

Welcome Home Ohio – Grant and Tax Credit Awards

In May 2024, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced \$29.5 million in grants and planned tax credits awarded to projects in 17 counties through the first round of the Welcome Home Ohio Program. The project summaries below were compiled by the Ohio Department of Development. Those with detailed questions about a project should contact the entity receiving the award. Those with general questions about the Welcome Home Ohio program should contact Mason Waldvogel, deputy chief of media relations for the Department of Development, at mason.waldvogel@development.ohio.gov.

Welcome Home Ohio Project Summaries

The **City of Lima** (*Allen County*), in collaboration with the Lima Community Investment Corporation, will receive \$720,000 in grants to rehabilitate 24 residential properties.

The **Ashtabula County Land Bank** (*Ashtabula County*) will receive \$750,000 in grants to purchase five modular homes on previously vacant spaces, and \$240,000 in grants toward the rehabilitation of eight single-family homes. This project will receive additional support through an Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant and partnerships with local municipalities.

The **Athens County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Athens County*), will receive \$550,000 in grants to purchase one residential property, split into six parcels to support five new builds; \$120,000 in grants to rehabilitate four properties; and plans to utilize \$720,000 in tax credits toward the construction of eight homes. This project will receive additional support through Appalachian Community grants, Opportunity Zones tax credits, New Market tax credits, and a partnership with the Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program.

The **City of Oxford** (*Butler County*), in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati, will receive \$990,000 in grants to rehabilitate three properties already in possession of the city, and build 30 townhouse units in four-to-eight blocks of homes – totaling 33 residential units. American Rescue Plan Act funding will be used for the development's water, sewer, and road infrastructure.

The **City of Sandusky** (*Erie County*) will receive \$3.5 million in grants to purchase 14 newly built single-family homes in partnership with NeighborWorks Toledo, and \$90,000 in grants to rehabilitate three single-family homes in partnership with Firelands Habitat for Humanity. This project will also receive support through collaboration with Community Building Partners.

The **Gallia County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Gallia County*) will receive \$270,000 in grants toward the purchase of three residential properties, and \$90,000 in grants toward the rehabilitation of those properties.

The **Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Hamilton County*), in partnership with the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority and Working in Neighborhoods, will receive nearly \$1.4 million in grants to purchase 16 blighted properties in disinvested neighborhoods, and \$480,000 in grants to rehabilitate those properties. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati, Hamilton County will also receive a total of \$840,000 in Welcome Home Ohio grants toward

the purchase of nine properties and, with four properties already owned by the county, the construction of 16 new residential properties.

The **Jackson County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Jackson County*) will receive \$60,000 in grants to construct two residential properties.

The **Knox County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Knox County*), in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Knox County, will receive \$2.1 million in grants to purchase 12 newly constructed homes, and \$360,000 in grants to finish construction by adding garages to the homes. The goal is to have all of those homes sold to eligible homeowners by early 2026.

The **Lucas County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Lucas County*), in partnership with Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity, will receive \$1.1 million in grants to purchase eight residential properties, and \$240,000 in grants to rehabilitate those properties.

The **Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Mahoning County*), in partnership with the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, will receive a total of \$2.4 million in Welcome Home Ohio grants to renovate six vacant homes and purchase six newly constructed homes.

The **Marion County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Marion County*), in partnership with the Marion City/County Regional Planning Commission, will receive \$30,000 in grants to renovate one residential property.

The **Montgomery County Land Bank** (*Montgomery County*) will receive \$6.2 million in grants to purchase 40 residential properties, and \$720,000 in grants to rehabilitate 24 properties for a total of 64 single-family homes.

The **Morgan County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Morgan County*) will receive \$500,000 in grants to purchase five residential properties, and \$150,000 in grants to rehabilitate those properties.

The **Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Stark County*), in partnership with Canton for All People and the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, will receive \$2 million in grants to purchase 10 newly constructed residential properties.

The **Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Trumbull County*), in partnership with the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, will receive \$700,000 in grants to purchase four newly constructed single-family homes.

The **Wayne County Land Reutilization Corporation** (*Wayne County*), in partnership with Community Action Wayne/Medina, will receive \$1.8 million in grants to purchase and \$300,000 in grants toward the rehabilitation of 10 residential properties in economically challenged areas within the city of Wooster.