

**For Immediate Release:**  
November 16, 2012

## **Governor's Office of Appalachia Provides Grants to Local Development Districts**

**COLUMBUS** – The Governor's Office of Appalachia has awarded three Local Development Districts with grants from the State Appalachian Development Program. Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District (Washington County), Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (Guernsey County) and the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (Pike County) will use the grants for programs that support community and economic development activities.

"The Local Development Districts provide my office with valuable insight as we identify and support the needs of Ohio's Appalachian communities," said Jason Wilson, director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia. "Together, we are making a difference in the region's economic growth."

**Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District** (Washington County) received \$137,200 and serves an eight-county region that includes Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry and Washington counties.

**Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association** (Guernsey County) received \$136,500 and serves a 10-county region that includes Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum and Tuscarawas counties.

**Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission** (Pike County) received \$135,000 and serves an 11-county region that includes Adams, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties.

The State Appalachian Development Grants provide funding for projects that improve the standard of living for residents of Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties and support the goals of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

### **About Ohio's Governor's Office of Appalachia**

*As an advocate for Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia administers grant programs of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and to support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives. These initiatives contribute to the economic, educational, and community prosperity of the people of Ohio's Appalachian region.*

*The **Ohio Development Services Agency (Development)** works with partners across business, government, academia, and the nonprofit sector to build strong communities that support job creation. Development provides financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio, ensuring a vibrant economic future for all Ohioans. Visit [www.development.ohio.gov](http://www.development.ohio.gov). Also, follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/OhioDevelopment](http://www.facebook.com/OhioDevelopment) and Twitter [www.twitter.com/OhioDevelopment](http://www.twitter.com/OhioDevelopment).*

###

Media contacts: Penny Martin at (614) 644-8774  
or the Communications and Marketing Office at (614) 466-2609

Office of Communications & Marketing • 77 South High Street • P.O. Box 1001 • Columbus, Ohio 43215 • U.S.A. • 614 | 466 2609

The State of Ohio is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider of ADA Services.