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Ohio Department of Development Grants Strengthen Communities

More than \$400,000 awarded to assist two Northwest Ohio cities

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Development has awarded grants to the City of Findlay and the City of Maumee to encourage job creation and support services for disabled Ohioans. The cities will receive grants from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Loan and Public Infrastructure Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Discretionary Program. The programs are administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development.

"These two projects represent the variety of services we provide communities, supporting in job creation and programs for our most vulnerable citizens," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "Strong communities are essential for economic growth."

The **City of Findlay** (Hancock County) will receive \$260,000 from the CDBG Economic Development Loan and Public Infrastructure Grant Program. The grant will enable Beer Barrel, Inc., with two restaurants currently located in the City of Lima and one in City of St. Mary's, to purchase equipment for the fourth Beer Barrel Pizza and Grill restaurant to be located in the City of Findlay. The project is estimated to create 60 jobs, of which 42 are designated for low- to moderate-income individuals

The **City of Maumee** (Lucas County) will receive \$200,000 from the CDBG Discretionary Program. The grant will assist in the rehabilitation of the Art Crest Building in Uptown Maumee. Sunshine, Inc. of Northwest Ohio, which serves individuals with disabilities will expand its art studio/craft goods and retail space at the site upon completion of the renovation. The supportive services provided by Sunshine will benefit 20 severely disabled adults.

*The **Office of Community Development**, located within the Ohio Department of Development's Community Services Division, provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to support business attraction and retention efforts by providing targeted investments that assist in job creation, as well as provides assistance and services to Ohio's communities and individuals. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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