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Earlier this year, Governor Mike DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted announced a proposal to designate $500 million dollars to fund the Appalachian Community Grant Program. The transformational Appalachian Community Grant Program funding will be available for projects in the 32 Appalachian Ohio counties and address local priorities in three main project focus areas.

- **An infrastructure component, such as main street or downtown redevelopment, improvements to multi-community connecting trails, significant outdoor community space, links to community arts, history, and culture, or access to telemedicine services**
- **A healthcare component, such as investments in school or community-based services to address children's physical and behavioral health needs or plans to address the ongoing challenges of substance use disorder in the region**
- **dA workforce component, such as public-private partnerships designed to build and coordinate technical, educational, clinical and workforce infrastructure**

The program will be administered through the Ohio Department of Development, with strong involvement from the Governor's Office of Appalachia and the Local Development Districts (LDDs), including the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA), which serves the Appalachian counties of Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas. The other Ohio LDD partners include Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, and Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC).

Final guidelines are expected to be released soon, and applications for both planning and development funding will be available in multiple rounds, possibly starting as early as August. All grants awarded shall be approved by the Controlling Board.

The law outlines two award categories under the program, as follows:

1. Appalachian Planning Grants – will be available during the first year from the effective date, $15 million or up to $30 million for Appalachian Planning Grants as determined by the Director of Development for the first round of applications.
2. Appalachian Development Grants - during the first year from the effective date, $50 million for the first round of applications shall be used to award Appalachian Development Grants to grant recipients that did not receive an Appalachian Planning Grant

When reviewing project applications, the Department shall give priority to projects that include the following characteristics:

- **Has region-wide scale or impact**
- **Is evidence-based**
- **Includes a private-public partnership**
- **Is economically sustainable**
- **In the Department's assessment, will prove transformative to the region impacted by the project**

The final deadline for program approval awards is up to December 31, 2024, and awardees must expend all grant funds by December 31, 2026.

Applications for Round 3 of the Brownfield Remediation Program Are Now Open

The **Brownfield Remediation Program** provides grants for the remediation of brownfield sites throughout Ohio.

More than $30 million is available through Round 3 of the program which will remain open until **Sept. 30, 2022**, or until funds have been depleted. Funding is first come, first served.

TechCred Program Exceeds Credential Annual Goal

Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who serves as Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, announced the results of the May round of TechCred, which provided opportunities for Ohioans to earn nearly 4,000 tech-focused credentials.

The most recent round marks a milestone, as the program has officially reached and exceeded the goal outlined in the most recent state budget to fund 20,000 industry-recognized, tech-based credentials each year.

Lt. Governor Husted announced that **293 Ohio employers were approved for funding in the 14th round of the program, resulting in Ohio employees earning up to 3,953 technology-focused credentials.** Manufacturing businesses topped the list of awarded credentials.

Program guidelines and frequently asked questions can be found on the **program website**.

Additional questions can be sent to **redevelopment@development.ohio.gov**.

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With these approvals, a total of 1,891 Ohio employers have been approved for funding through the TechCred program, supporting the earning of 44,777 tech-focused credentials by employees.

TechCred will be open for applications on a bimonthly basis for the remainder of 2022.

Round 16: Sept. 1-30 Round 17: Nov. 1-30 CLICK TO LEARN MORE

FEATURED SITES

Northpointe Drive

With the upcoming construction of Intel, expanding business parks and the dense healthcare and retail developments in Muskingum County, as well as two post-secondary institutions within minutes of the area, there are excellent investment opportunities for multi-family housing.

Location #1: Northpointe Business Park 17 Acres

This 17 acre tract is located just off of Northpointe Drive in the Northpointe Business Park. There is an existing easement for access through the adjacent property for driveway access off of Northpointe Drive and utilities are in close proximity along the frontage. The site is divisible and is located within the City of Zanesville's Enterprise Zone. This would make an excellent development site for a multi-unit housing complex, as there are several thriving along Northpointe Drive. The property is eligible for an up to 8 year, 100% CRA abatement. Click **HERE** for additional information.

Location #2: Northpointe & Military 25 Acres

This 25 acres on Northpointe Drive is located between Brandywine and Military Road. Property sits behind the Sandhurst Apartments, and has an apron access from Northpointe Drive. Lots of potential with C-4/C-2 zoning!! Taxes, parcel, and lot size to be determined. Current taxes are based on CAUV. Buyer is responsible for all tap fees. Click **HERE** for additional information.

Mid-East Career Center's CDL Program Holds Grand Opening

The Mid-East Career Center's Commercial Drivers License (CDL) training and testing facility is now open.

The new facility will provide a one-stop-shop for testing and training. The Center's Board of Education paid $1.2M for the facility and another $200,000 eleven acres to construct a testing location.

There are many student financing options available including short-term certificate funding. Students are required to provide a valid driver's license, pass a department of transportation test, physical and drug test.

Matt Sheridan

Mid-East CTC previously offered CDL training; however, there was always a 3-4 month backlog for testing, with the closest testing location an hour away.

Superintendent of Mid-East CTC, Matt Sheridan, says they have already tested over 100 people in the last two months. At the Grand Opening, he thanked Representative Adam Holmes and the Muskingum County Commissioners for being partners to the school.

"....We're still working on obtaining all the funds to finish...but we just want to let people know what we're doing, where we're going and we're excited about the future," Sheridan said.

State Representative, Adam Holmes, feels great about the program and believes it is an efficient use of public money. He says it is going to provide jobs for many young folks around this area and it is a blessing to the community.

Holmes says there is a distinct advantage in this area for logistics supply and management. Right now, CDL driving is the second-most in demand job in Ohio.

“To all the young folks out there, there are so many options for you. You’re great, hard-working good people and you come from a great community and you’re in demand,” Holmes said.

Matt Abbott, Zanesville Muskingum County Port Authority Executive Director said, "We applaud the efforts of the Mid-East Career and Technology Center for identifying a community need and taking the steps to develop a solution. This program will not only provide a benefit to Muskingum County employers, but our entire region."

Rep. Adam Holmes

Transformational Mixed-Use Development Program

The Transformational Mixed-Use Development Program provides a tax credit against Development costs incurred during the construction of a project that will be a catalyst for future development in a particular area.

A Development includes new construction and/or improvement of vacant buildings that will have a major economic impact on the site and the surrounding area. This Development must be **a combination of retail, office, residential, recreation, structured parking, and other similar uses into one mixed-use Development.** Projects may be either the entire Development or a phase or contiguous phases within the Development.

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