

City of Newark
2026 Community Development Block Grant
Annual Action Plan



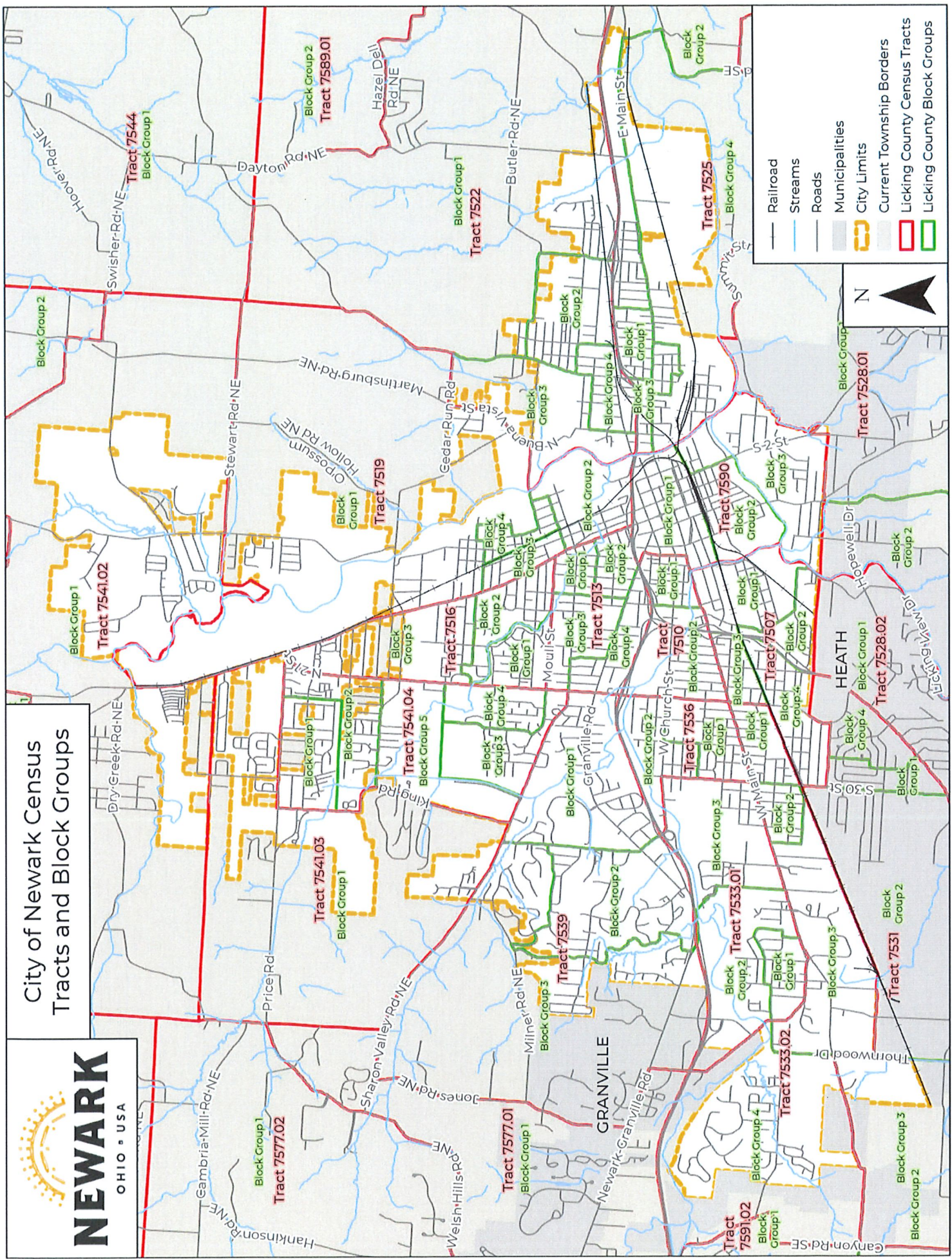
Jeff Hall, Mayor
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City of Newark Tracts and Block Groups



City of Newark - FY2026 CDBG Funding Plan

Funding Sources:

FY2026 Actual Allocation	\$ 769,882
FY2026 General Program Income (estimated)	\$ -
FY2026 Repaid Housing Loans (Jan. 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2026)	\$ 10,000
Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds	\$ 44,576
Total Anticipated Available Funds	\$ 824,458

Expenditure Requests:

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>Funding Category</i>
DOD: Economic Dev. Technical Support	\$ 122,000		Economic Development
CIC: Newark Development Partners	\$ 111,000		Economic Development
<i>Subtotal (LM)</i>		\$ 233,000	
DOD: Emergency/Minor Home Repair	\$ 50,000		Housing
DOD: Siding for Seniors Program	\$ 50,000		Housing
DOD: Housing Programs Implementation	\$ 60,000		Housing
<i>Subtotal (LMC)</i>		\$ 160,000	
DOD: Code Enforcement	\$ 86,000		Other
<i>Subtotal (LM)</i>		\$ 86,000	
DOD: Park Improvements - West Canal Park	\$ 74,058		Public Facilities
<i>Subtotal (LM)</i>		\$ 74,058	
DOD: Landlord/Tenant Services	\$ 22,500		Public Services
Behavioral Healthcare Partners Inc.	\$ 11,000		Public Services
St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Columbus	\$ 11,000		Public Services
St. Vincent Haven	\$ 11,000		Public Services
Licking County Coalition for Housing - Deposit Payments	\$ 40,000		Public Services
Community Drop In Center	\$ 11,000		Public Services
Neighborhood Cleanups	\$ 11,000		Public Services
<i>Subtotal (LM)</i>		\$ 117,500	
DOD: General Management, Oversight, Planning & Coordination	\$ 153,900		Admin. & Planning
<i>Subtotal (Admin)</i>		\$ 153,900	
Total Expenditure Requests		<u>\$ 824,458</u>	
Available Funds:	\$ 824,458		
Expenditure Requests:	<u>\$ 824,458</u>		
<i>Difference</i>	<u>\$ (0)</u>		Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds and Estimated Loan Payments

City of Newark - FY2026 CDBG Funding Plan

CDBG Funding Limits:

Admin. & Planning: 20% of FY2026 CDBG Grant Allocation

FY2026 Grant	\$ 769,882		
Admin. & Planning	\$ 153,900	\$ 153,976	20% max
% Admin. & Planning			20%

Public Services: 15% of FY2026 Grant Allocation & Program Income

FY2026 Grant	\$ 769,882		
Prior Year Program Income and Repaid Housing Loans	\$ 57,301		
Total Subject to Public Services Cap	\$ 827,183		
Public Services	\$ 117,500	\$ 124,077	15% max
% Public Services			14%

