

Appalachian Community Grant Program

In 2022, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik partnered with the Ohio General Assembly to create the Appalachian Community Grant Program. This unprecedented investment directed \$500 million into Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region. Each project funded through this initiative, excluding planning grants, is listed below. These summaries were compiled by the Ohio Department of Development. Those with questions about the overall Appalachian Community Grant Program should contact Mason Waldvogel, Ohio Department of Development deputy chief of media relations, at 614-961-1688 or mason.waldvogel@development.ohio.gov. Those with questions about a specific project should contact the entity that received the grant award.

Round 1 Shovel-Ready Projects

Connecting Communities Through Workforce Training Project

Columbiana, Carroll, Jefferson, and Mahoning counties

Award Amount: \$2,356,417

The Utica Shale Academy of Ohio will increase access to workforce training for at-risk, low-income young adults, individuals, and families impacted by substance use disorders. Utica Shale will create the Connecting Communities Through Workforce Training project, which will provide residents with a career pathway for in-demand jobs that allow them to earn a sustainable living wage. The project will expand workforce training services at three strategically placed training centers that will reskill and upskill individuals to attract and retain skilled labor. The training will focus on in-demand jobs like heavy equipment operation, welding, industrial maintenance, robotics, 3D printing, broadband infrastructure, and diesel mechanics. Participants will also have access to community health workers to assist with resources to improve health.

At Work in Appalachia

Coshocton, Logan, Somerset, and Athens

Award Amount: \$17,674,641

The City of Athens will receive a grant to revitalize 80,000 square feet of downtown space with the rehabilitation of six historic buildings. The buildings include the Athens Armory, Coshocton Collaborative, Somerset Builders Club, Logan Theater and Community Arts Center, Hocking Hills Children's Museum, and Hocking Hills Chamber. The At Work in Appalachia project will also deliver collaborative regional programming through a series of public/private partnerships, including rentable coworking space, business incubation centers,

community gathering space for arts, culture, and technology programs, and the creation and expansion of mental health services. The project will expand existing collaborations and incentivize new partnerships that create visible, lasting impact, accelerate downtown revitalization across the four-county region, and attract business and visitors to downtowns.

Turning Over a New Leaf for Appalachia Families Through Wealth, Health, and Technology

Athens, Glouster, Nelsonville, Gallipolis, and Middleport

Award Amount: \$25,793,806

The Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program will address social determinants of health challenges by establishing a mental health drop-in center and advocacy trauma center and expanding four New Leaf Recovery Villages. The program will offer shelter and transitional housing services, healthy food support, childcare, and case management. The project will also include the construction of 3D-printed affordable housing, the renovation of downtown buildings and infrastructure to increase walkability, and the establishment of workforce development programs focused on transitional job programs.

Southeast Ohio Nature, Heritage, and Art Sustainable Tourism Anchor Development to Transform the Appalachian Ohio Economy Project

Athens, Buchtel, Nelsonville, Chauncey, Middleport, and Jacksonville

Award Amount: \$4,175,136

The Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia will receive a grant that will impact Athens, Buchtel, Nelsonville, Chauncey, Middleport, and Jacksonville by focusing on the development of tourism assets and essential connectivity to workforce development. The project will focus on completing the trails and visitor facilities for the Baileys Trail System and will offer lodging and connectivity with neighboring communities. The project includes essential workforce training for emergency rescue first responders, land managers, and hospitality staff and will include expanded healthcare access in Athens and Meigs counties.

Appalachian Children's Health Initiative

Adams County Ohio Valley School District (Adams)

Telehealth and Mobile Unit Program

Award amount: \$1,337,328

In partnership with the Adams County Regional Medical Center, Adams County Ohio Valley School District will establish a telemedicine program for students, teachers, administrators, and support staff to identify and treat health problems, as well as provide comprehensive care and health education for a district experiencing gaps in healthcare accessibility and resources. ACRMC will staff each of the three PreK-12 schools with a medical assistant to reduce the burden on school nurses and coordinate access with telehealth visits and hospital staff. Additionally, the project will fund a community mobile care program, staffed with a nurse practitioner, medical assistant, and registration specialist to provide healthcare and education to serve the local Amish population, mitigating transportation and other barriers for the community.

Ashtabula Area City School District (Ashtabula)

School-Based Health Center

Award amount: \$331,500

In partnership with the Ashtabula County Medical Center (ACMC), the Ashtabula Area City School District will establish a new school-based health clinic to provide primary care services to students. The clinic will be staffed by a nurse practitioner along with either a medical assistant or licensed practical nurse and will offer students convenient access to primary care on weekdays, aiming to prioritize students' ability to remain in school. The Growth Partnership of Ashtabula County, and the Ashtabula County Community Action Agency, are partners on the project and aim to develop and strengthen workforce ties and wrap-around services. The clinic is part of the broader ACMC network, which will leverage various specialty providers for necessary referrals.

