

In November 2024, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Pamela Boratyn announced \$17.5 million in grants to support public workforce transportation in rural and urban areas of Ohio. The list below of award recipients was compiled by ODOT. Reporters with questions on the overall Workforce Mobility Partnership Program should contact ODOT Press Secretary Matt Bruning at 614-5125121 or Matt.Bruning@dot.ohio.gov. Those with questions about a specific project should directly contact the entity receiving the grant.

Agency	County	Project	Grant Amount
Butler County Regional Transit Authority	Butler	FASST (Fuel Alternative, Storage, Security, Training)- Project is to construct fueling and storage infrastructure of BCRTA & City of Middletown’s CincyLink buses. BCRTA’s CincyLink connects people along the I-75 corridor to downtown Cincinnati.	\$2,500,000
City of Wilmington	Clinton	4 Replacement Vehicles – Replaces 4 aging LTNs in the City of Wilmington transit fleet that are critical to providing residents a safe and reliable connection their workplaces in and around Clinton County.	\$412,781
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	Cuyahoga	GCRTA Microtransit Workforce Feasibility Study- With over 50% of all trips on GCRTA workforce-related, this study will examine the feasibility and effectiveness of first mile/last mile Microtransit in western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain counties. The study will focus on connecting people from public transportation to the front door of their workplace.	\$300,000
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	Cuyahoga	Transit Waiting Environment Expansion and Enhancement – This additional funding for GCRTA enables additional bus stop infrastructure at stops with significant amounts of boardings in job-dense areas.	\$500,000
Delaware County Transit Board	Delaware	Revenue Vehicles – The Delaware County Transit FLEX service, which currently reports about 25% of all trips as workforce related, will receive funding for 3 additional vehicles and 3 replacement vehicles, thereby improving reliability and employment opportunity.	\$934,374
Delaware County Transit Board	Delaware	Workforce Transportation Study – This study will identify work centers outside of the city of Delaware and opportunities for strategic expansion of the current service area, specifically to work centers in the region.	\$140,000

Fairfield County	Fairfield	Workforce Connectivity Plan - The Workforce Connectivity Plan will analyze current and projected workforce transportation needs, identify barriers in existing transit infrastructure, and develop strategies to improve intercounty transportation to business centers and other vital services.	\$75,000.00
Central Ohio Transit Authority	Franklin	Rickenbacker General Construction – This funding is to construct the entry drive and canopy at COTA’s Rickenbacker Transit Hub. The canopy will service COTA bus lines, the GREAT Shuttle, and other neighboring rural county transit buses into job-dense areas.	\$1,001,142
Central Ohio Transit Authority	Franklin	Transit Shelters - This additional funding for COTA enables additional bus stop infrastructure at stops with significant amounts of boardings proximity to major employers, education, and healthcare locations.	\$240,000
Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority	Hamilton	One-Seat Paratransit Equipment – In coordination with BCRTA, this funding will go toward the acquisition of hardware and software necessary to implement a One-Call Paratransit service. The new service will enable riders to travel to places of employment and job centers without changing vehicles at the Bulter-Hamilton county line.	\$381,584
Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority	Hamilton	40' Fixed Route Hybrid Buses – SORTA (GoMETRO) will receive funding to replace three 40’ buses on bus routes that serve as critical connections between residents of the region to their workplaces.	\$2,277,600
Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority	Hamilton	MetroNow Vehicles – SORTA’s MetroNow! Blue Ash Service area will receive funding for 7 additional vehicles that will connect rides point-to-point. The service area contains 13 economically significant job centers.	\$1,092,000
City of Cincinnati	Hamilton	Innovative System Enhancement for the Cincinnati Connector - This funding will provide for the implementation of improved technology that will better allow the Cincinnati Connector to coordinate transit trips with bus transit service providers from Clermont County, Northern Kentucky, Butler County, and Hamilton County into the Connector’s job-dense downtown service area.	\$1,213,200
Laketran	Lake	Shoregate Transfer Center Improvement Project – This provides Laketran funding to begin establishing more	\$800,000

