

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1

Allen County intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for program year 2025 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), federally funded programs administered by the Office of Community Enhancements (OCE). CDBG and HOME 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. It is estimated, the County may be eligible for the following PY2025 Community Development programs, providing the County meets the applicable requirements:

- Allocation Program: biennial for approximately \$220,000 – designed to improve public facilities, public services, housing, economic development, and fair housing.
- Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP): biennial for approximately \$400,000 alone or for approximately \$1,100,000 in partnership with Putnam County, and the City of Delphos – designed to improve housing conditions and strengthen neighborhoods.
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program: biennial up to \$750,000 – 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 \$750,000 - designed to create safe and reliable drinking water and properly disposed of sanitary waste.
- Critical Infrastructure Program: open cycle up to \$500,000 – designed to fund public infrastructure improvements with a significant community impact.
- 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.
- Target of Opportunity Program: open cycle, 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 – includes Downtown Revitalization, up to \$250,000, designed to improve central business districts, aiding in the elimination of slum and blight structures.

The first of two public hearings will be held on **April 10th, 2025, at 11 a.m.** in the Allen County Commissioners office, **204 N. Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, OH**. This meeting will provide citizens with pertinent information about all 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 Allen County at 419-228-3700 X 8725.