provide services in the community. Despite the presence of a strong delivery system described above, some gaps do exist in the present delivery system because the needs of the low income in the community, particularly the housing needs, are greater than the funding available to address the problems. The local housing authority, PMHA, maintains a long waiting list for both public housing voucher assistance that exemplifies the need for affordable housing. This Consolidated Plan identifies the need for quality affordable housing and support services for at-risk populations, including the homeless, and measures are identified throughout this plan in order to target services to the areas of greatest need.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

Continued communication among providers and pooling of resources are the two most important strategies to ensure that any gaps in the institutional structure are covered and so that limited funding is used in the most impactful way to address the housing priority needs identified in this plan. The Portage County Housing Services Council plays a large role in both of these strategies as it is a great forum to share information about needs, programming and funding that is available.

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SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Walnut Street Reconstruction	2020	2021	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$160,000 public - state: \$807,035	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1105 Persons Assisted
2	Public Facilities for Parks and Recreation	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities for Parks & Recreation	CDBG: \$75,000 public - state: \$15,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16845 Persons Assisted
3	Neighborhood Policing Program	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Crime Prevention	CDBG: \$90,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 8097 Persons Assisted
4	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$175,000 public - state: \$12,423	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 40 Household Housing Unit
5	Micro-Enterprise Assistance	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Micro-Enterprise Assistance	CDBG: \$25,000 public - state: \$226,110	Businesses assisted: 15 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Nonprofit Public Facilities	2020	2020	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Profit Public Facilities	CDBG: \$30,000 public - state: \$14,833	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 32 Persons Assisted
7	Homeless Shelter Services	2020	2024	Homeless		Homeless Shelter Services	CDBG: \$75,000 public - state: \$167,300	Homelessness Prevention: 595 Persons Assisted

Table 53 – Goals Summary

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Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Walnut Street Reconstruction
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to pay for design costs for the Walnut Street Reconstruction project, which includes full depth reconstruction of Walnut Street from Cherry Street to Bridge Street.
2	Goal Name	Public Facilities for Parks and Recreation
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for improvements to local Parks and Recreation facilities
3	Goal Name	Neighborhood Policing Program
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide a Neighborhood Policing Program in both funded housing complexes and the eight (8) Planning Districts of the City of Kent. The program will reduce crime through improving communication, trust and understanding between neighborhood residents and police members and raising police visibility through targeted intervention efforts and bicycle patrol.
4	Goal Name	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide energy efficiency improvements to LMI owner occupied housing units. These improvements may include basic furnace inspection and diagnostics; new furnaces, new hot water tanks and associated expansion tanks as necessary and required by the City of Kent Building Code, and consumer education services.
5	Goal Name	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be use to provide counseling and business development assistance to LMI entrepreneurs living within the City of Kent.
6	Goal Name	Nonprofit Public Facilities
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for improvements to nonprofit public facilities that serve LMI persons.
7	Goal Name	Homeless Shelter Services
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide emergency shelter to men, women and children who are experiencing homelessness.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b) (2)

The City isn't a Participating Jurisdiction under the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), so the cited HOME regulation does not apply. However, the City will undertake projects to provide safe and decent affordable housing during the PY2020-2024 time period for the homeless as part of the Homeless Shelter Services Program and the Non-Profit Rental Rehabilitation Program for an estimated five hundred and thirty-two (532) persons. The City also anticipates providing safe and decent affordable housing as part of its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Rehabilitation Programs to a total of fifty-two (52) households projected in the following income segments: twenty (20) extremely low-income households, twenty (20) low-income households and twelve (12) moderate-income households.

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SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) doesn't have a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority has multiple programs geared toward increasing resident involvement. PMHA provides programming for residents of Public Housing through their Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant program. ROSS is a HUD funded program specifically for public housing units that helps families and individuals obtain self-sufficiency and improve quality of life. Additional undertakings that encourage resident involvement include partnerships with: the Mighty Pack Program to provide weekend food packs during the school year; Love Light, Inc. for the Summer Weekend Meals Program sponsored by the Ohio Association of Food Banks, which provides weekend food packs during summer break; the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for the Homework Buddies Program at Renaissance Place; the OSU Extension to provide a series of Youth SNAP-Ed nutrition and exercise education classes at Community Estates and Renaissance Place; Community Action Council (CAC) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Love Light, Inc., to provide children in 45 families with 1845 total lunches at 4 Public Housing sites: Renaissance Place (CAC Summer Food Program), Community Estates (CAC Summer Food Program), Athena Gardens (Love Light), and Heritage Knolls (Love Light), and many more. PMHA also hosts: a Community Resources event for HUD's Strong Families Initiative; weekly free fresh food distribution days, in partnership with the Campus Kitchen at Kent State; Farmer's Markets at 5 Public Housing sites during the month of August; nine (9) spring parties at Public Housing family and elderly/disabled sites, including pictures with the Easter Bunny; eight (8) winter holiday parties at Public Housing family and elderly/disabled sites, including pictures with Santa,, and set up and maintained a Hat & Mitten Giving Tree in the PMHA Lobby from late-November through early-March, to provide a variety of warm winter attire including hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and earmuffs to those in need.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the 'troubled' designation

N/A

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City of Kent does not have any local public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. The primary barrier to affordable housing for many low-to moderate-income households remains the limited number of affordable housing units in the community. The City is home to Kent State University and the student population has created a large rental market in the community. The City recognizes that there still is a need for more affordable housing in the community and that the City's large student population does limit the availability of rental units for low-to-moderate income households, especially larger families. The City has implemented code violation and zoning ordinances to address some of the issues that have developed over the years as a result of the student renters. These ordinances are not restrictive in terms of limiting the availability of affordable housing, but rather, are focused on property maintenance issues to ensure landlords maintain safe and decent housing. The zoning code also limits the use of boarding/rooming houses in the city, which can be rented out by the bedroom. Enforcement of the code helps the affordability of housing by lowering rent structures that can escalate as a result of houses rented on a per bedroom basis. The City does not have tax policies or other public policies that affect the valuation of land or other property in a manner that adversely impacts the availability of housing in the community. It is also challenging for many low-to-moderate income households to make the transition from being renters to homeowners because of the difficulties associated with saving for a down payment and securing financing from traditional lenders.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City is committed to allocating CDBG funds to affordable housing initiatives and has designated offering housing programs to provide safe and decent housing for low-to moderate-income households as a primary funding objective during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. In addition, the City is also receiving Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) funds from the State of Ohio to help expand affordable housing opportunities for the low- to moderate-income households in Kent. All of these efforts are a strategy to remove barriers to affordable housing by increasing the supply and availability of affordable housing. The City is always continuing its housing code enforcement that targets illegal boarding and rooming houses that rent to students on a per bedroom basis and limit available housing for larger families and can increase rent levels. The City of Kent participates in the Portage County Housing Services Council (PCHSC), which is a collaborative volunteer group comprised of nonprofit agencies, developers and government agencies that are involved with housing programs throughout Portage County. The PCHSC meets quarterly and routinely discusses strategies to remove barriers to affordable housing.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

A number of the strategic planning goals that are summarized in the **SP-48 Goals Summary** section outline strategies that involve needs assessment and outreach to the sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations. This outreach and assessment is undertaken regularly by two housing and services providers in the area, Family & Community Services (F&CS) and Coleman Professional Services (CPS). The City plans to fund both of these agencies during the 5-year planning period for the services that they provide to the homeless. The City anticipates continuing to fund F&CS's Homeless Shelter Services Program, which reimburses costs associated with shelter nights at an emergency homeless shelter along with connected supportive services that aim to meet the specific needs of each client. Additionally, the City has identified rental rehabilitation as a strategic plan goal and anticipates funding a non-profit rental rehabilitation program that will provide quality affordable housing to at-risk populations, who often may become homeless, along with service provision that meets their specific needs. The goals related to the non-profit public facility will also aim to provide services to the populations most in need in the community, including the homeless.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City anticipates continuing to fund Family & Community Services' Homeless Shelter Services Program, which provides emergency housing for individuals and families, as well as supportive services that may be needed. Also, the rental rehabilitation project being planned by Coleman Professional Services will construct ten (10) units of supportive housing for transitional youth and F&CS anticipates the rehabilitation a twelve (12) unit building that will provide housing for women recovering from addiction. These programs both provide housing and services to populations that traditionally have a high risk of homelessness and needs for emergency and/or transitional housing.

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 strategic plan goals mentioned above are designed to help individuals and families transition from homelessness to a stable housing situations. Services needed for self-sufficiency vary depending on the needs of each specific client and a needs assessment is conducted at intake by local housing providers that identifies the needs of each client with the goal always being sustaining a self-sufficient housing/living situation as expeditiously as possible given the unique characteristics of each client. Local services providers, including the agencies mentioned in this section who anticipate receiving funding from the City

during this 5-year Consolidated Planning period, coordinate well with each other and keep in close contact through a number of different forums. Most notably, connections are maintained through the Portage County Housing Services Council, which keeps providers up-to-date on all programming that is available in the Community that provides services and emergency, transitional and supportive housing. These relationships are key to facilitating a housing and support service structure that, to the greatest extent feasible, ensures no gaps exist.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

The support network described in the previous sections is designed to prevent homelessness and provide housing and any needed services to those who become homeless with the intention of limiting the amount of time individuals or families are homeless and to provide tools for self-sufficiency. In addition to the projects and activities mention in the previous areas of this sections, including the development of housing specifically for transitional youth, the City allocates social services funding to Family & Community Services and Coleman Professional Services for homelessness prevention rental assistance programs.

