NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Belmont County and the City of Martins Ferry intend to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for funding through the Ohio Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program and HOME program, federally funded programs administered by the State. Belmont County and its municipalities are eligible for various competitive programs including: Critical Infrastructure Grant Program ($500,000); Economic Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program ($500,000); Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program ($750,000); and Neighborhood Revitalization ($750,000). In addition, the County and City of Martins Ferry are eligible for Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program funds (County $300,000/City $200,000 if applying separately, or $700,000 if the County & City apply as a partnership).

The first of two or more public hearings will be held May 31, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Commissioners Office, 101 W. Main Street, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 to provide citizens with pertinent information about the CDBG program, including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements.   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; and rehabilitation of housing and neighborhood facilities.   The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low - and moderate - income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight or meet an urgent need of the community.

Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting on May 31, 2024 to provide their input on the county's and cities' CDBG/HOME programs.

The Commissioners Office is a handicapped accessible facility.   If a participant will need auxiliary aids (interpreter, brailed or taped material, assistive listening device, other) due to a disability, please contact Natalie Hamilton prior to May 31, 2024 at (304) 242-1800 in order to ensure that your needs will be accommodated.

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