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JOHNSON ANNOUNCES \$350,000 FOR IMPROVED WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS

COLUMBUS - Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson today announced that the Village of Verona, located in Preble County, will receive a \$350,000 grant to improve its sewer system. The funds will be awarded through the Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development's (ODOD) Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

“I’m pleased that this funding is available to assist the Village of Verona in making these improvements, which will benefit its residents and businesses,” said Johnson, who also serves as director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Ohio means business, and by helping to improve the infrastructure of our communities, we are ensuring that they remain strong and competitive for future development.”

The Village plans to construct a wastewater treatment facility and will install 19,400 linear feet of sewer lines. The \$3.9 million project will benefit approximately 205 households.

The Water and Sanitary Sewer Program helps local governments maintain, improve and expand their water and sanitary sewer systems. The program's goal is to create a safe and sanitary living environment for Ohio citizens through the provision of safe and reliable drinking water and proper disposal of sanitary waste.

Applications for the program are accepted on a continual basis and are rated against the following criteria: number of persons expected to benefit from the project; ability to leverage funds; program impact; program readiness; and the community's financial capacity and rate structure. Communities with documented health and safety concerns receive priority for funding.