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SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(I)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

The City does not administer a standalone lead-based paint testing/remediation program. The City's housing rehabilitation program is available to low-to-moderate income households that own and occupy their home and the rental rehabilitation program partners with non-profit agencies to rehabilitate rental units. The City allows a higher rehabilitation loan than normal in cases where lead abatement may be needed to help address lead hazards. Lead-risk assessment and remediation/abatement actions under these programs are only used when a lead hazard is present in a housing unit. Initial determination of the need for a lead-risk assessment is based on the year the housing unit(s) was constructed. If the housing unit(s) was constructed in 1978 or prior, the following steps are initiated:

- All areas that appear to be a lead hazard, which is defined as areas with deteriorated paint, or that will be disturbed during the rehabilitation, is tested.
- If the unit is occupied by children six (6) years of age or younger or by a pregnant woman, they are encouraged to have a blood lead level test conducted prior to implementing any rehabilitation activities.
- If lead-based paint is identified as a result of the risk assessment testing, the project work specifications will address all lead concerns and require the contractor to implement lead safe practices in all interim control and/or abatement activities.
- At the completion of the work, the housing unit will be clearance tested to ensure it is free of lead dust, paint and particles.

How the actions are listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

The City of Kent housing rehabilitation program complies with all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) *Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing* and requirements specified by the Ohio Department of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City contracts with a local nonprofit housing development organization for implementation of the City's rehabilitation program and this organization is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate lead risk assessment is conducted on any housing unit constructed in 1978 or earlier that will be involved in the City's program. The local nonprofit housing development organization also verifies that any contractor bidding on a housing rehabilitation project involving lead-based paint issues is a certified in lead safe work practices contractor and holds an active RRP certification.

Recent changes required under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule and HUD's updated Lead Safe Housing Rule (LSHR) mandate that beginning April 22, 2010, everyone that works on a federally-funded project must attend the appropriate lead-based paint abatement training. The local nonprofit housing development organization used by the City for

implementation of the City's housing rehabilitation program will be responsible for ensuring compliance with these new requirements.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

Measures to address lead-based paint as part of any activities that involve rehabilitation of housing are integrated into the City's policies and procedures starting with the initial inspection of the property. A lead hazard assessment, which is conducted by a fully licensed third party agency, and the scope of work planned for the project sets in place a plan for what items need addressed and what measures are needed to properly address lead-based paint.

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SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

As the housing market and economy continue to recover, the City of Kent has seen unemployment rates drop and housing values increase. The City of Kent's goal for reducing the number of poverty level families in this current economic climate is to promote economic development initiatives that will result in job creation. The City has completed, and is still building upon, a \$100+ million dollar downtown redevelopment project that is generating new employment opportunities. The initial investment in the core of downtown is substantially completed, and now the City is focusing on leveraging and expanding upon these investments to the areas immediately surrounding the downtown core. The development of downtown has and is creating many temporary and permanent jobs. The nature of these jobs is varied and includes everything from white collar business jobs to service related positions. The City anticipates that some of these new jobs will be filled by persons currently living at the poverty level. In addition to job creation by investing in the City's core, the City will also continue to provide financial support to the various nonprofit agencies in the community that work with persons living at the poverty level and anticipates continuing to fund the Summit Medina Business Alliance's Micro-Enterprise Development Program which provides business counseling and consulting services to low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs and business owners who are below the poverty level. Many of the services local nonprofit agencies provide have been well-documented throughout this Consolidated Plan, including housing initiatives and support services that have a primary goal of reducing the number of families and individuals living under the poverty-level.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan?

The City will provide CDBG funding to several organizations to support housing programs in the City, including homeless services and affordable housing initiatives. The City is committed to ensuring that organizations it provides funding to for housing and supportive service programs are made aware of other activities that could benefit low income families, including employment opportunities that may be generated as a result of the City's economic development initiatives outlined above.

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SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

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

The City of Kent's Community Development Department is responsible for the overall administration of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Community Development Department also administers the State of Ohio Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP), and the housing rehabilitation program which is financed with CDBG and CHIP revolving loan funds (RLF). The City monitors all projects and activities funded in part or in whole with CDBG or CDBG RLF funding. Monitoring includes tracking the progress of projects, financial matters, maintaining appropriate records, completion of all reporting requirements, ensuring compliance with local, state and federal regulations, environmental review compliance, and close-out processing for completed projects. The Community Development Department is also responsible for completing the City's Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) and submitting it to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The CAPER identifies program expenditures and accomplishments for the previous program period and includes narrative and reports from the HUD Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). The CAPER is completed and submitted to HUD within 90 days after the completion of the City's CDBG program period, which for the City is every July 31st. Monitoring of the City's CDBG program also includes tracking the City's compliance with CDBG timeliness requirements. The City is continually evaluating expenditures to ensure compliance with timeliness. CDBG funds from projects that were committed in earlier program years, but have not been expended due to project delays, are re-programmed to activities that are more likely to result in quicker implementation and expenditure of funds.

The City also monitors all sub recipients that received funding for CDBG-eligible projects. Each sub recipient activity is governed by a detailed contract and also is monitored throughout the projects implementation phase. Quarterly reports are required that detail persons assisted and supporting documentation is required at the time invoices are submitted to the City for payment. City Community Development staff also conduct on-site monitoring visits every program year in order to evaluate project files and activities. Subrecipients receive a written report detailing any issues that were identified during the on-site monitoring visit. All subrecipients are also required to submit annual audit reports for their agencies in order to determine if a subrecipient is complying with all applicable OMB requirements. Any construction related work is monitored for minority business contracts and minority business participation is reported to HUD on a semi-annual basis. When the City advertises for rehabilitation contractors it indicates that MBE participation is encouraged.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
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Other	public - state	Housing	175,000	0	0	175,000	250,000	The City anticipates applying for State of Ohio Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) funding during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Planning period to address housing needs through an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program and a non-profit rental rehabilitation program.

Table 54 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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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
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5	Micro-Enterprise Assistance	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Micro-Enterprise Assistance	CDBG: \$5,000 public - state: \$226,100	Businesses assisted: 3 Businesses Assisted
6	Homeless Shelter Services	2020	2024	Homeless		Homeless Shelter Services	CDBG: \$15,000 public - state: \$167,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 119 Persons Assisted
7	Nonprofit Public Facilities	2020	2020	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Profit Public Facilities	CDBG: \$30,000 public - state: \$14,833	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 119 Persons Assisted

Table 55 – Goals Summary

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Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Walnut Street Reconstruction
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to assist with the design and full depth reconstruction of Walnut Street from Cherry Street to Dodge Street. The work involves new sidewalks, concrete curbs and gutters, a waterline replacement and storm sewers to improve drainage along the roadway. This is a multi-year project and construction is scheduled for 2020 (Phase 1 - Cherry to Harris) and 2021 (Phase 2 - Harris to Dodge).
2	Goal Name	Public Facilities for Parks and Recreation
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to assist with costs associated with the resurfacing and ADA Compliance enhancement to the Kent City Recreation Center's parking lot at 1115 Franklin Ave. The parking lot is in very poor condition and presents barriers to ADA accessibility. A free breakfast and lunch program for children under the age of 18 is offered during the summer at this location.
3	Goal Name	Neighborhood Policing Program
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for the Neighborhood Policing Program which provides additional patrols and police visibility primarily in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and in assisted housing complexes. The program has a goal of improving communication, trust and understanding between residents and the Police Department. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Public Service 15% funding cap.
4	Goal Name	Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used for the "Kent Furnace Inspection / Targeted Replacement Program" through Community Action Council. The program provides furnace inspections and tune-ups or the replacement of failing or inefficient furnaces, as well as replacement of hot water tanks for low- to moderate-income Kent households.
5	Goal Name	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide one-to-one business counseling, as well as business workshops/training, to low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.
6	Goal Name	Homeless Shelter Services
	Goal Description	The Homeless Shelter Services program provides services at Miller Community House an emergency homeless shelter. Funding helps pay for shelter nights spent by Kent residents including needed case management, counseling and housing placement. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Public Service 15% funding limitation.

7	Goal Name	Nonprofit Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Family & Community Services is requesting CDBG funds to remodel the kitchen at the M. Marie Miller House, which provides emergency shelter to men, women and children experiencing homelessness and exists to ensure that homeless families and individuals have access to safe temporary shelter and basic needs. Funds will be used to replace the kitchen flooring, cabinets and appliances, and to paint the room.

