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# **2022 Community Revitalization Grants & Community Impact Grants**

Administration Funding Recommendations  
BOCC Staff Meeting July 12, 2022

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# CRG Program Overview

- **Flexible and easy to access**
- **Emphasis on impactful projects with real and immediate benefits**
- **Projects located throughout Hamilton County are eligible, intended to award funds to first ring suburbs and projects with financial need and a lack of alternative resources**
- **2022 Budget: \$3MM County General Funds**

# 2022 CRG Applications

- **16 applications submitted from 13 different communities**
- **Requests range from \$60K to \$1MM (average = \$432K)**
- **All categories**
  - 8 infrastructure projects (parks, road and streetscape improvements)
  - 6 property development projects (acquisition, demolition, renovation, new construction)
  - 2 building improvement projects
- **Total funding requested = \$6.9MM**

Community	Project Name	Project Type	Request
Blue Ash	The BLUE	Property Development	\$1,000,000
Cheviot	Commercial Façade and Building Improvement	Building Improvement	\$328,000
Delhi	Delhi Town Square	Property Development	\$1,000,000
Norwood	Site Readiness Program	Property Development	\$250,000
Golf Manor	North Wiehe Redevelopment	Property Development	\$800,000
Loveland	Chestnut Property Access Enhancement	Property Development	\$87,000
Silverton	A New Model of First Suburban Revitalization	Property Development	\$599,610
Springfield	Brentwood Bowl Revitalization Project	Building Improvement	\$670,000



Community	Project Name	Project Type	Request
Cheviot	Harvest Home Park Bandstand	Public Infrastructure	\$190,000
Cheviot	Harvest Home Park Paving Improvements	Public Infrastructure	\$140,000
Lincoln Heights	Roadway and Lighting Improvements	Public Infrastructure	\$135,420
Lockland	Lockland Wyoming Gateway Project	Public Infrastructure	\$60,000
Lockland	Pedestrian Safety Improvements	Public Infrastructure	\$253,000
North Bend	North Bend Riverfront Park	Public Infrastructure	\$400,000
Sharonville	Gorman Park Redevelopment Project	Public Infrastructure	\$500,000
Woodlawn	Harmony Park South	Public Infrastructure	\$462,501

# CRG Ranking Criteria

## 1. Project Impact

- a. Total number of jobs and amount of payroll created resulting from the project
- b. Total property investment resulting from the project
- c. Amount of blight or nuisance removed as a result of the project

## 2. Project Need

- a. Projects located in an economically distressed community
- b. Projects that support low- and moderate-income populations
- c. Projects that have constrained budgets due to extreme factors (i.e., encumbered site, high acquisition costs)

# CRG Ranking Criteria

## 3. **Project Support**

- a. Number of public and private entities actively partnering on the project
- b. Amount of public and private funding committed to the project
- c. Number of public and private entities submitting letters of support for the project
- d. Implementation of specific recommendations included in an adopted local or County plan

## 4. **Applicant Capacity**

- a. Complete, detailed, and clear application submitted
- b. Applicant demonstrates financial and organizational capacity to complete the project or has established partners that provide necessary capacity.

# CRG Recommended Projects

- **Community:** Cheviot
- **Funding Request:** \$328,000
- **Funding Recommendation:** \$150,000
- **Project Category:** Building Improvement
- **Description:** Façade improvement program for commercial property along Harrison Ave.
- **Highlights**
  - Cheviot Business Association provided letter of support and has solicited interest from 21 businesses that will provide matching funds
  - Project would build on momentum of recent business district investments (Harrison Ave. reconstruction, Cappel's building acquisition)

# CRG Recommended Projects





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- **Community:** Delhi
- **Funding Request:** \$1,000,000
- **Funding Recommendation:** \$600,000
- **Project Category:** Property Development
- **Description:** Demolition and new construction of 90K SF mixed use building to include a fitness center, township offices, rec center, pre-k classrooms, and public plaza. Project site also includes new construction 180-unit apartment complex.
- **Highlights**
  - Overall project includes \$66MM investment and 158 permanent jobs
  - Leverages additional state and local funding
  - Major implementation milestone for Plan the Pike Strategic Revitalization Plan

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- **Community:** Norwood
- **Funding Request:** \$250,000
- **Funding Recommendation:** \$250,000
- **Project Category:** Property Development
- **Description:** Site readiness program throughout the City to prepare new sites for future job creation projects
- **Highlights**
  - Eliminates blight and safety concerns and also begins preparation of sites for future redevelopment.
  - Some properties are already publicly controlled while others are on the market.



