

**Regular Meeting #8 - 2015
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 17, 2015**

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:01 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Jim Bahnsen, Michael Kaper, Jeff Porter, Jeff Barron, Dennis Keller, Chief Jerry Perrigo, Tony Vogel, and Holly Mattei.

- **Legal Update**

Mr. Dolin reported that the proposed Type II annexation for the 7.389 acres of Walnut Township into the Village of Thurston is under review. He advised the Board of Commissioners not to vote on the annexation today. Ms. Brown reported that the proposed annexation documents were forwarded to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Office, Engineer's office, and GIS. The Engineer's latest comments were that there was a legal question regarding whether the Norfolk Southern Railroad should be considered an adjacent landowner or not. Ms. Brown also reported that Holly Mattei with RPC has notified the Village of Thurston regarding the special flood hazard area on the parcel. She thanked everyone for being a part of the process and suggested that Staci Knisley reach out to the legal advisors for the petitioners to provide an update, especially regarding the legal question that arose from the Engineer's review.

- **Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List**

A. Highlights of Resolutions

As discussed with the Legal Update, Ms. Brown reported that there is a resolution to approve an annexation of just over 7 acres of Walnut Township into the Village of Thurston on the agenda, and the resolution should be tabled.

There is an account to account transfer of \$10,000 for Municipal Court to proceed with a project to reduce the monthly SCRAM monitoring costs. In time, this project will save money, and Municipal Court personnel are prepared to track the associated costs to demonstrate this.

There is the renewal of the One Stop lease, for which there is no increase in rent charges.

There are additional financial resolutions, including appropriations for special revenue funds, a memo expenditure for reimbursements within JFS departments, and traditional bill lists.

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B. Administrative and Budget Update

1. Administrative Approvals

Ms. Brown reported that the review packet contains a summary of administrative approvals for the week.

2. 2016 Budget Schedule

Ms. Brown reported that the review packet contains the 2016 budget schedule, as announced at the Roundtable meeting on February 12th and as sent by email to all financial administrators. If anyone has any questions about the schedule, he or she should reach out to Ms. Brown or Ms. Knisley. The schedule follows the patterns from the past.

3. 2016 Budget Parameters (draft)

Ms. Brown reported that as the budget process for 2016 unfolds, the parameters will be consistently communicated. For the past two years, the parameters have been as follows:

- a. Predict a 2% increase in salaries, calculating the 2% as an increase over existing salary expenditures extrapolated for a 12 month period
- b. Include no new employees added to your table of organization
- c. Estimate an 8% increase in health insurance expenditures, calculating the 8% increase over the existing health expenditure line extrapolated for a 12 month period

Ms. Brown also reported that allocations to special revenue funds and agencies should be held flat. The parameters are not expected to change because the variables were predicted in accordance with the stated parameters for the five year plan. However, as more information is known, it will be provided to all departments.

C. Public Safety Facility and Financing Update

Commissioner Davis stated that staff and consultants are working diligently with City of Lancaster officials. Due to certain bureaucratic circumstances the construction bids will not be out in February. The jail project has been discussed for 20 years. The jail is designed to address future needs. Commissioner Davis asked that staff not get stressed over the delay and to allow for a bit of patience.

Ms. Brown reported that while the bidding process cannot move forward until the City of Lancaster approves the site plans (and until the site plans are complete), the

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financial timelines associated with the bonds are still manageable. We have been in touch with the architect about design plans and will have an update shortly. We await a second phase approval from the Bureau of Adult Detention. We also continue to connect with subject matter experts with the City of Lancaster. We have requested an analysis of the timeline, looking at the options relating to a traditional single prime or multiple prime contracting options, as compared to a construction manager at risk option, which is a relatively new option under Ohio law. An updated timeline is forthcoming; the goal is to begin construction as soon as possible in the spring. Occupancy is still predicted in the first part of 2017.

Commissioner Davis stated that communication with the City will continue.

D. Library Board Appointment

Ms. Brown reported that there is a meeting scheduled next week with Ms. Lisa Evangelista, who is recommended by the Fairfield County District Library Director, Marilyn Steiner, for a vacancy on the Library Board. The board appointment is through 2019.

