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## 2018 National Community Development Week

This year, National Community Development Week will take place April 2-6 and will focus on recognizing the impact of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and HOME Programs.

The CDBG program began in 1974 and operates through the U.S. Department and Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Housing, infrastructure, senior services, rehabilitation, and business assistance are areas funded through CDBG grants within state and local governments and are targeted towards low-income and moderate-income households. In addition to CDBG, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program assists low-income individuals with affordable housing and is also a HUD program.

"Through Summit County's CDBG and HOME funds, many residents throughout Summit County now have a better quality of life through Habitat homes, as well as receiving much needed home repairs to ensure their residences were safe, warm, and dry," said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. "These types of programs work to strengthen our Summit Community by providing families with a place to call home, as well as security in their homes."

In the last three years, HOME projects have included three Habitat for Humanity homes in Twinsburg Township and one in Fairlawn, as well as six homes completed in Twinsburg Township through NDS (Neighborhood Development Services). Also in the past three years, sixty-three units throughout Summit County received repairs including new roofs, electrical repairs, windows, and ADA modifications through CDBG funding. CDBG funding was also used for numerous projects that benefitted Summit's senior population such as ADA doors in the City of Clinton, senior center improvements in Macedonia, community center ADA doors in the City of Norton, and a walking trail in New Franklin.

For more information: <u>https://co.summitoh.net/index.php/departments/community-a-</u> economic-development/community-development/cdbg

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