



Best Practices: CDBG CD and USDA Funds

The Ohio Township Fire Substation was established in Gallia County, Ohio to address safety and quality of life for low/moderate income individuals living in this rural southeastern area. A combination of local township funds, CDBG Allocation funds and both a USDA grant and loan were identified to address the issue.



PROJECT BACKGROUND:

In 2008, Gallia County Commissioners were alerted by the Ohio Township Trustees of long response times (up to 20 minutes) for fire callouts due to distance. A portion of Ohio Township is served by the District 2 Fire Station located in the center of Guyan Township. District 2 Fire serves both Guyan and Ohio Townships. Gallia County worked with Ohio Township to develop a plan to fund a fire substation to be located on the Ohio River side of Ohio Township which is the farthest response time from the main Fire Station. After a thorough site archaeological study, the project consisted of constructing a 2,500 SF metal building to include 3 bays, a restroom and meeting room space, earthwork, parking lot, landscaping, utility & septic work and engineering. Costs totaling \$184,401.97.

Project Partners:

The Ohio Township Substation brought together local residents, elected township officials, county commissioners and representatives from ODSA and USDA with all project coordination being led by Gallia County.

FUNDING SOURCES:

- Gallia County was awarded \$64,300 in **CDBG Allocation Grant** funds through the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA)
- Ohio Township was awarded \$70,000 in grant funds and \$33,000 in loan funds from **USDA**
- Ohio Township provided roadway funds in the amount of \$17,100 to cover the cost of stone for the parking lot and contractor change orders

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE:

- Gallia County alerted of long response time causing loss of property.
- USDA Grant/ Loan



• Project pending



• Paving project pending



• Gallia County contracted for archaeological site study.



• Health Dept. permit for septic system
 • Engineering Specs prepared
 • Bid awarded in July



• Gallia County used 2013 CDBG CD funds to pave access road and parking lot.

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 and qualify under the national objective of Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Benefit or Elimination of Slum and Blight.
- USDA Community Facilities Direct Grant and Loan Program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.



Before and After Photos of Roadway

