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To: Interested Townships, Villages, Acquired Cities & Agencies

Subject: Local Applications for PY-2023-24 Community Development Block Grant Allocation Funds, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

## Greetings:

Tuscarawas County is eligible to apply for funding through the Community Development Allocation Program (CDBG), a federally funded grant administered by Ohio Development Services Agency/Office of Community Development (ODSA/OCD). This grant is biennial and will be available to Tuscarawas County in 2023 for the Program Year's 2023 - 2024. It is time for townships, villages, acquired cities and eligible agencies to apply for projects that you would like to fund with CDBG money.

In conjunction with this program, on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**, the Tuscarawas County Commissioners will hold the first public hearing on the above referenced program. The Public Hearing will be held in the William E. Winters' Board Room located in the County Office Building at 125 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663, next to the Courthouse. A second Public Hearing will be held in the same location on **Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.**, to announce the chosen funding recipients. CDBG funds may be used to fund a wide range of projects (See the attached Notice of Public Hearing #1, set to run in the Times Reporter on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

The Application Package is available on our website at the following address: <a href="http://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/OCED/Forms.htm">http://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/OCED/Forms.htm</a> click on the "PY-2023-24 CDBG Allocation Application Package" link under COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FORMS. If you do not have Internet Access please contact our office and we will print out a copy for you to pick up. Applicants should fill out the forms to the best of their ability. Supplemental information and/or supportive data may be submitted with the application and applicants may submit more than one project. Please use separate forms if you are submitting more than one project - forms may be photocopied as needed.

Applications must be received by the Tuscarawas County Office of Community & Economic Development (Tusc. Co. O.C.E.D.), 125 East High Avenue, Room 212, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663, no later than Wednesday, May 3, 2023 by 9:30 a.m. **All applications must be clearly marked "Attention: PY-2023-24 CDBG Program."** 

For those planning to attend the public hearing on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, applications may be submitted at that time. We recommend that you bring in your applications to the OCED office prior to that time for review and advice.

Potential Sub-recipients should be aware that all applications must meet at least one of the two following National Goals to be eligible for CDBG funding:

- 1.) Beneficiaries must be at least 51% Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Households as determined by one of the following two methods;
  - A.) The 2020 Census or
  - B.) Approved LMI Surveys of the project's service area (street, neighborhood, Etc.)
- 2.) Elimination of Slums and Blight

Incomplete applications or projects that do not meet the criteria of Benefit to Low-to-Moderate Income Households or the Elimination of Slums & Blight will not be considered for funding.

Should you have any questions or require any assistance with your application, please feel free to contact either Scott Reynolds, Director or Brooke Yates, Administrative Coordinator of the Tuscarawas County Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED) at (330) 365-3219.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Reynolds
Scott S. Reynolds, Director
Tuscarawas County O.C.E.D.

SSR/by

Cc: All Township Officials (Trustees & Clerks)
City & Village Mayors
PY-2023-24 CDBG File

**Tuscarawas County Commissioners**