

**Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420**

**MEETING 2021**

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 3/23/2021

Time: 8:00AM – 2:50PM

Present: Commissioners: Russ Zimmerman President; Scott Miller V-President; Charles Schwochow

Present: Theresa Garcia; County Administrator

Others present by teleconference: Kelly Askins, Craig Shoup, Stacey Gibson, (three calls from a private anonymous caller were removed from the call)

Others Present: Lisa Kuelling, Sheriff Hilton, Angie McConnell

(\*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)		Russ Zimmerman, President		
<b>*Review &amp; Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review &amp; External Meeting Notices</b>	The 3/18/2021 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		<b>*Motion: Move to Approve minutes</b> Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
<b>Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners</b>	Commissioner Schwochow and Administrator Garcia attended a ZOOM meeting with PNC on procurement cards. Commissioner Schwochow did not see much of an advantage to the card. It seemed it would be more of a challenge to set up and pay then it would be worth. They talked about rebates that could be received but it seemed very complicated. This is something that will still have to be discussed with the Auditor.	Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioner Miller attended the Health Department Board meeting. See attachment A for summary. They reviewed their financial reports. Several agreements for local health care providers were approved. They received a grant for \$25,000.00. They updated the Board on Coronavirus and vaccination distribution. Commissioner Miller did ask about the issue with the	Scott Miller		

	Woodville Quarry and the water running in the ditch from washing the stone. He was told there was no need for a concern with this and it was not harmful.			
	Commissioner Miller attended the Fremont City Council meeting virtually. There were only a few items discussed on the agenda, some resolutions. The Mulberry Street project has had the zoning request rescinded.	Scott Miller		
	Commissioner Miller was going to attend the City of Bellevue Council meeting however, there were only a few items on the agenda. Next meeting they will be discussing a possible DORA in Bellevue so this should be interesting.	Scott Miller		
<b>Commissioners and Administrator Discussion</b>	Chief Jackson called to notify the Commissioners the EMS squad went to another dealership to find out why service light keeps going on. The issue was not corrected from the last time it was in the shop.	Theresa Garcia		
	Ron Hiser, Facility Management Director, called Administrator Garcia to ask about painting walls in EDC. He received a quote for \$14,000.00 to do the walls the same as they did the Adult Probation area. The Commissioners agreed to pay for this from PI if Ron does not have funds to do the project. They will hold off replacing the carpet until the painting is done.	Theresa Garcia		
	Commissioner Zimmerman noted there is a large change order at the Jail project. There is an additional \$47,000.00 of repairs that need to be done to finish the project correctly. There are several issues that make up the change order. Commissioner Zimmerman said some of these were not visible until the project was started. The replacement flush valves for the toilets were specified wrong from the mechanical design engineer.	Russ Zimmerman		
	Commissioner Miller asked to talk about the requests from the Sheriff. Particularly he wanted to talk about the camera system and the need for another Corrections Officer. Commissioner Miller was not opposed to an additional Corrections Officer. All agreed to have Sheriff move forward with hiring. The Commissioners also asked Administrator Garcia to begin getting quotes on new vehicles. They feel it may take a while for them to get these built and shipped so we should get ahead of this process. When IT gets quotes on the security	Scott Miller		

