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JOHNSON ANNOUNCES \$378,000 FOR ALLEN COUNTY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COLUMBUS - Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson today announced that Allen County will receive funds totaling \$378,000 to assist with economic development projects. The grants will be awarded through the Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD).

“This funding will have a positive economic impact on Allen County,” said Johnson, who also serves as director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Ohio means business, and is committed to supporting the economic development efforts of our communities. By encouraging capital investments such as these, we are helping our communities to compete for new investments and attract and retain good-paying jobs for Ohioans.”

Allen County will receive the grant to assist Plus Management Services (PMS), Inc., located in Lima, with an expansion project. PMS plans to construct a 46,688 square-foot addition to Villa at Baton Rouge, a 25-bed assisted living facility. This addition will house a 133-bed nursing care center. The County will loan the funds to the company, which will use the CDBG Economic Development Program funds to purchase machinery and equipment. The \$5.3 million project is expected to retain 97 jobs.

The CDBG Economic Development Program provides funding for economic development projects that create and/or retain permanent, private-sector job opportunities. The grants enable local governments to provide public improvements directly related to business development and financial assistance to private entities for economic development projects. Jobs created through the program must benefit primarily low- and moderate-income Ohioans.