

Minutes Approved

As Circulated October 4, 2021
11/15/2021 Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday October 4, 2021 at 7:14 P.M. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Baird. The recording/audio of this meeting is available on City of Elyria Channel on YouTube. (Zoom meeting)

2. ROLL CALL--COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Baird, Davis, Keys, Mitchell, Oswald, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett
ABSENT: Jessie

OTHERS PRESENT: SSD Brubaker, ASSD Calvert, ASSD Williams, Law Dir. Deery, Asst. Clerk Lotko, Finance Dir. Pileski, Asst. Fin Dir. John Farrell, Police Chief Whitely, Fire Chief Pronesti, Superintendent Terry Korzan, HR Director Yousefi

Moved by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Baird to excuse Mr. Jessie.

AYE: 9

NAY: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Stewart expressed at the opening of the meeting that council as a whole does not condone the actions or behavior of Mr. Jessie. Elyria City Council takes the charges very seriously. Mr. Jessie will be held accountable for his actions. Moving forward Elyria City Council will follow the investigation process as it develops.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Baird moved, Mr. Tollett seconded that the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Council President Stewart: None

Mayor Whitfield:

Mayor Whitfield provided a State of the City address at a meeting prior to the Council meeting. He would allow the State of the city presentation to serve as his remarks.

President Stewart shared that Mayor Whitfield's State of the City address provided updates on continued relationship building and moving the City of Elyria forward. City Council welcomed with open arms the idea of building relationships and moving forward.

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

Mr. Oswald shared Mayor Whitfield's speech was brilliant and thanked him for enlightening council and to keep up the good work.

Mayor Whitfield expressed his appreciation for flowers that were sent upon the delivery of he and his wife's new baby.

Safety Service Director Brubaker:

Safety Service Brubaker announced that he distributed to all city council members a synopsis of grants that were received from the Water Pumping Plant, compiled by Superintendent Jacob. The grants are lead and chlorine feeder grants. SSD Brubaker provided an update of the CMG (Central Maintenance Complex), two qualified applicants have been identified to start the design part of the complex. The candidates will be interviewed the week of November 12, 2021. Sadly, SSD Brubaker reported that a tragic fatal accident happened in the city the week of October 24, 2021. Mr. Brubaker applauded the work of both Safety forces, Elyria Police and Fire for being first responders on scene. In addition partners, Sugar Ridge Towing and Life Care were instrumental on scene. Our internal teams, Water Distribution, Street Department, and Wastewater teams, that were all on site handling multiple issues, particularly, fuel clean-up and protecting our waterways from fuel contamination. The response from city employees was handled professionally, responsibly and with dignity. The additional city employees assigned to respond was outside of the norm, and was handled extremely well.

Mr. Tollett asked if there was a chemical leak at the 57 accident. Mr. Brubaker responded that an extreme amount of diesel fuel was expelled, the bags in place, are called "booms", the purpose is to help absorb the fuel.

President Stewart expressed thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families.

Finance Director Pileski: No report

Law Director Deery: No report

Police Chief Whitely: No report

Fire Chief Pronesti:

Chief Pronesti thanked Director Brubaker for acknowledging their response to the fatal accident. Chief Pronesti shared that the fatal accident was one of the worst he has witnessed. He asked that first responders always be kept in everyone's thoughts. Chief Pronesti expressed that the experiences of first responders stick with them for the rest of their lives. Chief Pronesti introduced Mr. Dave Richards, CEO of LifeCare Ambulance Services, Inc. Chief Pronesti, explained the need for the Life Care is due to increased call volume for ems, emergencies and trauma related calls. The Chief provided a brief history of fire response calls since the 1930's, Elyria Fire has responded to emergency medical calls. To date call volumes are so high that safety force members are stressed.

Dave Richards, 640 Cleveland St. Elyria. Mr. Richards expressed his appreciation for the

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

evolvment of the future of emergency medical services in the city of Elyria, considering the idea that he and Chief Pronesti could collaborate. Mr. Richards, provided a graph of 911 transported patients, call volume breakdown. (Exhibit "A") Mr. Richards and Chief Pronesti are working together to create a better system. LifeCare started a pilot program with telemedicine with the Metro Health System. The program allows a physician to be brought into the ambulance and avoidance of entering a busy emergency room, where sometimes ems has to wait or beds are unavailable. Mr. Tollett asked Mr. Pronesti about Elyria Fire call log and how it mirrors LifeCare. Chief Pronesti responded thirty years ago, emergency calls averaged 1,400, today it's about 5,000. He shared that is a lot for a fire department that does not transport. Mr. Cerra asked if surrounding areas are experiencing the same. Mr. Richards stated yes, overloaded systems and bed capacities and diversionary tactics that the hospitals are going through. Domestic violence cases are up and impacts volume, the current volume is unprecedented. LifeCare has hired twenty new employees. They are deployed in two locations in Elyria. They have added a 24 hour individual command car. President Stewart asked if cpr classes are still offered. Mr. Richards, answered yes every second Wednesday. In addition, LifeCare collaborated with Lorain County Community College with an apprentice/ work study program for emt and paramedics.

ASSD CALVERT: No Report

ASSD Williams:

ASSD Williams, provided an update to the body camera initiative grant. He explained that when he approached council last, there was a release of a five million dollar grant for 2021 and an additional five million that would be released in 2022. Due to the lateness of the announcement, many departments would be unable to apply, due to all budgets and details have to finalized to submit. Mr. Williams explained that there will be another opportunity October 2022. General committee meeting have been held, in addition meetings with the Safety Service and Police. Sgt. Buckway has reached out to some potential vendors and a full committee meeting is expected in October, with a referral process to begin in November and a vendor identified by December and ready to present to council by the end of this calendar year.