Athens City Schools, Warren Local Schools, Wellston City Schools, Chillicothe City Schools, Union Scioto Local, Adena Local (Athens, Jackson, Washington, Ross)

Mobile School-Based Eye Care Program

Mobile Vision Program-Athens award amount: \$334,300

Mobile Vision Program-Ross award amount: \$240,700

In partnership with Athens Eye Care, LLC/Hocking Hills Eye Care and Dr. Patricia A. Haller, Athens City, Warren Local, Wellston City, Chillicothe City, Union Scioto Local, Adena Local school districts will establish a mobile school-based eye care program to provide school-

based vision care to at-risk students. Providers will travel to school districts and deliver school-based care during the academic year, which will result in over 2,300 eye exams across six school districts. Providers will utilize mobile eye exam equipment to provide comprehensive eye exams and diagnose any vision or ocular health issues. This program will eliminate the barrier of transportation to a local eye care provider and the general lack of eye care providers in the regions being served. There are also plans of recruitment of new providers to the area to create a more robust eye care provider network, expanding access to care for the surrounding community.

East Central Ohio Educational Service Center (Belmont)

Community Resource Center

Award amount \$3,315,924

In partnership with Ohio Hills Health Centers and Ohio University, East Central Ohio Educational Service Center will establish a community-based health center. Space is allocated for four dental treatment bays, three exam rooms, two physician offices, and a laboratory. The facility will serve as a regional hub for healthcare services and workforce development programming for students, families, and adult residents of Belmont and surrounding counties. The community resource center will provide necessary health and wellness services to students and families who may otherwise be forced to travel long distances to receive the care they need.

HealthSource of Ohio (Brown)

Community Health Center and Workforce Training Center Expansion

Award amount \$3,622,000

HealthSource of Ohio (HSO) will expand its health center in the village of Mt. Orab, allowing for increased access to primary care and dental services and offering designated space for medical and dental job training. To address the growing need for healthcare professionals in Brown County, HSO will hire a family medicine clinician, dentist, dental hygienist, and support staff. In addition, HSO is developing its training curriculum for dental assistants to mirror the success of its medical assistant program and provide students with the opportunity to train for a career in dental care services.

Brown Local School District (Carroll)

Malvern Community Wellness Center

Award amount \$2,627,950

In partnership with Aultman Health Foundation, Brown Local School District will build a 3,000-square-foot community wellness center that will provide comprehensive services, including access to healthcare, mental health, addiction and recovery services, CARE Team Services as well as wellness opportunities for staff and community members. The wellness

center will be staffed by a nurse practitioner and a medical assistant, and will operate weekdays, year-round. Students will be prioritized, but the center will have the capability of serving staff while also allowing access to the broader community.

HealthSource of Ohio (Clermont)

Community Health Center and Workforce Training Center Expansion

Award amount \$3,400,000

In partnership with the city of Loveland, HealthSource of Ohio (HSO) will expand an existing school-based health center in Loveland that will provide space for an additional primary care clinician while also adding much-needed telehealth services for the nearby Goshen school-based health center. The project will also create 2-3 certified medical assistant roles giving patients access to the full scope of services offered by HSO including medical, dental, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services. HSO plans to partner with Ohio Means Jobs and other community agencies to ensure rural community members have the opportunities they need to be healthy and employed.

Bristol, Crestview, East Holmes, Mahoning Valley, Newton Falls, and Sebring School Districts (Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Trumbull)

Mobile Provider with Telehealth

Award amount \$238,668

In partnership with Akron Children's Hospital, Bristol, Crestview, East Holmes, Mahoning Valley, Newton Falls, and Sebring School Districts will establish a mobile, in-person provider, and telehealth model of school-based healthcare. Each district designated a private clinical space for Akron Children's use when on-site, allowing for efficient distribution, coordination, and management of services including necessary preventative care services. Akron Children's will retain an advanced practice provider at the program launch to partner directly with the identified districts. The school provider will deliver telehealth and in-person clinical services for the district and student population. Locations will receive integrated telehealth equipment to streamline student access to care. In future phases, telehealth will be utilized to connect Akron Children's Hospital primary and specialty practice providers directly to their patient population in and through school.

