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Nearly 4,000 Households to Benefit from Infrastructure Improvements *Residential Public Infrastructure Grants to assist four Ohio villages*

COLUMBUS – Today the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development announced that more than \$2 million has been awarded to Allen County, the Village of Cairo, the Village of North Baltimore, and the Village of Sebring through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program. The program provides grants for improvements to water and sanitary sewer systems so communities can provide residents with safe and reliable water sources.

"Reliable infrastructure is critical to creating a safe and healthy community as well as an environment for economic development," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development.

The grants for the four projects total \$2,255,500 and will benefit 3,947 Ohio households.

Allen County (Village of Fort Shawnee) will receive \$480,300 to connect the Indian Village Mobile Home Park to the county's wastewater system. The county will install 7,805 linear feet of sewer line. The project is estimated to cost \$960,676 and will benefit 136 households.

Village of Cairo (Allen County) will receive \$575,200 to construct a new water distribution system and connect to the City of Lima water system. The project will install 28,500 linear feet of waterline. The total estimated cost of the project is \$3,425,000 and will benefit 192 households.

Village of North Baltimore (Wood County) will receive \$600,000 to install approximately 51,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines, which will separate the sanitary sewer and storm sewers. The total estimated cost of the project is \$10,434,252 and will benefit 1,574 households.

Village of Sebring (Mahoning County) will receive \$600,000 to make upgrades to its water treatment plant. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,284,290 and will benefit 2,045 households.

*The **Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program** is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development 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 Community Development**, located with 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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