

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Crawford County intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program, and other related federally funded programs administered by the State. The County is eligible for several different types of fiscal year 2023 programs providing the County meets applicable program requirements. These programs include but are not limited to the CDBG Community Development Allocation Program, Economic Development Program, Residential Public Infrastructure Program, Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Critical Infrastructure Program, Community Housing Impact and Improvement Program (CHIP), Target, Flexible Grant Program (formerly Target of Opportunity), and various other programs.

The State of Ohio hopes to have approximately \$105 million to distribute statewide. Crawford County is eligible to apply for approximately \$220,000 in CDBG Community Development Allocation Funds, up to \$500,000 for Critical Infrastructure, up to \$750,000 for Neighborhood Revitalization, up to \$500,000 for Economic Development, and to be determined amounts for other grant programs. CDBG Community Development grant applications are due to the State by June 14, 2023.

The first of several public hearings will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Commissioners Office, 112 E. Mansfield Street, Bucyrus, Ohio to provide citizens with pertinent information about the CDBG, and related programs, including an explanation of eligible activities including handicapped access improvements, economic development projects, street, water, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, park improvements, demolition, rehabilitation of public facilities and rehabilitation of housing and neighborhood facilities. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons or aid in the elimination of slums and blight.

Villages, Townships, Citizens, and organizations are encouraged to attend this meeting to obtain additional information about the available grant programs.

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