East Palestine City School District (Columbiana)

East Palestine School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$251,528

In partnership with Akron Children's Hospital, East Palestine City School District has designated a private, school-based clinical space in the high school and elementary school. Locations will receive equipment to facilitate comprehensive, in-person care as well as telehealth. A dedicated school health primary care provider will be recruited and retained at

the program launch to partner directly with East Palestine City Schools. The provider will offer indirect and direct clinical services for the school district and student population and will work with the school nursing staff. Together they will leverage health and wellness policy, promotion, education, and access to direct healthcare services to help create healthy school environments for students, staff, and families across the district.

Gallia County Local School District (Gallia)

Gallia County School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$2,850,680

In partnership with Holzer Health System, Gallia County Local School District plans to construct a 2,300-square-foot health center at the South Gallia Middle and High School building. This facility will provide comprehensive primary care, behavioral health, dental, and vision services to students, district staff, and members of the surrounding community. The center will be staffed by the following Holzer team members: a nurse practitioner and a certified medical assistant who will be trained to handle registration duties. Vision services will be provided by a Holzer optometrist, and dental services will be offered by local a dentist.

Gallipolis City School District (Gallia)

Gallia Academy Wellness Center

Award amount \$2,627,220

In partnership with Holzer Health System, Gallipolis City School District will construct a wellness center adjacent to the Gallia Academy High School, where space will be dedicated to health and wellness services provided by staff from Holzer, Hopewell Health Centers, Health Recovery Systems, and district personnel. The wellness center will include space for primary care, behavioral health, optometry, school nursing, substance abuse counseling, and shared conferencing space to facilitate collaboration between providers and key stakeholders. Students will be prioritized, but services will also be accessible to district families, staff, and community members. Primary care offerings for students will be comprehensive, including but not limited to well visits, acute and sick visits, vaccinations, primary care mental health, and transportation support.

Fairfield Local School District (Highland)

School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$3,235,560

In partnership with Highland Health Partners (HHP), Fairfield Local School District will build and open a school-based health center in the Fairfield Local School District to meet the health and wellness needs of students and families. Services will be provided through a mix of on-site and telehealth resources providing access to both comprehensive primary care, and mental and behavioral health resources, to decrease behaviors such as student tardiness and

absenteeism. HHP aims to engage external psychiatry and therapy services while exploring the incorporation of a new behavioral health service line within the organization to address the insufficient availability of local behavioral health services. HPP will link patients with Highland District Hospital as necessary for follow-up that best meets their needs. Additionally, Fairfield Local will add classroom space to support workforce development and STEM education expansion and will be leveraged as an extension of the established career readiness program.

FosterHub (Hocking, Ross, and Vinton)

Multi-use Facility with Housing, Training, and Wraparound Services

Award amount \$7,322,363

In partnership with the Hocking Valley Community Hospital, South Central Ohio Job & Family Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and CK Construction Group, FosterHub will purchase and renovate a commercial property in the heart of historic downtown Logan that will house all operations and offer services, including transitional housing for adolescents transitioning from foster care. The space will also provide job training, life skills training, group therapy, and behavioral health activities. The newly renovated downtown location will be home to a teaching kitchen, laundry services, computer training center, gathering space for behavioral health support services, and more to allow for a holistic approach to ensure youth have the necessary support in place to reach their full potential.

Campbell City School District (Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana)

Campbell Health and Community Development Center

Award amount \$10,504,763

In partnership with Stark State College, Education Service Center of Eastern Ohio, Mahoning County Green Team, and United Way of Youngstown and Mahoning Valley, Campbell City School District will construct a 55,000-square-foot facility on the grounds of its K-6 school, adjacent to the region's only STEM school, the Northeast Ohio IMPACT Academy, and Community Literacy Workforce and Cultural Center. This unique ecosystem of programs and partners will provide access to food through an on-site food pantry, greenhouse, and composting facility; healthcare services that provide pediatric primary care and pediatric mental health counseling on-site and via telehealth; childcare that provides literacy-rich and developmentally appropriate curriculum that is aligned with Ohio's Early Learning Standards; and workforce services and educational programming related to the medical field, including but not limited to medical coding, medical assistants, and other high-need and emerging areas of healthcare. Linkages to care at Akron Children's will be available to students and families in each district.

Maysville Local School District (Muskingum)

School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$283,500

In partnership with the Muskingum Valley Health Centers (MVHC), Maysville Local School District will fully integrate into Maysville Middle/High School building by converting unused classroom space into a comprehensive school-based health center, providing accessible healthcare services, including mental health support, health education, and primary care services. MVHC will operate a full-service, school-based clinic staffed by an advanced practice registered nurse and one licensed practical nurse. The clinic will operate daily during the academic year and the MVHC mobile unit will operate during the summer, serving students as well as district staff, parents, and families. Patients will also be connected to MVHC's broader network of care in the region.