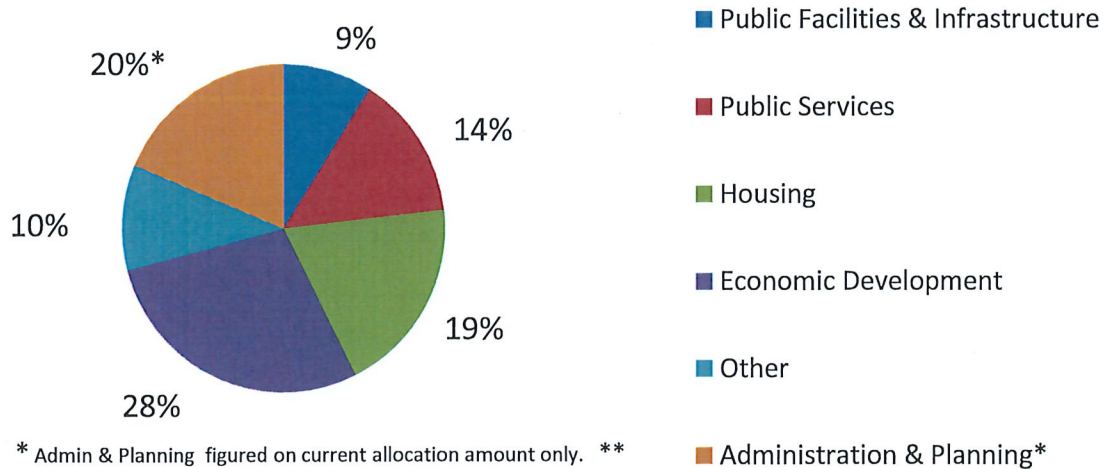
Low/Mod Benefit: At least 70% of Total Funds Expended

Total Expenditures	\$ 824,458		
Less Admin. & Planning	\$ 153,900		
Total Subject to L/M Calculation	\$ 670,558		
Less Slum & Blight Expenditures	\$ -		
Low/Mod Benefitting Expenditures	\$ 670,558		
% Low/Mod Benefit			100% 70% min

Funding by IDIS Category

Public Facilities & Infrastructure	\$ 74,058
Public Services	\$ 117,500
Housing	\$ 160,000
Economic Development	\$ 233,000
Other	\$ 86,000
Administration & Planning*	\$ 153,900
Total Funding	\$ 824,458

Total 2026 CDBG Funding Allocations by Category



* Admin & Planning figured on current allocation amount only. ** Public Service figured on current allocation and prior year loan payments.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development provides the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with information on the City of Newark's intended uses of funds HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs. The City allocates the annual funding from these programs to public, private or non-profit parties consistent with HUD program goals and requirements. CDBG program objectives include providing decent housing, creating suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities. HOME program objectives are to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

A review of housing market, community development, homeless needs, and economic development data and an evaluation of past performance in the City's HUD funded programs were conducted. The City developed the following strategies for the use of these funds:-Increase and preserve affordable housing, provide support services for the homeless or persons at risk of homelessness, increase economic opportunity. The City Consolidated Plan follows requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and uses HUD's format and data tables required for plans adopted after November 12, 2012. Newark's Consolidated Plan is implemented and updated through annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPER). The Action Plans establish the priority for projects and funding for the upcoming year.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Consolidated Plan is due every three, four, or five years, at the discretion of the grantee. Newark selected to prepare a five year plan. A Consolidated Plan is submitted 45 days prior to the start of the grantee's program year start date for review by HUD. The City of Newark's housing and community development strategy includes an assessment of the housing and homeless needs, public facilities, infrastructure improvements, public services, accessibility, historic preservation, Fair housing education and training, economic development, and planning needs. The City's strategy was developed through consultation with stakeholders in the community, citizens, and the staff of the Newark Department of Development, elected officials, business leaders, nonprofits, educators and community groups to

determine the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan. The City followed its Citizen Participation process, which encourages public input on planning. After much discussion and public hearings the City developed its Housing and Non Housing Community Development Needs and its 2026 One Year Action Plan

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

HUD Columbus Field Office communicates annually on the performance of the Consolidated Plan. HUD has reviewed the consolidated planning process, management of grant funds, progress in carrying out policies/program activities, compliance with program requirements, accuracy of performance reports, and accomplishments in meeting Department objectives. All input during the Consolidated Plan 2020-24 as well as the current Consolidated Plan 2025-29 has been positive. HUD views Newark performance as timely, meeting program thresholds for CDBG obligations and expenditures, including program progress, planning and administration, and public service. In addition, the benefits to low and moderate income (LMI) persons exceed HUD's 70% requirement.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

There were two public hearings, which were advertised in the local daily paper, The Newark Advocate and City website, In addition to public hearings, input was solicited from the Newark Development staff with the nonprofits, citizens, business, and education leaders in the community. Applications for funding were made available and reviewed by Development staff.

The first public meeting was held February 26, 2026. There was discussion of the planning and application deadlines for the 2026 CDBG annual action plan. The second meeting was held April 30, 2026.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Minutes and other public participation elements will be uploaded as an attachment in AD26.

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

All comments or views will be accepted.

7. Summary

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity 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		Newark Development of Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Newark developed a housing and community development strategy based on an assessment of the community's housing and homeless needs, public services, public facilities, infrastructure improvements, economic development, planning, accessibility, Fair Housing, special needs populations. Local nonprofit agencies and service providers were contacted and participated in the process. In addition, the City utilized its citizen participation process to seek input from local citizens, organizations, elected and appointed officials, neighboring governments, and City staff to develop its non-housing community development needs outlined in the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and 2026 One Year Use of Funds. Two public hearings were held to discuss high priority needs in the community and a thirty day comment period commenced following publication 2026 Annual Action 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(l))

The Consolidated Plan was developed by the City of Newark with the Department of Development serving as the lead agency. Input was sought from the public and private sectors in order to compile an assessment of needs for the next five years. The citizen participation plan included the use of a survey, public hearings, one on one conversation, collaborations, and established working experiences with various service providers in the community. The City Department Development staff regularly seeks input from public and assisted housing providers, private and government health, mental health, and service agencies. The City also has multiple collaborations with private, public, and nonprofit housing providers, health, and services agencies. Elected officials and City staff participate in meetings, committees, and planning events with a broad spectrum of public housing, health, and service providers.

The Continuum of Care, Licking County Housing Initiatives, includes nonprofits housing and social service providers in the community 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 is a member of the Continuum of Care and multiple members of this group are CDBG sub recipients. In addition to the subrecipient relationship the City coordinates with then nonprofits on an ongoing basis through meetings and conversations that are of mutual concern.