<p><b>* Then /Now Documents</b></p>	<p>One certificate was presented by the Dog Kennel. When the PO was entered the wrong amount of the purchase was keyed in accidentally. One invoice makes up this certificate. VISA - \$219.98</p> <p>Two certificates were presented by the Drug Task Force. Vehicle was broke down and needed to be towed and no PO was in place, repairs were done prior to obtaining a PO. Two invoices make up these certificates. Ash Automotive - \$145.00 Steinle GMC - \$1,906.46</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Commissioner's Office. 2020 PO for Better Building was closed. This invoice is for 2020 services retention waiting for checklist to be completed. Two invoices make up this certificate. Stanley Convergent - \$1,635.00 &amp; \$3,365.00</p>	<p>Dog Kennel</p> <p>Drug Task Force</p> <p>Commissioners</p>	<p>\$219.98</p> <p>\$145.00 \$1,906.46</p> <p>\$1,635.00 \$3,365.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3</p>
<p><b>* Personnel</b></p>	<p>The EMS Educational Agreement for Allie Waters was signed for Paramedic school.</p>			
<p><b>* Travel Requests</b></p>	<p>None</p>			
<p><b>Dog Kennel</b></p>	<p><b><u>Kelly Askins – Dog Kennel.</u></b> Kelly joined by teleconference for her regular meeting. See attachment B for agenda items. Kelly reviewed kennel statistics. They are up by about 500 licenses from last month. With it being Spring they have had a lot more strays. Commissioner Miller asked about the increase in dogs being euthanized. Kelly noted they have had some dogs that were there for quite a while and became aggressive. Commissioner Zimmerman asked about the service dog licenses. Kelly started this last year. They do not need a license, however, she did this to help get a count on the service animals in the County. They needed to bring in certificates for completed training to get the license. You can only ask certain questions to an owner of a service animal. What service does the dog provide, does your dog hold a certificate of training from a 501-C non-profit agency. You can ask individuals to leave a building with a service animal if the dog is not behaving appropriately. She noted that many people try to pass emotional support animals as service animals and they are not.</p>	<p>Kelly Askins – Dog Warden</p>		

EMA/911	<p><b><u>Lisa Kuelling – EMA/911.</u></b> Lisa came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment C for agenda items. Molly, 911 service animal came in with Lisa. Molly has received recognition for the training she has received. She has to do 20 hours a month in community service to stay certified. She is actually going to be visiting Countryside Manor on a regular schedule. Lisa reviewed her grant updates, meeting schedule, reports and the remainder of her agenda items. The Regional Cybersecurity planning meeting was attended. Atul Chopra, IT Supervisor, sits on this committee with Lisa. The plan the group put together is a regional plan and all counties will take them home and add specifics for their particular county. Lisa asked if the Commissioners had any questions regarding the move of the fire district line in Bellevue. Commissioner Miller talked about the question he was asked regarding the move of the fire district line and noted he knew the Commissioners could not do anything about this. Lisa filled in some timeline information.</p>	Lisa Kuelling - Director		
* Resolutions	<p>2021 – 120  APPROVING TRAVEL FOR JUDGE JEREMIAH RAY AND JUDGE JON ICKES FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO WHITEFISH MONTANA FOR AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FROM JUNE 13, 2021 TO JUNE 18, 2021</p>	Common Pleas		<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution  Moved by: Charles Schwochow  2nd: Scott Miller  Yes - 3</p>
	<p>2021 - 121  APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO BOARD OF DD TRANSFER ACCOUNT (\$3,190,000.00) AND FUND TRANSFER FOR BOARD OF DD FROM GENERAL FUND TO SICK LEAVE FUND (\$5,000.00) AND RESIDENTIAL FUND (\$3,000,000.00) AND FAMILY SUPPORT FUND (\$185,000.00) FOR ANTICIPATED EXPENSES</p>	Board of DD	<p>\$3,190,000.00  \$5,000.00  \$3,000,000.00  \$185,000.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution  Moved by: Scott Miller  2nd: Charles Schwochow  Yes - 3</p>
	<p>2021 - 122  APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO ALLEY DITCH (\$115.00), SCHWOCHOW DITCH (\$10.00) AND TOUSSAINT DITCH (\$100.00) FOR AUDITOR ASSESTMENT FEES FROM FIRST HALF ASSESMENTS (**Commissioner Schwochow has no personal involvement in the Schwochow Ditch)</p>	Alley, Schwochow and Toussaint Ditches	<p>\$115.00  \$10.00  \$100.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution  Moved by: Scott Miller  2nd: Charles Schwochow  Yes - 3</p>



