

2019-2023 Consolidated Plan Summary

Fiscal Year 2019 marks the beginning of a new Five Year Consolidated Strategy and Plan for the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The Consolidated Plan describes the City's proposed activities for affordable housing, public services, public infrastructure improvements, economic development and programmatic compliance.

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$645,000 each year in new funding, or an anticipated total of \$3,225,000 during the five-year period.

Additional funds will be available for housing and/or economic development activities through the use of the (Housing) Rehab Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), the Economic Development RLF and NSP monies that have been converted to CDBG program income.

The exact amounts available from each of these sources will be identified as part of individual yearly Action Plan development.

The Consolidated Plan and each subsequent Annual Action Plan are required to address community needs.

To be eligible activities must meet one of the following objectives:

1. Create suitable living environments;
2. Provide decent and affordable housing; and
3. Create economic opportunities.

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements
- Public services, within certain limits
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Provision of assistance for economic development and job creation/retention activities

During the 5-Year Plan Period, the City estimates receiving approximately \$645,000 each year for a total of \$3,225,000 over the course of the five-year plan.

During this time, it's anticipated that CDBG funds will be used as follows:

Programmatic Compliance – Approximately \$504,000

This activity includes costs required to carry out the Action Plans for program years 2019-2023, including, but not limited to wages and benefits, supplies, training and education, and professional memberships.

Architectural/Engineering Services – \$125,000

These activities have yet to be determined, but would include engineering and architectural services for CDBG eligible projects.

Miscellaneous Contractual Services - \$100,000

Fair Housing Activities - \$15,000 / per year for 5 years - \$75,000
HMIS Homeless Management System - \$5,000 / per year for 5 years - \$25,000

Economic Development – \$673,000

Activities include brownfield redevelopment, historic preservation and/or incentive loans/grant to businesses.

This amount does not include funds that will be available via the ED RLF.

Housing Rehabilitation Program – \$ 1,125,000

Loans - \$175,000 / per year for 5 years - \$875,000

Activities include rehabilitation work on the homes of income qualified owner, occupants in the form of 0% interest loans that are deferred until the home is sold or the owner no longer occupies the home.

Income Verification of Applicants and Project Management - \$50,000 / per year for 5 years - \$250,000

This amount does not include funds that will be available via the Rehab RLF.

Senior Snow Removal - \$ 75,000

This includes snow plow vouchers for income eligible residents - \$15,000 / per year for 5 years - \$75,000. Last year, 49 seniors were assisted with snow removal. It is projected that this year an additional 25 applications will be submitted for snow removal. The budget for snow removal has been increased from \$12,000 to accommodate this increase. Unused portions may be reallocated for other projects.

Development of Housing / Infrastructure/Capital Improvements - \$623,000

A portion of the \$623,000 in funding, may be used for new construction in the Cuyahoga River CRA District. The project is anticipated to be an investment total of \$450,000 split over a 3 year period. The remaining \$173,000 may be used for acquisition of existing housing and/or property, as an investment in the redevelopment of new housing on the east side of the city.