**Grantee:** Springfield, OH

**Grant:** B-08-MN-39-0012

July 1, 2009 thru September 30, 2009 Performance Report

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B-08-MN-39-0012

Grantee Name: Award Date:

Springfield, OH

Grant Amount: Contract End Date:

\$2,270,009.00

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Active Reviewed and Approved

**Submitted By:**No Submitter Found

#### **Disasters:**

**Declaration Number** 

**NSP** 

## **Plan Description:**

The City determined the geographic areas of interest by looking at the data required by HUD first. Along with this data, staff analyzed data from a 2002 housing study completed by Wittenberg University, the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, census information and staff knowledge of the area in terms of type, age and condition of housing in the areas, neighborhood resiliency and the market for the sale of homes in the areas being analyzed. The first data set of concern for staff was the percentage of foreclosures in each census tract and block group. This information was gathered using data from 2007 and 2008 Sheriff's sales that were plotted on a map and counted by census tract and block group. This set of data would prove to be the cornerstone upon which our decision would be based. The NSP funds are to be used, not to prevent foreclosures, but to address the neighborhoods in which the foreclosures had already occurred and had had a blighting influence. Staff agreed upon the importance of structuring programs to assist in stabilizing the neighborhoods where hi numbers of foreclosures had already occurred; including 5-2 (5.6%), 11.01-1 (5%%), 11.02-3 (4.8%), 12-6 (4.7%), 15-5 (4.6%), 15-3 (4.5%), 6-1 (4.3%), 21-1 (4.1%), 11.01-2 (4.1%), and 6-3 (4%). The second analysis was conducted on the areas with the highest percentage of HMDA Hi-Cost Loan Rates and the Predicted 18 month Foreclosure Rate. Staff utilized date provided from HUD for this analysis. When ranking this data from highest percentages to lowest, staff found that he two data sets aligned throughout the chart. Analysis found these numbers to be much less concentrated that the foreclosure rate with 20 block groups having a HMDA Hi-Cost Loan Rate of at least 55.6%. The following numbers indicate block groups in this category; 9.02-2, 9.02-1, 3-2, 3-4, 3-3, 3-1, 5-2, 5-1, 5-3, 12-6, 12-1, 12-5, 12-3, 12-2, 12-4, 11.02-3, 11.02-1, 11.01-1, and 11.01-2. In combining these three sets of data, staff looked for areas that ranked highest in the percentage of foreclosures and also ranked high in the second analysis. As a result of this analysis. staff began concentrating on the areas of 5-2, 6-1, 12-6, 11.01 and 11.02. It should be noted that all block groups contained

## **Recovery Needs:**

Following the preliminary data analysis, the City held a round table discussion with representatives from the banking and realty business, the local BIA, the Housing Authority, the City's CHDO, other housing related non-profits, a local appraiser, political officials, and other interested parties. The City gathered input regarding areas of concentration for this program and anticipated activities under this program. Staff used the expertise in the room, as well as their own professional experience within the Springfield neighborhoods to come up with the following areas and strategies:

Census Tract 11.01 and 11.02 - herein referred to as the Highland Southgate Area. These census tracts contained the 2nd and 3rd highest foreclosure rates for block groups in the City and had a total of 3 block groups in the top twn block groups. Additionally, the Hi-Cost Loan rate for the 2 census tracts ranged between 57% and 55%, indicating that the foreclosure issue is not nearly over in this area. In looking at the Wittenberg Housing Study conducted for the City in 2002, this area was called a Transitional Area. Transitional Areas are areas within the City where the house values are lower that would be predicted by the median income of the area. In these areas, homeowners could afford a higher priced home. These homeowners might be likely to leave the area for higher home values, or they could also invest more into their current homes.

A surbey of the housing stock in the Highland Southgate Area found a dichotomy of housing types. The Northern and far Eastern boundaries of thie area contain larger, older homes, which might be less expensive to purchase, but will liikely have a much higher rehab and utility costs (which speaks to the long term affordability of the home). West of the Limestone boundary and South of Perrin Avenue there are also a number of smaller, newer, ne-story homes, many of which are also brick. Rehab and utility costs for these homes are likely to be lower, making them ideal for rehav.

Both the design and fabric of this neighborhood are fairly strong despite the foreclosures negative influences. In 11.02 especially, the neighborhood is well planned with larger lots and a neighborhood friendly layout. Throughout both census tracts, there are neighborhood groups that have had a strong influence in bringing resources to the area. It is this combination that staff believes with make a difference in the revitilization efforts in the area.

