

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUNDS
CITY OF CELINA, OHIO**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Celina will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 5, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., at the Celina Utilities Office Conference Room 426 W. Market Street, Celina, Ohio.

The City of Celina is eligible to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program and the Home Investment Partnerships Program, federally funded programs administered by the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships. The City is eligible to apply for fiscal year 2012 CDBG Funding, providing the City meets the applicable program requirements.

The purpose of the first Public Hearing is to provide citizens with information about the entire FY 2012 Small Cities CDBG Program and FY 2012 HOME Program and to permit public input and discussion of possible applications to the Ohio Department of Development. A number of CDBG and HOME programs may be available to the City including the Formula Allocation program, Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), Economic Development Program, Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Downtown Revitalization Competitive Program, Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, Emergency Shelter Grant Program, Micro-Enterprise Business Development Program, New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program, Discretionary Fund and Imminent Threat Set-Aside Fund. The Formula Allocation Program and Neighborhood Revitalization Program will be discussed in detail.

In addition to an explanation of the Formula Allocation, the City of Celina Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) will also be reviewed. The CDBG financed RLF permits the City to provide loans and grants at the City's discretion for the purposes of economic development.

The Public Hearing will cover eligible activities, program requirements, funding allocations and related matters. The CDBG and HOME programs can fund a broad range of activities, including, but not limited to, economic development projects; street, water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements; demolition of unsafe structures; and rehabilitation of housing and neighborhood facilities. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the preservation or elimination of slums and blight, or meet an urgent need of the community.

The following CDBG programs and approximate amounts are available to the City of Celina:

Program	Available Funds
1. City Formula Allocation Program	\$ 50,000
2. Community Housing Improvement Program	\$ 500,000
3. Water & Sanitary Sewer Program	\$ 1,000,000
4. Economic Development Program	\$ 1,200,000
5. Downtown Revitalization Program	\$ 400,000
6. Emergency Shelter Grant Program	\$ 100,000
7. Discretionary Grant Program	\$ 500,000
8. Micro-Enterprise Business Development Program	\$ 50,000
9. Neighborhood Revitalization Program	\$ 300,000
10. New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program	\$ 15,000

A second Public hearing will be held to discuss a specific application for a specific program mentioned above in the event application is made by the City of Celina to the Ohio Department of Development under a particular program. A FY 2012 Formula Allocation Program Application will be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development on or before June 29, 2012, thus a second public hearing will be held on June 18, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., to review the City's proposed projects and activities.

Both Public hearings are open to all residents of the City of Celina and any persons or organizations desiring to speak on the matter will be afforded an opportunity to be heard or seen. Citizens are encouraged to attend this first Public Hearing on March 5, 2012, to provide their input on the City's entire CDBG/HOME Program. The Celina Utilities Office is a handicapped accessible facility. If a participant will need auxiliary aids (interpreter, Braille or taped material, assistive listening devices, other) due to a disability, please contact Joan Wurster at 419-586-6464 prior to February 27, 2012 in order to ensure that your needs will be accomplished.

By Order of the City of Celina Council, Thomas Hitchcock, Safety-Service Director.

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