An Overview of Community Development Corporations
Creative Ohio: Transforming Communities
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Ohio CDC Association
Who We Are:
- A Membership Association of Community Development Organizations in the State of Ohio
- 240 members and growing!

Mission:
- To engage in capacity building, advocacy and public policy development that fosters socially and economically healthy communities.

Vision:
- The creation of a community development environment that comprehensively improves life opportunities for all residents.
Ohio CDC Association

Association Primary Activities:

- Advocacy and Public Policy Development
- AmeriCorps VISTA Program
- Annual Conference and Membership Meetings
- Individual Development Accounts (IDA)
- Microbusiness Grant Program
- Training and Technical Assistance
What is a Community Development Corporation (CDC)?

For 50 years, Community Development Corporations (CDCs) in Ohio have empowered communities to take local action to generate economic opportunities and improve the quality of life in underserved neighborhoods. These non-profits provide a wide range of initiatives that have revitalized and stabilized disadvantaged communities throughout the state.
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- Not-for-profit organizations incorporated to provide programs, offer services and engage in other activities that promote and support a community (people and place).
- Usually serve a geographic location such as a neighborhood or a town, with a focus on serving lower-income residents or struggling neighborhoods.
- They can be involved in a variety of activities including economic development, food access, community organizing, financial empowerment, and real estate development.
  - CDCs are often associated with the development of affordable housing.
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- In addition to organizations that use “community development corporation” in their name, there are a wide variety of organizations that do community development activities in Ohio:
  - Community Action Agencies
  - Community housing development organizations (CHDOs)
  - NeighborWorks Members
  - Community-based supportive housing organizations
  - Community Land Trusts (CLT)
  - Community-based microbusiness organizations
  - Community-based economic development organizations
Elements of Community Development

Community Economic Development (CED):
Community economic development creates jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities, builds individual and community wealth and attracts capital to disinvested communities.
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Affordable Housing:
CDCs revitalize distressed communities by building, rehabilitating and preserving affordable, safe homes and rentals for Ohio families, senior citizens and veterans. Housing development and counseling help Ohio families and communities become stable. These revitalized communities attract new jobs and businesses which make neighborhoods thrive.
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Financial Empowerment:
CDCs provide education and asset building tools so low and moderate income families can become financially independent, improve credit, reduce debt and foreclosure risk, and contribute to community stability.
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Community Engagement:
Through local engagement, residents can take ownership of their community and are empowered to make lasting changes through grass roots efforts.
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Food Access:

CDCs strengthen local food systems, which improve access to healthy foods and benefits the community, its economy and the environment.
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UpCycle Parts Shop
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La Placita
Stockyard, Clark-Fulton, Brooklyn Centre Community Development
City Repair
Stockyard, Clark-Fulton, Brooklyn Centre
Rooms to Let: CLE
Slavic Village Development
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Slavic Village Development,
MYCincinnati Youth Orchestra
Price Hill Will
“Street Projects”
Community Building Partnership of Stark County
Harmony on the Southside
Community Development 4 All People
Urban Scrawl
Franklinton Development Association
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