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November | Quick Update

CARES Grant

The Muskingum County Commissioners are offering the **Muskingum County CARES Grant Program** to assist small businesses that have sustained economic hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Muskingum County will be utilizing a portion of their CARES Act funds for this program. An eligible business can apply for up to a \$10,000 Grant.

Click [HERE](#) for Program Grant Guidelines and a downloadable Grant Request Application.

*All applications must be received by
November 6, 2020 at 4:00 PM.*



National Road Business Park Road Project Taking Shape

The \$3.4M access road and infrastructure project at the National Road Business Park is moving forward on schedule. You can follow the progress through drone video and photos by clicking [HERE](#).



The ELITE program is [a structured set of training sessions](#) held for a cohort of business leaders and taught by experts from the USA and abroad. Participants benefit from strategic growth planning and networking with participants, graduates and instructors. Over 900 companies in 40 countries have participated in the ELITE program. Last year, 10 companies in southeast Ohio participated.

JobsOhio, Ohio's non-profit economic development organization, is subsidizing the cost of participation in the program. Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), the regional JobsOhio Network Partner for 25 counties in southern and eastern Ohio, is helping to identify companies that may be interested.

"Economic development is not just about providing incentives for competitive projects that could go to another state," according to Mike Jacoby, President of OhioSE, "Sometimes it's helping gazelle companies really take off. The ELITE program is a tangible way JobsOhio and OhioSE can support high-growth potential companies expand their horizons and get expert training on how to grow their businesses." This opportunity is brought to you by OhioSE and JobsOhio. The program will begin on **December 7**, so please get in touch as soon as possible if you are interested in engaging. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



Above: The access road has officially connected with US 40.

Below: You can see where the new sewer line has been installed.



Muskingum County Businesses - Help Us Grow Muskingum County!

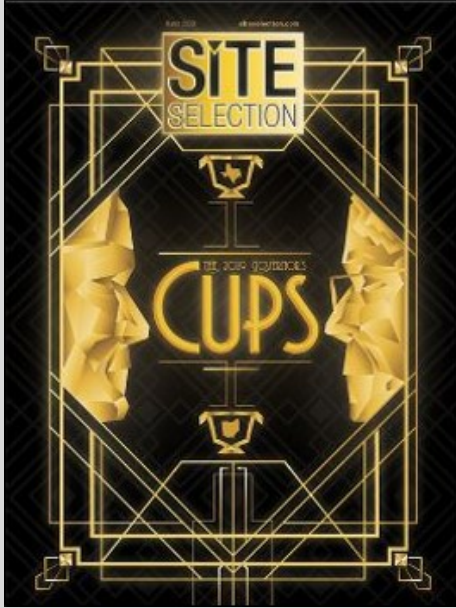
Zanesville/Muskingum County ranked the #6 Micropolitan in the U.S. in 2019

This ranking has helped to boost our area in obtaining over \$3.3 million in grant funding through October 2020 – this is a 52% increase over 2019. We are using these funds to improve the roadways in our business parks, develop the National Road Business Park, and to update infrastructure.

We are now preparing submissions that will rank us for

2020.

How can you help? If your business has added 20 or more employees in 2020, click [HERE](#) to email Amy Young, Business Development Specialist.



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