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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The below projects are proposed to be undertaken during PY2020, the first year of the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Planning period. The proposed projects are a result of an open request for proposal process and after a thorough staff review taking into account the proposed objectives and priority needs outlined in this plan, as well as all regulatory requirements of the CDBG program.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Walnut Street Reconstruction
2	Franklin Street Parking Lot
3	Neighborhood Policing Program
4	Furnace Inspection / Targeted Replacement Program
5	Homeless Shelter Services
6	Miller House Kitchen Remodel
7	SBDC - Small Business Counselling
8	Administration
9	FHCS - Fair Housing Services

Table 56 – Project Information

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

The allocation priorities are driven by the goals and objectives set forth in the City's current 5-year Consolidated Plan that spans the time period PY2020-PY2024 and how the projects that were proposed as part of an open request for proposal process align with the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan. The largest obstacle for addressing underserved needs is the limited amount of funding that is available when compared to the amount of need that is the community. The City best addresses this issue by keeping in close communication with other service providers in the community to ensure there is no overlap or duplication of services and by expending funds that are targeted towards the largest, and most underserved, needs in the City.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Walnut Street Reconstruction
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Walnut Street Reconstruction
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$160,000 public - state: \$817,035
	Description	This activity provides funding to assist with the design and full depth reconstruction of Walnut Street from Cherry Street to Dodge Street. The work involves new sidewalks, concrete curb and gutter, a waterline replacement and storm sewers to improve drainage along the roadway. This is a multi-year project and construction is scheduled for 2020 (Phase 1 Cherry to Harris) and 2021 (Phase 2 Harris to Dodge).
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will provide a city-wide benefit to the residents of the City of Kent (est. 29,917), of which 61.6% are Low- to Moderate-Income (18,429). These benefits will include improved roadways, sidewalks, curbs, driveway aprons, landscaping and improved water supply and storm water drainage.
	Location Description	Walnut Street from Cherry Street to Dodge Street. This is a multi-year project and construction is scheduled for 2020 (Phase 1 – Cherry to Harris) and 2021 (Phase 2 – Harris to Dodge).
	Planned Activities	The work involves a full-depth reconstruction of Walnut Street plus new sidewalks, concrete curb and gutter, a waterline replacement and storm sewers to improve drainage along the roadway.
2	Project Name	Franklin Street Parking Lot
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities for Parks and Recreation
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities for Parks & Recreation
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000

	Description	This activity will provide funding to assist with costs associated with the resurfacing and ADA Compliance enhancement to the Kent City Recreation Center's parking lot at 1115 Franklin Ave. The parking lot is in very poor condition and presents barriers to ADA accessibility. A free breakfast and lunch program for children under the age of 18 is offered during the summer at this location.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will provide benefit to an estimated \$16,485 low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.
	Location Description	1115 Franklin Ave, Kent, Ohio 44240
	Planned Activities	This activity includes resurfacing resurfacing of the parking lot and ADA Compliance enhancement to the Kent City Recreation Center's parking lot at 1115 Franklin Ave. The parking lot is in very poor condition and presents barriers to ADA accessibility. A free breakfast and lunch program for children under the age of 18 is offered during the summer at this location.
3	Project Name	Neighborhood Policing Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Policing Program
	Needs Addressed	Crime Prevention
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	The Neighborhood Policing Program provides additional patrols and police visibility primarily in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and in assisted housing complexes. The program has a goal of improving communication, trust and understanding between residents and the Police Department. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Public Service 15% funding limitation.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will provide benefit to an estimated 8,097 low- to moderate-income individuals.

	Location Description	The Neighborhood Policing Program provides additional patrols and bicycle policing in both funded housing complexes and the eight (8) Planning Districts of the City of Kent.
	Planned Activities	The program will allow for additional patrols and police visibility primarily in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and in assisted housing complexes. The program has a goal of improving communication, trust and understanding between residents and the Police Department.
4	Project Name	Furnace Inspection / Targeted Replacement Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	Community Action Council will use funding from the CDBG program to continue its Kent Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program that provides the services of furnace inspections, tune-ups, or the replacement of failing or inefficient furnaces and/or hot water tanks for low-to-moderate income Kent households.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated five (5) Low/Mod households, two (2) Low Income, and two (2) Extremely Low Income households will be served.
	Location Description	To be determined Low- to Moderate-Income households located within the City of Kent.
	Planned Activities	Funding from the CDBG program will be used by Community Action Council to continue its “Kent Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program” that provides the services of furnace inspections, tune-ups, or the replacement of failing or inefficient furnaces and/or hot water tanks for low-to-moderate income Kent households.
5	Project Name	Homeless Shelter Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Shelter Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Shelter Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000 public - state: \$167,000
	Description	The Homeless Shelter Services program provides services at Miller Community House, an emergency homeless shelter. Funding helps pay for shelter nights spent by Kent residents including needed case management, counseling and housing placement. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Public Service 15% funding limitation.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 220 homeless individuals will be given emergency shelter.
	Location Description	Miller Community House, 1211 Anita Drive, Kent, Ohio 44240
	Planned Activities	The Homeless Shelter Services program provides services at Miller Community House an emergency homeless shelter. Funding helps pay for shelter nights spent by Kent residents including needed case management, counseling and housing placement.
6	Project Name	Miller House Kitchen Remodel
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Nonprofit Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Profit Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000 public - state: \$14,833
	Description	Family & Community Services will utilize CDBG funds to remodel the kitchen at the M. Marie Miller House, which provides emergency shelter to men, women and children experiencing homelessness and exists to ensure that homeless families and individuals have access to safe temporary shelter and basic needs. Funds will be used to replace the kitchen flooring, cabinets and appliances, and to paint the room.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 119 homeless individuals will receive meals while receiving emergency shelter at the Miller House.
	Location Description	Miller Community House, 1211 Anita Drive, Kent, Ohio 44240.

	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used to remodel the kitchen at the M. Marie Miller House, which provides emergency shelter to men, women and children experiencing homelessness and exists to ensure that homeless families and individuals have access to safe temporary shelter and basic needs. Funds will be used to replace the kitchen flooring, cabinets and appliances, and to paint the room.
7	Project Name	SBDC - Small Business Counselling
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000 public - state: \$226,110
	Description	Funds will be used to provide one-to-one business counseling, as well as business workshops/training, to low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated three (3) low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent will receive business-counseling services.
	Location Description	TBD
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to provide one-to-one business counseling, as well as business workshops/training, to low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.
8	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,766
	Description	These funds are used to cover grant administration costs such as the cost of staff, supplies, advertising, postage, copying, travel costs for trainings, and other related costs. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Planning and Administration 20% funding limitation.
	Target Date	7/31/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These funds are used to cover grant administration costs such as the cost of staff, supplies, advertising, postage, copying, travel costs for trainings, and other related costs. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Planning and Administration 20% funding limitation.
	Location Description	930 Overholt Drive, Akron, Ohio 44240
	Planned Activities	Administration of CDBG program.
9	Project Name	FHCS - Fair Housing Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,000
	Description	These funds will be used to cover the cost associated with the provision of fair housing services through Fair Housing Contact Services of Akron. The agency provides counseling in the areas of fair housing discrimination, landlord-tenant issues, investigates fair housing complaints, and provides a variety of public education and outreach services in the City.
	Target Date	7/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 Low- to Moderate-income residents of the City of Kent will receive housing counseling services.
	Location Description	
Planned Activities		

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

The City will continue to targeting some of its available CDBG and other local resources towards supporting public infrastructure improvements and activities within the neighborhoods of the City that have some of the highest concentrations of low-to-moderate income and minority households. The City is continuing this geographic targeting of public infrastructure improvements during the 2020-2024 period. The other programs being proposed during PY2020 provide benefits to eligible households that could be located anywhere through the City, rather than on the basis of a geographic area.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City made the determination to shift towards targeting some of its available CDBG and other local resources towards neighborhoods of the City that have some of the highest concentrations of low-to-moderate income households. The intent of this shift during this 5-year plan, and PY2020, is to ensure that resources are allocated to the areas if greatest need in the City.

Discussion

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Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The section outlines the number of households anticipated to be assisted during PY2020 to further affordable housing opportunities in the City.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	119
Non-Homeless	11
Special-Needs	0
Total	130

Table 58 - 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	11
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	11

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

During PY2020, as outlined in **Table – 58 One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**, it is anticipated that one-hundred and nineteen (119) homeless individuals will be provided with emergency housing through Miller Community House, which is administered by Family & Community Services. The eleven (11) non-homeless households being supported include an expected two (2) owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects and nine (9) energy efficiency rehabilitation projects, both of these programs are funded with CDBG.

As **Table – 59 One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type** shows, it is anticipated that there will be a total of eleven (11) units to be rehabilitated, two (2) as part of the CDBG-funded owner-occupied and nine (9) as part of the energy efficiency housing rehabilitation programs.

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AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

The City is one of the smallest entitlement communities in the State of Ohio and receives a limited amount of CDBG funding on an annual basis. The City does not have the funding available to support a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program or to complete rehabilitation activities at PMHA units located within the City. Although the City cannot provide financial assistance, it works collaboratively with the PMHA on various housing issues, including possible homeownership programs that may benefit households participating in PMHA's public housing or Section 8 voucher assistance program.

The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) has approximately 305 public housing units that can be used for housing extremely low-income (0-30% of AMI) and low-income households (31-50% of AMI) which includes households with annual household incomes between 0 - 50% of the area median income (AMI). The PMHA's 2020 Annual Agency Plan identified the following goals and objectives:

1. Achieve and Maintain Excellence in Tenant-Based Housing Programs

- Four households will become new homeowners through the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program

2. Improve Productivity and Cost Effectiveness

- Examine opportunities to improve productivity and cost effectiveness through technology

3. Collaborate with Community Partners to Leverage Resources to Benefit Households Assisted by PMHA and Portage County

- PMHA will investigate opportunities to develop and manage permanent supportive housing.
- PMHA will investigate methods of inter-agency cooperation that will lessen barriers to assistance for applicants and participants.

