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## Governor's Office of Appalachia Supports Airport Improvements

With more than 2 million people living in 32 counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works to improve communities in the diverse Appalachian region of Ohio. Today, the Governor's Office of Appalachia announced that Holmes County will receive a \$100,000 grant from the State Appalachian Development Program.

"The improvements will increase safety at the airport and make it easier for local businesses to move their products," said Jason Wilson, director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

The grant will help make improvements to the runway at the Holmes County Airport and includes the relocation and extension of a runway, construction of three connection taxiways and installation of new runway lighting.

"OMEGA is pleased to have assisted Holmes County in the submission of the State Appalachian Development Program grant application. The grant funds are vital for Holmes County and have allowed for the basic infrastructure improvements needed at the airport to become a reality," said Greg DiDonato, executive director of Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA).

Grants provided by the Governor's Office of Appalachia are designated for projects that will improve the community infrastructure to encourage economic development and strengthen the region's ability to compete in the global economy.

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