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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: June 6, 2018
TO: Media Outlets
RE: Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant Received

Hancock Public Health is pleased to announce that it is one of 28 recipients to receive the 2018 Mosquito Control Grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). Hancock Public Health has also been fortunate enough to have received this funding for the third consecutive year. The program, a collaborative effort between the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), has supported Hancock Public Health's response in implementing mosquito control measures to reduce the potential for an outbreak of mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika, West Nile, and La Cross Encephalitis.

This grant of almost \$28,000 brings the agency's total over the three years to nearly \$63,000. The funding has allowed Hancock Public Health to purchase surveillance equipment (i.e., traps), GIS software and equipment for mapping mosquito control activities, larvicide, and educational messages through media to inform the community on prevention. The grant has also given Hancock Public Health the ability to hire a seasonal employee to collect mosquitoes within the county and submit them to ODH for mosquito-borne disease testing.

Hancock Public Health would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone to keep themselves and their families safe from mosquito bites by:

- Removing standing water sources on and around their property
- Wearing long-sleeved, light-colored clothing when outside between dusk and dawn
- Using mosquito repellent containing DEET



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