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

PMHA provides programming for residents of Public Housing through a number of different measures including their Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant program and their Good Neighbor Program which is funded through the City of Kent's local Social Service Grant Program. ROSS is a HUD

funded program specifically for public housing units that helps families and individuals obtain self-sufficiency and improve quality of life. The Good Neighbor program provides an array of services that aim to improve the living environment of LMI families residing in public housing. Programming through the Good Neighbor program includes: a forum for interaction between public housing residents and the Kent Police Department, referral and service coordination that to meet needs of residents, distribution literature promoting healthy lifestyles, and employment services. All of these measures are taken with the goal of increasing resident involvement and improving the living environment of PMHA residents in Kent. PMHA offers a homeownership program through its Housing Choice Voucher Program. PMHA's most recent Moving to Work plan had a goal for four (4) residents to obtain homeownership.

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

N/A

Discussion

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

Introduction

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

Services for the homeless in Portage County are usually undertaken by one of two housing and services providers in the area, Family & Community Services (F&CS) and Coleman Professional Services (CPS). The City plans to fund both of these agencies during PY2020 for the services that they provide to the homeless. The City anticipates to fund F&CS's Homeless Shelter Services Program, which provides emergency shelter nights at an emergency homeless shelter along with connected supportive services that aim to meet the specific needs of each client. Services through Coleman Professional Services will be funded through the City of Kent's Social Services program.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will use CDBG funding for Family & Community Services' Homeless Shelter Services Program during PY2020, which provides emergency housing for individuals and families, as well as supportive services that may be needed.

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 goals mentioned above are designed to help individuals and families transition from homelessness to a stable housing situations. Services needed for self-sufficiency vary depending on the needs of each specific client. An assessment is conducted at intake by local housing providers that identifies needs with the goal always being sustaining a self-sufficient housing/living situation as expeditiously as possible given the unique characteristics of each client. Local services providers, including the agencies mentioned in this section who are scheduled to receive funding from the City during PY2015, coordinate well with each other and keep in close contact through a number of different forums, most notably the Portage County Housing Services Council. These agencies, including the City of Kent, are cognizant of programming that is available in the Community that provides services and emergency, transitional and supportive housing. These relationships are key to facilitating a housing and support service structure that, to the

greatest extent feasible, ensures no gaps exist.

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

The support network described in the previous sections is designed to prevent homelessness and provide housing and any needed services to those who become homeless. This support structure is in place with the intention of limiting the amount of time individuals or families experience homelessness and to provide tools for them to become self-sufficient. In addition to the projects and activities mention in the previous areas of this section, the City allocates local social service funding to Family & Community Services and Coleman Professional Services for homelessness prevention rental assistance programs. Social Service funding is also provided to the local Community Action Agency for a job training program designed to provide marketable computer skills for low-to moderate income Kent residents. Unfortunately, the City of Kent is one of the smallest entitlement communities in the State and the needs for many different services far outweigh the resources that are available with CDBG funding alone. For this reason the City and local service providers rely on the pooling of different funding sources and good coordination among providers to ensure the best housing and service delivery network is in place, given the amount of resources that are available, to meet the needs of the homeless.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

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 of Kent does not have any local public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. The primary barrier to affordable housing for many low-to moderate-income households remains the limited number of affordable housing units in the community. The City is home to Kent State University and the student population has created a large rental market in the community. The City recognizes that there still is a need for more affordable housing in the community and that the City's large student population does limit the availability of rental units for low-to-moderate income households, especially larger families. The City has implemented code violation and zoning ordinances to address some of the issues that have developed over the years as a result of the student renters. These ordinances are not restrictive in terms of limiting the availability of affordable housing, but rather, are focused on property maintenance issues to ensure landlords maintain safe and decent housing. The zoning code, and its enforcement, also limits the use of boarding houses in the city, which can be rented out by the bedroom. This enforcement helps the affordability of housing by lowering rent structures that can escalate as a result of houses rented on a per bedroom basis. The City does not have tax policies or other public policies that affect the valuation of land or other property in a manner that adversely impacts the availability of housing in the community. It is also challenging for many low-to-moderate income households to make the transition from being renters to homeowners because of the difficulties associated with saving for a down payment and securing financing from traditional lenders.

The City is committed to allocating CDBG funds to affordable housing initiatives and has designated offering housing programs to provide safe and decent housing for low-to moderate-income households as a primary funding objective for PY2020 and during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. In addition, the City will utilize Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) funds from the State of Ohio to help expand affordable housing opportunities for the low- to moderate-income households in Kent. All of these efforts are a strategy to remove barriers to affordable housing by increasing the supply and availability of affordable housing. The City is always continuing its housing code enforcement that targets illegal boarding houses that rent to students on a per bedroom basis that limit available housing for larger families and can increase rent levels. The City of Kent participates in the Portage County Housing Services Council (PCHSC), which is a collaborative volunteer group comprised of nonprofit agencies, developers and government agencies that are involved with housing programs throughout Portage County. The PCHSC meets quarterly and routinely discusses strategies to remove barriers to affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue its collaboration with area nonprofit organizations in order to identify possible funding sources that can be accessed to address the needs of the underserved in the community. The City provides CDBG funding for several programs that serve the needs of the underserved in the City of Kent. Often organizations that received CDBG funding through the City use the grant award as match to try and secure additional funding from other government or private sources in order to expand or create new programs in order to meet the needs of the underserved.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City has identified offering programs to provide safe and decent housing for low-to moderate-income households as a primary funding objective during the PY2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and anticipates undertaking activities on a yearly basis that further this objective. During PY2020, the City plans to foster and maintain affordable housing by undertaking its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation through its substantial and emergency water/sewer connection housing rehabilitation programs and the Energy Efficiency Housing Rehabilitation program. The City also plans to continue to fund the Homeless Shelter Services program, which provides emergency housing for the homeless. Lastly, during the program year the City anticipates using Community Housing Impact and Preservation funding from the State of Ohio to rehabilitate owner-occupied, LMI housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City and its subrecipient agencies that are involved in housing rehabilitation activities, continue to implement the current requirements involving the reduction of lead-based paint hazards. The City requires that contractors working on housing rehabilitation projects have the proper certifications and a licensed third-party vendor is used for conducting lead risk assessments and clearance testing.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Kent's goal for reducing the number of poverty level families in this current economic climate is to promote economic development initiatives that will result in job creation. The City has completed, and is still building upon, a \$100+ million dollar downtown redevelopment project that is generating new employment opportunities. The initial investment in the core of downtown is substantially completed, and now the City is focusing on leveraging and expanding upon these investments to the areas immediately surrounding the downtown core. The development of downtown has and is creating many temporary and permanent jobs; the nature of these jobs is varied and includes everything from white collar business jobs to service related positions. The City anticipates that some of these new jobs will be

filled by persons currently living at the poverty level. In addition to job creation by investing in the City's core, during PY2015, the City will also continue to provide financial support to the various nonprofit agencies in the community that work with persons living at the poverty level. During PY2020 the Summit-Medina Business Alliance's Micro-Enterprise Development Program, which provides business counseling and consulting services to low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs and business owners who are below the poverty level, will continue. Many of the services local non-profit agencies provide have been well-documented throughout this Consolidated Plan, including housing initiatives and support services that have a primary goal of reducing the number of families and individuals living under the poverty-level.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City plans to work closely with local social service agencies and nonprofit housing providers during the FY2020 Action Plan year to identify local needs within the community and to identify possible methods for minimizing the gaps in service. By maintaining its working relationship with local agencies, the City maintains an ongoing understanding of the needs of special needs populations within the community. The local institutional structure is further bolstered through the coordination of activities provided through the Portage County Housing Services Council. The City will continue its involvement in the FY2020 year because such involvement creates an important link to a number of social service agencies and housing providers in Kent and throughout Portage County.

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

Coordination between the City of Kent and the Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) and various social service agencies is an ongoing process. The City, PMHA and many area nonprofit service and housing providers are active members of the Portage County Housing Services Council (HSC). The HSC provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and discussions on affordable housing needs within Portage County. Information gathered through these meetings is utilized by the City in the development of its housing goals and is used by other HSC participating organizations to identify the needs of the homeless during the annual Continuum of Care (CoC) process.

Discussion:

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Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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	0
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:	0

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.	0.00%

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	Data Source Name HUD Fair Market Rent (FY2015)
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. The Fair Market Rent figures reflected in this report are for FY2015 and are the most up-to-date figures at the time of writing.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? The data shows fair market rent.
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population? The data is provided for Portage County.
	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set? The Fair Market Rent figures reflected in this report are for FY2015 and are the most up-to-date figures at the time of writing.
	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)? Complete
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Data Source Name HUD HOME Program Rents (April, 2014)	
List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
Provide a brief summary of the data set. The HOME rents reflected in this report are the 2014 HOME Program Rents and are the most up-to-date figures at the time of writing.	
What was the purpose for developing this data set? To develop rents ceilings that are affordable on the basis of family size.	
How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population? The rents are published for the Akron, OH MSA.	
What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set? The HOME rents reflected in this report are the 2014 HOME Program Rents and are the most up-to-date figures at the time of writing.	

