



WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

January 29-30, 2025

Statewide Association of Community and Economic Development Organizations

AGENDA

- Welcome
- How is Ohio's Economy Doing?
- Break
- HUD 108 Program / Loans
- Break
- Embracing Diversity and Columbus' New American Leadership Academy
- OCCD Business Meeting



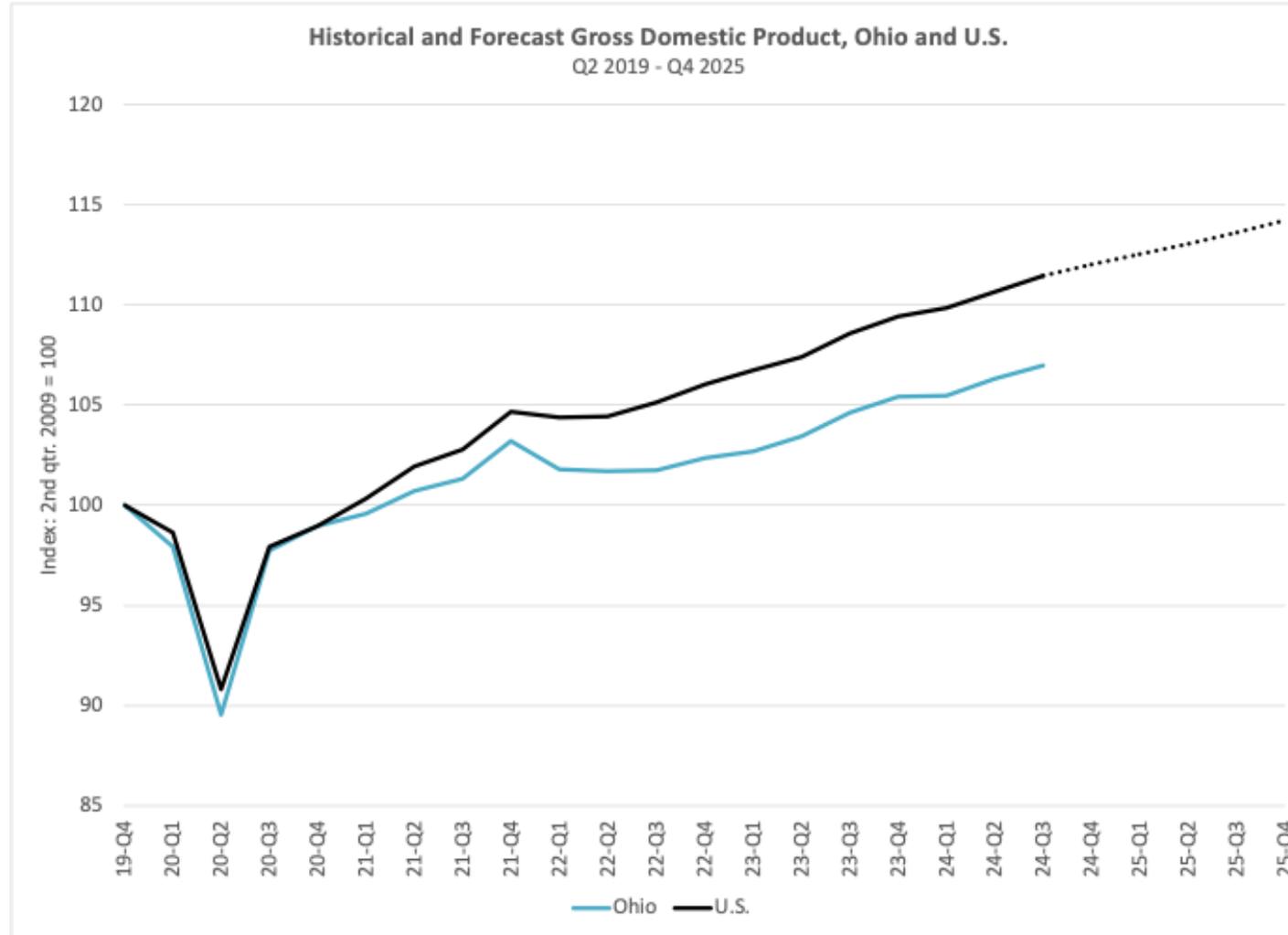
How Is Ohio's Economy Doing?
Ohio Conference of Community Development
January 29, 2025

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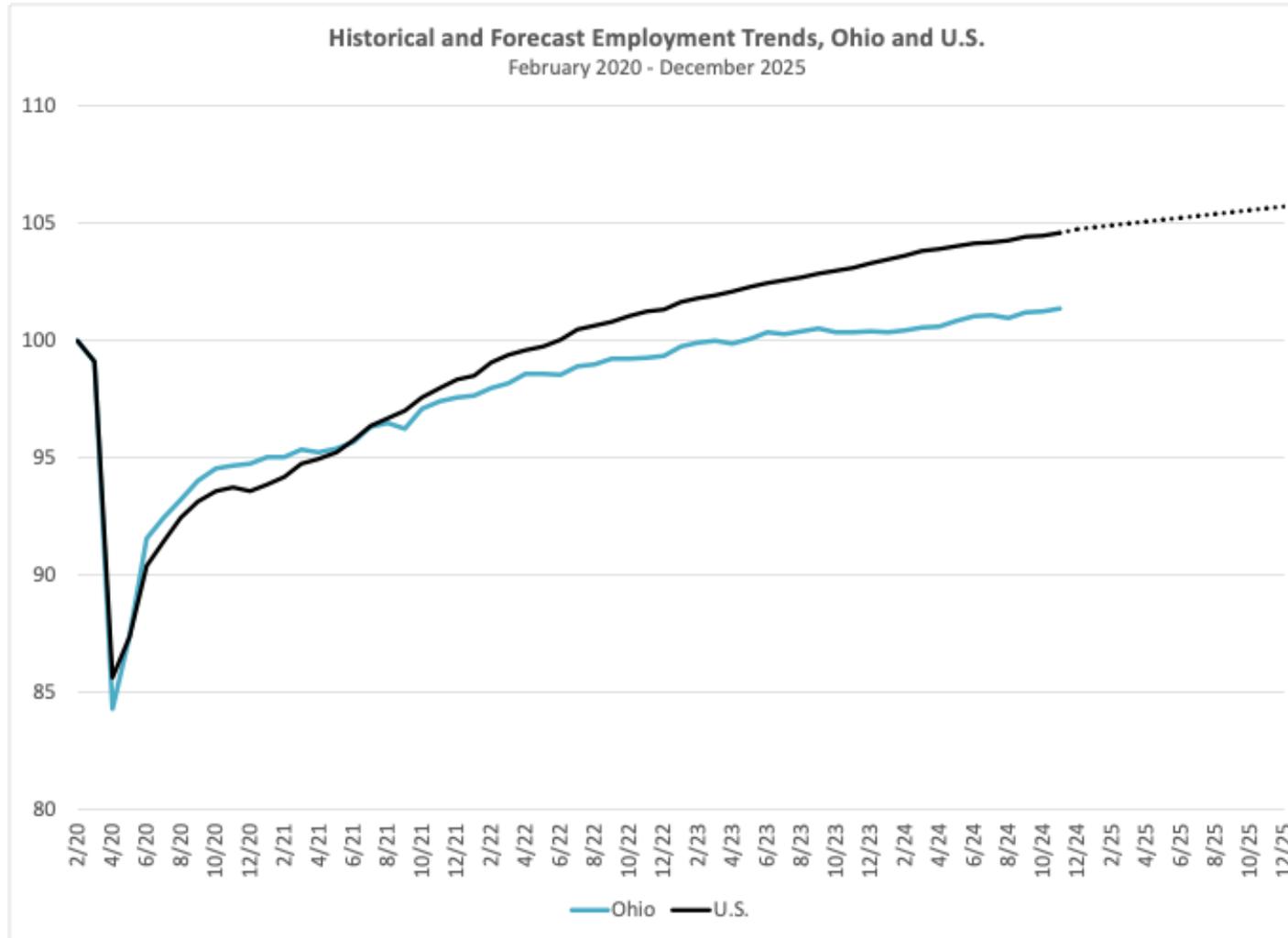


