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Local Infrastructure Improvements Receive State Support

The Ohio Development Services Agency awarded 32 communities grants to assist with public facility, street, bridge and neighborhood improvements. The grants total more than \$9 million and will generate more than \$15.5 million in additional project funds.

“Improving neighborhoods and business districts improves the quality of life in a community and makes it more attractive to job creators,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Belmont County will receive a \$191,700 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Bellaire with street improvements. The project will resurface 2,430 linear feet of roadway on Noble and 42nd Streets, replace 21 linear feet of curb and replace one catch basin on Noble Street. The project will benefit 4,912 people.

City of Athens (Athens County) will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to improve sewer facilities on Depot Street. The project will replace five pieces of equipment and provide structural upgrades to the Depot Lift Station, including roof repairs, electrical service upgrades, and exterior improvements. The project will benefit 2,022 people.

City of Defiance (Defiance County) will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to improve 9,200 linear feet of roadway along multiple streets in the Ayresville Avenue area in the southeast part of the city. The project will benefit 707 people.

City of Medina (Medina County) will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to reconstruct approximately 800 linear feet of Foundry Street as well as replace approximately 800 linear feet of waterline under the roadway. The project will benefit 937 people. The city will also receive a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to assist 12 building/business owners in the downtown area rehabilitate buildings. The city will install two audible traffic signals as part of the project.

City of Mount Vernon (Knox County) will receive a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to start a downtown revitalization program in the City’s Central Business District. The City will partner with the Heritage Centre Association to assist 15 building/business owners in the target area with private rehabilitation projects. The city will also install 2,000 linear feet of sidewalk, 2,295 linear feet of curbs and 30 ADA curb cuts on West High Street, Public Square, and North Main Street, and make improvements to the West High Street and Sandusky Street intersection.

City of New Philadelphia (Tuscarawas County) will receive a \$248,600 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to make improvements in the West Elementary School area. The project includes installing 1,500 linear feet of sidewalk, 2,060 linear feet of curb, four ADA curb ramps, 155 linear feet of storm sewer, and 10 catch basins along Tuscarawas Avenue. The city will also replace 14 fire hydrants, repair the public playground at West Elementary School, and construct a nine-space parking lot and bus lane at West Elementary School.

Clermont County will receive a \$212,300 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Felicity with street improvements along Walnut Street. The project will benefit 879 people.

Clinton County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to assist the village of Midland with public facility improvements, including sidewalks, flood and drainage, and parks and recreation facilities. The project includes installing 1,950 linear feet of sidewalk, 160 linear feet of curb, 16 curb cuts, 2,617 feet of storm sewer pipe and 23 catch basins, one park restroom, one pedestrian bridge, and 100 feet of pathway in the park. The project will benefit 248 people.

Coshocton County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to assist the village of Warsaw with public facility improvements, including streets and sidewalks, fire protection, parks and recreation, and sewer facilities. The project includes resurfacing 2,736 linear feet of Marvin Davis Drive, Elm Street, Jonard Alley, East Fourth and El Street and installing 770 linear feet of sidewalk at six locations in the village. The village will replace one gazebo roof, six play equipment items, an ADA pool lift, and a new chlorine filtration system at village parks. The project will also replace eight obsolete fire hydrants and the sanitary sewer lift station on Spring Mountain Road. The project will benefit 768 people.

Darke County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of New Madison with water facility improvements that include replacing a back-up generator, new electrical wiring, an automatic plant control system, and new switchgear. The project will benefit 917 people.

Fairfield County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to assist the village of Carroll with public facility improvements, including streets and sidewalks, flood and drainage, and parks and recreation facilities. The project includes installing 1,600 linear feet of sidewalk and 11 curb cuts on High Street, resurfacing 1,400 linear feet of Oberle Avenue and Beaver Street, installing 630 linear feet of curbs on Center Street, installing 1,000 linear feet of storm sewer lines and four catch basins, and replacing one basketball court base pad.

Fulton County will receive a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to assist the city of Wauseon with the rehabilitation of 23 buildings, improvement of 2,600 linear feet of roadway and the installation of 39 curb cuts in the Central Business District. This project will benefit 6,910 people.

Gallia County will receive a \$169,400 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Gallipolis with improvements to State Route 588. The project will benefit 3,878 people.

Guernsey County will receive \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to replace a bridge on County Road 347. The project will benefit 13,858 people.

Hancock County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to assist the village of Mt. Blanchard with improvements to streets and sidewalks, water facilities, and parks and recreation facilities. The project includes resurfacing six streets for a total of 5,435 linear feet of roadway. On Main Street, the village will install eight lampposts and 1,750 linear feet of sidewalks, 1,255 linear feet of waterline will be installed on West Clay Street; and two welcome signs will be installed at the village parks. The project will benefit 416 people.

Jackson County will receive a \$92,100 Critical Infrastructure grant to replace two failing bridges in Liberty Township. The project will benefit 554 people.

