



# Ohio Healthy Homes & Healthy Communities Program Building Partnerships

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# Strategic Partnerships



Early on we saw a need to develop strategic partnerships to advance the program's objectives





# How did these partnerships get started

Perseverance

Desire to improve health and housing

Mutually beneficial

Non threatening

Demonstrate the need





## Barriers to initiating these partnerships

Suspicion about our motives

Intra agency silos

Inter agency disconnect

Program singleness of purpose





# Partnership strategies

Assigning responsibilities

Maintaining communication

Maintaining momentum

Give credit to the partner



# Some of our partners



Intra agency partner's (ODH), asthma, lead, radon, Injury Prevention, Indoor Air

Intra state partners

ODOD, OEPA, ODED, ODJFS, OHFA, OAOA, (HELP), OPAAE, local health departments...

The Ohio State University Collage of Nursing

Federal, CDC, EPA, HUD



# Funding partnership activities



Have you conceived any strategies for leveraging funding? Have you found that obtaining funding has been easier since establishing strategic partnerships? Where does your funding come from?





Are there any hindsight recommendations that you can provide to organizations looking to establish effective partnerships







Are there any tools you and your partners use  
that aid sustaining successful partnerships





How has the establishment of strategic partnerships benefited your organization and the organizations you partner with

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy



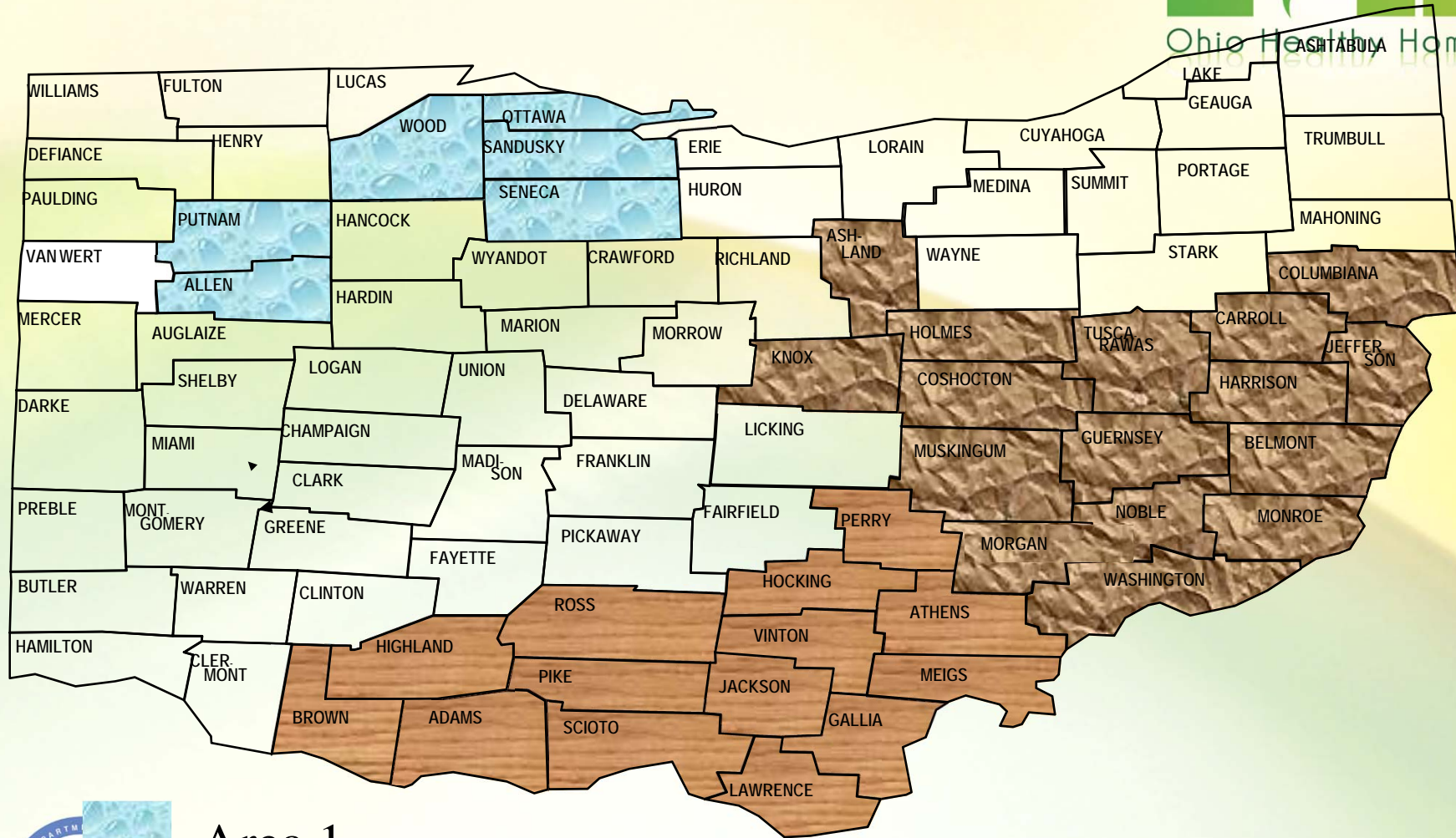
# Ohio Lead Hazard Control Grant



- Awarded \$2.1 million for the purpose of Lead Hazard Control
- Perform Lead Hazard Control (LHC) on 200 properties
- Target Area includes a 36 County Area
  - 30 Counties in Southeast Appalachian Region
  - 6 Counties in Northwest Ohio



HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant 2011-2014  
Coverage Area



Area 1  
Area 2  
Area 3

# Working Partners



**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACCA) – Main Partner**

**WSOS (6 Counties in NW Ohio)**

**COAD (30 Counties in SE Ohio) – Member Agencies**

**Ohio Healthy Housing Network – Education and Outreach**

**Community Revitalization Training Center (CRTC) – Development of Project Management**

tool





# Financial Partners

- Ohio Department of Development
  - Ohio Housing Trust Fund
    - \$200,000 match dollars
    - 50% median income
- Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA)
  - \$100,000 match dollars
  - No income restrictions





# Leveraged Resources

- WSOS
  - Weatherization of 38 units at \$4,800 per unit
  - \$120,000 of CDBG and HOME funds through Community Home Improvement Program
- COAD
  - Weatherization of \$5,800 for 112 units
- ODH
  - Leveraged resources of \$1.2 million



# Project Start-up



## Bumpy start

- Contracts in place
- Deviation from application work plan
  - Required to bid out work versus contracting with local community action programs
- Environmental Review Process
  - Flood Plain information for 36 counties
  - Publications in 30+ newspapers







# Grant Requirements



- Must reside in one of target counties
- Must be at least 80% median income for county in which you reside
  - Must ensure OHTF dollars are used for 50% median income families
- Priority is given to properties/families with LHCO issued or child under 6 yrs of age
- Can enroll owner occupied and rental properties





## Project 6 Month mark

- 3 properties controlled and cleared- 1 short of goal
- 2 of 3 projects cleared on last day of quarter
- Environmental review process completed
- 11 projects assessed and distributed for intake
- Still trying to determine local partners
- Awaiting RESPEC program management tool



# RESPEC Program



- Web based system
- Project management tool
- Intake
- Lead specifications
- Healthy Homes Rating tool
- Generates reports



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