

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	300	22	7.33%	60	22	36.67%
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	30	0	0.00%	30	0	0.00%
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%			

Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	50	6	12.00%	10	6	60.00%
Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	80	7	8.75%	16	7	43.75%
Increase Economic Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	75	12	16.00%	15	12	80.00%
Increase Economic Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Other	Other	0	0				
Planning and Program Administration	Planning, Administration	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			
Provide Needed Public Services	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	68375	8310	12.15%	13675	8310	60.77%

Provide Needed Public Services	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Other	Other	65	11	16.92%			
Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	75250	3545	4.71%	15050	3545	23.55%
Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	45	13	28.89%	9	13	144.44%
Revitalize and Create Sustainable Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$0	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	10000	2493	24.93%	2000	2493	124.65%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

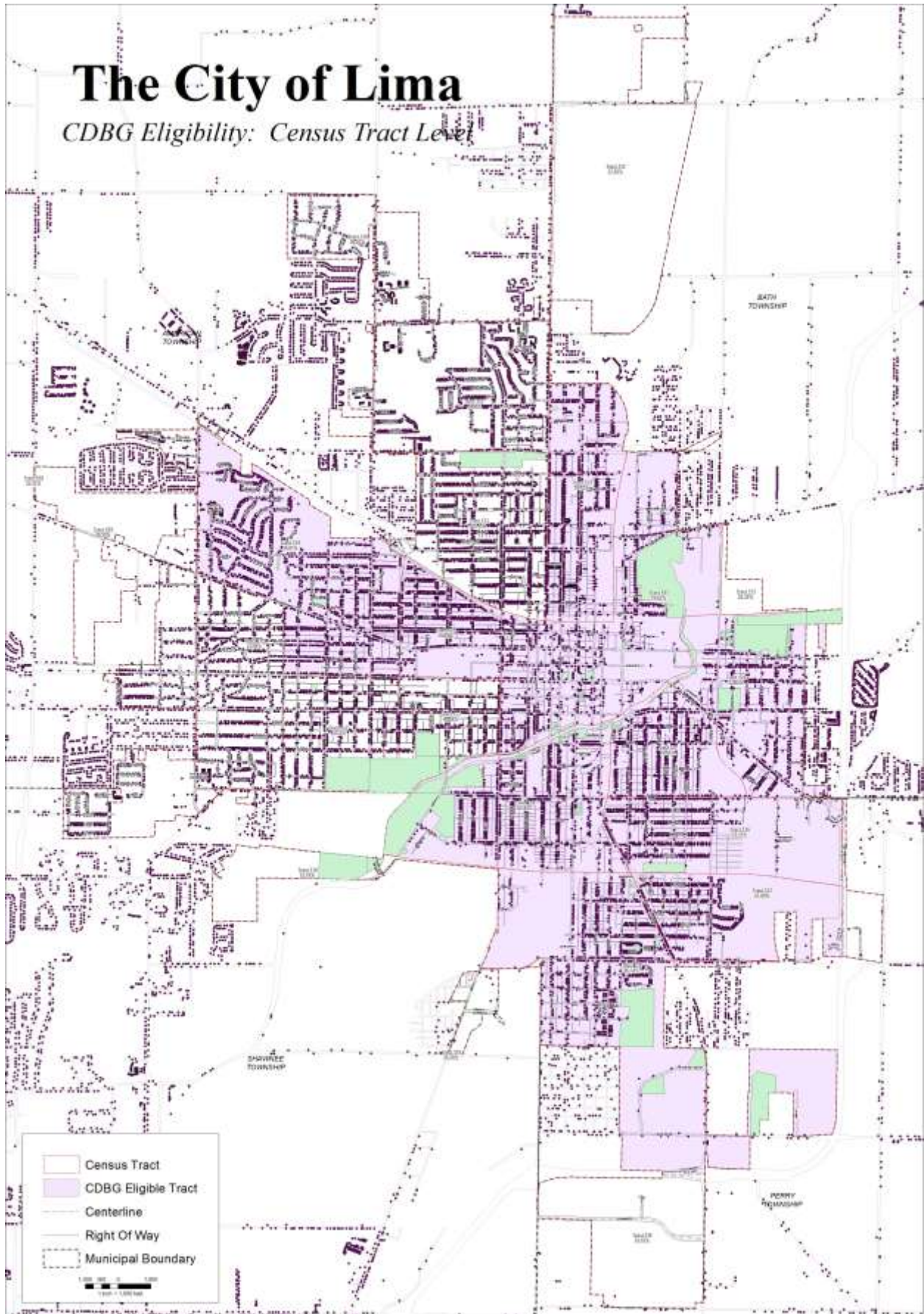
Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