Funds for this area will be geared towards acquisition, rehab and disposition, with some circumstances where demolition and new construction or demolition of blighted structes may also benefit the area. Staff will be looking at activities in terms of how they will impact the entire neighborhood. In doing so, it is the goal to keep this neighborhood intact. The majority of the ativity will be done with an end buyer and the neighborhood in mind. In fact, ideally the end buyer wiuld be identified in initial stages of identifying a vacant and foreclosed home and will have input on the rehab process.

Rehab done in this area will employ green technology and energy efficiency measures as utility expenses area real cost that the future homeowners will need to address. The City also plans to conduct open houses and workshops for the neighborhood residents utilitise these homes to showcase what is being done. Staff sees this as a real opportunity to assist the rest of the them about what can be done to cut utility costs in their own homes.

In the instance that there is a blighted vacant-foreclosed home in the are that is integral to the continuity of the neighborhood, all effort will be made to do both demolition and reconstruction in order to preserve the neighborhood. Conversely, there may also be a blighted structure that is not particularly well placed in the neighborhood. Such structures will be consiered for demolition only.

Census tract 5 block group 2 - herein referred to as the Lagond COrridor. This block group has the highest foreclosure rate (5.6%) and is in the third highest Hi-Cost Loan tier. Surveying thie area, staff found an area that is very concentrated in its housing. Area lots are very narrow and houses on those lots are typical older, small two story homes that have outlived much of their useful life. Staff contends it would be cost prohibitive to rehab this housing stock, yet feel this is an area, given the date, that should not be ignored.

Neighborhood design also affects this area. Street are very narrow, and a mentioned, lots are very small/narrow aw well. Much of the housing here does not have garage access, adding parking congestions to the area problems. Neighborhood fabric, likewise, is affected in this area. Currently these is no active neighborhoods group in the area. Like the housing stock, the people living in this neighborhood have been negatively affected by foreclosures.

Staff believe this area can benefit most from clearing out as many of the vacant and blighted homes as possible. The 2002 Wittenberg Study indicated a need for the City to demolish 450 vacant, blights and obsolete homes within the City. While the City has worked on this, continued housing decline, polutation loss and of course the foreclosure issues have only increased this number. Staff will look at vacant and foreclosed homes that might have owner occupied structures on either side. If this is the case, acquisition and demolition will be considered if the adjoining property owenrs are interested i the lot. Staff will also consider acquisition is there is a plausible redevelopment use for the lots. It is anticipated, however, that most of the activity in the area will be done under demolition of blighted structures activity. It is our belief that by eliminating the worst of the housing, the area can be de-concentrated to the point that the neighborhood is able to function again and housing values will stabilize making the neighborhood a more desirable place to live in.

Census Tract 6 Block Group 1 - herein refferd to as the Old McGuffy School Area. The Old McGuffy School Area has data that surprised staff. The block group is 7th overall in the rate of foreclosures, and has a hi-Cost Loan rate of 49.2%. Home in the area are modest in saze, and most are in fairly good condition. Many of the homes in this area are a bungalow style which is similar in design to what is currently build by Habitat for Humanity.

The neighborhood design make sense in this community. Te streets and lots have character, as do many of the homes in the area. Currently there are no organized neighborhood groups in the area. The City hope that by bringing some new investment into this community, that it will both stabilize the housing market and create Cityneighbor and neighbor-neighbor relationships such that the area can organize and have an active role in thier local government.

Fund for this area will primarily be used for either acquisition and reconstruction of acquisition and rehab, trageting household at or below 50% of the area median income. The City will investigate partnering with the local Continuum of Care for rental units. It is the City's intention to release a request for applications to these agencies. Applications will outline the needs of clients being served by these agencies and how the City can partner with them in a housing development project. Activities may include demolition, acquisition-demolition and reconstruction of acquisition and rehab. End use might be for rental and/or owner-occupancy.

Census Tract 12 Block Group 6 - herin referred to a Grand Avenue South. This block group ranked 4th in rate of foreclosures with 4.7% and was in the 4th higherst tier of Hi-Cost loans with 60.7%. Staff found this area to be a very typical older urban neighborhood; one in which many empty lots already exist as a result of past demolitions. Despite an active demolition program in this area, many blighted structures still reamin in the area. Many of the

homes that remain are large rental units, many of them vacant, that have not been kept up and have active code violations.

