



MORPC Residential Services Update 2021

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Executive Committee



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Residential Services

Programs

- Warm Choice/Columbia Gas
- Ohio Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)
- Franklin County Home Repair Program
- COCIC

Current Staff

- 7 Weatherization Inspectors
- 4 Intake staff (2 part-time)
- 4 Housing Team
- 3 Supervisors



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Home Weatherization Updates

Warm Choice

- 271 inspections as of the end of May
- 201 Completions as of the end of May
- **70 units in process**
- Currently on pace to have 650 completions
- Columbia Gas goal-600
- Internal MORPC goal-700

HWAP

- 52 of 57 units projected to be completed



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Weatherization Program Successes

- Completed overhaul of Intake Team. Reduced Intake Staff while increasing efficiency and production
- 2020 Warm Choice fee increase
- 2019-Completed 440 units
- **2020-Completed 411 units***
- 2021- On pace to complete 650 units
- Successful implementation of PPE protocol and work from home procedure



Weatherization Program Challenges

- Lack of specialty contractors to complete final work
- Online applications historically down for 2021
- Limited grass roots outreach due to Covid restrictions



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Home Repair Program

COCIC

- 8 properties to be completed with leveraged Franklin County Home Repair Funds at \$20K per property
- 6 started final 2 identified



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Home Repair Program

Franklin County

- 2018 Recently Completed
- 2019 Extension granted and unit production reduced from 34 to 26
- All 2019 units identified; 13 units started
- 2020- 34 units slated for completion; 13 units identified



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Home Repair Program Key Updates

- Staff Promotions and additions

Covid-19 Implications

- Increased completion time due to Covid concerns and protocol for contractors and clients
- Suspension of work for 4 months and start-up delays
- Significant material cost increase
- This has caused a decrease in scope of work and unit completion
- 205 applicants, roughly a 3 to 4 year wait





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Residential Services Next Steps

- Contractor Recruitment
- Work force development program/opportunities
- Cultivation of partnerships; IMPACT/COCIC
- Grant application opportunities
- Post-Covid Community Engagement Strategy
- Alternate funding opportunities
- Continued process and production streamlining and efficiencies

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