

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2026  
NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING**

The Muskingum County Commissioners may apply to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Community Development, for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Ohio for non-entitlement communities. The County is eligible for approximately \$254,000 of PY 2026 CDBG funding provided the County meets applicable program requirements. This funding must be spent outside the city limits of Zanesville.

Muskingum County is also eligible to apply for up to \$500,000 through the Critical Infrastructure Program and \$750,000 through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, as well as up to \$500,000 through the Economic Development Public Infrastructure Program and \$750,000 through the Residential Public Infrastructure Program.

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; home repairs and neighborhood facilities. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low-moderate income persons and/or aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight or to meet an urgent need of the community.

The first of two public hearings will be held on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room on the ground level of the Muskingum County Courthouse at 401 Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio to provide citizens with information about the CDBG program including descriptions of the eligible activities and program requirements, and obtain public input on community development needs.

Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting. A second public hearing for the CDBG programs will be scheduled for early May.

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