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State Supports Community Improvement Projects

Thirty-four communities across Ohio will receive grants to revitalize neighborhoods and downtown business districts. The grants will improve streets, sidewalks, bridges, public facilities and infrastructure as well as rehabilitate buildings in a community's Central Business District. The Ohio Development Services Agency awarded grants totaling more than \$9 million through the Community Development Critical Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization and Neighborhood Revitalization Competitive Set-Aside programs.

"Communities with strong business districts and neighborhoods are better positioned for growth," said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Cities and counties receiving grants are:

Ashtabula County received a \$240,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Rock Creek with sewer facility improvements. The project will replace 159 grinder pump, float, breaker, and post assemblies in the village. The county will purchase a 60KW portable generator to operate the wastewater treatment plant during power outages. The project will benefit 560 people.

Athens County received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to help Waterloo Township install new playground equipment at Waterloo Township Park and purchase fire equipment and land for a parking lot for the senior center. The project will also install 2,900 linear feet of street, 600 linear feet of sidewalks, two catch basins near the park, repair four homes, and build a home with Habitat for Humanity.

City of Ashland (Ashland County) received a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to address code violations and make façade improvements at 25 properties in the Central Business District.

City of Findlay (Hancock County) received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to improve the drainage in an alleyway in the business district. The project will install 650 feet of storm sewer and nine catch basins and repair 450 square feet of sidewalk and 60 feet of curb.

City of Marion (Marion County) received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to improve the LODO neighborhood. The project will demolish one building, rebuild a retaining wall to stabilize a parking lot, and install 5,600 linear feet of sidewalk along West Church, Blaine and Garden Streets. The project will also renovate the brick surface of Holmes Street and replace 978 linear feet of curb, as well as replace the roof on the neighborhood recreation center. The project will benefit 500 neighborhood residents.

City of Niles (Trumbull County) received a \$224,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to improve storm sewers along Gypsy Lane. The project will install 2,410 linear feet of storm sewer and 35 catch basins. The project will benefit 64 people.

City of Piqua (Miami County) received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to replace 1,256

residential and 65 commercial water meters on the southwest side of the city with new automated water meter readers. The project will benefit 3,065 people.

City of Wooster (Wayne County) received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to replace four traffic signals and improve sidewalks and ADA ramps at four intersections along North Street. The project will benefit 24,495 people.

Coshocton County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the city of Coshocton with storm sewer improvements. The project will install 960 linear feet of storm sewer line and replace 17 catch basins throughout the city. The project will benefit 11,275 people.

Darke County received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to help the village of Gettysburg with infrastructure improvements. The project will improve 3,400 linear feet of road, 3,200 linear feet of sidewalk, eight curbcuts, and 3,200 linear feet of curb. The project will also install eight water valves, three fire hydrants, 1,800 linear feet of water line, 10 catch basins, 750 linear feet of storm sewer and relocate two utility poles. The project will benefit 547 people.

Erie County received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to help the village of Vermilion-on-the-Lake complete infrastructure improvements. The project will demolish one structure, and install a fire hydrant, 580 linear feet of storm sewer, and four catch basins. It also will repave 5,829 linear feet of streets and purchase two pieces of park equipment. The project will benefit 940 people in the northern section of the village.

Fairfield County received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to help the village of Baltimore with infrastructure improvements. The project will install 1,370 linear feet of storm sewer line along Johnson Street, including four manholes and 14 catch basins. Improvements also include 1,800 linear feet of sidewalks along the south side of East Market Street, a handicap ramp, 12 curbcuts, 1,350 linear feet of street improvements on Mill Street, 500 linear feet of sewer line and three manholes. The project will benefit 2,985 people.

Fayette County received a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to help the city of Washington Court House repair 25 building façades, and install 14 items of street furniture.

Hardin County received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to help the city of Kenton improve 6,748 linear feet of road and install 159 street signs in the city's 4th Ward. The project will also install 1,100 linear feet of fencing, purchase equipment for a park and demolish three structures. The project will benefit 2,215 people.

Henry County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the city of Napoleon with improvements along Dodd Street. The project will improve 1,345 linear feet of road, 2,770 linear feet of curb, 2,630 linear feet of sidewalk, three manholes, two catch basins, 1,566 linear feet of storm sewer, three fire hydrants, and 694 linear feet of sanitary sewer line. The project will benefit 148 people.

Highland County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to help the city of Hillsboro reconstruct South East Street. The project will install 11 catch basins, and repair 4,400 linear feet of sewer line and road. The project will benefit 250 people.

Knox County received a \$245,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to help Butler Township replace 15 bridges throughout the township. The project will benefit 1,395 people.

