

THE OHIO CDBG COALITION

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Presented by:

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HUD NEWS OVERVIEW

- M-25-14 Rescission of M-25-13 (January 29, 2025)
- The Continuing Resolution which approved a federal spending budget included \$3,430,000,000 for 'the Department of Housing and Urban Development— Community Planning and Development (CPD) —Community Development Fund, where CDBG allocations should be made from. This is largely the same as 2024.
- Fair Housing grants frozen by HUD have been reinstated after a federal court ruling.
- HUD and DHS have signed an MOU called “American Housing Programs for American Citizens”.
- HUD and DOI announced a taskforce for identifying federally owned land available for housing production.
- HUD has not issued guidance concerning the rescission of the Equal Access rule.
- Fired probationary HUD employees have been reinstated.
- 2026 proposed President’s Budget announced.

Program Name	from 2025 Enacted (in millions)	Brief Description of Program and Recommended Reduction or Increase
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	-3,300	The Budget proposes to eliminate the CDBG program, which provides formula grants to over 1,200 State and local governments for a wide range of community and economic development activities. CDBG is poorly targeted, and the program has been used for a variety of projects that the Federal Government should not be funding, such as improvement projects at a brewery, a plaza for concerts, and skateboard parks. This type of a program is better funded and administered at the State and local level. For example, the Town of Greenwich in Connecticut's famously affluent "Gold Coast" does not need Federal grants, yet it received nearly \$4 million in CDBG funding in the last five years and spent it on wasteful projects like theater arts programming for students and public swimming pool renovations.
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	-1,250	The Budget eliminates HOME, a formula grant that provides State and local governments with funding to expand the supply of housing. The Federal Government's involvement increases the regulatory burden of producing affordable housing. State and local governments are better positioned to address comprehensively the array of unique market challenges, local policies, and impediments
Homeless Assistance Program Consolidations	-532	The Budget consolidates the Continuum of Care and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs into a more targeted Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program that provides short- and medium-term housing assistance, capped at two years, to homeless and at-risk individuals. The Budget delivers on the President's pledge to eliminate street homelessness by quickly connecting homeless individuals to shelter, recognizing that State and local governments are better positioned to coordinate homeless assistance, and proposing a formula change to better target the ESG formula to areas where homelessness needs are most severe.

COALITION FORMATION



In February 2025, Ohio's Community Development Block Grant stakeholders formed the Ohio CDBG Coalition. Currently, the Coalition's members are:

- OHIO CONFERENCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION REGION V
- GREATER OHIO POLICY CENTER
- OHIO CDC ASSOCIATION
- OHIO MAYOR'S ALLIANCE
- OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
- AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION OHIO CHAPTER
- OHIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER ASSOCIATION OF OHIO

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio CDBG Coalition represents stakeholders committed to maintaining effective federal funding for community development in Ohio. We collaborate to inform policymakers and the public about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program's impact on Ohio's housing, infrastructure, economic development, and public services. Through strategic advocacy and education, we work to secure sustainable CDBG funding levels that allow local governments to continue developing solutions for community needs across urban, suburban, and rural Ohio.

GOALS

01 CRISIS AWARENESS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

02 ADVOCACY & POLICY ACTION

03 PARTNERSHIPS & COLLECTIVE STRENGTH

04 DATA & IMPACT MEASUREMENT

ACTIONS

01 TESTIMONY & DATA COLLECTING

02 STORYTELLING & EDUCATING - STORY MAP

03 COLLABORATING

04 DIRECT ADVOCACY - SIGN ON LETTER

SIGN ON
LETTER



Ohio CDBG Coalition Meeting

June 4, 2025

About the National CDBG Coalition

- ♦ Created in 2006 by elected official and grantee interest groups (NCDA)
- ♦ 33 national interest groups
- ♦ Purpose: educate, elevate, and support the CDBG program
- ♦ Support program funding: \$4.2 billion in FY26

