

## **RESOLUTION 042-2024**

*Authorizing the Filing of an Application for 2024 Community Development  
Block Grant Funding – Cuyahoga County Municipal Grant Program*

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

**Be It Resolved** *by the Township Trustees of Olmsted Township*

**WHEREAS**, the Olmsted Township Board of Trustees (“Board”) is committed to improving the public infrastructure and facilities of Olmsted Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (“Township”), for the benefit of all residents and visitors of the Township, without discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Entitlement Program funds and administers an annual grant program for entitled cities and counties which, in part, helps to develop and improve urban communities by providing for decent housing and suitable living environments, as well as expanded economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG Program is designed to carry out a wide range of community development activities toward revitalizing neighborhoods, advancing economic opportunities, and providing improved community facilities and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has identified a Project, described more-fully in the attached Exhibit hereto, which advances an activity that satisfies the national objectives of the CDBG Program; namely, to benefit low and moderate income persons, through the improvement of their living environments, and the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and to promptly address community development needs which adversely impact the welfare of the community, for which other funding is not readily available; and

**WHEREAS**, having identified an eligible CDBG Project, the Board is qualified as a subgrantee to submit a CDBG Grant Application for 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board held a public hearing for the purpose of considering the Project and application for CDBG grant funding on May 2nd, 2024, preceded by timely notice, as required.


**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Trustees that:

1. The accompanying Cuyahoga County 2024 CDBG Municipal Grant Application be submitted for the Project.

2. The Board hereby certifies that, in the informed judgment of the Board, the Project proposed for CDBG grant funding satisfies the national objectives of the CDBG Program, as set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Township Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

*Adopted the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.*



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Township Trustees

Attest:   
Township Fiscal Officer

## **EXHIBIT IN SUPPORT OF OLMSTED TOWNSHIP RESOLUTIONS**

### *Application for 2024 Community Development Block Grant Funding-Cuyahoga County Municipal Grant Program*

The Olmsted Township Board of Trustees has identified the area along Schady Road for the installation of sidewalks, known as the "Project." This improvement will establish a crucial walkable connection between the Township's Town Center, the Dog Park, and the Nature Trail Property.

The Project involves the installation of 1,200 feet of sidewalk on the north side of Schady Road, spanning from the intersection of Stearns Road to the Township's newest park. This addresses a pressing need for pedestrian infrastructure in southwestern Olmsted Township, an area undergoing rapid growth and boasting high population density. It serves as a vital link between existing sidewalks on Stearns Road and those in front of the new Olmsted Township Nature Preserve and Bark Park.

Residents have highlighted this area as a top priority for sidewalk installation in the township's 2014 TLCI plan. Currently, the newly developed park, sprawling over 30 acres with trails and a dog park, lacks sufficient pedestrian access from Schady Road. While funding has been secured to extend sidewalks along the park's frontage, the section connecting to Stearns Road remains unfunded, creating a significant walkability gap for residents in Woodgate Farms subdivision and surrounding neighborhoods.

Connecting to the sidewalks on Stearns Road will enable more residents to safely access the town center economic district at the intersection of Stearns and Bagley. This district hosts various businesses, both established and new, with additional economic development projects in progress. The Project will facilitate pedestrian and bicycle travel for residents of Evergreen Apartments and nearby subdivisions, enhancing access to essential amenities and promoting a more active lifestyle. Additionally, it will establish a link between the High School, located on Bagley Road to the south end of the Township, allowing students to safely walk home from school away from the road.

Furthermore, the Project aligns with Cuyahoga County Planning Commission's complete street priority, enabling easy pedestrian access to the Westside Irish American Club—a significant cultural institution in the region. The club hosts a wide range of events, including weddings, graduation parties, athletic activities, and social gatherings. With the recent improvements to nearby Jennings Road, the Project will enhance pedestrian connectivity, particularly during the warmer months, making it easier for residents to access and enjoy the amenities offered by the club.

The Township is committed to this Project, recognizing its significant contribution to enhancing the quality of life within the Community as a whole, particularly in the identified LMI area. Considering all these benefits, the Township plans to allocate up to \$116,000 for the Project, contingent upon leveraging grant assistance. In the absence of grant contributions, funding to cover the entire estimated cost of the Project is not currently readily available.

Brian Gillette, Olmsted Township Fiscal Officer