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- **Community:** Golf Manor
- **Funding Request:** \$800,000
- **Funding Recommendation:** \$400,000
- **Project Category:** Property Development
- **Description:** Site acquisition and demolition of structures near the intersection of Wiehe Rd. and Losantiville Ave.
- **Highlights**
  - Continued site assembly effort funded with 2021 CRG. Could connect two village-controlled sites to form 1.5-acre site at main intersection.
  - Implementation of ongoing planning efforts with consultants as well as recent ULI Cincinnati Technical Assistance Program
  - Future development options include mixed-use, affordable housing, or industrial

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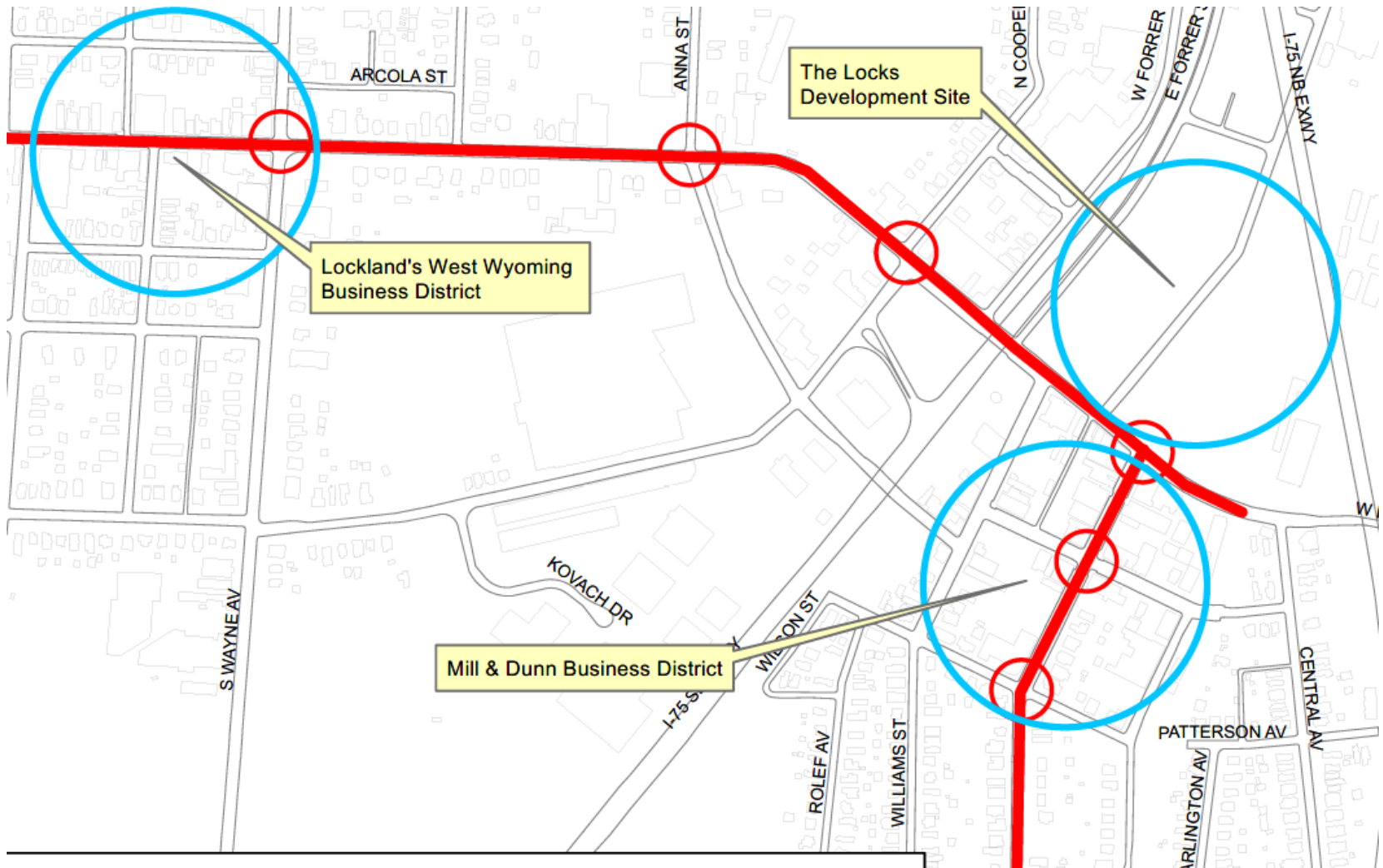


