CR-05 Goals and Outcomes

**CDBG:** The City of Cleveland received Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of $387,511 for Program Year 2016. The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) is for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and is the third report for the City of Cleveland's Five-Year Consolidated Planning period of 2014-2019. The projects proposed in the 2016 Action Plan were adhered to during 2016-2017 and were directly related to the priorities set forth in the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan. Priority needs and objectives identified in the Action Plan were:

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**SUMMARY OF PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES**
Code Enforcement

- Code Enforcement Officer designated to CDBG target area to provide concentrated code enforcement of municipal codes
- Proactive code enforcement sweeps are performed on a weekly basis of the CDBG target area
- Officers help fight blight and housing deterioration in target area neighborhoods with entry level notices of violation for high grass, inoperable vehicles as well as trash and debris.
- The Codes Division also works closely with the Building Department in moving forward with condemnation of dilapidated and abandoned homes within the CDBG target area as well as structures in need of minor or major repairs. The Codes Division has a grand total of 779 cases for 519 households within the CDBG target area during the fiscal year. These numbers are comprised of:
  - High Grass and Weeds - 210
  - Inoperable Vehicles - 228
  - Improper trash/debris/unsanitary property - 297
  - Structure Related - 44
- Status of the 44 Structure Related Violations is as follows:
  - Nineteen homes have been demolished (15 demolished by the owner and 4 demolished by the City and lien placed on property)
  - Six homes have had violations corrected by the owner during FY2016-2017
  - Seven homes are in the process of being repaired by the owner
  - Nine properties are still active and either in the court process, trying to identify heirs of the properties, or will be addressed in the future
  - Four commercial buildings have also been identified as condemned beyond repair
  - Three commercial buildings have been removed by the owner and one is still an active case
- Initiative to eliminate illegal dumping within the target area using portable cameras to discourage this activity.
- Education for property owners and landlords regarding health and safety issues, property maintenance and violations
  - Code enforcement website and Facebook page
  - Work with local community groups; Booths at public events to distribute brochures
  - Sponsored Trivia Challenge with Duncan Donuts
- Public awareness of fair housing enforcement and lead based paint hazards by providing information to residents within the target area
- Current codes are assessable on City’s website as well as an avenue for citizen complaints
  - Qalert or contacting the Codes office
• Code Enforcement partners with organizations such as Coalition for Community Improvement, Keep America Beautiful, The Refuge, Impact Cleveland, Lee University, neighborhood associations, local church groups and service organizations to utilize every resource available to improve the liveability within the target area.

The service area for Code Enforcement is the CDBG target area which encompasses Census Tracts: 103, Block Group 1, 2; 104, Block Group 1, 2; 107, Block Group 1, 2, 3, 4; and 108, Block Group 1, 2, 3. The area is 67.99 percent low and moderate income.

**Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements** - Two public facility projects are currently funded and will continue into the following year. The City of Cleveland is providing funds locally for a recreational master plan for all park facilities to be completed in 2017.

**Blythe Neighborhood Park - 1075 Blythe Avenue SE**

Blythe Neighborhood Park, originally a playground for the former Blythe Avenue School, is located at 1075 Blythe Avenue SE in an older residential area within the CDBG target area. The school facility is now occupied by the Blythe Family Support Center whose purpose is to make services available to area residents such as Head Start, Impact Cleveland, The Refuge, Bradley Initiative Credit Union and the Boys and Girls Club Satellite Program.

Impact Cleveland, a Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, has been instrumental in working with the City, the Blythe/OldField Neighborhood Association and community in bringing the need for park renovation in this low income neighborhood located in the CDBG target area to the forefront. In doing so, other partners have come forward to participate in the park renovation which serves an immediate area of over 300 homes. Lots sizes in the area are small therefore making an attractive, public space available very important to the surrounding community. The City is funding a Master Plan for the park improvements. The Blythe/OldField Neighborhood Association has been very involved in planning for the park. Private investors have contributed to the park improvements. The project is currently underway and will be complete fall of 2017.