	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>Complete</p>
3	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>2014 Point in Time (PIT) Count</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Family & Community Services, Inc. & Coleman Professional Services</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>The 2014 PIT was conducted for the 24-hour period from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2014. The PIT included a count of sheltered homeless individuals and families as well as a count of unsheltered homeless on the street and in public places. The PIT also utilized surveys and on-site interviews of persons at risk for homelessness who were seeking assistance from agencies that typically provide services to the homeless or persons at risk for homelessness, including the emergency food bank, local mental health providers, and the local free clinic.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>To determine the nature and extend of sheltered and unsheltered homelessness in Portage County.</p>
	<p>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</p> <p>January 28, 2014</p>
	<p>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</p> <p>See the above summary.</p>
	<p>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</p> <p>See the above summary.</p>
	<p>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</p> <p>This data gathered is specifically outlined in NA - 40 Homeless Needs Assessment.</p>
4	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority 2014 Plan</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Portage Metropolitan Hosing Authority (PMHA)</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>2014 Annual Moving to Work Plan</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>The plan is required by HUD on a yearly basis.</p>

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	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>2014</p>
	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>Complete and approved by HUD.</p>
5	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year ACS</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey</p>
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	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>Complete</p>
6	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>RealtyTrac.com</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>RealtyTrac.com</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>RealtyTrac.com provides data on residential foreclosures and bank-owned property.</p>
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	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>The data was accessed in February of 2015.</p>
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APPENDIX A

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
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CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TO BE PUBLISHED ONCE IN THE *RECORD COURIER* AS A DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENT (BLOCK AD) ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

KENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 2020 CDBG REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

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The City reserves the right to reject any proposal deemed incomplete or inconsistent with the overall goals of the Consolidated Plan and/or the specific program requirements of the Community Development Block Grant program.

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DEADLINES FOR LEGALS
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Maplewood Career Center is applying for initial accreditation with the Commission of the Council of Occupational Education. Persons wishing to make comments should either write to the Executive Director of the Commission, Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg. 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350, or submit their comments through the Council's web site (www.council.org). Persons making comments must provide their names and mailing addresses. RC, Jan 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2020 12622058

Notice of Petition for Writ of Execution of Abandoned Mobile Home. Name of Deceased: Donna Queen, last known address of home: 12355 Honeylocust Lane, Lot No. 25, Garrettsville, OH 44231 RC, Jan 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Feb 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 2020 12625563

NOTICE

The Portage County Law Library Resources Board will hold a meeting on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. The meeting will be held at the Portage County Law Library located at 241 S. Chestnut St. in Ravenna. RC, Jan 27, 2020, 12625635.

The Suffield Township Board of Trustees meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The meeting on the 2nd Tuesday will be held at 7:00 PM November thru March and 8:00 PM April thru October. The meeting on the 4th Tuesday will be held at 7:00 AM. Meetings will be held in the Suffield Township Community Room at 1256 Waterloo Rd. Suffield Oh 44260

Any changes or special meetings will be published in the Record Courier.

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Suffield Township Fiscal Officer
RC, Jan 27, 2020, 12626123

Sheriff's Sale of Chattel Property

Civil Sheriff Cases #
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Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at the Office of the University Architect, Suite 01 Harbour Hall, 615 Loop Road, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001. The time for Contract Completion is 90 consecutive calendar days from the Notice to Proceed. All On-Site Work shall be completed within 70 consecutive calendar days following authorization to proceed.

The Bidder must include a Bid Surety and Contract Bond for 10% of the amount of their bid or a certified check in the amount of 10% of their total bid. See Section 3.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Prevailing Wages and Equal Employment Opportunity require-

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ments are applicable to this Project. The Bidder may be subject to a Pre-Award Affirmative Action Compliance Review in accordance with Section 123.2-5-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code including a review of the Bidder's employment records and an on-site review.

This Project is subject to the State of Ohio's Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity (EDGE) Business Development Program. The Bidder is required to submit with their Bid and with their Bidder's Qualifications form, certain information about the EDGE-Certified Business Enterprise(s) participating on the Project with the Bidder. Refer to subparagraph 6.1.12 of the Instructions to Bidders. The EDGE Participation Goal for the Project is five and one half percent (5.5%). The percentage is

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determined by the contracted value of goods, services, materials, and labor that are provided by EDGE-certified business(es). The participation is calculated on the total amount of each awarded contract. For more information about EDGE, contact the State of Ohio EDGE Certification Office at http://das.ohio.gov/eod, or at its physical location: 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228-1395; or by telephone at (614) 466 8380.

The Bidder must indicate on the Bid Form the locations where their services will be performed in the spaces provided or by attachment in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 2011-12K related to providing services only within the United States. Failure to do so may cause the Bid to be rejected as non-responsive.



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1

**CITY OF KENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
2020-2024 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND
PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020
7:25 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
KENT CITY HALL
325 SOUTH DEPEYSTER STREET
KENT, OHIO 44240**

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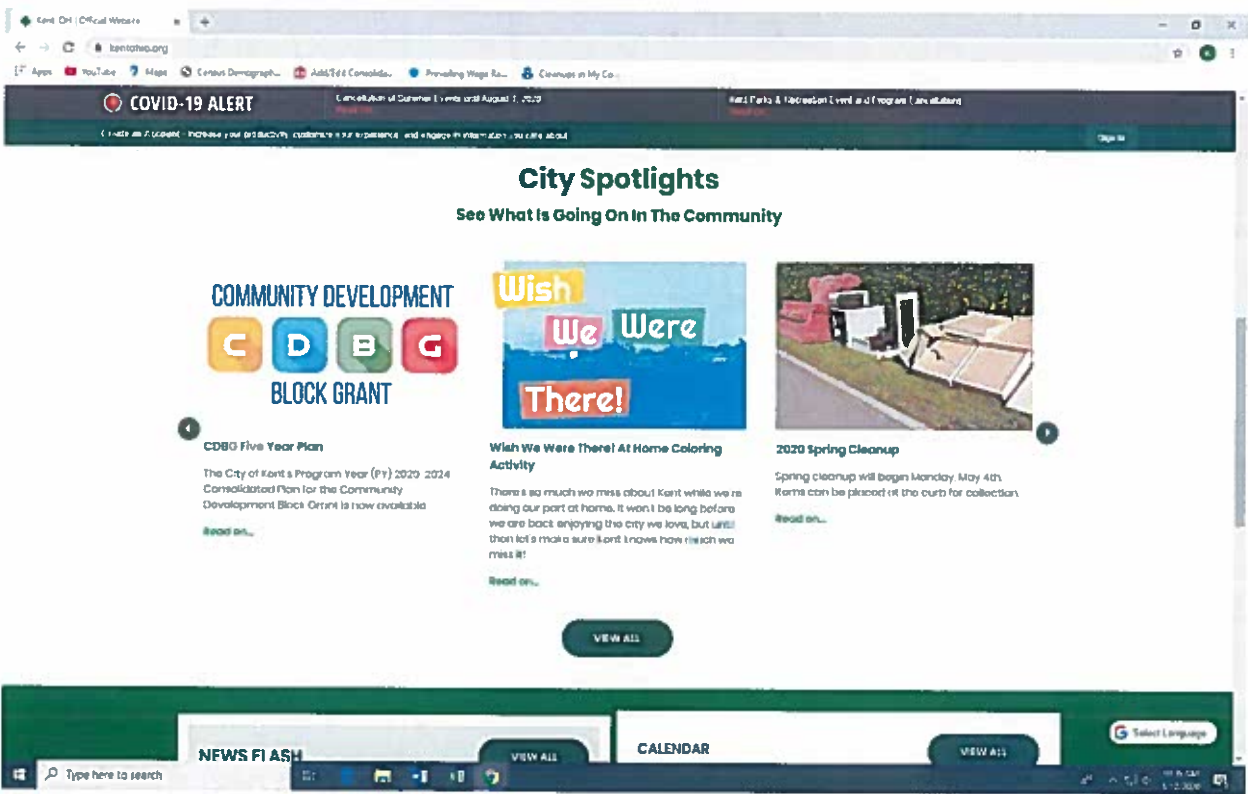
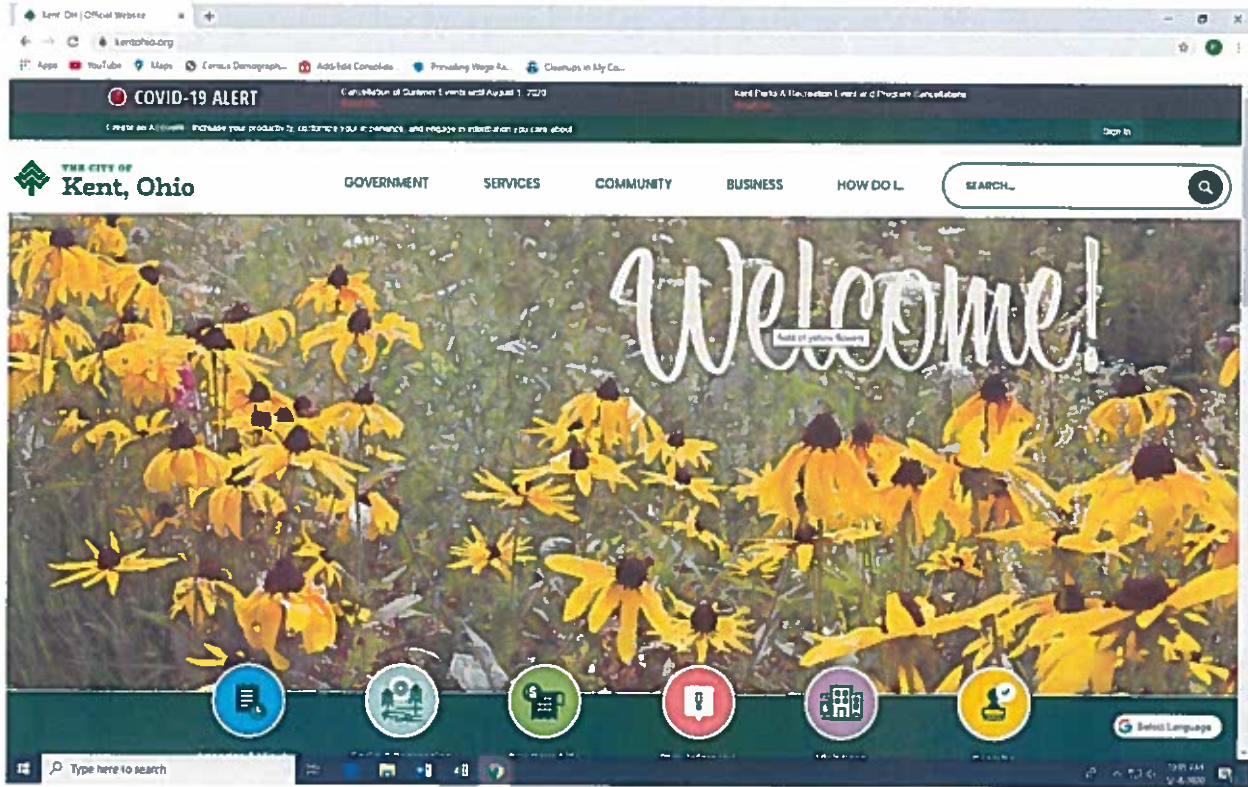
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PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2020 – 2024 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED
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PY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The City of Kent has prepared the draft of its PY 2020 – 2024 Five Year Consolidated Strategic Plan and PY 2020 Annual Action Plan. In order to encourage public review and comment of this document, the City is providing a 30-day public comment period beginning Tuesday, April 21, 2020, and continuing through Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Copies of the document will be made available through the City of Kent's Community Development Department for no charge (1 per household) in printed copy, or copies can be emailed to citizens in pdf format. To request a copy, please submit your request via mail to: City of Kent, Community Development Department, 930 Overholt Road, Kent, Ohio 44240, or email your request to Kathy Petsko at PetskoK@kent-ohio.org. The document will also be viewable at www.kentohio.org, via the link provided under "City Spotlights."