Lawrence County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the city of Ironton reconstruct a flood wall and repair 400 linear feet of storm drainage pipe. The project will benefit 2,955 people.

Licking County received an \$186,800 Critical Infrastructure grant to help the city of Heath pave 1,515 linear feet of Green Valley Drive and install 3,030 linear feet of curb and gutter and 325 linear feet of sidewalk. The project will benefit 167 people.

Logan County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Lakeview improve drainage in Clayton alley and at the railroad storm sewer. The project will install 1,860 linear feet of storm sewer, 60 linear feet of board casting, one outlet headwall, seven manholes, 497 cubic yards of backfill, 40 cubic yards of pavement, 20 linear feet of curb, and 120 square feet of sidewalk. The project will benefit 1,000 people.

Lorain County received a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to help the city of Amherst make 48 façade improvements, improve internet access, and replace approximately 1,200 linear feet of fencing and 10,400 linear feet of walkway in the Central Business District. The project will also install a wireless audio system for public events, expand two parking lots, and renovate 30 park benches.

Madison County received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to help the village of Mt. Sterling repave 700 linear feet of Clevenger Avenue and replace street signs throughout the village. The grant will also support improvements to Masson Park, demolish four blighted properties, build a new driveway to the Community Center and build a Veterans' Memorial at the village square.

Mercer County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Rockford with improvements along Oak Street. Improvements include 2,400 linear feet of roadway, 4,800 linear feet of sidewalk, and 5,000 linear feet of curb. The project also includes installing 16 curbcuts, five manholes, 20 catch basins, and 500 linear feet of storm sewer. The project will benefit 114 people.

Miami County received a \$250,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Potsdam with a flood and drainage project. The project will install 75 linear feet of 12-inch conduit, 2,000 feet of 18-inch conduit, 1,580 feet of 24-inch conduit, four catch basins, and one storm manhole. The project will benefit 220 people.

Monroe County received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to assist Lee Township with community improvement projects. An outdoor basketball court and picnic pavilion will be built near Lee Township Community Center, and the Community Center and Day Memorial Library will be renovated. The project will also purchase fire equipment for the Sardis Volunteer Fire Department, install 50 feet of sidewalk at the Community Center, 700 linear feet of culverts on various county roads, one catch basin on Oak Street, repair one road slip on Road #501 and purchase a backup generator and trash pump.

Morgan County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to help Windsor Township replace Turkey Run Bridge and resurface 15,729 linear feet of the adjacent County Road 2. The project will benefit 680 people.

Morrow County received a \$66,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to install 2,300 linear feet of sidewalk along Gilead Street on the north side of the village of Cardington. The project will provide people with a safe walkway to the central part of the village. The project will benefit 226 people in the area.

Portage County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to help the city of Ravenna with water facility improvements, including storm sewers, street and sidewalk improvements. The project will install 1,419 linear feet of water line, four fire hydrants, 22 tap-ins, 433 linear feet of

storm sewer line, seven catch basins, one manhole, 141 linear feet of sidewalk, 2,650 linear feet of concrete and gravel aprons, 1,383 linear feet of roadway, 13 streetlights, and 1,300 linear feet of curbs. The project will benefit 235 people.

Preble County received a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to provide infrastructure improvements in the village of West Elkton. The project will improve 3,600 linear feet of road, 1,725 linear feet of curb, one bridge, seven curb cuts, 1,450 linear feet of sidewalk, 1,165 linear feet of storm sewer, 1,000 linear feet of drainage ditch, and 15 catch basins. The project will also install one fire hydrant, five manholes, and make improvements to the park. The project will benefit 167 people.

Ross County received an \$86,200 Critical Infrastructure grant to replace the bridge over Walnut Creek on Spud Run Road in Harrison Township. The project will benefit 260 people.

Trumbull County received a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to revitalize the Central Business District in the city of Girard. The county will assist 57 private rehabilitation projects that include façade improvements and code violation corrections. The project also includes street resurfacing and sanitary sewer improvements.

Union County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to help the village of Richwood improve East Ottawa Street. The project will replace 1,800 linear feet of road, 3,600 linear feet of curb, 100 linear feet of storm sewer, 1,600 linear feet of waterline and 14,400 linear feet of sidewalk. The project will benefit 78 people. The county received another \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to replace the bridge on County Road 55. The bridge spans the Big Darby Creek near Unionville Center. The project will benefit 257 people.

Van Wert County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Ohio City with infrastructure improvements. The project will improve 6,720 linear feet of storm sewer, 15 manholes, 25 catch basins and build a detention pond. The project will benefit 715 people.

Williams County received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Montpelier with improvements on Main Street. The project will repair 1,500 linear feet of road, 160 linear feet of sidewalk, and install 26 curbcuts. The project will benefit 4,140 people.

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