



COUNTY OF SUMMIT

THE HIGH POINT OF OHIO

RUSSELL M. PRY, EXECUTIVE

2009 NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Background:

The County of Summit has been allocated \$3,767,144 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Neighborhood Stabilization Program was authorized under Title III Division B of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA). This special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds is to be used to address the critical problem of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant properties.

Available Funding:

The County of Summit has been allocated \$3,767,144.00 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding.

Application Guidance:

The Department of Community Development will evaluate applications based on the agency's/communities financial fitness and program capacity along with block groups they identify to work in. 100% of the funding must benefit persons at or below 120% of the Area Median Income, 25% of the funding must benefit persons at or below 50% of the Area Median Income. Funds must be used in the targeted block groups identified by the County of Summit in the following areas: Twinsburg Township; Copley Township; City of Norton; City of Barberton; Springfield Township and Village of Lakemore.

Detailed maps can be found on the County's web site at www.co.summit.oh.us under the Community Development section.

All activities must fall within the following categories:

1. Purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon, in order to sell, rent, or redevelop such homes and properties.
2. Establish land banks for homes that have been foreclosed upon with an end use benefiting the targeted income population.
3. Demolish blighted structures and redevelop with an end use benefiting the targeted income population.

Applications **MUST** be typed in the space provided on the application. If additional space is needed the agency may attach additional sheets. Please do not provide any additional attachments beyond those that have been requested. If there are attachments that are requested but the agency is unable to provide, there must be an explanation regarding their omission. If at any time while completing the application, the agency has questions regarding the completion of this application, please contact Elizabeth Rogers at 330-643-8623 or Holly Miller at 330-643-8013.

Application Process:

An original, plus four copies of the proposal must be received in the County of Summit Community and Economic Development Department **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2009.** Proposals received after this date may not be accepted. No faxed or emailed applications will be accepted. Please do not staple, hole punch or bind the applications, a black binder clip should be used to keep applications and attachments together.

Please mail your proposal certified mail to:

County of Summit
Community and Economic Development
175 S. Main St.
Room #207
Akron, Ohio 44308

Attn: Elizabeth Rogers, Senior Administrator- Community Development

Once a preliminary review of the application has taken place, the Department of Development will schedule a time to meet with the Executive Director/Community and the entire Board/Council to discuss the proposed project. If a project is funded, another meeting will be held to sign the contract. All applicants must agree to these meetings in order for a contract to be funded.

If at anytime while completing the application, you have questions regarding the proposed project and/or the feasibility, contact Elizabeth Rogers at 330-643-8623 or Holly Miller at 330-643-8013