FY26 HUD Funding Update

President's FY26 full budget request released May 30

- ♦ Eliminates funding for CDBG and HOME.
- ♦ Consolidates and block grants HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants into an expanded ESG program to states and local governments.
- ♦ Cuts and block grants HUD rental housing programs to states.
- ♦ Other changes
 - ♦ Eliminates funding for HOPWA grants
 - ♦ Eliminates funding for Choice Neighborhoods grants
 - ♦ Eliminates funding for PRO-Housing grants

FY26 HUD Funding Update

- ♦ Congressional appropriators are in the process of drafting the FY26 spending bills
- ♦ House is expected to mark-up the FY26 THUD bill in early July
- ♦ Senate will follow with their mark-up later in July
- ♦ Continuing resolution likely

Other News

- ♦ **House Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance looking at reauthorizing the HOME and CDBG programs**
- ♦ **Consolidated Plans/Annual Action Plans**
 - ♦ HUD AI bots will scan plans
 - ♦ Avoid DEI, migrant, housing first, climate language
 - ♦ Focus on low-moderate income (with no preferences)
- ♦ **Trump Executive Order – Sanctuary Cities**
 - ♦ Sanctuary jurisdictions that don't comply with immigration laws may lose federal funding

Questions?

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Impact of CDBG in Ohio

an ArcGIS StoryMap

STORYMAP PURPOSE

- In March, Ohio CDBG Coalition put out a call to communicate how HUD funding uplifted communities and projects statewide
- Received over 85 responses, but we know the impact is larger!
- Information was crucial to present a unified and compelling message
- Proposed funding cuts to HUD have been announced; now, we must show the challenges posed to our communities.

IMPACT OF CDBG IN OHIO



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StoryMap!

Impact of CDBG in Ohio

Ohio CDBG Coalition

May 31, 2025



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OVERVIEW

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a highly impactful federal program that allows State and local governments and their program partners to craft locally driven solutions to address urgent and important community development needs. Program activities focus on four areas: decent housing, infrastructure (public improvements), services, and economic development. Over 1,200 jurisdictions receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds. Nationally, over 7,200 rural, suburban, and urban communities have access to CDBG funds.

