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State Gives Money for Local Infrastructure Improvements

The Ohio Development Services Agency awarded 23 communities grants to assist with public facility, street, bridge and neighborhood improvements. The grants total more than \$8 million and will generate more than \$12.7 million in additional project funds.

“The state is committed to investing in neighborhoods and business districts to improve the quality of life in a community and position it for growth,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Critical Infrastructure Grant Program

Community	Award Amount
City of Ashtabula	\$300,000
Clermont County	\$ 70,500
Columbiana County	\$300,000
Coshocton County	\$300,000
Darke County	\$300,000
Gallia County	\$183,300
Jackson County	\$166,500
Knox County	\$300,000
Logan County	\$259,000
Madison County	\$300,000
Mercer County	\$300,000
Miami County	\$300,000
City of Mount Vernon	\$300,000
Wood County	\$300,000
Total	\$3,679,300

Downtown Revitalization Grant Program

Community	Award Amount
City Ashtabula	\$289,200
City of Defiance	\$300,000
Lucas County	\$300,000
Total	\$889,200

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Program

Community	Award Amount
Ashtabula County	\$300,000
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Auglaize County	\$300,000
Coshocton County	\$300,000
Darke County	\$300,000
Hardin County	\$300,000
Jackson County	\$300,000
Miami County	\$300,000
Preble County	\$300,000
Trumbull County	\$300,000
Van Wert County	\$300,000
Vinton County	\$300,000
Total	\$3,600,000

The Critical Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization and Neighborhood Revitalization programs are competitive grants within the Community Development Block Grant program. Projects funded through these programs improve public facilities and infrastructure as well as rehabilitate buildings in a community's central business district.

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