Eng. Schneider: No Report

Engineer Schneider provided an update to street resurfacing, Phase I began October 4th. Phase II will begin the week of November 8, 2021. President Stewart inquired if all streets will be completed. The contractor has assured the engineering department that he does have plans to finish the roads this year, however wether could impact the work.

Mr. Oswald inquired about a small area of road off of Randolph and Nash possibly being resurfaced. Mr. Schneider responded he was not quite clear of the location being discussed, however would look into it.

HR Director Yousefi: No Report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:**Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of a request for a transfer Liquor License at OKT LLC 1063 Broad Street, Elyria (C1,C2, D6, D8)

REFERRED BY: Ohio Division of Liquor Control

REFERRED TO: Community Development

2. The matter of allowing Elyria Community Partnership to hold their Garford Arts Festival.

REFERRED BY: Director Carrie Reardon

REFERRED TO: Community Development

3. The matter of re-zoning 169 Ridge St from R-MF to G-B.

REFERRED BY: William J. Forthofer

REFERRED TO: Community Development and Planning Commission

4. The matter of the request for an exception to the City's Subordination Policy for Community Development Rehabilitation Loans..

REFERRED BY: Director Ashley Scott

REFERRED TO: Community Development and Finance Committees

5. The mater of resolution in support of a grant proposal application to Nord Family Foundation for Community Development Corporation.

REFERRED BY: ASSD Dawn Calvert

REFERRED TO: Community Development and Finance Committees

6. The matter of proper committee to make changes to ECO 951.13 (a), Indigent burials.

REFERRED BY: SSD Kevin Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

7. The matter of accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Lorain County Budget Commission.

REFERRED BY: Finance Director Pileski

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

8. The matter of a referral for the purchase of the Centrac's Program for a traffic management program throughout the city, quote attached.

REFERRED BY: SSD Kevin Brubaker

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee and Utilities, Safety & Environment

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

9. The matter of Authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the installation and purchase of Chemical Feeders.

REFERRED BY: Superintendent Sam F. Jacob

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee and Utilities, Safety & Environment

10. The matter of Authorizing the Mayor to purchase Hach Turbidimeters and lab turbidimeters for use at the Elyria Water Pumping Plant.

REFERRED BY: Superintendent Sam F. Jacob

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee and Utilities, Safety & Environment

Items 11-16 Received and Placed on File in the Clerk's Office

11. Denied Claim for Damage: Trayvon Nash Basketball hoop Damage Claim.

12. Denied Claim for Damage: Michael Vasu Yellow paint Claim.

13. Denied Claim for Damage: Mark Haller Flooded basement Claim.

14. Denied Claim for Damage: Peggie S. Roberts Flooded basement Claim.

15. August Elyria Parks & Recreation Board Minutes.

16. List of receipts collected by each division of The Clerk of Court's Office for the month of August 2021.

7. PETITIONS COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**8. PETITIONS LOBBY:**

Mark & Becky Haller, 410 Briar Lake Dr., Elyria, Flooding- Exhibit "A"

Jeff Baxter, 160 Burns Rd., Lack of Council leadership- Exhibit "A"

President Stewart responded to Mr. Baxter, he stated that he could not disagree with him more regarding the leadership of the city. He takes exception to his statement regarding the lack of leadership. President Stewart restated his opening comments that council does not condone the behavior of Mr. Jessie and is allowing the legal process to run the course through the legal system.

Michael Doud, 1173 N. Ridge Rd. 44055, Bridge Pointe Commons, Permanent Supportive Housing Project- Exhibit "A"

Mrs. Davis asked if the housing is only for Elyria residents. Mr. Doud confirmed that it is only for residents of Lorain County. President Stewart asked if Elyria residents would have a priority to housing. Mayor Whitfield responded regarding the intake process not having a walk in location in Elyria for sign-up. Mr. Doud explained a wait list exist, Elyria resident have listed their last known residence as Elyria.

Mr. Oswald stated that he is hoping that the project works out as promised.

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None**10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: None**

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Sponsored by:	<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2021-149</u>
Community	AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF
Development:	CERTAIN LANDS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY
T. Callahan	FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREETS AND UTILITIES
M. Jessie	AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE FINAL PLAT OF HARVEST
D. Mitchell	MEADOWS SUBDIVISION NO. 1.
K. Oswald	
J. Cerra	

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:	<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2021-150</u>
Community	AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR
Development:	THE DOWNTOWN FACADE IMPROVEMENT
T. Callahan	PROGRAM, CREATED BY ORDINANCE 2019-19, FOR
M. Jessie	IMPROVEMENT AT 353, 355, 357, 359 AND 361 BROAD
D. Mitchell	STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO.
K. Oswald	
J. Cerra	

Finance:
V. Stewart III
P. Tollett
B. Davis
M. Jessie
J. Baird

Callahan moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

SUSPENSION:
AYE: 10
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:
AYE: 10
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:
Community
Development:
T. Callahan
M. Jessie
D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-151

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC REDEVELOPMENT
GRANT PROGRAM, CREATED BY ORDINANCE 2021-
31, FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT 353, 355, 357, 359 AND 361
BROAD STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO.

Finance:
V. Stewart III
P. Tollett
B. Davis
M. Jessie
J. Baird

Callahan moved, Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:
AYE: 10
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:
AYE: 10
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-152**
 Community Development: AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE PROGRAM
 T. Callahan BOUNDARY REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVING THE
 M. Jessie APPLICATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN FACADE
 D. Mitchell IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CREATED BY
 K. Oswald ORDINANCE 2019-19, FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT 100 4TH
 J. Cerra STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO.

