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**Contact:** Penny Martin at (614) 644-8774[Penny.Martin@development.ohio.gov](mailto:Penny.Martin@development.ohio.gov)**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 the west region, three counties received funding totaling \$1.5 million. The counties receiving grants are:

**Darke County** will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to improve sidewalks, stormwater and sewer facilities as well as park facilities in the village of Union City. The county will also receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to make improvements to Jefferson Street in the village of Pitsburg. The projects will benefit 1,973 residents.

**Miami County** will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to improve streets, sidewalks and parks and recreation facilities in the village of Fletcher. The county will also receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to improve drainage along Spring Street in the village of Covington. The projects will benefit 3,337 residents.

**Preble County** will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to improve streets, sidewalks and public facilities in the village of West Manchester. The project will benefit 474 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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