The Ohio economy

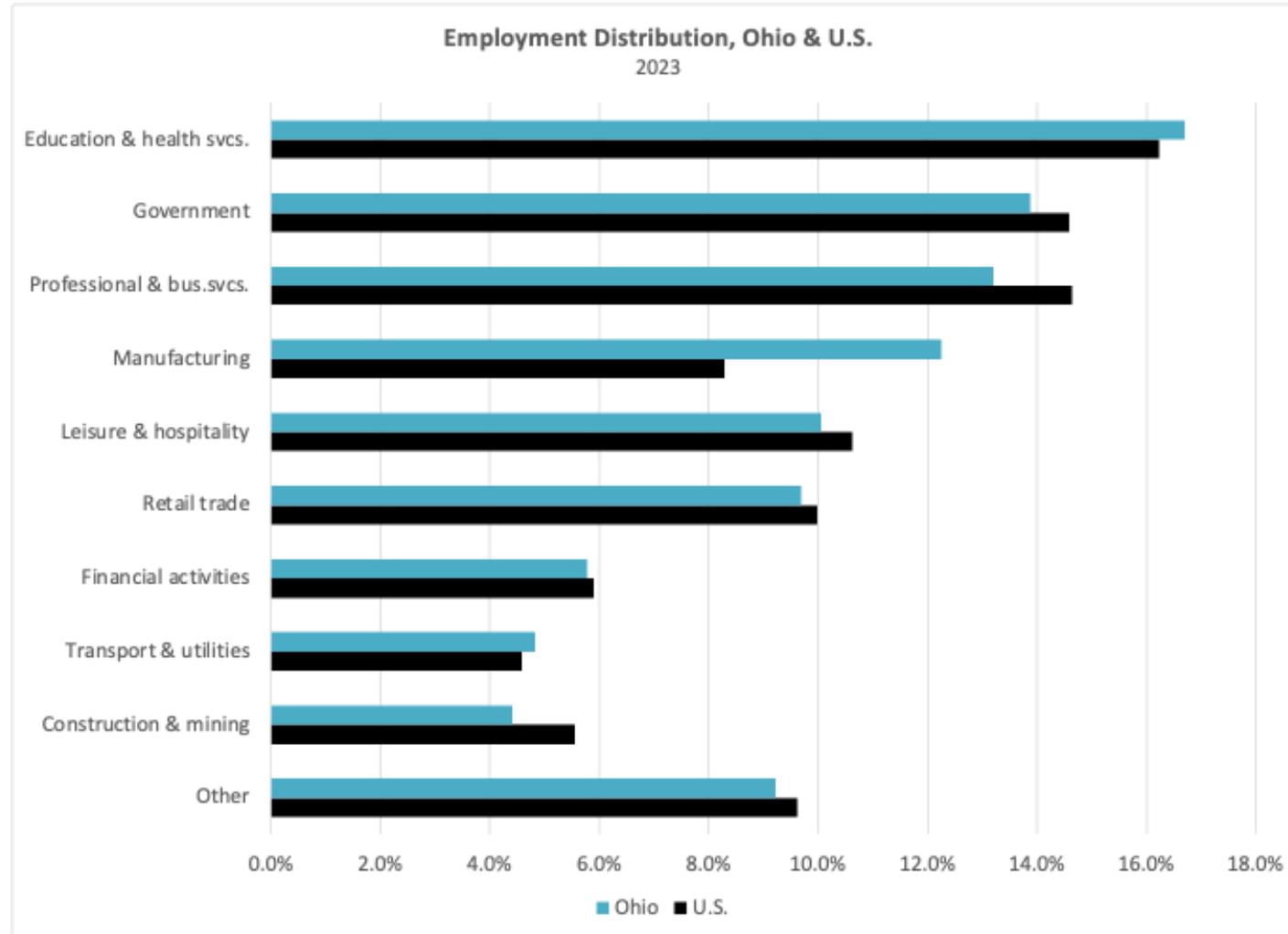
Gross domestic product



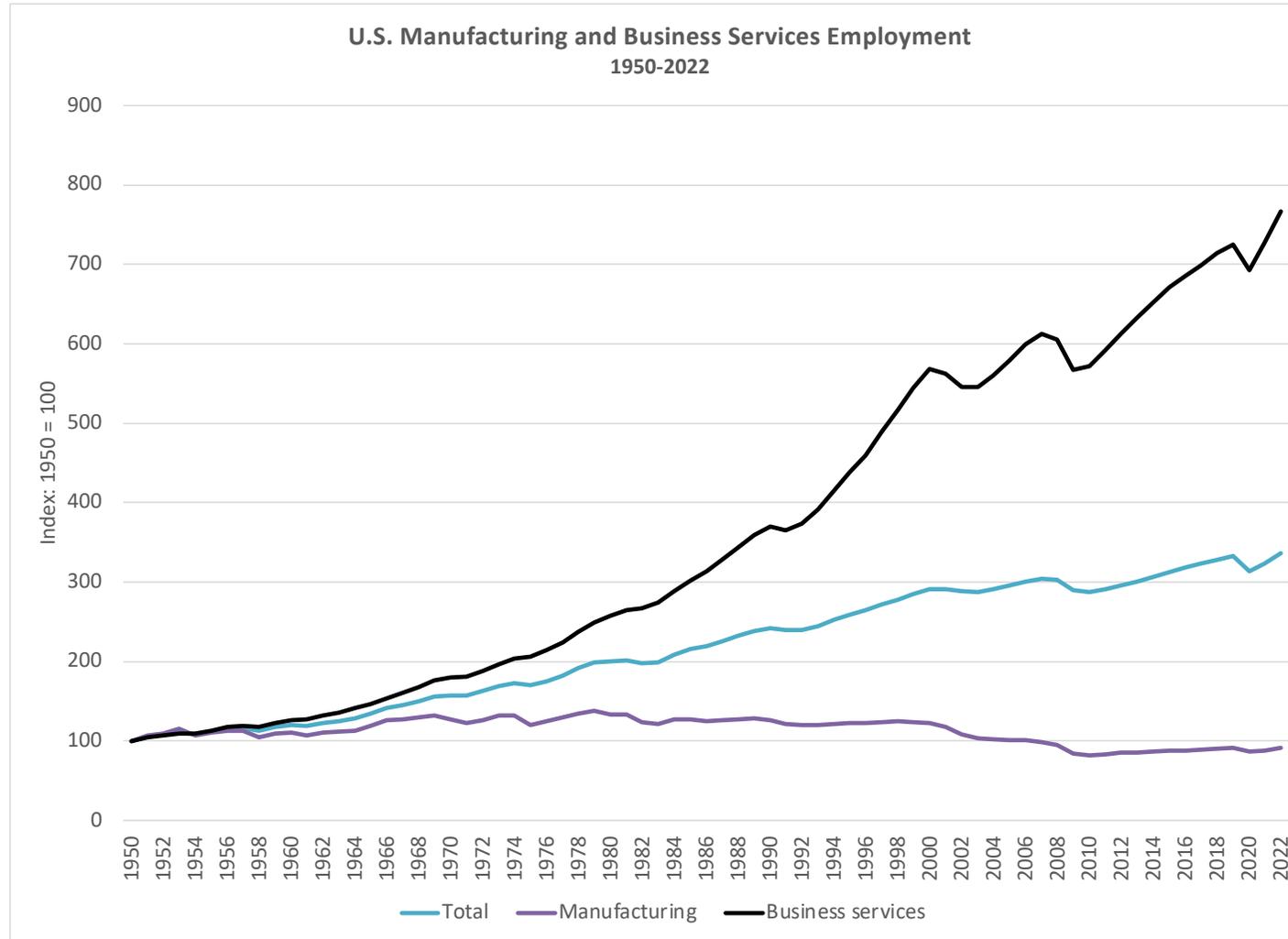
Ohio and U.S. employment



Ohio and U.S. employment distribution



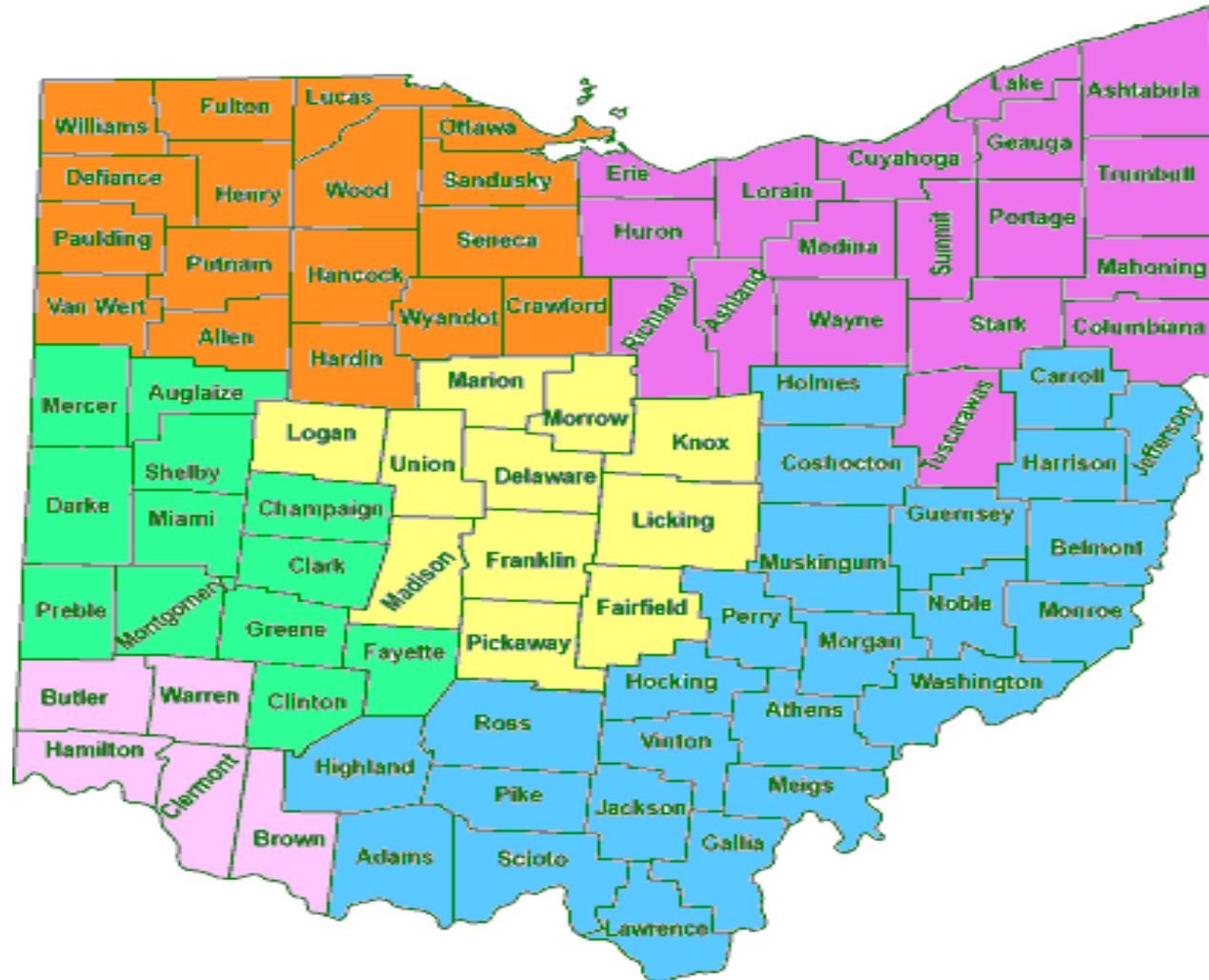
Manufacturing in the knowledge economy



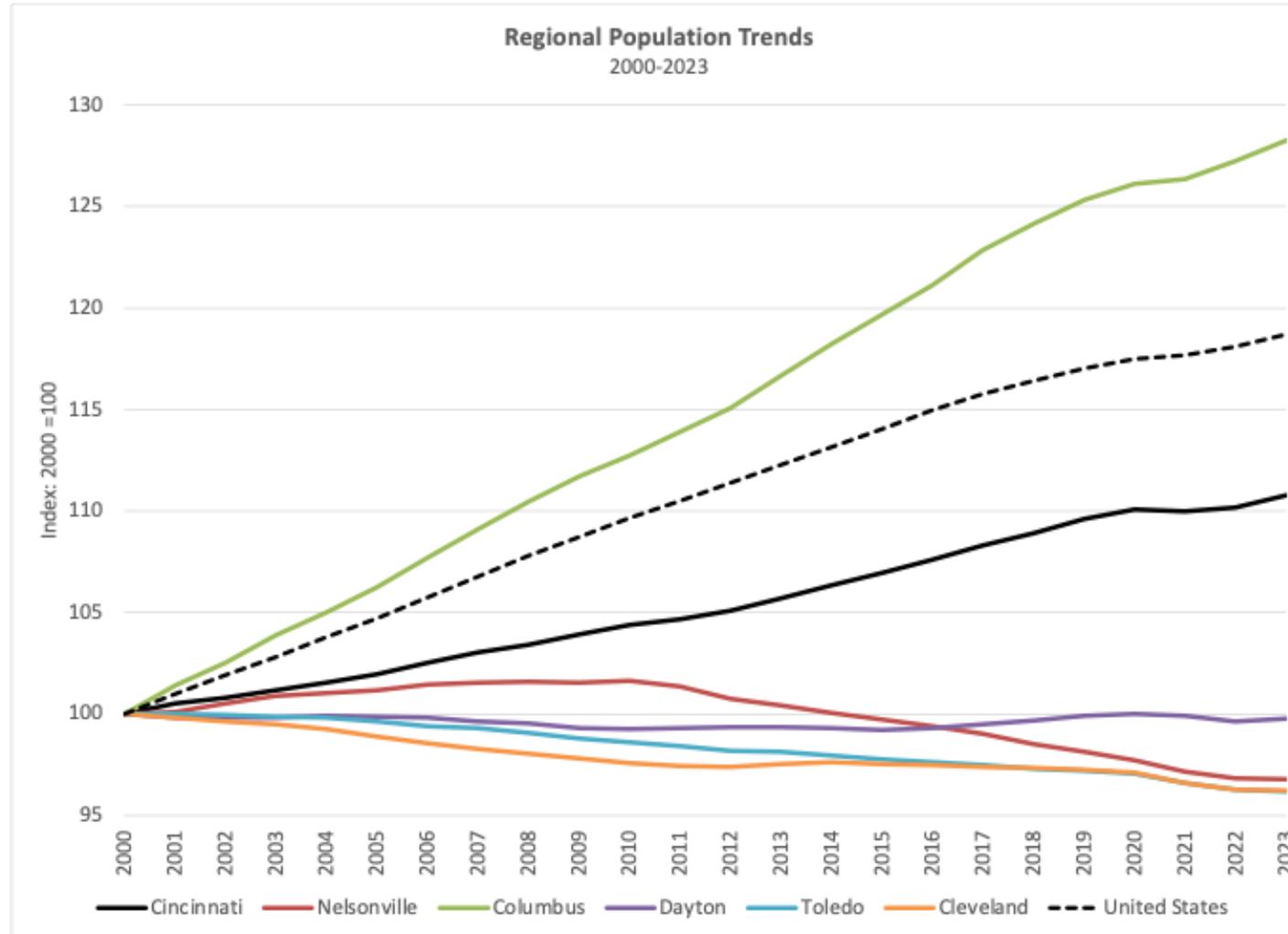


Ohio's local economies

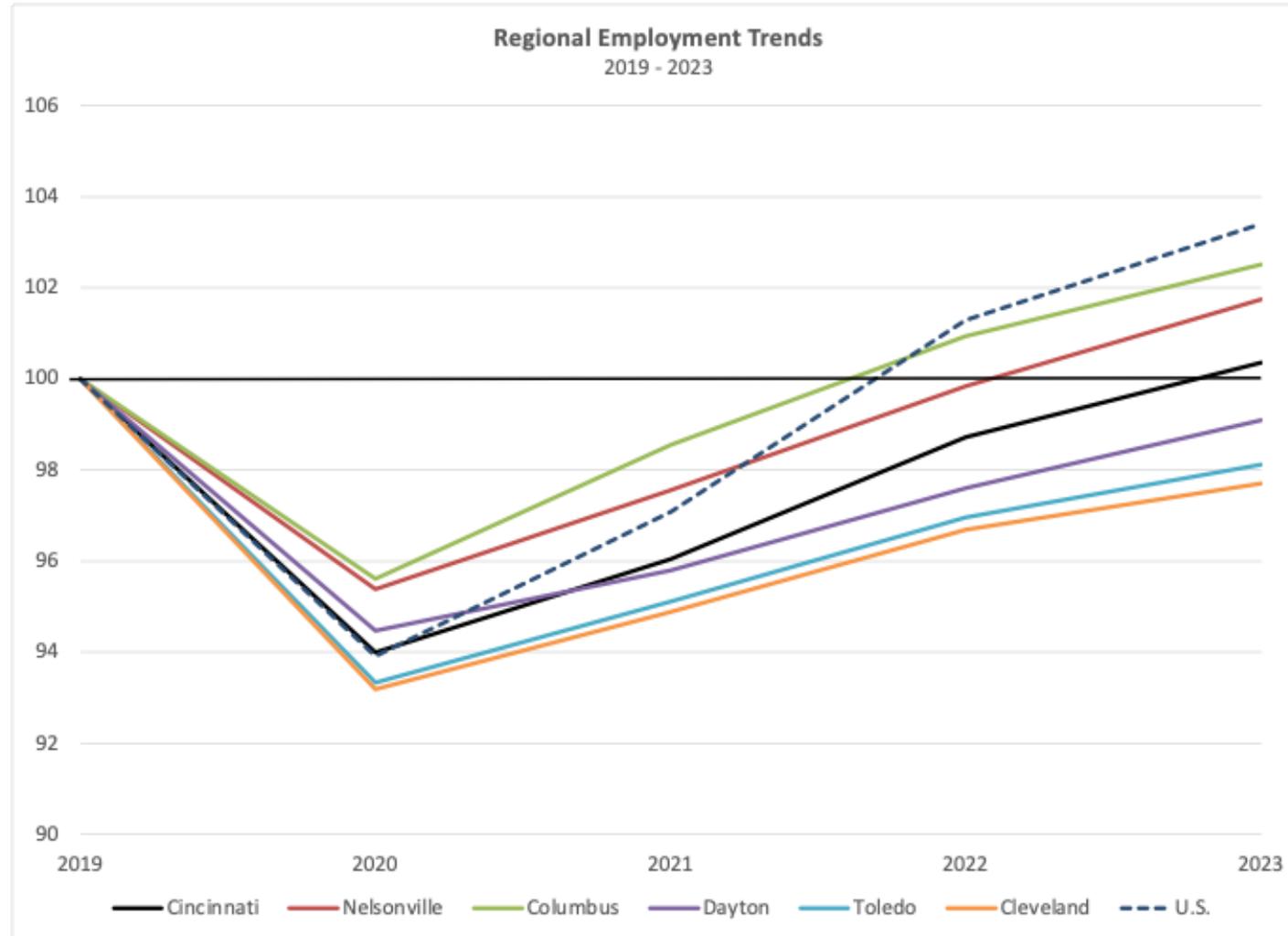
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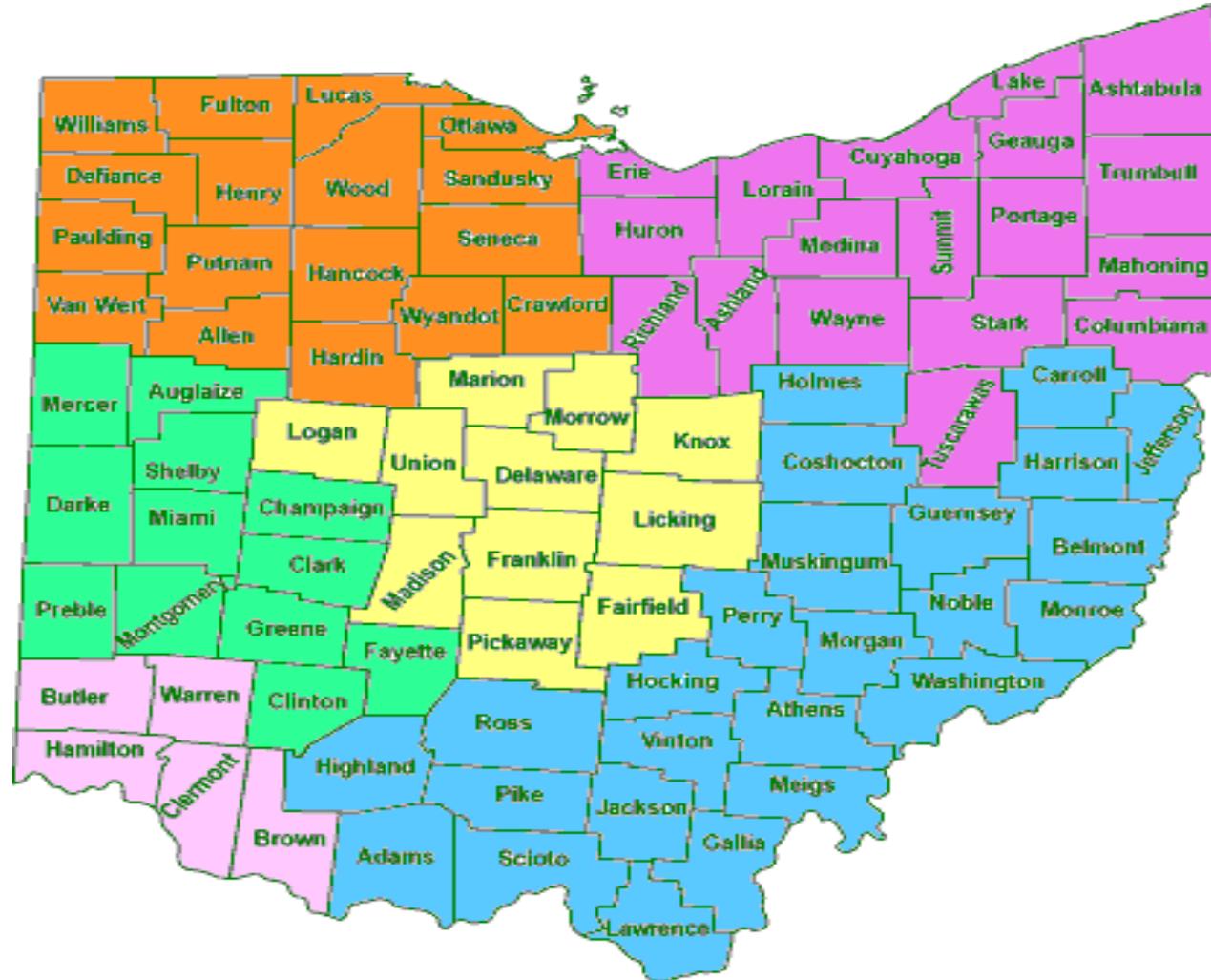


Nelsonville (southeast) region

- ▶ **25 counties.**
 - ▶ 324,000 jobs (6.1% of total).
 - ▶ 1 million people (8.5% of total).
- ▶ **High concentrations:**
 - ▶ Manufacturing: 56% above average.
 - ▶ Healthcare: 18% above average.
