

**Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant Funds
Brown County, Ohio**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Brown County Commissioners will hold the 1st Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming on March 8th, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. in the Gymnasium at the Adams Brown Counties Economic Opportunities Building at 406 West Plum Street, Georgetown, Ohio. *Per Covid -19 Guidelines, masks will be required and social distancing will be observed.*

The Board of Commissioners is eligible to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program, and the Office of Community Development (OCD). The County is eligible to apply for Program Year 2021 CDBG funding, providing the County meets the applicable program requirements.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide citizens in all jurisdictions (cities, villages, etc.) with information about the entire PY 21 Small Cities CDBG Program and PY 21 HOME Program and to permit discussion of possible applications to the Ohio Development Services Agency. A number of PY 21 CDBG and HOME programs may be available to the County including the Community Development Allocation Program, Critical Infrastructure, Residential Public Infrastructure, Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program, Economic Development Program, Neighborhood Revitalization Program, New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program, and Downtown Revitalization Program. The Community Development Allocation, CHIP and Economic Development Programs will be discussed in detail.

In addition to an explanation of the Community Development Allocation, CHIP and Economic Development Programs, the Brown County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) will also be reviewed. The CDBG financed RLF will permit the County to provide loans and grants at the County's discretion for the purposes of economic development.

The Public Hearing will cover eligible activities, program requirements, funding allocations, and related matters. The CDBG and HOME programs can fund a broad range of activities, including, but not limited to, economic development projects; street, water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements; demolition of unsafe structures; and rehabilitation of housing and neighborhood facilities. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the preservation or elimination of slum and blight, or meet an urgent need of the community.

The following CDBG programs are available to Brown County. All funding levels are approximated due to the commencement of Brown County's 1st 2021 Public Hearing prior to the release of program funding cap information for the PY 21 year from the Ohio Development Services Agency:

1. Community Development Allocation Program - \$150,000
2. Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program - \$400,000.00
3. Residential Public Infrastructure Program - \$750,000
4. Critical Infrastructure Program - \$500,000.00
5. Neighborhood Revitalization Program - \$750,000
6. Downtown Revitalization-Target of Opportunity Program - \$250,000
7. Economic Development Public Infrastructure Program - \$500,000.00
8. Economic Development Loan Program--\$500,000.00
9. Economic Development Working Capital Loan Program-\$150,000
10. Economic and Community Development -Target of Opportunity-\$Negotiated
11. New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program - \$15,000.00

A second Public Hearing will be held to discuss a specific application for a specific program mentioned above in the event application is made by the Brown County Board of Commissioners to the Ohio Development Services Agency under a particular program. A PY 21 Community Development Allocation Program Application will be submitted to the Ohio Development Services Agency on or before the June 16th, 2021 application deadline thus a second public hearing is planned for June 2nd, 2021 at 1:00 P.M., to review the County's proposed projects and activities.

Both Public Hearings are open to all residents of Brown County and any persons or organizations desiring to speak on the matter will be afforded an opportunity to be heard or seen. Citizens from all jurisdictions (cities, villages, townships etc.) are encouraged to attend this first Public Hearing on March 8th at 1:00 P.M., to provide their input on the County's entire CDBG/HOME Program. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Kelly Cole at 800 Mt. Orab Pike, Georgetown, Ohio 45121, (937) 378-3956 at least three days prior to the hearing.

By the Order of the Board of Brown County Commissioners

Daryll R. Gray, President _____date_____
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