

MVCAP CSBG 2026-2027 Workplans DRAFT

Community Needs Assessment

Date of most recent Community Assessment: December 12, 2023

Top three priorities/unmet needs identified:

- Affordable Housing, Family
- Transportation, Family
- Addiction Services, Family

Purpose and Approach

The Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP) conducted its 2023 Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to identify the root causes and conditions of poverty and to guide strategic planning and program investment across its five-county service area—Darke, Greene, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren Counties. (In January 2024, the State of Ohio designated Warren County Community Services, Inc., the CSBG delegate agency MVCAP engaged to administer CSBG programs in Warren County, as the Community Action Agency for Warren County; thereby removing Warren County from MVCAP's CSBG service area.)

The CNA used both quantitative data (Census, OHFA, ACS) and qualitative insights (client interviews, focus groups, and partner consultations) to assess local needs within four impact areas: poverty, self-sufficiency, housing/shelter, and health.

Key Findings: Causes and Conditions of Poverty

The assessment identified interconnected and structural barriers driving poverty throughout the Miami Valley region:

- **Lack of Affordable Housing:** Rising rents, long waitlists for subsidized units, and limited affordable senior housing contribute to instability and homelessness. One interviewee noted, *"There's nowhere to live in Greenville on minimum wage."*
- **Transportation Barriers:** Rural residents face limited public transit and high costs of vehicle ownership, isolating families from employment, healthcare, and education.
- **Substance Use and Recovery Challenges:** The opioid epidemic continues to affect families, particularly in Greene and Montgomery counties, compounding unemployment and homelessness.
- **Low Wages and Limited Employment Access:** Income often fails to meet basic living costs, especially when paired with high childcare and transportation expenses.
- **Healthcare and Childcare Access:** Limited availability and affordability hinder self-sufficiency and contribute to generational poverty.
- **Utility Burden:** High utility costs and aging housing stock increase financial strain on low-income households.

Top Community Needs

Across the service area, residents and stakeholders most frequently identified the following as top priorities:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Transportation Access
3. Addiction and Recovery Support
4. Utility Assistance
5. Healthcare and Childcare Access
6. Food Security
7. Employment and Income Supports
8. Senior Support Services

Community Strengths and Partnerships

The CNA highlights MVCAP's collaboration with more than 30 regional partners—including Miami Valley Fair Housing, Greene County CATS, The Hope Spot, and others—whose joint efforts expand access to housing, recovery, and transportation resources. Partnerships formed during the pandemic remain central to community resilience and continued service delivery.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The 2023 CNA confirms that poverty in the Miami Valley is multi-dimensional, shaped by systemic inequities in housing, wages, health, and mobility. MVCAP will use these findings to:

- Refine its Strategic Plan and align funding priorities with identified needs,
- Expand housing and utility initiatives,
- Strengthen cross-agency partnerships for recovery, transportation, employment, and health services.

By addressing these root causes collaboratively, MVCAP aims to advance equity, stability, and self-sufficiency for families throughout the Miami Valley region.

Linkages

MVCAP serves residents across Darke, Greene, Montgomery, and Preble counties with a mission to work in partnership with local communities to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty and to promote individual independence and self-sufficiency. We are committed to developing and maintaining linkages that fill identified gaps in local services through coordinated information, referrals, follow-up consultations, and case management.

Governance and Community Engagement

MVCAP's Board of Trustees includes representatives from the public sector, private sector, and low-income communities, ensuring that decision-making reflects the needs and perspectives of those served. Each of the four counties in the service area also has a County Advisory Committee composed of service providers, community partners, government agencies, and low-income representatives. These committees are instrumental in identifying service gaps, guiding program development, and facilitating collaboration among community partners.

Coordination and Referrals

MVCAP's programs are designed to connect individuals and families with a comprehensive network of community resources. Through a contract with the Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services, MVCAP administers the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Program, which collaborates closely with Artemis, St. Vincent de Paul, and local property management groups to promote housing stability and family support. Similarly, by providing operational support for the Metropolitan Housing Authorities in Darke and Preble counties, MVCAP ensures that residents have direct access to affordable housing and are linked to Job and Family Services for employment, training, and supportive services.

All shelters and housing programs refer participants to local Job and Family Services departments, food pantries, and the local Mental Health and Recovery Boards as appropriate. MVCAP's partnership with Oberer Property Management enables the agency to provide full property management services at Fox Run Senior Apartments and Willow Place Apartments, ensuring residents receive quality housing and access to community resources.

