12 月 8 日 周 五,在常青老人公寓, 克里夫蘭美華協會 的主席 Lisa Wong, Midtown Cleveland Inc. Karis, Anthony. Naomi 一起在長青 公寓與老人一起同 慶祝節日來臨。

克利夫蘭社區 服務機構與老人做 聖誕節手工挂件,大 家一起快樂玩遊戲 有獎活動,大家一起 歡歡喜喜歡度節日。

際,祝大家安全第一 健康第一渦一個幸 福快樂的節日。



## UCA 主席薛海培與俄州華人在哥

2023 年 12 月 10 年,星期六,美國華人聯 合會(UCA)主席薛海培 與來自克利夫蘭、辛辛 那提和哥倫布的華人代 表在哥倫布聚會,爲俄州 乃至全美華人社區的建 設共商大計。

除了包括筆者在內 的十幾位志同道合的俄 州華人協會的成員,參加 活動的有因維權而聞名

全美的陳霞芬女士, 還有兩位來自加州原籍寶島台灣的 教育界女士。大家分享了自己的故事,在美國爲個人、爲 下一代、爲社區奮鬥的心路歷程。陳霞芬的故事尤其讓 人感動,大家感謝她團結了整個華人社區

最後, 薛海培先生回顧了 UCA 近年來爲提陞華人 社區所做的艱苦卓絶的努力, 指出目前美國華人面臨的 困境,鼓勵大家團結起來,爲把我們的社區建設得更加美

聚會地點是哥倫布明月餐廳(Main Moon)。感謝召 集人邱紅,感謝所有的參會代表。

By: 殷余民







## Governor DeWine Announces Details for New \$150 Million Welcome Home Ohio Program Grant, tax credit applications open January 9 for home purchases, rehabs, and construction.

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik today released official program guidelines for the new \$150 million Welcome Home Ohio program, which was developed to improve access to affordable housing across the state.

"Housing needs are present all across Ohio," said Governor DeWine. "Through this program, we have the opportunity to support new investments in housing construction that will help cultivate vibrant neighborhoods and stimulate economic vitality.

The program will provide \$100 million in grants over the course of the biennium for landbanks to purchase, rehabilitate, or build qualifying residential properties for income-eligible Ohioans. Additionally, \$50 million in nonrefundable tax bly in the biennium budget bill, House Bill 33.

igible developers over the biennium for qualifying rehabs and new construction once a property is

"By ensuring all current and future Ohioans have access to affordable housing, we are not only meeting the basic needs of our residents but also laying the foundation for sustainable economic development," said Lt. Governor Husted. "As companies continue to invest in Ohio, we will need the housing stock to support that growth and prepare our communities for the opportunities those businesses bring.

MORE DETAILS: Program Information and Guidelines

The Welcome Home Ohio program was created in partnership with the Ohio General Assem-

credits will be made available to landbanks and el- The Ohio Department of Development will administer the program and will begin accepting applications for both the grants and tax credit on Jan

> "Ensuring Ohioans have a home they can afford brings our families stability and allows them to have a place where they can stay healthy, raise their children, continue working, and live their best lives," said Director Mihalik. "Our ultimate goal is to increase the affordable housing stock across Ohio so that more residents

can realize the dream of homeownership.

The application period for the

grants will close at 11:59 p.m. Feb. 9, 2024, with rolling applications accepted from Feb. 12 to May 31, as funds are available. Tax credit applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until funds are

Development staff will host a webinar at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 18 to present the guidelines in detail and allow interested parties to ask questions.

Program information and full guidelines can be found on the program webpage.







## Welcome Home Ohio Program Applications open Jan. 9



The Welcome Home Ohio (WHO) program is designed to provide grants for the purchase of qualifying residential properties, the cost of construction or rehabilitation, or a nonrefundable tax credit for qualifying activities.

The Ohio General Assembly funded the program in House Bill 33, with \$100 million in General Revenue Funds for grants and \$50 million in nonrefundable tax credits. Governor Mike DeWine signed the bill into law on July 4, 2023. The program will be administered by the Ohio Department of Development.

Each of the three Welcome Home Ohio program offerings will be funded up to \$25 million in each fiscal year. This opportunity has the potential to fund the incorporation of 2,150 affordable, owner-occupied single-family homes across the state of Ohio.

- \* Welcome Home Ohio Purchasing (WHO-P) o Grant funds to cover the cost of purchasing a
- o Eligible entities are land banks and land reutilization corporations.
- qualifying residential property.

o \$25 million in each fiscal year with the ability to roll funds forward into the next fiscal year.

Welcome Home Ohio - Rehab/Construction (WHO-RC) Grant funds to cover the cost of

rehabilitation or construction of a qualifying residential property.

o Eligible entities are land banks and land reutilization corpora-

o A maximum of \$30,000 can be applied to each qualified residential property. o \$25 million in each fiscal year with the ability to

roll funds forward into the next fiscal year. o At least 1,600 homes could be built/rehabbed in the two years of the program (\$50 million/

\$30,000). Welcome Home Ohio - Tax Credits

o Tax credit that is issued once the qualifying residential property is sold to a qualifying individual. o Eligible entities are land banks, land reutilization corporations, and eligible developers.

o A maximum of \$90,000 or one-third the cost of rehab/construction, whichever is less.

o \$25 million in each fiscal year with the ability to roll funds forward into the next fiscal year, with no funds expended after June 30, 2025.

o At least 550 homes could be built/rehabbed in the two years of the program (\$50 million/

