

NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS ALLEN COUNTY

Allen County intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for program year 2018 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, a federally funded program administered by the State. CDBG programs can fund a broad range of planning, community improvement and housing related activities that must be designed to primarily benefit low-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of elimination of slum and blight or meet an urgent need within the community. The County is eligible for the following PY 2018 Community Development programs, providing the County meets the applicable requirements:

- Allocation Program: biennial for approximately \$230,000 – designed to improve public facilities, public services, housing, economic development and fair housing.
- Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP): biennial up to \$300,000 alone or more in partnership with one or more cities- designed to improve housing conditions and strengthen neighborhoods.
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program: biennial up to \$500,000 – designed to improve the quality of life, livability and functionality of distressed areas through public infrastructure projects.
- Residential Public Infrastructure Program: open cycle up to \$500,000 - designed to create safe and reliable drinking water and properly disposed of sanitary waste.
- Critical Infrastructure Program: open cycle up to \$300,000 – designed to fund public infrastructure improvements with a significant community impact.
- Downtown Revitalization Program: biennial up to \$300,000 – designed to improve central business districts, aiding in the elimination of slum and blight structures.
- Economic Development and Public Infrastructure Program: open cycle up to \$500,000 – grants and loans designed to improve infrastructure directly and primarily related to creating, expanding or retaining a business in the community, or loans to acquire fixed assets.
- Target of Opportunity Program: up to an amount to be determined - designed to provide a means to fund worthwhile "targets of opportunity" projects and activities that do not fit within existing program structures and to provide supplemental resources to resolve immediate and unforeseen needs.

The first of two public hearings will be held on March 6th 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Allen County Commissioner's Office located 204 N. Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio. This meeting will provide citizens with pertinent information about all of these programs, including an explanation of eligible activities, program requirements and application due dates. Citizens are encouraged to attend to provide input on the County's programs. Accommodations for disabled or non-English speaking residents will be made available upon advance request, at least one (1) week prior to hearing date, by contacting Lima Allen County Regional Planning at 419-228-1836 or mschumaker@lacrpc.com.