



Franklin County
Board of Commissioners

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

FY 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

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To include HOME-ARP funds. 10/9/2025 substantial amendment to transfer a total of \$306,019.45 from completed or canceled projects and unobligated CDBG funds to be transferred to be used toward the acquisition of a microenterprise center. We also amend our HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to make a change to projects and add TBRA as indicated by our 2025 needs assessment survey.

8/5/2026 Franklin County proposed a substantial amendment to transfer \$306,019.45 in CDBG funds from a canceled acquisition project to be transferred to existing CDBG-eligible projects.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2021 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan provides a summary of the actions, activities, and programs Franklin County will implement during the second year (2021) of the Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) period to address the priority needs and goals identified by the Strategic Plan. Overall, the Action Plan functions as an annual guide and budget to explain how federal resources will be used to improve conditions for LMI households, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless persons, and other non-homeless special needs populations in Franklin County.

Franklin County is proposing a substantial amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan to reallocate CDBG funds from previously planned activities to adjust for actual expenditures for completed projects and fund new CDBG eligible projects and ensure timely expenditures. Through this amendment, \$306,019.45 from completed or canceled projects and unobligated CDBG funds will be transferred to new eligible activities. These changes are reflected in AP-35 of this Annual Action Plan substantial amendment draft.

8/5/2026: Franklin County is proposing a substantial amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan to allocate previously CDBG funds previously obligated to a canceled acquisition program to other CDBG-eligible activities. Through this amendment, \$306,019.45 in CDBG funds allocated to ETSS Acquisition of Microenterprise Center are proposed to be transferred to existing CDBG Projects for Homebuyer Assistance and Home Repair. These changes are reflected in AP-35 of this Annual Action Plan substantial amendment draft.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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Public participation is an essential part of the consolidated planning process because it helps ensure that decisions are made with careful attention to community needs and preferences. Moreover, the input of stakeholder and community members generates additional public awareness about the consolidated planning process. Involvement allows more perspectives to be featured during the decision-making process, which gives Franklin County more information to consider in the development of the Consolidated Plan priorities and goals. Receiving input and buy-in from planning officials, stakeholders, and residents of Franklin County plays a significant role in helping the plan take shape.

To this end, a public involvement process was developed to gather targeted feedback from stakeholder groups and provide opportunities for all community residents to participate in the planning process. The major activities of the public involvement process included the provision of a technical assistance workshop, multiple public hearings, a public comment period during which the draft plan could be reviewed, and the ongoing provision of staff support.

Citizen participation specifically solicited for the 2019 Action Plan was compiled through various efforts including publishing public notices, publishing the draft plan on the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department's website, and emailing the draft Action Plan to numerous non-profits, government agencies, and participating jurisdictions.

The draft 2021 Substantial Amendment is available for review and comment for a 30-day public comment period beginning on October 15, 2025 and ending on November 14, 2025. Additionally, Franklin County will conduct a public hearing for the substantial amendment to the 2021 Annual Plan to solicit comments on the draft plans and proposed activities. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 3:30 pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, Michael J. Dorrian Building, 1st Floor, 369 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Oral and written comments can be submitted during the hearing.

8/5/2026: The draft 2021 Substantial Amendment is available for review and comment for a 30-day public comment period beginning on August 17, 2026 and ending on September 16, 2026, with a public hearing to solicit oral and written comments on the draft plans and proposed activities scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (address above).

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Given the limited nature of resources, Franklin County prioritizes the needs identified through the Consolidated Planning process to direct the allocation of funds in a manner that maximizes community impact. Needs were prioritized in a Strategic Planning session during which the results of the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis were shared. This information was used to determine priority needs and develop the Strategic Plan Goals. Through the county's budgeting process the following projects were funded to implement the Strategic Plan Goals.

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Projects

#	Project Name
1	Rebuilding Lives
2	Continuum of Care Tax Credit Projects
3	MORPC Urgent repair
4	CHDO Development
5	Homeport - Down Payment Assistance Program
6	CHDO Operating
7	Housing Retention Services
8	LifeCare Alliance Meals Distribution and Nutritional Program
9	Tool Loan Library * canceled
10	Housing Counseling
11	Hearing Enhancement Services
12	Stepping Off to College
13	Children's Hunger Alliance Summer Meal Program*canceled

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#	Project Name
14	Microenterprise Loan Program
15	Food for Good Thought - Employment Services
16	Minority Contractor Initiative Program
17	Homelessness Prevention Services
18	Homelessness Outreach
19	Comm. Shelter Board Community Partnership * canceled
20	CDBG Administration
21	Fair Housing Services
22	Housing Advisory Board
23	CHDO Technical Assistance
24	Affordable Housing Inspections
25	Home Grant Administration
26	ETSS Acquisition of Microenterprise Center
27	HOME-ARP Supportive Services
28	HOME-ARP TBRA

Table 1 - Project Information

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Project Summary Information

3	Project Name	MORPC Urgent repair
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Preserve and Expand Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve and Expand Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$931,715.45
	Description	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) urgent repair program provides grants to low-income families to address a major failing household system that threatens the occupants immediate health and safety. The program anticipates rehabilitating seventy (70) homes. As part of the 8/5/2026 substantial amendment, the project budget was increased by \$6,715.45 to \$931,715.45.
	Target Date	03/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70
	Location Description	Activities will be undertaken Countywide in Franklin County, excluding the City of Columbus jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission the urgent repair program provides grants to low-income families to address a major failing household system that threatens the occupants' immediate health and safety. The program anticipates rehabilitating seventy (70) homes.
5	Project Name	Homeport - Down Payment Assistance Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Homebuyer Education and other Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Preserve and Expand Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$350,000.00
	Description	The allocation funds a first-time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance program for income-eligible Franklin County residents. The program anticipates providing down payment assistance to fifteen (15) households . As part of the 6/17/2025 substantial amendment, the project budget was reduced to \$49,304 to reflect actual amount spent. As part of the 8/5/2026 substantial amendment, the project budget was raised to \$350,000 to meet reported demand.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15
	Location Description	Activities will be undertaken Countywide in Franklin County, excluding the City of Columbus jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	The allocation funds a first-time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance program for income-eligible Franklin County residents. The program anticipates providing down payment assistance to fifteen (15) households.

26	Project Name	ETSS Acquisition of Microenterprise Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Foster Business Expansions in Areas of Need Foster Development of Skills for Residents in Need Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Reduce Poverty and Enhance Economic Opportunity Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	Project canceled
	Description	
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	