Entitlement vs. Non-Entitlement Communities Flow of CDBG Funds

Entitlement



Non-Entitlement

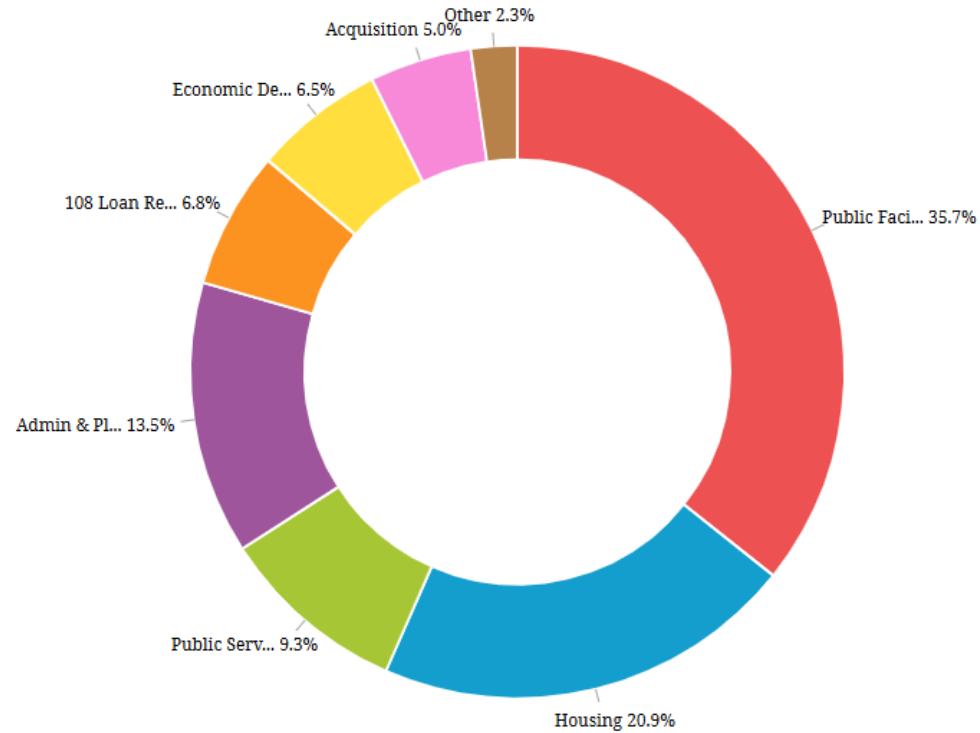


The program serves the Nation. Every State, U.S. Territory, and Congressional District has access to CDBG funding. These funds are broken down into programs for entitlement and non-entitlement communities. This simply refers to how local governments are classified for receiving federal funds. Entitlement communities generally include principal cities within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and urban counties with large populations, while non-entitlement communities are typically smaller cities and rural areas that receive funding through their state. For 2024, the state of Ohio and localities received \$148,856,917 in CDBG formula funds.

DATA VISUALIZATION

Where does the money go?

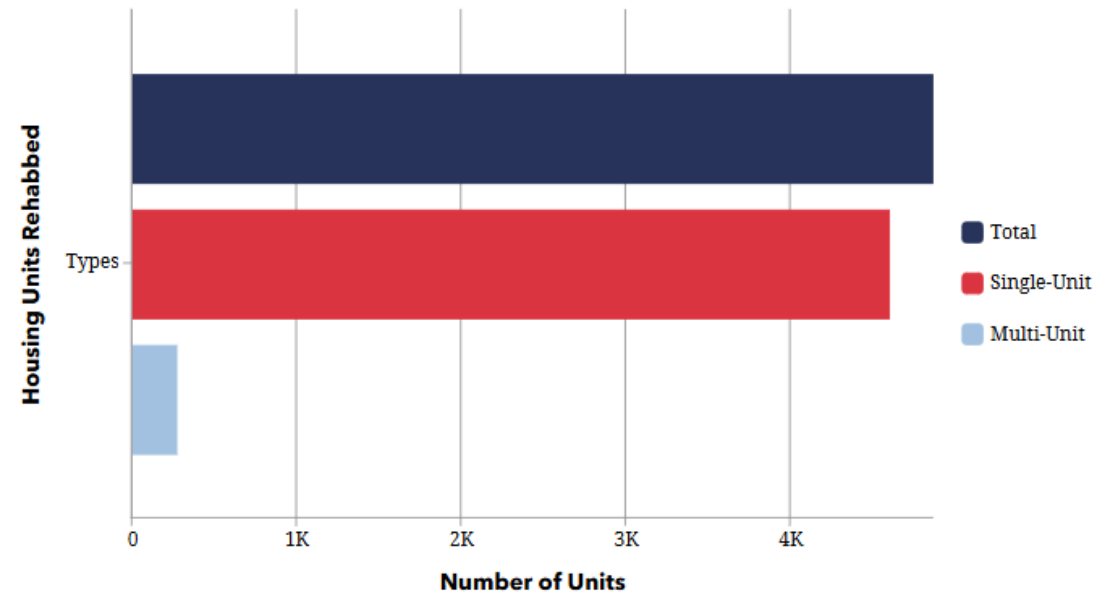
A breakdown of the \$262,265,284.73 received in CDBG funds in Ohio during FY22-FY23 is shown below. Funds are overwhelmingly allocated to projects for Public Facilities and Improvements, as well as Housing.