		robust infrastructure at an economically significant job center. The location currently records over 4,000 transferers monthly between GCRTA and Laketrans, with a significant portion of transfers for work-related trips.	
City of Marion	Marion	Weekend/Night Bus – The additional vehicle will provide the City of Marion the ability to increase service hours and days, providing better access during job commuting times.	\$100,000
City of Marion	Marion	TripMaster Credit Card Upgrade – This funding will allow to City of Marion’s transit service to accept credit cards, which will increase the service’s ability to service trips to places of employment.	\$8,000
City of Marion	Marion	Bus Radio System – This funding will increase the operational efficiency and resilience of the City of Marion’s transit services to job centers in and around the county.	\$32,000
Morgan County Public Transit	Morgan	Morgan Noble County Workforce Connectivity - Currently, the Morgan County transit serves both Morgan and Noble counties with about 25% of all trips being employment-related. Two vehicles will be funded with this grant which will improve access and reliability to job centers in the region.	\$117,004
Ottawa County Transit Board	Ottawa	Replacement Vehicles – Currently 25% of Ottawa County Transit trips are employment-related. This funding will replace 3 ageing vehicles to allow for the continuation of service for employment-related trips.	\$272,364
Perry County Commissioners	Perry	Perry County Low Emissions Workforce Program – This funding will allow Perry County to purchase 3 new EV LTVs for their Zero Loop that will service employment centers throughout Perry, Licking, and Fairfield counties.	\$335,930
Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority	Portage	PARTA CNG Fuel Pump Upgrade - This funding will allow PARTA to better service its fleet that connects residents to places of employment.	\$156,000
Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority	Portage	PARTA MDT Tablets & Information Systems and ITS Infrastructure Upgrade: Computer & Servers – These projects will increase operation efficiency and resilience for PARTA to provide transit trips to and from work.	\$148,800
Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority	Portage	PARTA Workforce Mobility Transit Feasibility Study and Transit Development Plan - Planning studies to ensure	\$200,000

		the proposed workforce mobility services are feasible and to determine if there are other regional transportation gaps that PARTA can fill.	
Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority	Portage	PARTA Administrative Facility Rehabilitation and Security Upgrades - PARTA provides significant workforce connections between Portage and neighboring counties. This funding will allow PARTA to renovate its admin facility that serves as a hub for its system and connects transit riders to the service.	\$134,000
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	Sandusky	Marketing Project (Bus Wraps) - Funding will allow the GLCAP to wrap its buses in locally designed bus wraps which will increase awareness of the transportation service's role in connecting people to work.	\$3,500
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	Sandusky	Expansion Vehicle – An expansion vehicle will allow GLCAP to provide additional trips to employment centers during busy commute times.	\$110,552
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	Sandusky	Replacement Scheduling & Dispatching Software – This funding will allow GLCAP to coordinate trips and service to economically significant job centers throughout GLCAP's multi-county service area.	\$60,000
City of Sidney	Shelby	Expansion Vehicle – An expansion vehicle will allow the City of Sidney to provide additional trips to employment centers during busy commute times.	\$97,508
Stark Area Regional Transit Authority	Stark	Two 45' Electric Buses - These electric buses will service the express line to Cleveland and improve reliability for people seeking employment in the metro area. The buses will service jobs at Cleveland Clinic and University Hospital.	\$549,570
Stark Area Regional Transit Authority	Stark	Transit Facility Enhancement Projects - These projects will enhance transfer centers and facilities in which many transit riders transfer between routes to and from places of employment.	\$240,000
Stark Area Regional Transit Authority	Stark	Eight 35' CNG Buses – The replacement buses will increase SARTA's ability to service residents and improve access and reliability to places of employment.	\$2,165,086
Stark Area Regional Transit Authority	Stark	Three 29' CNG Paratransit Buses - The replacement buses will increase SARTA's ability to service residents and transport them to vital job centers.	\$660,000

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority	Stark	Radio Replacement / New Modems for Fareboxes - This funding will allow SARTA to increase rider experience and operational efficiency for trips to and from places of employment.	\$328,500
TOTAL			\$17,586,495