Knox County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to assist the village of Danville with public facility improvements, including streets and sidewalks, flood and drainage, and parks and recreation facilities. The project includes installing 1,755 linear feet of sidewalk and 17 curb ramps on S. Richards Street and Tilton Street, 695 linear feet of storm sewer line and five catch basins, and resurfacing seven streets for a total of 10,044 linear feet of roadway. The project also includes installing 25 parking spaces at the park, four of which will be ADA compliant, and 10 linear feet of pathways. The project will benefit 1,032 people.

Logan County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Russells Point with flood and drainage improvements. The project includes five new catch basins, 2,120 linear feet of storm sewer, and five manholes. The project will benefit 1,625 people.

Marion County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of La Rue with street improvements. The project will resurface 450 linear feet of Market Street, install 875 linear feet of curb and sidewalk, and install eight curb ramps and eight catch basins. The project will benefit 800 people.

Meigs County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to make infrastructure improvements in the village of Middleport. The project includes resurfacing 15,629 linear feet of Powell Road; installing 6,336 linear feet of walkway along the Ohio River, replacing 1,136 linear feet of sidewalk and installing of two curb cuts on five streets in the target area. The grant will also help purchase equipment for the Middleport Village Fire Department, replace and install park equipment at General Hartinger Park, and

raze of two unsafe commercial structures.

Monroe County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to make comprehensive improvements in the Summit Township/Lewisville Village area. The project includes making township-wide flood and drainage improvements, replacing 440 linear feet of sidewalk in Lewisville Village, making street improvements, including repairing three road slips, installing two grills at the Summit Township Community Center Park and paving two parking areas for public use. The village will also use funds to help purchase a fire truck for the Lewisville Village Volunteer Fire Department.

Morgan County will receive two \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grants to make infrastructure improvements in the village of Stockport and in the village of McConnellsville. The project in Stockport includes replacing 850 linear feet of failing sewer line on Tieber Road, replacing three fire hydrants and watch valves on Main Street and Broadway Street, purchasing a truck and an all-terrain vehicle for the Stockport Volunteer Fire Department, and demolishing Stockport Elementary School. The project will benefit all village residents. The project in McConnellsville will include sewer improvements on 8th and 9th Streets, water facility improvements on Kennebec Avenue, and parking facility improvements at the Health Center on State Route 376. The project will benefit 1,680 people.

Morrow County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Cardington replace a 2,200 linear feet section of waterline along Center Street. The project will benefit 1,900 people.

Noble County will receive a \$265,800 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Belle Valley perform a storm sewer separation project serving State Route 821, Main Street, and Broad Street. The proposed project includes installing 2,480 linear feet of drainage pipe and installing 24 catch basins.

Ottawa County will receive a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to start a downtown revitalization program in the Port Clinton Central Business District. The County, partnering with Main Street Port Clinton, will assist 12 building/business owners in the target area with rehabilitation projects. The County will also reconstruct 1,030 linear feet of Second Street from Madison Street to Jefferson Street, install stamped concrete at three intersections, and install planters, trees, benches, and bike racks.

Portage County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the city of Ravenna reconstruct approximately 3,700 linear feet of Cleveland Road. The improvements will include widening the roadway, installing curbs, gutters and other storm water improvements, and constructing a bus pull-off. The project will benefit 2,062 people.

Preble County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to assist the village of Camden with improvements along Second Street, Cottage Street, Depot Street, and Central Avenue. The project includes repairing 1,700 linear feet of street, 2,480 linear feet of curb, 2,400 linear feet of sidewalk, six curb cuts, 880 linear feet of storm sewer, two manholes, and improving the Village Park. This project will benefit 2,047 people.

Ross County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist Franklin and Scioto Townships with a bridge replacement project. The project will benefit 2,330 people.

Tuscarawas County will receive a \$300,000 Neighborhood Revitalization grant to assist the city of Uhrichsville with improvements to Eastport Avenue. The project includes resurfacing 1,292 linear feet of street, installing 1,555 linear feet of sidewalk, replacing 2,420 linear feet of curb including six curb ramps, and installing 1,546 linear feet of storm sewer lines, 10 catch basins, nine manholes, and four fire hydrants. The project will benefit 916 people.

Trumbull County will receive a \$251,200 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist Mesopotamia Township with street improvements on Donley East Road. The project will benefit 3,042 people.

Van Wert County will receive a \$300,000 Downtown Revitalization grant to assist the city of Van Wert with rehabilitating 25 buildings and improving 3,400 linear feet of roadway in the Central Business District. The project will benefit 10,534 people.

Williams County will receive a \$300,000 Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the village of Pioneer with reconstructing First Street. The project will improve 1,500 linear feet of roadway, 3,200 linear feet of sidewalk, 2,700 linear feet of curbs, 3,500 linear feet of water lines, and install seven fire hydrants and seven culverts. The project will benefit 1,458 people.

The Critical Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization and Neighborhood Revitalization programs are competitive grants within the Community Development Block Grant program. Projects funded through these programs improve public facilities and infrastructure as well as rehabilitate buildings in a community's Central Business District.

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