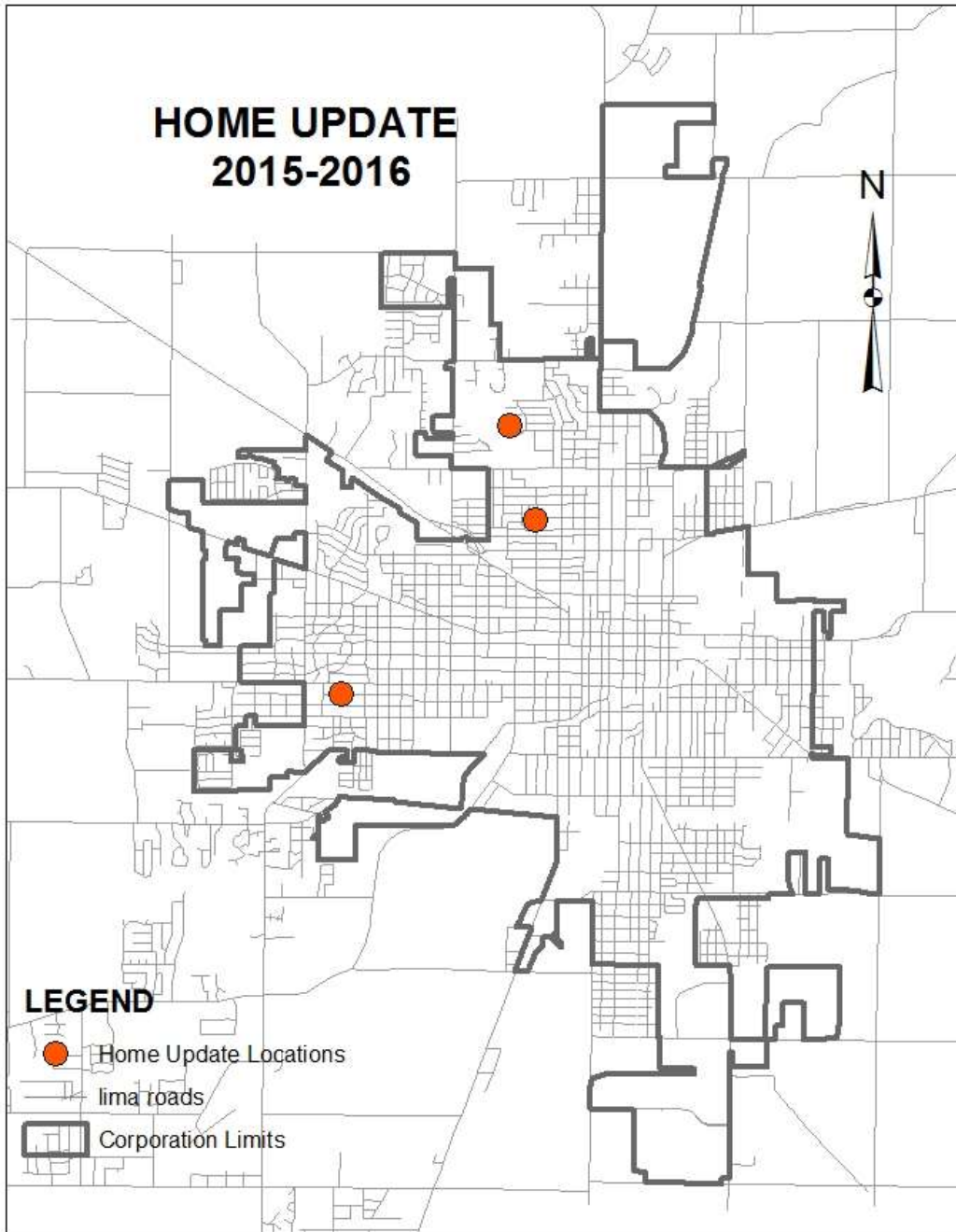
For this reporting period:

- 303 households (with at least 750 persons) benefitted from city housing and housing-related programs, 7 LMI households became new homeowners.
- 2,493 housing units and properties benefitted from property code enforcement efforts and 13 houses were demolished to reduce slum and blight
- 8,310 persons benefitted from non housing public service programs for special needs and community development services that included Summer Recreation for children, Bradfield Senior Services and Crime Awareness projects
- 3,545 persons in CDBG eligible areas benefitted from public infrastructure developments including Street and Curb Repair and Parks Improvement
- 12 persons benefitted from basic training on manufacturing processes at Rhodes State College with an additional residents receiving certification at Bradfield Center no cost to the program
- 4 projects have community-wide benefits on safety services, recreation facilities, demolition, and neighborhood development services.