Finance:
 V. Stewart III
 P. Tollett
 B. Davis
 M. Jessie
 J. Baird

Callahan moved, Simmons seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-153**
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-50,
 V. Stewart III KNOWN AS THE “2021 PERMANENT
 P. Tollett APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE,” TO CHANGE FUNDS
 B. Davis IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.
 M. Jessie
 J. Baird

Tollett moved, Baird seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-154**
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
 V. Stewart III ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE SCOTT X3
 P. Tollett PRO SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS
 B. Davis (SCBAs), CYLINDERS, AND FILL STATION FOR THE
 M. Jessie ELYRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH THE STATE
 J. Baird OF OHIO PURCHASING PROGRAM OR EQUIVALENT
 PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Baird seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-155**
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
 V. Stewart III ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE TWO (2)
 P. Tollett 2022 REAR LOADING GARBAGE TRUCKS FOR THE
 B. Davis SANITATION DEPARTMENT, THROUGH THE OHIO
 M. Jessie STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM OR EQUIVALENT
 J. Baird PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-156**
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
 V. Stewart III INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE OR PURCHASE OF
 P. Tollett A 2021 TRUVAC PARADIGM HYDRO-EXCAVATING TRUCK,
 B. Davis THROUGH THE OHIO STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM, FOR
 M. Jessie THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT, AND
 J. Baird DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities, Safety
 & Environment
 D. Mitchell
 D. Simmons
 J. Keys
 J. Cerra

Mitchell moved, Simmons seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES–SECOND READING: None**15. ORDINANCES–THIRD READING: None****16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 10/12/2021 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council
 Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

VIRTUAL/ZOOM

FINANCE 10/12/2021 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers
 w/Mayor, Fin. Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

VIRTUAL/ZOOM

UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 10/6/2021 6:00 P.M. All Referred items w/ Law
 Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 10/18/2021 Immediately following Council All Referred Items
 Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Dir., Law Director, Engineer

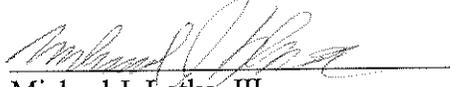
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17. MISC AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

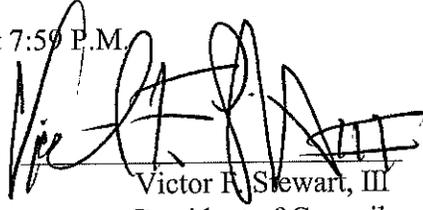
18. ADJOURNMENT:

Baird Motion to adjourn, Cerra seconded at 7:59 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED



Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council



Victor R. Stewart, III
President of Council

RLP/



CITY OF ELYRIA

City of Elyria
Water Pumping Plant
Samuel F. Jacob
Superintendent

3628 West Erie Ave
Lorain, OH 44053
440-244-4310 ext. 6201
440-326-7669

Kevin Brubaker
Safety Service Director
City of Elyria

Dear Mr. Brubaker:

In 2021 we have applied for two forgivable loans and a grant for the City of Elyria. The forgivable loans were from the "Drinking Water Assistance Fund. See attached information sheet.

We have applied for and received a Fluoride Feeder 50% reimbursement grant from the Ohio department of Health for the purchase of a new Fluoride feeder. The amount we are receiving is \$20,000.

We have applied for a Lead Service Line Replacement Forgivable Loan in January of 2021 and was awarded \$922,062.00. We have replaced approximately 260 lead services, Phase 1 is about to close out and I will get you exact numbers next week.

We applied for a second Lead Service Line Replacement Forgivable Loan in July of 2021 and was awarded approximately \$1,000,000.00. We will be able to replace approximately 250-300 lead services. Phase 2 will start this week.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely;

Samuel F. Jacob
Superintendent, Elyria Water Plant

CC: Colleen, SSD, SWJ

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Drinking Water Assistance Fund: Lead Service Line Replacement Funding

Approximately 6.1 million homes across the country receive drinking water through lead pipes, known as lead service lines (LSL)¹. Since 2017, in response to concerns about lead in drinking water, Ohio EPA's Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) program has provided no interest financing for LSL replacement. For program years 2021 and 2022, eligible LSL replacement projects will receive a one-time allocation up to \$20 million in principal forgiveness funding. Principal forgiveness is grant-like funding referring to the principal portion of a loan which does not require repayment. Projects that exhibit readiness to proceed, have acceptable information regarding lead line locations, and can document having the authority to address lead lines on private property will be well-positioned for funding consideration.

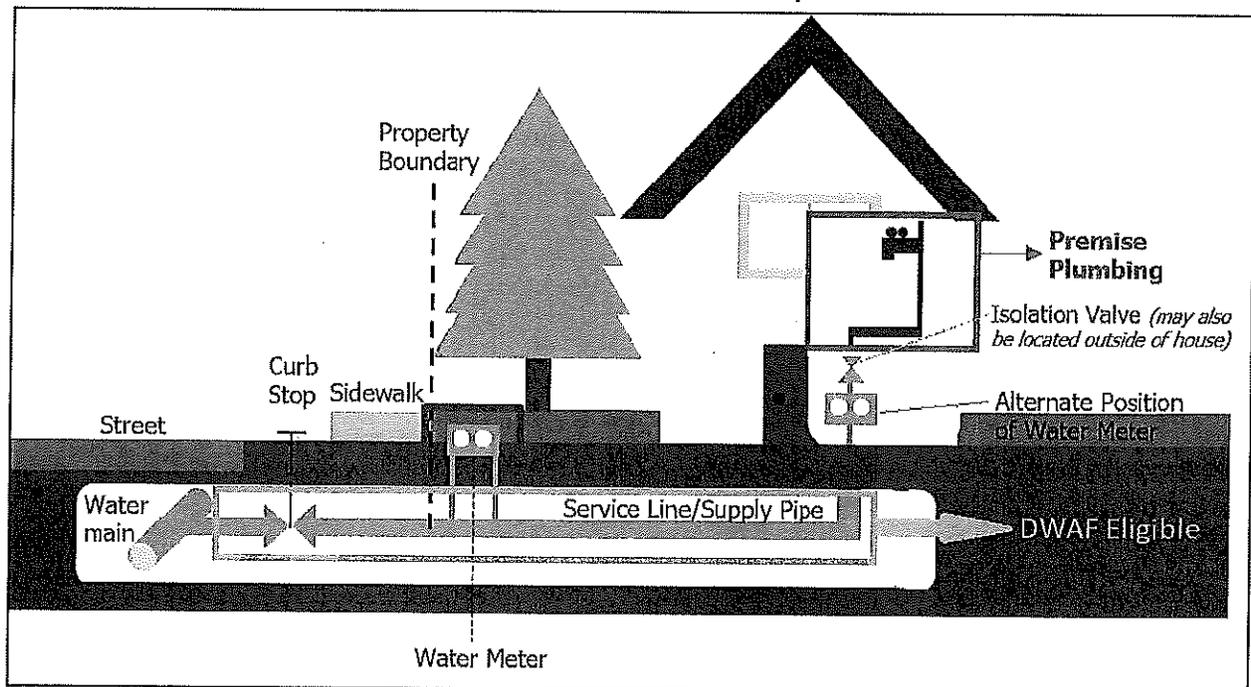
Who is eligible?

