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Lake County Receives Healthy Aging Grant

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, October 26, 2023– Lake County, Ohio will be awarded \$447,953.61 in Healthy Aging Grant funds from the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA).

Established through House Bill 33 of the 135th General Assembly, Healthy Aging Grant funds will be used by ODA to provide grants to all Ohio counties to address social determinants of health and to foster improved quality of life for older Ohioans so they may remain in their homes and connected to their communities, preserve their personal assets, and promote a healthy, independent, active lifestyle. Healthy Aging Grants resolve to address the longstanding health and economic disparities, which amplified the impact of the pandemic in many of Ohio’s counties.

“These grant funds will enable us to continue to recover from the recent COVID-19 pandemic by supporting older adults disproportionately impacted. Many older adults continue to struggle with health and economic consequences, these funds will help address that,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

“This support from the State will enable us to infuse the community with additional funds, enabling older adults to remain in their homes and communities,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “We will be making these funds available to the community as soon as possible.”

“Lake County’s focus as it relates to the Healthy Aging Grant will be in alignment with Ohio’s 2023-2026 State Plan on Aging,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich. “The goal is to ensure older adults in Lake County live longer, healthier lives with dignity and autonomy.”

The Healthy Aging Grant period runs through September 30, 2024. According to ODA, counties are required to allocate a portion of the funding received to the following services:

- At least twenty percent (20%) of total allocation to support food assistance services;
- At least twenty percent (20%) of total allocation to support housing assistance; and,
- At least ten percent (10%) of total allocation to support internet access and digital literacy services.

The remaining funds may be used to provide evidence-based/evidence-informed services in alignment with the Ohio’s 2023-2026 State Plan on Aging.

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number awarded to EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF STATE OF OHIO by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Governor and General Assembly further approved the use of these funds for Healthy Aging Grants through H.B. 33.

Questions related to Lake County’s Healthy Aging Grant can be directed to Alyea Barajas, Senior Services Manager, at alyea.barajas@lakecountyohio.gov or (440) 350-2748.

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