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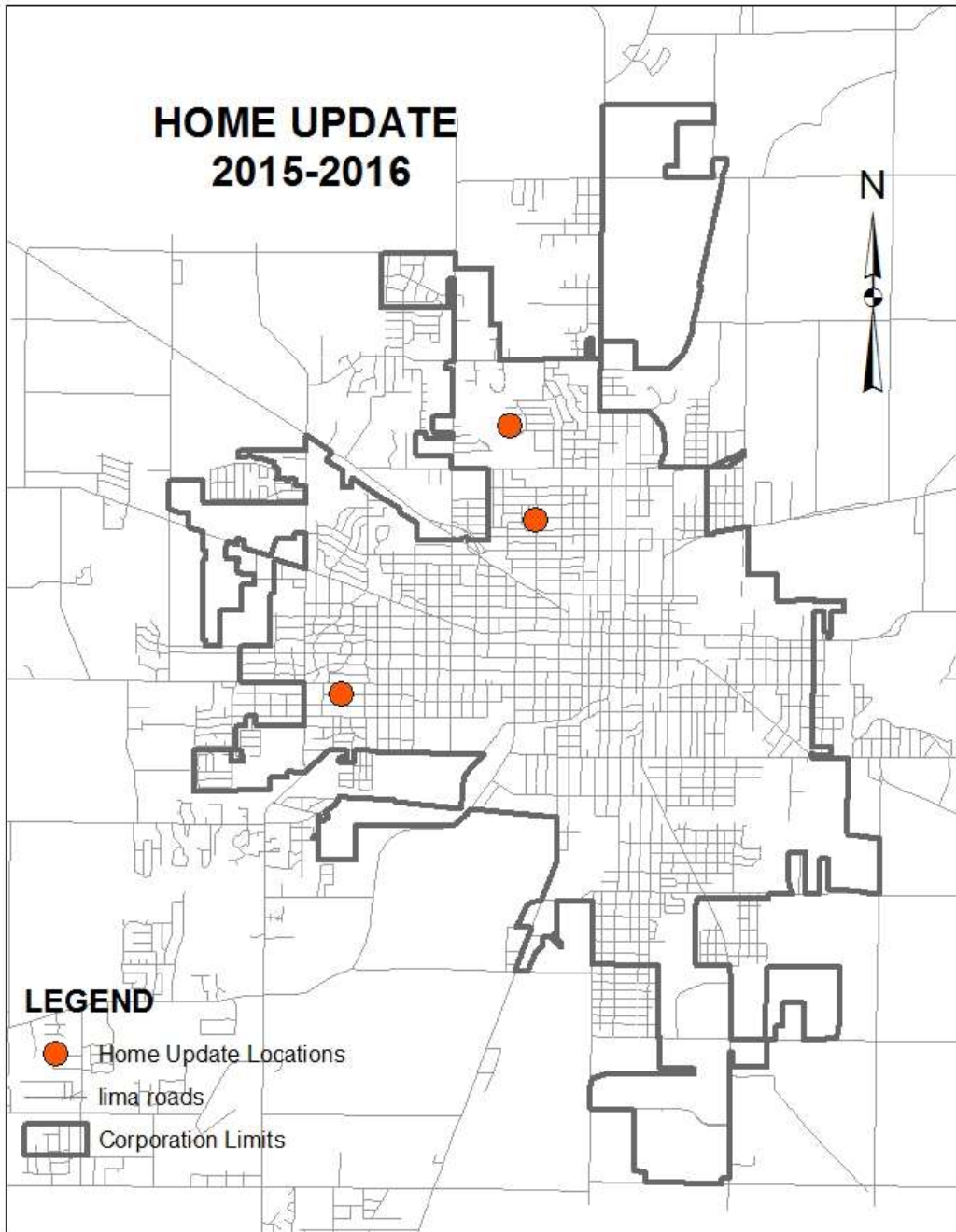
CDBG Eligibility: Census Tract Level