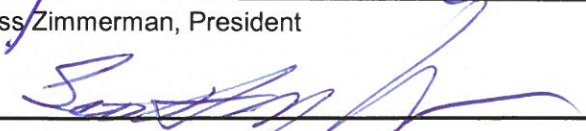
	<p>At 11:55am Commissioners exited executive session.</p> <p>Administrator Garcia will schedule a time for the Commissioners to come to the jail to tour.</p>			<p>Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3</p>
<b>CDBG First Public Hearing</b>	<p>Angie McConnell from GLCAP came for the First Public Hearing for the new CDBG grant. Angie passed out the agenda for the hearing. See attachment E for agenda. She reviewed the allocation program and the funding that will be available. This will be the last allocation program. Programs generally funded by this will need to apply for other programs. Pre-applications are due back on April 9th. Next Tuesday will be the strategy meeting.</p>	<p>Angie McConnell – Loan and Grant Specialist</p>		
<b>Prosecutor</b>	<p><b><u>Beth Tischler – Prosecutor.</u></b> Beth came in to discuss some questions she had with the Commissioners. Jerri Miller, Auditor and Judge Smith came in to meet with the Commissioners with Beth.</p> <p>Commissioner Zimmerman entertained a motion to enter executive session to discuss matters to be kept confidential</p> <p>At 1:05pm Commissioner Schwochow moved to enter executive session to discuss matters to be kept confidential.</p> <p>At 2:47pm the Commissioners came back in to regular session.</p> <p>Commissioner Schwochow made a motion to have the Prosecutor assist the Commissioners in a written response for the Audit completed for Juvenile Court.</p>	<p>Beth Tischler – Prosecutor Jerri Miller - Auditor</p>		<p>*Motion: Move to enter into executive session Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman absent)</p> <p>*Motion: Move to exit executive session Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3</p> <p>*Motion: Move for Prosecutor assistance Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3</p>
<b>Public Open Session</b>	<p>Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – Craig Shoup, News Messenger. Elected Officials – Chris Hilton, Sheriff. Beth Tischler, Prosecutor. Jerri Miller, Auditor. Brad Smith, Juvenile Judge</p>			

* <b>Adjournment</b> <b>(2:50pm)</b>	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes - 3
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Signature of:



Russ Zimmerman, President



Scott Miller, Vice President



Charles Schwochow

**Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio**

Attest:   
Clerk to the Board / County Administrator

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the official record of said Board of County Commissioners as recorded in its Journal.

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Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

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# SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



GOOD AFTERNOON:

March 19, 2021

The following is a summary of the issues discussed and action taken at the regular Friday, March 19, 2021 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting held at the Sandusky Co. Public Health offices for members only.

1. Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott E. Miller was a participant.
2. There were four (4) additional agenda items:
  - 5.1 Personal Service Contract for Mary Kuns, CNP
  - 5.2 Personal Service Contract for Brianna Rauch, CNP
  - 5.3 Employment of Morgan Call, Health Educator I
  - 6.1 Notice of Award - \$25,000.00 – Creating Healthy Communities Grant
3. There was no public, Board, or staff comment.
4. The minutes of the February 19, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.
5. The monthly financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month of \$297,945.81 and revenue year to date of \$648,657.47. Expenses for the month of \$223,952.26 and expenses year to date \$519,766.29.
6. The monthly bills were paid.
7. Approved the contract of Mary Kuns, CNP, in Reproductive Health and Wellness for January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021.
8. Approved the contract for Brianna Rauch, CNP, in Reproductive Health and Wellness for January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021.
9. Employed Morgan Call, Health Educator I, effective May 3, 2021. WELCOME ABOARD, MORGAN!
10. Approved the Notice of Award in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Creating Healthy Communities grant.
11. Heard a report on the annual District Advisory Council meeting held on Monday, March 8, 2021. City of Clyde Board of Health representative Dean L. Auxter and District Advisory Council appointment Nan Smith, were both re-appointed for five (5) year terms. District Advisory Council officers: Matt Hofelich, Chairman, Robert Kusmer, Secretary.

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12. Heard a report on the COVID vaccination clinics, with the State of Ohio central scheduling system gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov being utilized. The State of Ohio immunization system, IMPACT can now upload the data as the Public Health Nurses' receive information from clients. The clinic being held today, was filled in less than 24 hours with 150 appointments. Beginning, Monday, March 22, 2021, all individuals 40 years and older are eligible to receive the COVID vaccination at the Sandusky Co. Public Health. Mass clinics are being held in Maumee and Cleveland. Whirlpool will be holding a clinic for their employees. A clinic for school personnel to receive second doses of Moderna vaccine will be held @ Terra State Community College on Friday, March 26, 2021. Terra State Community College has been a great partner for large clinics. At Sandusky Co. Public Health, COVID vaccination clinics are held 2 days/week and childhood immunization clinics held 3 days/week.

