

Prevention, Retention & Contingency Development Reserve (PRCDR) Summary of Projects

Volume 8: Description of PRCDR Projects by County Category7: Emergency, contingency, and disaster services



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Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Development Reserve (PRCDR) Projects for the State of Ohio Executive Summary

The Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program is the cornerstone of Ohio's welfare reform efforts. The local flexibility inherent in this new program encourages counties to develop initiatives that strive to prevent Ohio's working families from seeking public assistance as well as provide the necessary work support services to encourage the formation and maintenance of healthy families. PRC also encompasses projects funded through the PRC Development Reserve (PRCDR) fund that enabled the expansion of PRC services within communities. This report provides brief descriptions of PRCDR projects funded for the time period January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 and is accurate as of August 31, 2000. Actual project numbers and expenditures to date may vary due to amendments to PRCDR projects that may have occurred in counties since September 1, 2000.

The wide-ranging diversity among PRCDR projects contained herein illustrates the ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit with which county agencies approached implementing the PRC program. These project narratives highlight creative opportunities that have been undertaken throughout the State of Ohio to address a broad range of societal issues that impact an individual's ability to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

Proposals have been categorized into one of the following ten subject areas: employment and training; diversion, work support, and retention; child welfare and protection; non-custodial parents; pregnancy prevention; domestic violence; emergency, contingency, and disaster services; youth and educational support services (birth to age 18); community and economic development; and early start. A total of \$299.1 million funded 1,207 proposals. The amount of funding allocated to each of the ten categories is presented in the following table.

Category	Funding	Number of Projects	Percent of total funding
Employment and training	\$88.4 million	222 projects	29.6%
Youth educational support services	\$61.3 million	262 projects	20.5%
Diversion, work support, and retention	\$44.4 million	238 projects	14.8%
Child welfare and protection	\$43.9 million	171 projects	14.7%
Community and economic development	\$18.9 million	84 projects	6.3%
Emergency, contingency, and disaster services	\$15.3 million	54 projects	5.1%
Non-custodial parents	\$8.6 million	34 projects	2.9%
Pregnancy prevention	\$7.2 million	48 projects	2.4%
Domestic violence	\$5.6 million	52 projects	1.9%
Early Start	\$5.5 million	42 projects	1.8%
TOTAL	\$299.1 million	1,207 projects	100%

This report summarizes all projects in Category 7 Emergency, contingency, and disaster services. One of the central mandates of the PRC program is to meet contingent needs that threaten the safety, health, or well being of clients and that, if not addressed, pose a risk to employability and the stability of families. These programs provide non-recurrent temporary services such as food, clothing, and shelter. For a total compilation of county projects please see *Volume 1 Description of PRCDR Projects by County*.

Auglaize County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

⊠ Residential, Anti-Homeless Program

\$102,000

Families at or below 300% of the federal poverty level are eligible to receive training and support services designed to help them become good tenants and community citizens. The content of the program will focus on the areas of appropriate problem solving skills, household budgeting, household repair, communication skills, life/social skills, developing career plans and completing applications for employment, preparation for job interviews, and understanding what it means to become involved with the community. CDJFS will provide these services.

Belmont County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Emergency Home Repair Program

\$178,899

The Community Action Commission will provide a maximum of \$5,000 worth of services per family to a minimum of 24 low-income families that are in need of emergency home repairs and/or modifications to make their homes accessible to the handicapped.

∠∠ Homebuyer Counseling and Credit Repair Program

\$128,668

The Community Action Commission will provide low-income families with first time homebuyer education workshops, credit repair, and down-payment assistance. The program will assist 250 households with home counseling classes, 18 households with direct down payment assistance, and 20 other households with obtaining other down-payment information and lending packages in order to obtain a mortgage.

Carroll County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

≥ Red Cross - Help Can't Wait

\$9,600

This program provides disaster relief assistance for low-income families in the county. A family of four would be provided with up to \$300 to meet their minimal immediate needs such as food, clothing and emergency housing for one night. Further, the program will provide 100 families with family disaster plans to prepare for future potential emergencies.