E. CDBG Public Hearing – 11 am, Tuesday, February 17

Ms. Brown reported that she has appreciated meetings and discussions she has had with Regional Planning about the CDBG process. The state has made several changes to how the CDBG public hearings are held. Regional Planning is prepared to lead the hearing today once Commissioner Davis opens the hearing. Regional Planning is under contract with the Board to provide administration, which includes leading the hearing. During the hearing, basic information about CDBG will be provided. In addition, the required changes, a timeline, and notice of the implementation strategy meeting will be provided. The strategy meeting is March 17, and RPC staff has prepared a flyer to announce the meeting, for which all interested applicants will need to attend.

F. State of the County Address – March 24

Ms. Brown reported that the NACO County Awareness Month theme is : *Counties Moving America Forward, The Keys are Transportation and Infrastructure*. We can use a modified version of this theme for the State of the County address, which is on the schedule for March 24th. With this theme, we can use the video of the history of the courthouse, too. We are working on getting pictures and renderings of the jail project in connection with the theme. The State of the County address will be held at Liberty Center.

Commissioner Davis asked that he be informed of the time he is scheduled to talk. He will present information within the time allotted.

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Ms. Brown reported that she will draft a slide show and guide for general themes soon. If anyone has any suggestions, he or she should reach out to Ms. Brown.

- Old Business

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Keller for a report on the cold weather conditions and the effect on County Buildings. Mr. Keller reported that with the cold weather that occurred over the weekend, his staff is working on frozen pipes and heating & cooling units. All is under control.

- New Business

Commissioner Davis asked if there was any new business to discuss. There was no new business to discuss at this time.

- General Correspondence Received

Commissioner Davis reported that there was no new general correspondence received to review today, possibly due to the two meetings held last week where all correspondence was already reviewed.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Commissioner Kiger and Commissioner Davis will both attend the Bremen Area Chamber Luncheon held on Tuesday, February 24th at noon.

- FYI

Ms. Brown reported that there is a Land Bank meeting at 1:45 p.m today. She thanked Mr. Kaper for the minutes and agenda sent out ahead of time.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Kaper to give an update on property acquisitions relative to the grant.

Mr. Kaper reported that he and Treasurer Jim Bahnsen talked with a representative from the Ohio Housing Financing Agency last week. There will be no extensions on the grant; the deadline is March 31st. After the deadline, the Ohio Housing Financing Agency will review the property acquisitions and possibly reallocate monies if needed.

Mr. Kaper also reported that he will meet with Donna Fox-Moore before the 1:45 Land Bank meeting to discuss the properties. Commissioner Davis asked if it was possible that the Land Bank would acquire any properties before the deadline.

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Mr. Kaper reported that with the foreclosure process there will not be enough time to meet the deadline. There are 2-3 properties that the Land Bank might be able to acquire through the expedited process. There is also an opportunity to acquire properties if the delinquent real estate taxes are greater than the property value. Mr. Kaper also reported that the Land Bank has contacted Banks and Mortgage Companies to acquire the properties.

Commissioner Kiger asked if the property on Garfield Avenue in Lancaster that had a recent fire is eligible for purchase. The property is a total loss. Mr. Kaper reported that it is possible to purchase the property. He will talk to Assistant Prosecutor Josh Horacek to pursue further.

The elements of the grant will be further discussed at the Land Bank meeting today.

- Issues Bin
 - Sensory Trail

Ms. Brown reported that no new information has been received. She has a meeting scheduled with Commission staff on Friday, February 20th to discuss the project proposed – in particular, the relatively large donation of property to the Parks District.

Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation at 9:22 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Kiger stated that the following people be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, County Administrator Carri Brown, Budget Officer and Acting Clerk Staci Knisley, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Jeff Porter, a representative from the Engineer's Office, Assistant Prosecutor Jason Dolin, Regional Planning Executive Director Holly Mattei, and Utilities Director Tony Vogel.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis

On the motion of Dave Levacy and second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 9:33 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

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Recess

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:34 a.m. that the Commission would take a short recess until the 10:00 meeting.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 beginning at 10:08 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Christina Foster, Jason Dolin, Jeff Camechis, Jon Slater, Jr., Dennis Keller, Ray Stemen, Jim Bahnsen, Michael Kaper, and Jeff Barron.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis asked everyone to rise as able, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Commissioner Davis asked Ms. Knisley if there were any announcements. There were no announcements.

Public Comment

Commissioner Davis asked if anyone from the public who would like to speak or offer comments. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Thursday, February 12, 2015, Regular Meeting

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Thursday, February 12, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis

Approval of Commissioners' Office resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to TABLE the following Commissioners' office resolution:

2015-02.17.a

A resolution to approve the annexation of 7.389+/- Acres, more or less, of Walnut Township into the Village of Thurston, Pursuant to ORC 709.023, Expedited Type 2 Petition, Annexation of Land by the Village of Thurston, Ohio [Commissioners]

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Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that this item was discussed in the review session and that there was a legal question to address prior to the vote on the annexation.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of Commissioners' Office resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners' Office resolutions:

2015-02.17.b	A resolution approving an account to account transfer into a major expense category for Fairfield County Municipal Court [Commissioners]
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Discussion: Ms. Brown reported that the Court Administrator, Jackie Long, provided supporting documentation to the request for additional funds. Ms. Long will track the expenses and report back to the Commissioners' Office as the pilot program progresses. The resolution for the transfer is recommended, as the potential for cost savings is significant.

2015-02.17.c	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object category for the Fairfield County Airport fund# 2800 [Commissioners]
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2015-02.17.d	A resolution authorizing the approval of renewal of lease, addendum #4 to the lease agreement and Memorandum of Lease with the Ohio Department of Public Safety for space at 980 Liberty Drive, One Stop Shop [Commissioners]
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of Engineer's Office resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Engineer's Office resolutions:

2015-02.17.e	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for services and repairs of equipment [Engineer]
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2015-02.17.f	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for travel expenses to CEO conference [Engineer]
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

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Approval of Family Adult & Children First Council resolutions:

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Family Adult & Children First Council resolutions:

2015-02.17.g A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Fairfield County Family Adult & Children First Council Fund[Family, Adult and Children First Council]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of Job and Family Services resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Job & Family Services resolutions:

2015-02.17.h A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

Discussion: Ms. Brown reported that the resolution is representative of the traditional process for JFS (as a combined agency) to reimburse the public assistance special revenue fund from the child protective services special revenue fund.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of Payment of Bills resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Payment of Bills resolutions:

2015-02.17.i A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]

2015-02.17.j A resolution to approve the payment of a vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Ms. Knisley announced that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.

Recess

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Commissioner Davis stated at 10:13 a.m. that the Commission would take a short recess until the 11:00 CDBG Public Hearing.

2015 CDBG Allocation, NRP & Critical Infrastructure Public Hearing/Fairhousing Presentation

A Public Hearing for the 2015 CDBG Allocation, NRP, & Critical Infrastructure/Fairhousing Presentation was held by the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 beginning at 11:01 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Holly Mattei, James Mako, Kristin Ankrom, Mary Boring, Carrie Woody, Jim Bahnsen, Ray Stemen, and Colby Turben.

Commissioner Davis called the hearing to order and asked Mr. Mako to proceed with the hearing.

Mr. Mako stated that the hearing today is one of two CDBG hearings that are required to be held. The State has new requirements that will be followed by RPC as administrators of the grant on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Mako reviewed the attached slideshow. (See attached)

Commissioner Davis asked the public if they had any questions before closing the hearing.

No questions or comments were made.

Commissioner Davis closed the public hearing at 11:16 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Recess

Commissioner Davis stated at 11:17 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the 1:45 p.m. Land Bank meeting.