Collaboration Across Specialized Services

MVCAP's Domestic Violence Services program exemplifies effective collaboration. Through partnerships with Preble County Job and Family Services, Home Is The (H.I.T.) Foundation, Samaritan Behavioral Health, Preble County Habitat for Humanity, The Common Good, Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley, SICSA, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, and local churches, survivors are connected to emergency shelter, behavioral health services, housing support, and legal advocacy.

Similarly, the Donnellan Emergency and Transitional Shelters and Harding Place Transitional Shelter in Greene County maintain active partnerships with Hope Spot, United Way of Greater Dayton, Greene Metropolitan Housing Authority, Family and Children First Council of Greene County, Housing Solutions of Greene County, and Sheltered Inc. These collaborations ensure that individuals and families receive coordinated referrals and follow-up support to achieve stability and secure safe, permanent housing.

Integration with Energy, Legal, and Financial Supports

MVCAP's utility assistance programs coordinate with Senior Resource Connection, Area Agency on Aging, Montgomery County Veterans Services, and The Terraces Senior Apartments to identify and assist vulnerable seniors and veterans in maintaining energy affordability. The Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) collaborates with the CenterPoint Weatherization Program, AES Ohio, the Electric Partnership Program, the Dayton Home Repair Network, Ohio Healthy Homes Network, and the Dayton Energy Collaborative to improve household energy efficiency and reduce costs for low-income families.

The Legal Clinic connects clients with Legal Aid of Western Ohio/ Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE), the Dayton Mediation Center, the Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project, public defender's offices, probation departments, and local courts. In addition, MVCAP's Financial and Housing Counseling Program partners with the Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project to educate and support clients on financial management and asset protection.

Ongoing Coordination and Follow-Up

Across all programs, MVCAP staff provide information, referrals, and case management, and remain available for follow-up consultations to ensure that clients access the resources necessary for long-term stability. Each client's progress is supported through ongoing communication with partnering agencies, while advisory committees continually assess emerging needs and strengthen collaborative responses.

Through these comprehensive partnerships, MVCAP ensures that families and individuals in Darke, Greene, Montgomery, and Preble counties receive integrated, wraparound support. By building and maintaining these linkages, the agency effectively addresses service gaps and upholds the intent of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act—to empower low-income individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency and improve community conditions.

Capacity Building

Community Action Plan Development

MVCAP utilizes the Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) cycle to ensure that all CSBG-funded programs are data-driven, strategically planned, and effectively implemented. The ROMA framework guides the development and management of the Community Action Plan through the interconnected phases of Assessment, Planning, and Implementation.

- **Assessment:** The development of each program workplan begins with a thorough assessment of community needs and agency performance. Findings from the most recent Community Needs Assessment were used to evaluate current programming and funding priorities, ensuring alignment with the most pressing needs of low-income individuals and families in MVCAP's four-county service area. The CSBG Compliance Manager met with program directors to review current outcomes and performance data, assessing program effectiveness. These discussions informed program adjustments and the establishment of measurable target outcomes for the 2026–2027 grant cycle.
- **Planning:** Following the assessment phase, the agency transitioned to planning. Once the Community Action Plan is approved, the CSBG Compliance Manager and Deputy Chief Operating Officer will meet with program directors to review finalized workplans, confirm timelines, and discuss next steps prior to the start of the grant cycle. These meetings ensure alignment with agency priorities, feasibility of proposed activities, and clarity of performance measures. The planning phase emphasizes collaboration and transparency, ensuring that each workplan is data-informed and outcome-driven.
- **Implementation:** All CSBG-funded programs will be implemented on January 1, 2026, marking the start of the 2026–2027 grant cycle. To ensure consistent delivery and compliance, the CSBG Compliance Manager will conduct training for all CSBG staff in January 2026, focusing on CSBG regulations, reporting expectations, and performance management. Throughout the grant cycle, the CSBG Compliance Manager will meet regularly with program directors to review progress toward outcomes, evaluate data, and maintain compliance. This ongoing review process supports responsiveness to community needs and continuous program improvement.

Through this structured application of the ROMA cycle, MVCAP maintains a results-oriented approach to program management, ensuring accountability, continuous improvement, and measurable impact for the individuals and communities served.