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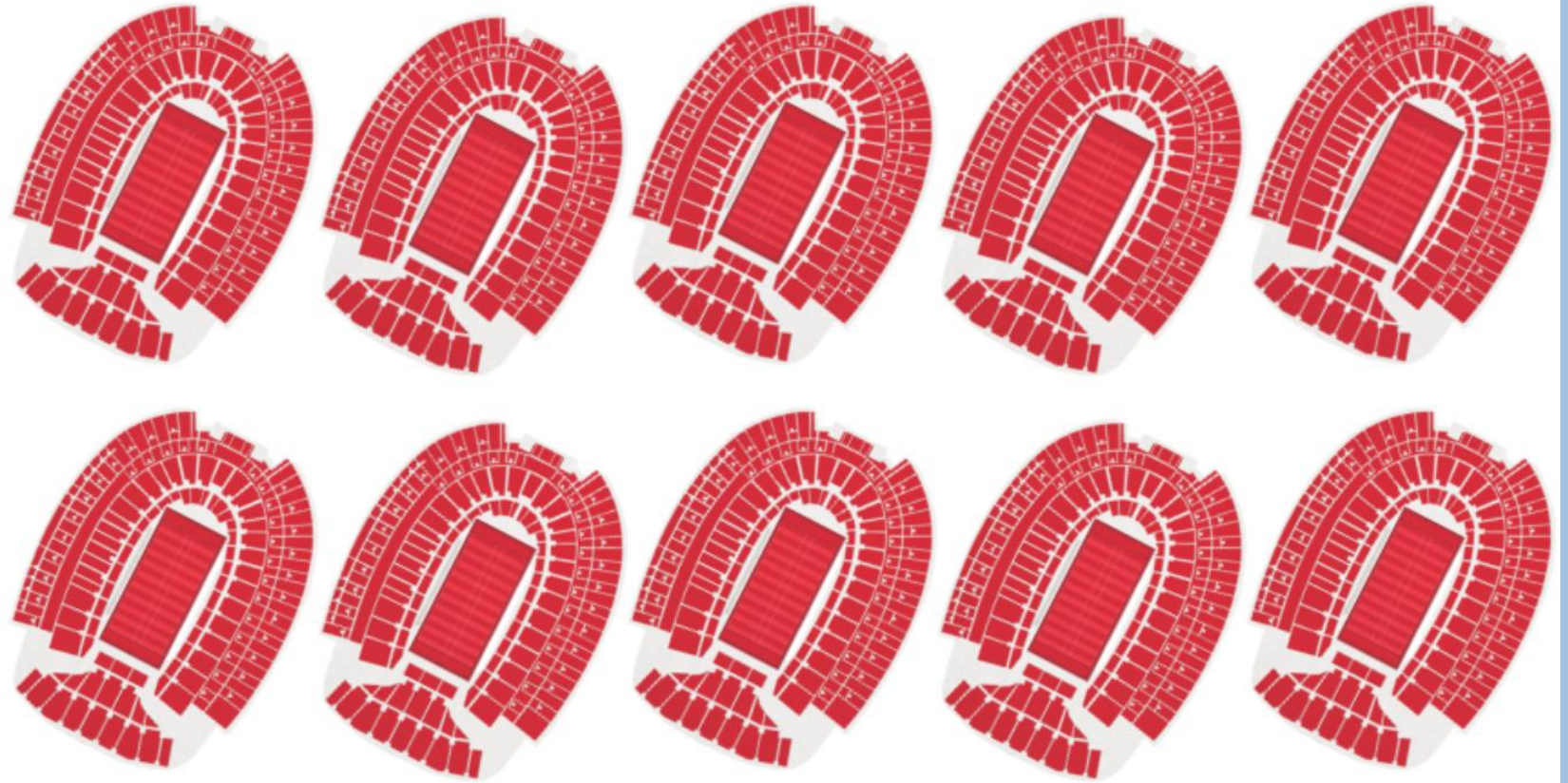
In FY22-FY23, 188,485 households were assisted through CDBG programs and projects.

Housing projects supported by CDBG aid low- and moderate-income residents. This includes fixing up homes, providing down payment assistance, and creating affordable rental housing. While new construction is generally limited, CDBG funds can be used in some cases for new housing through special community-based projects. In FY22-FY23, 4,865 housing units were rehabilitated using CDBG funds.



IMPACT

*1,063,746 Ohioans were
directly assisted through
CDBG funds in FY22 - FY23.
That's enough people to fill
Ohio Stadium 10 times!*



STORIES



Adams County Shelter for the Homeless, Inc.