Landbank Meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended the Land Bank meeting at 1:45 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 2:43 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: *Mike Kiger* Seconded by: *Dave Levacy*

that the February 17, 2015, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: *Kiger, Levacy* NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on February 24, 2015

Absent

Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

Dave Levacy

Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Mike Kiger

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Staci A. Knisley

Staci A. Knisley, Acting Clerk

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program



CDBG Basic Information

What is CDBG?

- Federal funding for community development activities
- Created by Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
- Primary objective is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of Low to Moderate Income

CDBG National Objectives

- **Provide a benefit to low- and moderate-income persons**
- **Prevent or eliminate slum and blight**
- **Meet an urgent community need that threatens the health or welfare of the residents**



CDBG Basic Information



**Department of
Housing and Urban Development**



**Development
Services Agency**

Ohio Development Services Agency



**Regional Planning Commission
on behalf of the
Fairfield County Commissioners**



CDBG Basic Information

- Fairfield County Participates in Ohio's Non-Entitlement (Allocation) CDBG program
- This program is for units of general-purpose local government (cities and counties) that do not participate in HUD's CDBG Entitlement or Urban County program.



CDBG Basic Information

- Three other CDBG programs which are competitively awarded:
 - Neighborhood Revitalization Program
 - Critical Infrastructure Grant Program
 - Downtown Redevelopment Program



CDBG Basic Information

■ Neighborhood Revitalization Program

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (NRG) projects are designed to improve the quality of life, livability and functionality of distressed residential areas through a comprehensive strategy. :

- The beneficiaries of the target area must be at least 51 percent LMI.
- **The maximum Neighborhood Revitalization Grant program award is \$300,000.**

CDBG Basic Information

- **Critical Infrastructure Grant Program**

CIg projects are designed to assist applicant communities with high priority, single-component infrastructure improvements. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Street Improvements (e.g. resurfacing, bridge replacement, etc.)
- Flood and Drainage Infrastructure
- Culvert Replacement
- Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure
- **The maximum Critical Infrastructure Grant program award is \$300,000.**

CDBG Basic Information- Additional Programs

- Ohio Development Services Agency also has Residential Infrastructure Public Grant (RIPG), and Economic Development (ED) programs available for communities.
- The RIPG creates safe and sanitary living environment for Ohio citizens, through the provision of safe and reliable drinking water and proper disposal of sanitary waste.
- The ED loan program creates and retains permanent, private-sector jobs, principally for low- and moderate-income persons, through the expansion and retention of business and industry in Ohio communities.



Eligible Organizations

- Governmental agencies (including Fairfield County, cities, villages and townships)
- Private non-profits that are corporations, associations agencies, or faith-based organizations with non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code (Section 501(c)(3))



Eligible Activities

All programs must benefit primarily low-and moderate-income individuals or families. LMI POPULATION MUST BE MORE THAN 51%

- Water/sewer improvements
- Street improvements
- Drainage improvements
- Park improvements
- Elimination of architectural barriers (i.e. curb ramps)
- Senior services
- Youth services (including child care)
- Recreation programs
- Job training/education programs
- Crime prevention programs
- Public safety services

Eligible Activities

- Limited Clientele designation is used for an activity that benefits specific individuals in the community (e.g., handicapped, homebound elderly, homeless)
- Area designation is given to an activity that benefits everyone in a certain area (e.g., library, neighborhood center) and the service area would need to be at least 51% low and moderate-income

