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## Ohio Department of Development Announces More Than \$1.4 Million to Improve Community Infrastructure

*Residential Public Infrastructure Grants to assist three communities*

**COLUMBUS** – Today the Ohio Department of Development’s Office of Community Development announced that more than \$1.4 million has been awarded to Henry County, Tuscarawas County, and the Village of Fayette (Fulton County) 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.

“One of the cornerstones of a strong community is safe and reliable infrastructure,” said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Access to reliable water sources improves the lives of residents and makes a community more attractive for economic development.”

The grants for the three projects total \$1,483,600 and will benefit 3,921 Ohio households.

**Henry County** (Village of McClure) will receive \$500,000 to connect the Village of McClure to the county’s wastewater system. The project will construct one water storage tank and install 14,800 linear feet of waterline. The project is estimated to cost \$2,353,769 and will benefit 345 households.

**Tuscarawas County** (Twin Cities Water and Sewer District) will receive \$383,600 to make upgrades to its water treatment plant. The project will replace the existing chlorine disinfectant system with an ultraviolet light disinfectant system. The total estimated cost of the project is \$767,300 and will benefit 3,079 households.

**Village of Fayette** (Fulton County) will receive \$600,000 to separate the sanitary and storm sewers. The project will install/reline approximately 46,671 linear feet of sewer line. The total estimated cost of the project is \$7,410,000 and will benefit 497 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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