 - ▶ Natural resources and mining: 21% above average.
 - ▶ Government: 30% above average.
 - ▶ Local government: 49% above average.



Local economies

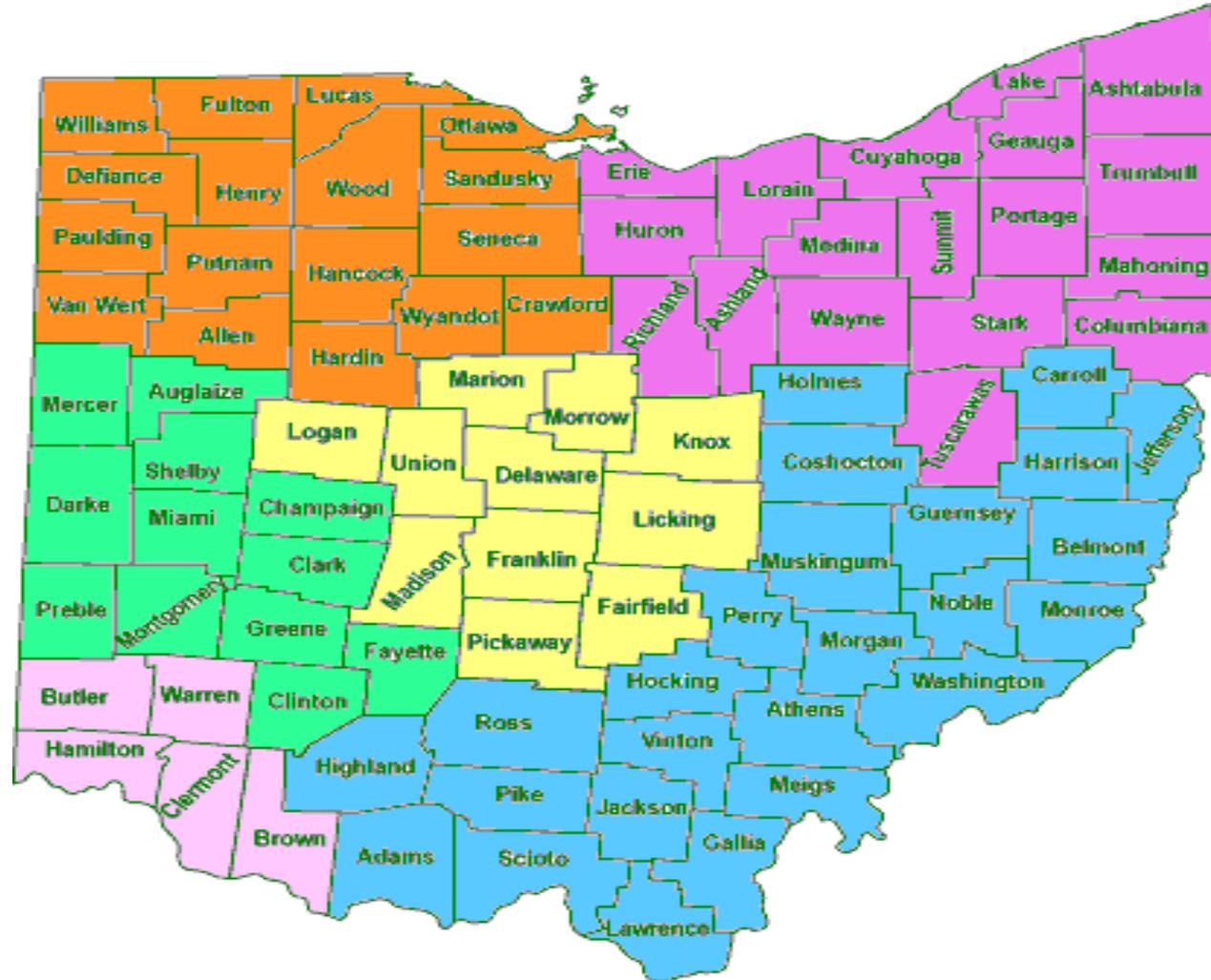


Cincinnati (southwest) region

- ▶ **5 counties.**
 - ▶ 846,400 jobs (16% of total).
 - ▶ 1.73 million people (14.7% of total).
- ▶ **High concentrations:**
 - ▶ Manufacturing: 33% above average.
 - ▶ Financial activities: 14% above average.
 - ▶ Professional and business services: 10% above average.



Local economies



Dayton (west) region

- ▶ **12 counties.**
 - ▶ 554,800 jobs (10.5% of total).
 - ▶ 1.29 million people (10.9% of total).
- ▶ **High concentrations:**
 - ▶ Manufacturing: 97% above average.
 - ▶ Federal government 102% above average.



