

United States Senate

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Thomas H. Leach
Field Office Director
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Bricker Federal Building
200 North High Street, 7th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Leach,

I write to bring to your attention the competitive grant application submitted by Greater Dayton Premier Management (Dayton) for funding in the Choice Planning Grant Program.

I understand that Dayton is engaging community partners and seeking resources to lead a transformation process for the struggling neighborhood referred to as the DeSoto Bass area. Dayton's comprehensive plan for neighborhood revitalization addresses the many challenges in the distressed neighborhood. Funding will help to redevelop the neighborhood where people can have safe, affordable housing.

Please give all due consideration to this request. If there are any questions, please contact my grant coordinator, Linda Greenwood, at (419) 259-3895. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman
United States Senator