



# PUTTING FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DOLLARS TO WORK

*Making an impact with U.S.  
Department of Housing and  
Urban Development (HUD) funds  
throughout Columbus*

THE CITY OF  
**COLUMBUS**  
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
AND MANAGEMENT

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)



## Mid-Ohio Food Collective's Farm on the Hilltop

The Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop is an urban "smart farm" that will serve as a research, farming, and educational outreach center for the community. The property is owned by the City's Land Bank, and was developed using \$4,500,000 in CDBG and CDBG-CV (CARES Act) funds, in addition to other private and local funds.

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## Hilltop Early Learning Center

The Hilltop Early Learning Center provides free prekindergarten to the Hilltop community, including access to Nationwide Children's Hospital, counseling services, and food pantries all under one roof. \$1,100,000 in CDBG funds are planned for the construction of a new parking lot. CDBG was also used for the design of the facility.

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## Downtown Permanent Public Restrooms

CDBG-CV funds were used to install permanent public restrooms in three locations in Downtown. The restrooms are free-standing, single-occupant structures with flushing toilets, external hand washing stations, and sanitizer dispensers. Nearly \$1,300,000 in CDBG-CV funds were invested, in addition to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars.

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## The Reeb Center - Renovations

\$500,000 in CDBG funds were used to replace the boiler, renovate the existing kitchenette, and improve the security and reception area at the Reeb Avenue Center, a community resource center on the City's south side.

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## Star House - Drop-in Center Improvements

Star House offers a 24/7 drop-in center for youth experiencing homelessness. Almost \$240,000 in CDBG funds were used to improve the building's entryway to enhance accessibility and security for staff and clients.

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## J. Ashburn Boys & Girls Club - Parking Lot

The J. Ashburn Community Center is a full service center that serves the Hilltop neighborhood. Nearly \$500,000 of CDBG funds supported HVAC improvements as well as resurfacing of the parking lot to better accommodate staff and visitors.

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## Carol Stewart Village - Property Improvements

Carol Stewart Village provides 62 units of affordable housing for transition-aged youth at risk of homelessness, with on-site wraparound supportive services for residents. CDBG has funded the installation of a security fence and gate, and over \$350,000 is planned for the replacement of air conditioning units and other property improvements.



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## Livingston Avenue Park - Playground Installation

Columbus Recreation & Parks Department used CDBG to install a new Universally Accessible playground and park furnishings to be used by the surrounding community and by Nationwide Children's Hospital patients and visitors. Installation of a shade canopy over the entire structure enhanced inclusive use and appeal of the park.

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## Sidewalks & Curbs

More than \$1,500,000 in CDBG funds have been invested in sidewalk and curb ramp installation in neighborhoods across the city of Columbus to improve pedestrian safety and the walkability of communities.

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## Maroon Arts Group - York Mason Building Acquisition

\$1,500,000 in CDBG funds was awarded to the Maroon Arts Group to acquire the York Mason building in the King-Lincoln Bronzeville neighborhood, in order to expand their community programming.

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## All THAT - Teen Center Renovation

All THAT (Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow) provides mentoring, enrichment, and educational programming for at-risk teens in Columbus. \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds is planned for multiple improvements to their building on Livingston Avenue, including a roof replacement and upgrades to the boiler, electrical systems, and exterior lighting.

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## Bridgeway Academy

Bridgeway Academy, a school providing services for children with autism and other developmental diagnoses, was awarded \$575,000 to replace and upgrade HVAC and lighting systems to lower costs, mitigate risk, conserve energy resources, and improve sustainability of the facility and the organization.

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## St. Stephens Community House

St. Stephens Community House is a community center serving the Linden area through various programs and services. CDBG funds will be used to assist in renovating critical needs in their 63,000 square foot facility, including upgrading the HVAC system.

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## Clintonville Resource Center - Pantry Rehab

The Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center (CRC) has operated a food pantry for residents of the surrounding community since 1971. Almost \$60,000 in CDBG funds are planned to multiple improvements to their building, including lighting upgrades, structural support for floors, and replacement of an air conditioning unit.

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## Ours Brothers Keepers - Transitional Housing Rehab

\$420,000 in CDBG funds are planned for the construction of four transitional housing units in Ours Brothers Keepers' 5th Avenue building. This project is in partnership with Columbus Next Generation Corporation. These affordable units will be available for low-income individuals.

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## Rickenbacker Woods Foundation - Genesis Project

The currently vacant City land bank properties will be improved with a new playground and additional parking. This project will provide a safe and inviting park for play and social development for both residents in the community and students visiting the Foundation for programming.

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## Gladden Community House - HVAC Improvements

Gladden Community House is a community center in the Franklinton neighborhood that provides various needed services for residents. \$750,000 in CDBG funds are planned for the replacement and improvement of the building's HVAC system.

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## Directions for Youth & Families - HVAC Improvements

Directions for Youth and Families' (DFYF) Ohio Avenue Youth Center operates after-school and youth programs to thousands of students on the east side of downtown. CDBG funding will be used to update their facilities with new modern equipment, including the HVAC system, to provide a healthier, safer and more energy-efficient facility.

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## The Refuge - Building Upgrades

The Refuge provides addiction recovery services to individuals experiencing substance use disorder. Over \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds were used to improve their residential recovery building in the Hilltop. Improvements included balcony repair, a commercial kitchen rehabilitation, window installation, railing replacement, and other upgrades. \$100,000 in CDBG is planned for additional improvements to the building.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) - PUBLIC SERVICES



## Fair Housing Program

CDBG funding is used to administer a Fair Housing Program and housing discrimination testing services in order to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Columbus. In 2023 and 2024, the City has awarded CDBG funds to Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) for this program.



