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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO UTICA RESIDENTS

Your Participation Could Help Bring Grant Funding Back to Utica

Licking County Planning and Development will be conducting household income surveys door-to-door throughout the Village of Utica in early December.

Why is this important?

The Village of Utica has historically qualified for **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** assistance, which can help fund important community improvements. However, following the release of the **2020 Census data**, Utica's reported low-to-moderate-income (LMI) population was calculated at **50.6%**, just below the **51% threshold** required to qualify under the applicable LMI criteria.

That's only a 0.4% difference.

Licking County is conducting these voluntary income surveys to collect current, local information that can be submitted with future CDBG applications to the State of Ohio. The information may help demonstrate that the Census data does not fully reflect the current income characteristics of our community and help Utica regain eligibility for CDBG funding.

CDBG funding can help communities make important improvements such as:

- **Roads, sidewalks, pedestrian and street improvements**
- **Bridges, drainage and stormwater improvements**
- **Sanitary sewer and water system improvements**
- **Public and community facilities**
- **Housing and neighborhood improvements**
- **ADA Accessibility improvements**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

When a Licking County representative visits your home in **early December**, please consider taking a few minutes to complete the income survey. Your participation can help provide a more accurate picture of our community and strengthen Utica's ability to compete for critical grant funding. We understand that household income is personal information. Survey representatives will explain the purpose of the survey and how the information will be used.

Please watch for Licking County Planning and Development representatives in your neighborhood this December and **consider participating in the survey when they visit your home.**

Thank you for helping support the future of the Village of Utica!