Applicants eligible for the DWAF program are eligible for LSL principal forgiveness. Applicants are not required to meet disadvantaged community criteria for this funding. Please refer to the *DWAF Program Management Plan* for the definition of eligible applicants.

What project activities are eligible for PF funding?

Public LSL replacement activities are eligible for PF funding. Additionally, costs to replace private lead service lines up to premise plumbing also are eligible. Projects with both public- and private-side lead service lines must include replacement of both lines. Figure 1 outlines the components eligible for funding (see bright green outline).

Figure 1 – Lead Service Line Components



How much principal forgiveness is available per project?

Up to \$20 million of principal forgiveness will be made available during program years 2021 and 2022. Each applicant may receive up to \$1 million per year. An applicant may apply for and receive funds in both program years. If additional funding is needed for a project exceeding \$1 million, loan financing is available at no interest.

¹ "National Survey of Lead Service Line Occurrence," Journal - American Water Works Association, April 2016

Drinking Water Assistance Fund: Lead Service Line Replacement Funding

How will funding be awarded?

Projects identified as eligible for funding during the annual call for nominations for program year 2021 are listed in the current *Program Management Plan*. However, additional LSL projects may be nominated for funding at any time during the program year. Projects will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis with a strong emphasis on readiness to proceed. Refer to the *2021 Program Management Plan* readiness to proceed criteria for more information.

When will funding be available?

LSL funds are scheduled to be transferred to the DWAF program in October 2020, and funds should be available for award beginning December 2020. Questions can be directed to the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance at defamail@epa.ohio.gov.

What essential documentation is necessary for funding consideration?

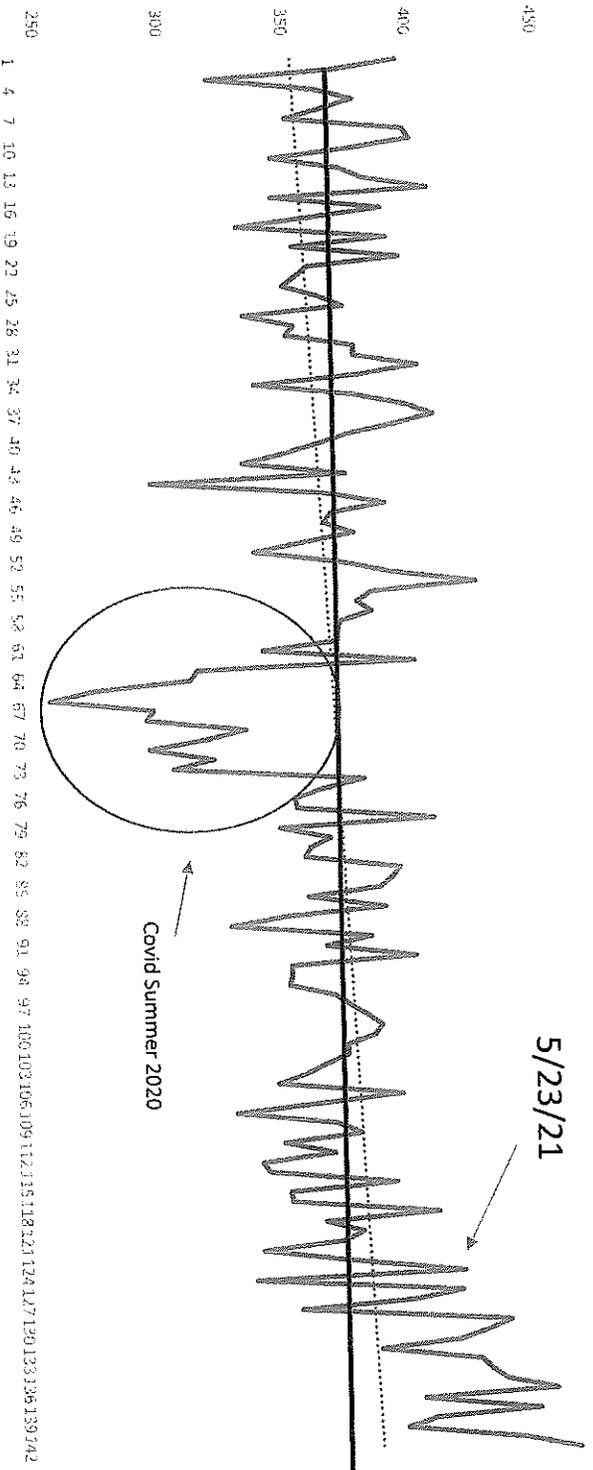
- The public water system (PWS) has an updated and acceptable LSL inventory and distribution map identifying areas needing replacement.
- The PWS has documented authority to access private property for replacement work (access contract, ordinance, easement, declaration of nuisance, legal opinion, etc.).
- The PWS has documented authority (legal opinion) to spend public funds on private property.
- The PWS has an outreach plan for educating customers about lead.
- The PWS has an acceptable asset management program which includes a plan to replace public and private LSL, including costs the system will incur. This information may be prepared as the project develops, then included in the asset management program (for example, updated lead maps post-construction, estimated project costs, operation and maintenance).
- The PWS will conduct or oversee the work and have a description of how this work will be done in conjunction with distribution infrastructure projects.

