PUBLIC NOTICE FAIRFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM

The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the State of Ohio Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Third Floor, Courthouse, 210 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio. This is a handicapped-accessible facility.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit input from local officials and citizens on community development and housing needs. This public hearing shall be held in conjunction with the public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation Program.

Fairfield County intends to apply for approximately \$400,000 for the PY 2018 CHIP two-year funding period, which utilizes federal CDBG and HOME funds. The CHIP program is designed to benefit low-to-moderate income households. Based on citizen input, local officials' assessment of Fairfield County needs, and the results of the Community Housing Improvement Strategy (CHIS), the County has undertaken the following CHIP activities in prior funding cycles: home repair, home repair-septic, private owner rehabilitation, homeownership and fair housing education and outreach. These CHIP activities have been conducted throughout Fairfield County outside of the corporation limits of the City of Lancaster. A complete list of eligible activities is posted on the website of the Ohio Development Services Agency at: http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_chip.htm.

CDBG and CHIP programs are federally funded grants that are administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency. Discussion will be given on the CHIP program, the county's Allocation program and other CDBG programs at the hearing. Local officials, non-profit and service agencies, and citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting. Large print materials and auxiliary aids will be made available if requested in advance.

For additional information concerning the CHIP public hearing, contact Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency at (740) 653-4146. For additional information concerning the CDBG public hearing, contact the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission at (740) 652-7110.