Capital Improvements

B U D G E T

Fiscal Years 2025-2026

On June 28, 2024, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 2, Ohio’s two-year capital budget for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. Developed in partnership between the DeWine-Husted Administration and the Ohio General Assembly, Ohio’s capital budget focuses on creating jobs and growing Ohio’s economy. The capital budget prioritizes the needs of Ohio’s facilities and infrastructure, K-12 schools, and higher education institutions with particular emphasis given to each project’s impact on jobs and economic growth.

The capital budget includes a total of $3.5 billion in appropriations.

Higher Education and Workforce Readiness

$397 Million

Funding to improve higher education infrastructure across Ohio. This comprehensive capital funding plan of $397 million, endorsed by each of the state’s public high education institutions, is an investment to prepare a skilled workforce to meet the needs of Ohio’s bright economic future.

Included in the appropriation is a $7.1 million investment into Ohio Cyber Range, a statewide collaborative network that supports cybersecurity programs. This funding will upgrade and expand the state’s cybersecurity capabilities and will improve cybersecurity education for students, preparing them to join Ohio’s growing cyber workforce.

Mental Health Support

$133.5 Million

Continues to build upon Ohio’s system of mental health resources through renovations at the state’s six behavioral health hospitals and support of community-based recovery housing. This funding includes $10 million for the design and planning of a new, state-of-the-art behavioral health hospital in Dayton.

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**Youth Services**

$130 Million

Funding for the Ohio Department of Youth Services to build new, smaller juvenile correction facilities as recommended by Ohio’s Juvenile Justice Working Group.

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**K-12 Schools**

$600 Million

Construction and renovation of K-12 schools through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission’s Rebuild Ohio Schools Program to continue to create modernized spaces that promote successful learning experiences for students throughout Ohio.

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**Ohio's History and Culture**

$63 Million

Funding for construction and renovation projects at Ohio History Connection cultural sites to enhance visitor experiences and cultural education opportunities. This funding includes $13.5 million for improvements at the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks sites, Ohio’s first UNESCO World Heritage listing.

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**Ohio's State Fair and Expo Center**

$196 Million

Funding to revitalize the Ohio State Expo Center & State Fairgrounds as recommended by Ohio’s Expo 2050 Task Force. Projects will include wi-fi enhancements, underground infrastructure work, parking expansion, renovations, and new construction.

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Rehabilitation and Correction

$255.1 Million

Funding for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to make necessary infrastructure repairs in Ohio’s state prisons and facilities to specifically support the aging inmate population and those with mental health disorders.

Local Jail Support Throughout Ohio

$50 Million

Funding to support construction and renovation at local jails throughout Ohio to ensure the safety of staff and the inmate population. Funding will also create better spaces for programming, education, and training opportunities.

Ohio's Parks and Natural Resources

$298.2 Million

Funding for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to continue the DeWine-Husted Administration's extensive work to modernize Ohio's state parks. Funding will also be used to make safety enhancements at various dams throughout the state.

Ohio Fire Academy

$23 Million

Funding for the Ohio State Fire Marshal will provide a significant advancement in the future of firefighter and EMS training in Ohio. A search and rescue facility will provide a controlled, realistic training environment for a wide range of rescue scenarios.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Lab

$7 Million

Funding for the design of a new Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory to replace the current building, which suffers from worn-out infrastructure and does not have the capacity to handle the anticipated growth in toxicology cases related to drugged driving.