Zanesville City School District (Muskingum)

School-Based Health Center at Zanesville High School

Award amount \$1,307,050

In partnership with Muskingum Valley Health Center (MVHC), Zanesville City School District will develop a school-based health center located in walkable proximity to its middle school and also offering services to the district's three elementary schools. The center will consist of three exam rooms, one of which can be allocated for hearing and vision care or other needs aside from traditional primary care. The scope of work offered by MVHC spans preventive as well as acute care, allowing patients to be seen for anything from routine annual care to chronic disease management for conditions such as asthma or diabetes. Point-of-care testing will also be available to enable immediate diagnostic testing and treatment for students, staff, and patients from the community. Patients will also be linked to MVHC's broader local network of care as specialty care needs arise.

Scioto Valley Local School District (Pike, Scioto, Jackson, Adams, and Ross)

Scioto Valley School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$1,695,701

In partnership with the Valley View Health Centers (VVHC) and the Community Action Committee of Pike County, Scioto Valley Local School District (SVLSD) will operate a school-based health clinic in an existing 5,500-square-foot stand-alone facility on the SVLSD campus in Piketon. The center will offer a continuum of care for the whole person. Health and wellness services and social services programming will be available to students as well as staff, family members, and caregivers. The staffing for the center will include licensed medical, social services, and community health staff from VVHC.

Adena Local School District (Ross)

Warrior Wellness Center

Awards amount \$5,754,118

In partnership with Adena Health System, Adena Local School District will establish the Warrior Wellness Center located on the school district's new athletic field complex. The facility will be inclusive of a variety of health, wellness, and social services and will not only benefit the students of Adena Local but will also serve school staff and the entire community. The wellness center will include a newly constructed primary health clinic in addition to a pharmacy, a community wellness and activity center, and offices for behavioral health and other community-serving organizations. A walking track in the facility will provide year-round exercise opportunities for community members. On-site primary care clinical services will be supported 5 days per week through Adena Health and staffed with a primary care provider and support staff.

Chillicothe City School District (Ross)

School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$662,130

In partnership, Adena Health and Chillicothe City Schools have identified a 1,300-square-foot space within the district enrollment center on the High School-Middle School campus to serve as a school-based health center. The new clinic will be adjacent to the high school gymnasium and will create easy access for students, staff, and community members. The Chillicothe Wellness team is prioritizing primary care as one of their top needs for students, along with mental health, dental, and nutrition services. Patients can be connected to a broad network of care and be referred to other specialty care providers as needed. On-site clinical services will be supported through Adena Health and staffed by a two-person medical care team that will rotate between the on-site clinics in Ross County to ensure adequate coverage for all partner school districts based on need.

Huntington Local School District (Ross)

School-Based Health Center

Award amount: \$556,290

In partnership with Adena Health System, Huntington Local School District will establish a Huntington school-based health center within their unified campus complex. The clinic will be located within the high school section of the building and staffed by a two-person medical care team that will rotate between the on-site clinics in Ross County to ensure adequate coverage for all partner school districts based on need. Based on a 2022 school district health and wellness assessment, primary care for students is a priority, along with mental health, dental, and nutrition services. Adena will work to ensure effective delivery of the coordinated services, including prevention care and services for patients, health and social-related

professional development services for staff, ongoing assessment of school needs with staff, administration, and school nurses, athletic training and support services, and primary care services.

Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center (Ross, Pickaway)

School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$524,250

In partnership with Adena Health System, Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center will establish a school-based health clinic. The clinic will provide convenient access to healthcare services, addressing immediate health needs and fostering a proactive approach to students' physical and mental well-being. On-site medical care, vaccinations, and health education programs will enhance students' academic success by reducing absenteeism due to health issues. Access to additional services, such as primary care mental health, will help improve mental health issues. The center will also serve as a valuable resource for families and the community, providing a centralized location for accessible and affordable healthcare, ultimately promoting a healthier and more engaged student body and community as a whole.

Union-Scioto Local School District (Ross)

School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$605,610

In partnership with Adena Health System, Union-Scioto Local School District will establish a school-based health center, eliminating transportation barriers for families and providing access to care for both routine and unexpected medical needs. Prioritized primary care is the top focus for students, along with mental health, dental, and nutrition services. Internal and external Adena partners will ensure effective delivery of the coordinated services, including prevention care and services for patients, health and social-related professional development services for staff, ongoing assessment of school needs with staff, administration and school nurses, athletic training and support services, and primary care services. On-site clinical services will be supported through Adena Health and staffed by a two-person medical care team that will rotate between the on-site clinics in Ross County to ensure adequate coverage for all partner school districts based on need.