Community Needs Assessment

In 2023, MVCAP collected and analyzed qualitative and quantitative data on poverty in its service area and issued a comprehensive report, accepted by the Board of Trustees on December 12, 2023. The report identified the primary causes and conditions of poverty and informed both the CSBG Workplan for Program Year (PY) 2024–2025 and the CSBG Workplan for PY 2026–2027. Recognizing that community needs evolve, MVCAP remains committed to continually assessing and addressing the barriers that keep Miami Valley families in poverty.

In 2026, the Grants and Compliance Manager, CSBG Compliance Manager, and Deputy Chief Operating Officer will collaborate with a consultant to conduct a new community needs assessment. The study will collect and analyze qualitative and quantitative data specific to poverty in the service area, disaggregated by gender, age, and race/ethnicity. Data will be gathered from community-based and faith-based organizations, the private and public sectors, and educational institutions. The final assessment, summarizing key findings and recommendations, will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval by or before the December 2026 meeting.

Data Management & Reporting

The CSBG Compliance Manager and Grants and Compliance Manager work closely with each program director to track and report program outcome data. This data is used externally to meet reporting requirements and internally to measure program effectiveness and cost efficiency. As part of MVCAP's strategic planning process, policies and procedures will be established for each program using the ROMA framework. These procedures will include a standardized evaluation tool to ensure programming effectively reduces poverty and promotes self-sufficiency.

Strategic Planning

MVCAP's five-year strategic plan was approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2021. The plan focuses on reducing poverty and empowering low-income residents to achieve self-sufficiency, establishing both family-level and agency-level goals. Customer satisfaction data collected through the Community Needs Assessment continues to be reviewed and analyzed, and progress on strategic objectives is regularly reported to the Board.

In 2026, MVCAP will begin developing its 2027–2032 strategic plan. The Grants and Compliance Manager, CSBG Compliance Manager and Deputy Chief Operating Officer will work with a consultant to engage agency leadership, staff, the Board of Trustees, and community stakeholders in a collaborative planning process. The new plan will document the ongoing use of the full ROMA cycle and include guidance from a ROMA-certified trainer (or equivalent) to support effective implementation.

Training and Technical Assistance

MVCAP prioritizes ongoing training and technical assistance (T&TA), including ROMA training, to ensure staff remain current on best practices and emerging trends. Through national and state associations, professional organizations, locally curated opportunities, and internal development sessions, staff are encouraged to pursue T&TA that supports both immediate performance and long-term professional growth. MVCAP Board Members are also required to complete Board of Trustees Training, including ROMA instruction based on nationally recognized materials and guidance from the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies.

Use of CSBG Funds

CSBG funds will support salaries and fringe benefits for the Grants and Compliance Manager, CSBG Compliance Manager, and Deputy Chief Operating Officer. Funds will also be used to cover consultant fees for strategic planning, public relations and website management, community needs assessment development, and annual report preparation. Additional costs

supporting the capacity-building activities outlined in this plan include administrative, fiscal, and technology expenses; facility costs; outreach and supplies for strategic planning and needs assessment activities; and staff training and technical assistance.

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Housing Domain

Donnellan Emergency Family Shelter

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Donnellan Emergency Family Shelter serves Greene County families experiencing homelessness. It provides families with short-term housing for up to 40 days in individual units with private kitchens, bedrooms, and bathrooms. The program offers case management services including client needs assessment, counseling, development of self-sufficiency plans, follow-up, and referral to community partners for coordinated services.

Eligibility: Families must satisfy the HUD requirements for homelessness.

Community Impact: This program provides short-term shelter to homeless families with children and offers essential support services that help families seek permanent housing or access other services such as rapid rehousing.

Funding Use: CSBG funds support shelter operations, supplementing federal and state programs for costs not covered by other sources. Expenses include utilities, building maintenance, pest control, trash collection, staff salaries and benefits, and program operating costs such as administrative and fiscal expenses, staff facilities costs, technology, and training and technical assistance.

Donnellan Transitional Family Shelter

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Donnellan Transitional Family Shelter serves Greene County families experiencing homelessness, providing medium-term housing for up to six months in individual units with private kitchens, bedrooms, and bathrooms. The program also provides case management services including client needs assessment, counseling, development of self-sufficiency plans, follow-up, referral to community partners, and coordination of services.

Community Impact: This program provides medium-term shelter to homeless families with children, offering essential support services for those needing time to secure employment, permanent housing, education, and training. It supports families in developing independent living skills and long-term stability.

