The Impact of Ohio’s Community Development Corporations

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- Repaired or improved nearly 20,000 homes.
- Developed over 1,700 affordable housing units for low and moderate income families, senior citizens and veterans.
- Invested over $290 million in their communities and served more than 34,000 households through their affordable housing development, housing counseling, and home repair programs.
- Reached over 115,000 Ohioans through CDC food programs, including farmer’s markets, healthy foods initiatives, and community gardening.
- Assisted more than 20,000 low to moderate income Ohioans in using their food vouchers to access fresh and healthy foods.
- Supported or established nearly 240 community gardens and 60 farmer’s markets.
- Re-purposed or rehabilitated 1,000 vacant properties.
- Rehabilitated hundreds of storefronts in communities across the state, creating over 300,000 SF of retail space to revitalize disinvested communities.
- Helped over 36,000 households with job training and small business development, resulting in over 500 new or expanded local businesses, which created nearly 2,000 jobs in low-income communities.
- Hosted local community events that were attended by over 85,000 people.
- Recruited almost 24,000 volunteers, of which, nearly 6,000 were youth.
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