

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that Preble County will hold a public hearing on **February 10, 2010**, at **9:00 A.M.** (Ohio Time) in the Preble County Commission Chambers located on the 1st Floor of the Preble County Courthouse in Eaton, Ohio.

Preble County is eligible to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program and Community Distress Program, federally funded programs administered by the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships. Preble County is eligible to apply for **FY10** CDBG funding, providing the County meets the applicable program requirements.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the entire **FY10** Small Cities Program and Community Development Program, and to permit discussion of possible applications to the Ohio Department of Development. A number of **FY10** CDBG Programs may be available to Preble County including Community Housing Improvement Program Grants, HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds, Competitive Water & Sanitary Sewer Program, Economic Development Program, Downtown Revitalization Competitive Program, Formula Allocation Program, CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program, CDBG Discretionary Fund, New Horizons Fair Housing Program, Training & Technical Assistance Grant Program, MicroEnterprise Business Development Program, and Emergency Shelter Grant Program. The Formula Allocation and Community Distress Programs will be discussed in detail. Preble County anticipates receiving an allocation of approximately **\$154,000.00** in **FY10** Formula Allocation Program Funds.

Preble County is eligible to receive funding in programs under the respective amounts as follows:

Economic Development	\$ 500,000.00
Formula Allocation Program	\$ 154,000.00
New Horizons Fair Housing Program	\$ 15,000.00
CDBG Discretionary Fund	VARIES
Downtown Revitalization Competitive Program	\$ 400,000.00
Community Housing Improvement Program	\$ 550,000.00
Water & Sanitary Sewer Competitive Program	\$ 600,000.00

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Neighborhood Revitalization Program		\$ 300,000.00
MicroEnterprise Business Development Program	\$	40,000.00
Homelessness Assistance Grant Program		\$ 400,000.00

This public hearing will cover eligible activities, program requirements, funding allocations and related matters. The CDBG Program can fund a broad range of activities, including, but not limited to: economic development projects, street/water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, park acquisition and improvements, demolition of unsafe structures, rehabilitation of housing and neighborhood facilities and other related housing activities and services. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons and aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight.

A second public hearing will be held to discuss a specific application for a specific program mentioned above, in the event an application is to be made by Preble County to the Ohio Department of Development under a particular program. Preble County's **FY10** Formula Allocation Program Application will be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development on or before **June 25, 2010**, thus, a second hearing will be held on **May 5, 2010**, at **2:00 P.M.** (Ohio Time). A representative(s) of the applicant should be present at the second hearing to explain their project and to answer questions relative to the application.

This public hearing is open to all residents of Preble County and any persons or organizations desiring to speak on this matter will be afforded an opportunity to be heard or seen. Individuals requiring special accommodations should contact the Commission office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Connie L. Crowell, Clerk
Preble County Commission