

Ohio Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

May 2, 2012

Chair Report – Pastor Jim Dinkel

Our LTRC was approved by Ohio VOAD for the checking account. Kathy and Jim will be establishing the account at the New Richmond Branch of Park National Bank. The account will be named: Ohio Valley LTRC. The address will be: The Washington Township Building, 2238 State Route 756, Moscow, Ohio 45153.

Federal Home Loan Bank – Disaster Reconstruction Program

Damon Allen handed out a 1 page summary of the program (attached). Jill Cravons will be managing the program.

The Disaster Reconstruction Program provides grants to homeowners and renters to purchase, construct and/or rehabilitate a home in the three state region (Ohio, Kentucky, or Tennessee). To qualify an individual or family has to meet the following criteria:

- Have been impacted by the disaster
- Reside in Ohio, Kentucky, or Tennessee
- Be below 130% of the Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) Limit
- Reached out to their Insurance Provider
- Applied for Small Business Administration Low Interest Loan
- Applied for State Individual Assistance

Perspective applicants should work through Bev Hurlburt, the Long Term Recovery Case Manager. Bev will walk the perspective applicant through the program. Applicants may receive up to \$20,000.00 to put towards the repair, construction, and/or the purchase of a single family or manufactured home. The applicant may move outside of their current community as long as they remain in Ohio, Kentucky, or Tennessee. This is a grant that is not repayable, but the applicant must stay in the home for 5 years. This program is not directed toward investors.

The application process opened on May 1st. Two applications have been submitted and 1 has been approved. The program has a total of \$5 million dollars.

Questions:

Can an applicant have denied the SBA loan and still be eligible for the Disaster Reconstruction Program? Yes

What is the Process? There are 700 Financial Institutions that are members of Federal Home Loan Bank. Applicants will work through Bev Hurlburt, the LTRC Case Manager. People Working Cooperatively (PWC) will oversee the construction and rehab and certify when the work is complete.

Can the rehab project be in addition to the tornado damage? The addition must be within reason. The owner may improve/change the structure, but the program will not pay for the addition of a 2nd story that will add 1,000 sq. ft. to the existing structure.

The program is intend to improve and empower the community. It will cover weatherization, code upgrades, safe room construction (basement or closet), and elevating a structure.

Could the Village apply to purchase a safe house? No, the program is currently directed to households. There is an Economic Development Program that may be a better option. The Economic Development Program provides discounted loans year round. Another option is the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant.

Will the program cover grinding up stumps and other landscaping needs? Within reason, but the bulk of the funds have to go to the rehab of a physical structure.

Does the applicant have to complete any loan paperwork? No, loan paperwork would only be required if the applicant is purchasing a home.

FHLB is trying to minimize the restrictions so that people will use it. Renters can use it to pay for a down payment on a new home. Visit www.fhlb.cin.com for additional information on the program.

Case Management

FHLB Disaster Reconstruction Loan requires that the home be permanently tied down on a concrete slab on blocks. CHIP and Construction Volunteers may be able to build a home. Other options: Pike County Board of Developmental Disabilities; PWC has a yearly pot of funds for construction and renovation through the FHLB – the current year has already been committed.

Bev was referred to Helen Fischer with Clermont Senior Services. There is at least one dentist in Clermont County willing to donate dental services to disaster survivors, if needed.

Donations Management – Roy Nelson

The Donations Center has the following items: washers, dryers, refrigerators, chest freezers, couches, end tables, lamps, entertainment center, love seats, dressers, dishwasher, toasters, microwaves, flatware, glassware, cookware, paper products, personal items. The donation center also has 7 gallon water coolers/dispensers and pallet of work gloves if they are needed in the community.

Boys and Girls Club of New Richmond is putting together School Kits.

The Donation Center is still in need of volunteers with pick up trucks to make deliveries. The donation center also needs:

- Boxes
- Packing tape
- Shrink wrap
- End of the role paper
- Masking tape – painters grade
- Small Kitchen appliances (microwaves, toasters, etc.)
- Glassware
- Cookware
- Silverware
- Furniture – Ohio Dept of Health requires all furniture be sprayed before delivery.
- Flat screen TVs

Items no longer needed (Items will be removed from the webpage).

- TVs
- Humidifiers

Ralph Olendick, Pastor at River of Life may have boxes and packing tape. Walmart is willing to provide boxes after they do stocking. Roy would need someone to pick the boxes up in the morning following 3rd Shift. Lisa Davis of CC Developmental Disabilities offered to pick up the boxes from Walmart.

Government Report

We handed out a draft copy of the bylaws. Please review and identify any needed changes. We will vote to adopt the bylaws at the next meeting.

Eastern Brown Local Schools raised \$400 and will be issue a cashier's check to the LTRC today.

SBA update – To date, 4 cases have been awarded a total of \$144,700.00

Ohio Individual Assistance has received 33 applications – 3 were approved in Brown for a total of \$23,787.00 and 24 were approved in Clermont for a total of \$149,845.00; 5 applicants were ineligible, 1 application is still pending. The average award is \$6,431.00 and 3 applicants received the maximum award of \$18,700.00.

Other Business

Tom Callahan offered trees from his personal property if individuals are willing to dig them up.

Brown County is working with local churches to establish Tornado Shelter Locations. In Aberdeen, three churches have offered their facilities for this effort. Jim Dinkel and Ron Stang are interested in establishing a tornado safe location at their facilities.

Kim Schave will be taking over the Spiritual and Emotional Care effort. Friendship Church is closing. May 13th will be their last service. Catholic Charities, Mental Health and Recovery Board, and Church of Scientology can provide counseling support services as well.

Ohio River Sweep may be in need of Trash Bags from the Donation Center. Dave Kennedy will contact Roy.

The Facebook lost and found page is up and running. Please provide any feedback on the page to Thalia. Thalia will be adding a contact person for lost and found items.

Mickey reported the Clermont County Commissioners are offering up to \$130,000 for recovery efforts. Home Depot is interested in working on the rebuilding effort.

The Southern Baptist Chainsaw Crew was in the Village of Moscow on Thursday and Friday of the previous week. They did not finish.

It is important that we share the message of preparedness. Pastor Dinkel provided a 1 page flyer with pertinent supplies to have on hand to support individuals and families for 72 hours. Items that should be added to the flyer include personal financial information and medications.

LTRC Meeting

Next LTRC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 at 10:00 am. The new phone conference number is 513-732-8008 Pin 130113.