

## NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

Allen County intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for Program Year 2026 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-to moderate-income persons, aid in the elimination of slum and blight, or meet an urgent need within the community. The County is eligible for the following PY2026 Community Development programs, provided the County meets the applicable requirements:

- Allocation Program: biennial for approximately \$226,000 – designed to improve public facilities, public services, housing, economic development, and fair housing.
- 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.
- Flexible Grant Program: open cycle – includes Economic and Community Development designed to provide a means to fund worthwhile projects and activities that do not fit within existing program structures and to provide supplemental resources to resolve immediate and unforeseen needs, Downtown Buildings, up to \$250,000, designed for private rehabilitation including structural, façade improvements, interior and exterior code violation corrections, aiding in the elimination of slum and blight structures, and New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance, up to \$50,000, designed to implement strategies to address impediments to fair housing choice, activities that affirmatively further fair housing, and actions to remedy or mitigate conditions limiting fair housing choice, in which activities exceed the minimum Standard Fair Housing program requirements.

The first of two public hearings will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. in the Allen County Commissioners Office, 204 N. Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801. 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, by contacting Allen County at 419-228-3700 x8725.

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