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**Accessible Homes  
Renter Accessibility Program**

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Hamilton County's Department of Planning + Development (HCPD) has highlighted projects county-wide that have made a positive impact to our economy as a result of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The CDBG and HOME Programs are proposed for elimination in the President's Fiscal Year 2018 HUD Budget.

Hamilton County annually receives almost \$3 million in CDBG funds and almost \$1 million in HOME funds. HCPD finds creative ways to apply CDBG and HOME funds to assist communities in community and economic development activities that improve the quality of life of residents in our region.

HCPD's Renter Accessibility Program assists disabled renters in obtaining modifications to rental housing to improve accessibility. Projects include adding outside ramps, bathroom modification, adding interior grab bars and more. Last year improvements were made to 5 buildings and 22 housing units, which improved their accessibility. This program is still accepting applications. For more information about the program please contact Scott Prowse (513) 946-8236 or [Scott.Prowse@hamilton-co.org](mailto:Scott.Prowse@hamilton-co.org).

The CDBG and HOME Programs are critical to the functioning of our region. The flexibility of these programs allow the Department of Hamilton County Planning & Development to do work on a smaller scale that improve the quality of life for families in our region and make big investments on large projects that boost the economy.

For more information please contact Joy Pierson, Community Development Administrator, (513) 946-8234 or [Joy.Pierson@hamilton-co.org](mailto:Joy.Pierson@hamilton-co.org).

*Hamilton County's Department of Planning & Development is responsible for ensuring safe, responsible development and redevelopment while building partnerships to create and implement visionary plans. Whether reviewing construction plans for a new hospital, writing new zoning regulations for parking standards, funding affordable housing, or mapping our stormwater system, the staff of Planning + Development works to make Hamilton County a great place to live, work and play.*