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State Gives Money for Local Infrastructure Improvements

The Ohio Development Services Agency awarded 23 communities grants to assist with public facility, street, bridge and neighborhood improvements. The grants total more than \$8 million and will generate more than \$12.7 million in additional project funds.

“The state is committed to investing in neighborhoods and business districts to improve the quality of life in a community and position it for growth,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

In west central Ohio, three counties received funding totaling \$900,000. The counties receiving grants are:

Auglaize County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to improve streets, sidewalks, park facilities and stormwater drains in the village of Waynesfield. The project will benefit 787 residents.

Mercer County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to improve multiple streets throughout the village of Mendon. The project will benefit 656 residents.

Van Wert County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to improve streets, a fire station and flood and drainage facilities. The project will benefit 583 residents.

The Critical Infrastructure and Neighborhood Revitalization programs are competitive grants within the Community Development Block Grant program. Projects funded through these programs improve public facilities and infrastructure as well as rehabilitate buildings in a community’s central business district.

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