



Best Practices: CDBG Critical Infrastructure

The Clay Township and Bear Run Bridge Replacement and Paving project in Gallia County, Ohio resulted in raising the level of the bridge floor. This mitigated the frequent flooding over the too low bridge, making the bridge impassable and causing a safety issue for local residents.



PROJECT BACKGROUND:

Clay Township and the Gallia County Engineer approached the Gallia County Commissioners with a need to replace a bridge on Bear Run Road. The bridge was low and would flood without much rainfall. They also wanted to pave 4,807 LF of Bear Run Road from State Route 7 to the Bridge. The a total project cost was \$156,750.

Project Partners:

The bridge replacement and upgraded pavement project for Bear Run Road was a combined effort that brought together Gallia County Commissioners, Gallia County Engineer and Clay Township Trustees.

Clay Township submitted a application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for grant funds to pave Bear Run Road. This application was not selected for funding, so County Commissioners opted to assist the project with CDBG Community Development (CD) funding. Because the County's annual CDBG Allocation was insufficient to cover the entire cost of the project, funding for the project was split over a 2-year period.

FUNDING SOURCES:

- Gallia County was awarded \$88,200 in **CDBG Allocation Grant** funds (over a two-year period) through the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA)
- Gallia County was awarded \$43,500 in **Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)** funds
- Gallia County Engineer contributed \$22,300 in force account labor, equipment and cash match
- Gallia County utilized **RLF Program Income** Funds after approval given by ODSA

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

- Gallia County Engineer applied for OPWC funding for bridge and

2015

- Bid for road approach awarded in August.
- Bridge and Road approaches complete in October

2017

2014

- Gallia County applied for CDBG CD funding and prepared bids for project.
- Bridge replacement bids

2016

- CDBG funds for paving (Phase 1) approved
- Phase 1 paving complete in October
- CDBG fund for paving (Phase 2) approved
- Phase 2 paving complete in November

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICABILITY

- The Community Development Program provides a flexible community development resource that can be used to address locally identified needs that are eligible CDBG activities. The program includes competitive set-aside funding for Critical Infrastructure.
- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) provides financing for local public infrastructure improvements through both the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) Programs.
- SCIP is a grant/loan program for roads, bridges, water supply, wastewater treatment, storm water collection, and solid waste disposal.
- LTIP is a grant program for roads and bridges only.



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