



## **City of Dayton announces \$4.3 million for community investments**

-Dayton Recovery Plan to support a southwest Dayton food/wellness center, a family services hub in Twin Towers, and critical roof repairs in six neighborhoods-

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The City of Dayton has announced the newest investments of Dayton Recovery Plan (DRP) funds following approval of contracts by the City Commission.

The investments are: \$2.5 million to Homefull for its food/wellness campus in southwest Dayton; \$1 million for the East End Community Services Family Services Hub in the Twin Towers neighborhood; and \$800,000 to Dayton Habitat for Humanity for critical roof repairs in six neighborhoods.

The Dayton Recovery Plan is a \$138 million framework for community COVID relief and investment for the future, made possible by the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Funding for the Homefull award will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan's Aiding Community and Small Business Recovery component. This section of the plan focuses on supporting community health and wellness, assisting small businesses and organizations, and providing educational opportunities.

Homefull will use the DRP funds toward general contracting, construction site work, and construction materials to construct a food and health facility on its planned campus on South Gettysburg Avenue in southwest Dayton.

The awards to WestCare and Habitat for Humanity funding will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan's \$55 million Improving Our Neighborhoods component. This section of the plan focuses on improving housing conditions.

An investment of \$1 million was approved for WestCare Ohio, which will use DRP funding for architectural and demolition services to create a Family Services Hub and wellness center for East End Community Services. WestCare will also partner with Mission of Mary Cooperative to construct backyard gardens and a teaching kitchen. Funding will also be used for design and landscaping at Ruskin School Commons, installation of a new HVAC system at the New Hope Marketplace and to provide home weatherization programs to residents in Twin Towers. The goal of these programs is to reduce poverty and address the health, safety, and welfare of Twin Towers residents.

An investment of \$800,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton, Inc., will use Dayton Recovery Plan funding to complete critical roof repairs in up to 80 homes, as part of a goal to help families stay in their homes, stabilize neighborhoods, and influence neighborhood revitalization for residential properties in the Carillon, Edgemont, Miami Chapel, Wolf Creek, Five Oaks, and Old North Dayton neighborhoods.

“This significant investment into our communities, small businesses and non-profit organizations is a huge step forward in creating long-term positive impacts for Dayton,” said City Manager Shelley Dickstein. “It is our honor to support these outstanding Dayton organizations as they work together to improve our community.”

### **Homefull**

Homefull was founded in 1988 by Sister Dorothy Kammerer and other committed volunteers as The Other Place as the community's response to needing another place for the homeless to go during the day. Since then, and after changing its name to Homefull in 2010, the organization has grown significantly and takes a comprehensive approach to addressing poverty in general which is the root cause of homelessness. Homefull is still headquartered in Dayton and operates programs in Columbus and 15 other Ohio counties. It employs nearly 100 passionate professionals and provides services to over 2,000 households on any given day.

### **WestCare Ohio/East End Community Services**

WestCare Ohio is a family of non-for-profit organizations that provides health and human service programs in residential, outpatient and neighborhood environments. It operates East End Community Services, which provides wrap-around services in the Twin Towers neighborhood. WestCare is currently fundraising to implement a \$6.4 million master plan for East End Community Services that would improve facilities and better serve residents.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Dayton's Habitat for Humanity affiliate was established in 1983 and was the first in Ohio. In its 37 years of operations, it has served hundreds of families through affordable homeownership programs and hundreds more through the critical repair program. In 2014, the Dayton affiliate merged with the Greene County Habitat for Humanity affiliate to create Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton. The organization grew again in 2021 and now proudly serves Montgomery, Greene, and Clark Counties.

About the Dayton Recovery Plan

**The Dayton Recovery Plan** is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address the infrastructure, economic and equity issues that exist in the city by using a data-driven approach to analyze socio-economic, health, and demographic data to make informed funding decisions. These investments directly impact minority communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and long-standing economic and social inequities in Dayton. The Dayton Recovery Plan is our city's innovative plan to utilize our share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Based on a modified CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) formula, the Local Fiscal Relief section of the bill provides \$138 million to the City of Dayton in two equal installments and is the largest grant in Dayton's history. For a plan overview, go to [daytonohio.gov/arpa](http://daytonohio.gov/arpa).

The key goals of the Dayton Recovery Plan:

- Improve the quality of life in Dayton neighborhoods to attract people and businesses to our community.
- Create long-term transformational and sustainable impacts in Dayton, especially in targeted geographies.

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