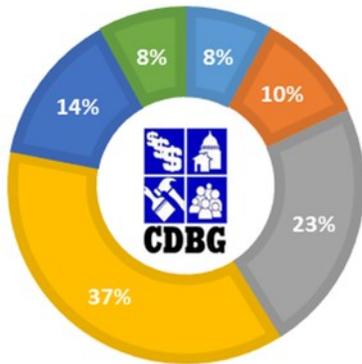


# City of Battle Creek Community Development

## Administering Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership and other federal funding to strengthen Battle Creek's neighborhoods

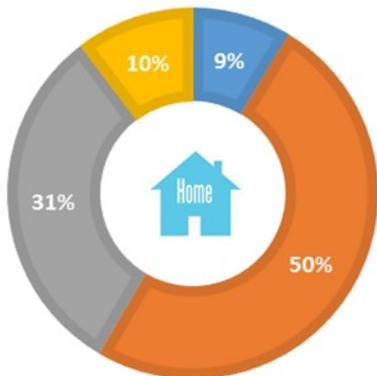
### 2016-17 CDBG FUNDING \$1,255,000

- Administration \$98,500
- Strategic Planning \$127,500
- Code Enforcement \$290,000
- Minor Home Repair \$464,000
- Rental Rehabilitation \$175,000
- Demolition \$100,000



### 2016-17 HOME FUNDING \$256,109

- Administration \$22,109
- Homeowner Rehab \$127,500
- Homebuyer Rehab \$80,000
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance \$26,500



### 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### 1) Improve property conditions in low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhoods

- 4,430 code enforcements in CDBG target areas (3,122 unique addresses)

#### 2) Ensure the safety of rental housing

- 1,726 rental inspections in CDBG target areas
- 4 Landlord Dinner & Discussions hosted by the Rental Housing Roundtable
- 94% of all rentals registered (nearly 8000)

### 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### 3) Reduce blighted vacant and abandoned buildings

- 309 new enforcements on vacant building in CDBG target areas.
- 800 vacant or abandoned buildings monitored
- 9 Demolitions completed with Hardest Hit funds
- 7 Demolitions completed with CDBG funds
- Additional \$99,000 awarded by the state for demolition

#### 4) Develop, preserve, and help people access quality, affordable housing

- 47 minor home repair projects completed
- 3 homeowner rehab projects completed
- 12 households provided tenant-based rental assistance
- 2 Neighborhood Stabilization Program rehabs completed and sold to eligible buyers
- 1 duplex rental rehabbed and rented

#### 5) Improve fair housing awareness and accountability

- 8 fair housing trainings conducted
- 3 systemic investigations completed: real estate sales, small investor rental property & companion animal acceptance
- Reconstituted the City's Human Relations Board
- Staff participation in equity trainings

#### 6) Increase community engagement

- 7 workshops completed with Neighborhood Planning Council's (NPC's) on community needs
- 4 City Commission public hearings
- Worked with NPC members to write Blight Elimination Grants to fund demolitions
- Created advisory committee that included NPC representatives to determine where within NPC 2, HOME resources will be targeted in 2017

