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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.

The city of Ashtabula and the county received funding totaling \$1,189,200. The city and county projects are:

**Ashtabula County** will receive two Neighborhood Revitalization grants totaling \$600,000 to improve streets, sidewalks, water and sewer facilities and parking facilities in the village of Geneva-on-the-Lake and to improve water facilities, parking areas and sidewalks in Orwell Village. Combined, the projects will benefit 3,062 residents.

**City of Ashtabula** will receive a \$289,200 Downtown Revitalization grant to rehabilitate 10 buildings and make park improvements in the Harbor District. The city also received a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to upgrade Hulbert Avenue from Bridge Street to Walnut Boulevard. Both projects will benefit the entire city population of 20,525 residents.

The Critical Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization 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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