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- Since 1992, Montgomery County has received \$18,360,945 in HOME entitlement funds.
- Of that amount, \$4,652,324 has been suballocated for CHDO and administration.
- \$13,210,004 has been committed to activities.
- \$13,141,921 has been drawn (as of 7.21.08)

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- Montgomery County works closely with **COUNTYCORP**, the County's nonprofit housing and economic development arm.
  - Provides owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and lease/purchase programs.
  - Administers American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) program on behalf of the County.
  - HomeStart is COUNTYCORP's housing subsidiary and the County's primary Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

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- **HomeStart:**

- Receives 15% of the County's HOME allocation, which will be \$151,756 in FY08.
- Historically administered a lease/purchase program (by acquiring and rehabilitating properties).
- Those units have been made available for single family rental housing for long-term ownership.
- Recently building in-fill housing units and is in the preliminary stage of developing a rental rehabilitation program.
- But it's not just about COUNTYCORP and HomeStart.....

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- Montgomery County works with a number of established non-profit housing agencies to provide housing for low and moderate income persons.
- Most of these agencies serve populations who are either very, very low income, have special needs, or who are homeless. For example:
- **Miami Valley Housing Opportunities** provides housing for persons who are homeless and have substance abuse/mental illness.

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- **Miami Valley In-Ovations** provides housing for persons with mental retardation/developmental disabilities.
- **Daybreak, Inc.** is a shelter for runaway/throwaway youth, and receives HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) for those ready for independent living. **Places Inc.** provides “housing first” housing for persons with substance abuse and the **YWCA** provides TBRA for victims of domestic violence.
- **Dayton Habitat for Humanity** builds houses for very, very low income families and helps them succeed at being homeowners.

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- **Homelessness and Affordable Permanent Housing**

- A major change occurred with the HOME program in 2007. This change was facilitated by the development and implementation of Montgomery County's *Homeless Solution 10 Year Plan*.
- In 2007, HOME funds were combined with Human Services Levy funds, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Emergency Shelter Grant funds, and a small amount of CDBG, in a combined Request for Proposals for Housing and Homeless Programs. The HOME portion was \$785,000 or roughly 75% of the County's allocation.

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- In 2008, this same process will occur, with the HOME portion being \$758,000. Many of the same non-profits that we have historically worked with were successful applicants in 2007 and will be again in 2008. However, the push is for permanent supportive housing and this may eliminate some of the applicants we have seen in the past.

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A couple of examples of successful projects:

River Commons, the first permanent supportive housing created under the Homeless Solutions Plan, through a partnership with Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority



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### Daybreak Opportunity House:

A newly constructed facility in Dayton, providing more teen shelter units, more supportive services, and space for teen mothers with children.



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**Some tips for expending funds in a timely manner:**

- Having a good relationship with your housing nonprofits
- Well-leveraged projects
- Well-constructed application/RFP process, which results in good applications and translates to good projects

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- It helps to have a good staff, who work well with other departments, nonprofits, and the community and are dedicated to the same goals. Thank you very much.
- Questions or comments?