

## Community Development Program ("Formula" grant)

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Townships, Villages and Non-profit organizations located outside the City of Zanesville.

A Township or Village must apply for an area that is at least 51% low or moderate income.

Non-profits are eligible if they are serving one of the classes that is assumed to be low income: abused children, elderly persons, battered spouses, homeless persons, severely disabled adults, illiterate adults, persons living with the disease AIDS, and migrant farm workers.

### **How much money is available?**

We won't know this for sure until April. However, Muskingum County typically received approximately \$200,000 each year. Administrative costs and Fair Housing costs are deducted from the grant amount and the remainder is used for projects.

### **What type of projects qualify?**

Many different types of projects qualify for use of these funds. Typically infrastructure such as water, sewer, sidewalks and road projects are done. However, there are many other types of projects that can be done. Be sure to pick up a list of eligible projects before you leave today.

### **How to I apply?**

In order to apply to the County for these funds you must complete an application and submit it along with all of the required documents. I have changed the application this year, so let's take a few minutes to go through the new application forms.....

I know we went through that quickly, so if you have questions or would like further explanation, please let me know and I'll be happy to sit down with you and go through the application with you this first time.

### **How do I do an income survey?**

You can contract income survey services out. There are a couple of companies locally that will do this service for a fee. If you would like their contact information, please let me know.

Township and Village officials or employees may also conduct the income surveys. I have packets available for you to take if you need them.

### **How much in grant requests does the County get each year?**

The last couple of years the County has received a little over a \$1 million in grant requests. As the County only received approximately \$200,000 in funds this means that the majority of projects don't get funded.

We can do a maximum of 6 projects. The Commissioners try to do the maximum, if possible. It is also rare that the Commissioners will choose to fund a project 100%.

### **How do I increase my chance at getting funded?**

Please be sure to submit all of the information that is required by the application. Not completely filling out the application or not providing the required information can stall your application and hurt your chances at getting funded.

Any support letters that you have for the project may also be helpful.

Also, if your organization is willing to partially fund the project this may increase your chances of being funded.