A BIG THANK YOU TO JUDGE BRAD SMITH AND WARREN BROWN FOR LENDING A NURSE TO ASSIST WITH THE COVID CLINICS. THANK YOU!!!

COVID cases are trending down, with fewer hospitalizations. ProMedica Memorial and Bellevue Hospital have reported the request for COVID testing is also lower.

13. The February, 2021 Food Service Operation Report was reviewed. Noted violations: date marking/labeling of food products.

14. Division reports: W.I.C. Program is doing telephone appointments and curbside reload of benefit cards. The Public Health Nursing program's majority of time is spent in COVID related clinics/contract tracing and educational outreach.

Director of Environmental Health reported there are currently 110 properties in process of household sewage treatment system installation.

There are upcoming online trainings available:

PAX tool training – March 25, 2021

Everyone is an Asset Builder – April 8, 2021

National Drug and Alcohol Fact Week is March 22-26, 2021, with an anti-vaping poster contest for 9-12 grade students and positive activity/coping skills contest for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

15. Health Commissioner Brown has requested Cares Act Funding from the Sandusky Co. Commissioners to aid in the COVID clinics/activities.

16. Board of Health member Dr. Vincent-Williams will meet with Health Dept. staff on avenues to reach the African American/Latino population for COVID vaccinations.

17. Director of Environmental Health Bowen stated Ohio E.P.A. has jurisdiction over water discharge @ Erie Agra gate as Commissioner Miller had concerns brought to his attention, as well as vacant/dormant houses in ill repair and the avenue to demolish, refurbish, or board up the dwellings.

18. THE APRIL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 8:30 A.M. HELD @ SANDUSKY CO. PUBLIC HEALTH FOR MEMBERS ONLY. INTERESTED PARTIES MAY PARTICIPATE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM.

PLEASE NOTE:

SANDUSKY CO. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICES WILL CLOSE @ NOON ON APRIL 2, 2021 IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY.

Attachment B

# County Commissioner's Meeting

## Dog Warden's Office

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

### 2020 Dog License Sales

	<u>Previous Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>
1 Year Dog License	10,669	9677
1 Year Dog License Late	674	0
1 Year Partial License	57	0
3 Year Dog License	111	174
3 Year Dog License Late	30	0
3 Year Partial License	9	0
Dangerous Dog License	16	10
Duplicate License	2	1
Kennel License	24	21
Kennel License Extra	13	15
Permanent Dog License	20	19
Service Dog License (Free)	13	0
Transfer In	6	1

### Kennel Census

February 2021

Impounded- 21  
Redemptions- 13  
Adoption-3  
Euthanized- 3  
Transfer- 0

March 2021  
Impounded- 22  
Redemptions- 11  
Adoptions- 8  
Euthanized- 2  
Transfer- 1

### Kennel Incidents

February 2021

Aggression- 3  
Community Asst.- 2  
Bite- 3  
Humane- 6  
RAL- 8  
Sick/Injured- 1

March 2021  
Aggression- 1  
Community Asst. - 0  
Bite- 4  
Humane- 5  
RAL- 12  
Sick/Injured- 0

Requested graphs and charts are attached.

### **Scheduled/Completed Trainings**

Multiple webinars through the ASPCA and the HSUS are being worked on by kennel staff.

Deputy Knipp will attend Humane Agent Training the second week of April. It is online, with a one day individual in person training for the hands on needed.

Continuing training. Many, many new opportunities with all the increased online education available. New employees will undergo a lot of training.

### **To Discuss**

License season is going well so far with the provisions we've made to work around the Covid issues. Currently we have 2084 un-renewed licenses. The deadline has been extended to July 1<sup>st</sup>, which is creating some issues, but we are doing our best to work around this. Possible decrease in revenue due to extension of license deadline.

I am currently waiting for a quote for the dog containment that will be installed in the new truck where the back seat is.