Champaign County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Catholic Social Services - Outreach/Food Pantry

referred to CDJFS, and will be provided a follow-up.

Catholic Social Services will takeover the Tri-County Food Pantry and begin a new service for over 200 families below 300% of the federal poverty threshold. The families will receive emergency food, be given information on services such as food stamps and Medicaid, be

\$21,032

Columbiana County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

⊠ Water Connection Program

This proposal contracts with the Columbiana County Engineer's Office to provide water connection assistance to families with failed or inadequate water systems in their homes. Families with children in the home and incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty threshold will be eligible to have their primary dwellings connected to the county water system.

\$263,100

Cuyahoga County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Affordable Housing Component 1: Expansion of Services to Homeless Custodial & Non-custodial Parents

\$600,000

The CDJFS will contract out services to homeless custodial and non-custodial parents who reside in shelters. They will partner with agencies that directly serve this population: the Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and the West Side Catholic Center. Services will include job training, life skills, job placement, and related support services.

∠∠ Affordable Housing Component 2: Homeless Prevention Services

\$165,000

The CDJFS will establish partnerships with community-based agencies to create a rapid response system for families facing a housing crisis. Services may include eviction intervention, mediation and rental and utility assistance. The community agencies include Cleveland Housing Network, Cleveland Tenants Association, Cleveland Mediation, Catholic Charities, and others.

⊠ Working Family Support Services

\$74,570

The targeted families in this project are those in the midst of transition from OWF benefits into the workforce or those are at risk for future dependence. A community-based multiservice center will provide 1,500-2,000 families with instruction on issues involving employment and housing. With this program, CDJFS hopes to offer many of the services newly employed families need in order to remain self-sufficient.

Erie County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

\$61,752

∠∠ Transitional Housing

The Home of Hope program has been developed to aid women in the transition from incarceration to mainstream society. The program assists women in a number of areas, including self-discovery, job readiness skills, and life skills. The goal is to enable these women to become productive members of society.

Fayette County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

≥ Expanded Contingency Services

This expansion program increases the sub-limit for contingency needs to \$500. Services include emergency rent and deposit, emergency utility assistance, real estate taxes and mortgage payment.

\$263,166

Franklin County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Expansion of Existing PRC Services

CDJFS is receiving applications for services designated in the current PRC plan at a rate that is much higher than originally anticipated. Benefits are available for OWF participants and for those who are employed but who are experiencing a short-term crisis and whose family income does not exceed 185% of federal poverty thresholds. The expanded allocation will allow the CDJFS to reach a wider scope of eligible families.

\$5,786,138

Fulton County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

\not Contingency and Remediation

The CDJFS will serve low-income families to meet an emergent need that threatens the safety, health or well-being of one or more family members. Services will include domestic violence services, substance abuse services, legal services and mental health counseling.

\$297,588

Greene County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

⊠ Special Need Security Deposit/First Month's Rent Program

\$63,250

Low-income families in-need of housing will be served by this program. The Department of Development will give eligible families a security deposit and first month's rent. Inspections will be done on all rental units, focusing on possible hazards. This will provide families inneed of housing a place to stay during the transition into independence.

≈≈ Emergency "Fix It" Program

\$74,246

The Department of Development will assist low-income families with property in need of repair. A maximum of \$5,000 will be spent to repair such things as plumbing systems, electrical systems, heating, roofing, doors, windows, gutters and downspouts, and insulation. After work is complete, an inspector will check the property to see that the housing is safe and livable.

Hamilton County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Family Shelter Partnership Program

\$638,965

Bethany House Services will serve as lead agency with seven other cooperating agencies. They will provide services to very low-income homeless families residing in cooperating shelters. These services include coordinated case management, information and referral, communication systems, Personalized Responsibility Agreement Planning, and the integration of homeless housing services.