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020
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All citizens are encouraged to participate in the public hearing and time will be afforded to any person interested in being heard. Persons with special needs and non-English speaking persons are encouraged to participate in this public hearing and should contact the City of Kent Community Development Department by Wednesday, May 13, 2020 so that proper accommodations can be arranged.

All written comments or questions should be directed to Kathy Petsko, Grants and Neighborhood Programs Coordinator, via email at PetskoK@kent-ohio.org or mailed to: City of Kent, Community Development Department, 930 Overholt Road, Kent, Ohio 44240, by Wednesday, May, 2020.

The City will submit its City's 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in June 2020 as part of its application for PY2020 Community Development Block Grant funding

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CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #2

**CITY OF KENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
AND
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT)
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT(S)**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FY 2019 AND/OR FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN(S)**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020
7:15 P.M.**

The City of Kent will hold the second of two required public hearings on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. for proposed Substantial Amendment(s) to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY2019 and/or FY2020 Annual Action Plan(s), as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding awarded to the City of Kent under the authority of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The hearing provides the City with the opportunity to present the public with information regarding the special allocation of \$1,781,096.00 in CDBG-CV funds, including information on HUD's guidance regarding the overall objectives of the CARES Act and CDBG-CV funding and the types of eligible activities that may be funded with the additional allocation. The public hearing will have time allotted for comments and questions from citizens regarding proposed objectives and activities the City should consider regarding programming and uses for the CDBG-CV funding.

The Public Hearing will be held virtually online on **Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.** and will be broadcast live on the City of Kent's YouTube Channel. A link to view this meeting can be found on the City of Kent's calendar located at: www.kentohio.org. Any person interested in being heard on the subject matter shall be afforded the opportunity at the time and place set forth above. Please contact the Clerk of Council if you wish to participate in this public hearing by calling (330) 676-7555 or by emailing councilclerk@kent-ohio.org. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in June 2020 as part of its application for FY2020 Community Development Block Grant funding.

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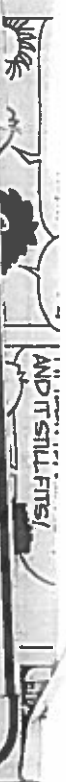
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APPENDIX B

CITY ORDINANCE NO.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-40

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING THE 2020-2024 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND PY2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THE 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND PY2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, AND UPON AWARDING OF THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, under provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (which title is hereinafter referred to as the "Act") and the regulations promulgated there under (24 CFR Parts 58 and 570, hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations"), the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to make grants to units of general local government to help finance community development programs (as that term is defined in the Act and Regulations); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary has notified the City of Kent of its eligibility to apply for HUD/CDBG funds in the amount of \$303,766 for Program Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to apply for such a grant for Program Year 2020 and has, in that connection and as required by and pursuant to the Act and Regulations, prepared its 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan marked Exhibit "A" and on file in the City Council office, which contains local objectives, identification of housing, homeless and non-housing community development priorities, a description of activities to be undertaken, a local community development budget, and certifications in the form of assurances; and

WHEREAS, this Council has duly reviewed and considered the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan, as well as the comments and recommendations of the public and City administrative and planning officials.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby finds and determines that the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan gives maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low-to-moderate income persons or aids in the elimination or prevention of slum and blight and the Consolidated Plan includes those activities to be undertaken by the City with the funds provided for the 2020 Program Year that meet the housing and community development needs and objectives allowed by the Act and Regulations and identified in the City's 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager, being the chief executive officer of the City as that term is defined in the Act and Regulations, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City to act in connection with the grant request and to provide such additional documentation or certifications as may be required by the Secretary or by other responsible agencies.

SECTION 3. That this Council hereby finds and determines that the City, in preparing its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan, has complied with the applicable requirements of the Act and Regulations, and this Council hereby approves the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan, together with all related documentation for submission to the Secretary.

SECTION 4. That this Council hereby directs that the City in carrying out the Program shall continue to comply with applicable requirements of the Act and Regulations and of other applicable laws, including, among others, requirements with respect to civil rights and anti-discrimination, citizen participation, relocation and land acquisition, environmental protection, cost accounting and administration, federal labor standards, flood control, conflicts of interest, political activity of employees, access to books and

records and the requirements of giving maximum feasible priority to activities which will benefit low and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and this Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute and file with the Secretary certifications in such forms as the Secretary may prescribe, which will provide assurances concerning the foregoing matters, and concerning such other matters as may be required by the Secretary in connection with carrying out the Community Development and Housing Program.

SECTION 5. That this Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to consent to assume the status of a responsible federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, insofar as the provisions of such act apply to the Secretary's responsibilities for environmental review, decision making and action to be assumed and carried out by the City Manager and authorizes the City Manager to consent on behalf of the City to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the purpose of carrying out the program. The City Manager is authorized to execute and file requests for release of funds and related certifications and prepare and file such other documents and take such other actions in connection with the environmental review process as may be required by the Act, the Regulations, particularly the regulations contained in 24 CFR Part 58, and by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

SECTION 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: May 20, 2020
Date

J T Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: May 20, 2020
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2020-40, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON May 20, 2020.

(SEAL)

Amy Wilkens
AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Date: February 25, 2020
To: Dave Ruller, City Manager
Cc: Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council, PY2020 CDBG Action Plan File
From: Kathy Petsko, Grants & Neighborhood Program Coordinator
Re: PY2020 CDBG Funding & Project Recommendations

The City is preparing its funding request for the PY2020 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The funding request is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis and must include a list of proposed programs that will be implemented with CDBG funding during the year. The City's PY2020 CDBG allocation as determined by HUD, is \$303,766. A total of seven (7) project proposals were received this year seeking CDBG funding assistance and the total amount of funding requested was \$323,500. Based on a review of these proposals and in consideration of all applicable CDBG regulatory requirements, staff is recommending Council approval of the below projects and amounts at its May meeting. Formal approval in May allows time for a public comment period and a second public hearing to take place prior to authorization.

1. City of Kent, Engineering Department – Walnut Street Reconstruction

This activity provides funding to assist with the design and full depth reconstruction of Walnut Street from Cherry Street to Dodge Street. The work involves new sidewalks, concrete curb and gutter, a waterline replacement and storm sewers to improve drainage along the roadway. This is a multi-year project and construction is scheduled for 2020 (Phase 1 – Cherry to Harris) and 2021 (Phase 2 – Harris to Dodge).

Funding Requested: \$170,000
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$135,165

Funding Recommended: \$160,000

2. City of Kent, Parks & Recreation – Kent Recreation Center Parking Lot and ADA Enhancement Project

This activity will provide funding to assist with costs associated with the resurfacing and ADA Compliance enhancement to the Kent City Recreation Center's parking lot at 1115 Franklin Ave. The parking lot is in very poor condition and presents barriers to ADA accessibility. A free breakfast and lunch program for children under the age of 18 is offered during the summer at this location.

Funding Requested: \$15,000
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$10,000

Funding Recommended: \$15,000

3. City of Kent, Police Department – Neighborhood Policing Program

The Neighborhood Policing Program provides additional patrols and police visibility primarily in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and in assisted housing complexes. The program has a goal of improving communication, trust and understanding between residents and the Police Department. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Public Service 15% funding limitation.

Funding Requested: \$18,000
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$18,000

Funding Recommended: \$18,000

4. CAC of Portage County – Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program

The applicant is requesting funding from the CDBG program to continue its "Kent Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program" that provides the services of furnace inspections, tune-ups, or the replacement of failing or inefficient furnaces and/or hot water tanks for low-to-moderate income Kent households.

