

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown
FROM: Finance Sub-Committee, Rob Bartlett - Chair
RE: CDBG Grant Opportunities
DATE: January 13, 2022

The Finance Sub-Committee met on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 3:00 pm to discuss CDBG grant opportunities. Present at the meeting were Finance Sub-Committee members Rob Bartlett, Kelly Rankin and Randy York, and Mayor Bill Brown.

Hamilton County has grant money available via Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The projects need to fit certain criteria in order to be eligible for the funds. The sub-committee has been reviewing several projects in the Village, and believes the best project to submit for CDBG funds would be painting the rest of the lamp posts in the Village (the lamp posts around the square were painted in 2021) and fixing any globes.

The amount of grant money that could be available is in the range of \$26,000 to \$29,000. Also, any lamp posts that are on Wooster Pike could use our Highway Improvement Funds. Mr. York is also looking to see if any funding would be available if we moved to more energy efficient LED bulbs, as well as seeing if individuals might be willing to “sponsor” the painting of a lamp post (hopefully via the Village of Mariemont Foundation that the Mayor is working on).

Developing a plan to paint the remaining lamp posts is already in the Public Works committee. As such, this sub-committee is recommending that the Public Works committee take the lead on developing all of the details and submitting the necessary application to receive CDBG funds for painting the rest of the lamp posts in the Village, along with seeking any other potential sources of funding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Bartlett, Chairman

Kelly Rankin, Member

Randy York, Member