

Appalachian Community Grant Program

Appalachian Downtowns and Destinations Initiative

Yoctangee Riverside District

City of Chillicothe (Ross)

Award Amount: \$35,362,990

The city of Chillicothe's central gathering place, the Yoctangee Riverside District will be transformed by four projects.

- The underutilized Armory will be renovated to house the UNESCO World Heritage Sites Visitors' Center, community meeting spaces, and a large recreational facility. A large pavilion will be built next to the Armory to house the Chillicothe Farmers Market.
- Major improvements will be made to the park's recreational fields, including the construction of an amphitheater, pickleball courts, and refurbishment of the baseball field.
- Additionally, the road network surrounding the park and downtown will be reconfigured to improve access and add a shared-use bike path.
- Finally, the Mighty Children's Museum will be renovated and expanded to add STEM-related programming for older children.

Mound City Visitor Experience Enhancements

Union Township (Ross)

Award Amount: \$792,593

The historic site at Mound City will be enhanced to include a pavilion and shelter to serve larger groups, including students. Additionally, improvements will be made to make the site more ADA accessible, along with new signage.

Seip Earthworks Experience Enhancements

Paxton Township (Ross)

Award Amount: \$705,319

The area surrounding the earthworks will undergo infrastructure improvements, including new restrooms and the renovation of the Blackstone House into a visitor center to accommodate additional visitors and traffic.

Hopewell Mound Group Visitor Experience Enhancements

Union Township (Ross)

Award Amount: \$320,542

An existing bike trail will be expanded and completed to connect the Hopewell Mound Group to the adjacent Maple Grove Prairie Park. Interpretive signage and new restroom facilities will also be added to improve the visitor experience.

Hopeton Earthworks Experience Enhancements

Springfield Township (Ross)

Award Amount: \$952,497

The Hopeton Earthworks site will receive driveway and parking improvements. Additionally, new restrooms and signage will be added to accommodate visitors.

Paint Creek Recreational Trail Section Repairs

Concord Township (Ross)

Award Amount: \$1,933,740

Ross County Park District will make improvements and repairs at the Paint Creek Trail to improve its current condition and prevent further erosion. The community frequently uses the 22-mile trail, which connects several recreational sites, including Yoctangee Park.

Village of Bainbridge Main Street Streetscape Revitalization

Village of Bainbridge (Ross)

Award Amount: \$2,145,275

Building upon recent entrepreneurial investments in downtown Bainbridge, the village will enhance the public space by making several improvements to the infrastructure. The village intends to replace Main Street with full-depth pavement, improve sidewalks to encourage more residents to visit and walk the district and improve pedestrian safety. Additionally, a new outdoor park and community space will be constructed.

Village of Frankfort Main Street Streetscape and Downtown Revitalization

Village of Frankfort (Ross)

Award Amount: \$3,079,793

The Village of Frankfort will install bump outs to calm traffic and enhance pedestrian safety, in addition to new ADA-compliant ramps. Lightle Park will also be improved by adding a trailhead with a bike repair station, wayfinding signage, new playground equipment, tennis and pickleball courts, sports fields, and a dog park.

Gateway to the Heart of Hocking Hills: Revitalizing Downtown Logan (three projects)

City of Logan (Hocking)

Award Amount: \$14,328,481

The City of Logan will transform Mulberry Street (State Route 93) into a welcoming corridor for visitors to the city and the Hocking Hills region. The project includes the addition of new signage, archways, improved landscaping, and decorative intersections. Additionally, the city will convert Main Street (between High and Orchard Streets) into a “complete street” by reorganizing surface parking to accommodate wider sidewalks and a shared-use path to improve pedestrian safety. The city intends to add new lighting to both enhance the downtown district’s visual appeal and improve safety. Worthington Park will also be expanded and transformed, doubling in size, to include a bouldering/climbing wall, overhead canopies, and new spaces to hold large community gatherings.

Serpent Mound New Observation Tower & Village of Peebles Streetscape-Downtown Improvements (two projects)

Village of Peebles (Adams)

Award Amount: \$6,426,700

The observation tower at Serpent Mound will be reconstructed and reopened for the first time in several years. Additionally, the village of Peebles will make improvements to sidewalks, safety, and roadways including bump-outs and new crosswalks.