Greenfield Exempted Village, Southeastern Local School District, Waverly City Schools, Wellston City Schools, Zane Trace Local Schools (Ross, Highland, Pike, Jackson)

Mobile Health Program

Award amount \$232,965

Adena Health System will expand the scope of services its mobile health program delivers to Greenfield Exempted Village, Southeastern Local School District, Waverly City Schools, Wellston City Schools, and Zane Trace Local Schools to deliver critically needed services to

families throughout the multi-county service region. The Adena mobile unit is equipped with the necessary equipment for both primary care and dental services, removing barriers to care and fostering a proactive approach to healthcare. A full-time nurse practitioner, one driver/registrar combined role, and one full-time community health worker will be added to the mobile program. Additionally, shore plugs will be installed at each district partner, including existing mobile health district partners, to extend the life of the mobile health unit to ensure sustainable operations well into the future. Linkages of care will be intentionally conducted for patients with needs beyond the initial mobile unit appointment.

Warren City School District (Trumbull)

Warren School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$ 318,360

In partnership with Akron Children's Hospital, Warren City School District will establish a school-based health center to prioritize closing gaps in care for students with chronic health conditions, such as asthma and other chronic illnesses. The center will be located within Warren G. Harding High School, connecting to a fully operating pediatric practice that will serve as the central clinical location for the Akron Children's care team. A dedicated advanced practice provider will provide clinical services for the school district and student population. Medical and community staff will work with school nursing staff to address referrals timely and appropriately with consent from parents and guardians. Telehealth services will be available to streamline student access to care within their home school, eliminating transportation barriers. In future phases, telehealth will be utilized to connect Akron Children's Hospital primary and specialty practice providers directly to their patient population in and through school.

Tuscarawas Valley Local School District (Tuscarawas)

Tusky Valley School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$2,284,000

In partnership with Aultman Health Foundation, Tuscarawas Valley Local School District will repurpose the old high school building into a community resource center which will house a school-based health center, senior center, community event space and theater, and a fitness center. The center will offer students access to comprehensive primary care including well visits, acute and sick visits, vaccinations, and more, and services will be available to the larger community as well. The health center will be staffed by a nurse practitioner and a medical assistant and will operate weekdays, year-round. Additionally, plans include placing two mental health providers inside the health center to establish on-site mental health services at school and integrate primary and behavioral health care.

Claymont City School District (Tuscarawas)

Claymont School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$1,896,633

In partnership with Aultman Health Foundation, Claymont City School District will construct a 2,000-square-foot school-based health center on the grounds of Claymont High School, which will allow Aultman to provide enhanced acute care and comprehensive well-care to address absenteeism among students and staff. Primary care offerings will be comprehensive, including but not limited to well visits, acute and sick visits, vaccinations, and more. Patients can be seen for anything from routine annual care to chronic disease management for conditions such as asthma or diabetes as well as primary care mental health. Point-of-care testing will also be available to enable immediate diagnostic testing and treatment for students, staff, and the broader community. The health center will be staffed by a nurse practitioner and a medical assistant and is planning to operate weekdays, year-round. In addition, The Village Network, a community-based mental health provider, plans to open a secondary location inside the center to provide support to students and the community.

Warren Local Schools (Washington)

School-Based Health Center

Award amount \$1,381,118

In partnership with Hopewell Health Centers, Warren Local Schools will add an on-site school-based health clinic, repurposing the gym and locker rooms. The clinic will feature exam rooms for primary care, lab facilities, and offices for behavioral health staff, fostering an integrated care approach. The center will be staffed with a nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse, and existing behavioral health staff. Hopewell Health Center will offer on-site comprehensive primary care and behavioral health services to students, staff, families, and the broader community. Closed-loop referral processes will be developed to facilitate referrals for care from district staff, community organizations, and families. Referrals for more substantial needs or specialized care will be arranged, and subsequent follow-ups will conveniently occur within the school environment, ensuring continued access to patients within the district.

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.

Ohio's Wonderful Waterfronts Initiative

Portsmouth Riverfront Improvements

City of Portsmouth (Scioto)

Award Amount: \$34,216,387

The city of Portsmouth's riverfront will be redeveloped to include outdoor parks, recreational amenities along the river, riverfront murals, an amphitheater, improved walking paths, and the installation of a fishing pier and campsites. Revitalization efforts will bolster downtown walkability and better connect businesses to the riverfront.