### **Events**

Waiting to hear back from Park's Department to see if we will be able to do Dogs Day at the Beach this year. Hopefully!

Also looking for a good date for Beat the Heat.

T shirt fundraiser for both the SDF and the Alpha Project will continue throughout the year.

### **Humane Related**

Humane Related Welfare Checks- Unfounded- 2  
Education Needed- 3  
Charges Filed- 0  
In Court- 0

### **Questions?**

Attachment C

EMA  
3/23/2021  
9:00 A.M.

**Grants: 2020-2021**

- A.) EMPG-FY20-July 20-June 21-award received
- B.) LEPC-Grant submitted
- C.) HMEP-applied for-cover Hazmat training identified costs for Public Safety

**Meetings:**

All Virtual at this time:

- EMA Region
- Regional Healthcare Coalition Calls
- Local Healthcare/Hospital Calls
- LEPC
- Sand. Co. Regional Planning
- EMAO-Education Committee-Spring Conference
- EMAO-Regional
- EMA-State
- EMA-State-COVID-19-Tues/Thurs
- EOC-briefings-As needed
- Severe Weather Awareness Week-Radio Spot
- Cybersecurity Regional Planning Committee

**Reports:**

- A.) EMPG Qtr. Report due 4/10/2021
- B.) Davis Besse Qtr. Report Due 4/10/2021
- C.) \*\*\* Middle of our federal year funding. Not a lot of reporting-Our year ends on 6/30/21

**Public Outreach:**

- Continued COVID-19 outreach
- Severe Weather Awareness Week-3/21-3/27/21

**Trainings Provided/Hosted/Attended:**

- 911-Continuing Education Training
- CAD/RMS/Civil/JMS-Organizing Training now
- Emails sent to departments for virtual training opportunities

**Emergency/Disasters:**

- A.) COVID-19-Over a year in at this point-EOC still activated

**Community Plan Reviews/Updates:**

- A.) Davis Besse-Being put together to be dispersed
- B.) Mass COVID-19 vaccine Planning-ongoing

**Exercises:**

- A.) State-On hold at this time due to COVID-19
- B.) FEMA/NRC-Sand. Co. will not demonstrate in the spring for Davis Besse as usual. May be requested to demonstrate in the fall, depending on COVID

**911 System-**

911 Upgrade-CAD/RMS/JMS/Civil-Mock Go Live date set for May Vendor at Fremont, Gibsonburg, Woodville today to finish up Safe Harbor systems.

**Communications-**

A.) Waiting on paperwork for ID's from Drug Task force so programming can be completed on last round of MARCS capable radios (HS Grant)

**Logistics-**

- A.) EMA continues to support Tier 1 with PPE needs and outside entities with PPE if qualified
- B.) EMA continues to support and provide delivery of food from Food Pantry to individuals that are either quarantined or isolated. Wednesday Only
- C.) EMA continues to provide support to Health Dept. on COVID-19 needs, as well as Director continues to work in Joint Command with Health Commissioner
- D.) EMA continues to take deliveries of PPE from State and keep a running inventory of what comes in and what goes out. Spreadsheet reporting just supplied to the State.
- E.) EMA has offered PPE to Board of Elections on Dept. Head Conf. Call for elections.

Attachment J



Quarterly Meeting with County Commissioners  
Stacey Gibson, Director  
March 23, 2021

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**FCFC Funding Update**

- Submittal of Grant Application: *United Way Funding* - \$28,000 requested; increased request due to expansion of Wraparound Service Coordination
- Submittal of Continuation of funding: *MHRSB Levy Funding* - level funding at \$22,500
- Submittal of Annual Allocation Request: Ohio MHAS - *Operational Capacity Building Funds Application (OCBF)*; level funding \$15,750

**FCFC Fiscal Management via New World**

The process of taking over fiscal piece of FCFC seems to be going well. Those who are in the county system are able to understand the Financial Reports that are printed from New World a bit more readily than those partners who are represented outside of the county's network. The committee is hopeful that as we progress, this will improve.