Other Key Project Considerations and References

- Outline project roles and responsibilities (PWS, contractor, homeowner)
For an example of contract items, refer to the DWAF contract checklist at epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa#1696510030-wsrla.
- Two implementation scenarios are provided below for reference:
 - a) Waterline projects: LSL replacement may be performed as a component of a larger waterline project. LSLs must be identified prior to advertising for bids for the project. When private LSLs exist, participant roles and responsibilities will be a vital piece of contract negotiations between the PWS, contractor, and homeowner. Education and outreach should be readily available to homeowners (for example, information regarding contractors involved in the project and requirements for participation including property access).
 - b) Service connections: identified LSLs can be targeted for replacement in a stand-alone LSL replacement project. The project may consist of a specific area or multiple areas within the service area. When private LSLs exist, participant roles and responsibilities will be a vital piece of contract negotiations between the PWS, contractor, and homeowner. Education and outreach should be readily available to homeowners (for example, information regarding contractors involved in the project and requirements for participation including property access).
- A checklist is available for applicants as a guide for preparation of application materials:
epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa#1696510030-wsrla.

911 transported patients

911 transported runs Weekly runs 2.6 years



911 Volume Increases 2021

Type of Call	2018	2019	2020	2021 Ave Year	2021 Diff From Average	% Diff	Notes
Total Assault	291	344	345	358	327	31	Crazy Summer
Total Back Pain	265	255	233	295	251	44	Falls and related type problems
Total Chest Pain	1,127	1,234	1,179	1,209	1,180	29	didn't call in 2020
Total Difficulty Breathing	1,649	1,567	1,634	1,681	1,617	64	didn't call in 2020
Total Fall(s)	1,935	2,342	2,237	2,649	2,171	478	More activity
Total General Illness	604	387	428	500	473	27	covid related
Total Heart Related Problem	202	240	245	292	229	63	Didn't call in 2020
Total Medical Alarm	229	183	240	253	217	36	
Total MVA	1,588	1,819	1,644	1,760	1,684	76	
Total Overdose	621	633	850	915	701	214	More Activity
Total Passed Out	235	265	210	257	237	20	huge upticks in 2020 and 2021
Total Psychiatric Emergency	904	1,102	1,153	1,345	1,053	292	resp problems
Total Seizures/Convulsions	659	702	702	701	688	13	Big jump in 2021
Total Sick Person	1,224	2,062	2,169	2,426	1,818	608	General concerns about health, call more
Total Stroke/CVA	275	344	365	344	328	16	Didn't call in 2020
Total Unresponsive	380	489	518	650	462	188	People with resp. or covid related problems
Total Above	12,188	13,968	14,152	15,635	13,436	2,199	16.4%

REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

NAME Mark & Becky Haller DATE 10/4/21
ADDRESS 410 Briar Lake Dr PHONE 365-5583
REPRESENTING Self
(If self, please specify)

**PLEASE NOTE: REMARKS ARE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES
A COPY OF YOUR REMARKS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE CLERK OF
COUNCIL TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Have you contacted the appropriate department? Yes No

Who in the department was contacted? Waste Water Date 7/21

Have you contacted the Mayor? Yes No

Have you contacted the Safety Service Director? Yes No

Have you contacted your Ward Council person? Yes No

SUBJECT:

Flooding

**PLEASE NOTE: MATTERS WHICH HAVE HAD, OR WILL HAVE A PUBLIC
HEARING SHALL NOT BE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE LOBBY DURING
THE COUNCIL MEETING.**

Mark + Becky Heller
410 Briar Lake Dr. Elyria
440-365-5583

Flooding, in the last 16 months our lower level has flooded twice. The sanitary sewer backs up any time we get 2+'' of rain in a short period of time. We've installed 2 back flow valves to keep the lower level from flooding. When we get the heavy rain now we lose use of the lower level bathroom for hours.

We contacted Mr. Oswald and he met with us and explained what the issue was and that the city is working on the project for the Windward catch basin, which is great for down the road to take care of the problem, however this may be up to 2 yrs.

Mr. Oswald said that one of the contributing factors is that people have their down spouts tie into the sewer. Since the city knows which lines tie into our sewer line we would like to have the city smoke the sewer lines to find out who's down spouts are tied in and give them a

thirty day notice to fix the issue
so that we don't have all this excess
water going into the sewers. So that
we don't have this issue until the
project can be completed.

Exhibit "A"

REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

NAME Michael Doud DATE 10/4/21
ADDRESS 1173 N. Ridge Rd. 44055 PHONE _____
REPRESENTING MHARS Board Lorain EMAIL mdoud@mharste.org
(If self, please specify) County

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Permanent Supportive Housing Project*

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Ohio Interagency Council on Homelessness and Affordable Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Policy Framework

1. Introduction/Rationale

State of Ohio PSH Goal

The Ohio Interagency Council on Homeless and Affordable Housing has adopted a goal of creating 6,000 new PSH housing opportunities over the next five years to help address high priority permanent housing and supportive services needs of the most vulnerable households with serious and long-term disabilities. These new PSH opportunities are essential for Ohio to address homelessness and chronic homelessness among Ohioans with disabilities and to promote and advance the community integration goals affirmed in the U.S. Supreme Court's *Olmstead* decision by reducing Ohio's reliance on expensive and unnecessary institutional settings. While this is an ambitious goal, and we need to continue to grapple with balancing our concerns for those currently homeless and those at risk of homelessness or institutionalization, it is achievable through this State of Ohio Permanent Supportive Housing Policy Framework. In addition, the need for preserving existing PSH is extremely critical, requiring mindfulness that the preservation of affordable housing units meeting the PSH definition is also necessary.

