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Dear County Commissioners, County Executives, County Council Members, and County Leaders:

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) is pleased to announce that the application window for the new Healthy Aging Grants program is now open and available for county officials to access through the <u>Ohio</u> <u>Grants Portal</u>.

As part of Governor Mike DeWine's commitment to empowering older Ohioans to maintain their health and independence, and with the support of the General Assembly, these Healthy Aging Grants will provide funding at the county level to support the creation of new programs or bolster existing programs that focus on delivering the vital services and supports necessary to keep at-risk aging Ohioans in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

All counties must complete an application to receive Healthy Aging Grants. Applications can be completed via the <u>Ohio Grants Portal</u>. To apply, you must access the portal using your "citizens ID" or "OHID". This digital ID is issued by the State of Ohio and provides a single, secure entry point to many of the online tools and applications used by state agencies. For assistance logging in with your ID, or to create a new OHID account, please review the <u>OHID Help Logging In webpage</u>.

**The application period has been extended and will now close at 11:59 pm on October 20, 2023.** Applications must be complete and submitted on time to be eligible for funding. For additional information about the application process, proper utilization of funds, and more, visit our <u>Healthy Aging</u> <u>Grants program webpage</u>.

Should you have any questions or require assistance at any stage of the application process, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated ODA staff. We are here to provide guidance and support to ensure a smooth and successful application experience.

We are excited about the positive impact the program will have on our communities and look forward to continuing our partnership with you to help achieve our vision of making Ohio the best place to age in the nation.

With anticipation for the important work ahead,

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