**Changes at Ohio Family and Children First Council**

Ohio Family and Children First Council operations will be transitioning from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. I anticipate this will be completed by the new fiscal year beginning in July.

**Upcoming Changes with Wraparound**

Ohio is updating its approach to serving children, youth, and families who require support from multiple state systems. These changes will impact our local High Fidelity Wraparound Services. At this time, locally we are reviewing the structure of our current Wraparound process to ensure that we are ready to meet these new changes. At this time, we have one FT Wraparound Facilitator and one PT Facilitator; we are hoping to add another PT person.

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**2021 FCFC Meeting Dates**

Sandusky County Family and Children First Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every other month at 7:30am.

February 4th  
April 1st  
June 3rd  
August 5th  
October 7th  
December 2nd

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89532309684?pwd=elhDODd2R1Zhc1ViWW43OHdwa2Z2QT09>

Meeting ID: 895 3230 9684

Passcode: SCFCFC

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*A Hochstetler*  
**Sandusky County PY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program  
AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**1st Public Hearing  
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

A representative of GLCAP reviewed the following information to apply for funding under the State of Ohio 2021 CDBG Programs:

1. Approximate Funding anticipated for the following major CDBG funds (from the DRAFT PY 2021 consolidated plan, to be finalized following the 30-day comment period after a March 11, 2021 Public Hearing in Columbus OH.)

Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP)	\$22.6m
Housing Development Assistance Program	\$14.9m
Homeless Crisis Response Grant Program	\$5.75m
Community Development Program	\$24.4m
Economic Development & Public Infrastructure	\$10m
Target of Opportunity Grant	\$2m
Training and TA	\$300k

2. The County is eligible for the following PY 2021 Community Development programs, providing the County meets the applicable requirements:

**A. Community Development Allocation Funding Program**

1. Each project must meet one of these National Objectives: (1) benefit LMI persons (80% median income); (2) aid in elimination of slums or blight.

Must meet the LMI criterion by one of the following:

- a. Having a project in a Census area that is over 51% LMI households;
  - b. Having a project in a neighborhood that is surveyed door-to-door, and the survey documents that over 51% of the households are LMI. A certain sample size must be reached, based on minimums set by ODSA.
  - c. Having a project exclusively benefit one of several types of beneficiaries, known as "limited clientele". These sets include abused children, elderly persons, battered spouses, homeless persons, adults that are "severely disabled", illiterate adults, persons living with AIDS, and migrant farm workers. Programs commonly provide services and facilities for the elderly, and many projects are undertaken to accommodate the disabled.
2. State objectives: Improved housing for LMI, construction and improvement of public facilities and infrastructure in communities with LMI concentration; create and retain permanent private sector job opportunities, principally for persons of LMI, through expansion and retention of business and industry; assist communities in alleviation of threats to public health or welfare requiring immediate resolution; assist in revitalization of Central Business Districts; assist communities in their compliance with federal laws to affirmatively further fair housing; and assist in the development of local micro-enterprise businesses.

3. Funding for program year 2021: **Allocation to County – \$150,000**

4. Administration and Fair Housing is combined for up to 20% of grant. After administration, the County has approximately 80% to fund projects throughout the county. Cities/counties may pool funds for common projects.

Timing: Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) requirement implemented by the state.

- a) Replaces the former CAS; b) allows grantees opportunity to holistically prioritize investment; c) requires participation from stakeholders. **Required CDIS meeting with stakeholders is currently scheduled for – March 30, 2021.**

5. State will award on or about September 1, 2021. Grant agreement signed within 10 days of date in cover letter. All work completed by end of August 2023; all funds drawn by end September 2023; disbursed, expended, final report by end of October 2023.

6. Maximum number of projects: 3

*Eligible activities include, but not limited to the following:*

Senior Centers

Public facilities and improvements (but not general government facilities like city halls or township offices,



unless project is for ADA handicap access)

- Parks & Recreation Facilities
- Neighborhood Facilities
- Solid Waste Disposal Facilities
- Parking Facilities
- Street Improvements
- Public utilities
- Curbs & Sidewalks
- Water & Sewer Facilities
- Flood & Drainage Facilities
- Public services

## **B. Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)**

The County intends to request funds from the Community Housing Impact & Preservation Program (CHIP) which includes HOME and CDBG funding. Under the current CHIP, the State of Ohio is encouraging cities and counties to partner on CHIP applications. The County may apply alone for a base grant of up to \$400,000 for CHIP activities. The state encourages communities to partner with other local jurisdictions. Sandusky County is eligible to partner with the cities of Fremont, Clyde and Bellevue in PY'21. Together, they may request up to \$1,050,000 in CHIP funds.