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- **Community:** Lockland
- **Funding Request:** \$253,000
- **Funding Recommendation:** \$200,000
- **Project Category:** Infrastructure
- **Description:** Sidewalk repair and replacement along Mill St. and Wyoming Ave., improved pedestrian signals and crosswalks, street tree replacement, and other improvements.
- **Highlights**
  - Leverages \$400K in ODOT funding
  - Improvements will support the Mill & Dunn Business District as well as the adjacent Locks site



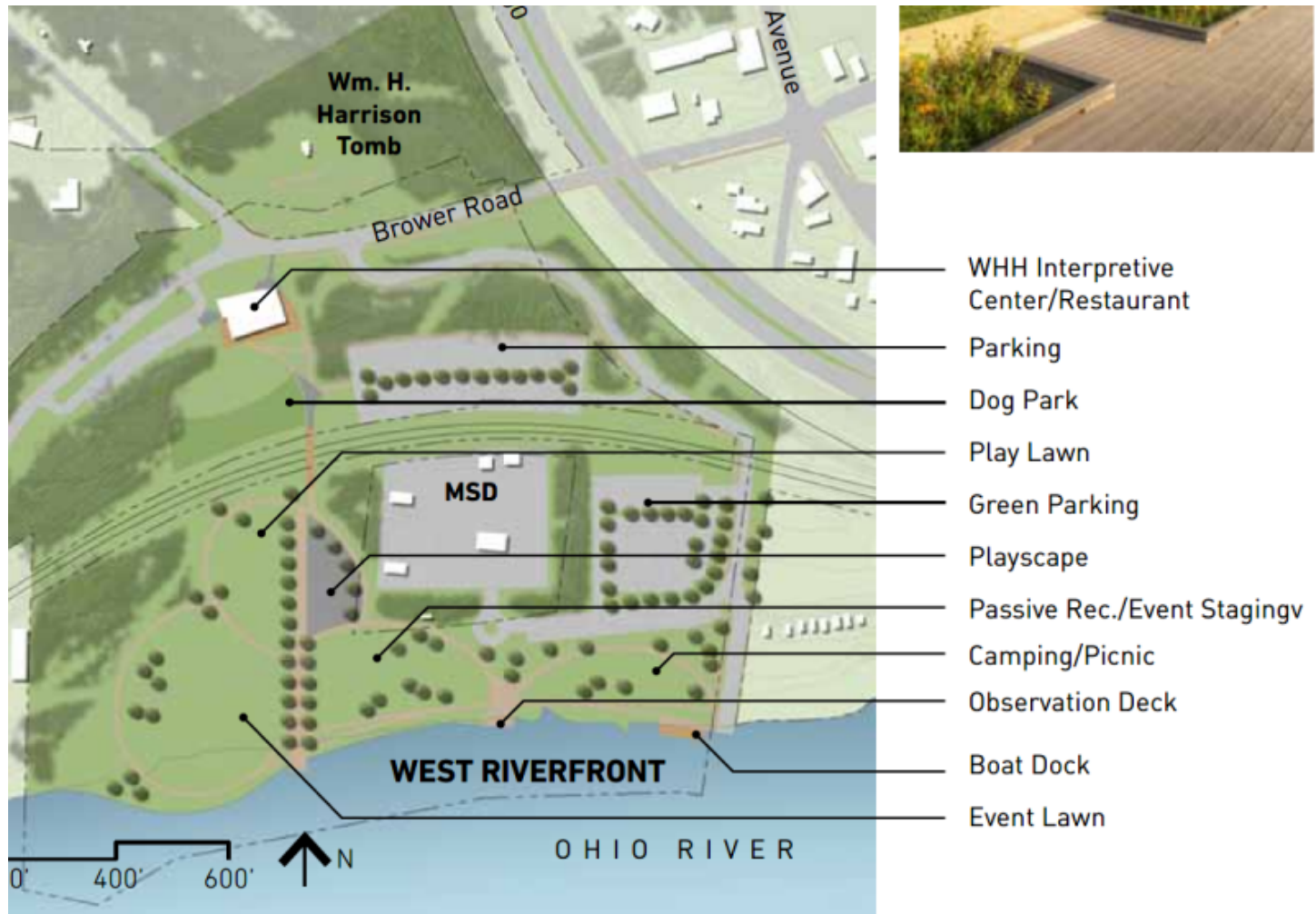
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- **Community:** North Bend
- **Funding Request:** \$400,000
- **Funding Recommendation:** \$400,000
- **Project Category:** Public Infrastructure
- **Description:** Acquisition of 13.5-acre site. North Bend is seeking additional funding to construct a riverfront park that would connect with nearby Harrison tomb site.
- **Highlights**
  - Lack of recreational assets along Ohio River in western Hamilton County.
  - Potential leverage of significant federal funding.
  - Implementation of previous HC P&D mini-planning grant.