Funding Requested: \$35,000
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$35,000

Funding Recommended: \$35,000

5. Family & Community Services – Homeless Shelter Services

The Homeless Shelter Services program provides services at Miller Community House an emergency homeless shelter. Funding helps pay for shelter nights spent by Kent residents including needed case management, counseling and housing placement. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Public Service 15% funding limitation.

Funding Requested: \$15,000
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$15,000

Funding Recommended: \$15,000

6. Family & Community Services – Miller House Kitchen Remodel

Family & Community Services is requesting CDBG funds to remodel the kitchen at the M. Marie Miller House, which provides emergency shelter to men, women and children experiencing homelessness and exists to ensure that homeless families and individuals have access to safe temporary shelter and basic needs. Funds will be used to replace the kitchen flooring, cabinets and appliances, and to paint the room.

Funding Requested: \$44,000
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$40,000

Funding Recommended: \$30,000
Unprogrammed Prior Year Funds: \$10,000

7. Ohio Small Business Development Center – Small Business Counseling

Funds will be used to provide one-to-one business counseling, as well as business workshops training, to low- to moderate-income residents of the City of Kent.

Funding Requested: \$7,500
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$0

Funding Recommended: \$5,000

8. City of Kent, Community Development - Administration

These funds are used to cover grant administration costs such as the cost of staff, supplies, advertising, postage, copying, travel costs for trainings, and other related costs. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Planning and Administration 20% funding limitation.

Funding Requested: N A
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$11,000

Funding Recommended: \$6,766

9. Fair Housing Consultant- Fair Housing Services

These funds will be used to cover the cost associated with the provision of fair housing service. The consultant will provide counseling in the areas of housing discrimination and landlord-tenant issues. They'll investigate fair housing complaints and provide a variety of public education and outreach services in the City. Funding for this activity is counted toward the Planning and Administration 20% funding limitation.

Funding Requested: \$19,000
PY2019 CDBG Funding: \$19,000

Funding Recommended: \$19,000

A spreadsheet summarizing the requested and recommended funding amounts has been attached for review. Copies of all submitted PY2020 CDBG proposals also are available for review at the Community Development Department.

PY2020 CDBG Allocations (8/1/20 to 7/31/21)

Applicant	Project	CDBG Request	Recommended Funding	Funds Awarded in PY2019
Engineering Department	Walnut Street Reconstruction	\$170,000	\$160,000	\$135,165
Parks & Recreation	Kent Recreation Center - Franklin St. Parking Lot	\$15,000	\$15,000	
Police Department	Neighborhood Policing Program	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
CAC of Portage County	Furnace Inspection/Targeted Replacement Program	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Family & Community Services	Homeless Shelter Services	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Family & Community Services	Miller House Kitchen Remodel	\$44,000	\$30,000	
Community Development	Administration	\$0	\$6,766	\$11,000
SMBC	Small Business Counseling	\$7,500	\$5,000	
Fair Housing Consultant	Fair Housing Services	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000
TOTAL		\$323,500	\$303,766	
		2020 Allocation:	\$303,766	
	Public Service Cap (15%):		\$45,566	
	Administration Cap (20%):		\$60,763	

Reprogrammed Prior Year funds in the amount of \$10,000 will be allocated to Family & Community Services "Miller House Kitchen Remodel"

APPENDIX C

PROVIDER CONSULTATION SURVEY

CITY OF KENT



FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN SURVEY (PY2020-2024)

The City of Kent is administering this survey in order to gather information from agencies and organizations that provide housing, community development and/or assistance to the homeless as part of their scope of services which are offered in the City of Kent. All survey responses will assist the City with the establishment of priorities that it will work to achieve in areas of community development, housing and meeting the needs of the homeless. Your input will help the City assess how to best utilize funds that it receives from both the federal government and the State of Ohio to address priority needs in the community.

The Survey is divided into three sections: 1.) Housing, 2.) Homelessness and 3.) Community Development. Since your agency or organization may not have expertise in certain areas covered by this survey, please only complete the sections of the survey applicable to programs and services offered by your organization. There is a place at the beginning of each section where you can mark if you wish to skip that section.

Your Name & Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SECTION 1 – HOUSING SKIP SECTION

1. Does your agency/organization own or operate any housing facilities within the City of Kent?

- No (Go to Section 2, on page 5)
- Yes

1A. Please complete the table below for housing facilities in Kent. (i.e. purpose may be housing for the mentally ill, persons with HIV/AIDS, public housing, Section 8, etc.)

Address	#of Units	Purpose

*Attach separate pages if needed.

2. What state and/or federal funding sources does your organization/agency utilize to assist with the construction, rehabilitation, operation and/or rent subsidy of these units.

Funding Source/Type	Amount Received in 2019	Amount Anticipated in 2020

*Attach separate pages if needed.

3. Please complete the table on the next page providing information about the tenants in each housing complex, as well as rent structures, type of household and income range. If your agency/organization owns or operates single-family housing in the City, these units may be aggregated into one response. On the right side of the table, please indicate what you believe is the priority need for each category of housing type in the City of Kent over the next 5-years.

Housing Type	Units (#)	Fair Mkt Rent (\$)	>4 in Family (#)	Female Head (#)	Disabled/ Special Needs (#)	Income Level*			Future Need				
						Extremely Low (#)	Very Low (#)	Low (#)	Other (#)	Low	Med.	High	
Single Family													
One Bedroom													
Two Bedrooms													
Three Bedrooms													
Four+ Bedrooms													
Multi-Family													
Efficiency (SRO)													
One Bedroom													
Two Bedrooms													
Three Bedrooms													
Four+ Bedrooms													
Temporary Housing													
Elderly Housing													
Handicap Housing													
**Other (Specify Below)													

*Income: Extremely Low = 0% to 30% AMI; Very Low = 31% to 50% AMI; Low = 51% to 80% AMI; Other = >80% AMI

**Other:

4. Does your agency/organization intend to construct any new housing in the City of Kent during the next five years?

No

Yes

If Yes, How many units:

Single Family: _____

Multi-Family: _____

5. Does your agency/organization intend to seek any form of funding assistance from the City of Kent during the next five years to rehabilitate existing housing or to construct new housing?

No

Yes

If yes, please describe the anticipated amount and purpose of the funding to be requested as well as the year(s) in which you anticipate the request will be made.

6. Identify any specific non-homeless special needs housing needs that you see in the community. What housing and/or support services are needed to support this population?

SECTION 2 – HOMELESSNESS SKIP SECTION

7. Does your agency/organization provide housing and/or supportive services for the homeless?

No (Go to Section 3, on page 8)

Yes

If Yes, How many units/beds: _____

Types of services: _____

8. What state and/or federal funding sources does your organization/agency utilize to provide accommodations for the homeless and/or homeless services?

Funding Source/Type	Amount Received in 2014	Amount Anticipated in 2015

*Attach separate pages if needed.

9. Tables 9a and 9b on the next page will help the City assess its needs with regards to the homeless Continuum of Care and supportive services. Please provide information based upon your agency's/organization's current inventory of housing units and the amount of funding currently available, as well as future funding needed and the relative priority need for that funding. 9c allows a brief narrative to relay information on any needs related to the sub-population groups and whether that need is low, moderate, or high in the City based upon your agency's/organization's experience. Please identify any sources of non-City funding that may be available to address those needs.

9a. Homeless facilities:

Type	Current Units/Beds	Needed # Units/Beds	Relative Priority Need (High, Med., Low)
Emergency Shelter			
Rapid Re-Housing			
Transitional Housing			
Permanent Housing			

9b. Provision of Supportive Services for the Homeless:

Type	Current Funding	Needed Funding	Relative Priority Need (High, Med., Low)
Job Training			
Case Management			
Substance Abuse Treatment			
Mental Health Care			
Housing Placement			
Life Skills Training			

9c. Brief narrative, if needed, on subpopulation needs, including substance abusers, the mentally ill, dually diagnosed, veterans, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, youth, or any other group (indicate funding available/needed and relative priority need):

10. What are the characteristics/needs of individuals and families who are entering the homeless assistance system or appearing on the streets for the first time?

10a. Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these issues?

11. What are the characteristics/needs of individuals and families who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of homelessness?

12. What is nature and extent of unsheltered and sheltered homelessness supplementary to the numbers that were found during the 2014 Point-in-Time count?

Section 3 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SKIP SECTION

This section will focus on non-housing, community development needs within the City of Kent over the next five years. These needs can involve topics including public facilities/improvements, crime prevention, economic development, and public services including programs oriented toward the elderly and the youth in the community.

13. Identify any community development needs that you feel the City needs to address within the next five years. Please discuss the basis for the need as well as any specific actions that you believe the City should take to address these needs.

APPENDIX D

ACTIONS TO AFFIRMATIVELY
FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

Actions to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

The City of Kent has contracted with the Fair Housing Contact Service (FHCS) agency in Akron, Ohio on an annual basis for the provision of needed fair housing services in the community and will continue this relationship in PY2019 as outlined in this Action Plan. FHCS assists residents in the City of Kent by providing a variety of fair housing services, including assisting people with questions and concerns on various housing situations involving discriminatory practices, tenant/landlord relations, pre-purchase and post-purchase issues, housing counseling, refinancing, default and foreclosure concerns, predatory lending practices and reverse mortgage concerns. In addition to providing information to consumers who contact the agency by phone or in person, FHCS also provides the City of Kent with a variety of other fair housing related services, including systemic testing, outreach, education, and the agency distributes literature at strategic locations throughout the City.

