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### **Lake County Commissioners Approve Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG Projects**

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, January 5, 2023– The Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects. In an effort to continue facilitating improvements within Lake County, \$1,375,761 was awarded from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help fund the 28 selected projects. Along with the funds awarded by HUD, Lake County will utilize prior year funds and program income for a total of about \$1.9 million.

“These grants are vital to counties like ours. This funding will address housing and infrastructure needs, create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods, and expand economic opportunity,” stated Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

The Community Development Block Grant Program funding, in general, is used for public improvements, public facilities, economic development programs, housing programs, public services and program administration to improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income persons and communities.

CDBG-funded projects include:

- Fairport Harbor Village, Streetscape Enhancement (\$245,000)
- Painesville City, ADA Accessible Streetscape Project (\$60,000)
- Wickliffe City, Street Improvements (\$75,000)
- Willoughby City, Street Improvements (\$66,000)
- Extended Housing, ADA Bathrooms Improvements (\$56,000)
- Fair Housing Resource Center, IT Infrastructure Improvements (\$24,000)
- Fine Arts Association, ADA Elevator Installation (\$79,000)
- Lake County Council on Aging, ADA Doorway System (\$23,700)
- Lake County Buildings and Grounds, Buildings Improvements (\$64,700)
- Lake Geauga Recovery Centers Inc., Generator Installation (\$23,000)
- North Perry Village, ADA Ramp and Stairs Replacement (\$51,000)
- Painesville Community Gardens, Garden Fencing and Shed (\$27,000)

- The Lakeland Foundation, Historic Preservation Improvements at Mooreland Mansion (\$95,000)
- Zion Lutheran Church, Lighthouse Community Center ADA Bathrooms (\$70,000)
- Eastlake City, Storefront Improvement Program (\$55,000)
- Lake Geauga Habitat for Humanity, Land Acquisition (\$8,900)
- Western Reserve Community Development Corp., Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$269,100)
- Painesville City, Roofing and Siding Program (\$75,000)
- Wickliffe City, Residential Repair Program (\$50,000)
- Ecumenical Shelter Network, Families Moving Forward Program (\$12,600)
- Lifeline, VITA Program and 211 System for Homeless Services (\$32,000)
- Royal Family Kids Camp, Youth Camp Program (\$5,000)
- Birthright Lake, Diaper Pantry Program (\$55,000)
- Forbes House, Shelter Program Staffing (\$52,000)
- One Step at a Time Lake County, Housing Program (\$5,000)
- Fair Housing Resource Center, HSLT Program (\$5,000)
- WomenSafe Inc., Lake County Aftercare Program (\$18,600)
- Fair Housing Administration (\$45,000) and Program Administration (\$230,000)

“This list of investments will go a long way in meeting each community’s unique development needs. I am pleased to see these local projects benefitting from CDBG funding,” stated Commissioner John Plecnik.

The CDBG program is a tool for aiding the growth of the local economy and providing a lifeline for families and communities.

Commissioner Richard J. Regovich stated, “Lake County utilizes this flexible federal program to benefit projects and services that directly impact the lives of our low- and moderate-income citizens.”

“Extended Housing, Inc. is extremely grateful to the Lake County Board of Commissioners for Lake County CDBG funding for ADA improvements to the Extended Housing Wellness Center. Funding will be used to convert two corridor bathrooms to ADA standards. Having accessible bathrooms on every floor will increase the wellness center’s capacity to welcome everyone, said Karen McLeod, Extended Housing, Inc Executive Director.

"On behalf of the Village of Fairport Harbor, I would like to thank the Lake County Commissioners for awarding us a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$245,000 to fully fund phase two of our Streetscape project. We truly appreciate your continued support of our economic development efforts." Amy Cossick, Fairport Harbor Village Administrator.

“Western Reserve Community Development Corporation (WRCDC) is privileged to be working with the Board of Lake County Commissioners in administering the 2022-23 Single Family Rehabilitation Program. WRCDC is anxious to begin to use these funds for home modifications and emergency repairs for needy citizens whose homes need essential repairs. The goal is that these citizens can remain safe and secure in their homes and have their quality of life enhanced. WRCDC will strive to reach as many qualified Lake County residents as possible while following program guidelines,” added Maureen Dolan, Executive Director of WRCDC.

Over the past five years, CDBG investments totaling over \$6.8 million have improved local assets, increased economic opportunities for residents and revitalized neighborhoods.

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