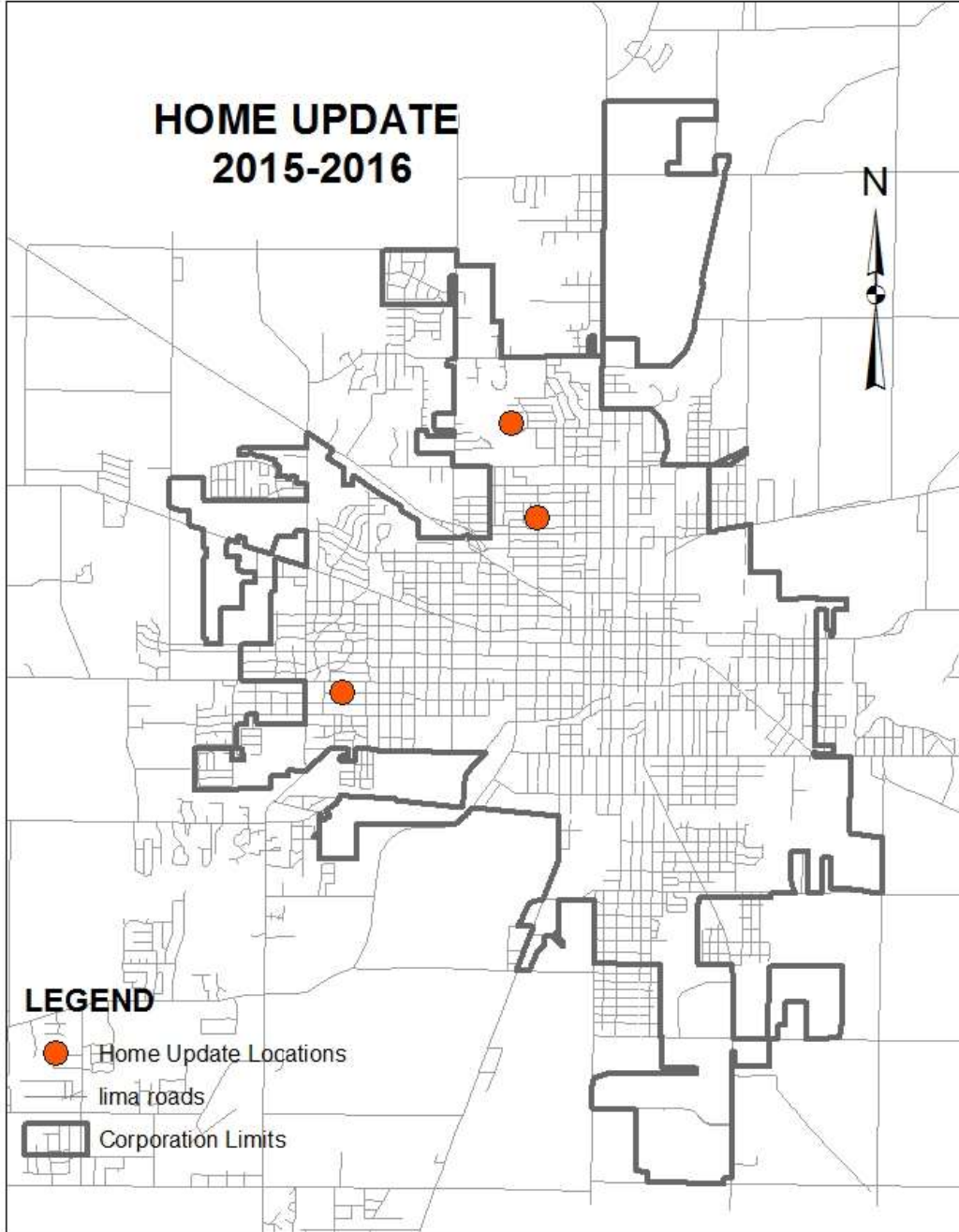
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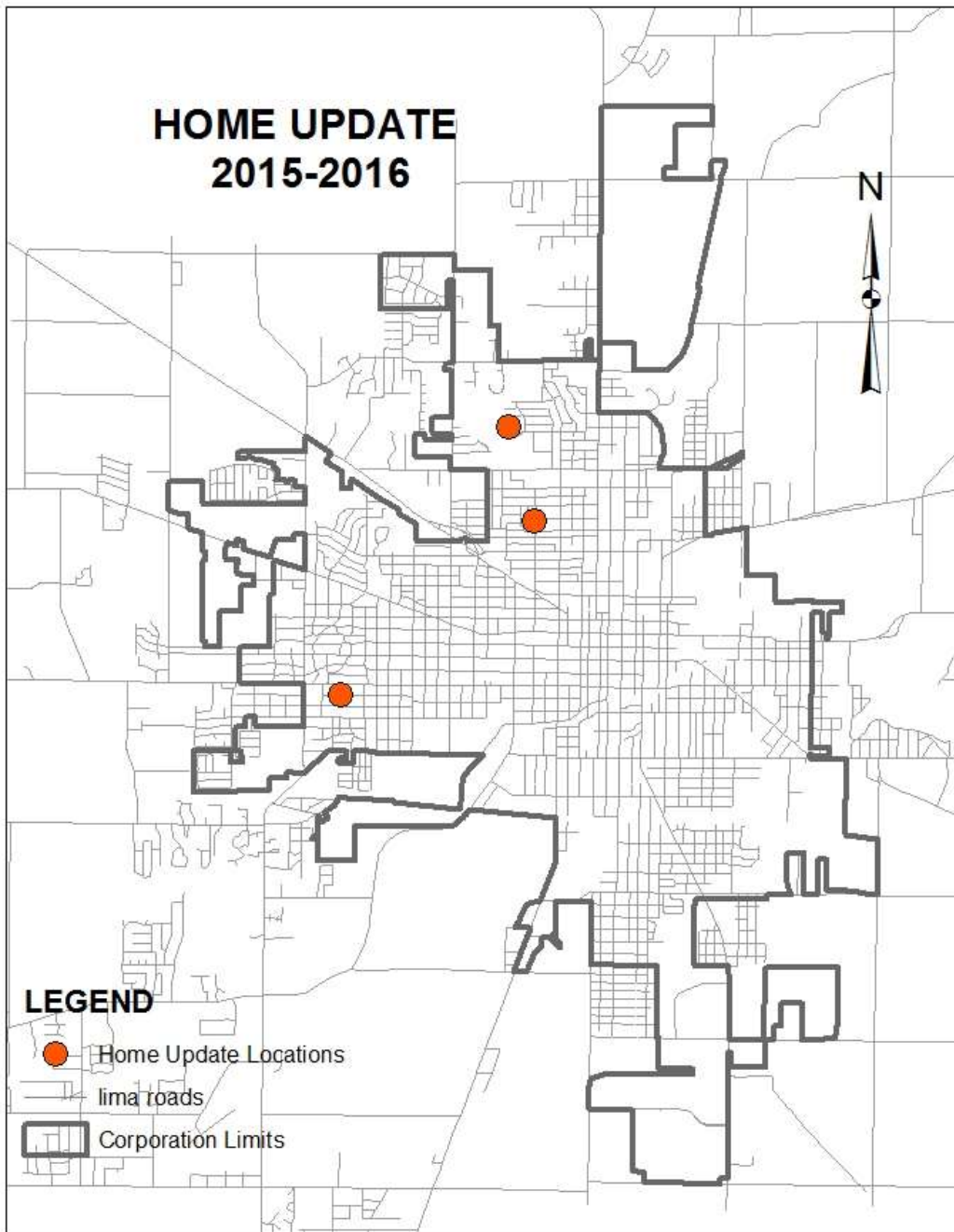
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First Home Lima



Home Update of 3 Structures 2015-16

Emergency Repair



Home Update of 3 Structures 2015-16

Home Update

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME
White	261	6
Black or African American	302	6
Asian	2	1
American Indian or American Native	2	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
Total	567	13
Hispanic	9	0
Not Hispanic	558	13

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

CDBG Programs include Summer Recreation, Bradfield Senior Program, Housing Counseling, Career Pathways, Emergency Repair, Fair Housing and Housing Rehabilitation Services that provided direct services to LMI individuals and are included in the above information. Other programs such as Street & Curb Repair and Reconstruction, Parks Improvement, Administrative Services and Police Support Services provided area wide services with priorities given to LMI areas serving approximately 17,285 individuals. Neighborhood Services worked with local organizations citywide and provided them educational material, technical tools and training to avail assistance from a variety of sources, organized community gardens, tool sharing program, community newsletters and maintaining web sites.