As we inaugurate the beginning of a new decade, Ohio state officials, advocates, and other PSH stakeholders have recognized the importance of acting at this opportune moment in time. Momentum is rapidly building for an array of new federal policy and resource opportunities that can help "take PSH to scale" in Ohio and other states. These federal opportunities include:

- A new U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) collaboration on evidenced-based housing and services approaches for vulnerable populations;
- The National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) which could bring an estimated \$38 million¹ in new federal funding to Ohio. The majority of this funding must be invested in permanent housing for the lowest income people;
- A new federal PSH Demonstration through the anticipated enactment of legislation to reform HUD's Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program;
- New Housing Choice Vouchers targeted by Congress for PSH; and
- New Housing Choice Vouchers targeted by Congress for Homeless Veterans.

¹ This estimate is based on an NHTF estimated distribution rate (3.2%) provided by the National Low Income Housing Coalition for the State of Ohio multiplied by the anticipated NHTF funding level of \$1.2 billion.

The State of Ohio must be prepared to act boldly and decisively with innovative and feasible PSH policies and collaborations, an alignment of state resources, and the leadership and local partnerships that can ensure the creation of PSH at scale across the state. While many states will seek to “tap into” federal resources to create new PSH units, this State of Ohio PSH Policy Framework adopted by the Governor’s Interagency Council on Homelessness and Affordable Housing Ohio positions the state to maximize the leveraging of these and other valuable resources to create as many as 6,000 new PSH opportunities over the next five years.

The State of Ohio can achieve this goal by:

- (1) Improving the alignment of State of Ohio policies and resources for PSH expansion in order to leverage federal and local PSH resources; and
- (2) Initiating PSH resource collaborations and partnerships with local communities and Public Housing Agencies (State-Local PSH Partnerships).

State-Local PSH Partnership

Ohio has been a leader in PSH since 1987 when the State received three of nine Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grants to expand PSH for people with serious and persistent mental illness. There are communities across Ohio excel at creating this evidenced-based and cost effective housing model that saves taxpayers money and assists the most vulnerable people with disabilities to live and participate successfully in community life. These communities have succeeded largely because they have been successful in attracting and aligning resources for PSH from every level of government – including federal, state, county, and municipally controlled housing and services funding streams.

The State of Ohio cannot successfully initiate an expansion of the PSH model at the scale needed across the state by relying solely on state resources or the dedication of mission driven non-profits. Through the work of the Interagency Council, it has become clear that by adopting a PSH Framework and by initiating State-Local PSH Partnerships in communities across the state, the ambitious goal of creating 6,000 new PSH opportunities is within reach. To initiate these partnerships, the state must continue to target existing state resources and align critically important new resources to support future PSH development including:

- **Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)** - In its 2010 Qualified Allocation Plan, OHFA established a target pool of up to \$3 million of LIHTC to support PSH development;
- **Ohio Department Mental Health’s (ODMH) Community Capital for Housing Program** - ODMH’s capital funding currently provides resources to purchase, renovate

or construct permanent supportive housing for persons with mental illness and their families.

- **Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities' Capital Housing Program** – ODODD's capital funding currently provides resources to purchase, renovate or construct permanent supportive housing for persons with developmental disabilities receiving supported living services through the Home and Community Based waivers.
- **National Housing Trust Fund** – Authorized by Congress in 2008, HUD is seeking \$1.2 billion in funding for the NHTF in FY 2010 – which under a National Low Income Housing Coalition suggested formula would grant more than \$38 million in new federal affordable housing funding to Ohio. According to NHTF guidelines, at least 67.5 percent of NHTF funding must be spent on permanent housing for households at or below 30 percent of Area Median Income. As one mechanism to initiate State-Local PSH Partnerships across Ohio, the State of Ohio will commit a substantial amount of NHTF resources to the creation of new PSH units.
- **Ohio Housing Trust Fund** – The Ohio Housing Trust Fund is an extremely flexible source of funding with dedicated revenue from real estate recording fees. Historically, substantial resources within the Ohio Housing Trust Fund have been dedicated to addressing homelessness. However, the Ohio Housing Trust Fund has not necessarily been prioritized for PSH. Given the substantial body of rigorous research proving the cost effectiveness and successful outcomes achieved from the PSH model, the State of Ohio will ensure that Ohio Housing Trust Fund resources support the creation of PSH, including the financing of PSH operating subsidy and services “gaps” that cannot be addressed with other sources of funding.
- **New Federal Section 811 Demonstration Program** – Important PSH legislation now being considered by the Congress (H.R. 1675 and S. 1481) proposes an innovative PSH Demonstration program to spur the development of integrated Section 811 financed PSH units in properties financed with federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOME funds, and other capital funding sources. The State of Ohio believes that this legislation as currently proposed could significantly advance the creation of PSH across Ohio and will work to position the State to compete successfully for these funds as currently proposed.

The PSH resources highlighted above represent major new opportunities that can incentivize and leverage an expansion of PSH across Ohio. Many other affordable housing and supportive services resources in Ohio are controlled at the state, county and local level, and have been identified in the Technical Assistance Collaborative's *Report to the Ohio Interagency Council on Homelessness and Affordable Housing* dated June 29, 2009. These include federal Low Income

Housing Tax Credits, state and locally controlled HOME funds, 90,000+ Housing Choice Vouchers administered by Public Housing Agencies², ODMH and ODODD Capital funds, Medicaid, and state/county resources targeted for community based supports for people with disabilities in need of PSH. Strategies for leveraging these resources will be forthcoming from the PSH State-Local Partnership Workgroup.

