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LORAIN COUNTY PARTNERS RECEIVE \$1,062,500.00 GRANT

LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO USA - The Lorain County Commissioners are pleased to announce that Lorain County, in partnership with the cities of Oberlin and Sheffield Lake, have been awarded \$1,062,500 in funding from the Ohio Development Services Agency Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Grant. As partners, each community has funds designated to address home repair and rehabilitation of privately owned- owner occupied housing.

Commissioner Lori Kokoski stated, "The CHIP funds are vital to keeping people in their homes, protecting property values, and protecting the environment. Local contractors are able to perform needed repairs such as furnace replacements, septic system repairs and roof replacements".

The CHIP grant funding awarded provides home repair and rehabilitation for homes located in Lorain County townships, villages and the cities of Amherst, Avon, Avon Lake, North Ridgeville, Oberlin and Sheffield Lake. In addition to residing in these communities, homeowners must meet income eligibility requirements and project eligibility requirements.

A "KICK OFF" meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Public Hearing Room B, located on the fourth floor of the Lorain County Administration Building, 226 Middle Ave. in Elyria. Consultants and staff will be on hand to explain the program requirements and answer questions.

Applications may be obtained after the "KICK OFF" meeting and at the following locations beginning October 6, 2016: The Lorain County Community Development Department 226 Middle Ave. 5th floor Elyria, the City of Oberlin, Planning Department, 69 South Main Street, 2nd floor, Oberlin, Oberlin Community Services, 285 S. Professor Street, Oberlin, the City of Sheffield Lake 609 Harris Road, Sheffield Lake, or on the Lorain County Commissioners web-site; www.loraincounty.us.

For further information contact the Lorain County Community Development Department at 440- 328-2322.