

Commissioners authorize 2014 CDBG agreements

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Each year the County receives federal funding from HUD to help support community projects in a number of specific areas.

Per the Office of Planning & Community Development website, "The CDBG program allocates annual grants to develop decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses, and to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. This program is an important tool for helping local governments tackle challenges facing their communities."

The Lake County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of agreements with various entities and organizations for the FY-2014 Community Development Block Grant funds from HUD at the Jan. 29 commissioners meeting.

"We're ready to move forward with our FY 2014 projects," said CDBG Manager Rhea Benton. "We've also started to plan for this upcoming process for the application process for this upcoming year... We anticipate the pre-application meeting to be held in late March."

She said HUD is launching a new online program in about six weeks called HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS). "So it's supposed to increase communications between HUD entitlements and the citizens, also

streamlining the process," Benton said.

Following are the CDBG 2014 grant recipients and the amounts:

- Village of Fairport Harbor (Grant/Sewer Separation Program) \$75,000
- City of Wickliffe (ADA Curb cuts) \$24,000
- Beacon Health (Parking Lot Improvement) \$45,000
- Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority (Fire Safety Equipment) \$50,100
- Rabbit Run Theater (ADA Accessible Parking and Walkways) \$33,158
- Lake County Port Authority (Economic Development Loan Fund) \$150,000
- City of Painesville (Demolition Project) \$30,000
- Western Reserve Community Development Corp. (Rehab) \$330,000
- City of Willowick (Hearts and Hammers Program) \$25,000
- Ecumenical Shelter Network (Project Hopeless Shelter) \$66,370
- Lake County Free Medical / Dental (Social Service) \$17,000
- Lake County Free Medical Clinic (Social Service) \$10,000
- Lifeline (211 System) \$15,000
- Forbes House (Social Service) \$8,000
- Beacon Health (Employment Services) \$14,400
- Lake County General Health District (Newborn Home Visits) \$10,000
- Lake County Community Network (Emergency Assistance) \$12,000
- Fair Housing Resource Center (Landlord Tenant/Foreclosure Prevention) \$15,000

- Royal Family Kids Camp #271 (Mentoring and Club Program) \$7,000
- Family Planning of NEO (Pre-Natal Care) \$5,000
- Eastlake Police Athletic League (Youth Program) \$10,000
- Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation (Park Installation) \$27,000
- Crossroads (Playground Improvement) \$14,900
- Lake County YMCA (ADA Entryway Improvement) \$18,200
- Fair Housing Resource Center (Fair Housing Administration Services) \$40,000
- Shanik and Associates, LLC (COC Consulting Services) \$12,500

The following resolutions were also adopted Jan. 29:

ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing final approval and acceptance of a combined three-year maintenance bond for Concord Ridge Subdivision Phases 2 and 3 in Concord Township.
- Authorizing the county engineer to use the "force account" and make material purchases for maintenance, repairs and construction of Lake County roads, bridges, and culverts pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.19 and to issue road permits pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

"The Ohio Revised Code requires the commissioners to give me permission to expend money on what we call force account work; that means we can use our own funds up to a certain dollar limit to do repairs on roads, bridges and storm drains and things like that," County Engineer Jim Gills said.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Transferring cash from LCDU Sewer District transfer out to Mentor Marsh Sanitary Interceptor 336-S to transfer in.

Certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$178,420.00 for North Ridge Road (U.S. 20) and Green Road Sanitary Sewer Extension, Job No. 14-74, in Madison Township and authorizing construction in accordance with R.C. 307.73.

Besides the waterways, Madison also has agricultural ditches which need cleaning to maintain proper drainage.

"Authorizing advertising for sealed proposals for courtroom audiovisual systems for the Lake County/Court of Common Pleas with a bid opening date of Feb. 25."

REAPPOINTING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS ENDING FEB. 14, 2018.

The re-appointees and the areas they represent are: Eric Barbe, private business; Caroline Barbork, senior workers' action; Sam Delozzo, private business; Martin Gareau, economic development; Dan Koncos, One-Stop partner; Terry Gaze, private business; Gale Leonard-Slawezy, educational entity; and Mark Rosborough, organized labor.

Re-appointing Carol Darr to the Lake County Workforce Investment Board Youth Council for terms ending Feb. 14, 2018.

Authorizing the agreement on behalf of the Lake County Stormwater Management Division and Madison Township for regional waterways maintenance to increase the total amount of the agreement to \$114,157.49.

Authorizing the agreement to increase the amount by the previous amount by \$14,157.49 from \$100,000.

This is the regional waterways maintenance agreement we began back in 2007," LCSWMD Director Tim Miller said. "Initially we had estimated around \$80,000 a year we could spend on that, and we kept that number for about the first three years, then we upped it to \$100,000 as the

program began to become more popular with the residents and we found more issues we had to deal with." The increase is needed since it is now running from about April through December.

LCODU had about 36 water line breaks in January, which is about average. The department is now accepting online credit card payments for services. Customers will be given notices with their new bills.

Troy asked for an update on the URS integrated study on the Mentor and County systems from last year.

Randy Rothlisberger, assistant sanitary engineer, said the final report should be ready in about a month or so.

"Unfortunately there was nothing major that was found that they were able to present to us (in a recent meeting)," Rothlisberger said. "They were very surprised by that."

Troy said the fact that the water treatment plants get so much inflow during major storms is an indicator that a great deal of storm water was entering the sanitary sewers.

Rothlisberger said URS has been able to narrow the area where the problems are to the Bellflower area and off Route 306. More study will be needed to determine the major problems.

Troy was advised a greater area of study may be needed in Mentor since it is such a large area.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners meets at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville. All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elsass at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Feb. 5. The next regular meetings will be Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.

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