# CRG Recommended Projects



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- **Community:** Springfield
- **Funding Request:** \$670,000
- **Funding Recommendation:** \$500,000
- **Project Category:** Building Improvement
- **Description:** Rehabilitation of a vacant bowling alley to attract new brewery end user and food vendors.
- **Highlights**
  - Overall project includes \$3.1MM investment and creation of 21 jobs.
  - Activation of large vacant building at the center of the Township.
  - Implementation of Springfield Comprehensive Neighborhood Master Plan



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- **Community:** Silverton
- **Funding Request:** \$599,610
- **Funding Recommendation:** \$500,000
- **Project Category:** Property Development
- **Description:** Formation of land trust over several blocks within the Silverton business district. Planned new construction includes condos, townhomes, approximately 130 apartments, 36K SF of commercial space, and 120 surface parking spaces.
- **Highlights**
  - Overall project includes projected \$28MM investment as well as provision of affordable housing.
  - New model for development allows current residents to build equity as part of the project

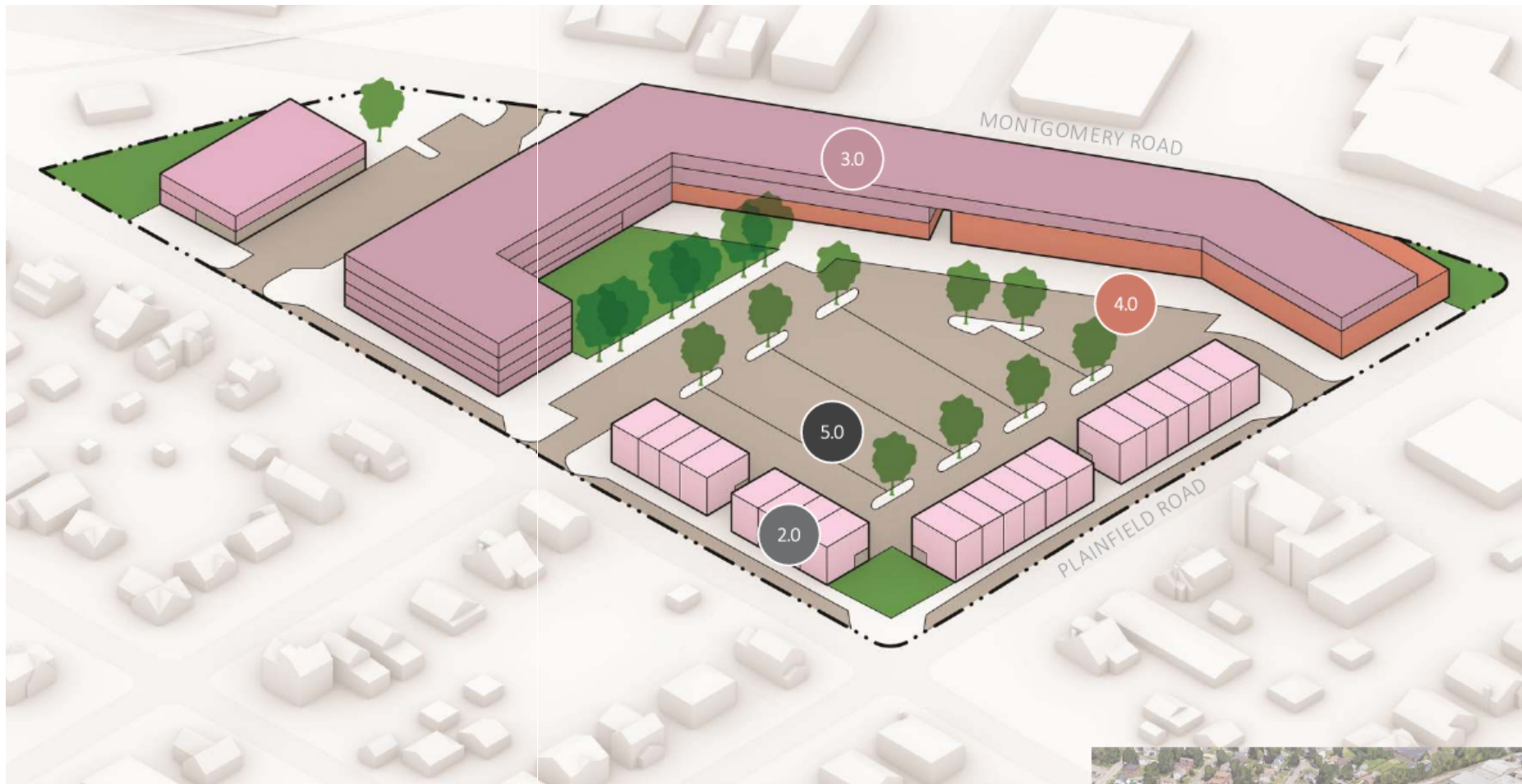


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# CRG Funding Recommendations

