

APPENDIX M

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING COMMISSIONS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICES

Community Development Block Grant funds, administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, are allocated to communities based on a formula comprised of population, poverty levels, and over-crowded housing estimates.

The national objectives of the program are to assist low-to-moderate income residents, aid in the elimination of slum or blighted conditions in the community, or meet an urgent community need where no other financial resources are available (such as a natural disaster). Citizen participation is required, and at least one public hearing is held at each community, as well as at the county level, regarding distribution of funds.

Communities with populations of over 50,000 individuals have a choice to participate in Oakland County's Urban County program, or receive funding directly from HUD. Currently five communities, known as entitlement communities, choose to operate their own programs. Fifty communities participate in the Urban County program, while six municipalities chose to opt out or do not qualify for funds.

Some of the eligible projects offered through the Community Development Block Grant Program are home improvement loans, minor home repair grants, public service, senior services, services to the disabled, youth services, services to battered and abused spouses and children, home chore programs, weatherization programs, senior centers, beautification, removal of architectural barriers, fire equipment, community centers, street improvements, sidewalks, downtown improvements, code enforcement, and planning.

Information on the Community Development programs offered can be obtained by calling the following offices:

**Oakland County Community
& Home Improvement**

Karry Reith, Manager
1200 N. Telegraph, Bldg. 38E,
Door C
Pontiac, MI 48341
(248) 858-0493

City of Farmington Hills

Richard A. Lampi, Community
Development Coordinator
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48018
(248) 473-9541

City of Pontiac

Patricia Lake, Community
Development Coordinator
51000 Woodward Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 857-5746

City of Royal Oak

Richard Beltz, Community
Development Director
211 Williams Street
PO Box 64
Royal Oak, MI 48068
(248) 544-6550

City of Southfield

Nick Banda, Community
Development Director
26000 Evergreen
Southfield, MI 48076
(248) 354-9540

Waterford Township

Robert Vallina, Community
Development Director
5200 Civic Center Drive
Waterford, MI 48329
(248) 674-3111 Ext. 228

PUBLIC HOUSING COMMISSIONS

A number of communities in Oakland County have established housing commissions to assist in meeting the housing needs of residents and newcomers. A major responsibility of a housing commission is to administer public housing units (federally subsidized), within the community, for families and elderly persons of low income. The housing commission is responsible for overseeing the proper maintenance of the public housing units, and resolving complaints of tenants. A public housing commission office may also provide information and assistance in helping persons to locate suitable housing within the community. The following communities have established formal commissions to oversee these services:

Ferndale Housing Commission

Director: Deborah E. Wilson
415 Withington
Ferndale, MI 48220
Phone: (248) 547-9500
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Madison Heights Housing Commission

Director Kelly McGuire
300 W. Thirteen Mile Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Phone: (248) 583-0843
Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pontiac Housing Commission

Director: Walter Norris, Jr.
132 Franklin Boulevard
Pontiac, MI 48341
Phone: (248) 338-4551
Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Royal Oak Housing Commission

Director: Richard Beltz
211 Williams Street
Royal Oak, MI 48168
Phone: (248) 246-3290
Fax: (248) 246-3005
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Royal Oak Township Housing Commission

Director: Mary Herndon
8900 Cloverdale
Ferndale, MI 48220
Phone: (248) 398-8101
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

South Lyon Housing Commission

Director: Sharon Thomas
1160 Sheridan
Plymouth, MI 48170
Phone: (800) 898-2848
Fax: (248) 437-1142
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southfield Housing Commission

C/o Human Resources Department
26000 Evergreen
Southfield, MI 48034
Phone: (248) 354-9100
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Waterford Community Planning and Development Department

5200 Civic Center Drive
Waterford, MI 48329
Phone: (248) 674-6255
Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wixom Housing Commission

49045 Pontiac Trail
Wixom, MI 48393
Phone: (248) 624-0894
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The **Oakland County Housing Counseling Section – Community and Home Improvement Division** is also available to assist persons who are planning to either rent or purchase a home, rent an apartment, or have complaints about rental property, are facing HUD foreclosure, need help in locating legal assistance, have Fair Housing problems, or are interested in a home equity mortgage (seniors). Their phone number is **(248) 858-5402**.