

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1  
PY 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

The Board of Commissioners of Highland County intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PY 2017 Community Development Program, a federally-funded program administered by the State of Ohio.

The first of two required public hearings will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Office, 119 Governor Foraker Place, Hillsboro, Ohio, and will address activity eligibility, program details, and filing requirements.

In addition to the CDBG Allocation Program changes, also to be explained and discussed at this public hearing are funding sources, program requirements and filing information for various competitive grants including: Neighborhood Revitalization Program (CDBG - \$500,000); Downtown Revitalization Program (CDBG - \$300,000); Critical Infrastructure Program (CDBG - \$300,000).

CDBG grants can fund a broad range of activities, including but not limited to, economic development activities, street improvements, water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, park acquisition and improvements, demolition of unsafe structures, and rehabilitation of housing and neighborhood activities. The activities must meet one of the three following program criteria: (1) Primarily benefit low and moderate income persons; (2) Aid in the elimination of slum or blight; or (3) Meet an urgent need of the community because an existing condition poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Citizens are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting on March 30, 2017 to express their views and comments on the County's proposed CDBG Community Development application and other funding opportunities.

Board of Commissioners  
County of Highland, Ohio  
Nicole Oberrecht, Deputy Clerk