

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Community Development provided more than \$2.5 million for projects in 2024**

**SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**—Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro’s Department of Community Development invested more than \$2.5 million in local projects in 2024. Using federal and state funds designated for specific programs, the department assisted over 225 low to moderate income households with an array of home improvement, repair, safety and energy efficiency services. The department also supported community projects in Clinton, Copley, and Lakemore.

“We know many individuals and families are struggling to make ends meet and complete essential repairs and improvements to their home. Our Community Development programs allow residents in need to safely maintain and stay in their homes,” said County Executive Shapiro. “And we are also committed to providing financial support to new development projects that will help fill a critical gap in our community.”

The Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) assisted 180 households in reducing their energy burden. Residents participating in the program received a range of services such as furnace replacement and repair, insulation, air sealing or hot water tank replacement and repair. Twenty households participated in the Household Sewage Treatment System Program, a program funded by Ohio EPA to assist low to moderate income homeowners in replacing failing septic systems or connection to public utilities.

In partnership with Summit County Public Health, Community Development removed lead from 27 households. The program is designed to reduce lead-based paint hazards in homes built prior to 1978 with children under the age of 6 residing in the home or visiting the home more than 60 hours a year. Services provided to participants include window replacement, siding, porch replacement and repair and door replacement and repair. The department also completed 20 minor home repairs for residents. Program participants receive a five-year, forgivable loan for projects such as health and safety repairs and roof replacements.

Finally, the department invested \$190,000 in HOME Investment Partnership dollars to assist Restore Recovery in rehabilitating Launch House in Coventry Township.

To learn more about Summit County Community Development programs and how eligible residents can apply, visit <https://co.summitoh.net/departments/Community-Economic-Development.html#nav-programs>.

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