



CDBG NOTICE

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TO: Richland County Municipalities, Townships and All
Other Interested Groups and Individuals

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SUBJECT: Program Year 2017/2018 Community Development Block Grant Program,
Richland County

The County of Richland intends to apply to the office of Community Development (OCD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a federally funded program administered by the State. The County estimates it is eligible for \$310,000 for the biennial Program Year 2017 and 2018. Richland County may also apply for various other Competitive Programs, such as Downtown Revitalization, Neighborhood Rehabilitation and Critical infrastructure, providing the County meets applicable program requirements.

The first of two public hearings will be held on **March 23, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Office of the Richland County Commissioners, 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, Ohio to provide citizens with pertinent information about the CDBG program, including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements. The CDBG program can fund a broad range of activities, including: economic development projects, street, water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, park acquisition and improvements, demolition of unsafe structures, rehabilitation of housing, and neighborhood facilities. *Richland County CDBG funds are for projects in Richland County's municipalities and townships, outside of Mansfield, which has its own CDBG funding allocation.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROJECT FEASIBILITY:

For a project to be eligible for CDBG funding it must meet one of the "National Objectives" of the CDBG program. The project must either:

- A. Benefit Low and Moderate Income Persons
- B. Aid in the Elimination of Slums or Blight

In order to benefit low and moderate income persons, the project must benefit households with total income less than the following thresholds, based on family size:

Median (2016) \$ 50,500 LMI

Persons in Household	Income Less than:
1	31,050
2	35,450
3	39,900
4	44,300
5	47,850
6	51,400
7	54,950
8+	\$58,850

Members of "Limited Clientele" groups, under certain circumstances, also qualify as Low and Moderate Income. The LMI Limited Clientele groups are:

1. Abused Children
2. Battered Spouses
3. Elderly persons
4. Adults meeting the Bureau of the Census' Current Population Reports definition of "severely disabled"
5. Homeless persons
6. Illiterate adults
7. Persons living with AIDS
8. Migrant farm workers
9. Programs which have eligibility requirements which limit the benefits of an activity to LMI persons

The types of projects that are eligible for CDBG funding are:

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| (1) Acquisition of real property | (11) Housing rehabilitation |
| (2) Disposition | (12) New housing construction* |
| (3) Public facilities and improvements | (13) Code enforcement* |
| (4) Privately owned utilities | (14) Historic preservation |
| (5) Clearance | (15) Commercial or industrial rehabilitation |
| (6) Public services | (16) Special economic development |
| (7) Interim assistance* | (17) Special activities by sub-recipients |
| (8) Relocation | (18) Planning and capacity building |
| (9) Loss of rental income | |
| (19) Program administrative costs | |
| (10) Removal of architectural barriers | (* eligible under limited circumstances) |

Submissions will be reviewed for eligibility and prioritization on the Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS). Seventy percent (70%) of the County's CDBG allocation must benefit low – to – moderate – income persons. Thirty

percent(30%) may be spent on blight removal. The total Public Service activities may not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the City's annual grant.

Also attached is the **RICHLAND COUNTY CDBG PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM** which should be used for the presentation of projects that wish to be considered for CDBG funding.

There will be a workshop session on March 30, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the conference room of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission 35 North Park Street, Mansfield. This workshop will present potential applicants with an opportunity to prioritize projects for Richland County and go step by step through the Project Proposal Form, and to ask questions concerning the program. A second public hearing for the Formula Program will be held on May 25, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. to review selected projects.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE is FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, 2017 @ 4:00PM via email to jshetty@rcrpc.org with CDBG/HOME APPLICATION as the subject line or hard copy delivered to 35 N Park Street, Suite 230, Mansfield, OH 44902 before the deadline date/time above

Please call (419) 774 6202 if you have any questions.