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Ohio Investing in Communities

Today, the Ohio Development Services Agency announced \$9.1 million in funding to strengthen local communities and better the lives of more than 33,000 Ohioans. The investments will support 19 community improvement projects involving water and sewer infrastructure, street reconstruction, and flood and drainage remediation.

“Investing in our communities and neighborhoods will improve the quality of life for thousands of Ohioans,” said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. “We are keeping Ohio competitive, creating better places to live, learn, work, innovate, and play.”

Residential Public Infrastructure Program

The Ohio Development Services Agency will provide Ashland County, Sandusky County, and the Village of Wellsville (Columbiana County) with grants to improve the sewer and water infrastructure in the areas. The grants are funded by the Residential Public Infrastructure Program through the Community Development Block Grant.

Ashland County will receive a \$750,000 grant to help construct sewer lines from Cinnamon Lake to the village of West Salem’s (Wayne County) wastewater treatment plant. The project will construct two new raw sewage pumps at the Cinnamon Lake wastewater treatment plant and a force main pipeline to take the waste to the village of West Salem. A total of 22,047 linear feet of sewer main will be constructed. The project will benefit 925 residents.

Sandusky County will receive a \$750,000 grant to construct a gravity sewer system in the unincorporated community of Wrightmans Grove to replace individual septic systems. The project will construct 5,100 linear feet of sewer line, 8,800 linear feet of force main, and the construction of a wastewater treatment plant. The project will benefit approximately 138 people.

Village of Wellsville (Columbiana County) will receive a \$420,400 grant to support improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. Currently the plant cannot handle the excessive flow, which results in untreated wastewater flowing into the Ohio River. The improvements at the facility will benefit the village of Wellsville and a portion of Yellow Creek Township, benefiting approximately 3,636 people.

The primary goal of the Residential Public Infrastructure Program is the creation of a safe and sanitary living environment for Ohio citizens. The Community Development Block Grant is a federal program that is administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Critical Infrastructure Program

The Ohio Development Services Agency will provide 15 communities with grants for high-priority projects such as roads, flood and drainage, and other public infrastructure improvements. The grants are funded by the Critical Infrastructure Program through the Community Development Block Grant.

Belmont County will receive a \$250,000 grant to support a waterline extension project in the unincorporated area of Jacobsburg. The project will construct 5,330 linear feet of 6-inch waterline, install three water valves, and three fire hydrants. It will also allow seven homes to tap-in to lines from the Village of Powatan Point and supply the homes with water to drink and for fire protection. This project will benefit 22 residents.

City of Athens (Athens County) will receive a \$425,000 grant to install dewatering equipment at the city's wastewater treatment plant. The city will combine this funding with a loan from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to complete the project. The project will benefit 16,000 residents.

City of Mount Vernon (Knox County) will receive a \$500,000 grant to reconstruct 1,385 linear feet of 100-year-old brick street and 2,380 linear feet of curbs/gutter on South Catherine and Oak Streets. The project will also replace 1,485 linear feet of water main, 1,976 linear feet of sanitary sewer line, 3,495 linear feet of sidewalks, and 30 curb cuts during the street reconstruction using City Utility and General Revenue Funds. The project will benefit 670 residents.

City of Troy (Miami County) will receive a \$500,000 grant to repair the Madison Street Lift Station. The project will replace screw pumps and surrounding grout. It will repair the pump gear box and motor and replace the discharge pipe. The project will benefit 335 residents.

Coshocton County will receive a \$500,000 grant to help the City of Coshocton with a waterline replacement project. The waterlines are more than 60 years old and experience frequent breaks. The project will replace 2,913 linear feet of undersized waterline and four fire hydrants that are beyond repair. It will benefit 619 residents.

Darke County will receive a \$250,000 grant to help replace a storm sewer in the Village of Union City. The project will replace 1,300 linear feet of 24-inch storm sewer and install two manholes. As the storm system is village wide, the project will benefit 1,630 people.

Fairfield County will receive a \$500,000 grant to help the Village of Carroll replace an existing pressure sewer system with a conventional gravity system. The project will construct 1,114 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer along with 1,060 linear feet of force main. The project will benefit 410 people.

Knox County will receive a \$500,000 grant to install 2,585 linear feet of 8-inch water main and two fire hydrants along South Mickley and South Richards Streets in Danville. The project will benefit 1,095 residents.

Madison County will receive a \$381,600 grant to install 1,950 linear feet of new 8-inch water main, four water valves, and five new fire hydrants along S. London Street in the village of Mount Sterling. The project will benefit 39 residents.

Mercer County will receive a \$500,000 grant to help the village of Montezuma with a flood and drainage project. The village's storm sewer infrastructure is now past its 40-50-year useful life. The project will benefit the village of 210 residents.

Pickaway County will receive a \$500,000 grant to help the village of New Holland install 2,700 linear feet of curb, 12 catch basins, 1,500 linear feet of drainage tile, and pave 1,500 linear feet of

street on South East Street. The street serves as a major street in one of the few residential neighborhoods and a thoroughfare for EMS and fire department travel. This project will benefit 730 residents.

Pike County will receive a \$500,000 grant to help replace a waterline in the village of Beaver. The waterlines in the village are 66 years old and frequently break, causing boil alerts, water loss and instable water supply for fire protection. The project will replace 4,560 linear feet of existing 6-inch water mains, 26 gate valves, five hydrants, 22 water service lines from the water mains to the meter pits, and four flushing assemblies. The county will use funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the project. It will benefit 530 people.

Preble County will receive two grants. One grant of \$388,700 will help the village of Camden replace 48 failing catch basins, install eight new catch basins, and replace or install 650 linear feet of storm sewer to connect the system. Additionally, the village will replace 1,100 linear feet of roadway, 1,500 linear feet of curbs, and 1,000 linear feet of sidewalk that will be disrupted by the flood and drainage project. This project will benefit 2,230 residents. The second grant of \$500,000 will help alleviate flood and drainage issues in the village of West Alexandria. The project will replace 650 linear feet of storm sewer, three manholes, and seven culverts. It also includes replacing 2,000 linear feet of street and 3,370 linear feet of curbs and four curb cuts. The project will benefit 1,403 residents.

Union County will receive a \$500,000 grant to reconstruct 1,100 linear feet of road from Fisher Street to Gill Street, install 1,078 linear feet of storm drain tile, 2,200 linear feet of curbs and gutters, 12 catch basins, and three manholes on S. Franklin Street in the village of Richwood. The project will benefit 2,270 residents.

Van Wert County will receive a \$500,000 grant to help the village of Ohio City improve its storm sewer lines. The project will upsize 1,700 linear feet of storm sewer lines, replace six catch basins and five manholes, and install a 7.7 acre-feet detention pond. This project will benefit 659 residents.

The primary goal of the Critical Infrastructure Program is to support public infrastructure improvements with a high community or neighborhood-wide impact. The Community Development Block Grant is a federal program that is administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency.

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