

VILLAGE OF SOUTH WEBSTER

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Appalachian Community Grant Program Technical Assistance Grant Proposal

Downtown Redevelopment/Infrastructure

1. Walking/Jogging/Biking path

A continuation of the existing walking path to link up with the proposed Historic City Hall park area, elementary school, and public library. Path will be extended into Bloom Township on the old railroad bed.

Potential Partners: Bloom-Vernon Local School District, Bloom Township Trustees, Portsmouth Public Library, Scioto County Commissioners, Ohio Department of Transportation

Transformational Impact: Serves the larger community with expanded outdoor recreation opportunities.

Technical Assistance Required: legal services to acquire property easements; engineering services for path design and drainage; surveyor services for path location and right-of-way determination; mapping services; project planning services

2. Historic City Hall - Museum & Events Center

Restore the Historic City Hall (circa 1935) to use as a museum housing local collections of photos, documents, artifacts etc. and as a venue for local arts & crafts and community celebrations.

Potential Partners: Scioto County Heritage Museum, Ohio History Connection, Appalachian Regional Commission, Ohio Arts Council, Scioto County Commissioners, Ohio Department of Agriculture

Transformational Impact: Serves the larger community by creating an awareness of local heritage and culture centered around mining, brick-making, railroads, and agriculture; creates a space and a potential sales outlet for local artisans; unifies the community around holiday celebrations and special events.

Technical Assistance Required: engineering services for HVAC and electrical infrastructure; architectural services; project planning services

3. Renovation of Jackson Street

Update the main street through town with brick sidewalks, decorative street lights, and buried utilities to create a more pleasing business and residential environment; has the potential to attract new business and tourism.

Potential Partners: Ohio Public Works Commission, Ohio Department of Development, Scioto County Commissioners, Ohio Department of Transportation

Transformational Impact: Permanently transforms historic Jackson Street by laying the groundwork for a historic streetscape encouraging business and residential renovation & development, bringing much-needed jobs and revenue to the village.

Technical Assistance Required: engineering services, architectural services, mapping services, project planning services, legal services

4. Village Park

Develop the area around Historic City Hall and old fire department into a village park for hosting community events, a seasonal farmer's market, and recreational activities.

Potential Partners: Scioto County Commissioners, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Agriculture

Transformational Impact: Creates a sense of community that will have a lasting impact for younger generations

Technical Assistance Required: landscape design services; engineering services, mapping services; project planning services

5. Development of Old Fire Department (also has potential for Workforce and Healthcare components)

Renovate this space to support a remote work center, shared office space for business start-ups, telemedicine access, and remote on-line learning for the local under-served population without access to broadband

Potential Partners: Scioto County Commissioners, Appalachian Regional Commission, Community Action Organization of Scioto County, Office of Workforce Transformation, Ohio Department of Development

Transformational Impact: Creates employment opportunities in the knowledge-based economy; helps retain new high school graduates in the area; provides an opportunity for lower-income and rural population to participate in learning and health-care opportunities.

Technical Assistance Required: engineering services, architectural services, network design services, project planning services

6. New Community Recreation Facilities (also has Healthcare component)

Construct new tennis/pickleball courts for community use and for use by Bloom-Vernon Local School District. Construct a new community swimming pool/splash park to provide recreation opportunities for area youth.

Potential Partners: Bloom Township Trustees, Bloom-Vernon Local School District, Scioto County Commissioners

Transformational Impact: Creates healthy outdoor activities for youth and for the area's aging population; provides tennis facility for junior high and high school tennis program

Technical Assistance Required: engineering services, legal services, project planning services