## Summary

Community	Category	Request	Amount
Cheviot	Building Improvements	\$328K	\$150K
Delhi	Property Development	\$1MM	\$600K
Golf Manor	Property Development	\$800K	\$400K
Lockland	Infrastructure	\$253K	\$200K
North Bend	Infrastructure	\$400K	\$400K
Norwood	Property Development	\$250K	\$250K
Silverton	Property Development	\$600K	\$500K
Springfield	Building Improvements	\$670K	\$500K
TOTAL		\$4.3MM	\$3MM

# CIIG Program Overview

- **New program in 2022**
  - Focused on communities with limited capacity
  - Concentration of a significant amount and wide variety of resources in a specific community over a short period of time to make impacts that can be seen and felt.
  - Help communities make steps towards economically sustainable future
- **2022 Budget: \$1MM County General Funds**
- **Application open to 8 communities**
  - Addyston, Arlington Heights, Cheviot, Golf Manor, Elmwood Place, Lincoln Heights, Lockland, and Mt. Healthy

# CIIG Application Process

- **Application includes menu of resources**
  - Management training or consultant support
  - Technical assistance for plan implementation
  - Street improvements
  - Small business assistance
  - Public health programming and implementation
  - Grant writing
  - Other
- **Review Criteria**
  - Applicant should provide detailed context on what structural challenges they are unable to overcome with existing capacity and resources
  - Applicant should effectively and creatively match those challenges with the resources included in the application

# 2022 CIG Applications

- **7 of 8 eligible communities submitted applications**
- **Requests for 8 of the 10 listed resources, as well as several 'Other' services**
  - Road improvements, signature projects, code enforcement, and other were most common
- **Total funding requested = \$3.8 million**
  - Many additional requests with no dollar amount listed



Community	Requested Resources	Funding Request
Addyston	Road Improvements	\$522,627
Arlington Heights	Code Enforcement & Home Repairs, Road Improvements, Grant Writing, Signature Project, Other	\$37,425+
Cheviot	Code Enforcement & Home Repair, Technical Assistance, Small Business Assistance, Other	\$657,600
Elmwood Place	Environmental Services, Grant Writing, Signature Project	\$45,000+
Golf Manor	Technical Assistance, Road Improvements, Signature Project	\$1,000,000
Lincoln Heights	Consultant Support, Code Enforcement & Home Repair, Technical Assistance, Road Improvements, Signature Project	\$1,210,000
Lockland	Road Improvements, Other	\$400,000

# CIIG Recommended Projects

- **Community: Lincoln Heights**
- **Funding Request: \$1,210,000**
- **Funding Recommendation: \$975,000**
- **Funding Uses**
  - **Road Improvements**
    - Jackson St. and Magee St. Repair: \$213,080
    - Adams St. and Carey St. Repair: \$319,620
  - **Signature Projects**
    - Memorial Field: \$100,000
    - 1100 Lindy Ave. Demolition and Remediation: \$342,300

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## Scope

- Entrance upgrade
- ADA accessibility
- Field renovations
- Playgrounds
- Walking path
- Stormwater infrastructure
- Additional improvements





# CIIG Recommended Projects

- **Community: Cheviot**
- **Funding Request: \$657,600**
- **Funding Recommendation: \$25,000**
- **Funding Uses**
  - **Technical Assistance**
    - 3625 Harrison Ave.  
Market Study: \$25,000



# CIIG Funding Recommendations

## Summary

Funding Use	Funding Amount
Lincoln Heights Road Improvements	\$532,700
Lincoln Heights Memoria Field	\$100,000
Lincoln Heights 1100 Lindy Demolition and Remediation	\$342,300
Cheviot Market Study	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$1,000,000

# Next Steps

- **Follow up with communities not awarded CIG funding**
- **BOCC Staff Presentation and questions**
- **Drafting funding agreements**
- **Final approval for individual agreements at future BOCC Regular meetings**
- **Enter into agreements with communities and commence projects**



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# Questions

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