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Ohio Communities Receive Housing Improvement Grants

COLUMBUS – Today the State Controlling Board approved \$1 million of Ohio Housing Trust Fund monies to be used for the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). The funds will be allocated to 13 eligible communities across the state. The five cities and eight counties will undertake housing-related activities, including supportive housing activities, such as rental assistance.

“We provide Ohio’s most vulnerable citizens with safe housing options, remove blight, and position our communities for economic growth,” said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Improving the housing conditions in our neighborhoods is an investment in the community’s future.”

Administered by the Department’s Office of Community Development, the CHIP grants are awarded competitively and encourage a flexible, community-wide approach to the improvement and provision of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income persons, and help develop local administrative capacity.

State Fiscal Year 2013 Community Housing Improvement Program Awardees:

<u>County</u>	<u>Award Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Auglaize	Auglaize County	\$105,500
Carroll	Carroll County	\$117,500
Columbiana	City of East Liverpool	\$ 93,000
Columbiana	City of Salem	\$ 78,000
Fairfield	Fairfield County	\$ 35,000
Jackson	Jackson County	\$ 59,000
Jefferson	City of Toronto	\$ 96,500
Licking	City of Pataskala	\$ 19,000
Meigs	Meigs County	\$125,000
Muskingum	City of Zanesville	\$ 24,000
Scioto	Scioto County	\$ 62,500
Vinton	Vinton County	\$ 60,000
Wood	Wood County	\$125,000

*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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