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Communities Receive Nearly \$2 million in Water and Sewer Funds *Grants to Improve Critical Infrastructure Systems Assist more than 2,000 Households*

Columbus – Four Ohio communities will receive funds totaling nearly \$2 million to make critical improvements to their wastewater 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 Housing and Community Partnerships.

"We are pleased to assist thousands of Ohio households with these targeted investments that support our state's critical infrastructure," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "Our water and sewer systems are the foundation of a community's economic potential."

Belmont County (Neffs Area) will receive \$600,000 to install more than 22,000 linear feet of sewer line and one lift station. The County will provide assistance for 38 low- and moderate-income households to connect to the new system. The estimated project cost is more than \$3.5 million, and will benefit 213 households.

Union County (Liberty Township) will receive \$600,000 to install more than 27,000 linear feet of sewer line, two lift stations, and build a waste water treatment plant. The County will provide assistance for 33 low- and moderate-income households to connect to the new system. The estimated project cost is more than \$5.1 million, and will benefit 169 households.

Village of Caldwell (Noble County) will receive \$461,000 to replace nearly 6,000 linear feet of water line. The estimated project cost is \$922,370, and will benefit 1,340 households.

Village of Perrysville (Ashland County) will receive \$247,500 to replace 1,800 linear feet of sewer line, install UV disinfectant equipment, and replace the Bridge Street pump station. The estimated project cost is \$600,000, and will benefit 329 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.*

*Working with 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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