Hancock County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠ Family Disaster Assistance

\$3,450

The CDJFS will help an eligible family in the event of a loss sustained by fire and/or natural disaster. This assistance will enable the family to recover from an unforeseen event that could threaten family stability.

Hardin County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Homeless Shelter/Independent Living Center

\$70,000

Love, Inc., and Payne Chapel AME Church will operate a home for the one or two families or individuals that are identified as being truly homeless in the County at any one time. The providers will also offer training and support services to resident teens and young adults for the development of independent living skills.

Harrison County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

⊠ Help Can't Wait - American Red Cross

\$10,800

This program is designed to help families who have lost everything in a disaster by providing funding to cover their minimal immediate needs, such as food for a day, clothing, and emergency housing for one night. The program will be able to offer these emergency services to two families per month for the next 24 months. Further, the program provides funding for extended services to help educate the community on how to prepare for and cope with disasters.

∠∠ Home Repair Program

\$99,483

Harcatus (Harrison-Carroll-Tuscawaras) Tri-County Community Action Agency will provide low-income homeowners with this home repair service. The agency will repair homes that have problems that could pose a threat to the health and safety of occupants or ones that could lead to an emergency situation. A total of 45 homes will be repaired, with a maximum of \$4,000 allotted to each repair.

Holmes County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

⊠ Holmes County Health Department - Sewage Loan Program

\$16,002

This is a guaranteed loan program designed to directly assist at least four low-income families that are at risk of losing their homes due to failed sewage systems. Proceeds from the loans will be used to repair/replace the failed systems.

Lake County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

ZZ Enhanced Shelter Service Project

\$1,100,000

The Works First Planning Committee has developed a contingency plan that would make it easier for OWF families to become independent of funding. The plan calls for more funds to be given to the current shelter and utility services. This would enable the department to assist in payment of security deposits and first months' rent.

Licking County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

\$495,000

∠∠ Contingency Services

An expansion program that raises cap amounts and eligibility levels will enable the CDJFS to serve additional at risk families at a higher benefit level. Services provided will include clothing, necessary household items, rent, emergency shelter, deposits for utilities, home repairs, and others. The cap on home repairs will be raised to \$1,500 per year. Families with children at or below 185% of the poverty level will be eligible.

Logan County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Logan County Down Payment Assistance Program

The CDJFS will provide low- to mo derate-income families with a loan for up to \$5000 to assist them in buying a home. The loan will be forgiven if the family remains in the home for two years.

\$259,350

Lorain County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

ZZ Contingency Needs for Vulnerable Children

Fund contingency needs (i.e. cribs, car seats, clothing etc.) for participants in the Early Start Programs as wrap around services.

\$57,089

Madison County

PRCDR Projects

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∠∠ Contingency Services

\$69,509

This expansion program increases the dollar cap and number of occurrences for services and also raises the economic need standard to 200% of the federal poverty threshold. Services include emergency rent and deposit, emergency utility assistance, real estate taxes, and mortgage payment. The cap is raised to \$3,000.

Medina County	
PRCDR Projects	Total Funding SFY 2000-2001
≥ Mome Maintenance & Repair	\$210,000
Community Action Wayne/Medina will expand its current Home Maintenance and Repair program to include homeowners with at least one minor child with an income of up to 200% of the federal poverty threshold, . This program provides a variety of services to maintain the safety and security of homes, while educating the homeowners on what repairs are being made and how these problems can be avoided in the future.	
KK Homeless Prevention	\$88,000
Community Action Wayne/Medina will assist homeless families and families threatened with homelessness by providing a Family Advocate to expand current intake services to those who are not eligible for Operation Homes and by taking a more active role in the evaluation and advocacy needed for these families. The Family Advocate will also take an active role in mentoring the family, providing regular contact and accountability as needed.	\$00,000
∠∠ Operation Homes: Services to Homeless Families	\$8,000
Hospitality of Medina Emergency Shelters will develop a "Services Fund" that will provide transportation, mental health services, food vouchers, clothing and furniture, car repairs, security deposit/utility expenses, weekend services, laundry and shower costs, and a storage facility to extremely low-income homeless families with one minor child.	43,000
This program will assist 30 families who have qualified for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The program, submitted by the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority, will provide outreach and education to landlords so they will accept rental assistance. A professional consultant will be hired to create the program. Ideas for the landlord outreach include an educational breakfast, creating a landlord packet of information, direct contact with the owners of properties, and incentives to owners for accepting housing assistance.	\$12,475