Ineligible Activities

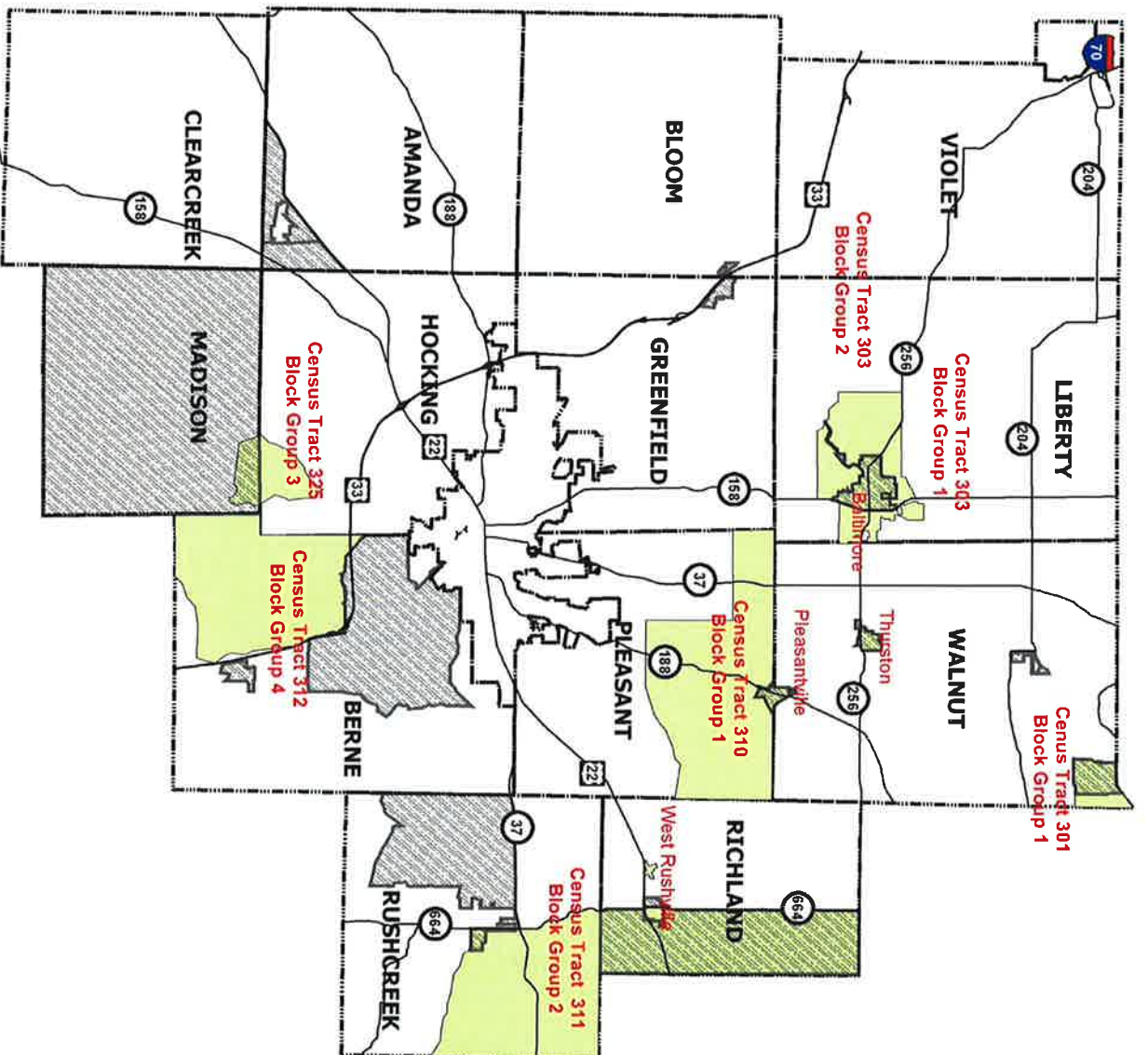
- Generally, only ineligible if they are specifically not allowed such as buildings for the conduct of general purpose government; and
- If they do not meet one of HUD's national objectives such as benefit to low- and moderate-income persons.



2015 Fairfield County CDBG

Changes to the CDBG program





MORE THAN 51% OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME (2000)



MORE THAN 51% OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME (2014)



INCORPORATED AREAS

2015 Fairfield County CDBG

- Jan: Notices Sent to Communities
- Feb: First Public Hearing
- March 17th : Community Development Implementation Strategy Meeting
- **April 10th-CDBG APPLICATIONS DUE TO RPC**
- May/June:
 - Fairfield County develops Need Identification and Prioritization Sheet/ Rankings should consider criticality, feasibility and impact
 - Second Public Hearing
- June 19th : Application Sent to ODSA
- Sep/Oct: Grant Agreement from ODSA
- Spring 2016: Release of Funds