Local economies

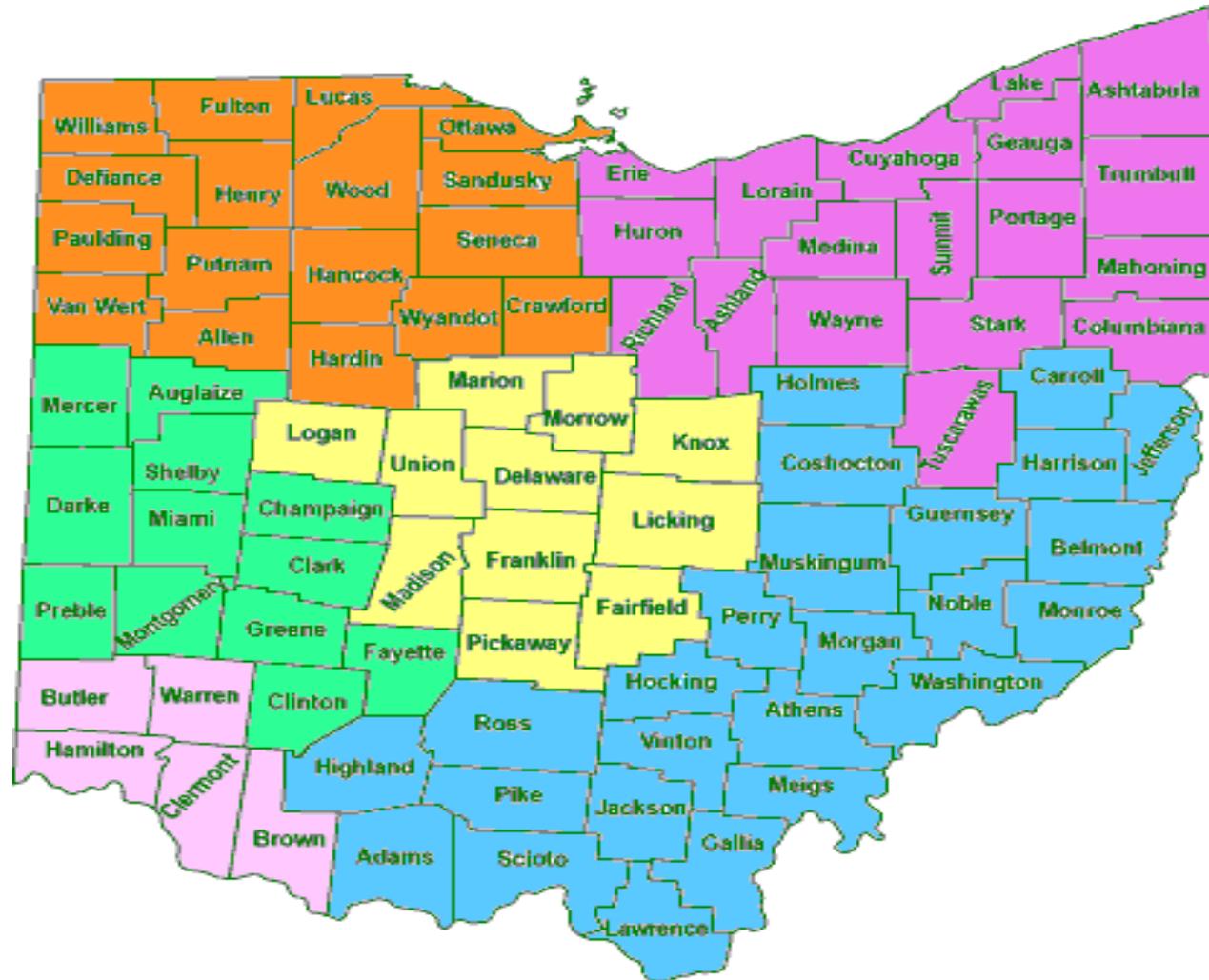


Columbus (central) region

- ▶ **11 counties.**
 - ▶ 1.13 million jobs (21.3% of total).
 - ▶ 2.29 million people (19.4% of total).
- ▶ **Manufacturing concentration 8% below average.**
 - ▶ Despite Honda and its suppliers.
 - ▶ Intel and Anduril employment will go here.
- ▶ **High concentrations:**
 - ▶ State government: 87% above average.
 - ▶ Financial activities (esp. insurance): 14% above average.
 - ▶ Professional & business svcs. (esp corporate headquarters): 10% above average.
 - ▶ Transportation (part of trade, trans., and util.): 63% above average.



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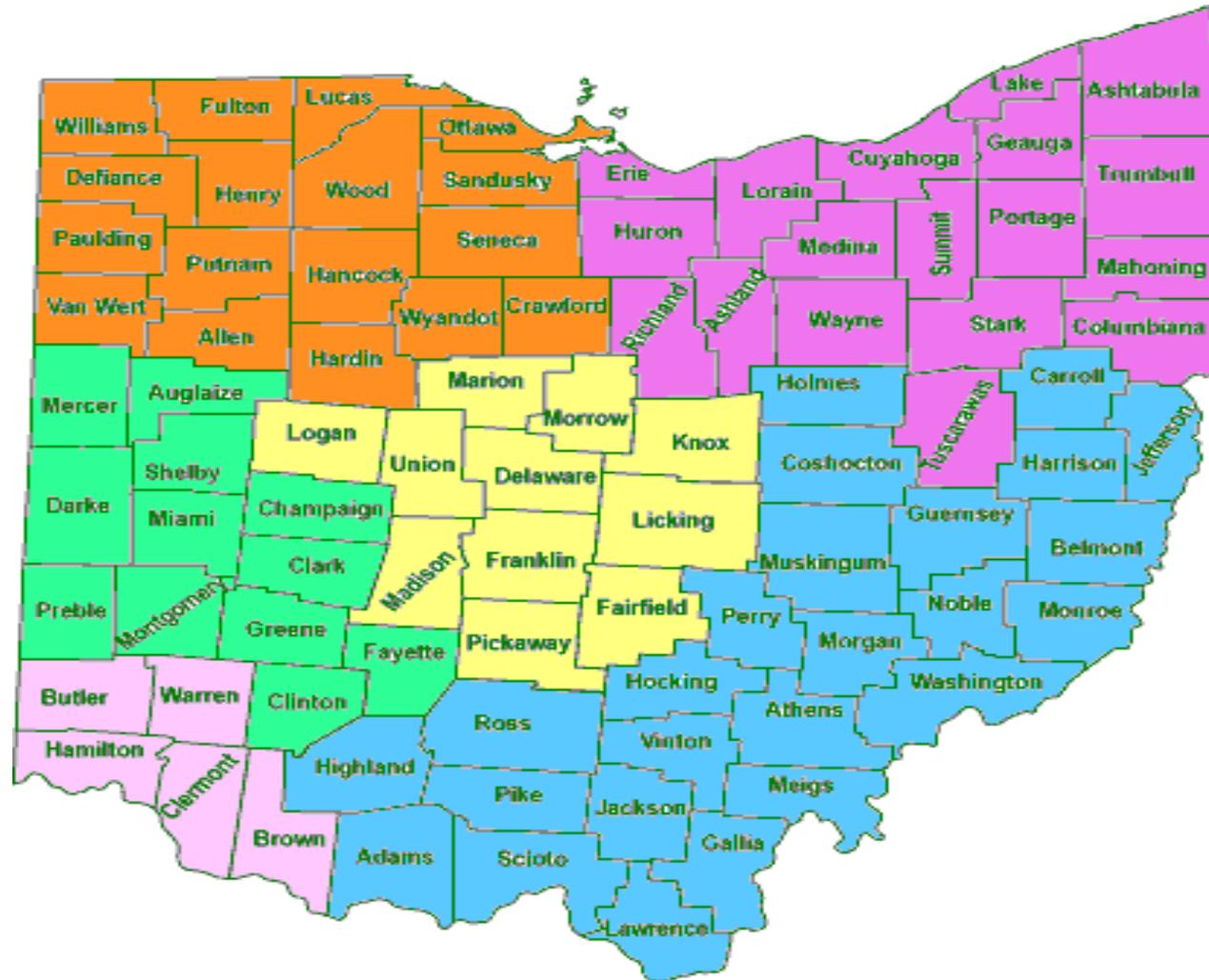


Toledo (northwest) region

- ▶ **17 counties.**
 - ▶ 543,500 jobs (10.3% of total).
 - ▶ 1.21 million people (10.2% of total).
- ▶ **High concentrations:**
 - ▶ Manufacturing: 138% above average.
 - ▶ Transportation: 17% above average.



Local economies



Cleveland (northeast) region

- ▶ **18 counties.**
 - ▶ 1.90 million jobs (35.9% of total).
 - ▶ 4.27 million people (36.3% of total).
- ▶ **High concentrations:**
 - ▶ Manufacturing: 63% above average.
 - ▶ Private education and healthcare: 14% above average.





Priorities for Ohio

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- ▶ Rethink Ohio's local tax structure



Thank you!



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15-Minute Break
Next Session begins at
10:15 a.m.

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**The HUD 108 Session
was cancelled – slides
were provided prior to
meeting.**

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HUD'S SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM



Over 2,000 Projects



For CDBG Eligible Communities and States



Over \$10 Billion approved for Community and Economic Development Projects



Financing ANY TIME

Low Cost, Flexible



Job Creation, Housing, and Infrastructure

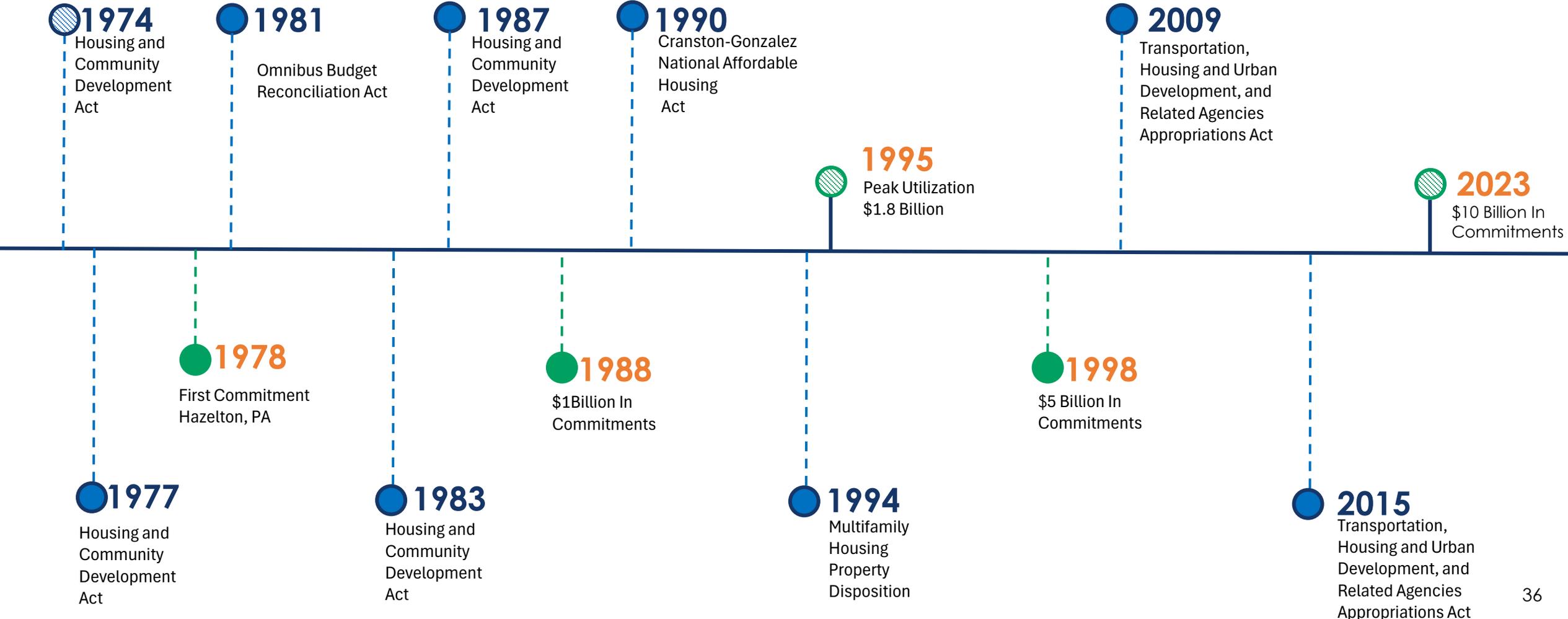


HUD is a partner from vision to implementation



Historical Milestones

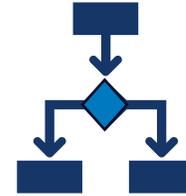
CDBG and Section 108



The Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program



Uses CDBG Framework



Wide Range of Uses



Flexible Terms &
Competitive Rates



Loan guarantees,
not grants



Unlimited 1-on-1 Guidance
and Support

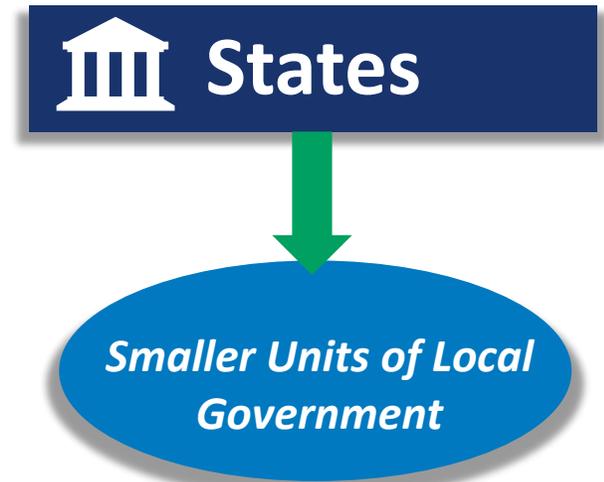
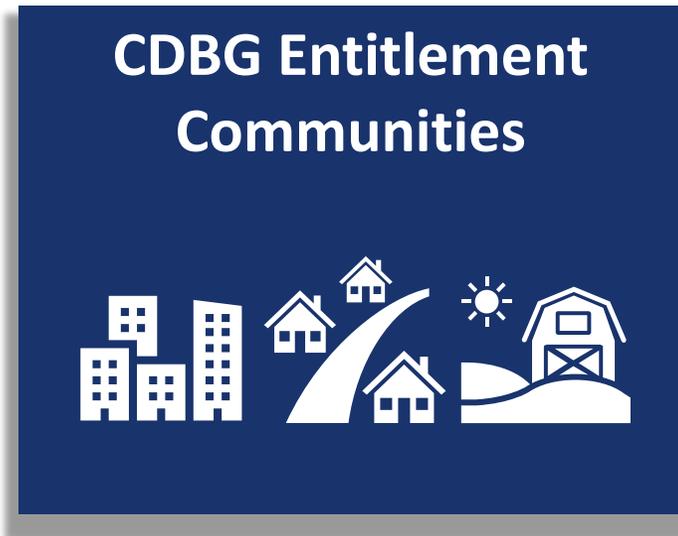
Community Development Block Grant

