

NOTICE OF CDBG PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1 AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY (CDIS) MEETING

The City of Ashland intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for funding under the Program Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Direct Allocation Program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Ohio. The City of Ashland is eligible to receive an estimated \$150,000.00 through the Direct Allocation Program and is also eligible to submit competitive applications for funding through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (\$750,000), Downtown Revitalization Target of Opportunity Program (\$250,000), Critical Infrastructure Program (\$500,000), Economic Development Loan Program (\$500,000), Economic Development Public Infrastructure Program (\$500,000) and Residential Public Infrastructure Program (\$750,000).

The first of two public hearings will be held on **March 19, 2019 at 7:10 p.m.**, in City Council Chambers, located at the Ashland City School District Administrative Offices, 1407 Claremont Avenue, Ashland, Ohio. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens, neighborhood groups, educational entities, economic development agencies, regional planning and community improvement agencies, downtown organizations, community action agencies and any other community stakeholders with pertinent information about the available CDBG programs; including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements.

As a requirement of the CDBG Program, a separate Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) public meeting will be held on **April 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** in the first floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 206 Claremont Avenue, Ashland, Ohio. The goal of this meeting is to obtain input on future projects in the City of Ashland that may qualify for CDBG funding.

These CDBG programs can fund a broad range of activities, including economic development projects, street, sidewalks, water supply, storm and sanitary sewer improvements; park acquisitions and improvements; demolition of unsafe structures; rehabilitation of housing and downtown buildings, and neighborhood facilities and planning. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight or meet an urgent need of the community.

Citizens, neighborhood groups, educational entities, economic development agencies, regional planning and community improvement agencies, downtown organizations, community action agencies, and any other community stakeholders are invited and encouraged to attend both meetings to provide their input on Ashland's economic and community development needs and the needs of the low and moderate-income population.

Matt Miller, Mayor
City of Ashland