Levee Park Improvements

City of Marietta (Washington)

Award Amount: \$9,415,911

The city of Marietta will redevelop Levee Park to enhance opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the open-air historic destination. Improvements include sidewalk enhancements, a retaining wall, a boat ramp, bike racks, landscaping, a pedestrian boardwalk, signage, gateways, an improved trail connection to a park, and a fully equipped amphitheater.

Beverly Riverfront Trail and Marina Development

Village of Beverly (Washington)

Award Amount: \$1,250,000

The village of Beverly will install a riverfront multi-use trail and a marina with a boat and kayak launch to increase outdoor recreational activities and provide direct access from the river to the village's downtown area. The enhancements will allow boaters to dock and explore local businesses and the village's historic locks.

Gallipolis Riverfront and Streetscape Improvements

City of Gallipolis (Gallia)

Award Amount: \$9,044,400

The downtown historical district in Gallipolis will undergo riverfront and streetscape enhancements, including installing moorings for larger boats and new docks, improving lighting and streetscape amenities, and wayfinding improvements.

Ripley Riverfront East Improvements

Village of Ripley (Brown)

Award Amount: \$16,387,086

Ripley's riverfront will undergo improvements including the amenities to allow better access to nearby Underground Railroad and historic sites. A new public gathering space will also be constructed to improve public access to the scenic riverfront.

Slim Sallee Park Redevelopment

Village of Higginsport (Brown)

Award Amount: \$6,303,288

The village of Higginsport will revitalize an abandoned ballfield into a seven-acre community park, creating a public gathering space and allowing for connection to the Ohio River. A boat dock and launch from the community park will establish public access to water recreation that currently doesn't exist within the village. A fishing pier, bridge, and mural will also be incorporated into the park to create a transformational space for outdoor recreation.

Liberty Landing Redevelopment

Village of New Richmond (Clermont)

Award Amount: \$13,472,404

The Liberty Landing redevelopment will create riverfront space for community-centric recreation in New Richmond. Improvements include the construction of a river marina, a trail connecting to waterfront access, an amphitheater, a boat ramp, a natural landscape terrace and sidewalk, and ties to the U.S. 52 bike trail.

Pomeroy Downtown Riverfront Revitalization

Village of Pomeroy (Meigs)

Award Amount: \$8,370,900

Riverfront improvements in Pomeroy will support the enhancement of a community-centric downtown area in the village. Revitalization efforts include enhanced streetscape amenities including new sidewalks, lighting, curve bump outs for pedestrian safety, and a more accessible riverfront for farmers' markets and community events.

Ohio River and Leading Creek Village Improvements

Village of Middleport (Meigs)

Award Amount: \$3,451,000

The Ohio River corridor in Middleport will be redeveloped to increase resident and visitor access and enhance recreation facilities. A marina with boat and kayak launches will be constructed along with sidewalk access to the marina/boat ramp, restroom facilities, lighting, and benches, enhancements to the historic Diles park, installation of a food truck area, trolley stops, and several recreational facilities at Hartinger park. This project will create a major connection from the riverfront docks to Middleport's downtown area, which does not currently allow river travelers to easily access village amenities.

Racine Riverfront Redevelopment

Village of Racine (Meigs)

Award Amount: \$10,050,439

The village of Racine will revitalize the riverfront area to take advantage of outdoor recreational activities. Projects include the creation of walking paths, a community amphitheater, a recreational boat dock, a kayak launch, and expanded access to the river.

Lock 27 Redevelopment

Village of Proctorville (Lawrence)

Award Amount: \$5,206,800

Critical improvements will be made to the Proctorville Lock 27 site, including repairs and enhancements of a 1,400-foot sea wall. The redevelopment also includes the creation of a full-service marina capable of housing 100 riverboats, the installation of a boat launch, a floating dock, a boat house, shelter houses, recreational equipment, lighting, and a bicycle/pedestrian trail connection.

Burlington Riverfront Park Redevelopment

Burlington (Lawrence)

Award Amount: \$1,003,660

The riverfront Burlington Park will be redeveloped to include the construction of a small floating dock, ADA access, park facility improvements, sidewalks, benches, and a river observation area for visitors. Additionally, a large shelter house will be constructed to house a farmers' market and community events. A trail interconnection will also be made to the nearby Burlington 37 cemetery.

