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2019 Summer Programs

CANTON, Ohio (May 30, 2019) -- The City of Canton Department of Development will partner with OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties and local non-profit agencies to invest approximately \$564,000 dollars in federal funds to provide summer programs to Canton's youth. These programs will provide opportunities to over 550 youth from low-moderate income households, ages 3 through 18.

Summer youth training and career exploration programs provide youth with valuable experiences. Programs teach youth to set and achieve goals, teach financial skills, develop professional skills, and provide networking opportunities that will improve their labor market potential. Programs also provide constructive activities to promote positive behavior.

Summer camps provide youth and teens with an active and adventurous summer. Camp programs offer youth fun and unique experiences in supervised, safe, structured environments. Some programs offer academic enrichment activities that include tutoring and mentoring.

The City will partner with the following agencies to provide summer programming:

- George Dunwoody Foundation was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the City of Canton for a summer camp to assist 140 youth, 9 to 18 years of age. Time frame: 6/3/19 thru 6/14/19. Please contact Robin Dunwoody at (330)685-1586 for additional information.
- En-Rich-Ment was awarded a \$60,000 grant from the City of Canton for a summer camp to assist 95 youth, 5 to 18 years of age. Time frame: 6/4/19 thru 7/18/19. Please contact Betty Smith at (330)704-7042 for additional information.
- Heritage Christian School was awarded a \$14,000 grant from the City of Canton for a summer camp to assist 60 youth, 3 to 12 years old (or entering 6th grade in the fall). Programs begins 6/3/19. Please contact Heritage Christian School at (330)452-8271 (Option 4) for additional information.
- Malone University was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the City of Canton for a summer camp to assist 10 youth, 14 to 18 years of age. Summer program begins 6/24/19. Please contact Malone's Science & Mathematics Dept. at (330)471-8631 for additional information.

- PAX Project for Academic Excellence was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the City of Canton for a summer camp to assist 35 youth, 7 to 17 years of age. Time frame: 6/17/19 to 8/2/19. Please contact Crystal Smith at (330)284-5702 or Mark Bigsbee at (330)265-3787 for additional information.
- Stark County Community Action Agency was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the City of Canton to assist 60 youth, 14 to 15 years of age with career exploration. Summer program time frames: 6/3/19 to 6/28/19 and 7/9/19 thru 8/2/19. Please contact Amanda Stewart at (330)454-1676 #151 for additional information.
- Stark County Community Action Agency was awarded a \$140,000 grant from the City of Canton for a summer camp to assist 70 youth, 6 to 11 years of age with summer camp activities. Time frame: 6/5/19 to 8/2/19. Please contact Jackey Robinson at (330)454-1676 #154 for additional information.
- Stark County Community Action Agency was awarded a \$135,000 grant from OhioMeansJobs and a \$20,000 grant from the City of Canton to assist 38 youth, ages 16-18 with summer employment through a partnership with area employers. Time Frame: 6/17/19 through 8/9/19. Please contact Alanna Nicholas at (330)454-1676 #260 for additional information.
- Canton Parks & Recreation Department, with the help of \$50,000 in federal funds, will assist 50 youth, 11 to 18 years of age with recreational programming. Time frame: 6/10/19 thru 8/2/19. Please contact Skyler Parks at (330)438-6543 for additional information.

About City of Canton Department of Development:

The Office of Development of the City of Canton, Ohio is responsible for overseeing Community and Housing Development of the City. Canton residents from all walks of life deserve clean, safe, and attractive neighborhoods in which they can live, work, and raise a family. Canton's citizens enjoy the largest Police & Fire Departments in Stark County, a safe water supply that will allow virtually unlimited growth for Canton and its businesses to flourish. To contact the Office of Development and/or the Development Director, please call (330) 489-3258 or visit cantonohio.gov/development.

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