Montgomery County	
PRCDR Projects	Total Funding SFY 2000-2001
Family Stability, Housing Support, Life Skills Enhancement Class The YWCA of Dayton will sponsor the House Keys Program for low-income families and non-custodial parents. The program offers six classes that educate the target families about transitioning from a temporary to a permanent home.	\$10,242
EXE Case Management/Housing Support Homeless families who can only obtain temporary housing will benefit from this program. The target families will be assisted with case management, support services, and referrals, hopefully leading to permanent housing.	\$241,722

Morrow County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Food Pantries

\$85,840

Food pantries in the county will better serve needy families. The funding will make more food available to residents who need it. Two community agencies will be supplemented with additional funds for food and other items.

Muskingum County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

⊠ Zanesville City Housing Repair/Improvement Program

\$600,000

This program provides money to assist low-income families that occupy their own homes for the purposes of emergency home repair, weatherization, or exterior code improvement. This program also supports a home maintenance/upkeep educational program consisting of classes and informational packets.

⊠ Muskingum County Housing Repair/Improvement Program

\$378,000

This is a program that targets substandard housing through rehabilitation of houses, emergency repair, and water and sewer upgrades. These are provided through a deferred-payment loan program for low-income eligible families. The program operates with a full-time program manager, a full-time housing coordinator, and two part-time housing specialists.

Paulding County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Contingency Services and Benefits

\$142,734

Services provided under this program will meet the emergent need of participants that threatens the health, safety, or well-being of one or more of the household members. Services will include rent, emergency shelter, assistance with utility payments, appliance repair, food, personal items and others.

Portage County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠ Special Needs Assistance Fund

\$98,988

Family and Community Services (FCS) will provide emergency services for individuals under certain circumstances. OWF and low-income families facing a specific financial crisis that threatens their safety and stability will be assisted with funding. The money will be paid directly to the vendor after the family has been assessed and determined to be in need.

Portage County

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PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

⊠ Rent Subsidy and Transitional Services Program

\$54,644

Family and Community Services will provide a housing option to homeless families who need a place to live. If the home passes a property inspection, the agency will award the family with a maximum of \$200 per month for up to four months in subsidies in order to keep the family living on the property. Other services will include assessments and assisting the family in developing a housing plan, along with education about landlord/tenant rights and life skill development.

Preble County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Homeless Shelter

\$6,000

The Preble County Homeless Shelter will provide intensive case management intervention and stabilization to families while they are staying in the shelter. Eligible families will be below 200% of the federal poverty threshold. The focus of this program will be on helping them to gain employment and permanent housing.

Putnam County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Extended Contingency

\$187,500

Individual payments to meet a nonrecurring crisis or episode of need, up to \$1000 per 12-month period, will be provided to parents of minor children and all other household members, specified guardians, and relatives with minor children, child-only cases, and non-custodial parents, with income under 200% of the federal poverty threshold. Examples of individual payments include, but are not limited to, utility shut-offs/hook ups, installation or repair of telephone, and purchase of furnace or water tanks. The target group will be unemployed or underemployed individuals, families with children at risk of abuse or neglect, and victims of domestic violence.

∠∠ Extended Family Disaster

\$14,368

Financial assistance will be provided to parents, specified relatives, legal guardians/custodians, and minor children who are victims of catastrophic disasters as declared by the Governor of the state or by director of the agency. Such disasters include fires, floods, and tornadoes. The level of assistance for a declared disaster is determined by ODJFS; for a non-declared disaster assistance is limited to \$1,500 per episode. Economic need standard is 500% FPL.