Sandusky County the cities of Fremont, Clyde and Bellevue are discussing an agreement to partner for PY 2021, with Allen County to serve as lead applicant and grantee. County commissioners and city councils will have to formally approve this partnership.

A second public hearing will be held to cover the details of the CHIP application. Specific activities and funding requests will be based on recommendations from the results of the Housing Needs Assessment that is in the process of gathering information for local stakeholders.

CHIP eligible activities include financing residential rehabilitation or repairs for low- and moderate-income homeowners, rehab and repair loans for rental properties where tenants are low and moderated income, homeownership assistance including financial support for new construction in partnership with Habitat for humanity, and tenant rental assistance. CHIP is a competitive grant program - not all applicants will receive funds.

Application Timing: Submission: June 2021 / Grant Award: December 1, 2021

## **C. Neighborhood Revitalization Program**

Eligible activities include public facilities improvements such as constructing, reconstructing, and/or rehabilitating infrastructure in targeted areas of distress that do not fit within the criteria of other Ohio State CDBG competitive programs. At a minimum, Neighborhood Revitalization program applications must include three activities, exclusive of administration. (up to \$750,000)

## **D. Residential Public Infrastructure Program**

The Residential Public Infrastructure Program helps local governments build, maintain improve and expand water and sanitary sewer systems in low- and moderate-income communities. (open cycle up to \$750,000)

## **E. Critical Infrastructure**

Up to \$500,000 – designed to fund public infrastructure improvements with a significant community impact. Eligible Applicants: PY 2020 and PY 2021 Community Development Program Counties and Direct Cities. Counties may apply on behalf of non-direct cities, villages, and unincorporated areas.

The Critical Infrastructure Program was created to assist communities with funding for high priority, single-component, projects, such as roads, flood and drainage, and other public facilities projects with high community-wide impact and that benefit primarily residential areas.

Eligible activities include constructing, reconstructing or rehabilitating infrastructure components. Eligible infrastructure components include streets and bridges; sidewalks; flood and drainage; water and sanitary sewer; and fire protection facilities. Applicants must submit a map of the proposed service area indicating the proposed infrastructure project's boundaries and location. Applicants are expected to explain how the

service area and project beneficiaries were determined. Communities will be required to complete an Infrastructure Condition Certification to catalog the targeted infrastructure's existing condition, and the degree to which the proposed Critical Infrastructure program will improve the identified conditions.

Communities must qualify activities under the HUD Ohio State Administered CDBG program national objectives of low- and moderate-income (LMI) area-wide benefit or the prevention/elimination of slum or blight.

**F. Economic Development Loan and Public Infrastructure Grant Program**

Total Funds: Approximately \$10 million in CDBG funds will be made available.

Eligible applicants may submit applications for one or more of the following categories of funding:

Residential Public Infrastructure Program, Economic Development Public Infrastructure Program, and/or Economic Development Loan Program.

Local Program Benefit/National Objective: Communities must qualify activities under the HUD Ohio State CDBG program national objective of low- and moderate-income benefit.

Economic Development and Public Infrastructure: up to \$500,000 – grants and loans designed to improve infrastructure directly and primarily related to creating, expanding or retaining a business in the community.

Residential Public Infrastructure: up to \$750,000 - designed to create safe and reliable drinking water and properly disposed of sanitary waste.

**G. Target of Opportunity Program**

Up to an amount to be determined - designed to provide a means to fund worthwhile "targets of opportunity" projects and activities that do not fit within existing program structures and to provide supplemental resources to resolve immediate and unforeseen needs - includes Downtown Revitalization, up to \$250,000, designed to improve central business districts, aiding in the elimination of slum and blight structures.

Comments/Questions:

