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PLAIN CITY TAKES IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD REVITALIZATION

PLAIN CITY, OH - If things go as planned, Uptown Plain City could receive a dramatic makeover in the next few years. The Village of Plain City is applying for a \$400,000 downtown revitalization grant through the State of Ohio's Comprehensive Downtown Revitalization Program.

This competitive program, funded through the State of Ohio and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program, will make available approximately \$400,000 for improvements to downtown buildings and streetscape.

This program can have a significant impact on the aesthetics and economic vitality of Uptown Plain City. Improvements to buildings can include new roofs and windows, façade enhancement, awnings, signage and more.

Over the last week, members of the Village Administration, the Uptown Plain City Organization (UPCO), and the Union and Madison County Chambers have been going door-to-door to educate local business and building owners about the potential grant and to garner support of the revitalization program. In order for the grant to be awarded, communities must show that downtown building and business owners are committed to the program and will make improvements to their buildings if the grant is awarded. Each community must also have strong membership in a downtown organization, such as UPCO.

Officials are working now to complete a "pre-application" which is due later this month. If the pre-application is successful, the State will then invite Plain City to officially apply for the grant in October, with official determination of grant recipients in December.

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