Richland County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

⊠ Emergency Service Assistance Allocation (ESAA)

\$63,000

Richland County Children Services will provide Emergency Service Assistance Allocation (ESAA) monies to families whose children are at risk of being removed from the home or families who need services to augment the return of children into the parents' home. Identified services include rent payments, food vouchers, utility payments, and medical payments.

₹ Food Pantries \$74,995

Five community agencies will be funded up to \$14,999 each to identify and serve PRC-eligible families with food pantry items or vouchers. The agencies are: Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Harmony House, The Domestic Violence Shelter, and The Center for Pastoral Care.

≤ In-House PRC \$708,974

Due to increases in the number of households served by PRC, the CDJFS will need more funds to supply recipients with necessary services. The services they require help with include auto repairs, utilities, transportation, and clothing/uniforms. This will help support the 135 families under 185% of the federal poverty threshold.

∠ Tenant Services Program

\$78,641

The Central City Economic Development Council (CCEDC) will serve OWF participants and families below 200% of federal poverty thresholds. The Tenant Services Program will promote housing stability for low-income families, facilitate their preparation for and access to employment, and extend a safety net of supportive services. CCEDC will employ a Tenant Services Specialist who will work with individual families to develop their own self-sufficiency plan. A Housing Specialist will support this program by working with CCEDC to locate housing resources and provide training to families.

Shelby County

PRCDR Projects

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∠∠ Contingency Expansion

\$38,900

This proposal increases the amount and availability of emergency funds for families at or below 100% of the federal poverty level. Emergency services up to \$450 will be provided to families in need.

Stark County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

\$168,999

∠∠ Alliance Emergency Residence (AER) Homeless Prevention Program

The Alliance Emergency Residence will implement a homelessness prevention program for individuals living in the shelter for extended periods of time. The program will include case management, job skills training, supportive services, and emergency assistance. A case manager will work with these individuals to provide support.

Trumbull County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

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∠∠ Disaster Services

This program will expand current disaster relief services to families at or below 300% of the federal poverty threshold. The Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the county will coordinate the program.

\$300,000

Tuscarawas County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Harcatus (Harrison-Carroll-Tuscawaras) PRC – Job Training Program

\$271,714

The Harcatus Training and Employment Division (HTED) will help low-income individuals receive the necessary education, job training, and work experience that they need to become gainfully employed. HTED's system is comprised of three areas: the educational component helps with remedial math and reading skills, GED Training, and college application and coursework tutoring; the work readiness component trains the participants in computer skills, job readiness, and job searching; and the job creation component helps the participants once a job is found.

∠∠ Harcatus Home Repairs

\$99,483

Harcatus Tri-County Community Action Agency will begin a home repair program for low-income residents. Individuals who own their home and have a low-income will be eligible for repairs to prevent emergencies and keep from posing a threat will be done.

Washington County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Housing Improvements and Repair

\$262,500

The Washington-Morgan Community Action Agency will provide home repair assistance to owner-occupied, low-income families.

Washington County

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PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Rent In Place Housing

\$119,144

The Washington-Morgan Community Action Agency will provide monthly rental payments to families whose gross rent is in excess of 40% of their total household income. Ten low-income working families will be provided with \$250 worth of temporary housing assistance per month for up to one year to encourage home security and stability in participating families.

∠∠ After-Hours Emergency Services

\$10,000

CDJFS will provide an allocation to local law enforcement agencies from which they can draw in emergency situations or after hours for the purpose of keeping low-income families intact and preventing the involvement of the Public Children's Service Agency.

Wayne County

PRCDR Projects

Total Funding SFY 2000-2001

∠∠ Home Maintenance and Repair

\$97,350

Community Action Wayne/Medina (CAW/M) will expand its current Home Maintenance and Repair Program to include all low-income homeowners and renters. Up to \$3,000 will be invested in home repair if the family's safety and well being are threatened. Additionally, CAW/M staff will make minor repairs to homes that need immediate attention, while discussing ways to protect the integrity of the home with the occupants.