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**Communities Receive More Than \$2 Million for
Neighborhood Revitalization***Grants to improve critical infrastructure in seven counties*

COLUMBUS – Targeting the investments of public and private resources to improve the quality of life and functionality of distressed areas and neighborhoods, the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development announced that seven counties will receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Revitalization Grants. The grants benefit seven counties and total \$2,046,600.

"These projects are investments that will improve streets and water systems, as well as make facilities compliant with ADA regulations," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "Improving the infrastructure in Ohio's communities is instrumental in creating an atmosphere for economic growth and bettering the lives of the residents."

The funded projects are expected to improve more than 2,800 linear feet of storm drainage, 12,200 linear feet of streets, and 24,200 linear feet of curbs and sidewalks. The projects also will leverage more than \$3.5 million of additional private and public funds.

Athens County (Village of Trimble) will receive \$300,000 for improvement projects that include the resurfacing and repairing of 1,435 linear feet of street surfaces, construction of 2,392 linear feet of sidewalks, and the installation of one restroom facility and one piece of playground equipment at Village Park. The projects will leverage \$158,500 in additional funds.

Fairfield County (Village of Pleasantville) will receive \$300,000 for improvement projects that include the installation of an ADA chair lift at the community swimming pool and four ADA accessible parking spaces at the community center; purchasing a back-up generator, improving 750 linear feet of street and 1,295 linear feet of sidewalk; and improving the water treatment plant. The projects will leverage \$366,700 in additional funds.

Knox County (Clinton Township) will receive \$253,100 for improvement projects in the South Vernon area that include cleaning a creek bed, the installation of 230 linear feet of storm infrastructure and two catch basins, the installation of 4,148 linear feet of sidewalk, and rehabilitation of 15 housing units. The projects will leverage \$785,000 in additional funds.

Meigs County (Village of Rutland) will receive \$300,000 for improvement projects that include the replacement of 24 sewage grinder pumps, rehabilitation of two fire protection buildings, resurfacing of 2,605 linear feet of roadway, and the demolition of six blighted structures. The projects will leverage \$183,900 in additional funds.

Mercer County (Village of Burkettsville) will receive \$300,000 for improvement projects in the Village of Burkettsville Investment area that include the reconstruction of 1,650 linear feet of street; the replacement of 3,300 linear feet of sidewalks; and the installation of 1,272 linear feet of drainage, 23 catch basins, and two manholes. The projects will leverage \$872,500 in matching funds.

Morgan County (Village of McConnelsville) will receive \$300,000 for improvement projects that include the installation of 70,200 square feet of alley pavement, the installation of 48 street lights, improvements to the village swimming pool, and improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. The projects will leverage \$379,100 in matching funds.

Perry County (Village of Somerset) will receive \$293,500 for improvement projects that include the installation of 6,648 linear feet of sidewalks, 10 historical signs, construction of a 576-square-foot shelter house, and the installation of 663 linear feet of streets. The projects will leverage \$989,113 in additional funds.

*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.*

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