- Annual grants to states, cities, counties, and *insular areas*
- **Develop viable urban communities**
 - Providing decent housing
 - Suitable living environment
 - Expand economic opportunities
- Principally for low- and moderate-income person



Who is Eligible for Section 108

- **CDBG Entitlements**
- **States and small cities**
- **Insular Areas**
- Subrecipient entities (e.g. economic development or public housing authorities, community development corporations, non-profits)
- **Other partners may receive Section 108 funds directly from HUD if they are a designated public agency (DPA) of the CDBG Entitlement grantee**



Section 108 Borrowing Capacity

Annual CDBG Allocation

Max available borrowing capacity

Outstanding 108 commitments

Outstanding 108 loan balance

Available borrowing capacity

$$\begin{array}{r} \$3,000,000 \\ \times 5 = \underline{\$15,000,000} \\ - \quad \$800,000 \\ - \quad \underline{\$2,000,000} \\ = \underline{\underline{\$12,200,000}} \end{array}$$

Check your calculation:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5197/current-availability-of-section-108-financing-cdbg-entitlement-and-state-grantees/>

Loan Authority- Ohio > \$10M

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>108 User</u>	<u>FY24 CDBG Award</u>	<u>5X FY24 Allocation</u>	<u>Section 108 Loan Authority</u>
Ohio	State Balance	Yes	\$45,492,764	\$227,463,820	\$227,458,820
Columbus	PC	Yes	\$7,476,504	\$37,382,520	\$35,882,520
Dayton	PC	Yes	\$5,479,181	\$27,395,905	\$26,535,905
Akron	PC	Yes	\$5,849,932	\$29,249,660	\$25,689,660
Cleveland	PC	Yes	\$19,883,456	\$99,417,280	\$23,415,280
Cincinnati	PC	Yes	\$11,172,581	\$55,862,905	\$16,962,905
Hamilton County	UC	No	\$3,382,943	\$16,914,715	\$16,914,715
Cuyahoga County	UC	Yes	\$4,055,322	\$20,276,610	\$14,507,610
Youngstown	PC	Yes	\$3,304,685	\$16,523,425	\$13,449,425
Canton	PC	Yes	\$2,551,559	\$12,757,795	\$12,757,795
Franklin County	UC	No	\$2,041,576	\$10,207,880	\$10,207,880
Montgomery County	UC	No	\$2,001,160	\$10,005,800	\$10,005,800

Loan Authority – Ohio Cont.

Grantee	TYPE	108 User	Fy 2024 CDBG Award	5X 2024 Allocation	Section 108 Loan Authority
Lakewood	MC	Yes	\$1,901,823	\$9,509,115	\$9,509,115
Springfield	PC	No	\$1,764,153	\$8,820,765	\$8,820,765
Cleveland Heights	MC	Yes	\$1,555,432	\$7,777,160	\$7,777,160
Stark County	UC	No	\$1,381,443	\$6,907,215	\$6,907,215
Lake County	UC	Yes	\$1,346,983	\$6,734,915	\$6,734,915
Hamilton City	MC	No	\$1,298,092	\$6,490,460	\$6,490,460
Lorain	MC	Yes	\$1,314,946	\$6,574,730	\$6,479,730
Butler County	UC	No	\$1,263,702	\$6,318,510	\$6,318,510
Lima	PC	No	\$1,053,935	\$5,269,675	\$5,269,675
Euclid	MC	Yes	\$1,019,918	\$5,099,590	\$5,099,590
Clermont County	UC	No	\$1,017,399	\$5,086,995	\$5,086,995
Summit County	UC	No	\$980,634	\$4,903,170	\$4,903,170
Parma	MC	No	\$951,027	\$4,755,135	\$4,755,135
East Cleveland	MC	No	\$938,808	\$4,694,040	\$4,694,040
Mansfield	PC	Yes	\$858,503	\$4,292,515	\$4,292,515
Warren County	UC	No	\$821,043	\$4,105,215	\$4,105,215

Loan Authority – Ohio Cont.

Grantee	TYPE	108 User	Fy 2024 CDBG Award	5X 2024 Allocation	Section 108 Loan Authority
Elyria	PC	Yes	\$750,039	\$3,750,195	\$3,750,195
Sandusky	MC	No	\$715,533	\$3,577,665	\$3,577,665
Cuyahoga Falls	MC	No	\$683,682	\$3,418,410	\$3,418,410
Barberton	MC	Yes	\$662,410	\$3,312,050	\$3,312,050
Massillon	PC	Yes	\$651,742	\$3,258,710	\$3,258,710
Alliance	MC	No	\$633,510	\$3,167,550	\$3,167,550
Middletown	MC	Yes	\$615,629	\$3,078,145	\$3,078,145
Steubenville	PC	No	\$589,760	\$2,948,800	\$2,948,800
Warren	PC	Yes	\$1,141,431	\$5,707,155	\$2,707,155
Kettering	MC	Yes	\$515,862	\$2,579,310	\$2,579,310
Newark	MC	Yes	\$767,026	\$3,835,130	\$2,545,130
Lancaster	MC	Yes	\$488,022	\$2,440,110	\$2,440,110
Marietta	MC	No	\$374,700	\$1,873,500	\$1,873,500
Kent	MC	No	\$283,425	\$1,417,125	\$1,417,125
Bowling Green	MC	Yes	\$282,486	\$1,412,430	\$1,412,430
Fairborn	MC	No	\$244,917	\$1,224,585	\$1,224,585
Mentor	MC	No	\$162,641	\$813,205	\$813,205
Toledo	PC	Yes	\$7,134,598	\$35,672,990	\$0

Mixed-Use Development | Memphis, TN

Crosstown Concourse | \$4M

The Crosstown Concourse project transformed a former Sears distribution center into a multi-use facility providing employment, medical services, education, and housing. The redevelopment of this 10-story warehouse building and associated structure as a mixed-use development created an economic anchor in the City's Midtown neighborhood.



Public Facilities | Allentown, PA

DaVinci Science Center | \$5.6M

The construction of a new science learning facility in downtown Allentown that will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) education

The new Da Vinci Science Center will provide advanced educational opportunities for Allentown's K – 12 student population, while also serving as a catalyst for economic development in the area



Public Infrastructure | Mount Vernon, WA

Downtown Flood Protection | \$1M

Construction of a FEMA certified 100-year flood protection wall that protects the City's historic downtown. The flood wall will protect the existing Skagit River levee system and protect the surrounding low- and moderate-income neighborhood while providing a critical and attractive part of a regional shoreline trail system and link to community parks

Economic Development | Anaheim, CA

Packing House Vendor Market | \$7M

Restoration of a historic orange packing facility, originally built in 1919. The dilapidated building was rehabilitated into a food market with local vendors. The project has catalyzed economic development in Anaheim's downtown.



Leave Your Mark on Housing

HUD is targeting **up to \$250 million** of our loan authority and extending new flexibilities to applicants using Section 108 for **housing development funds or legacy housing projects**.

Section 108 can provide additional resources to help YOU make transformative changes in your community through:

- Infrastructure to support housing production such as utility installation or upgrades
- Adaptive reuse, including converting unused office space and commercial space into housing
- Preservation, rehabilitation, and repairs of existing units
- Manufactured housing, including facilities to build homes
- Eligible housing uses within mixed-use or transit-oriented development
- Loan pools to support development
- And other eligible projects



Housing Enabling Infrastructure
Twin Rivers | Sacramento, CA



Adaptive Reuse
First National Center | Oklahoma City, OK



Affordable Multi-Family Housing
Avondale Trace | High Point, NC

Section 108 Requirements



Program Requirements



Financial Requirements

Section 108 Requirements & Eligibility

Eligible Activities

- Acquisition of real property
- Rehabilitation of publicly owned real property
- Housing rehabilitation eligible under CDBG
- Construction, reconstruction, or installation of public facilities (including street, sidewalk, and other site improvements)
- Related relocation, clearance, and site improvements

National Objectives

- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons
- Aid in the elimination or prevention of slums or blight
- Meet urgent needs of the community

Eligible Borrowers

- **CDBG Entitlements**
- **States and small cities**
- Subrecipient entities:
 - Economic development or public housing authorities
 - Community development corporations
 - Non-profits
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Eligible Activities

24 CFR 570.703

National Objectives

24 CFR 570.208

Public Benefit Standards

24 CFR 570.209
(Economic Development Projects)

Cross Cutting Regulations

- Environmental Review
- Uniform Administrative Requirements
- Davis Bacon
- Relocation (URA)
- Fair Housing
- Lead-Based Paint
- BABA
- Section 3

Collateral

Primary Source:

- Pledge of current and future CDBG

Sources of Additional Collateral:

- Property lien
- Full faith and credit
- Reserves
- Other

Repayment

- CDBG (Can be used, not required)
- Third party loan proceeds
- Parking revenue
- Tax Increment Financing revenue
- Other

PROCESS



Application



Financing

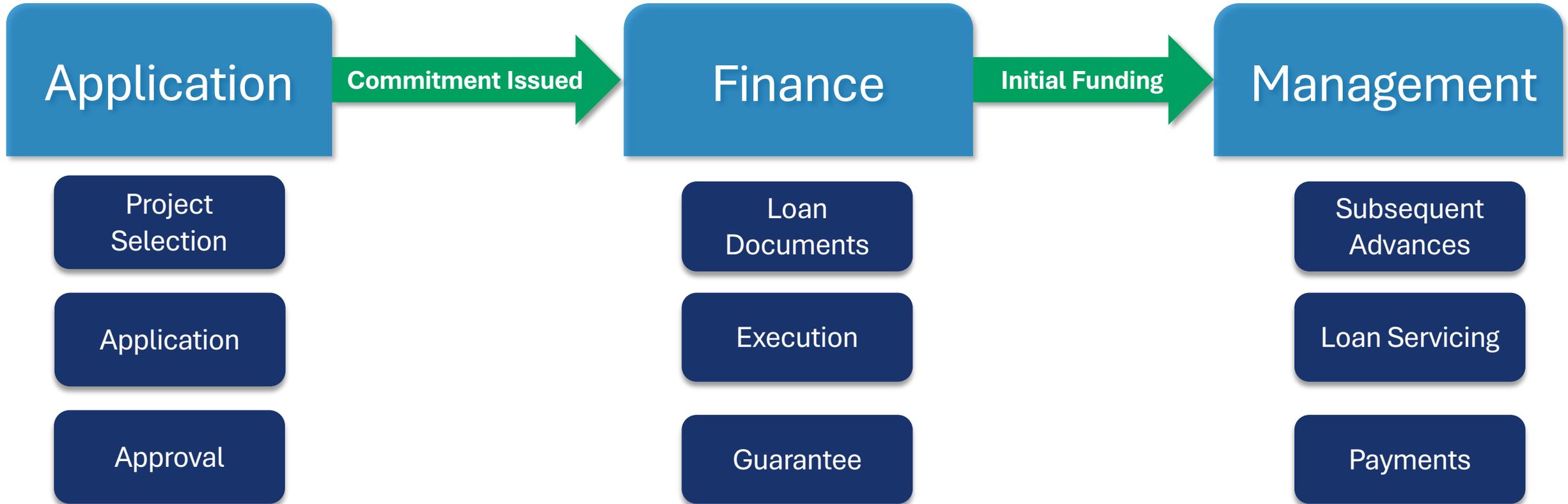


Project



Management / Servicing

PROCESS OVERVIEW



Application Process



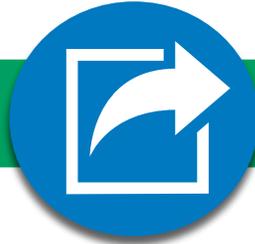
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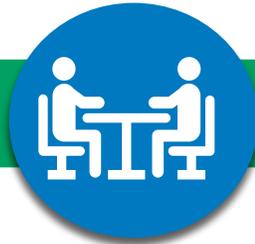
Pre-submission
Requirements



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Submit
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FMD
SUPPORT



HUD FO/HQ

Concurrent
Review



APPLICANT

Revise
Application As
Needed



HUD HQ

Approves
Application &
Issues Offer Of
Commitment

Section 108 Suggested Format

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___ **Discussion of the proposed activities in the context of the Applicant's community development objectives as included in its HUD Consolidated Plan**

___ **Requested Amount of Section 108 Assistance (in increments of \$1,000)**

- If the Section 108 financing fee (the fee that HUD charges for loan disbursements under Section 108 loan guarantee commitments) is going to be paid for with Section 108 loan proceeds, please include that amount in the overall request. (The fee is announced through a Federal Register notice posted on program website each fiscal year.)
- This amount must be equal to or lower than the local government's or state's available borrowing capacity under the program. (Current availability is noted [here](#))

___ **Specific Section 108 Certifications and Other CDBG Certifications to accompany an application (comparable to what the public entity already uses for CDBG Program)**

- *Entitlement Public Entities:* HUD has a form that Entitlement Public Entities can use to meet these requirements: [Certifications to Accompany HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program Applications for Entitlement Public Entities](#)
- *States and Non-entitlement Public Entities:* HUD can provide specific guidance for these applicants as to any certifications or other forms needed to accompany their applications; however, the requirements for these entities are minimal.