2015 Fairfield County CDBG

- **Community Development Implementation Strategy Meeting**
- **MEETING IS MARCH 17th at 1 PM HERE AT THE COURTHOUSE (HEARING ROOM)**
 - All jurisdictions must attend to be considered for funding
 - RPC staff is required to have a sign-in sheet
 - Townships and villages must be prepared to discuss potential projects
 - After this meeting a Needs Identification Prioritization Sheet will be prepared

2015 Fairfield County CDBG Community Development Implementation Strategy Meeting

Community Development Needs Worksheet												
Jurisdiction	Need	Project Type	Program	National Objective	Criticality			Feasibility			Impact	
					Safety	Health	General Welfare	Funds Identified	Readiness	Permits & Approvals	Total # Beneficiaries	LMI %

*Village of Exampleville Water Line Replacement Public Infrastructure Critical Infrastructure LMI Area Marginal Significant Moderate Yes Medium No 150 56%

Community Development Priority Projects

Rank	Jurisdiction	Need	Program	Identified on Needs Worksheet?	Justification
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

FAIR HOUSING



Fairfield County Fair Housing Program

- As a part of Fairfield County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the county is required to implement a fair housing program
- Two main components to the fair housing program:
 - Housing discrimination
 - Landlord-tenant issues



Fairfield County Fair Housing Program

- Regional Planning Commission staff will take calls from residents.
- Will refer citizens to legal aid or Ohio Civil Rights Commission.
- Provide materials to general public about fair housing laws and the Landlord-Tenant Act.



Fairfield County Fair Housing Program

- Both the federal and state fair housing laws give all persons in the protected classes the right to live wherever they can afford to buy a home or rent an apartment and helps to ensure that fair housing is a way of life in Ohio



Fairfield County Fair Housing Program

Protected Groups

- Families with children
- Disabled People
- Ethnic minorities because of race, color, ancestry or national origin
- Gender differences and protection against sexual harassment
- Religion differences
- Military Status (Ohio)



Ohio Landlord Tenant Act

- Ohio Tenant-Landlord Bill, effective November 4, 1974, applies to most landlord-tenant relations and governs most rental agreements whether written or oral.
- Found in the Ohio Revised Code Section 5321.01-.19
- Landlord-Tenant Act sets the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants



CONTACT INFORMATION

- Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission:
(740) 652-7110 or rpc@co.fairfield.oh.us
- Ohio Civil Rights Commission: (614) 466-5928 or
1-888-278-7101
- Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (Legal Aid):
(740) 773-0012 or 1-888-686-3668





Program Offerings

The Office of Community Development helps Ohio communities prepare for growth and job creation by providing funding for community development, infrastructure improvements and economic development. The staff works with local governments and nonprofits to strengthen Ohio communities and improve the quality of life in Ohio.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Appalachian Development Programs

- Provides grants for projects that support economic development, job creation or community development.
- Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, water, sewer and road infrastructure, workforce training and equipment for organizations such as hospitals or schools.
- Available to local governments or nonprofit organizations within the 32-county Appalachian region.

Economic Development and Public Infrastructure Program

- Grants to improve infrastructure and loans for fixed asset financing for land, building, machinery and site preparation directly and primarily related to creating, expanding or retaining a business in the community.
- Available to non-entitlement cities and counties.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Allocation Program

- Grants to improve public facilities, public services, housing, economic development and fair housing.
- Available to local governments.

Downtown Revitalization

- Grants to improve Central Business Districts, aid in eliminating slums or blighted structures, and create and retain permanent, private-sector job opportunities for low- and moderate-income Ohioans.
- Available to local governments.

Neighborhood Revitalization

- Grants to improve the quality of life, livability and functionality of distressed areas and neighborhoods through public infrastructure projects.
- Available to local governments.

Critical Infrastructure

- Grants to fund public infrastructure improvements with a significant community impact.
- Available to local governments.

Residential Public Infrastructure

- Grants to create safe and reliable drinking water and ensures communities' sanitary waste is properly disposed.
- Available to non-entitlement counties, cities and villages.



