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People Working Cooperatively (PWC) strengthens homes, families, and communities by providing professional home repair services at no cost for low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners in Ohio. Over the last several years, PWC has impacted the lives of tens of thousands of residents. And, we're just getting started.

Our Impact

PWC has served our most vulnerable neighbors for 50 years, and our impact is far-reaching. Over the last three years alone, PWC provided more than 18,000 direct services for nearly 12,000 individuals in more than 6,600 households. These services range from emergency home repairs, accessibility modifications, and weatherization services, as well as direct services to mitigate lead-based paint and asthma triggers.

A recent qualitative evaluation of services supported by the State of Ohio found:

- Nearly 1 out of 3 clients would not have been able to stay in their homes without PWC's assistance;
- 74% of clients reported improved health.

Our Programs

The State of Ohio funding allowed for a 28% increase in PWC's Whole House direct services, which translated into more efficient and impactful use of dollars. The most cost-effective housing dollar spent is one that preserves existing housing while simultaneously improving the health of the individuals served. PWC's work ultimately reduced unnecessary costs for more housing and for health care – our services translate to reduced Medicaid expenditures.

Building for the Future

The home repair work we do every day is practical, and the results are tangible. But our work has a far greater impact than what you can see in our clients' houses. It creates a ripple effect, strengthening homes and families. It improves health and education outcomes. It stabilizes communities.

PWC has partnered with the health care community to further extend our impact for all Ohioans:

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital is expanding a referral program with PWC for families with hard-to-treat children with potential asthma triggers in their homes impeding their recovery. PWC provides repairs that mitigate these triggers (mold, allergens, etc.).
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital is collaborating with PWC to design a research study that will measure the impact of PWC's services on asthma outcomes among their patients over time. By analyzing historical service records of PWC (the region's primary provider of housing-related services to low-income families) and matching them against patient records at Children's (the region's primary provider of pediatric asthma care), the study aims to provide objective data on the role of our work in decreasing asthma exacerbations.
- PWC's Innovation Center is a host site for the U.C. College of Medicine's Physician and Society class, which connects first-year medical students to PWC for an academic year executing a project to deepen their understanding of how housing affects health, and ultimately, PWC's overall health impact.

- PWC is in partnership with CareSource to assist them with serving their customers by providing classroom and in-field training to expand CareSource's home modification services.
- The Ohio Department of Health asked PWC to invest in Preble, Montgomery, and Green Counties to help create fall safety services. The model is based on the service structure PWC created in Hamilton County and is designed to be replicable for other regions of the state.
- PWC created an award-winning and State of Ohio-approved Workforce Development Program for skilled tradespeople. PWC plans to add 20 new employees annually over the next three years. PWC's annual Workforce Development investment is \$1M.
- PWC is partnering with school-based resource center, Community Learning Center Institute (CLCI), to measure the impact of PWC's services on student stability, attendance, and achievement.
- PWC is partnering with DwellSafe, a platform that combines medical expertise with virtual/AI modeling to efficiently measure fall risk in the homes of older adults and generate recommended actions. This will allow PWC to implement an increased number of home-based assessments and to scale up its work to better match the size of the need in Ohio.

Growth Campaign

PWC is launching a four-year \$20M private campaign to increase our capacity and services to benefit all Ohioans. This effort aims to:

- Increase Aging in Place/Fall Prevention Services by 50%
- Improve Asthma outcomes by 50%
- Leverage an additional \$10M in public funds
- Streamline operations through better technology and efficiency

PWC also extended our range and depth of service to include more of Ohio in the last two years. There is a growth plan in progress that extends PWC's services north across the western portion of Ohio. We know that we can support and stabilize more families in need if we become bigger, stronger, and more effective. Over the next several years, PWC is building for impact. We're building for capacity. For efficiency. For innovation. We're building for the future.

PWC requests that the State of Ohio grow and support this expansion effort with \$5M (\$2.5M each fiscal year) from the 2026-2027 Operating Budget - GRF ALI 195406, Helping Ohioans Stay in their Homes Initiative.