



In November 2025, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Pamela Boratyn announced \$13.5 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	Primary County	Project Description	Grant Amount
Allen County RTA	Allen	Route Expansion, Van Wert - ACRTA will expand transit services into Van Wert County, launching Microtransit and demand response options to connect residents to major employers and job centers in both counties.	\$337,463
Allen County RTA	Allen	Expansion Vehicles (2) – ACRTA will add two new vehicles to its fleet to support the expansion services to Van Wert County. These vehicles will ensure dependable transportation for commuters and minimize service disruptions due to breakdowns.	\$275,552
Hocking Athens Perry Community Action	Athens	Expansion Vehicle (1) – Athens Public Transit will add a 30-foot expansion bus to its fleet, increasing capacity and reliability for routes servicing Athens City and surrounding communities. The additional vehicles will help meet growing demand, reduce overcrowding, and ensure consistent access to key job centers like Ohio University and major retailers on East State Street.	\$160,000
Delaware County Transit	Delaware	Delaware County Transit has been awarded funding to launch an on-demand Microtransit service for employees living within a 15-minute drive of the greater Polaris area. This innovative pilot will operate on weekdays and is expected to serve up to 12,000 workers, improving access and reducing congestion in both Delaware and northern Franklin counties.	\$170,000
Delaware County Transit	Delaware	Expansion Vehicle (4) - Delaware County Transit will add four Light Transit vehicles to its fleet, expanding service capacity for the Polaris zone and growing FLEX Microtransit areas. These	\$535,510

		vehicles will enhance reliability and efficiency, supporting job access for major employers.	
Delaware County Transit	Delaware	Replacement Vehicle (1) – Delaware County Transit will replace an Accessible Van, further improving efficiency and service for Delaware County’s workforce and residents with mobility needs. This vehicle will primarily serve local job centers and can support adjacent counties as needed, strengthening regional connectivity.	\$133,878
Delaware County Transit	Delaware	Replacement Vehicles (2) - Delaware County Transit will replace two aging Light Transit Vehicles, ensuring continued reliable service for residents and visitors throughout the county. This upgrade will support access to key employment centers, including manufacturing, retail, and educational institutions.	\$200,372
Sandusky Transit System	Erie	Replacement Vehicles (2) – Sandusky Transit System will replace two aging buses with higher-capacity, more maneuverable vehicles, improving service on key fixed routes and supporting major employers. This project will enhance on-time performance and safety for thousands of employees and riders throughout Erie County.	\$263,798
Central Ohio Transit Authority	Franklin	Eastwood Transit Hub Design - COTA has been awarded funding for the engineering and design of the Eastwood Drive Transit Hub, which will feature a bus rapid transit platform, three bus bays, a park-and-ride lot, and an operator layover facility on a 2.19-acre site in Reynoldsburg. The project includes stakeholder coordination, utility and site design, and building and station engineering to support future transit expansion and regional connectivity for Franklin, Licking, and Fairfield counties.	\$128,000
Central Ohio Transit Authority	Franklin	Line 30 Operation - COTA has been awarded funding to launch Line 30, a new transit route connecting The Ohio State University, Upper Arlington, Hilliard, and Dublin. This service will provide direct, reliable access to over 22,000 jobs and major education and healthcare centers, strengthening workforce mobility and equitable opportunity across Central Ohio	\$1,587,990
Southwest Ohio RTA	Hamilton	One-Seat Paratransit Operating - SORTA has been awarded funding to expand the One-Seat Ride paratransit pilot, enabling seamless, single-vehicle trips for riders between Hamilton and Butler counties, now including evening and weekend service. This project streamlines regional travel for people with disabilities, improves coordination among transit agencies, and	\$108,684

