

NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

The Guernsey County Commissioners, in coordination with the City of Cambridge, will hold their first public hearing concerning the filing of applications for FY26 funding under the Small Cities Program for (CDBG), HOME, Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF), ARC, EDA and related fund sources. These programs are administered by the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Community Enhancements (OCE), Office of Community Infrastructure (OCI) and other State and Federal Agencies.

The Department has funds available for a variety of programs, some, or all of which, the County may decide to apply. Activities such as: rehabilitation and repairs to housing (owner occupied and rental), neighborhood facilities, homebuyer assistance, new construction of housing, water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, street paving, fire hydrants, replacement of curbs/gutters, demolition of unsafe housing, 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 County and City may apply are:

Community Housing Impact Preservation Program (CHIP) \$700,000 (City of Cambridge \$300,000, Guernsey County \$400,000)

Community Development Allocation Program - \$210,000

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Program - \$750,000

Critical Infrastructure Grant Program - \$500,000

Residential Public Infrastructure Grant - \$750,000, onsite capped at \$200,000

Economic Development Loan Program - \$500,000 + \$50,000 for hiring low-moderate income

Economic Development Public Infrastructure Program - \$500,000

Discretionary Grants (CDBG and OHTF) - based on demonstrated need

Economic and Community Development Grants - \$250,000; Awards may be negotiated based upon need and availability of funds

CDBG Flexible Grant Program - \$250,000

Downtown Buildings Flexible Grant Program - \$250,000

New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program – Set-Aside - \$15,000 capped

Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) Special Projects Grant Program - Funding level is determined based on demonstrated need

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 hearing will be held at:

Guernsey County Administration Building

(Meeting Room on Main Floor)

627 Wheeling Avenue

Cambridge, Ohio 43725

April 15, 2026

1:00 P.M. – CHIP Public Hearing

2:00 P.M. – CDBG Public Hearing

Residents of 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. Fair housing information will be provided concerning the fair housing requirements associated with the above grant funding.

CHIS MEETING NOTICE

A Community Development Implementation Strategy (CHIS) meeting will be held at:

Guernsey County Administration Building

(Meeting Room on Main Floor)

627 Wheeling Avenue

Cambridge, Ohio 43725

April 17, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

Local officials and stakeholders are encouraged to attend to discuss housing, public infrastructure, park and recreation, public facilities and services, and economic development.

Guernsey County Administration meeting room is handicapped accessible. For further information please contact the Economic and Community Development Office at (740) 439-5491.