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## Federal funds from

## the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office to fund Safe Communities Grant in Lima-Allen County

Lima, Ohio (October 5, 2020): The Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) has received federal traffic safety funding in the amount of \$35,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) for Federal Fiscal Year 2021, to fund a Safe Communities Grant. During the federal grant year, October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, the LACRPC will target grant funds toward reducing the incidence of traffic crashes that all too frequently result in serious injury and even death.

"Partnerships are critical to the long-term success of any safety effort. We are committed to working with area law enforcement as well as other local and state safety partners to address traffic safety concerns in Allen County," said Shane Coleman, Executive Director of the LACRPC. "These funds will help ensure that we can dedicate time and personnel to these efforts."

The funds are passed through the ODPS from the National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration to support the efforts of safety partners statewide and focus on traffic safety
priorities such as restraint use, impaired and distracted driving, as well as motorcycle safety
and other data driven traffic safety problems. The FFY 2021 competitive grant process
solicited grant proposals from state agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities,
hospitals, political subdivisions, and other interested groups within selected Ohio counties and
jurisdictions. These funds will enable the LACRPC and its partners, including the Ohio State
Highway Patrol and Allen County Sheriff's Office, as well as other local law enforcement,
health partners, and many more, to continue to work together to reduce serious traffic crashes
in Allen County.

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