Funding Use: CSBG funds supplement shelter operations, covering costs not met by federal and state programs. Eligible expenses include utilities, building maintenance, pest control, trash collection, staff salaries and benefits, administrative and fiscal expenses, staff facilities costs, technology, and training and technical assistance.

Harding Place Transitional Housing

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

Harding Place Transitional Housing serves Greene County adults experiencing homelessness who are unemployed or underemployed. Individuals live in single or double units with kitchens and bathrooms for up to 18 months. The program provides case management including client needs assessment, counseling, development of self-sufficiency plans, follow-up, and referral to community partners for coordinated services.

Community Impact: Harding Place provides medium-term housing to low-income adults, many of whom are recovering from substance abuse treatment. Residents receive support to secure employment, permanent housing, education, and training to develop independent living skills and stability.

Funding Use: CSBG funds supplement operations and cover rent, utilities, unit maintenance, pest control, trash collection, staff salaries and benefits, resident manager stipends, administrative and fiscal expenses, staff facilities costs, technology, and training and technical assistance.

Darke County Emergency Homeless Shelter

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Darke County Emergency Homeless Shelter provides temporary housing in a 7-bed facility for up to 90 days to individuals or families experiencing homelessness in Darke County. Residents must actively seek employment and work toward permanent housing. The program provides supportive services including case management, referral to community service providers, and assistance with placement in permanent housing.

Eligibility: Total household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Community Impact: This program provides short-term shelter and essential services to help homeless individuals and families with children seek permanent housing or access other support programs, such as rapid rehousing.

Domestic Violence Services

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

Domestic Violence Services provides emergency shelter in Eaton, Ohio, and aid for survivors and their children and/or dependents fleeing domestic violence. The program also operates a Preble County domestic violence hotline for individuals experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human/sex trafficking.

Services: This program offers emergency housing, crisis hotline, crisis intervention, safety planning, trauma-informed case management, legal advocacy, assistance filing charges and obtaining legal protections, outreach, support groups, goal planning, individual advocacy, food, clothing, personal care items, transportation support, and follow-up case management and referrals. The program also provides domestic violence-related advocacy and case management for survivors in the community who do not require shelter services.

Community Impact: This program helps survivors and children improve personal safety, achieve self-sufficiency, and safely re-enter the community.

Support Services

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

Support Services provide financial assistance and program navigation support to eligible residents of Darke, Greene, Montgomery, and Preble counties.

Support Services staff evaluate customers for eligibility in other MVCAP programs to help them identify and overcome the barriers that prevent economic self-sufficiency (e.g., HEAP/PIPP/HWAP) or CSBG Programs, such as the Legal Clinic. If needed, referrals are made to partner agencies for more extensive case management.

Financial assistance may be provided to applicants who have an emergent need precluding them from receiving assistance in other programs or is a barrier to self-sufficiency.

Possible Assistance Categories:

- **Housing:** Rental/mortgage arrears, security deposits, eviction prevention
- **Utility Assistance:** Residential utility bills, water, internet, service setup fees
- **Transportation:** Car repairs or insurance to maintain employment or care for family
- **Other Needs:** Emergency home furnishings, medical/dental/prescription expenses

Eligibility: Total household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Community Impact: Support Services help low-income families address immediate needs, maintain housing, and prevent homelessness while connecting them to other MVCAP programs and partner agencies for long-term self-sufficiency.

Funding Use: CSBG funds pay for assistance to applicants, but direct payment is made to providers only, and cover staff salaries, benefits, and operational costs including facilities, technology, administrative and fiscal expenses, and training.

Montgomery County PRC

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: MVCAP in partnership with Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services (MCDJFS)

The Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Program helps families residing in Montgomery County to overcome immediate barriers to self-sufficiency. Benefits and services are for unemployed and low-income employed families or individuals in need of non-recurrent, short-term, crisis-oriented benefits to help during a crisis.

Eligibility: Montgomery County residents must have a minor in the household or be pregnant at the time of application and have a total household income at or below. Non-custodial parents may qualify if cooperating with Child Support Enforcement.

Services: Assistance may include:

- Rent, mortgage, and utility payments
- Car repairs for employed or school-enrolled participants
- K-12 school fees, clothing, and supplies
- GED testing fees
- Property taxes
- Disaster assistance for damages from events like fire or flooding

MVCAP manages outreach, eligibility screening, application review, and submission of payment requests, while Montgomery County Job and Family Services issues payments. Participants are also connected to other MVCAP and community programs that support long-term self-sufficiency.