HOME programs include First Home Lima providing downpayment assistance and HOME Update loans for owner occupied home repairs. While the location of the house can be in any part of the city, these programs served LMI individuals only who met the HOME and CDBG guidelines for income and credit qualifications and are included in the count. Other programs include administrative services benefiting citywide for tracking over 300 past Home loans and processing all current applications.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG		3,775,000	215,752
HOME		1,316,000	55,076

Table 3 – Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Eligible Census Tracts	27		
CDBG Eligible Census Tracts	42		
City-wide	58		
City-wide	73		

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Most of the CDBG and HOME Programs operated Citywide where programs were geared to benefit Low and moderate income families. Funds were strategically allocated to ensure that investments achieve the strategic goals of this plan and meet CDBG national objectives and other programmatic requirements. Home Update, Emergency Repair and First Home Lima are all based on individual family income qualifying criteria and are operated citywide. Street and Curb Repair and Parks Improvements are concentrated in CDBG eligible census tracts to benefit maximum number of low and moderate income people. Neighborhood Services and Police Support Services are available citywide with special focus on serving the low-mod families and institutions such as schools and churches that serve them directly. Property Maintenance and Demolition operated citywide to reduce slum and blight and ensure public health and safety. Bradfield Senior Services and Summer Recreation programs targeted to serve specific LMI clients from income qualified families citywide. Career Pathways services are available citywide to low and moderate income residents who are unemployed or underemployed residents to acquire training and job skills to match the local employers need.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Based on federal fiscal distress standards, the City of Lima was exempted from HOME match requirements for Fiscal Year 2015 through 2016 (go to HOME Match).

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	0
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	0
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	0

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period

	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	29,556	29,556	0			
Number	2	2	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8– Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted

	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

Parcels Acquired		0	0			
Businesses Displaced		0	0			
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0	0			
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0	0			
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	21	10
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	5	3
Total	26	13

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	10	6
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	16	7
Total	26	13

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

City of Lima's affordable housing programs did not meet the expected goals this program year. There were a total of 52 applications for First Home Lima program with downpayment assistance to qualified first time home buyers, only 22 of the applicants were approved for assistance. West Ohio Cap (formerly LACCA) explained the reasons for not meeting First Home Lima goals was due to the number of application going down this year. In addition, fewer applicants were credit worthy to take the class based on City's requirement of a 630 credit score, which is more restrictive than earlier years. There are three families in the process of closing on a house but the closing could not be completed to be included into the numbers for this plan year.

For the repair and rehab loan programs, similar reasons were cited with credit issues for income qualified applicants. In addition, some of the houses could not be brought up to code with the loan amount, as required for HOME funded projects and the requests were declined.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Affordable Housing programs faced a challenging year in 2015-16 with HUD grant funded programs. Ongoing efforts to assist prospective and existing homeowners with downpayment assistance, critical and emergency repair services continued moving forward but did not achieve the stated goals due to a difficult credit market. West Ohio Cap (formerly LACCA) plans to continue to provide the classes and an additional 4 classes per program year and increase marketing with the hope to increase awareness of the First Home Lima program.

Through the use of the community television channel (GTV-2), housing fairs, tenant-landlord seminars, informational flyers and personal contacts with property owners, the City continued to disseminate information on its housing and housing-related programs. In the last nine years there has been a steady rise in the participation of female-headed households and minority households in our housing programs, especially in *Housing Counseling* classes whose participants feed into the City's *First Home Lima* Program. This continues to be an encouraging indication that information dissemination efforts are reaching target population segments.

West Ohio CAPP also made at least 12 trainings on *Fair Housing*, posted and passed out educational materials at 88 locations and made regular public service announcements on both commercial radio and television. To supplement efforts in making known its mission, articles on local fair housing services and related issues were written and placed in AMHA's and the Council on Aging's newsletters. Finally, the Fair Housing Officer also conducted phone tests (48), field tests (24) and monitored housing ads (48) as part of her pro-active approach in identifying probable cases of housing discrimination. Results will be monitored over time to assess the impact of our affirmative marketing efforts.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	62	7
Low-income	169	3
Moderate-income	49	0
Total	280	10

Table 13 – Number of Persons Served

Narrative Information

CDBG Programs include Housing Counseling, Emergency Repair, Fair Housing and Housing Rehabilitation Services that provided direct Housing services to LMI individuals and are included in the above information. Other programs such as Street & Curb Repair and reconstruction, Parks Improvement, Administrative and Police Services provided area wide services with priorities given to LMI areas serving approximately 17,285 individuals.

- a. City-administered housing programs assisted at least 13 LMI households/ families through assistance with closing costs and forgivable home rehabs/repairs loans.
- b. New Lima, the local CHDO, constructed no new home but a new LMI Rental Housing program is being proposed with request for proposals for the construction of new units or rehabilitation of existing structures are being planned the next program year.
- c. Twentytwo (22) persons/families earned full credits in the homeownership training classes, making them eligible to apply to the *First Home Lima* program.
- d. Rental assistance is provided through programs administered by the Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) which maintains about 247 housing units in the city. In addition, the AMHA assisted at least 1,041 families through its Section 8 program.
- e. The City selected a developer and identified the project location for LMI Housing Development and finalized 43 Town Square for a major renovation project of an existing 12 story building in Downtown Lima to house 47 low and moderate units in a mixed use building.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

Not CDBG/HOME Funded.

While the City of Lima does not directly fund emergency housing shelters, it will continue to support the cooperative efforts and activities of local service providers. To the extent possible, the City will assist in linking emergency shelter service providers to transitional and permanent housing opportunities.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Not CDBG/HOME Funded.

The City continues its support for the three primary county-wide service systems that provide services targeted to homeless persons including mental health, employment services, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and several county wide organizations provide the direct assistance.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Not CDBG/HOME funded city projects but the city supports the county wise effort by Allen County to reduce homelessness in the area.

