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Communities Receive \$700,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funding

Columbus – The Morgan County Commission, the Village of Crown City, and the Vinton County Commission received funds totaling \$700,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Program to help train workers and make improvements to a water and sewer system. The Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Program and the Water and Sanitary Sewer Program are administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development.

"We believe providing a strong community infrastructure supports a community's economic development opportunities," said Michael Hiler, Deputy Chief for the Office of Community Development. "These grants will provide support for the community and local businesses as well as help train local residents."

Morgan County Commission (Morgan County) will receive \$50,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Program to continue its existing Microenterprise Business Development Program to provide training and technical assistance to 29 microentrepreneurs and one direct loan to a prospective local business.

Village of Crown City (Gallia County) will receive \$600,000 from the Water and Sanitary Sewer Program to construct a new wastewater treatment plant, install approximately 41,600 linear feet of sewer lines, two lift stations, and 20 grinder pumps. The village also will assist 40 low- and moderate-income households to connect to the new system. In total, 176 households will benefit from this project.

Vinton County Commission (Vinton County) will receive \$50,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Program to continue its existing Microenterprise Business Development Program to provide training and technical assistance to 50 microentrepreneurs and provide four working capital loans to prospective local businesses.

*The **Office of Community Development**, located within 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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