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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 the Mahoning Valley, two counties received funding totaling \$600,000. The counties receiving grants are:

Columbiana County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to replace an aging bridge in the village of East Palestine. The bridge was constructed in the 1920s and is unsafe for travel. The project will benefit 4,721 residents.

Trumbull County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to improve sidewalks, streets, park facilities and fire protection facilities in the city of Girard. The project will benefit 1,545 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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