2. State of Ohio Permanent Supportive Housing Definition

The State of Ohio has adopted the following definition of Permanent Supportive Housing:

- PSH is permanent, community-based housing targeted to extremely low income households with serious and long-term disabilities;
- PSH tenants have leases that provide PSH tenants with all rights under tenant-landlord laws. Generally, PSH provides for continued occupancy with an indefinite length of stay as long as the PSH tenant complies with lease requirements;
- At a minimum, PSH meets federal Housing Quality Standards (HQS) for safety, security and housing/neighborhood conditions;
- PSH complies with federal housing affordability guidelines – meaning that PSH tenants should pay no more than 30-40 percent of their monthly income for housing costs (i.e., rent and tenant-paid utilities);
- PSH services are voluntary and cannot be mandated as a condition of admission to housing or of ongoing tenancy PSH tenants are provided access to a comprehensive and flexible array of voluntary services and supports responsive to their needs, accessible where the tenant lives if necessary, and designed to obtain and maintain housing stability;

² One local PSH funding opportunity may be available very soon – and is an example of the potential benefits which can be achieved from an Ohio State – Local PSH Partnership approach. In December of 2009, HUD is expected to announce a competitive Notice Of Funding Availability for up to 6,000 new Housing Choice Vouchers appropriated by Congress exclusively for people with disabilities who can benefit from services. At least 1,000 of these new vouchers will be targeted for people who are benefitting from the federal Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Program. Ohio is one of 29 states participating in the MFP Demonstration. The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services – the grantee for Ohio’s MFP program – is actively working to establish PHA partners across Ohio to maximize the number of these new vouchers which can be leveraged for Ohio citizens with disabilities.

- PSH services and supports should be individually tailored, flexible, accessible by the tenant, and provided to the extent possible within a coordinated case plan; and
- As an evidence-based practice, the success of PSH depends on ongoing collaboration between service providers, property managers, and tenants to preserve tenancy and resolve crisis situations that may arise.

Ohio has adopted this definition because it reflects the evidenced-based PSH model that has been extensive and rigorous researched over the past fifteen years and has been determined to: (1) consistently achieve highly successful outcomes for PSH tenants; and (2) be cost effective when compared with the costs of homelessness and/or institutionalization. It should be noted that there are several other models that combine housing with services that – while not identical to the PSH model defined above – may have value in addressing the needs of certain vulnerable populations. These other housing/services models include transitional housing, short-term or medium-term housing assistance with time limited services, assisted living for elderly households, senior housing, other service-enriched housing models for families, or other models which have requirements that are not consistent with the PSH definition.

3. Permanent Supportive Housing Criteria and Target Populations

The State of Ohio has adopted the following criteria and target populations for participation in PSH to ensure leveraging of federal resources to the greatest extent possible.

Income Requirements: PSH is targeted to extremely low income households (30 percent of AMI and below); and

Age: The PSH head of household is generally, but not exclusively 18-61 years old; and

Disability³: A PSH household is a household in which a sole individual or an adult household member has a serious and long-term disability that:

- Is expected to be long-continuing, or of indefinite duration;
- Substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently;

³ The definition of disability was formulated from the definition of disability within HUD's two PSH programs – the Section 811 Supportive Housing program and the McKinney-Vento Homeless assistance programs.

- Could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions; and
- Is a physical, mental, or emotional impairment, including an impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury; is a developmental disability, as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 USC 15002); or is the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or any condition arising from the etiologic agency for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome;

and meets one or more of the following eligible PSH populations:

- Households with serious mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness⁴ or institutionalization⁵;
- Homeless households or those at risk of homelessness or institutionalization with serious and long-term disability directly related to abuse of alcohol or drugs;
- Households with serious intellectual or developmental disabilities acquired before the age of 22 including those with co-occurring mental illness, developmental disabilities, and autism spectrum disorders who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness or institutionalization⁶;

⁴ At-risk of homelessness is defined as a household at risk of losing its housing when no appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified AND the household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing. The source of this definition is modified from HUD's Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing Program; Program Notice, 6/8/09 (It was noted that the HPRP threshold is low intentionally to allow for intervention but there was concern voiced that using this might lead to less needy people being selected for PSH over more needy individuals).

⁵ Risk of Institutionalization is defined as households with serious mental illness whose emotional or behavioral functioning is so impaired as to interfere with their capacity to remain in the community without supportive treatment. The mental impairment is severe and persistent and may limit their capacities for engagement in primary activities of daily living, interpersonal relationships, homemaking, self-care, employment or recreation. The mental impairment may limit their ability to seek or receive local, state, or federal assistance such as housing, medical, and dental care, rehabilitation services, income assistance, and food stamps, or protective services. ODMH is currently reviewing the definition of serious and persistent mental illness. Once complete, this definition of "at risk of institutionalization" will be updated to reflect any changes to Ohio State Policy.

⁶ Risk of Institutionalization is defined as eligibility for or receipt of ODJFS Medicaid Waiver Services for households with serious intellectual or developmental disabilities.

- Households with serious physical, sensory, or cognitive disabilities occurring after the age of 22 who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness or institutionalization⁷;
- Households with serious disabilities caused by chronic illness, including but not limited to HIV/AIDS, who are no longer able to work and who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness or institutionalization;
- People ages 16 to 24 who have serious disabilities who are aging out of Ohio's foster care system and who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness or institutionalization; and
- People with serious and long-term disabilities who are being released from Ohio correctional facilities and who are at-risk of homelessness or institutionalization.

4. Permanent Supportive Housing Approaches and Models

The State of Ohio supports the creation of a range of permanent supportive housing approaches and models to meet the needs and housing preference of PSH tenants.

