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**Communities Receive More Than \$2.3 Million  
in Community Development Block Grant Funding***Funding will provide community infrastructure improvements, supporting job creation*

**COLUMBUS** – In an effort to improve Ohio communities and benefit job creation, the Ohio Department of Development’s Office of Community Development announced that the City of Ironton, City of Streetsboro, Village of Mt. Sterling, and Wood County have received funds totaling \$2,315,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Program. The money will be used to make improvements to streets and water and sewer systems, as well as assist in building financing.

“Development’s mission is to provide Ohio’s communities with the resources they need to support job creation,” said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Providing these grants will improve basic infrastructure and make the communities more attractive to businesses, while improving the lives of residents.”

**City of Ironton** (Lawrence County) will receive \$125,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program to make street improvements in the Ohio University/Medical Campus area. The street improvements also will benefit the new 9,715-square-foot Fruth, Inc., pharmacy. The project will create 20 jobs, 11 of which are for low- to moderate-income Ohioans.

**City of Streetsboro** (Portage County) will receive \$390,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program to assist in financing the 73,500-square-foot building for the new Selas Heat Technology Company headquarters. Selas, a manufacturer of burners and related combustion equipment for industrial use, will combine the funds with the city of Streetsboro Revolving Loan Fund award to relocate 12.5 jobs from Warrensville Heights as well as create 17 jobs, nine of which are made available to low- and moderate-income Ohioans.

**Village of Mt. Sterling** (Madison County) will receive \$600,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Water and Sanitary Sewer Program to increase the capacity of the village’s wastewater treatment plant. The total cost of the project is \$4,540,900 and will benefit 758 households.

**Wood County** (Village of Custar) will receive \$600,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Water and Sanitary Sewer Program to extend water service from the Village of Milton Center to the Village of Custar and install a distribution system in the village. The project will install 16,728 linear feet of waterline and connect 17 low- and moderate-income households to the system, benefiting a total of 72 households.

**Wood County** (Village of Milton Center) will receive \$600,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Water and Sanitary Sewer Program to extend water service from the Village of Weston to the Village of Milton Center and install a distribution system in the village. The project will install 37,246 linear feet of waterline, a chlorination station, and a pax mixer for the water storage tank. The village will assist 47 eligible low- and moderate-income households to connect to the system, benefiting a total of 80 households.

*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.*

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to support business attraction and retention efforts by providing targeted investments that assist in job creation, as well as provides assistance and services to Ohio's communities and individuals. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works 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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