South Point Park Improvements

Village of South Point (Lawrence)

Award Amount: \$1,274,700

The village of South Point's riverfront park is a unique stop along the river, allowing views of three states and the southernmost point of Ohio. Improvements to the park include the construction of a floating dock, reconstruction of a retaining wall on the overlook, installing ADA access from the docks up to the park, shelter house improvements, lighting, sidewalks, and a riverfront bike-pedestrian path along 1st Street.

Ironton Riverfront Improvements and Ro-Na Theatre

City of Ironton (Lawrence)

Award Amount: \$5,277,310

The city of Ironton plans to complement two projects including current riverfront recreation investments by constructing a multi-use trail, sea walls to accommodate large vessel docking, amenities for full boat services, improvements to circulation trails, and lighting enhancements. Ironton will also renovate the nearby historic Ro-Na Theatre including finishes

of walls and ceilings, leveling of floors, HVAC, lighting, trims, balcony, historic railings, restrooms, upstairs space, and façade features.

Canal Park Trail

Zanesville (Muskingum)

Award Amount: \$1,178,560

The Muskingum Valley Park District will oversee the Canal Park Trail project, which includes improving Muskingum River water trail access and canal path, placing educational kiosks, and installing an overlook deck with tables and seating, lighting, and landscaping.

Caldwell Downtown Revitalization

Village of Caldwell (Noble)

Award Amount: \$4,009,778

Caldwell's downtown square will undergo streetscape, placemaking, and walkability improvements to help improve resident and visitor access to downtown businesses. This project will also revitalize a downtown courtyard next to a historic building into a community gathering and performing arts space.

McConnelsville Riverfront Improvements and Streetscape

Village of McConnelsville (Morgan)

Award Amount: \$10,376,714

The village of McConnelsville will make improvements to enhance pedestrian access and riverfront opportunities through two projects. The projects include the enhancement of streetscapes connecting the square to riverfront areas, pedestrian accessibility and ADA additions, greenspaces, a riverfront park with amenities, an amphitheater, and a playground.

Sardis Riverfront Amphitheater

Sardis (Monroe)

Award Amount: \$4,473,700

The Sardis Riverfront project will intertwine heritage and modern river industry with the construction of a riverfront amphitheater designed to resemble a steamboat paddle wheel. The new amphitheater will offer a scenic space for the community and be used for educational presentations and special events. Additionally, the village will develop scenic trails with rich ecological attractions that maximize recreational use and environmental preservation for the benefit of multiple generations.

New Philadelphia Downtown Redevelopment

New Philadelphia (Tuscarawas)

Award Amount: \$2,949,631

The city of New Philadelphia will overhaul two of the four quadrants of the downtown square. Redevelopment activities will provide space for community events and feature outdoor dining and recreation. A third quadrant will receive landscaping and pavement improvements. Welcome arches will be added on two ends of the downtown.

Twin Bridges Kayak Launch and Water Trail

Conneaut (Ashtabula)

Award Amount: \$276,187

The city of Conneaut will build two kayak launch points, creating the Twin Bridges Water Trail. The water trail is located between two identical bridges crossing the Scenic Waterway of Conneaut Creek.

Lowellville Riverfront Park

Village of Lowellville (Mahoning)

Award Amount: \$936,960

The village of Lowellville will construct a canoe livery, pavilions, and a play facility at the Lowellville Waterfront Park and Canoe Livery. An extensive trail will be added through the wooded riverfront connecting to downtown.

Trumbull Downtown Riverfront Revitalization

Niles (Trumbull)

Award Amount: \$3,500,288

The city of Niles will construct a boat launch within the downtown area to strengthen the connection to the riverfront below the South Main Street bridge into downtown.

Spring Commons Park

Youngstown (Mahoning)

Award Amount: \$3,891,475

Mahoning County will make dramatic improvements to Spring Commons Park, located near downtown Youngstown. New, active play equipment for ages and abilities will be constructed, as well as pavilions, and shelters. A riverfront path and boulder terrace will be added to provide a beach stop-off point for kayakers to visit the park. At the site's northwest corner, an existing asphalt lot will be repurposed into an agriculture center to support community

garden programming. The park will be physically connected to the West Avenue boat launch by a trail.

Struthers Community River Launch

Struthers (Mahoning)

Award Amount: \$1,188,264

In Struthers, a community river launch will be constructed including a stairway with a kayak groove for a direct connection to river access, pavilion and shelters, and a natural play area. Additional facilities will be installed to allow for better capacity to host recreational visitors. Interpretive signage and lighting will be installed to provide safety and context to the site, while new improvements will be made to the landscape.

Shoreline Restoration at Township Park

Geneva-on-the-Lake (Ashtabula)

Award Amount: \$860,000

The project will create stone break walls to mitigate and prevent erosion along the Western shoreline at Geneva Township Park. The project will create public access to Lake Eriem while protecting the natural habitat along the shoreline.