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

Not CDBG/HOME Funded.

However Allen County's CoC and its partners provide the full continuum of housing and services from emergency assistance and permanent housing.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Not CDBG/HOME Funded.

Public Housing in Lima is a program managed and operated by Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA), a federally funded organization designed to benefit eligible low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities. AMHA administers the public housing program via various properties the organization owns and operates.

According to HUD, Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority is determined to be a Small public housing authority, meaning it manages between 50 - 249 public housing units. Also according to HUD, the housing authority is designated as Medium High, meaning it administers 500 - 1,249 Section 8 vouchers.

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

Not CDBG/HOME Funded.

In the AMHA's five-year plan, the AMHA will assist the City of Lima and Allen County in improving property maintenance issues. Specifically, AMHA has mandated that Section 8 property owners or managers attend an 8 hour course to assist them in being a successful participant in the Section 8 HCV Program. This program is provided free of charge to them in partnership with local law enforcement, property maintenance departments and Legal Aid.

AMHA's plan is to continue improving and always being an asset in the community. One of the authority's top priorities is to help clients through Family Self Sufficiency and Homeownership programs that help tenants to move from rental to ownership.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Through this section, the City of Lima addresses a number of items to strengthen the community and the implementation of projects and activities of this Annual Action Plan as described below.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The biggest obstacle facing the City in trying to meet underserved needs is financial, resulting from the continuing decrease in HUD funding for CDBG and HOME programs over the years. In the last decade, Lima's CDBG entitlement grant has decreased from \$1.4M in FY 2005 to \$0.95M in FY 2016, a decrease of 32%. Likewise, the City's HOME grant has decreased from \$430,000 in FY 2005 to \$257,589 in FY 2016, a decrease of 40%. To overcome this obstacle, Lima seeks out opportunities to leverage funding whenever possible, through other grant programs, foundations or local funds.

The City of Lima has allocated a large portion of its CDBG and HOME dollars to projects designed to expand and preserve affordable housing for low and moderate income households. Under its combined CDBG and HOME FY 2016 allocations, the City has budgeted over \$1.13M for affordable housing projects. These projects include direct financial assistance to LMI first time home buyers, update and emergency housing rehabilitation loan programs, LMI housing development, housing counseling and administrative support to process current applications and monitor over 300 past loans. These affordable housing projects represent approximately 53% of the total amount of HUD funding allocated by the City for 2016.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City implements its housing rehabilitation activities in a manner which assesses lead-based paint risks. Each applicant in the City's *Emergency Repair and Update* (housing rehabilitation) programs are supplied a brochure on the hazards of lead-based paint. Aside from determining income-eligibility, processing of applications include on-site inspection of work required and assessment of potential lead-based paint risks to occupants and workers. Lima's Rehabilitation Inspector is a certified Lead Inspector and Assessor and has attended the required refresher course for continued license certification. Thus far, the City has accredited five lead renovation contractors and has relied on the Health Department to test families with young children for elevated blood-lead (EBL) levels.

This program year, 6 units benefitted from our housing repair within the program year. Work under the *HOME Update* programs – costing no more than \$24,000, – usually do not raise lead-related issues. Such issues, however, typically crop up in rehabilitation works – where the five accredited

contractors are called in. With the limited number of accredited contractors, there is difficulty receiving multiple competitive bids on each job. Nevertheless, the City continues to urge local contractors to seek certification for lead hazard control services. At present the City is compliant with HUD guidelines and reports to Ohio Dept. of Health as applicable on each job.

- Identify needed enforcement capabilities and new code requirements that can improve reduction of lead hazard in housing units inspected.
- Increase the number of lead sampling technicians in the community.
- Encourage lead sampling technicians and contractors to become lead inspectors.
- Encourage contractors to obtain state certification on lead safe paint repairs and lead safe remodeling safeguards.
- Expand training to contractors of lead hazards and to practice lead safe work practices.
- Continue making lead-safe work practices routine for contractors.
- Continue lead safety as part of code enforcement by enforcing peeling paint violations, especially on structures constructed prior to 1950.
- Collaborate with other lead safe agencies to train relevant agencies and officials that perform home visits to look for the classic signs of lead paint exposure. Lead awareness training makes it possible for visiting nurses, police officers, firemen, social workers and other professionals to check for lead dust hazards and discuss associated hazards with families.
- Provide landlord training to ensure that landlords know lead law requirements.
- Identify and implement incentives acceptable to community to encourage private owners to keep units lead safe.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City's anti-poverty strategy is a multi-faceted approach toward reducing the number of households with income below the poverty line.

Complementing this approach is the provision of safe and affordable housing for extremely low, very low, low, and moderate income households. Specific activities include update loans, homeownership, code enforcement, demolition/clearance, support services (including fair housing and housing counseling services). This program year, City housing programs were able to assist a total of 13 households – of which 7 are first-time home buyers and 6 households availed of home repairs.