The service area for the Blythe Neighborhood Park is located in Census Tract 107, Block Group 1, 2, 3, 4 and Census Tract 108; Block Group 1 and 2, 3. These improvements will provide improved availability and accessibility to recreational facilities in an LMI neighborhood that is 66.13 percent low and moderate income.

**Blythe Bower Multi-Purpose Fields and Improvements - 604 20th Street SE**

Planning for recreational improvements are underway for property located at 604 20th Street SE adjacent to Blythe Bower Elementary School. The City is funding a Recreational Master Plan for the six-acre tract of land. Public participation meetings
have been held by the consultants preparing the Master Plan. The phased Master Plan is scheduled for completion winter of 2017 and the first phase ready to start in 2018. Planning for the project will continue.

The service area for the Blythe Bower Multi-Purpose Fields and Improvements is located in Census Tract 107, Block Group 1, 2, 3, 4; and Census Tract 108; Block Group 1 and 2. These improvements will provide new availability and accessibility to recreational facilities in an LMI neighborhood that is 65.80 percent low and moderate income.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Down Payment Assistance**

Down Payment Assistance in the amount of $6,000 per household has been provided to three families purchasing an affordable home through Habitat for Humanity of Cleveland. All three properties are located within Victory Cove Subdivision.

All three properties are in Census Tract 107, Block Group 4. The beneficiary information has been added for each home. One family is low-income and two families are extremely low income. Two families have a female head of household, one is disabled and all have children residing in the home. Two families were White and one Dominican.

**Victory Cove Infrastructure for Affordable Housing - Victory Cove Subdivision**

CDBG funds were used in 2012 to assist Habitat for Humanity in purchasing 4.5 acres known as Victory Cove Subdivision for development of affordable housing within the CDBG target area. Victory Cove is bounded by Victory Street, Huff Avenue and Arnold Avenue. Eight homes have been constructed through FY2015-2016. CDBG funds, along with Habitat for Humanity funds, provided the infrastructure needed to build out the remainder of the property yielding 18 lots in 2016. With the infrastructure completed, three homes were constructed during the year. Beneficiary information has been added to the projects. Down Payment Assistance was also provided to these families as noted above.

The service area for Victory Cove Subdivision is Census Tract 107, Block Group 4. As additional homes are completed, the beneficiary information will be added to the project.

**Energy Efficiency Improvements**

Energy savings are a critical component in making a housing unit affordable. Impact Cleveland, an initiative of United Way, received a $4.75 million-dollar TVA Extreme Energy Makeover grant that provides energy efficiency retrofits for 413 homes providing a 25% energy consumption savings within the CDBG target area. Partners include the City's CDBG program, the Cleveland Housing Authority, Cleveland Utilities and TVA.
The CDBG program committed $50,000 in conjunction with TVA funds to address approximately 10 units. Three homes received funding assistance from the CDBG program totaling $14,999.97. Beneficiary information has been added for the project. Due to time restraints imposed by TVA to complete all the retrofits within an 18-month period, no other units will be addressed with CDBG funding at this time.

**FAIR HOUSING EFFORTS**

- Participated in “Fall Fun Festival” with the Bradley County Health Department on October 14, 2016 - Staff was present to discuss Fair Housing and Code Enforcement. All participants received a Fair Housing Booklet and Code information - estimated attendance was 318
- City Council Fair Housing Training - October 24, 2016
- Planning Commission Fair Housing Training - February 21, 2017
- Fair Housing Booklets were available to Impact Cleveland for participants in the TVA Extreme Energy Makeover participants
- Fair Housing Booklets are provided to all Habitat for Humanity clients
- Code Enforcement outreach within target area includes Fair Housing and Lead Based Paint information
- Fair Housing was discussed at both Annual Action Plan public meetings - January 31, 2017 and July 10, 2017
- Fair Housing information placed in Cleveland Utilities water bills - estimated 20,000 household received the information in June, 2017
- Discussion/planning underway with the Cleveland Housing Authority to partner on the preparation of the next Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Plan
- Discussion/planning for training for landlords that receive Section 8 vouchers in conjunction with the Cleveland Housing Authority
- Costs associated with any Fair Housing efforts were paid through Administration funds