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**Ohio Communities Receive \$6 Million for Housing Assistance***27 Nonprofit Organizations Receive Funding, 62 Counties Served*

**Columbus** – Ohio nonprofit organizations, working to improve the housing conditions for thousands of low-income families, will receive \$6 million from the Housing Assistance Grant Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development’s Office of Housing and Community Partnerships. The funding, approved today by the State Controlling Board, will be provided to 27 nonprofit organizations, assist more than 5,000 people, and leverage more than \$3.9 million in other public and private investments. The grants will assist in the repair of 2,250 homes, and 485 households will receive down payment assistance.

“Organizations around Ohio depend on this support to better serve their communities,” said William J. Graves, Director of the Department’s Community Development Division. “These investments ensure that our most vulnerable citizens have adequate living conditions.”

The Housing Assistance Grant Program provides grants through a competitive application process to eligible nonprofit organizations to promote affordable housing opportunities and improve housing conditions for low-income families and individuals. Activities include emergency home repair, handicapped accessibility modifications, down payment assistance, and homebuyer counseling.

The Housing Assistance Grant Program is funded through the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

**FY 2010 Housing Assistance Grant Program Award Recipients**

<b>County</b>	<b>Award Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Allen	Lima-Allen Council on Community Affairs	\$100,000
Allen	PSA 3 Agency on Aging, Inc.	130,000
Athens	Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	200,000
Cuyahoga	Burten, Bell and Carr	75,000
Cuyahoga	Cleveland Housing Network	150,000
Cuyahoga	Community Housing Solutions	260,000
Cuyahoga	Famicos	160,000
Erie	Erie-Huron Community Action Commission	140,000
Fairfield	Community Action Program of the Lancaster-Fairfield County Area	100,000
Fayette	Community Action Commission of Fayette County	198,000
Franklin	Columbus Housing Partnership, Inc.	120,000
Franklin	Economic and Community Development Institute	300,000
Gallia	Area Agency on Aging, District 7	315,000
Gallia	Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency, Inc.	90,000
Guernsey	Area Agency on Aging Region 9	160,000
Hamilton	Over-the-Rhine Housing Network	68,900
Hamilton	People Working Cooperatively, Inc.	800,000
Lucas	Ability Center	200,000
Lucas	Northwest Ohio Development Agency	80,000
Mahoning	Catholic Charities Housing Opportunities	115,000
Mahoning	Interfaith Home Maintenance Service, Inc.	420,100

Montgomery	County Corp	200,000
Portage	Community Action Commission of Portage County	200,000
Preble	Home is the Foundation	58,000
Richland	Ohio District 5 AAA, Inc.	800,000
Summit	Neighborhood Conservation Services of Barberton, Inc.	60,000
Washington	Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District	<u>500,000</u>
TOTAL		\$6,000,000

*The **Office of Housing and Community Partnerships** provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities which benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the Ohio Department of Development works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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