Population Reached Through Programs: 350+Approx. HUD Funding Received Annually:
\$66,975Staff Positions Created/Retained: Did not discloseProjects and Programs Funded by HUD:...



Ashtabula County Planning and Development

Population Reached Through Programs: 95,000+Approx. HUD Funding Received Annually:
\$1,000,000Staff Positions Created/Retained: 2+Projects and Programs Funded by HUD: Ashtabula...



Beatitude House

Population Reached Through Programs: 150+Approx. HUD Funding Received Annually:
\$592,000Staff Positions Created/Retained: 5Projects and Programs Funded by HUD: Beatitude...



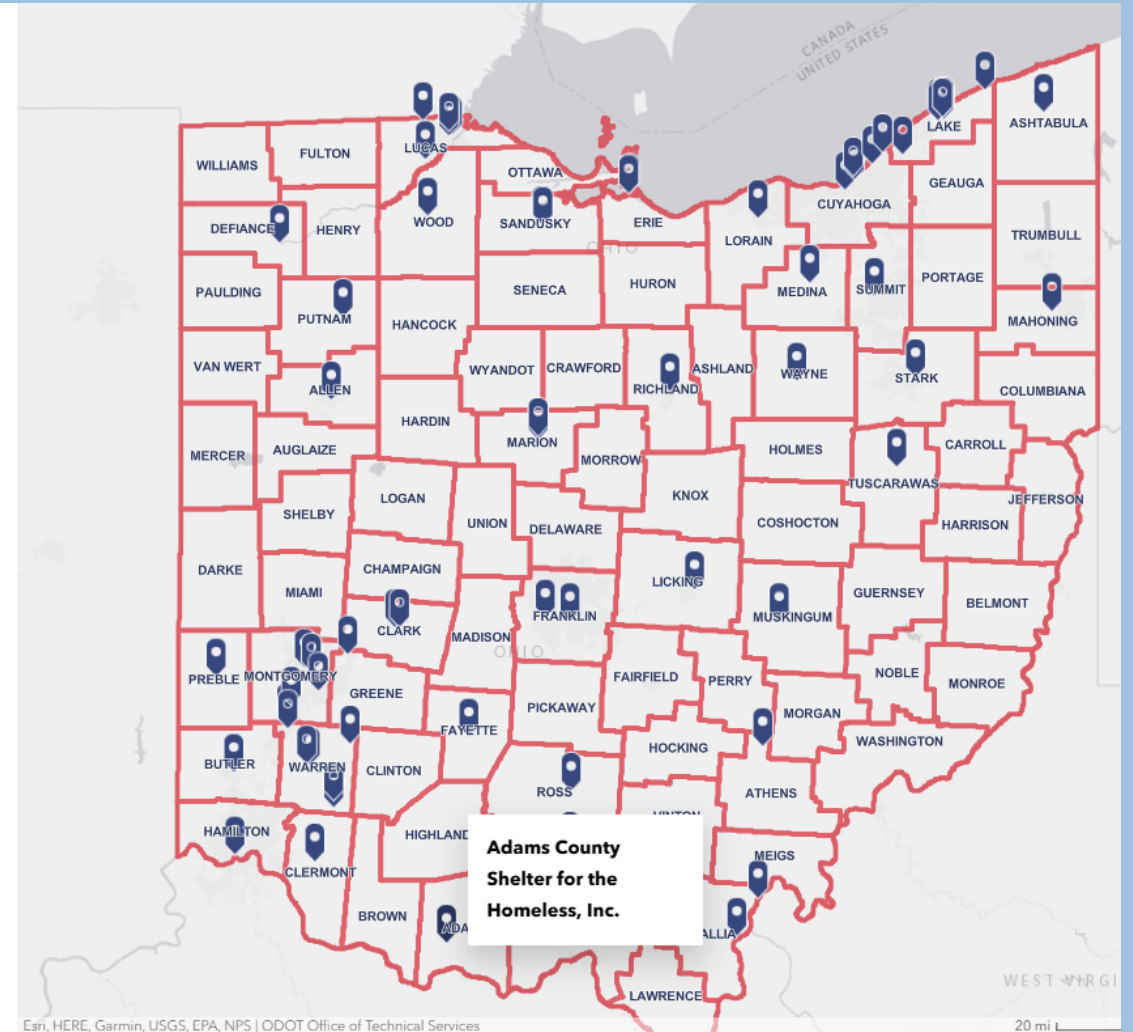
CDC of Ohio, Inc.