Community Impact: PRC helps families maintain stability during crises, prevents homelessness and financial hardship, and supports long-term success for children and adults by addressing immediate needs and connecting participants to broader resources.

Emergency Home Repair

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Emergency Home Repair Program provides low-income homeowners with repairs needed to ensure safe living conditions or improve energy efficiency. Assistance is generally limited to \$7,500 per household but may increase if repairs make the home eligible for other programs such as Home Weatherization Assistance Program. Cosmetic work is not covered. Priority is given to emergency conditions that pose imminent health or safety risks.

Eligibility: Homeowners must reside in the property as their primary residence, provide proof of ownership, maintain active insurance, pay property taxes, and have lived in the home for at least one year. Homes must be single-family dwellings located in Darke, Greene, Montgomery,

or Preble Counties. Total household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Services Include: Electrical upgrades, septic repair/replacement, insulation, storm windows, roof repair/replacement, heating and air-conditioning system installation, handicap accessibility modifications, plumbing, flooring, ceiling and wall repair.

Community Impact: The program preserves existing affordable housing, improves safety and health conditions, and reduces energy costs for low-income residents unable to afford essential repairs.

Funding Use: CSBG funds pay providers for emergency repairs and cover staff salaries, benefits, and operational costs including facilities, technology, administrative and fiscal expenses, and training.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

HEAP provides a one-time per year credit to eligible Ohioans' main heating source. The credit is applied directly to utility or bulk fuel bills beginning in January each year. The program also includes two seasonal program components:

Summer Crisis Program (SCP): Runs July 1 – September 30. Provides assistance for electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, and air conditioning unit or fan purchases. Eligible households must have a household member who is either aged 60+ or has a certified medical condition, and households threatened with disconnection, already disconnected, or establishing new electric service.

Winter Crisis Program (WCP): Runs November 1 – March 31. Helps households threatened with disconnection, already disconnected, establishing new service, transferring service, or have a bulk fuel supply of 25% in their tank to maintain their utility service. Households serviced by a Public Utilities Commission of Ohio-regulated utility must sign up for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) or another payment plan if there is still an outstanding balance on the bill after receiving assistance.

Eligibility: Total household income must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Community Impact: HEAP helps income-eligible residents manage energy costs, avoid utility shutoffs, and remain safe and comfortable year-round during extreme weather.

Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP)

Start Date: Ongoing

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

PIPP assists income-eligible households in Darke, Greene, Montgomery, and Preble counties in paying monthly energy bills. Households heated with gas pay 5% of monthly income to the gas company, and those heated with electricity pay 10%, with a \$10 minimum. Participants who pay in full and on time see portions of outstanding balances forgiven, with full forgiveness after 24 consecutive on-time payments.

Eligibility: Total household income must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Community Impact: PIPP prevents utility disconnections, reduces household debt, promotes financial stability, and ensures safe, comfortable living conditions for low-income families.

Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Home Weatherization Assistance Program provides services for income-eligible homeowners and renters in Auglaize, Butler, Darke, Greene, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren counties. Priority is given to households with members aged 60 or older, households with minors, and households with high energy usage and burden.

Eligibility: Total household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Services Include: Comprehensive energy audits, attic, sidewall, and basement insulation, weather stripping, furnace and water heater safety inspections, and heating system repair or replacement.

Community Impact: The program improves energy efficiency, lowers utility bills, enhances indoor comfort and safety, and reduces reliance on subsidized heating programs.

Home Energy Improvement Program

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Home Energy Improvement Program supports the Home Weatherization Assistance Program by helping income-eligible households in Auglaize, Butler, Darke, Greene, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren Counties improve home safety and energy efficiency while reducing utility costs. Services prioritize households with high energy costs, older adults, individuals with disabilities, and households with young children.

Eligibility: Total household income must be at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Services Include:

- Installing insulation and high-efficiency natural gas furnaces

- Replacing or upgrading appliances, such as refrigerators and lighting
- Adding energy-saving measures, including smart thermostats, LED bulbs, and low-flow showerheads
- Conducting home energy audits

Community Impact: The program reduces household energy costs, improves home safety and energy efficiency, and allows families to reallocate income to other essential needs.

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Income and Asset Building Services

Housing and Financial Counseling Program

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Housing and Financial Counseling Program provides individualized counseling for low-income participants in areas such as credit repair, budgeting, pre- or post-purchase home counseling, and foreclosure prevention. Financial literacy group workshops are offered to further develop participants' skills. Participants may be referred to other organizations for down payment assistance, intensive credit repair, or legal services not offered by MVCAP.