Downtown Geneva Revitalization

Geneva (Ashtabula)

Award Amount: \$ 2,621,152

The revitalization of downtown Geneva will support a range of outdoor activities, including increased sidewalk connections, the continuation of stamped concrete grape vines, new wayfinding signage, murals, landscaping, and pocket parks. Improved street parking will create better capacity within the downtown district to host events and increase the number of visitors.

Ashtabula (City) Downtown Revitalization

City of Ashtabula (Ashtabula)

Award Amount: \$1,642,695

Revitalization efforts will highlight the city of Ashtabula's industrial character through outdoor recreational opportunities and historic downtown characteristics. Project elements include outdoor seating, wayfinding signage, murals, and other improvements, and pocket park areas.

Western Reserve Greenway Trail Renovations

Bristol Township (Trumbull)

Award Amount: \$372,746

Trumbull County Metro Parks will oversee improvements to remedy embankment loss at the southeast corner of an existing bike trail at Baughman Creek Bridge in Bristol Township.

Mahoning Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan

City of Warren (Trumbull)

Award Amount: \$4,338,581

A new pedestrian bridge spanning the Mahoning River will be installed in the city of Warren. Additionally, four parks along Mahoning Avenue will be improved including Burbank, Bullhead, Packard, and Perkins will be improved with refreshed streetscaping, new sidewalks connecting the parks, and wayfinding signage.

Great Guernsey Trail Extension - Turner Avenue Streetscape - Trailhead

Cambridge (Guernsey)

Award Amount: \$4,577,000

The Guernsey County Community Development Corporation will extend the Great Guernsey Trail into downtown Cambridge with a trailhead at the corner of Southgate Parkway and Turner Avenue. The trail extension will measure over three miles. It will utilize a combination of new trail construction and improved sidewalks and intersections, as well as build upon streetscapes within the city of Cambridge.

Killbuck Streetscape and Trail Connection

Killbuck (Holmes)

Award Amount: \$5,763,000

The village of Killbuck will construct a trail connection loop from the Holmes County Trail to the Turtle Pond Preserve. The connection will create a destination for trail bikers, joggers, bird watchers, and the local Amish population. Structural improvements will provide further access to greenspace, benches, and a gazebo overlooking the valley.

Connoton Creek Trail Towns (Jewett & Scio)

Villages of Scio and Jewett (Harrison)

Award Amount: \$1,813,244

In Harrison County, updates will be made along the Connoton Creek Trail to improve trail access from the villages of Jewett and Scio. The project will create bike lanes and sharrows with signage to direct trail users to Main Street in both villages. Additionally, each village will install enhanced amenities at their respective trailheads such as covered seating, bike repair stations, bicycle parking racks, water fountains, and restrooms.

Skip's Landing Riverfront

City of Coshocton (Coshocton)

Award Amount: \$6,700,00

The city of Coshocton will make infrastructure improvements at the Skip's Landing riverfront site, including lighting, multi-use paths, expanded parking, a boat ramp, a refurbished pedestrian bridge, a nature walk, green space, and a play area.

Adena Building Renovation & Streetscape

Village of Adena (Jefferson)

Award Amount: \$4,572,600

In the village of Adena, the Adena Bank building will undergo restoration and repurposing, overseen by the Adena Historical Society, ensuring that the historic architectural integrity is maintained while creating spaces that serve modern business and social needs that can foster community growth. The addition of a large public meeting space within the building will help fill a void in the community for local organizations to meet and for the Jefferson County Health Department to host mobile health clinics.

Zanesville Downtown Streetscape and Secrest Auditorium

Zanesville (Muskingum)

Award Amount: \$6,473,500

Through two projects, the city of Zanesville will transform several streetscapes to improve walkability, support various adjacent development initiatives, and encourage downtown recreation. The project includes improvements along 3rd Street, 4th Street, 7th Street, Main St., and Shinnick. Additionally, the Secrest Auditorium will undergo renovations to include a new grand lobby and event space. New public restrooms and ADA restrooms, elevator, and escalators will also be installed. The outside of the auditorium will receive enhancements through streetscape Improvements and the addition of a new outdoor plaza on the north side.

Newcomerstown Façade

Newcomerstown (Tuscarawas)

Award Amount \$786,290

The village of Newcomerstown will revitalize its downtown by improving business façades in the central business district. Twenty-two buildings within the downtown district have been selected to receive painting improvements, including any minor repairs and cleaning necessary for them to be painted.