

## NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING – HENRY COUNTY PY 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The Henry County Board of Commissioners intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. CDBG & HOME are federally funded programs administered by ODOD, Office of Community Development (OCD). The ODOD also administers the state funded Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF). For Program Year 2026, the Henry County Board of Commissioners will be eligible to apply for various grants from these programs on behalf of their communities. Communities interested in grant funding should attend this hearing. The programs available to Henry County are outlined in the State of Ohio Consolidated Plan and will be presented at the Public Hearing by Maumee Valley Planning Organization. A broad range of activities can be funded through the programs, including neighborhood revitalization grant planning, economic development, downtown revitalization, water and sewer facilities, flood and drainage facilities, streets and sidewalks, senior centers, parks, and demolition of unsafe structures. Projects must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the prevention of slum or blight, or meet an urgent need in the community.

Henry County is eligible to apply for the following CDBG programs:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AVAILABLE FUNDS</u>
CDBG Allocation Grant (PY 2026)	\$150,000
Neighborhood Revitalization Grant	\$750,000 (per application – max of 2)
Critical Infrastructure Grant	\$500,000
Residential Public Infrastructure Grant	\$750,000 (per application – max of 2)
FLEX – Downtown	\$250,000 (limit of 3 buildings per application)
FLEX – Economic & Community Development	\$250,000
Economic Development Loan Program & Public Infrastructure Program	Both capped at \$500,000
Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP)	County - \$400,000 City - \$350,000 under 14,000 population

This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 at 10:00 am in the Henry County Commissioner's Chambers located at 1853 Oakwood Avenue, Napoleon OH 43545. This public hearing is the first of two mandatory public hearings that will occur in PY 2026. The purpose of the first public hearing is to provide citizens and local administrators with pertinent information about the programs available and program requirements. MVPO and the County will work with communities to identify potentially successful applications for funding. The second public hearing will be held at a future date and will review applications prior to their submittal. Please note, communities do not have the authority to apply for CDBG programs. All applications must be approved by the Henry County Board of Commissioners via resolution.

If a participant will need auxiliary aids (interpreter, Braille or taped material, listening device, other) due to a disability, please contact Maumee Valley Planning Organization prior to December 30th, 2025, at 419-784-3882 in order to ensure that your needs will be accommodated. The Henry County Commissioners Office is handicapped accessible.

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