Village of Georgetown Downtown Courthouse Square Streetscape & US Grant Boyhood Home and Schoolhouse Improvement (three projects)

Village of Georgetown (Brown)

Award Amount: \$8,693,300

The Village of Georgetown intends to make improvements across several blocks of the village. First, the four streets surrounding the Brown County Courthouse Square will be realigned to create a more vibrant and walkable downtown core for the village. A shared-use path will also be created to connect the fairgrounds, courthouse, and Ulysses S. Grant's Boyhood Home and Schoolhouse. The National Historic Site will also undergo structural and environmental repairs, in addition to new gathering and recreational spaces for tours and groups. Finally, an existing downtown building will be transformed into the new U.S. Grant Historic Site Visitor's Center, which will feature programming and exhibits.

Mount Orab Healthcare Services Revitalization

Village of Mount Orab (Brown)

Award Amount: \$5,006,180

The Adams County Regional Medical Center will construct a new medical facility near Mt. Orab to serve Brown County. Healthcare services will include primary care, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, radiology imaging services, and a lab draw station. The facility will also allow specialists in partnership with the University of Cincinnati Physicians Group to provide expanded services.

City of Hillsboro Crossroads Park

City of Hillsboro (Highland)

Award Amount: \$5,204,536

The city will create a new "central" park in downtown Hillsboro. This includes an outdoor gathering space, amphitheater, farmers market, playground, and beautification of the surrounding streetscape. The amphitheater will feature a stage and restroom facilities. The city also intends to open a new outdoor area, Crossroads Park, for the community to use.

Village of Leesburg Downtown Park

Village of Leesburg (Highland)

Award Amount: \$1,052,995

Leesburg will transform a defunct park into a vibrant, usable space for the community. The project includes new amenities such as a footbridge, playground area, lighting, and restrooms. Walking paths around the park will also be installed to give residents access to low-cost outdoor recreation and the various amenities of the park.

Village of Lynchburg Downtown Park Revitalization

Village of Lynchburg (Highland)

Award Amount: \$1,001,390

The Village of Lynchburg will revitalize its downtown park with new amenities focused on empowering residents to maintain healthy lifestyles. Installation of a shelter house will create access to fresh produce by housing a regularly occurring farmer's market in a village without a local grocery store. Additional park improvements include a walking trail, pedestrian bridge, play area, ADA parking, and community-use raised garden beds.

Village of Greenfield Felson Park Improvements

City of Greenfield (Highland)

Award Amount: \$5,371,410

The Village of Greenfield intends to make several improvements to Felson Park. Together, they will create a reimagined space on a regional bikeway along Paint Creek and house a venue for Greenfield's cultural events and festivals, arts, and civic gatherings. The park will also serve as a trailhead for bikeway activity, serving riders using the Tri-County Triangle Trail. Felson Park's livery access to Paint Creek will create a canoe and kayak blue-way trail extending to Paint Creek Lake, where camping and outdoor recreation can be accessed, and create the opportunity for multi-activity trips.

City of Jackson Downtown Streetscapes

City of Jackson (Jackson)

Award Amount: \$3,698,250

The City of Jackson will complete revitalization efforts in Jackson's downtown district along Main and Broadway Streets. These efforts include sidewalk enhancements for pedestrian accessibility, streetscapes, enhancements to the city's farmers market space, including a shelter house, and improvements to boost the downtown's capacity for community events.

Village of Oak Hill Welsh Museum Rehabilitation

Village of Oak Hill (Jackson)

Award Amount: \$307,630

The Welsh American Heritage Museum will make critical repairs to its historic facility in downtown Oak Hill. Work will include reconstruction of the steeple, restoration, and weatherization of the stained-glass windows and two original front doors, façade improvements, and ADA-compliant installments at the entrance.

Wellston Medical Office Building Rehab

City of Wellston (Jackson)

Award Amount: \$1,664,578

A partnership between Adena Health System and Jackson County Economic Development Partnership will oversee the renovation of a vacant building in Wellston to house and expand Adena-based medical services to meet the growing healthcare demand in the community.

