



## **City announces newest Dayton Recovery Plan community investments**

*-Support for Chicken Spot, Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church, Good Neighbor House and City facility modernization-*

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The City of Dayton announces the newest investments of Dayton Recovery Plan funds, following approval of grants and contracts by the City Commission. Grants to Chicken Spot, Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church, and Good Neighbor House, as well as a contract with App Architecture, were approved on Jan. 18, 2023.

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 of 2021.

\$178,100 in funding for Chicken Spot will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan's \$7.6 million Supporting Black and Brown Businesses component, which includes support for small business capital investments.

Chicken Spot will use the funds for site preparations at its future restaurant at 865 N. Main St. Preparations will include creating space for a drive-through, interior redesign, façade improvements, parking lot resurfacing, and lighting.

Chef Anthony Head opened the Chicken Spot in the summer of 2019 and renamed the business Chicken Head's as it became more successful. However, tragedy struck the successful business when it became a victim to vandalism in early 2021. Today, he is focused on rebuilding the minority-owned business, with help from the Dayton Recovery Plan.

"The Dayton Recovery Plan is a once in a lifetime chance for Dayton businesses to do the work necessary to address the issues that impact our neighbors and to build successful businesses," said Anthony Head. "The City wants business like mine to succeed. I was already working to secure funding for rebuilding my business. It just happened that this grant opportunity came along at just the right time, and we are excited to partner with the City on the rebirth of Chicken Head's."

Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church will receive \$45,500 to renovate the property used for its Mission House program (1626 W. Second St.), which includes a food pantry and meal service. Funds will be used for renovation costs including windows, electrical wiring, and plumbing, as well as for equipment such as appliances and furniture.

Good Neighbor House (627 E. First St.) will use Dayton Recovery Plan funds of \$200,000 to install a milling machine for producing dental crowns and to install a whole-building back-up generator. The generator will ensure the organization's dental clinic remains powered and operational in the event of a power outage. The clinic offers a wide array of services for individuals, with fees on a sliding fee scale based on income.

Funding for Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church and Good Neighbor House will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan's \$7.3 million 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.

A \$405,146 contract with App Architecture by Dayton's Department of Public Works will provide design and construction services to fully renovate the fourth and sixth floors of City Hall. Renovation of each floor will include necessary mechanical, electrical, plumbing, access controls, data/networking, life safety services, and miscellaneous finishes. The contract also allows for building-wide HVAC improvements to remove City Hall's existing HVAC mechanical equipment and replace it with variable refrigerant flow multi-stage heat pump units with automated controls. The upgrade will reduce maintenance and enhance efficiency, comfort and safety. Funding for App Architecture's services will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan's \$21.5 million Enhancing Critical City Services component.

### ***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 Dayton's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The \$138 million award is the largest grant in Dayton's history. For a plan overview and updates, go to [daytonohio.gov/drp](http://daytonohio.gov/drp).

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