## Housing Conditions Program

In 2023, \$100,000 in CDBG funds were awarded to LASCO for a Housing Conditions Program, which aimed to improve conditions of low-income housing stock in Columbus by using legal tools to encourage landlords to invest in the maintenance of their rental properties.



## Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio - Roof Repair Program

Mid-Ohio Habitat for Humanity was awarded CDBG funds to deliver a roof repair and replacement program. This program assists low- to moderate-income homeowners with roofs in critical condition, when failure to correct such condition could cause the homeowner to vacate their home.



## Franklinton Development Association - Financial Life-Skills Program

\$130,000 in CDBG funds were awarded to FDA to support their Financial Life-Skills Program, which promotes fiscal security through direct instruction, guest speakers, textbook activities, and group discussion to low-to-moderate income residents.



## Helping Hands & Wellness Center - Free Care Program

\$50,000 in CDBG funds were used to assist Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center with technology, personnel, medical and patient supplies expenses in 2024 associated with their Free Care Program. The Free Care program offers medical and social services to about 845 low income Columbus residents per year.



## Community Development for All People (CD4AP) - HEAL Program

\$85,000 in CDBG funds were used to support CD4AP's Healthy Eating And Living (HEAL) Program which seeks to build a healthy community by increasing access to fresh food and engaging people in healthy eating and living activities including nutrition, cooking, and exercise classes as well as community-building events.



## CD4AP South End Cafe

The South End Cafe is a social enterprise designed to provide good-paying jobs to those who are having a hard time finding employment. \$35,134 in CDBG funds were used for an employment training program to provide job training to low-income persons.



# HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)



## Warner Junction

Warner Junction is a 50-unit workforce housing development consisting of 2 and 3-bedroom units in five duplexes, as well as 1 and 2-bedroom units in a mixed-use, multi-family building in the Franklinton neighborhood. The development features a community space, leasing office, fitness room, and healthcare space.

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## Gates Junction

Gates Junction is a 60-unit affordable housing development for low-income seniors in the Franklinton neighborhood. The development also provides supportive services to ensure each resident can remain independent by preserving their quality of life.

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## Maple Meadows

Maple Meadows is a 56-unit multi-family housing development consisting of two 3-story apartment buildings with 1, 2, and 3-bedroom flats in the Northland neighborhood. The development features a fitness center, computer lab, community room, onsite management office, and 24-hour emergency maintenance.

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## Kenlawn Place

Kenlawn Place is a 45-unit housing development consisting of 1- and 2-bedroom garden apartment homes and 3-bedroom single family homes in the North Linden area. The development features a fitness center, computer lab, community room, onsite management office, and 24-hour emergency maintenance.

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## Touchstone Field Place I

Touchstone Field Place I is a 56-unit permanent supportive housing development consisting of 1-bedroom units for individuals with histories of homelessness and disability in South Columbus. The development provides on-site supportive services in partnership with the YMCA.

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## Wendler Commons

Wendler Commons is a 62-unit affordable housing development consisting of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments on Columbus' northeast side near Easton Town Center. The development provides an onsite management office and multipurpose space with a kitchenette, playroom, and fitness center.

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## Bretton Woods

Bretton Woods is a 75-unit mixed-income senior housing community with wraparound supportive services on Columbus' north side. The development consists of 1- and 2-bedroom units that incorporate building design features to enable residents to age in place.

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## Northern Place Townhomes

This project involved the rehabilitation of the existing Northern Place Townhomes in the Northland neighborhood. 95 of the units were rehabilitated, while two buildings were demolished and replaced with ADA accessible units in the footprint of the demolished buildings.

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## Creekside Place

Creekside Place provides 63 units of permanent supportive housing in the Near East area for individuals with histories of homelessness or disability. All 63 units have rental assistance to limit the portion of rent paid by residents to 30% of their incomes.

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## Poindexter III

The third phase of the Poindexter development on the Near East Side provides 84 total apartments in a mix of townhomes and garden apartments. Service partnerships and referrals support residents with gaining economic stability and upward mobility.

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## Scholar House III

Scholar House III provides former foster youth the opportunity to further their education while living in a safe, stable environment. This project contains 30 one-bedroom units of housing within a newly-constructed building complete with community space and a variety of amenities and services onsite.

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## Wheatland Crossing II

Wheatland Crossing II provides 64 apartment units in the Hilltop neighborhood. The project is adjacent to the CDBG-funded Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop, and includes a community building with recreational areas and on-site supportive service facilities.

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## Marsh Brook Place

Marsh Brook Place provides 40 units of permanent supportive housing serving youth aged 18-24 who are disabled and homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The project is in partnership with Huckleberry House, and includes supportive services for residents.

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## Healthy Rental Homes I - VIII

Community Development for All People (CD4AP), one of the City's Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) teamed up with Nationwide Children's Hospital in 2008 to form the Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy Families (HNHF) Realty Collaborative; with the intent to rehabilitate and repair homes within a 38 block area to the immediate south and east of the Hospital's main campus.

With funding provided by Nationwide Children's, the United Way of Central Ohio and HOME dollars from the City of Columbus' Department of Development, to date 25 homes have been renovated, 3 new homes have been built on formerly vacant lots, and 35 homeowners have received grants for exterior home improvements. The goal of HNHF is to generate a net community gain of 65-75 homes within the next 3 to 5 years.

## Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio

The City utilizes HOME dollars to support Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio's homeownership program, which brings the dream of homeownership to qualifying partner families. Families who desire to become homeowners are invited to partner with HFHMO in a 12-18 month process that includes construction on their own home and other Habitat homes, financial and home maintenance classes, and serving in their communities.

HOME dollars contribute to construction costs for developing these new, single-family homes.



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