The second approach is to establish healthy neighborhoods through balanced, diverse development of public facilities, infrastructure, commercial, recreational and safety activities. Hand-in-hand with promoting and providing safe and decent housing is the elimination of blighting influences in neighborhoods. City *Code Enforcement* investigated at least 9,242 complaints on code violations on 2,493 properties including vacant parcels and junk autos. 13 dilapidated structures were demolished this program year using CDBG funds which includes residences. Through the Department of Community

Development (DCD), the City continued assisting non-profit and for-profit developers to initiate new construction activities. Specific activities include efforts to provide infrastructure with street improvements (including handicap accessibility) throughout the city with emphasis on CDBG target areas. This program year, at least 43 blocks comprising approx. 20,500 linear feet or 3.88 miles have been reconstructed and/or resurfaced through the *Street Reconstruction-Resurfacing Project*. An estimated 3,420 people in about 1,238 households, as well as some 18 area business establishments benefitted from these infrastructure projects in CDBG eligible census tracts. In support of neighborhood outreach efforts, capacity-building and administrative assistance to neighborhood organizations continued through *Neighborhood Development Services*, which included providing technical assistance and facilitating "neighborhood empowerment efforts" to encourage the development of CHDOs; supporting efforts of other community development providers in public service, public facility, transportation and safety activities. This year LACNIP, the umbrella group of neighborhood associations, continued *Community Gardens* in 7 areas (Spring and Collette, Riverside North Neighborhood, Martin Luther King, and in the following schools: Emerson, Liberty and Freedom) gardens. 753 individuals provided over 5,800 volunteer service hours to the Community of Lima.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Economic development represents an important of the city's anti-poverty strategy. This program year the city continued its support of technical assistance and skills development. Encouraging and supporting programs and opportunities designed to develop advanced manufacturing workforce skills resulted in at least 11 better prepared job candidates. The approach is to improve the employability of persons who are either unemployed, under-employed and displaced workers, high school, and college students to prepare them for gainful employment in advanced manufacturing industries. The Rhodes State College-based *Career Pathways in Advanced Manufacturing* reported that 23 LMI Lima residents enrolled in basic-level training in manufacturing – 12 of whom satisfactorily completed the course and have been referred to prospective employers for interviews. Additional residents are certified at Bradfield Center and Worth Center at no cost to the program and the numbers are not included in this report. This project is being implemented under the Knowledge Works program for the West Central Ohio Manufacturing Consortium. For its use of CDBG funds, each year the project aims to assist 15 City of Lima low-income adults in expanding their career options in advanced manufacturing through education and training.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

In the Lima-Allen community, Continuum of Care (COC) activities in housing are coordinated by the Housing Consortium – a collection of local private, government and non-profit entities concerned with local housing issues. The COC has prepared a 10-Yr. strategy to end homelessness that emphasizes on prevention and outreach. The strategy features a formal reporting strategy based around the Homeless Management Information System. The 10-year plan identified the following as leading causes of homelessness in Allen County:

- a. Mental Illness / Addiction (untreated mental illness – self medicating) - Lack of Knowledge of Social Services
- b. Lack of Quality Jobs – Underemployment
 - i. Lack of Education / Job Skills
 - ii. Unemployment / Job Loss
- c. People being Evicted for Lack of Family Support, Credit Card Debt / Mortgages / Misuse of Credit Lack of Knowledge of Social Services
- d. Lack of Emergency / Transitional Housing for: Fathers with Children, Mothers with Teen Boys, Intact Families, People with Symptomatic Mental Illness, Males 18 – 21 Years Old, Males after 11:00 PM
- e. Lack of Awareness of Homelessness in the Community. Belief that homelessness is not something we can do anything about.
- f. DYS Discharge Planning – 18 year olds on their own / Foster Children aging out of the system.
- g. Offenders – Ex Offenders / Sex Offenders
- h. Culture of Poverty – engaging this population whi find Services are not Enticing, Service Coordination – System Spanner, Trust in the system lacking, Lack of Knowledge of Social Services

West Ohio CAP is administering a program with State funding to address homeless prevention in the area.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The City’s contract with the Lima-Allen Council on Community Affairs (LACCA, now West Ohio CAP) to provide the fair housing services to city residents continued. Among others, West Ohio CAP’s services include:

- Conduct training and provide educational material and outreach activities regarding Fair Housing;
- Develop and distribute Fair Housing information and materials to area agencies, organizations, schools and at public events; and,
- Receive Fair Housing complaint referrals from Lima-Allen County residents.

During the program year, LACCA received about 268 contacts through its *Fair Housing* hotline. Of these, seven (7) or 3% were determined to have reasonable probability of discrimination and thus have been referred to Ohio Civil Rights Commission for further action and investigation. None of the total calls were related to landlord-tenant issues requiring its mediation program for this purpose. 31% or 77 were property maintenance complaints; 12 or 5% were referred to Allen Met housing; 74 or 30% to legal aid, 1 to Allen County Health Department and 45 or 18% to other community services. LACCA also provided training at 12 locations in Lima and distributed education and activities related materials at over 88 locations.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

The City monitors Plan implementation through routine records-keeping of project execution details, on-site inspections and by maintaining close working linkages with service providers, economic development organizations, neighborhood groups and target beneficiaries. Staff involvement in housing and community development organizations and their activities provide the Staff with valuable insight into the evolving needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as the capability to identify other opportunities in which City programs and resources might be better deployed.

Aside from keeping electronic and hard copy project files, DCD also maintains records through the IDIS (Integrated Disbursement and Information System). This system has the capability of real-time monitoring by HUD wherein project accomplishments of each municipality can be readily acquired and aggregated to obtain national-level data on particular programs, such as housing, job creation, and infrastructure development. Support is provided to individual neighborhood associations and Lima/Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP), which works to improve neighborhood conditions and facilitate community planning and development. Through LACNIP's neighborhood network and its strong ties with City Staff, the City has institutionalized a responsive feedback mechanism that will facilitate Plan monitoring and updating processes. The City's *Property Maintenance Code Enforcement* efforts are being aggressively pursued as a Plan objective toward improved maintenance of both owner-occupied and rental housing. Partnering with the Lima Police Dept. on community-oriented policing is done in coordination with the Neighborhood Support Staff of DCD to assess efforts to reduce crime and improve livability in target areas.