The main approaches to helping PSH tenants afford housing are:

- **Project-based rental assistance**, in which housing subsidies are tied to a particular unit and tenants who chose to live in those units pay a reduced rent;
- **Sponsor-based rental assistance**, in which a nonprofit agency receives support to buy or lease housing that is then leased to qualified tenants; and
- **Tenant-based rental assistance**, in which a tenant receives a voucher, entitling the tenant to a reduced rent, which can be used to rent a unit of the tenant's choice from a landlord who agrees to accept the voucher.

These three approaches can be used to provide services to tenants in two types of settings:

- **Single-site housing** is housing in which tenants who receive support services live together in a single building or complex of buildings, with or without onsite support services; and
- **Scattered-site housing** is housing in which tenants who receive support services live throughout the community in housing that can be agency-owned or privately-owned.

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5. Examples of Permanent Supportive Housing in Ohio

I. Single-Site PSH Models

Tenant –Based Rental Assistance

Joey’s Landing is an 8 unit, new construction project in the City of Warren. This project provides subsidized housing to homeless adults with a mental health disorder. All of the tenants have a Shelter Plus Care tenant based voucher. Persons are referred to the project through their case manager and eligibility is determined through the Housing Specialist. Supportive services (case management and vocational services) are currently funded through the grant as well as operating costs such as property management fees, snow removal, lawn care, general maintenance and costs for the common laundry area. Key partners are Valley Counseling Services (mental health provider), Coleman Professional Services (mental health provider, employs the housing specialist and employment specialist), Trumbull LifeLines, the mental health and recovery board who is the owner of the project and the grantee for the Shelter Plus Care vouchers, and Sunshine, Inc. the property management company.

Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance

South Pointe Commons, on Cleveland's southwest side, is a mix of new construction and rehabilitation of an existing four-unit building comprised of 78 efficiency apartments, 4 one-bedroom apartments, and 2,000 square feet of retail that is occupied by a Mediterranean restaurant. The project serves adults who have who have experienced long-term homelessness and who suffer from disabilities that inhibit their ability to sustain housing. Rental assistance is provided through sponsor-based Shelter Plus Care administered through EDEN Inc. The Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) was the lead developer of South Pointe Commons and the project is co-owned by CHN and EDEN Inc. Mental Health Service is the lead service provider partnering with the AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland and the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

Project-Based Rental Assistance

Southpoint Place Apartments, Columbus Ohio Eighty Apartments is comprised of 40 Townhomes for families and 40 studio apartments for single adults. A Permanent Supportive Housing development with site-based services for vulnerable single adults and families disabled by mental illness, substance addiction or histories of homelessness: 25 homeless and disabled single adults - 26 homeless and disabled families and 15 disabled single adults and 19 disabled families. There were twelve public and private funding sources including Project-based

Section-8 Rent Subsidy, HUD PSH and HOME, Equity from LIHTC Program, Franklin Co. ADAMH Board, Community Shelter Board and private contributions.

II. Scattered-Site PSH Models

Tenant –Based Rental Assistance

The **Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)** has developed partnerships with Public Housing Authorities in Ohio to set aside approximately 60 vouchers for people with disabilities who are approved for the HOME Choice program (federally known as Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program). The program assists people with disabilities who currently reside in a nursing home who wish to return to the community. ODJFS has designated Transition Coordinators to assist the consumer and work directly with the PHA in obtaining the Housing Choice voucher. Each consumer is supported by Medicaid waiver services (If necessary) to help support them in the community. ODJFS is currently partnering with Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority, and Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance

Columbiana County Mental Health Association (MHA) operates a Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance Program (SRA) serving 5 homeless individuals who have a severe and persistent mental illness. Participants reside in scattered site, one-bedroom apartments in sponsor-based units leased to the Sponsor Agency. All 5 units are located in Salem, Ohio. Contracts are signed between the sponsor agency, the Columbiana County Mental Health Clinic, and landlords to maintain these units for participants of this program only. The Columbiana County Metropolitan Housing Authority provides Section 8 vouchers. The Columbiana County Mental Health Clinic provides the support services.

Project-Based Rental Assistance

Miami Valley Housing Opportunities (MVHO) provides permanent supportive housing in a scattered setting with a total of 20 units comprised of five 4-unit apartments throughout the county. The project is made up on two-bedroom units located in suburban neighborhoods outside of Dayton. MVHO's acquisition and rehabilitation of the units was funded through the Ohio Department of Mental Health Capital Funds and Montgomery County HOME funds. MVHO owns and manages the properties that serve homeless, disabled families. The Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority provides 20 Section 8 project-based vouchers.

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The City of Elyria was stunned to hear that 3rd Ward Councilman, Mark Jessie, was arrested for solicitation for prostitution on Thursday evening. Elyria City Council Democrats are wrong to support anything other than a resignation from their colleague. Their failure to do this shows they are unfit to lead this city forward through the many challenges ahead.

The self-proclaimed Democrat Watchdogs are now surrounding their disgraced 3rd Ward Councilman. The sitting Council President talks about Jessie's bad judgement and claims it does not reflect his character. I will disagree. This is his character, the lack of personal integrity brought to light, hidden until caught. His character represents the same as the Council who turn a blind eye and proclaim everything is good in this city when certainly there is much to change.

The City of Elyria has numerous problems that have been exacerbated over the decades of inaction and malaise within City Council and Administrations. Multiple years of groupthink by the ruling Democratic Party has led to an exodus in business and families. There is no dispute that this city is in great need of vision and leadership change that places the citizens at the top of the list for once!

On November 2nd, the voters of the City of Elyria will do what council will not. The voters will be heard loud and clear, voting in new Republican and Independent leadership and ridding the council of impotent incumbents.

Jeffrey A. Baxter
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