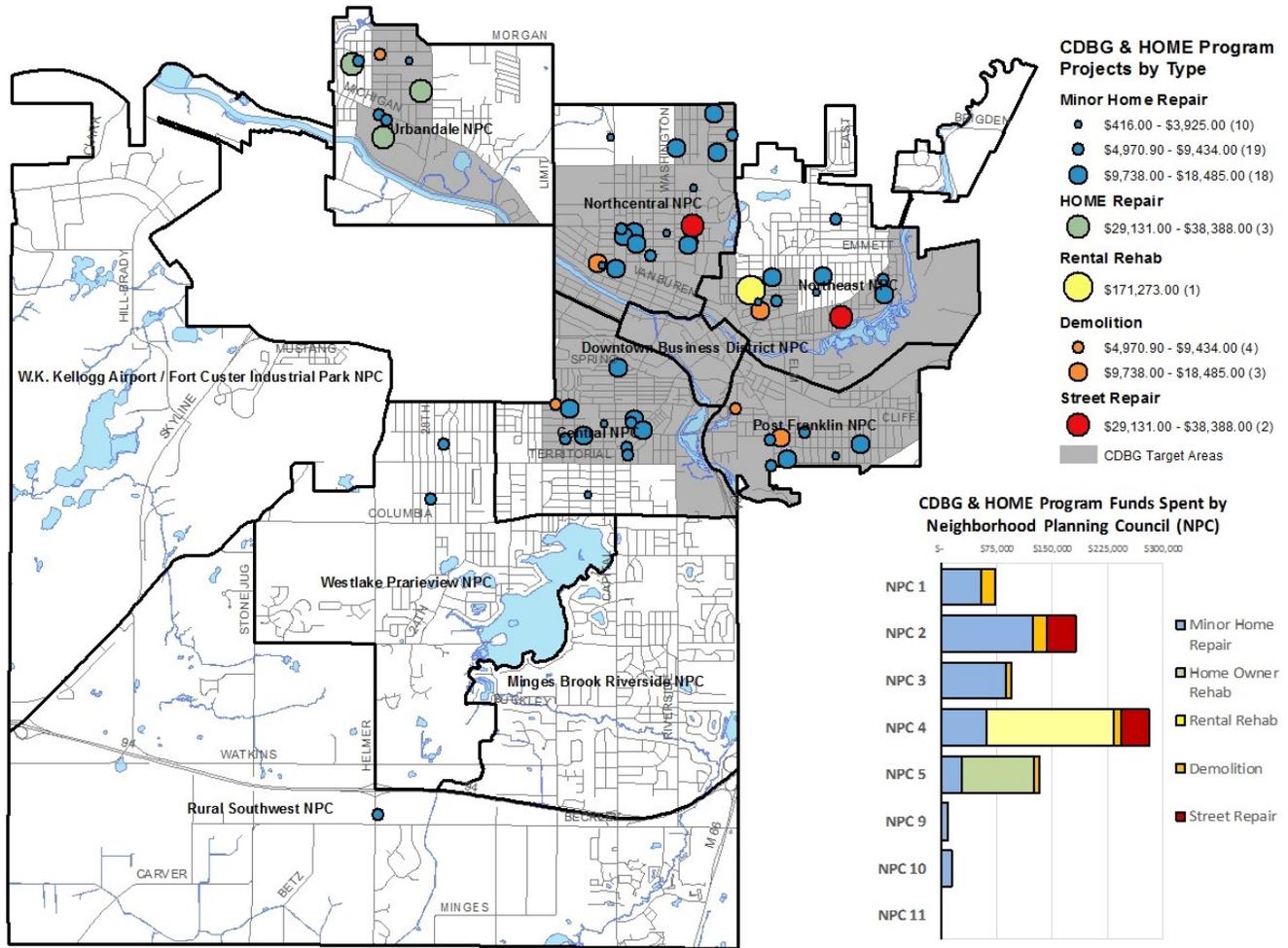
#### 7) Improve amenities and infrastructure in LMI areas through place-making

- 1 street reconstruction project was completed

#### 8) Support collaborative homelessness efforts

- Staff participated in the Homeless Coalition
- Led and completed an organizational assessment of the Homeless Coalition
- Staff attended a state-wide Summit on Ending Homelessness
- City staff hosted and helped organize the 2015 Homeless Health Fair and VA Stand Down which was attended by 517 homeless individuals

**2015-16 Community Development Target Areas: CDBG and HOME Funded Projects by Type, Amount, and NPC**



**City of Battle Creek’s Minor Home Repair Loan Program**

The Minor Home Repair Loan Program provides loan funds of up to \$5,000 for eligible, low-income homeowners to fix exterior code compliance orders to repair or other health and safety issues. Lead paint abatement or roofs are funded up to \$12,000. Most repairs are exterior or interior repairs of plumbing, mechanical, electrical, or accessibility issues such as handicap ramps.

Contact: Matt Flanders, Housing Rehab Coordinator at 269-966-3323, or [mbflanders@battlecreekmi.gov](mailto:mbflanders@battlecreekmi.gov)

Income guidelines are:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2016 Income Limits	\$ 31,100	\$35,550	\$40,000	\$44,400	\$48,000	\$51,550	\$55,100	\$58,650



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