		connects over 250,000 jobs and 58,000 underrepresented workers to employment opportunities.	
Southwest Ohio RTA	Hamilton	Expansion Vehicle (5) - Metro will launch the MetroNow mobility-on-demand service in the Monfort Heights/Finneytown zone, adding five new ADA-accessible vans to serve 8,000 jobs across five neighborhoods in Hamilton County. The service will provide flexible, point-to-point transportation, enhancing local job access and supporting economic growth in lower-density communities.	\$1,041,815
Southwest Ohio RTA	Hamilton	Expansion Vehicle (6) - Metro will expand MetroNow service to the Bond Hill/Roselawn zone with six new vans, connecting residents to 19,800 jobs and major employers. This investment will improve first/last-mile connections, support manufacturing, healthcare, and transportation sectors, and strengthen workforce mobility in Hamilton County.	\$1,250,178
Hancock Hardin Wyandot Community Action	Hardin	Expansion Vehicle (1) - HATS Transportation has been awarded funding to purchase a Light Transit Low Floor vehicle—a 16-passenger bus to complete the launch of Findlay’s new fixed route transit system, expanding workforce mobility in Hancock County. This project will increase capacity during peak hours and connect residents to major employers, supporting over 4,000 jobs in the region.	\$192,672
Steel Valley RTA	Jefferson	Workforce Mobility Planning - The Employer Partnership & Workforce Access Mobility Launch Initiative is a planning project designed to pilot a workforce transit pass program, engage local employers, and collect data on ridership and mobility needs. This initiative will inform future service models and lay the groundwork for sustainable, employer-based transit solutions in Jefferson County, targeting major job centers and non-traditional shift workers.	\$36,000
Laketran	Lake	Expansion Vehicle (2) - Laketran will add two propane-powered Light Transit Vehicles to its fleet, increasing capacity for longer cross-county trips and supporting the expanded joint service. These vehicles will improve operational efficiency and help meet growing demand for workforce transportation, linking communities to manufacturing hubs, training centers, and essential services in Lake and Geauga counties.	\$324,053
Laketran	Lake	Geauga Cross County Project - Laketran and Geauga Transit have been awarded funding to launch a three-year cross-county workforce mobility initiative, hiring six new drivers and raising Geauga Transit wages to create a unified driver pool for seamless service between Lake and Geauga counties. This	\$2,065,767

		project will expand demand-responsive transportation for work, training, education, and healthcare, removing barriers and connecting residents to major job centers and opportunities across both counties.	
Licking County Transit	Licking	Replacement Vehicles (9) - LCT will replace nine aging revenue vehicles with new Light Transit Vehicles (Fiberglass over Steel), increasing system efficiency and reducing maintenance downtime. These vehicles will ensure reliable service for thousands of annual trips to major employers and job centers throughout Licking County.	\$1,009,843
Toledo Area Regional RTA	Lucas	Westwinds Industrial Park Operating - Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority has been awarded funding to expand its Flex micro-transit service to Westwinds Industrial Park in Holland, providing on-demand, app-based transit access for over 900 workers. This project will improve job access and workforce retention by connecting employees—many with nontraditional schedules—to regional transit lines and mobility hubs, supporting major employers.	\$122,468
Western Reserve RTA	Mahoning	Warren Express Operating - Western Reserve Transit Authority (WRTA) has been awarded funding to expand the Warren Express route, increasing service frequency to every 30 minutes during peak hours between Youngstown and Warren. This enhancement will improve access to major employers, educational institutions, and local businesses across Mahoning and Trumbull counties, supporting workforce mobility and economic growth in the region.	\$228,413
Meigs County Public Transit	Meigs	Scheduling App Technology - Meigs County Public Transit has been awarded funding to implement a rider-facing scheduling app, allowing individuals to request transportation independently and increasing flexibility for workforce, training, and employment trips. This upgrade will streamline operations, reduce missed connections, and improve access for job seekers, students, and employers across Meigs County.	\$3,576
Meigs County Public Transit	Meigs	Media Console Equipment - Funding will enable the installation of media consoles in transit vehicles, providing real-time workforce development information, job postings, and training opportunities to riders during their trips. These digital displays will strengthen engagement with local employers and workforce partners, making every ride a touchpoint for career growth and community resources.	\$7,466

Meigs County Public Transit	Meigs	Replacement Vehicles (2) - Meigs County Public Transit has been awarded funding to replace two aging accessible vans with new Ford Transit vehicles, expanding capacity and reliability for workforce transportation services. These upgrades will improve scheduling flexibility and efficiency, helping job seekers, trainees, and workers across Meigs County access employment, training, and essential services more effectively.	\$135,180
Buckeye Southeast Transit	Morgan	Expansion Vehicle (1) - Buckeye Southeast Transit has been awarded funding to expand its fleet with two modified minivans, enhancing workforce mobility and access to major employers across Morgan, Noble, and Monroe counties.	\$121,804
Akron Metro RTA	Summit	Superstop Shelter – 2 nd Street - METRO RTA has been awarded funding to build a modern Superstop in Barberton, featuring ADA-compliant shelters, real-time arrival information, and improved amenities for riders.	\$1,663,378
Akron Metro RTA	Summit	Superstop Shelter – W. Market St.- METRO RTA has been awarded funding to construct a state-of-the-art Superstop at in Akron's Wallhaven district, enhancing safety, accessibility, and connectivity for the community. The Wallhaven Superstop will improve transit access to more than 2,000 jobs, in addition to educational institutions, and local businesses.	\$1,190,492
WayGo Transit	Wayne	Expansion Vehicle (2) - WayGo, operated by Wooster Wayne Community Transit, has been awarded funding to add two larger, ADA-accessible transit vehicles to its fleet, expanding capacity and improving reliability for fixed-route service in Wayne County.	\$205,648