University of Rio Grande- McArthur Campus Center Building

Village of McArthur (Vinton)

Award Amount: \$11,912,000

The University of Rio Grande will build a new facility, the McArthur Center, that will be a hub for education, economic development, healthcare, and community engagement. The facility will be located near the county's only public high school and will offer affordable education for in-demand jobs like healthcare and advanced manufacturing, catering to students with limited access to such opportunities. The center will include spaces to serve as classrooms, event venues, and office space for community partners. Holzer Health Systems is a committed community partner that will provide after-hours healthcare and telemedicine services in a community critically in need of access to these services.

University of Rio Grande- Jackson Campus Manufacturing Center Renovation

City of Jackson (Jackson)

Award Amount: \$1,286,330

The University of Rio Grande will renovate and furnish open garage space to house a new manufacturing and robotics training center. The Jackson Center will be focused on a partnership between the university and Ohio Means Jobs to bring training opportunities to support local industry employer needs.

Holzer Hill Medical Complex Childcare Center Construction

City of Gallipolis (Gallia)

Award Amount: \$7,377,238

Holzer Health will build a childcare center with educational equipment, specialized classrooms, and a playground for active outdoor learning that will have the capacity to serve more than 100 children of the hospital's healthcare workers in an area facing childcare scarcity.

Village of Zaleski: A Trail Town, A Mound Town Project

Village of Zaleski (Vinton)

Award Amount: \$3,603,436

This project will enhance and insert trailheads from the village to the Moonville Rail Trail, Zaleski State Forest, and Lake Hope and connect the community park to the Moonville Rail Trail. This will also rehabilitate the community's downtown park and the trails will provide access to Pre-Historic Native American Mounds.

City of Athens Central Business District Beautification Project

City of Athens (Athens)

Award Amount: \$6,564,071

Downtown revitalization and modernization work will include utility burial, new landscaping and streetscaping, pedestrian improvements, and corridor extensions in the northern portion of the central business district. These improvements will complement the renovated Athens Armory, which was awarded in the first round of the Appalachian Community Grant Program.

Mount Zion Baptist Church Rehabilitation

City of Athens (Athens)

Award Amount: \$7,043,674

The Mount Zion Baptist Church is currently in severe disrepair and will undergo rehabilitation to become the Mount Zion Cultural Center, creating a multipurpose community and educational space for Southeast Ohio.

Southeast Ohio History Center Building Upgrades & Repairs

City of Athens (Athens)

Award Amount: \$2,639,453

The renovation of a three-story historic building will create the Southeast Ohio History Center. This will serve as an educational touchpoint for Ohio social studies and language arts students in the region, a museum, and a research library for regional history.

Village of Chauncey Main Street (Converse Street) Streetscape Revitalization

Village of Chauncey (Athens)

Award Amount: \$1,964,135

The Village of Chauncey will revitalize its downtown district, including sidewalks, lighting, street landscaping, and wayfinding signs. The downtown district will be connected to the Baileys Trail system and a new local park.

Black Horse Inn Underground Railroad Museum Rehabilitation

Village of Morristown (Belmont)

Award Amount: \$3,901,017

One of the last remaining inns and taverns on the old National Road, the Black Horse Inn will be renovated, including the addition of a new Underground Railroad Museum on the main floor of the building.

Monroe Theatre Restoration/Renovation

Village of Woodsfield (Monroe)

Award Amount: \$4,607,200

The historic Monroe Theatre will be renovated to promote downtown revitalization in Woodsfield. Improvements will allow the building to better serve students and community members.

Chesterhill Auction Site Improvements

Village of Chesterhill (Morgan)

Award Amount: \$977,635

Renovations at the Chesterhill Auction Site will include upgrades for the livestock sales barn, electrical, bathrooms, commercial kitchen, and an expansion to accommodate more produce. Hundreds of growers utilize the auction to sell their locally grown produce, livestock, and wood products at auction prices to other local businesses, restaurants, schools, and hospitals in rural areas with limited fresh food access. These improvements will further expand access to fresh food in the region.