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Communities Receive more than \$1 Million in Water and Sewer Funds

Grants to Improve Critical Infrastructure Systems, Assisting more than 900 Households

Columbus – Three Ohio communities will receive funds totaling more than \$1 million to make critical improvements to their wastewater and sewer systems. The grants are from the federally funded Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

"Assisting Ohio's small communities with funds to improve their water and sewer systems is critical," said William J. Graves, Director of the Department's Community Development Division. "These improvements will allow the communities to grow and improve the residents living environment."

Holmes County (Paint Township), in conjunction with the Winesburg Area Development Corporation, will receive \$500,000 to develop a new well field and construct a new water treatment facility. The estimated project cost is \$3.3 million. The project will benefit 319 households.

Village of Pomeroy (Meigs County) will receive \$500,000 to install approximately 2,500 linear feet of sewer lines, replace two lift stations, and make upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. The estimated project cost is more than \$1 million. The project will benefit 567 households.

Washington County (Salem Township) will receive \$142,000 to install approximately 17,600 linear feet of waterlines. The estimated project cost is more than \$250,000. The project will benefit 17 households.

*The **Water and Sanitary Sewer Program** is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships 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 Housing and Community Partnerships** 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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