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The Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program

What is the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program?

The Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program is federal funding that provides up to \$500,000 per project for:

- Low-interest, fixed asset, gap financing to Ohio businesses; or
- Grants to communities for public infrastructure improvements associated with for-profit business expansion and job creation.



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Fixed Asset Loans

Funds are granted to communities to make loans to local, for-profit businesses for fixed-asset financing. Loan repayments remain in a local Revolving Loan Fund and may be used to finance additional Community Development Block Grant-eligible projects in the community.

- **Low- and Moderate-Income jobs** – 51 percent of the jobs created or retained must be taken by or made available to low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Gap financing** – Loans are only available for projects in which gap financing is required. In all cases, private financing should be maximized before considering Community Development Block Grant assistance.
- **Funding per job** – Assistance is limited to \$25,000 per job created.
- **Leverage** – Assistance is limited to providing no more than half of the total financing required for the project (\$1:\$1 leverage ratio).
- **Equity** – A borrower must be prepared to provide cash equity of at least 5 percent of the total fixed asset cost.
- **Private financing** – At least 15 percent of the project's fixed asset cost must be privately financed.

Off-site Infrastructure Grants

Funds are granted to communities to help pay for publicly owned infrastructure improvements directly related to job creation or retention by a for-profit business. The applicant community must demonstrate need for the level of funding requested.

- **Low- and Moderate-Income jobs** – 51 percent of the jobs created or retained must be taken by or made available to low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Funding per job** – Assistance is limited to \$9,999 per job created.
- **Amount of assistance** – In most cases, assistance is limited to providing no more than half of the total off-site infrastructure cost. Some distressed communities may qualify for up to 75 percent of the off-site infrastructure cost.
- **Private investment** – The job-creating business must be committed to making an on-site private investment in coordination with its committed job creation.
- **Private financing** – At least 15 percent of the project's fixed asset cost must be privately financed.

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Residential Public Infrastructure Program

What is the Residential Public Infrastructure Program?

The Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program helps local governments build, maintain, improve, and expand water and sanitary sewer systems in low- and moderate-income communities. It is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program.



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Infrastructure Grants

Communities receive grants up to \$500,000 to improve the safety and reliability of drinking water and sanitary sewer systems. An additional \$100,000 is available per project for on-site improvements.

Community and Project Eligibility

- Non-entitlement counties, cities, and villages
 - A non-entitlement classification indicates that the local government does not qualify to receive Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) directly from HUD
- Projects must serve areas that are primarily residential
- Eligible on-site improvements: service laterals, septic tanks, well abandonment, and Community Development Block Grant-eligible-related fees

Exceptions to Eligibility

- Counties must apply for unincorporated areas or villages that have not demonstrated the capacity to operate a public water or wastewater system
- Applications for primarily on-site funding will not be considered

Application Process

Communities must complete a letter of intent before submitting a full application. The letter of intent must include:

- A brief description of the project and project area
- A summary of funding committed to the project
- A copy of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Permit to Install or Plan Approval
- A brief description of the community's current water and wastewater systems
- Contact information for the community's Chief Elected Official; and
- Contact information for the community's grant writer.

The Office of Community Development reviews the letters of intent to determine which projects should complete full applications. Communities may apply for multiple projects during a project year.

Community Development Implementation Strategy Meeting



**Development
Services Agency**

When: Tuesday March 17 @ 1:00 PM

**Where: Fairfield County Courthouse, Third Floor,
Commissioners Hearing Room, 210 East Main St.
Lancaster, OH**

Why: The Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) is a tool to facilitate communication with stakeholders in eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applicant communities. The CDIS will provide a format for disseminating information about Economic and Appalachian Development Section programs, and assist with identifying and prioritizing potential funding opportunities. **Attendance at this meeting is required to apply for the PY 2015 and PY 2016 Community Development, Economic Development, and Residential Public Infrastructure Grant programs.** Jurisdictions applying for CDBG funding should be ready to discuss potential projects and public infrastructure, facilities and services and economic development needs/opportunities.

Question or Comments: Call the Regional Planning Commission at
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