FHCS administers a Tenant/Landlord Help Line that covers many jurisdictions, including the City of Kent, which addresses a variety of issues, including questions regarding tenant/landlord duties, rental agreements, housing repairs, rent security deposits issues and eviction procedures. As part of the Tenant and Landlord Counseling Program, FHCS makes several sample documents available to assist clients, including, sample letters and checklists, related to escrow, move-in/move-out, 24 hour notice, eviction, security deposits and other topics. Fair housing workshops and information sessions are held periodically and are open to the public that have varying target audiences, such as: housing providers, housing professionals and consumers of housing. The City and FHCS keep an open dialogue regarding ways to improve coordination of outreach efforts to the proper audience on fair housing issues to better address any impediments with the goal of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing in the City.

During PY2018, the City hired a consultant to complete an update to its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The AI is being completed in accordance with HUD's Fair Housing Planning Guide (Volume 1) and its primary purpose is to identify any impediments to fair housing choice that may exist in the private and public sectors in accordance with the Fair Housing Act and to provide practical action steps that can be taken to address identified impediments with the goal of ensuring an open and inclusive housing market for all. The AI includes a comprehensive review of all applicable laws, regulations, administrative policies, procedures and practices in the City. Impediments to affirmatively furthering fair housing are defined as any action, omissions, or decisions that have the effect of restricting housing choices or the availability of housing choices on the basis of the federally protected classes of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. Additionally, the State of Ohio identifies ancestry and military status as protected classes. In the City of Kent, gender identity and sexual orientation are also recognized as locally protected classes. At the time of writing, the AI is in draft format and under review by the City. It will also be sent to the City's Fair Housing Board for their review and comment prior issuance of the final analysis. Once finalized the City will forward a copy to HUD's Columbus Field Office.

In 2017, Kent City Council enacted language changes to the City's nondiscrimination ordinance to expand the identified protected classes to also include anyone who may experience discrimination in housing related matters or public employment based on sexual orientation or gender identity. With the passage of this important amendment to the City's nondiscrimination ordinance, Kent became the 19th community in Ohio to provide protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. To date, sexual orientation and gender identity have not been formally designated as protected classes under federal or state fair housing laws. Kent City Council and the City administration, however, recognized that offering such local protections to those who may experience discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity was an important initiative that reflects the City's long standing commitment to supporting and promoting diversity in the community.

Kent City Council further reinforced its commitment to promoting nondiscrimination when it also enacted the City's first piece of legislation prohibiting discrimination in what is known as "places of public accommodations." This important new ordinance now makes it unlawful for any business owner, manager or employee to deny the provision of any goods or services based on a person's race, color, sex, religion, military status, familial status, ancestry, disability, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. Any allegation of discrimination in the area of public accommodations will be investigated by Kent's Police Department and in situations where it is confirmed, the City's Law Department will address the matter through mediation and/or the issuance of a fine.

With the recent enactment of these two important ordinances the City of Kent has reaffirmed its commitment to being a community that embraces diversity and strives to maintain fair and equal treatment for everyone in housing, employment and now in any place that is available and open to the public.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-121

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE AND THE ACTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO ADDRESS ANY IDENTIFIED IMPEDIMENTS AS SPECIFIED IN THE 2019 "ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE (AI)", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department commissioned an update to the City's "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI); and

WHEREAS, the update is required to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) every 5-7 years as part of the City's responsibilities as a recipient of federal housing assistance funding; and

WHEREAS, the update includes identified impediments to fair housing choice and outlines the actions proposed to address those impediments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the City of Kent does hereby accept the conclusions regarding the impediments to fair housing choice and the actions identified to address those impediments as reported in the October 2019 update to the "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice".

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED: November 20, 2019
Date

EFFECTIVE: November 20, 2019
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

J. T. Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. 2019-121, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON NOVEMBER 20, 2019.

(SEAL)





AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

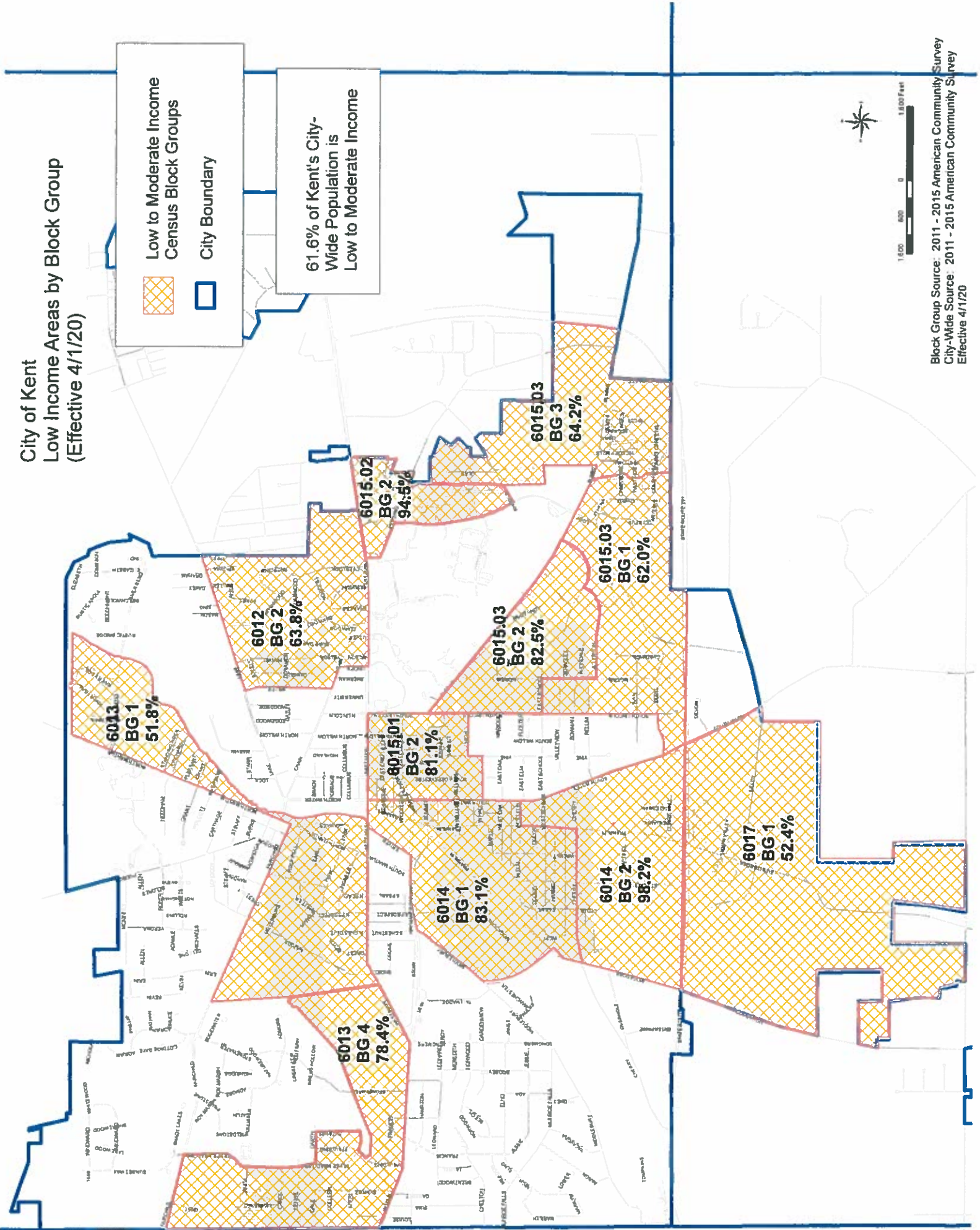
APPENDIX E

MAPS

City of Kent Low Income Areas by Block Group (Effective 4/1/20)

 Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups
 City Boundary

61.6% of Kent's City-Wide Population is Low to Moderate Income



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

*** Other (Specify):**

*** 3. Date Received:**

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:**

City of Kent

*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

34-6001563

*** c. Organizational DUNS:**

0926220420000

d. Address:

*** Street1:**

301 S. Depeyster Street

Street2:

*** City:**

Kent

County/Parish:

*** State:**

OH: Ohio

Province:

*** Country:**

USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:**

44240-3527

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community Development Dept.

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

*** First Name:**

Bridget

Middle Name:

*** Last Name:**

Susel

Suffix:

Title:

Community Development Director

Organizational Affiliation:

*** Telephone Number:**

330-678-8108

Fax Number:

330-678-8030

*** Email:**

suselb@kent-ohio.org

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

*** Other (specify):**

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants / Entitlement Grants

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

B-19-MC-39-0026

*** Title:**

Community Development Block Grants / Entitlement Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

Add Attachment

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View Attachment

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

City of Kent PY2019 Community Development Block Grant Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

Delete Attachments

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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="283,165.00"/>
* 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="25,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="308,165.00"/>

*** 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 218, 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:

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 135.



Signature of Authorized Official

5/27/2020

Date

City Manager

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) 2020 [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.



Signature of Authorized Official

5-27-2020

Date

City Manager

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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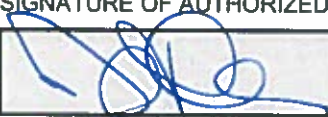
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant:, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Kent	DATE SUBMITTED 5-27-2010