

**TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY (CDIS)
STAKEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023**

**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO EVERY PERSON IN YOUR TOWNSHIP, CITY, VILLAGE, AGENCY, OFFICE,
ETC.**

A meeting of the Trumbull County Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) Stakeholder Group has been scheduled for three different dates in order to gather input on the county’s community and economic development needs. See table for schedule below. The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) requires all CDBG grantees, as of PY2015, to prepare a CDIS to help grantees to identify and prioritize potential funding opportunities. The ODOD has recommended potential stakeholders to grantees, including regional planning agencies, economic development organizations, neighborhood groups and others, to be invited to meet with community officials to discuss the county’s needs and how to obtain funding for projects to meet those needs.

This meeting is an additional requirement for citizen participation beyond the two public hearings that must be held each year by grantees of the CDBG Program. The first public hearing for each grantee is the General Public Hearing for the program year, which describes the state’s CDBG Program, including both annual allocations and competitive grants. The second public hearing is application-specific, and must be held for every CDBG grant that the community applies for during the program year.

Trumbull County’s first public hearing for the PY2023 CDBG Program has been scheduled for 6:00 pm. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at the Howland Township Administration Office, 205 Niles Cortland Rd. NE, Warren, Ohio 44484. The second public hearing will be scheduled before the CDBG grant application is submitted, and after the county has identified the projects that will be included in the grant application.

Trumbull County has scheduled three (3) CDIS Stakeholder Meetings during the months of March and April in addition to the required public hearings mentioned above. The meetings are:

Meeting No.	Location	Date	Time
1	West Farmington Senior Center 150 W College St., West Farmington, OH 44491	March 9, 2023	6:00PM
2	Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities 45 North Rd., Niles, OH 44446	March 23, 2023	6:00PM
3	Liberty Township Administration Building 1315 Churchill Hubbard Rd. Youngstown, OH 44505	April 6, 2023	6:00PM

The CDIS Stakeholder Meetings will provide an opportunity for community stakeholders to identify community and economic needs throughout Trumbull County and recommend projects that could be implemented to meet those needs. Although the county has extremely limited funds to expend through its CDBG allocation and has prioritized competitive set-aside programs and sanitary sewer construction in “unsewered areas of concern” as the greatest need, it will be helpful to receive input from the stakeholder groups on what their perceived needs are, and any ideas on how to implement solutions.

We look forward to meeting with the stakeholders and public officials at the CDIS Stakeholder Meetings and the required public hearings to hear your suggestions and ideas related to community and economic development opportunities for the entire county. Please share the meeting schedule with every person in your township, city, village, agency, office, etc. to encourage public participation. If you are willing, please post this notice in an accessible location. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Emily Moran at 330-675-2706 or by e-mail at Emily.Moran@co.trumbull.oh.us.

Trumbull County, Ohio
PY2023 Community Development Block Grant Programs
Application Instructions

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Applications must be delivered no later
than Friday, April 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to the:

Trumbull County Planning Commission Office, 2nd Floor, Ste. A
Attn: Emily Moran, Grants Coordinator
185 East Market Street, NE
Warren, Ohio 44481
Phone (330) 675-2706
Fax (330) 675-2790

Or by e-mail at Emily.Moran@co.trumbull.oh.us

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Instructions

A complete CDBG Application includes the following:

1. Application Cover Sheet including:
 - Applicant's Name
 - Street Address
 - Mailing Address (if different from street address)
 - City and Zip Code
 - Phone, Fax, E-Mail
 - Brief description of project (3-5 Sentences)
 - Certification that all information submitted for consideration for allocation of CDBG funds is true and accurate
 - Signature, date and phone number of authorized official

2. Proposal Narrative - three pages maximum not including exhibits (exhibits include maps and engineering specifications) and attachments including:
 - The need for a Community Development Block Grant
 - The objective of the project - National Objective met as result of implementing this project
 - Budget, including itemizations
 - Engineering/construction cost estimate including the cost of bonds and federal prevailing wage rates
 - Map of project area/location

3. One original and two copies of the application printed single-sided on 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch paper with all pages numbered consecutively.

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Background:

Trumbull County, Ohio was awarded \$578,000 from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in PY2021 for a two-year period through the Community Development Allocation Program. The PY2023 Community Development Allocation is expected to be approximately the same amount for the next two-year grant cycle. In addition, the Ohio Department of Development has structured their programs in such a way that in order to competitively apply for the Critical Infrastructure Grant Program, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and the Downtown Revitalization Program, Trumbull County must utilize Community Development Allocation funds as leverage in order to maximize the chances of receiving additional CDBG funds for our county. The funds, administered by ODOD, originate with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the CDBG Program is to implement a wide range of community development activities directed towards revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development and providing improved facilities and services.

In the recent past, the highest priorities have been the construction of sanitary sewer and water lines in low- and moderate-income target areas. These activities remain a high priority for Trumbull County. Priority rankings are applied to all projects submitted for consideration however the most points will be awarded to those projects that are part of a competitive grant program. See ODOD Consolidated Plan for more details on these programs.

Trumbull County is required to give maximum feasible priority to activities that **benefit low- and moderate-income persons or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight**. These two categories of activities are referred to as the *CDBG National Objectives*.

CDBG funds may be used for **Eligible Activities** that meet a CDBG National Objective. Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to:

1. Acquisition of real property as part of a larger project
2. Relocation and demolition
3. Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes although with the new competitive grant rules some of these activities are not eligible projects

Activities not eligible for CDBG funding include, but are not limited to:

1. Construction of new housing
2. Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government

Starting in PY2015, all grantees were required to convene multiple Community Development Implementation Strategy meetings. See additional handout herein for more information.

For a more comprehensive list of eligible and ineligible activities or any questions on the application, please contact Emily Moran at Emily.Moran@co.trumbull.oh.us or at 330-675-2706.