SECTION II: PROJECT(S)-SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS

Project Information

- Detailed description of project(s) to be financed with the Section 108 guaranteed loan with any relevant information to support the project need
 - If part of a larger development or local initiative/plan, include a discussion of the overall initiative/plan
- Estimated timeline for project(s)
 - If applicable, project construction schedule
 - If applicable, necessary timeline for HUD guaranteed financing and/or expected closing date of local loan
 - Information on when environmental review process will occur, or, if begun, current stage of process

Form of Assistance

- If applicable, how assistance will be provided by Applicant/its DPA to a third party (e.g. loan, grant, guarantee)
 - Example: if assistance will be provided through a loan, please provide information on the local loan terms
- If the activity involves using Section 108 within a New Markets Tax Credit structure, please provide a flow chart illustrating the flow of Section 108 funds.

Information on Organizational Arrangements

- Identify entity or entities carrying out the project or project components
 - Describe type of entities are involved: unit of general local government, designated public agency (DPA), non-profit subrecipient administering project on Applicant's behalf, or third party developer or business
- Basic information on experience or capacity of parties involved to carry out this type of activity
- If multiple parties will own/lease the property during development, identify when and how ownership/leases will be transferred.
 - Example: a project involves two phases, local government acquires land and makes site improvements (both eligible under [24 CFR 570.203](#)) before it sells land to for-profit developer for mixed-income housing.

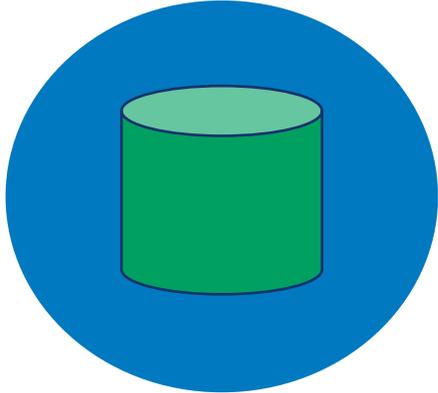
SECTION II: PROJECT(S)-SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS Cont.

Information for Financial Underwriting

- Sources and uses statement (for the entire project)
 - Should cover total project development cost
 - Identify the specific uses of Section 108 funds
 - Section 108 financing fee should be accounted for as a use of funds
- Information on other proposed and committed sources of project financing
- Information on estimated revenue and operating expenses
 - For a real estate project, a pro forma
 - For a business loan, financial statements and pro forma cash flow analysis
- Identification of repayment source(s) for Section 108 loan (e.g., project revenue, grant funds, other source)
- Proposed Section 108 principal-only repayment schedule (Max of 20 years; each year in \$1000 increments)
- Proposed collateral for the Section 108 guaranteed financing (in addition to pledged CDBG funds)

Information for Program Requirements *[Please note that HUD can assist in identification of this information.]*

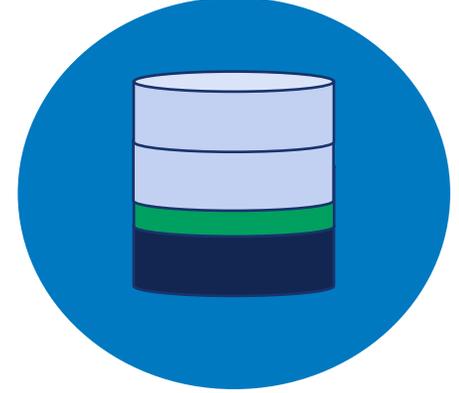
- Eligible Section 108 activity categories and associated citations to [24 CFR 570.703](#) for components of that project
- Description of CDBG national objective(s) that the project(s)/project components will meet and associated citations to [24 CFR 570.208](#)
 - Components can meet different national objectives or different criteria for the same national objective
 - Example: mixed-use redevelopment with 108 funds going into both commercial and residential components can benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons through both jobs (commercial) and housing (residential)
- Supporting documentation demonstrating how national objectives will be met
 - Example: For LMI area benefit ([24 CFR 570.208\(a\)\(1\)](#)), please provide maps and census information or survey data on proposed area.
- If applicable (if project includes a special economic development activity under [24 CFR 570.203](#)), how the activity meets the individual public benefit standard (See [24 CFR 570.209\(b\)\(3\)-\(4\)](#))



STANDALONE



COMBINED



GAP

Combining Section 108 with Other Federal Financing



- CDBG
- HOME
- CDBG-DR



- Revolving Loan Funds
- Brownfields Remediation Financing
- WIFIA
- GGRF



- Historic Tax Credits



- 7(a) Loans
- 504 Loans



- BUILD Grants
- TIFIA



- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits
- Opportunity Zones
- New Market Tax Credits



- EDA Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance



- Rural Housing Program
 - Direct Loans
 - Loan Guarantees

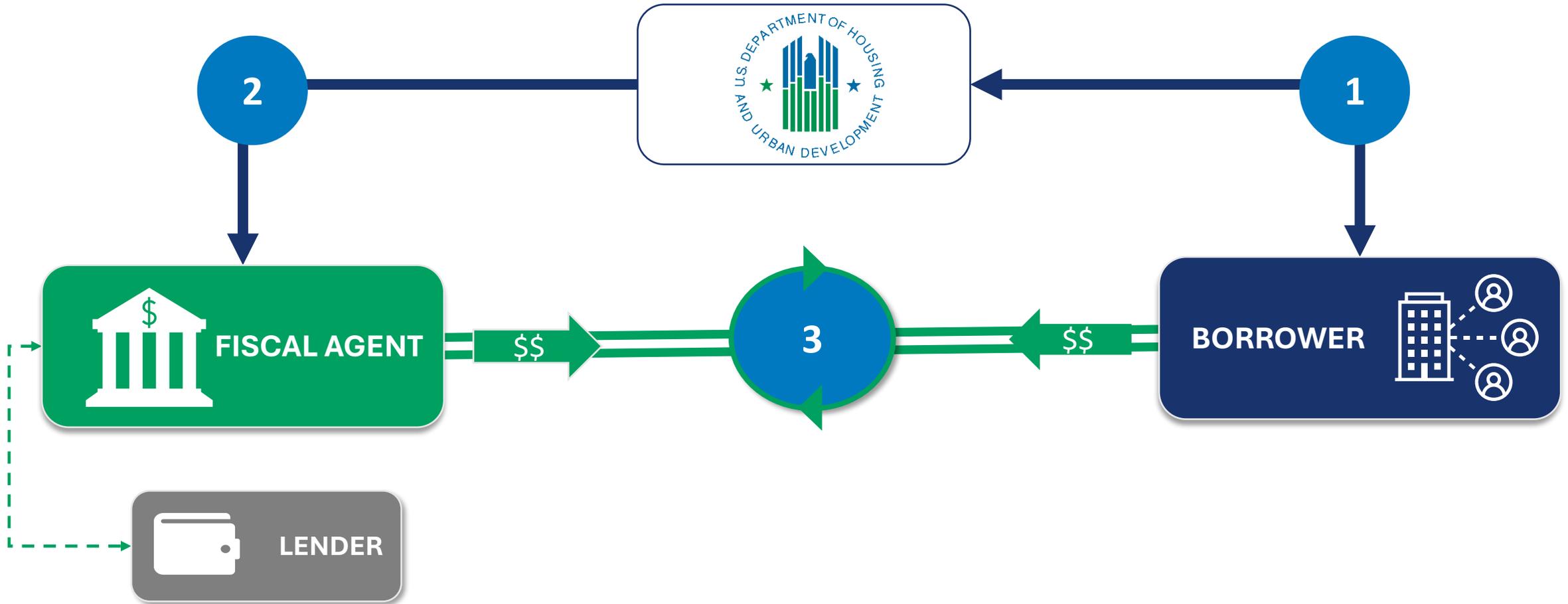
Loan Pool

- **Application describes type of projects to be funded along with the community's underwriting process**
- **Flexible application process allows Field Offices to consider proposals in development, streamlining approval for individual projects as they arise**

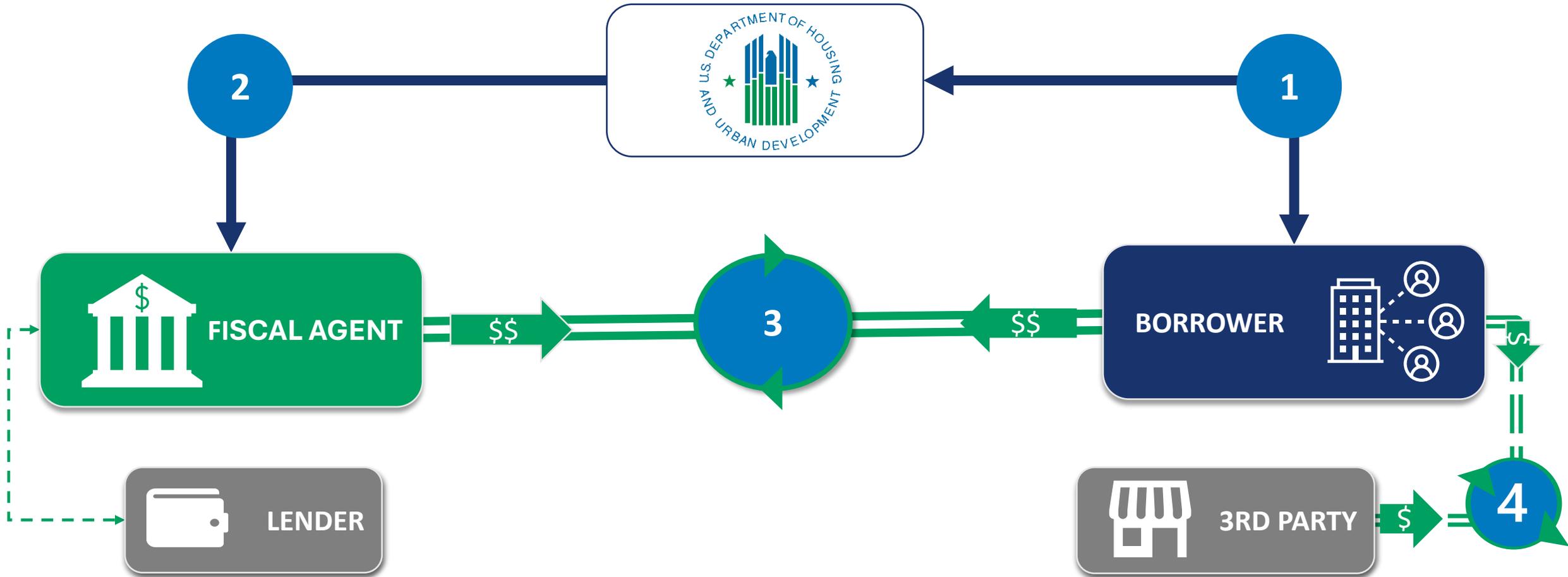
Project Specific

- **Application is for a specific project or projects**
- **Requires a higher level of project detail & specificity for underwriting by HUD**

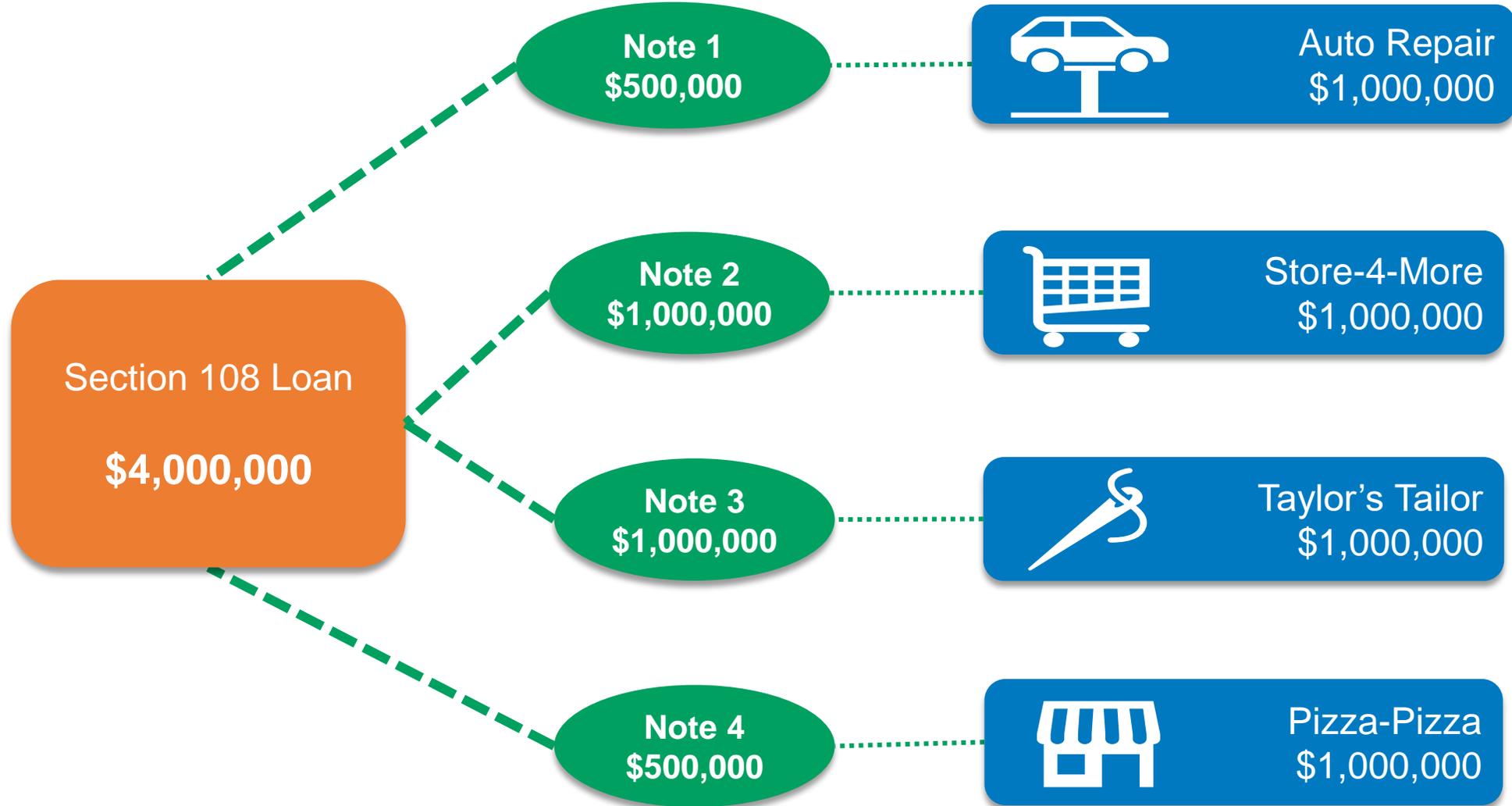
Financing Process Overview



Financing Process Overview With 3rd Party



Benefits of Loan Funds



Why is Section 108 an attractive financing tool?

Wide Range of Uses

Low-Cost Financing
with Flexible Terms

Various Sources of
Repayment &
Collateral

Ready Availability
of Funds

General Resources

Resources are available on
HUD.gov and HUDexchange.info

- Borrowing capacity spreadsheet [*updated annually*] [Link](#)
- Application Tool [Link](#)
- Single certifications document [Link](#)
- Section 108 Application & Finance Process Infographic [Link](#)
- Project profiles for all applications approved in recent fiscal years [Link](#)
- HUD Funding Navigator: [Link](#)
- **Join our mailing list to get email updates! [Link](#)**

For More Information

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Section 108 Program: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-108>



15-Minute Break
Next Session begins at
11:30 a.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF
NEIGHBORHOODS

NEW AMERICAN
PROGRAM

New American Program Presentation
Ohio Conference of Community Development
January 29, 2025 @ 11:00 am



Introduction and Overview

- About the Department & the New American Program
- Core Program Activities
- Challenges
- Lessons Learned
- Recommendations

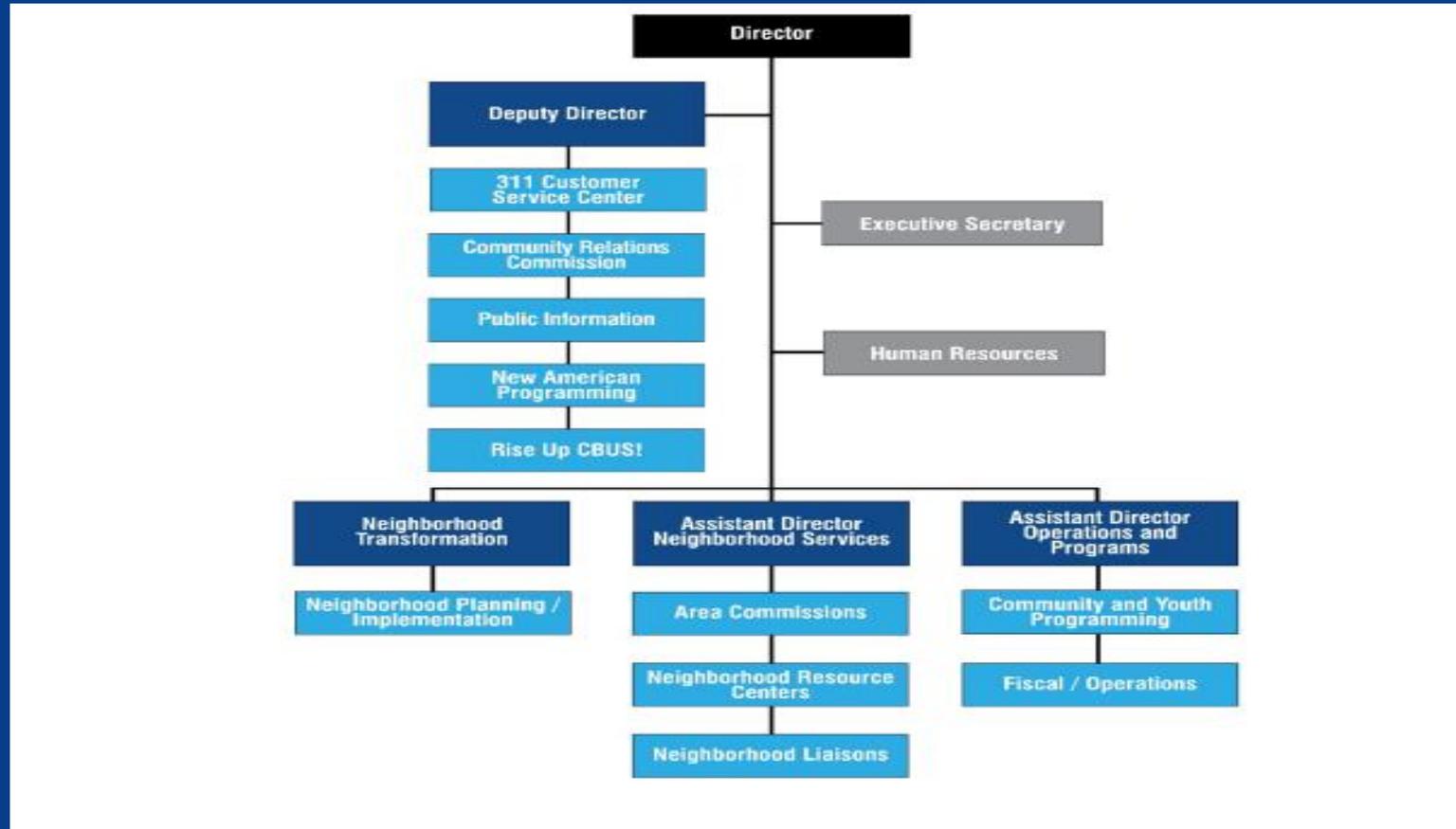


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Who do we (The DoN) Consider a New American?

a refugee

a newcomer

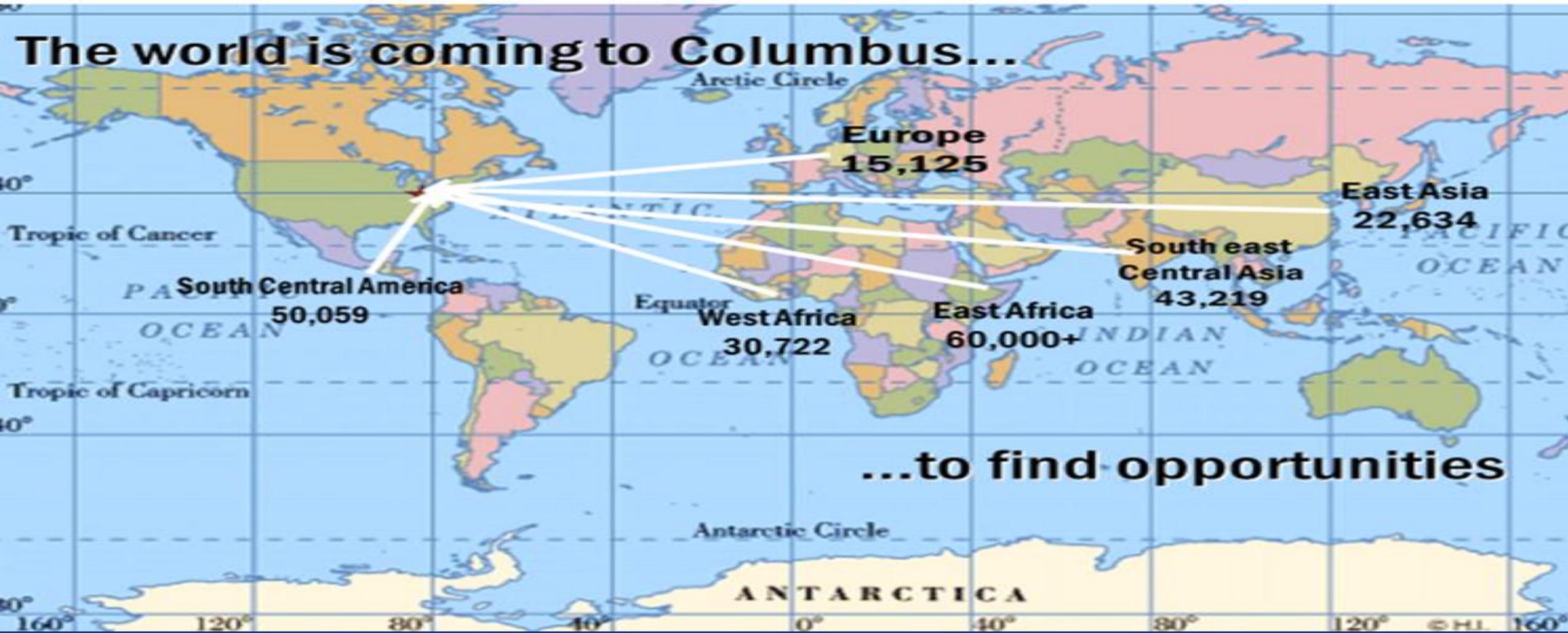
an immigrant



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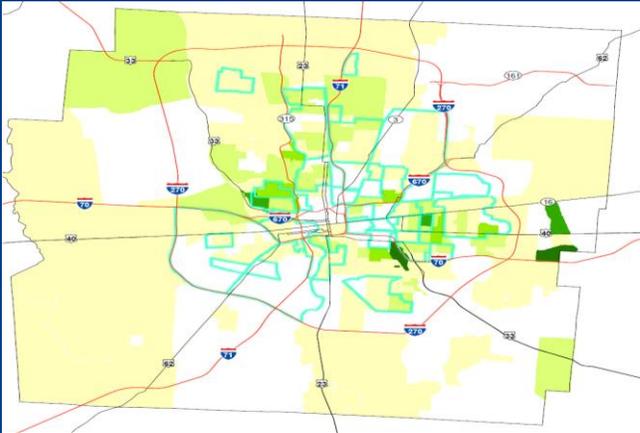


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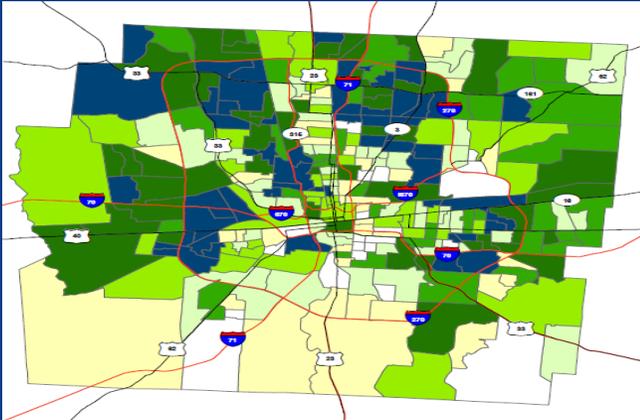


Trends: Foreign Born Population Franklin County | 1970–2016



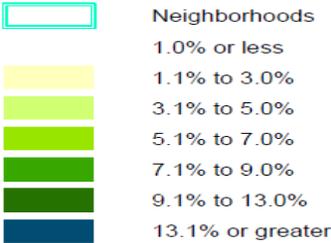
1970

16,781



2016

146,259



Source: Kirwan Institute



Population

184,800

immigrants lived in the Columbus metropolitan area, Ohio, in 2019.