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 local Continuum of Care planning process formally established Licking County Housing Initiatives (LCHI) with the vision and mission statement "LCHI is committed to eliminating homelessness and improving housing options in Licking County through implementation of a comprehensive continuum of care. Supportive services are coordinated by the Licking County Coalition for Housing and provided by local service providers. Those include: The Salvation Army, Licking County Coalition of Care, Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority, St Vincent Haven/St Vincent de Paul, New Beginnings Domestic Violence Shelter, the Licking County Job and Family Services, United Way, The Main Place, Behavioral Healthcare Partners, Red Cross, Mental Health Recovery Board of Licking and Knox Counties, LEADS, the local community action agency, and 911 Center of Licking and Knox Counties.

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

The City is not a recipient of ESG funds.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority</p> <p>PHA</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. Each year the organization provides input on special needs, elderly housing, homeownership, Section 8, supportive services, and rental needs. The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. Each year the organization provides input on all types of homeless needs and services, the CoC process, supportive services, and housing issues particular to veterans.</p>
2	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>LICKING COUNTY COALITION FOR HOUSING</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. Each year the organization provides input on all types of homeless needs and services, the CoC process, supportive services, and housing issues particular to veterans.</p>

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. Each year the organization provides input on all types of homeless needs and services as well as those at risk for homelessness. The Salvation Army is the leading shelter provider in Newark and Licking County.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	LICKING COUNTY AGING PROGRAM
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis public services, non-housing community needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. The Office provides input on the needs of the elderly, frail elderly, and special needs populations regarding housing, support services, and non-housing community needs.</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p> <p>The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. The City works with Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio by providing HOME revolving loan funds for new builds at \$20,000. per project.</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. BHP is a leading special needs housing provider and helps identify multiple housing and supportive services needed by the homeless, transitional housing, at risk populations (released from incarceration, mental health and addiction issues, and special needs).</p>
7	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Center for Disability Services</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis</p> <p>The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. The City has provided CDBG funds to assist with modifications to houses. The Center offers insight on the housing and supportive needs of persons with disabilities.</p>
8	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Licking County Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Services-Education Business and Civic Leaders</p> <p>Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City sought input in the Consolidated Plan development. The organization works with Newark Development Partners, the local Community Investment Corporation, and the latter is a CDBG recipient. The City works with the Chamber addressing non housing community and economic development needs, such as employment, business growth and retention, public and private partnerships, Brownfields, and demolition</p>
9	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Licking County Coalition of Care</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services-homeless</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The organization sought insight in the Consolidated Plan development. Input was requested on the needs of the homeless, at risk for homelessness, transitional housing, housing supportive services, and non-housing community needs is provided</p>
10	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Licking County Board of Development Disabilities</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing Other government - County</p>

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. The City has provided CDBG funding to the DD community to assist with housing needs. The staff offers insight on the housing and supportive needs of the DD population.</p>
11	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Mental Health America of Licking County</p> <p>Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City sought input in the Consolidated Plan development. Information on the housing, non housing, and supportive services needed for persons with mental health challenges are relayed to the City.</p>
12	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>LICKING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION</p> <p>Other government - County Planning organization</p>

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy administration, planning, demolition, public services, public facilities</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	
13	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Woodlands</p> <p>Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>The organization participated in the Consolidated Plan development. The Woodlands/New Beginnings Domestic Violence Shelter serves female victims and their children. Staff communicates the housing and non-housing needs of domestic violence victims.</p>
14	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>City of Newark</p> <p>Other government - Local</p> <p>Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy public facilities,public safety, community development</p>

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>City officials such as the Engineer, Mayor, Service, Safety, Development Directors, Chief of Fire and Police, Council, and Development staff regularly communicate on public services, facilities, economic and community development issues. A wealth of experience in planning and assessment exists</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>LEADS COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy community development, public services and facilities</p> <p>The City partners with LEADS on housing related projects involving HOME RLF and CDBG. Their expertise in the areas of housing and non housing community needs is extensive.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>United Way of Licking County</p> <p>Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders</p>

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy community development, public services, health, public facilities</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City works with United Way in a planning capacity. The organization provides valuable input on community needs. The Board is comprised of a cross section of the community (business, education, health, nonprofits, faith based, government, private and public sectors.</p>
17	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Newark Development Partners CIC</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Business and Civic Leaders CIC</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>NDP is the local CIC. City officials interact on a regular basis with the CIC Director and Board. The nonprofit focuses on revitalization and redevelopment, and serves as a link between the public and private sectors.</p>
18	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Regional organization Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Market Analysis Economic Development community and public facilities</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City works with the Port Authority on economic development related matters.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City consulted known agencies that provide housing and non housing community development services.

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	Licking County Housing Initiatives	Newark will partner with local homeless service providers to help fill in the gaps in the Homeless Continuum of Care. The City will assist community non profits operating homeless shelters and services, including those providing supportive services to assist households in making a transition from homelessness to independent living. See AP 45 in Con Plan

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City sought participation from surrounding governments and other public and private entities.

The rationale was to consult the entities listed to determine high priority needs in the community.

Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority, Licking County Coalition for housing, Salvation Army, Licking County Aging Program, Habitat for Humanity, Center for Disability Services, Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc., Licking County Chamber of Commerce, Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Licking County Coalition of Care, Mental Health America of Licking County, Licking County Planning Commission, The Woodlands, City of Newark, LEADS Community Action Agency, Newark Development Partners CIC, United Way of Licking County, Heath-Newark Port Authority.

The City coordinates activities with LEADS, Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio Chapter, Licking County Metropolitan Housing Authority, and Licking County Coalition for Housing, and The Main Place concerning the implementation of mutually beneficial housing rehabilitation projects. The City's Director of Development and contracted Fair Housing Officer, attend meetings to provide citizens with updates on housing and community development activities. The City also discusses housing issues and community development matters at City Council meetings. The meetings are open to the public and are videotaped and placed on the City website. The local daily paper, The Newark Advocate, covers Council meetings on a regular basis.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Citizen participation is driven by the City of Newark's Citizen Participation Plan. The City encourages citizen participation at all stages of planning and implementation.

Public hearings were advertised in the local daily paper, The Newark Advocate and the City website, In addition to public hearings, input was solicited from the Newark Development staff with the nonprofits, citizens, business, and education leaders in the community. Applications for funding were made available and reviewed by Development staff.

Two public input meetings were held to encourage input into the plan. One meeting was held February 26, 2026 and the other on April 30, 2026 in City Council Chamber at 4:00pm. A thirty day comment period began May 1, 2026. Comments will be included in the submission to HUD.

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)
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1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>Publication of public hearing notice- Advocate on February 10, 2026, City website, local media</p> <p>Nora Meeks, Greg Bossart, Ellen Clark, Deb Dingus, Kristen Gies, Helen Hall, Melissa Seville, Donna Gibson, Beth Bline, Barbara Gilkes, Mark Mauter</p>	<p>Minutes and other public participation elements will be uploaded as an attachment in AD26.Minutes</p> <p>Attendin g: Nora Meeks, Greg Bossart, Ellen Clark, Deb Dingus, Kristen Gies, Helen Hall, Melissa Seville, Donna Gibson, Beth Bline, Barbara Gilkes, Mark Mauter</p> <p>The meeting began at 4:08 pm. Ms. Gilkes reviewed the purpose of the public hearing for the CAPER and the 2026 CDBG Annual Action Plan (AAP).</p> <p>Accomplishments for the PY 2025 were highlighted. The information is contained in the agenda.</p> <p>Ms. Gilkes explained how federal regulations limit the</p>	All comments are accepted.	
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				<p>amount that can be spent on public services to 15% of the annual allocation. In Newark, most of the applications from non-profits fit into that category. There are not limits on CDBG funding for infrastructure, such as parks and street improvements, or economic development. Economic development-technical assistance through the local Community Improvement Corporation, Newark Development Partners, receives the largest CDBG allocation. This includes the City's in-house economic development-technical assistance. There were no questions or</p>		
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				<p>comments regarding the CAPER. Ms. Gilkes reminded the attendees that comments and questions are welcome for 30 days. The comment period begins February 27th. The second focus of the meeting pertained to the 2026 AAP, which is being developed. Ms. Gilkes reviewed the process and discussed the objectives, outcomes, and goals. A review of the City's high priority needs was presented. An attendee asked about the application selection process. Ms. Gilkes indicated that each entitlement has its own process. The City selects projects based on the high priority</p>		
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				<p>needs in the Consolidated Plan. Another attendee asked if the City might receive an increase in CDBG funds for PY 2026. Ms. Gilkes explained the Congressional action on the T-HUD bill. The City must wait until HUD releases the 2026 funding level. After that takes place, a second public hearing will be held, where the planned activities will be revealed. The City is using its 2025 CDBG allocation of \$745,133. for planning purposes. Another attendee asked if the Home Court program through the Law Director's office could be funded. Ms. Gilkes indicated that she</p>		
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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)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Publication of public hearing notice- Advocate on April 13, 2026 and April 27, 2026, City website, local media	would check on that possibility. Ms. Gilkes indicated that a 30 day review/ comment/ and questions period will follow the second public hearing on the 2026 AAP. The meeting ended at 4:30.		
					All comments are accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Newark utilizes CDBG funds to carry out activities that benefit low and moderate income persons. The PY 2026 allocation is \$769,882. + \$10,000. program income + \$44,576. reprogrammed funds from prior years=\$824,458. The PY 2026 CDBG funding allocations by category are 10% Public Facilities & Infrastructure, 14% Public Services, 19% Housing, 28% Economic Development, 9% Other (Code Enforcement), 20% Administration and Planning. Administration and Planning is figured on the current allocation amount only. Public Services is figured on the

current allocation and prior year loan payments.

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	769,882.00	10,000.00	44,576.00	824,458.00	0.00	Expected amount for the remainder of the Con Plan reflects the PY 2024 actual amount over 5 years. The 2026 annual allocation is \$769,882. + \$10,000. program income + \$44,576. reprogrammed funds from prior years=\$824,458.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

No matching funds are required for the CDBG program. Public Service grant awards reflect a small amount of the funding requested and required to operate their programs and many non-profits use CDBG funds to leverage funding from private, state, and local resources. \$2,127,344. in leveraged funds were noted in the 2026 CDBG applications selected for funding.

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

The City will regularly assess City owned parcels that may benefit community development needs.

Discussion

The total anticipated funds is an estimate based on the 2024 allocation multiplied by the number of years remaining in the Consolidated Plan. The number will be updated annually as award amounts are received.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Planning and Administration	2025	2029	Planning and Administration			CDBG: \$153,900.00	Other: 1 Other
2	Economic Development	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development	CDBG: \$233,000.00	Businesses assisted: 79 Businesses Assisted
3	Housing Rehabilitation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing			CDBG: \$160,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit
4	Public Services	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$117,500.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 466 Persons Assisted
5	Public Facilities and Improvements	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$74,058.00	
6	Other	2025	2029	Clearance/Demolition, code enforcement			CDBG: \$86,000.00	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	<p>Goal Name</p> <p>Planning and Administration</p>	<p>Goal Description</p> <p>This section details the City of Newark's goals for CDBG Program Year 2026 related to the Strategic Plan goal Planning and Administration. The activity in this category is CDBG Program Administration. The 2026 General Management, Oversight, Planning & Coordination totals \$153,900.</p> <p>Administration and Planning provides the structure for the planning, implementation, and management of the CDBG program as well as other housing, community and economic development, and homeless programs.</p>
2	<p>Goal Name</p> <p>Economic Development</p>	<p>Goal Description</p> <p>This section details the City of Newark's CDBG Program Year 2026 related to the Strategic Plan goal Economic Development. Activities in this category include providing CDBG assistance for Economic Development Technical support (\$122,000.) and Newark Development Partners Community Improvement Corporation (\$111,000.) Economic Development Technical Support is an activity that involves the coordination and monitoring of programs designed to enhance and promote economic development. This includes economic related inquires, leads, and retention and expansion programs, ED related incentives and initiatives such as TIF, JEDD/Z, CRA programs Brownfields clean up, and other economic development related efforts focused on assistance for locally based businesses. Newark Development Partners CIC provides technical assistance for economic development activities.</p>
3	<p>Goal Name</p> <p>Housing Rehabilitation</p>	<p>Goal Description</p> <p>This section details the City of Newark's goals for CDBG Program Year 2026 related to Strategic Plan goal Affordable Housing Opportunities. Activities in this category include: Emergency/Minor Home Repair (\$50,000.) and Housing Programs Implementation (\$60,000.), and Siding for Seniors (\$50,000.). The goals detailed below will be achieved using CDBG funding. Newark will continue to promote fair housing through education and training and support accessibility improvements.</p> <p>Housing Rehabilitation for LMI homeowners</p>

4	<p>Goal Name Public Services</p> <p>Goal Description This section details the City of Newark's goals for CDBG Program Year 2026 related to the Strategic Plan goal Public Services. Types of public services in this category include Landlord/Tenant Services (\$22,500.), Neighborhood Cleanup (\$11,000.), and Licking County Coalition for Housing deposit payments (\$40,000.), Behavioral Healthcare Partners, Inc. (\$11,000.), St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Columbus (\$11,000.), St. Vincent Haven (\$11,000.), Community Drop In Center (\$11,000.)</p> <p>The City supports non profit organizations serving LMI residents through activities aimed at creating suitable living environments and increasing opportunity.</p>
5	<p>Goal Name Public Facilities and Improvements</p> <p>Goal Description This section details the City of Newark's goals for CDBG Program Year 2026 related to the Strategic Plan goal Public Facilities and Improvements. Activity is Park Improvements (\$58,209.) at West Canal Park. Newark will review public infrastructure and ADA needs when determining projects and improve public facilities.</p> <p>The City funds public facilities and improvement activities that benefit low income households and persons, persons with special needs, non-housing community development proposals that eliminate a threat to public health and safety, such as sidewalks, street improvements, parks, water/sewer improvements, flood/drainage improvements, and ADA compliance.</p>
6	<p>Goal Name Other</p> <p>Goal Description This section details the City of Newark's goals for CDBG Program Year 2026 related to the Strategic Plan goal Other. Activities in this category include Code Enforcement (\$86,000.).</p>

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Each year, the City's resources, including CDBG funding through the Department of Development, will be focused on improving housing opportunities, infrastructure, city services, livability, and economic opportunities in Newark.

The 2026 Action Plan relates to the Consolidated Plan goals and objectives. Priorities are determined through the citizen participation process, the Department of Development staff, and Newark City Administration recommendations. Leveraging funds for the projects proposed in 2026 Action Plan totals \$2,068,569.00. from five nonprofit subrecipients The 2026 Action Plan totals \$769,882. The break down is \$769,882. allocation + \$10,000. repaid housing loans + \$44,576. reprogrammed prior years' funds . Expenditures requests total \$824,458. The City pursued a variety of strategies to identify community needs. The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of sufficient financial resources. The majority of projects receive partial funding.

The City's comprehensive plan was updated for 2025-29. The City's slum and blight designation area maybe updated in the coming years to include the eligible commercial streets in need of rehabilitation. The residential neighborhoods that surround the commercial streets will consist of Newark's low- and moderate-income areas. In order to complete the comprehensive plan update, the geographic area in which CDBG assistance will be provided will include all eligible Census tracts in the city.

Several of the activities funded in 2026 will focus on economic and community redevelopment of the downtown core. These activities range from funding for community planning, infrastructure projects, improved city services, and economic development assistance and incentives.

Changes in funding levels will also result in changes to the approach in funding social service agencies. Partnerships with other agencies, particularly those related to housing initiatives, and collaboration with other funding sources will continue to be critical to the success of Newark's CDBG program. However, ongoing funding to agencies that provide broad community services will become less of a priority in Newark's CDBG program.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Management, Oversight, Planning and Coordination

#	Project Name
2	Economic Development Technical Support
3	Newark Development Partners CIC
4	Code Enforcement
5	Landlord Tenant Services
6	Park Improvements
7	Neighborhood Cleanups
8	Emergency/Minor Home Repair
9	Housing Programs Implementation
10	Licking County Coalition for Housing-Security Deposits
11	St. Vincent DePaul Diocesan Council of Columbus
12	St Vincent Haven
13	Behavioral Healthcare Partners, Inc.
14	Community Drop In Center

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the amount of money available to address them. Allocation priorities are based off community input and public hearings. The housing rehabilitation activities, public facilities, and economic development goals are priorities. With increasing housing costs, maintaining the existing stock of affordable housing is very important. Supporting public services that serve the low income residents is also of major importance.

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1	Project Name	General Management, Oversight, Planning and Coordination
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$153,900.00
	Description	General management, oversight and coordination of the CDBG Program. The matrix code is 21A planning and administration costs for CDBG programs
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	number and types of families-not applicable
	Location Description	40 West Main Street projects citywide
	Planned Activities	planning and administration costs for CDBG program
2	Project Name	Economic Development Technical Support
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$122,000.00
	Description	Coordinate and monitor programming that enhances and promotes economic development including economic development related inquiries, leads, retention and expansion programs, ED-related incentives and initiatives such as TIFF< JEDD/A and CRA programs, Brownfield remediation and cleanups and other economic development related efforts focused on assistance for locally based businesses. Project meets objective to create economic opportunities . The matrix code is 18B.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	24 businesses types of families-N/A

	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	technical assistance
3	Project Name	Newark Development Partners CIC
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$111,000.00
	Description	Newark Development Partners is a nonprofit Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). The objective is to create economic opportunities. The outcome category is sustainability. The matrix code is 18B.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	55 businesses types of families-N/A
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Newark Development Partners is a nonprofit Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). The objective is to provide economic opportunity.
4	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Other
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$86,000.00
	Description	Code Enforcement is in targeted L/M neighborhoods. The matrix code is 15.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 families LMI

	Location Description	Boundaries are: Corner of E. Shields and Clinton Street going west to the corner of W. Shields and N. 11th Street. South to the corner of W. Main Street and N. 11th Street. East to corner of W. Main Street and S. 6th Street. South to corner of S. 6th Street and Calburn Street. East along the river to Ohio Street. North along the river to State Route 16. North West to Clinton Street. North West along Clinton Street to E. Shields Street
	Planned Activities	code enforcement
5	Project Name	Landlord Tenant Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,500.00
	Description	Landlord/tenant counseling services provided to citizens of Newark by a consultant. Consultant also investigates fair housing complaints. Project meets local Objective to create suitable living environments . The matrix code is 05K.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	78 LMI families
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Fair housing, landlord/tenant education, and outreach activities
6	Project Name	Park Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$74,058.00
	Description	Recreational upgrades at West Canal Park. The objective is to create suitable living environments. The matrix code is 03F.
	Target Date	12/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	types of families-N/A West Canal Park is located in a HUD Qualified Census Tract.
	Location Description	West Canal Park-325 West Main address changed by Licking County Auditor to 100 Jefferson Street
	Planned Activities	recreational upgrades and site amenities
7	Project Name	Neighborhood Cleanups
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000.00
	Description	The Department of Development and Divisions of Property Maintenance and Cemetery and Parks will conduct three clean ups in LMA neighborhoods in Newark. The local objective is to create suitable living environments . The matrix code is 05V.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	86 LMI families
	Location Description	LMA areas citywide
	Planned Activities	Newark Division of Property Maintenance will pay for dumpster rental and CDBG for implementation of activity.
8	Project Name	Emergency/Minor Home Repair
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000.00

	Description	Provide immediate assistance to low-income homeowners experiencing severe home maintenance problems due to situations that could result in the home being declared substandard, unsafe, or uninhabitable under local housing codes. The funding level is \$5,000. The project also includes rental repair for multi single unit. Project meets local objective. Assistance is provided in the form of a grant or loan secured by a mortgage, usually will not exceed \$10,000. Repayment is deferred until the assisted property is sold. The program is coordinated with other housing activities. The matrix code is 14A.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 5 LMI families could benefit.
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Emergency/minor home repair to income eligible households to prevent homelessness and preserve affordable housing stock.
9	Project Name	Housing Programs Implementation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000.00
	Description	The staff of the Development Department implement all housing programs administered by the Department. Implementation services include applications, financial underwriting, feasibility analysis, inspections, preparation and review of specifications, technical assistance with contractor selection, relocation services, payment processing, and warranty services. Project meets local objective to provide decent housing. The matrix code is 14H.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 LMI families
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Implementation costs for housing activities

10	Project Name	Licking County Coalition for Housing-Security Deposits
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000.00
	Description	Security deposits for rental units as a public service activity Clients must income qualify using HUD guidelines. Matrix Code is 05T and meets the non housing goal . Security Deposits are outlines in 24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Tenant subsidies exclusively for payment of security deposits
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate 52 low to moderate income families are projected to benefit
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	Security deposits to income eligible families to prevent homelessness. Deposits will be made to the landlord.
11	Project Name	St. Vincent DePaul Diocesan Council of Columbus
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000.00
	Description	The St. Vincent DePaul Diocesan Council of Columbus will provide emergency housing, food, transportation, and rental payments to prevent eviction or security and utility deposits for LMI persons. The clients will be transitioning to permanent housing. The local objective is to create suitable living environments. The matrix code is 05Q
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	26 LMI families
	Location Description	citywide

	Planned Activities	The St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Columbus will provide emergency housing, food, transportation, and rental payments to prevent eviction or security and utility deposits for LMI persons. The clients will be transitioning to permanent housing. All will be extremely low income.
12	Project Name	St Vincent Haven
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000.00
	Description	St Vincent Haven shelter serves homeless single males, ages 18 and older. The activity will provide 760 shelter nights and supportive services. The objective is to create suitable living environments. Matrix code is 05Q
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 single males
	Location Description	115 Wilson Street
	Planned Activities	emergency shelter
13	Project Name	Behavioral Healthcare Partners, Inc.
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000.00
	Description	Assistance to Behavioral Healthcare Partners Homeless Prevention is a homeless prevention activity. Local objective is to create a suitable living environment. The matrix code is 05S and Q.
	Target Date	12/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	16 LMI families
	Location Description	citywide
	Planned Activities	The activity provides emergency and short term housing options for homeless individuals and families with severe mental disabilities while providing supportive services to assist them to secure permanent housing destinations
14	Project Name	Community Drop In Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000.00
	Description	The activity provides emergency shelter and services for homeless individuals and families. The local objective is to create a suitable living environment and the matrix code is 03T.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 LMI families
	Location Description	citywide 592 W. Main Street- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
	Planned Activities	emergency shelter and services

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

In 2024, Newark is 56.46% Low/Moderate per ACS (2016-20).

Even though the majority of CDBG activities are citywide, most are concentrated in low income areas. Citywide projects in scope are expected to serve the residents of low income neighborhoods. Housing programs are particularly targeted to serve low income households. That type of assistance can help to improve low income neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Most of the City of Newark's Action Plan activities will be directed in those areas of the City with high concentrations of low income households, including Census Tracts 7516, 7513, 7510, 7507, 7590, 7519, 7522, and 7525. Other Census Tracts included are 7539, 7536, and portions of 7531, 7533, 754101, and 754102. 7528 with BG 1 do not qualify as low mod. By directing the majority of its Federal funding to these areas, Newark will help ensure that its program benefits low income and minority households most in need of help. Projects identified as citywide in scope are expected to serve the low income households and improve low income neighborhoods. Slum and Blight projects are in the downtown area, Census Tract 7590.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

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

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	52
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	60

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The following are public service activities:

Homeless- St. Vincent Haven estimates 8 homeless households will be assisted.

Non-Homeless-

An estimated 26 households will be assisted through the St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Columbus activity. An estimated 200 persons will be helped by the Community Drop In Center

Special Needs- An estimated 16 special needs (severe mental illness) households are estimated to be helped through the Behavioral Healthcare Partners activity.

Table One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through:

An estimated 52 households with security deposits will be assisted with the security deposit activity

through the Licking County Coalition for Housing.

The City will utilize CDBG funds for emergency/minor home repair and estimates 5 households will be assisted and during the 2026 program year. It is estimated that 3 households will be assisted with the Siding for Seniors activity.

AP 35 contains descriptions of each 2026 activity.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA).

LMHA continues to be the authority on housing in Licking County, as evidenced by HUD's High Performer ratings, for the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Programs.

The LMHA currently has 1,298 Housing Choice Vouchers under lease, housing a total of approximately 2,700 men, women, and children in Licking County. There are 831 regular Vouchers, 80 Mainstream Vouchers, 13 Family Unification Vouchers, 240 Non-Elderly Disabled Vouchers, and 35 HUD-VASH Vouchers. The Housing Choice Vouchers are used throughout Licking County, although the majority is used within the city of Newark.

Of the 1,298 Housing Choice Vouchers currently under lease:

- 30% are families that have children
- 32% are over the age of 62
- 3% are earning between \$6,000 - \$10,000
- 10% have adult household member(s) working
- 67% households receive one or more of the following: SS, SSDI, pensions, unemployment benefits
- 1.7% have no income

In 2025, the LMHA opened for 5 days. 1,490 people applied at that time.

In 2025, LMHA opened the waitlist for 5 days. There were 1490 applications received from individuals/familie. The LMHA has 3 local preferences: veterans, disabled persons who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or at serious risk of institutionalization, and the most recent preference is elderly. The average wait for housing assistance is 2 – 4 years.

The LMHA's three local preferences for the HCV waitlist are veterans, disabled persons who are homeless, and non-elderly disabled. The average wait for housing assistance is approximately two to three years.

The LMHA was awarded 2 Continuum of Care/Shelter Plus Care Programs, totaling 46 Vouchers. But, additional participants can be housed under these programs, based on the availability of funding. The Shelter Plus Care Program houses individuals and families who are homeless, suffering from serious mental illness and/or chronic substance abuse. There is a growing need for adequate housing for disabled individuals. This population has few options when affordable housing is not attainable. Those

with mental illness easily become homeless.

Of the Shelter Plus Care Vouchers currently under lease:

- 23% are families with children
- 25% are earning between \$6,000 - \$10,000
- 25% have one adult working
- 28% of households receive one or more of the following: SS, SSDI, pensions, and unemployment benefits.
- 15% have no income

LMHA has preserved 99 affordable housing units by repositioning its Public Housing Apartment Building, (Terrace Gardens Apartments). This was accomplished using the RAD/Section 18 Small PHA Blend. The entire building, (interior and exterior), is undergoing major renovation. Completion date for the interior will be the end of March/first of April, 2026. Completion date for the exterior will be the end of April/first of May, 2026. Terrace Gardens currently houses over 50% veterans. All LMHA programs lease up quickly. Therefore, the need for programs, such as these, is apparent in our community.

Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority will continue to address the needs for housing by issuing vouchers when available, and aggressively pursuing additional housing opportunities for Licking County residents.

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

Strategy for improving living environment would be our Mission Statement: LMHA improves the quality of life in Licking County by providing decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to low-to-moderate income families. To accomplish this, LMHA will operate in an efficient manner, within HUD guidelines, and through partnerships with the community. LMHA will operate with a high degree of organizational effectiveness in order to remain financially viable.

LMHA will continue to improve the quality of life in Licking County by providing decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to low-to-moderate income families. To accomplish this, LMHA will operate in an efficient manner, within HUD guidelines, and through partnerships with the community. LMHA will operate with a high degree of organizational effectiveness, in order to remain financially viable.

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

participate in homeownership

The LMHA operates the Homeownership Program for the participants on the HCV Program. The Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority has implemented and teaches the following classes: Fair Housing, Personal Finance, Real Estate/Legal, Home Maintenance, Home Buyer Program, Home Purchasing and Individual Financial Counseling sessions. The process takes program participants approximately one year to complete.

The city will continue to support the ongoing efforts of the Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority. The Housing Authority continues to aggressively pursue additional housing vouchers for Licking County residents and has successfully partnered with several social service organizations in our community to obtain additional vouchers for special needs populations.

The Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority is a High Performer for both the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Public Housing.

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

The Licking County Housing Authority is NOT designated as troubled.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The Licking County Housing Initiatives establishes a countywide roadmap of strategies aimed at achieving the goal of ending homelessness in Licking County. The strategies are adopted as part of the City of Newark Consolidated Plan to provide further guidance to homeless providers and community funders in planning for increasing and better coordination the resources of the community in this effort.

PIT scheduled was January 27, 2026. The count was conducted by the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC) in collaboration with local agencies.

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

The City will be providing funding for effective outreach programs for chronically and non-chronically homeless persons having difficulty accessing services that will link them to mainstream resources, in addition to housing, case management, physical and mental health services, and chemical dependency treatment

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will provide funding to nonprofits that to ensure availability and access shelter that coordinates with emergency shelters and services. The Licking County Coalition for Housing, Behavioral Healthcare Partners, St. Vincent DePaul Diocesan Council of Columbus, St. Vincent Haven, and Community Drop In Center provide emergency and/or transitional housing and related services.

Project Homeline provides homelessness prevention services in the form of coordinated intake; housing information; financial assistance for rent, deposit, utilities, budgeting, and case management. The Licking County Coalition for Housing partnered with the Licking County Coalition of Care, Salvation Amy and other agencies to offer a county wide Coordinated Intake process. LCCH staff meets with clients and try to develop a housing plan or make referrals to area shelters.

For 2026, The City will provide CDBG funding at \$11,000. for each of the following four nonprofits: St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Columbus , St Vincent Haven, Community Drop In Center, and Behavioral Healthcare Partners. The projects are identified as benefiting the homeless, preventing homelessness, or benefiting other special needs populations

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 City will provide funding totaling \$40,000. to Licking County Coalition for Housing to help with security deposits.

The City also supports the efforts of the Main Place facility, which provides 10 permanent supportive housing units for adults with severe and persistent mental illness.

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.

Targeted funding to avoid homelessness will be provided through the City's CDBG funding for the work of the Licking County Coalition for Housing, Behavioral Healthcare Partners, St. Vincent DePaul Diocesan Council of Columbus, and St. Vincent Haven.

Discussion

The priorities are citywide: Homeless & Special Needs, Special Needs-Non homeless to Prevent Homelessness, Public Facilities, Non-Housing, CD, Neighborhoods, Public Services-Non-Housing CD Priorities, Economic Development-Non-Housing CD Priorities, Other, Planning and Management Administration, and Affordable Housing. See SP 35 in the Consolidated Plan for 2025-29.

See AP 35

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

Introduction:

The City of Newark collaborates with the Licking County Metropolitan Housing Authority and nonprofit agencies to assist with projects designed to provide affordable rental and owner occupied housing, including assistance to people with disabilities and homeless individuals and families.

In 2026, Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) will address impediments by taking the following additional steps:

1. LASCO will assure that no fewer than three audit tests are conducted on rental units/complexes located in Newark
2. LASCO will work with the city of Newark, upon request, to include on the city's website informational materials on fair housing issues
3. LASCO will continue to work to give teeth to Newark's fair housing ordinance. A fair housing board was activated in 2018, and LASCO will help assure that the board performs its statutorily mandated duties. LASCO will also cooperate with the Department of Development and the law director's office to assure that the city has an accessible and effective fair housing complaint process
4. LASCO will devote resources to address sexual orientation/gender identity discrimination.
5. LASCO will continue to screen aggressively for fair housing issues. It appears that the primary area of under addressed discrimination is handicap discrimination, particularly as it relates to assistance animals. LASCO fair housing presentations will include a section on this issue.

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 Newark does not have any excessive, exclusionary, discriminatory, or duplicator policies, rules or regulations that constitute barriers to affordability. The City does not anticipate the introduction of any such policies over the next five years. The City does not require a strategy to address the negative effects of such policy. The City of Newark will continue to support the current policy and will work to promote housing affordability within city limits.

The following identified impediments will be addressed through the City's Fair Housing Plan

Fair Housing Enforcement-Continue to monitor for fair housing discrimination complaints and to respond quickly to those that are received. Produce and distribute fair housing related documents with in the City. Continue to operate 1-800 hotline for discrimination calls. To assist residents in filing complaints with the appropriate entity; HUD, or state and federal court. Conduct testing in the

community.

Accessibility-Meet with local disability advocacy agencies to discuss the coverage of disabilities in fair housing, Section 504 regulations and ADA. Receive referrals from organizations regarding disabled housing issues. Distribute info. Regarding Reasonable Accommodations and the right to service/companion animals.

Affordable Housing-Make program available to assist in the promotion of more affordable housing. In 2026 the City will also continue to partner with Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio to build affordable housing through the City's HOME RLF and other community resources. The City will continue to explore opportunities to restore and maintain existing housing, especially rental.

Fair Housing-Provide fair housing education and outreach services using a variety of methods targeted to populations most likely to experience discrimination. Continue to distribute fair housing materials throughout the community, organize and offer classes for housing professionals, advocates, and residents.

Discussion:

Court Orders and HUD Sanctions: To date, there are no court orders or HUD sanctions affecting the provision of assisted housing, fair housing, housing resources, or housing goals in the City of Newark.

Available Housing Resources-The following is a list of all housing resources and programs expected to be available over the five-year period, for use in carrying out housing activities. Included is a short description of the program or resource.

Federal Resources Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties for the development of viable urban communities. The goals of the program are to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons. The City of Newark is a CDBG entitlement community. Consequently, the City receives CDBG funds directly from HUD. The amount of funds available each year varies based upon the amount of funds appropriated by Congress, along with the specific factors used by HUD to allocate the funds among entitlement jurisdictions.

HOME Investment Partnership Program - Provides annual grants on a formula basis to participating jurisdictions to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary housing for very low- and low-income persons. The City of Newark is not a HOME participating jurisdiction. The State of Ohio awards HOME funds for a 24 month implementation period and does not permit HUD Entitlement communities to

apply for HOME funds.

See AP 75 in 2025-29 Con Plan

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

While the City has pursued a variety of strategies to impact the identified needs of the community, the primary obstacle to meeting the underserved needs is the lack of sufficient financial resources. See the annual objectives and description of activities and identified need for specific projects and anticipated beneficiaries/outcomes.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City fosters and maintains affordable housing by:

Providing funds for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing for people of low and moderate-income;

Providing funds to emergency/minor home repair and Siding for Seniors

Promoting affordable and public and nonprofit housing projects; and

Preserving the housing stock in the City through support of other publicly-funded housing

See annual objectives and description of activities for specific projects and anticipated beneficiaries/outcomes.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Newark funds and manages a housing rehabilitation program, emergency/minor home repair, and Siding for Seniors. All three require a lead based paint inspection on all homes built prior 1978. A 2024 Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grant will address the removal of lead based paint hazards in owner occupied and rental units citywide.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

16.3% of the City population is living below the poverty level.(ACS 2022) Newark’s overall goal is to reduce the number and percentage of persons living in poverty. Newark will use its CDBG and HOME RLF funds to reduce the impacts of poverty on low- and moderate-income families and individuals in the community. Working with the community’s businesses and the workforce development programs, job training opportunities for low-income persons will be expanded and public services programs aimed at

increasing self-sufficiency will be supported. The following strategies, consistent with Newark's overall Consolidated Plan strategies, will play a major role in combating poverty: support community vitality through activities that promote a diverse economic base and family wage jobs while providing opportunities for low and moderate income people to become financially independent; support services designed to expand available affordable housing and services to homeless people to reach self-sufficiency; and support programs that identify people who are homeless, assess their needs, and move them into appropriate housing and support services.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

During CDBG PY 2026, the City of Newark will to utilize its resources to strengthen the institutional structure. The Department of Development reports to the Mayor and is administers and oversees the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. The staff have over 50 years of institutional experience. The Mayor and City Council approve strategies contained in the Consolidated Plan and annual plans. Their input, support, and assistance are present during the tenure of the Plan's implementation.

The City monitors all CDBG activities to ensure compliance with State and Federal policies related to programming and fiscal management. Ongoing monitoring of program activities also served to ensure that timeliness/objectives, to include reporting standards were met as planned.

The City Department of Development staff members serve on local boards and committees. These affiliations serve to promote increased coordination, communication and consultation with other organizations that serve at risk and low income persons. The relationships also enable the City to gauge emerging needs/trends, and maintain ties necessary for program sustainability.

In addition to the actions noted above, the City leveraged added funding sources (State, local, and Federal) throughout PY 2026 in order to maximize program effectiveness and enhance collaborative relations hips on the State, local, and Federal levels

Several non-profit agencies have continued to improve their capacity to develop affordable housing. Some of those agencies are listed below:

LEADS, local Community Action Agency, established its Housing Management division during FY 1997 and has successfully continued to acquire existing affordable housing properties and maintain their use.

Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio plans to continue constructing single family homes for eligible low income people. HOME Revolving Loan funds totaling \$20,000. per house for the 2026 CDBG program year are in the works.

The City is also actively involved with a group of local housing agencies that each provided various components of housing counseling programs. Currently these agencies are learning what counseling

each agency offers and how services may be able to be combined. Some of the entities involved are: Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio, Licking County Housing, Inc., Licking County Coalition for Housing, and LEADS. Currently, the Licking County Coalition for Housing is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency.

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

The City of Newark has established many public and private housing partnerships through the years. The City will continue at working to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. For example, the City will support applications and plans that offer increased affordable housing, housing rehabilitation and new construction in Newark.

During 2026, the City hopes to continue its partnership with Habitat for Humanity-Mid Ohio for more new housing units in the City. The City also supports the projects and plans of the Licking Metropolitan Housing Agency as well as other nonprofits involved in housing. The City has an ongoing partnership to coordinate housing services with LEADS, the local community action agency involving rehabilitation activities.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Newark receives Federal Community Development Block Grant funds directly from HUD. Generally, the City undertakes CDBG or HOME eligible activities through a HOME revolving loan fund. Occasionally, however, through subrecipient agreements, funds are made available to other organizations to carry out CDBG or HOME eligible activities.

Regarding subrecipients, the City will use desk monitoring, meetings with subrecipients, and periodic reviews of subrecipient files, records, activities, or facilities. Development staff will receive appropriate training to stay up-to-date on HUD requirements and will revise the monitoring plan to keep it effective. In addition to periodic reports and regular review meetings to discuss compliance with the Consolidated Plan, the City of Newark will continue to prepare performance reports annually and undergo required State and Federal monitoring and prepare other reports as appropriate. The City will hold at least one public hearing for citizens to review and comment on the community's performance.

Finally, HUD is responsible for reviewing Newark's approved Consolidated Plan strategy at least annually.

To ensure timeliness of expenditures, the Development Department maintains reports of expenditures. Weekly staff meetings are held to address fiscal issues and problems, such as workloads, weather, and unexpected delays in getting plans prepared, contractors hired, etc., in meeting deadlines are discussed and dealt with. Also discussed are the results of monitoring visits to subrecipients. If needed, the Director will send a letter to a subrecipient falling behind schedule suggesting a loss of funding if timelines are not adhered to.

Compliance with Housing Codes: As we undertake any neighborhood revitalization type activity, a hole in our overall strategy would occur if the City did not have property maintenance code enforcement agents undertake systematic code enforcement to ensure that both owner and rental properties are being attended.

The City Department of Development does provide information on MBE contractors for its housing programs. However, the owners make the contractor selection. The City Service Department, Div. of Engineering provides bid information by publishing ads in the only daily paper in Licking County, The Newark Advocate. Bid postings are also available on the City website at www.newarkohio.gov. The City also provides bid information to plan rooms, such as Reed Construction Data, Builders' Exchange, McGraw-Hill-Dodge Construction I Sq ft. Plan Room. Contractors subscribe to the Plan Rooms. Subscribers include MBE contractors.

And as we build or collaborate with a nonprofit, such as Habitat for Humanity, on infill housing projects

and rehab of LMI homeowners' homes, we require that all contractors be licensed and that they take out appropriate permits, and that all such construction is inspected at all appropriate times during and at the completion of construction

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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.	10,000
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:	10,000

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.	100.00%

The 2026 CDBG SF 424 will note under - Federal \$769,882.+\$10,000. Program income + Reprogrammed Prior Years' Funds \$44,576. = Total available funds \$824,458.

Requested Expenditures total \$824,458.