Eligibility: Total household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Community Impact: The program helps participants develop sustainable household budgets, improve credit scores, increase savings, and gain knowledge of fair housing, fair lending, accessibility rights, and foreclosure prevention.

Funding Use: CSBG funds cover staff salaries, benefits, and operational costs including facilities, technology, administrative and fiscal expenses, and training. Funds supplement costs not covered by other sources.

Services Supporting Multiple Domains

Legal Clinic

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Legal Clinic provides financial and legal guidance to residents in Darke, Greene, Montgomery, and Preble counties with barriers to employment. The Legal Clinic focuses on assisting low-income clients in restoring suspended driver's licenses in two primary areas: by negotiating down court fines and fees and purchasing up to six months of automobile insurance and/or SR22 high-risk bonds to ensure compliance with state law, court orders, and BMV requirements. Additional services may include sealing criminal records, obtaining Certificates of Qualification for Employment, and eviction prevention. The clinic collaborates with various local courts, the Public Defender's Office, Legal Aid of Western Ohio/ABLE, Dayton Center for Mediation, Volunteer Lawyers Project, and probation departments.

Eligibility: Total household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Community Impact: The Legal Clinic helps clients by restoring their driver's licenses and securing auto insurance, thus removing barriers to independence. Restored driving privileges enable clients to commute to work, attend school, access medical care, and meet family obligations safely and legally. These efforts not only promote financial stability for our clients but also strengthen the community by creating safer, compliant, and independent drivers.

Funding Use: CSBG funds support payment of client court fees and fines, client automobile insurance, staff salaries and benefits, malpractice insurance, and operational costs including facilities, technology, administrative and fiscal expenses, and training.

Preble County Transportation Program

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

The Preble County Transportation Program provides reliable transportation for eligible residents to access critical services. Veterans coordinate with Preble County Veterans Services for rides to medical appointments, while clients of the Preble County Mental Health and Recovery Board may access rides to treatment facilities. The program also partners with Job and Family Services to provide transportation for PRC participants to reach work.

Community Impact: Reliable transportation ensures access to medical care, mental health services, and employment opportunities, promoting independence, well-being, and stronger community connections.

Tax Credit Properties

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

MVCAP manages four Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties in Darke and Preble counties. Management responsibilities include income eligibility determination at intake and annually, and providing resident referrals as needed.

Properties Include:

- **Willow Place Apartments:** 60 three-bedroom units in Greenville, Ohio, for households at or below 60% AMI
- **Fox Run Senior Apartments:** 44 two-bedroom and 16 three-bedroom units in Greenville, Ohio, for individuals 55+; four units at 30% AMI, remainder at 60% AMI
- **Camden Commons Apartments:** 14 one-, two-, and three-bedroom units in Camden, Ohio, for individuals 55+ at 60% AMI
- **Eagle's Nest Apartments:** 16 two-bedroom and 16 three-bedroom units in Eaton, Ohio, for individuals 55+ at 60% AMI

Community Impact: LIHTC properties provide affordable housing for low-income families and seniors, helping residents manage budgets and maintain self-sufficiency.

Funding Use: CSBG funds support staff salaries, benefits, and operational costs including facilities, technology, administrative and fiscal expenses, and training, supplementing other funding sources.

Metropolitan Housing Authorities

Start Date: January 1, 2026

Operated by: Miami Valley Community Action Partnership (MVCAP)

MVCAP administers Metropolitan Housing Authorities (MHA) in Darke and Preble counties, providing rental assistance to low-income families and seniors. Through the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8), participants receive subsidies paid directly to landlords while tenants pay the remainder. Homeless veterans may access assistance via Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers. Rental units must meet Housing Quality Standards. Participants may choose single-family homes, townhomes, duplexes, apartments, mobile homes, or their current residence. Vouchers are portable nationwide, including U.S. territories.

Eligibility: Participants must meet income, family size, citizenship/immigrant status requirements, and comply with HUD regulations.

Community Impact: The program provides safe, stable, and affordable housing, promoting economic stability and improving quality of life. By supporting families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, the program strengthens neighborhoods and builds a more resilient, inclusive community.

Funding Use: CSBG funds support staff salaries, benefits, and operational costs including facilities, technology, administrative and fiscal expenses, and training, supplementing other funding sources.

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