

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ross County intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development/Office of Housing and Community Partnerships for funding through the Fiscal Year 2010 Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula Program, a federally funded program administered by the state. Ross County received \$186,000 through this program in Fiscal Year 2009 and anticipates that it will receive a comparable amount in FY 2010, providing it meets applicable program requirements.

Ross County is also eligible to apply for additional CDBG/HOME/OHTF Program funds through competitive grants administered by the Ohio Small Cities Program. These grants are designed to fund the Community Housing Improvement Program, Water and Sewer Development, and other projects intended to meet the objectives of the program.

A public hearing will be held on January 25, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. at the Ross County Commissioners' conference room located in the Ross County Courthouse, Chillicothe, Ohio. This meeting is intended to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Ohio Small Cities Program, including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements. The 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; and rehabilitation of housing and neighborhood facilities. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight, or meet an urgent need of the community.

A second public hearing will be held on a date(s) to be announced to solicit comments and public input about specific activities proposed for the CDBG Formula and CHIP projects.

Citizens and local officials are encouraged to attend this meeting on January 25, 2010 to provide their input on Ross County's CDBG programs. If you are not able to attend, please visit the Ross County Commissioners website at [www.rosscountycommissioners.com](http://www.rosscountycommissioners.com) where you will find this ad and you will be able to comment via email.

By Order of:                      Ross County Board of Commissioners

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