

HOME Success Stories

Ohio



The HOME Coalition
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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Location: Kinsman

Project: Rural Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation

HOME: \$324,000

Total Cost: \$479,000

Other Federal: N/A

Units: 14

District: OH-13, OH-14

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Warren-Trumbull HOME Consortium

Established in 1996, the Warren-Trumbull HOME Consortium is a cooperative enterprise between the City of Warren, and Trumbull County in Ohio. The Consortium works together to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing in Warren City and Trumbull County.

HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds are allocated to homeowner rehabilitation and down payment assistance program and as gap financing for new construction of multifamily housing. Trumbull County's HOME allocation is administered by the Trumbull County Planning Commission.

Home Repair and Rehabilitation

In 2007, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency identified rural Kinsman Township, located in the northeastern portion of Trumbull County, Ohio, as a potential health risk because of nonworking or malfunctioning septic systems. To ensure the health and safety of residents, in 2009, Trumbull County launched the first phase of the Kinsman Sanitary Sewer Project and installed 2,000 feet of sewer lines and a treatment plant. In 2013, the county began the second phase of the project to provide an additional 36,000 feet of pipeline to 343 homes and businesses.

The Warren-Trumbull HOME Consortium saw an opportunity to build on the success of the Kinsman Sanitary Sewer Project by helping low-income homeowners rehabilitate and repair their homes in and around Kinsman's new sanitary sewer.

The consortium provided \$324,000 in HOME funds and a minimum of \$100,000 in Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grants to repair or rehabilitate 14 units of housing in the area.

The Pavlic family was one of the 12 families who received help from the Consortium. Under the program, they received nearly \$35,000 in HOME funds in the form of a declining, forgivable loan to repair their home. Thanks to this investment, the Pavlics were able to replace their roof and hot water heater, as well as repair their electrical and plumbing systems. The Pavlic family also received funding from Trumbull County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to connect their home to the new sewer.

When completed in late 2015, the Warren-Trumbull HOME Consortium will have built upon an existing public works project to help provide a comprehensive revitalization of one of Trumbull County's rural communities.

