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Ohio New Markets Tax Credit Program Provides \$10 Million to Support Economic Investments*Five entities receive tax credits to aid investments in Ohio's low-income communities*

Columbus – In the second round of awards, five Ohio entities will receive a total of \$10 million in Ohio New Markets Tax Credits to spur economic investments, leveraging at least \$25.6 million across Ohio. The Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Urban Development Division, helps finance business investments by providing state tax credits to investors for below-market-rate financial products for low-income community businesses.

"By encouraging investments in areas of Ohio that need it the most, we are ensuring future economic development opportunities and increasing the potential for new jobs," said William Murdock, Director of the Department's Urban Development Division. "The Ohio New Markets Tax Credit Program is one of the first of its kind in the country, and we are excited to continue making investments through this program."

The Ohio New Markets Tax Credit Program leverages the successful Federal New Markets Tax Credit Program to attract additional investments to Ohio. The federal program has leveraged more than \$26 billion in investments through the New Markets Tax Credit Program and has awarded more than \$1 billion to Ohio-based Community Development Entities. The first round of Ohio New Markets Tax Credit awards were made in October 2010.

The Ohio program provides a 39 percent tax credit over seven years for qualified investments. Community Development Entities that received a tax credit allocation from the Federal New Markets Tax Credit Program are eligible to apply.

Federal data shows that for every dollar of foregone tax revenues under the New Market Tax Credit, \$12 of private investment is leveraged in distressed communities. Ohio organizations that have been allocated federal New Markets Tax Credits range from large financial institutions to small community development corporations.

Award Recipients of the Second Round of Ohio New Markets Tax Credits

Cincinnati New Markets Fund, LLC (Hamilton County) will receive \$2 million in tax credits for a minimum of \$5.1 million in investment activity. The Cincinnati New Markets Fund will serve the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. The Fund has received three allocations from the Federal New Markets Tax Credit Program, totaling \$103 million. Four potential projects have been identified that would benefit from an Ohio New Markets Tax Credit, including the Color Building Offices, Elm Industries – CincyTech Campus, Mercer Commons, and the Meiner Flats Office Building.

Cleveland New Markets Investment Fund II, LLC (Cuyahoga County) will receive \$2 million in tax credits for a minimum of \$5.1 million in investment activity. The Cleveland New Markets Investment Fund II is controlled by Cleveland Development Advisors, Inc. The Fund, serving Cuyahoga County, has received three allocations from the Federal New Markets Tax Credit Program, totaling \$75 million. Six potential projects have been identified that would benefit from an Ohio New Markets Tax Credit, including the Orlando Baking Company, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, Shoreway Commerce

– Phase II, Green City Growers, Minority Business Enterprises – Access to Capital, and Miceli Dairy Products.

Dayton Region New Market Fund, LLC (Montgomery County) will receive \$2 million in tax credits for a minimum of \$5.1 million in investment activity. The Dayton Region New Market Fund is controlled by the CityWide Development Corporation. The Fund has received its first allocation from the Federal New Markets Tax Credit Program, totaling \$11 million. Eight potential projects have been identified that would benefit from an Ohio New Markets Tax Credit, including the GE Episcenter, Premier Health, Grandview Hospital, Crowne Partners at the Merc, Douglas Hotel, GM Facility Reuse, Wisconsin Boulevard Development, and the University of Dayton Research Institute.

Finance Fund (Statewide) will receive \$2 million in tax credits for a minimum of \$5.1 million in investment activity. The Fund has received six allocations from the Federal New Markets Tax Credit Program, totaling \$160 million. The Finance Fund, which serves the entire State of Ohio, has identified several potential projects in its pipeline that would benefit from an Ohio New Markets Tax Credit, including the Apollo Theater Rehabilitation (Oberlin), Marietta Armory Rehabilitation, Ironton Family Medical Center, The Joseph Hotel (Columbus), St. Aloysius Orphanage (Cincinnati), GE Aerospace Episcenter (Dayton), and Green City Growers Cooperative (Cleveland).

Northeast Ohio Development Fund, LLC (Cuyahoga County) will receive \$2 million in tax credits for a minimum of \$5.1 million in investment activity. The Northeast Ohio Development Fund is located in Cleveland, and is controlled by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority. The Fund has received three allocations from the Federal New Markets Tax Credit Program, totaling \$95 million. The Fund serves Cuyahoga County and has identified 10 potential projects in its pipeline that would benefit from an Ohio New Markets Tax Credit, including the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District's Solar Special Improvement District, Green City Growers Cooperative, Great Lakes Towing Company, Cleveland State University's Solar Renewable Energy Project, Rosby Resource Recycling, GeoSolutions, Carbon Vision, Cleveland Athletic Club, Vadxx Energy Project, and the Natural History Museum - Phase I.

For more information on the program and the application period, please visit www.urban.development.ohio.gov.

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*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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