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The Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) was established as part of the American Rescue Plan Act to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. The program will provide funding equal to pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10M per business. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

#### Eligible entities include:

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks, food carts
- Caterers
- Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
- Bakeries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Breweries and/or microbreweries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Wineries and distilleries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Inns (onsite sales of food and beverage to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)



## Adapting Your Business to the New Normal

Almost every industry has been impacted by the pandemic, social distancing and changes in consumer behavior. Let's discuss what opportunities are possible for your business to thrive! Join LIGHTS Regional Innovation and other regional partners for this informational online event.

Day: Wed, May 26, 2021

**Time:** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT

Location: Online via Zoom

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## **Featured Property**

## Northpointe Business Park 17 Acre Site



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 located in the Fairview Community Reinvestment Area and is eligible for an up to 8 year, 100% CRA abatement. With the expanding business parks and two post-secondary institutions within minutes of the site, this is an excellent investment opportunity.

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# Fairview CRA - Muskingum County





## The Ohio Community Reinvestment Area

The Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program is an economic development tool administered by municipal and county government that provides real property tax exemptions for property owners who renovate existing or construct new buildings.

The Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Program is a direct incentive tax exemption program benefiting property owners who renovate existing or construct new buildings. This program permits municipalities or counties to designate areas where investment has been discouraged as a CRA to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures.

In Muskingum County, there are six designated CRA's. Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more.



#### On-the-Job Training Program (OJT)

is a federally funded program that helps employers hire and train laid-off workers for full-time, long term employment.

Through OJT programs, employers like you may be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the wages earned by eligible new trainees while they learn the job. This funding compensates you for training workers in skills they need to help your business thrive.

- HANDS-ON TRAINING DONE YOUR WAY
- AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMPANY
- FAST TURN-AROUND, MINIMAL PAPERWORK

An OJT agreement must be developed before new employees are hired. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Total reimbursement cannot exceed \$8,000, and the length of the training period cannot exceed six months.

"This program has provided Republic the opportunity to expand our steelmaking operations in Canton, Ohio, by adding approximately 55 employees (previously laid-off workers) to our production units to date and training them in operating and maintenance jobs."

Melissa Boyd, Director, Corporate Human Resources, Republic Engineered Products

#### **Employer Requirements**

If you can answer "Yes" to these questions, you may be eligible for OJT reimbursement:

- Will the new employee need training to succeed on the job?
- Will you directly hire the employee?
- · Will you retain the trainee if he/she is successful?
- Will you have an OJT agreement in place prior to hiring the employee?

**NOTE**: All OJT employee candidates must be assessed and found eligible and suitable for the position. Your local One-Stop Center can send you eligible candidates.

"Thanks to the on-the-job training programs offered through state funding. SPSI has changed its hiring practices for skilled positions within the company. OJT has provided SPSI the capabilities to train potential employees who lack the skill set needed in today's demanding industry."

Jerry Stethem, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Scott Process Systems, Inc.

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