Information dissemination for local issues and opportunities in housing and community-building continued through GTV-2, a television channel providing government and community programming. While also used to air public meetings, a full calendar of community events, relevant information on housing and neighborhood affairs, and summaries of new ordinances -- neighborhood associations, non-profit organizations and other community groups use GTV-2 to publicize their activities.

The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan details on CDBG and HOME programs, neighborhood organizations and LACNIP information, and other public information is maintained on the City's website at <http://www.cityhall.lima.oh.us/dcd/dcd.htm>.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

CAPER: Any interested party or individual has fifteen (15) days to comment on the CAPER before its submission to HUD. Notices for the comment period are published in the local general circulation newspaper and City of Lima web site at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the comment period. Information is be available on the City of Lima’s website and disseminated to subrecipients of HUD funding and key local service providers to reach a broader audience. Hard copies are also be made available at the Lima Public Library and Department of Development front desk for public review. News releases and Public Service Announcements are sent to local media announcing the comment period and location of draft copies. Social media may be also used to disseminate information related to the comment period. A summary of all comments received and the public hearing minutes are included within the final CAPER submitted to HUD. All comments are accepted.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICEConsolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation ReportFiscal Year 2015-2016Notice is given that the City of Lima has prepared a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY 2015-2016. The CAPER provides a comprehensive overview and explanation of the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds during the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.The CAPER is available for public review during normal business hours at the Department of Community Development in the Lima Municipal Center, 50 Town Square, and at the Lima Public Library, 650 West Market Street and on city web site at www.cityhall.lima.oh.us.The City welcomes written comments on the CAPER. Written comments received by November 22, 2016 will be included as part of the CAPER submission to HUD.Questions or comments about the CAPER, the Consolidated Plan or related issues should be directed to the Department of Community Development at the Lima Municipal Center or by calling (419) 221-5146.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction’s program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The City of Lima has funded its Summer Recreation Program with CDBG funds for decades. Summer Recreation was one of the five programs. Others included Career Pathways, Police Services, Bradfield Community Center and Housing Counseling that constituted the public service programs for which a total cap of 15% of the funding is applicable. Bradfield program included Senior Health Services and health education for income qualified seniors. Summer recreation will be taken out of the CDBG funding next year as the City decided to fund this program with general fund dollars.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

There are no affordable rental housing assistance under HOME program but the request for proposal went out this plan year for a site specific rental housing development. A Developer was selected for 43 Town Square. The existing building, a 12-story building with a basement, was the former Lima Trust Bank building, originally constructed in 1929. There is a plan in place for the renovation and adaptive reuse of this prominent downtown building. According to the renovation scope of work and preliminary plans, the reconfigured building will have a total of 47 dwelling units with office and commercial uses in the lower levels.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

Supportive Services Plan for Town Square Apts. LC

West Ohio Cap (formerly LACCA) is pleased to partner with WODA Group to support low income residents at the Town Square Apts. in Lima Ohio. West Ohio Cap is the designated community action agency in Allen County serving approximately 6,000 low income households each year. West Ohio CAP is a 501c3 private nonprofit organization established in 1993 and governed by a 21 member board of directors who represent the public, private and low income sectors equally with the mission to create opportunities for people to reach their highest potential. The organization tries to achieve its mission by providing needed services in the community and partnering with other organizations with similar missions to create a larger collective impact.

West Ohio CAP proposes to serve low income households at the Town Square Apts. with both onsite and offsite programming and through partnerships based on the needs of the population. Our most recent community assessment for Allen County indicates that the top 3 problems in Allen County as perceived by West Ohio CAP's clients are "Finding jobs that provide a living wage" (50.63% of respondents), "Drug and/or alcohol abuse" (47.8% of respondents) and "Living in poverty" (44.03% of respondents).

Those who completed the survey fell into multiple income categories but the majority fell into two

categories, those making less than \$17,600 per year (35.22%) and those making over \$33,440 per year (50.31%). 27.67% of respondents were unemployed at the time they took the survey but 47.8% of those surveyed were employed and worked First Shift (or equivalent) and only 3.14% worked for a Temporary Employment Agency. The average household size of those who completed the survey is 2.9 individuals per household and an average of 1 child under the age of 18 and 0.2 over the age of 65. 69.83% of respondents had at least some college education up to and including advanced degrees.

The City of Lima, the largest City in Allen County, has 12,971 people living below the poverty line. This is 33.9% of the population in the city. The City also has the largest population of homeless individuals (79). More than half of the services provided to households through West Ohio CAP programs are provided within city limits with the idea that affordable housing increases within City limits is crucial to help stabilize families and help them get out of poverty.

West OhioCAP will provide a Service Coordinator who will work with the onsite property manager to recruit participants into programs. Marva Cowan, Central Services Director along with the Intake Coordinator will oversee this coordination effort. Mrs. Cowan will also coordinate services that are provided by partner agencies. Transportation Services will be coordinated through Stephanie Neal, Transportation Manager.

West Ohio CAP staff will provide direct services in an office(s) located at Town Square Apts. This includes housing counseling, financial literacy and fatherhood case management, and assistance with rent deposits, transportation, prescription assistance and other emergency intake needs.

West Ohio CAP will use the community room nine times per year to offer group classes to clients in financial literacy, nurturing parenting and homeownership classes. Financial literacy is a three day class (12 hours), Nurturing Parenting is a 6-week class (24 hours) and homeownership is a 3-day 12 hour class

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)