

NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Cambridge and the Guernsey County Commissioners will hold their first public hearing concerning the City and County filing applications for funding under the Small Cities Program for (CDBG), Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF), ARC, EDA and related fund sources. These programs are administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA), Office of Community Development (OCD) and other State and Federal Agencies. The Department has funds available for a variety of programs, some, or all of which, the City or County may decide to apply. Activities such as: homebuyer assistance, water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, street paving, fire hydrants, replacement of curbs/gutters, fire equipment, park equipment, downtown revitalization activities, economic development, and fair housing programs. The activities must be designated to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention of slum and blight, or meet an urgent need of the community.

Some of the possible programs for which the City and County may apply are:

Economic Development Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program - \$750,000, onsite capped at \$200,000
Economic Development Loan Program - \$500,000
Economic Development Public Infrastructure Program - \$500,000
New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program - \$15,000 - consortium - \$20,000
Downtown Buildings Flexible Grant Program - \$250,000 based on demonstrated need
Economic and Community Development Flexible Grant Program - \$250,000

This Public Hearing will be for the purpose of providing general information about these programs and related matters. This hearing is the first of two hearings on applications to any of the above funding. The first hearing will be held at the Guernsey County Administration Building (meeting room on main floor, 627 Wheeling Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio on January 24, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. Residents of the City of Cambridge and Guernsey County are invited to attend this hearing as well as city, county, village and township officials. This is an opportunity to provide input and comments on the above programs.

The Second public hearing will be held at the Guernsey County Administration Building (meeting room on main floor, 627 Wheeling Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio on January 31, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. Residents of the City of Cambridge and Guernsey County are invited to attend this hearing as well as city, county, village and township officials. This meeting will appoint the project(s) that will meet the criteria that will be submitted for consideration.

Citizens, public service agencies, local government officials from the city, county, villages, and townships are encouraged to attend this meeting. Fair housing information will be provided concerning the fair housing requirements associated with the above grant funding.

The County Administration is handicapped accessible. Please wear a mask and social distancing will be observed. For further information please contact the Economic and Community Development Office at 740-439-5491.