Population Reached Through Programs: 1,000+Approx. HUD Funding Received Annually:
\$8,000,000Staff Positions Created/Retained: 7Projects and Programs Funded by HUD: The CDC of...



City of Bowling Green

Population Reached Through Programs: 100+Approx. HUD Funding Received Annually:
\$282,486Staff Positions Created/Retained: 2Projects and Programs Funded by HUD: Home repairs,...



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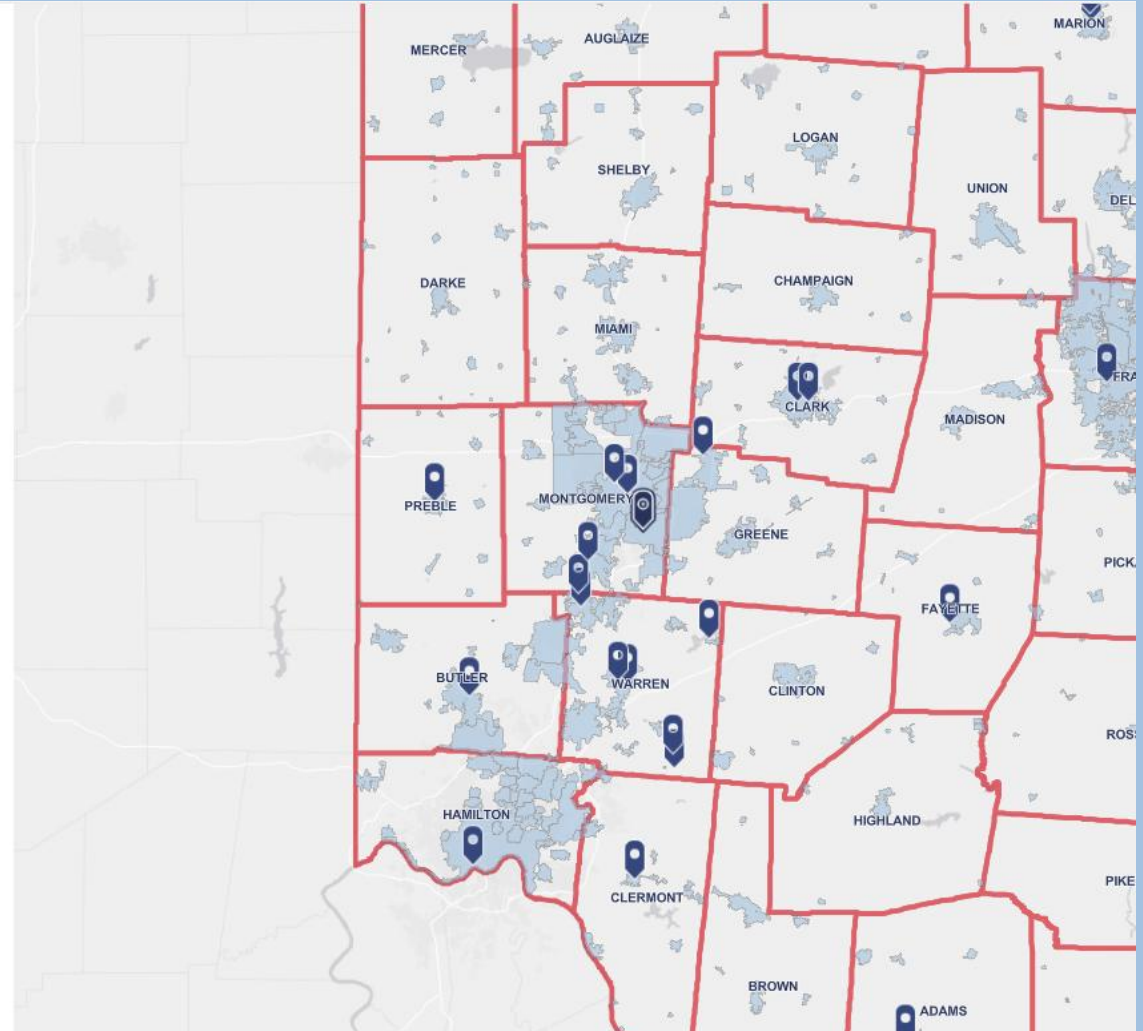
City of Kettering

Population Reached Through Programs: 2,142+

Approx. HUD Funding Received Annually: \$635,000

Staff Positions Created/Retained: 4

Projects and Programs Funded by HUD: The City of Kettering has used their CDBG funds for a variety of projects including: brownfield clean-up, acquisition and demolition of blighted properties, foreclosure and pre-purchase counseling, fair housing, senior services, housing rehabilitation, small business loans, and micro-enterprise assistance programming. The city has also used the HOME for housing rehabilitation and new construction of 3 units.



ACTION

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- CDBG-DisasterRecovery (CDBG-DR) —This account also contains a substantial amount of appropriated CDBG-DR funding provided to communities impacted by major disasters.

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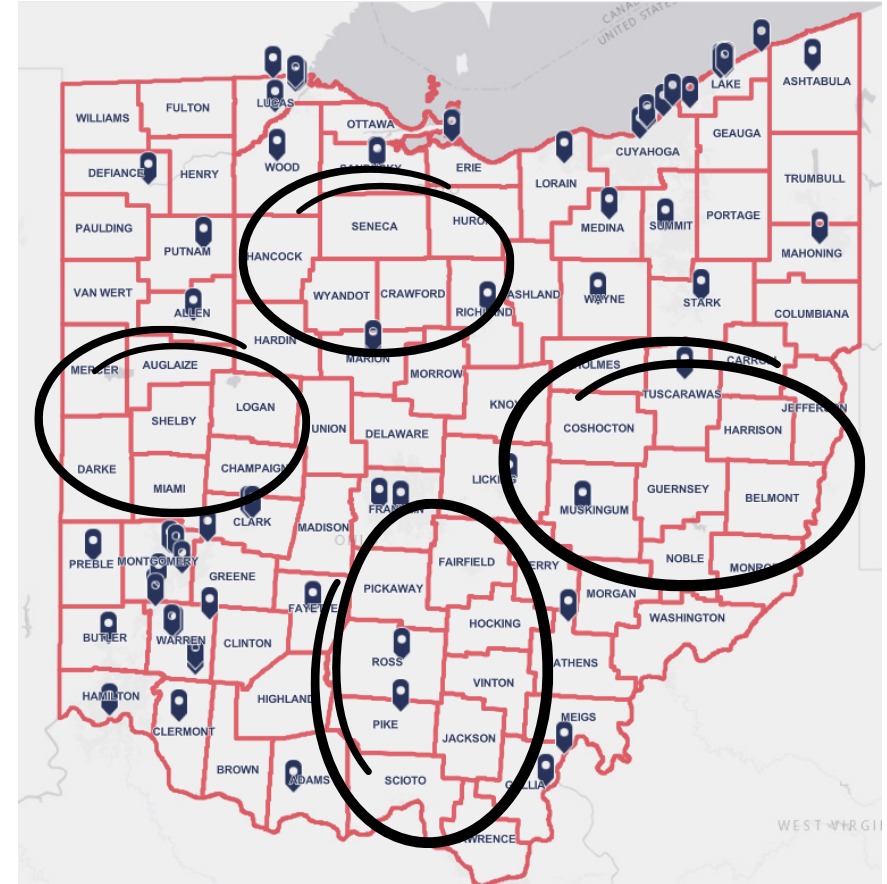
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NEXT STEPS

- We still need impact stories!
 - Especially in you're in one of these circles!
- Please send me edits!
 - smiller@buckeyehills.org
- Share this!



SHARE YOUR CDBG IMPACT



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