Neighborhood design in this area is typical of an older urban residentail neighborhood. There is very little of note abour the square block and regular sized and shaped lots. The area has two very wide and heavily traveled streets, Clifton and Grand Avenues, which intersect thie neighborhood. There are a couple of old neighborhood groups in this area that are no longer active, with on group that exists on the area's western-most edge.

Staff feels this area has the potential to see a great improvement with the investment of NSP funds. This investment is also likely to impact a larger area. Substantial investment has been put into the neighborhoods to the North and AOuth of this area. The North contains a new affordable housing development by Neighborhood Housing Partnership and to the South is the new HOPE VI development. All three areas are encompassed by a Community Reinvestment Area designation, furthering the possibilities in this area. Funds in this area, like the McGuffy School Area, will be allocated based on the result of the Request for Applications from the local Continuum of Care agencies including the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity mentioned earlier. Staff would like to see creative proposals that would coordinate these agencies and produce a plan that helps connect and continue the investment that already exists to the north and south of this area. We anticipate that all activities in this area will meet the requirement to house folks at or below 50% area median, and also assist the Continuum of Care to meet some of the goals they have outlines in their Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$2,270,009.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$2,270,009.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$1,156.37	\$34,099.75
Obligated CDBG DR Funds	\$13,429.37	\$46,372.75
Expended CDBG DR Funds	\$0.00	\$32,943.38
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00

## **Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets**

Requirement	Required	To Date
Minimum Overall Benefit Percentage	\$99.99	\$0.00
Minimum Non-Federal Match	\$0.00	\$0.00
Limit on Public Services	\$340,501.35	\$0.00
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$227,000.90	\$0.00
Limit on State Admin	\$0.00	\$0.00

## **Progress Toward Activity Type Targets**

# **Progress Toward National Objective Targets**

## **Overall Progress Narrative:**

While this period's performace is still low, with only one property being purchased and miscelaneous expenses being drawn, much acticity has already taken place in the next reporting period. The demolition project has now begun, and contracts have been entered into with 3 of the 4 non-profit agencies totalling \$703,760. The City has also since purchased a second home for rehab-resale and have 2 properties under contract for the non-profits to redeveop.

# **Project Summary**

Project #, Project Title	This Report Period		To Date	
	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ADMIN 100, Administration	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$227,000.00	\$900.00
AR 400, Acquisition Rehab (B)	\$0.00	\$6.37	\$850,000.00	\$32,949.75
AR-RENTAL 500, Acquisition Rehab- Rental-25% set aside (B/E)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$843,009.00	\$0.00
DEMO 200, Demolition (D)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
DEMO 300, Redevelopment-Reconstruction -25% set aside(E)	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250,000.00	\$250.00

# **Activities**

Grantee Activity Number: ACQ-REHAB 400

Activity Title: Rehabilitation

**Activitiy Category:** 

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures

**Project Number:** 

AR 400

**Projected Start Date:** 

03/31/2009

**National Objective:** 

NSP Only - LMMI

**Activity Status:** 

Planned

**Project Title:** 

Acquisition Rehab (B)

**Projected End Date:** 

03/31/2013

**Responsible Organization:** 

City of Springfield

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2009	To Date
Overall	Jul 1 tillu 3ep 30, 2009	10 Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$450,000.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$450,000.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Obligated CDBG DR Funds	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Expended CDBG DR Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00

### **Activity Description:**

(24CFR570.201(n) and .202) This activity will be utilized to rehab homes for for a homeownership project. The City will purchase a vacant and foreclosed upon home at a discounted rate. Homes will be carefully considered based on the potential discount and the cost of rehab. Once purchased, the City will draft rehab spec to bring the home up to code and make it decent, safe and sanitary. The specs will also include provisions that will make the home more energy efficient for the homeowner in the long run. It is in the Citys best interest to keep these homes as affordable as possible for the new homeowners. Therefore, extra measures will be taken to ensure that the homeowner will not have unnecessarily high utility bills. In order to promote not only this program, but also other City assistance programs, local contractors and energy consumption awareness, the City will also organize workshops and open houses in the area. These events will serve as an educational tool. While the NSP program is not intended to prevent foreclosure, the City hopes to utilize the program as a teaching tool for other homeowners educating them about what they might do to their homes to cut their utility costs. See Acquisition, purchase assistance and project delivery cost activities for more details on the project.

## **Location Description:**

The primary location for this activity will be in the Highland Southgate Area (Census Tracts 11.01 and 11.02), providing additional home-ownership opportunities in the area. The area contains smaller, newer built homes that will enable the city to keep the rehab costs lower than rehabbing a larger/older home.

#### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

#### **Performance Measures**

No Performance Measures found.

### **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

## **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

### **No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found Total Other Funding Sources

Grantee Activity Number: ACQUISITION-R 400

Activity Title: Acquisition

Activity Category: Activity Status:

Acquisition - buyout of residential properties Planned

Project Number: Project Title:

AR 400 Acquisition Rehab (B)

Projected Start Date: Projected End Date:

03/31/2009 03/31/2013

National Objective: Responsible Organization:

NSP Only - LMMI City of Springfield

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2009	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$350,000.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$350,000.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$32,943.38
Obligated CDBG DR Funds	\$150.00	\$33,093.38
Expended CDBG DR Funds	\$0.00	\$32,943.38
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00

#### **Activity Description:**

(24 CFR570.201(n) and .202) - This activity will be utilized to purchase homes for a homeownership project. The City will purchase a vacant and foreclosed upon home at a discounted rate. Homes will be carefully considered based on the potential discount, cost of rehab and resale value. Once purchased, the City will draft rehab specs, to bring the home up to code and make it decent, safe and sanitary and sell the home to a qualified family or individual. The City will also provide some direct homeownership assistance. (See rehab and project delivery and purchase assistance activites for more details).

#### **Location Description:**

The primary location for this activity will be in the Highland Southgate Area (Census tracts 11.01 and 11.02), concentrating on adding owner-occupied housing to this area. This area contains, smaller, newer built homes that will enable the city to keep the rehab costs lower than rehabbing a larger/older home.

## **Activity Progress Narrative:**

Wittenberg address acquired. Damascus has since been acquired. Staff working on acquiring additional foreclosed properties.

#### **Performance Measures**

This Report Period			Cumulative Actual Total / Expected			
Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total	

# of Properties	0	0	2	0/0	0/0	3/10
# of housing units	0	0	2	0/0	0/0	3/10
# of Households benefitting	0	0	0	0/0	0/10	0/10
# of Parcels acquired voluntarily	0	0	2	0/0	0/0	3/10

## **Activity Locations**

Address	City	State	Zip
1815 Wittenberg Blvd W	Springfield	NA	45506
1808 Damascus	Springfield	NA	45506

## **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

## No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found Total Other Funding Sources **Grantee Activity Number:** Admin 100

Activity Title: Administration

Activity Category: Activity Status:

Administration Under Way

Project Number: Project Title:
ADMIN 100 Administration

Projected Start Date: Projected End Date:

03/31/2009 03/31/2013

National Objective: Responsible Organization:

N/A City of Springfield

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2009	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$227,000.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$227,000.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$900.00	\$900.00
Obligated CDBG DR Funds	\$11,400.00	\$11,400.00
Expended CDBG DR Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00

### **Activity Description:**

This activity will be used for administration expenses for City employees. The admin activity will also be used for all expenses that are incurred on properties that are de-selected as a project before completion (appraisals, title search, staff time, etc)

#### **Location Description:**

Administration expenses will be incurred throughout the entire project area.

#### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

The one drawdown for \$900 covered the cost of appraisals for 1808 Amanda and 1214 S Limestone. Other Admin funds were obligated for expenses incurred (title search, appraisals and holding costs) before committing to a particular address as a project. Once commitment is made to an address, these costs will be transfered out of admin and into a project cost. No true Admn costs were drawn this period.

### **Performance Measures**

No Performance Measures found.

#### **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

### **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found Total Other Funding Sources

Grantee Activity Number: AR PROJECT DEL 400
Activity Title: Project Delivery Costs

Activity Category: Activity Status:

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures Planned

Project Number: Project Title:

AR 400 Acquisition Rehab (B)

Projected Start Date: Projected End Date:

03/31/2009 03/31/2013

National Objective: Responsible Organization:

NSP Only - LMMI City of Springfield

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2009	To Date
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Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$50,000.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$50,000.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$6.37	\$6.37
Obligated CDBG DR Funds	\$479.37	\$479.37
Expended CDBG DR Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00

## **Activity Description:**

(24 CFR 570.201(n)) - As part of the Acquisition Rehab project, this activity singles out the soft costs associated with the rehab of a property to be sold to a qualified individual or family with an income at or below 120% AMI.

#### **Location Description:**

The primary location for this activity will be in the Highland Southgate Area Census Tracts 11.01 and 11.02), concentrating on keeping this area primarily owner-occupied. This area already contains, smaller, newer built homes that will enable the city to keep the rehab costs lower than rehabbing a larger home.

#### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

#### **Performance Measures**

No Performance Measures found.

### **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

## **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

### **No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found Total Other Funding Sources

Grantee Activity Number: DEMO 200
Activity Title: Demolition

Activity Category: Activity Status:

Clearance and Demolition Planned

Project Number: Project Title:

DEMO 200 Demolition (D)

Projected Start Date: Projected End Date:

03/31/2009 03/31/2013

National Objective: Responsible Organization:

NSP Only - LMMI City of Springfield

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2009	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$100,000.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$100,000.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Obligated CDBG DR Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expended CDBG DR Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00

#### **Activity Description:**

(24 CFR 570.201(d)) - The most benefit can be derived from de-concentrating the housing in the Lagonda Corridor. Much of the housing is obsolete and owner occupied units have been replaced with rental units, many of which are vacant as well. By demolishing the worst of the vacant homes, staff believes that the remaining residents will have a better chance at assisting in the stabilization of their community. While the majority of the work in this area will be demolition of blighted structures, in instances where it makes sense to utilize NSP funds to purchase the property, demolish the structure and dispose of the property to adjoining property owners to increase yard space, etc., the City will certainly make that change. Likewise, if there are owner occupants that wish to upgrade the home they are currently living in, the City is willing to utilize their HOME funds or other assistance in order to accomplish the end goal of stabilizing this neighborhood. In the remaining target areas, demolition without acquisition will only be used for structures that are blighted and in a location that it would not make sense to replace it with another residential structure. Independent of location, the funds used for this activity will not be used to house persons at or below 50% area median income.

#### **Location Description:**

The primary location for this activity will be in the Lagonda Corridor, an area that has experienced the highest rate of foreclosure and is in one of the highest tiers for the Hi-Cost Loan rate. In some cases, it might also make sense to utilize this activity judiciously in the other target locations: Highlands/Southgate, Grand Avenue South and the Old McGuffy School Site. This activity will be used in these areas, only when property conditions and site locations warrant.

#### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

No funds obligated or drawn in this reporting period. Since the end of reporting period, however, funds have been drawn and the demolition project begun.

## **Performance Measures**

	This R	This Report Period		Cumulative Actual Total / Expected		
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total
# of housing units	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/10

## **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

## **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

**No Other Match Funding Sources Found** 

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found

**Total Other Funding Sources** 

Grantee Activity Number: DEMO-ACQUISITION 300

Activity Title: Demo-Acquisition

**Activitiy Category:** 

Acquisition - buyout of residential properties

**Project Number:** 

**DEMO 300** 

**Projected Start Date:** 

03/31/2009

**National Objective:** 

NSP Only - LH - 25% Set-Aside

**Activity Status:** 

Planned

**Project Title:** 

Redevelopment-Reconstruction -25% set aside(E)

**Projected End Date:** 

03/31/2013

**Responsible Organization:** 

City of Springfield

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2009	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$64,099.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$64,099.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$250.00	\$250.00
Obligated CDBG DR Funds	\$400.00	\$400.00
Expended CDBG DR Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00

### **Activity Description:**

(@\$ CFR 570.201(a)) - The most benefit can be derived in the Old McGuffy School Site and Grand Avenue South from acquiring vacant land and vacant foreclosed upon homes, tearing down the blighting influence and rebuilding new units of affordable housing for individuals and families at or below 50% of the area median income. Staff will look at proposals offered by the Springfield Clark County Housing Collaborative that focus on the development of a neighborhood in this area. The City is not looking to replace, one-for-one, the existing blighted housing in the area. Instead, it will look to combine lots, adding more neighborhood appeal and green space, and increasing property values in the area. The replacement housing will be well built, energy efficient homes, which will also add to the stabilizing effect of this program. The end user for this new construction will likely be an owner and partner family of the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Homeowners will take the required home buyer course with Neighborhood Housing Partnership; the local HUD approved housing counseling agency. This activity addresses the acquisition of either vacant lots or vacant and foreclosed upon homes in the Grand Avenue South and Old McGuffy School areas.

## **Location Description:**

The primary locations for this activity will be the Old McGuffy School Site (CT 6-1) and Grand Avenue South (CT 12-6). It is possible that the Highland Southgate Area might also utilize this activity to assist in the stabilization of the area, but demolition reconstruction will not be the primary activity used in the Highland Southgate area.

#### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

#### **Performance Measures**

No Performance Measures found.

### **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

# Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

# No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found Total Other Funding Sources