Immigrants made up



of the total population in the metro area in 2019.

Between 2014 and 2019, the population in the metro area increased by

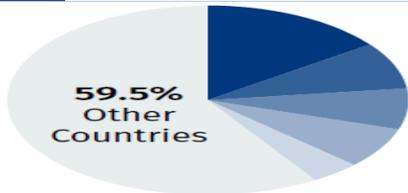


The immigrant population grew by

+22.2%



of total population growth in the metro area was attributable to immigrants.



India (15.4%)
Mexico (7.5%)

Somalia (6.7%)
China (6.7%)

Bhutan (4.2%)



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Across Columbus, there are:

50 + Nationalities

100+ Languages

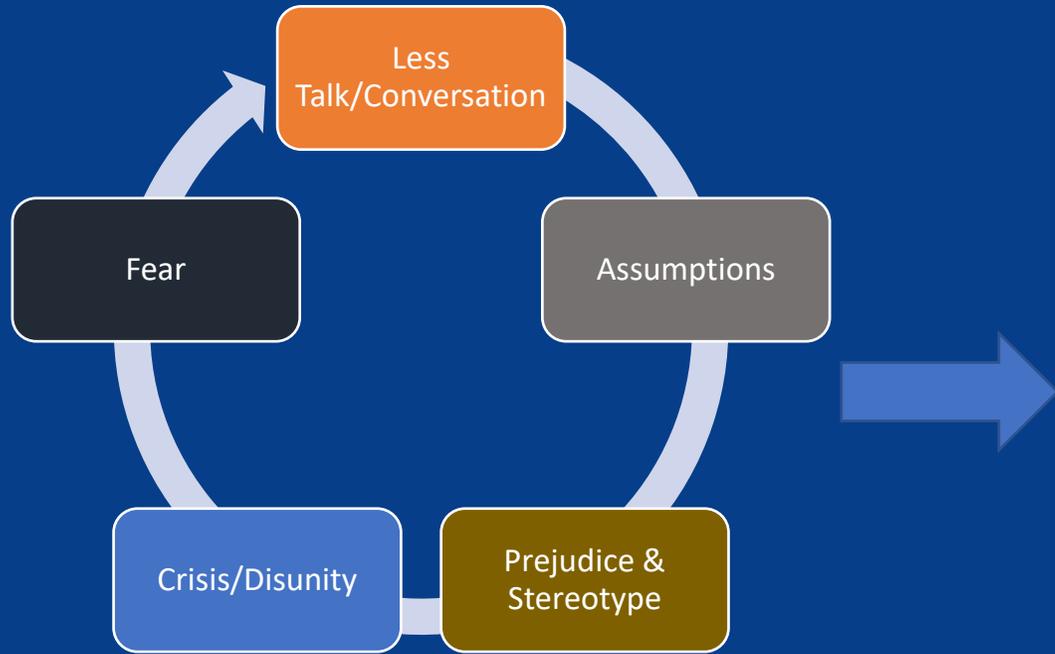
Big 6 Languages:

Spanish, Somali, Nepali, Arabic & French, Haitian Creole

Source: Columbus City Schools



Why Embrace Diversity?



The New American Program

Program Goal:

Strengthen Support for New Americans across Columbus.



Recognize, Include and Support those with the greatest need.

Create Opportunities & Protect Rights.

Create access to information, adaptable and affordable services.

Build capacities, hold accountable and sustain engagements.

Source: [Conversation](#)



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Core Program Activities & Initiative

- New American Leadership Academy (NALA)- Builds leadership capacities and fosters civic engagement across Columbus.
 - ☐ COHORT
 - ☐ NALA Junior Council
 - ☐ NALA SUMMIT
- The Ubuntu Conversation Series- Fosters dialogue, collaboration, relationship building and community connections.
- One Columbus Culture Day: Many Neighborhoods, One Columbus (promote Arts & Culture).
- Civic Integration and Seed Grants : Facilitates access to finance.
- Language Access (Translation and Interpretation Services).
- Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs- Helps create a more conducive environment for policy and practice.



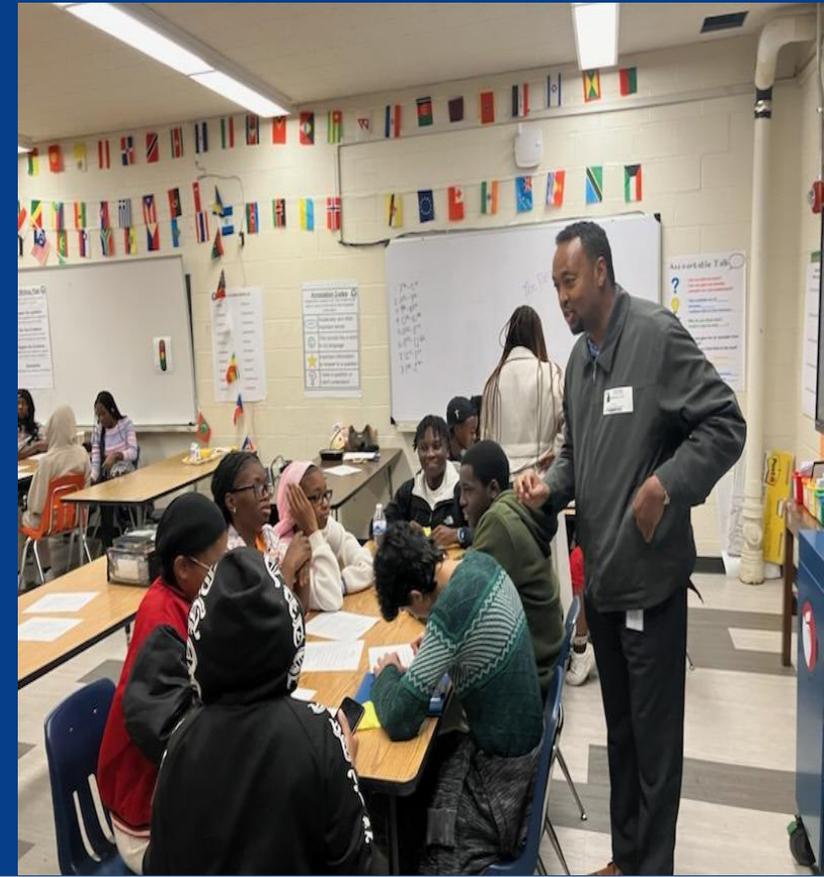
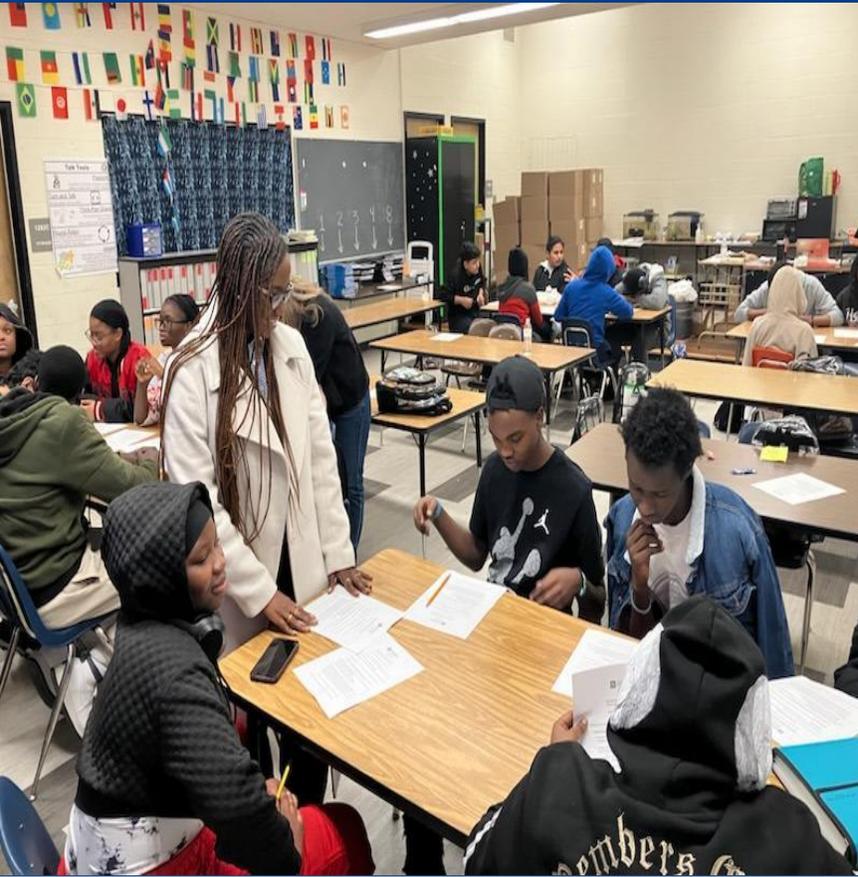


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NALA Junior Council



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What happens after graduating from NALA?

- Fellows Join the NALA Alumni family. There are now 144 graduates since 2018 from 60 plus countries.
- They serve as volunteers and community Ambassadors for the city through the Department of Neighborhoods.
- They foster community engagement but support New American communities across the city.
- They continue their work as employees, parents, nonprofit leaders, business owners etc.
- They continue contributing to the growth of Columbus and The American economy in general.
- They continue educating, innovating and helping to create safe spaces for personal growth, and community development.

They need accompaniment, practical and affordable tools, access to networks, and finances that make them better/productive citizens and residents.



Some Success Stories:



- Public Office:
Reynoldsburg Council
Member Bhuwan
Pyakurel
- Public/Community
Service:
 - ❖ New African Immigrant
Commissioners Cynthia
Engmann and Comfort
Kenneh
 - ❖ Area Commissioners
Awatif Elnour, Daniel
Ajayi, and Maryan Duelles
 - ❖ US Military Veterans
 - ❖ City Employees

2023 Cohort's Resume:

19 Fellows, 29 different languages, 16 different nations, 2 authors, 2 US Military Veterans, 1 Police Officer, 2 American Born fellows, 49% women, 90% of the class hold university degrees including Master's, PhD, JD and MD in addition to professional licenses and certificate.



Spending Power & Tax Contributions

Given their income, immigrants contributed significantly to state and local taxes, including property, sales, and excise taxes levied by state and local governments.

Foreign-born households held



of all spending power in metro Columbus, more than their 8.7% share of the population.

In 2019, foreign-born residents in the metro area contributed

\$15.4 billion

to the metro area's GDP, or 11.5% of the total.⁶

In 2019, immigrant households in the metro area earned **\$7.4 billion**

■ **\$1.4 billion**

went to federal taxes⁴

■ **\$712.4 million** went to state & local taxes⁵

■ **\$5.3 billion** left in spending power

Immigrants in the metro area also supported federal social programs. In 2019, they contributed

\$729.5 million
to Social Security

\$204.3 million
to Medicare



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Source: The Columbus Dispatch



How others help?



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How can you help?

engage

help provide &
indirect access
to resources

serve as
mentors,
coaches, and
tutors.

help
provide
opportunities.

support
businesses

have questions?
reach out to the
DoN or liaisons



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Thanks for listening.

We're happy to
answer ? you may
have.



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Business Meeting

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Statewide Association of Community and Economic Development Organizations

OCCD BUSINESS MEETING

- Call to Order
- Membership Dues
- Committee Reports
 - Membership
 - Sessions & Training
 - State Programs
 - Legislative – Stephen Torsell
 - Finance

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- Opportunity for Engagement
 - OCCD Standing Committees
 - Membership
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*If you are interested
in participating in one
of the committees,
please contact
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OCCD BUSINESS MEETING

- NCDA Training / NCDA Region 5 Conference / Spring Meeting – Angela Rahman
- Celebrating 60 Year Anniversary of OCCD
- CDBG Professional Certification
- November Networking Conference
- OCCD Foundation
- Adjournment



**Thank you for attending the
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Day 1**