

Happy New Year!

For Community Development, the first quarter of each calendar year is generally spent reviewing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME applications that were submitted the previous fall and preparing for the next program year. Each complete and eligible application is thoroughly reviewed for consideration. This review process is comprehensive for many reasons. For one, any application chosen for funding must align with the current Stark County Consolidated Plan. Secondly, funding is competitive and limited. Applications must display a need in Stark County. After applications are reviewed by Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Staff, the applications are presented to the Board of Stark County Commissioners during a work session. During this work session, RPC Staff recommend the budget for the next fiscal year, which consists of the projects recommended for funding. Public input is solicited later in the spring during public meetings. Please look for future meeting dates by checking our website: [Stark County Regional Planning Commission](#).

Anticipated CDBG funds for FY'23

\$1,373,128

Anticipated HOME funds for FY'23

\$1,014,159

If you or your jurisdiction were unable to apply for the 2023 fiscal year, start to plan now for the 2024 fiscal year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025). The CDBG workshop is held annually in August and look for the HOME workshop in October.

Start planning your upcoming project now

CDBG project examples

Water lines

Sewer lines

Food pantries

ADA curbs

HOME project examples

New rental construction

New single-family construction

Tenant based rental assistance

CHDO multi-family rental rehabilitation

For questions on the CDBG or HOME funding process, please contact Lisa Snyder, Senior Community Development Planner at lcsnyder@starkcountyohio.gov, or Diane Sheridan, Chief of Community Development at dmsheridan@starkcountyohio.gov.