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Communities Receive \$965,000 in Water and Sewer Funds
Grants to Improve Critical Infrastructure Systems will help 384 households

Columbus – Two Ohio communities will receive funds totaling \$965,000 to make critical improvements to their water and sewer systems. The grants are from the federally funded Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development.

"It is through these grants that communities can make the improvements necessary to provide citizens with a safe and healthy living environment," said Michael Hiler, Deputy Chief for the Office of Community Development.

Fayette County (Wayne Township) will receive \$600,000 to install 13,100 linear feet of sewer line. The project is estimated to cost more than \$2.2 million and will benefit 99 households.

Village of Spencer (Medina County) will receive \$365,000 to construct a new elevated water tank, install approximately 750 linear feet of waterline, and demolish the existing tank. The project is estimated to cost \$920,000 and will benefit 285 households.

*The **Water and Sanitary Sewer Program** is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development and helps local governments maintain, improve, and expand water and sanitary sewer systems. Applications for the program are accepted on a continuous basis and are rated against the following criteria: number of persons expected to benefit from the project, ability to leverage funds, program impact, program readiness, and the community's financial capacity and rate structure. Communities with documented health and safety concerns receive priority for funding.*

*The **Office of Community Development**, located with the Ohio Department of Development's Community Services Division, provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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