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Ohio Communities Make Plans for Collaboration

Local Government Innovation Fund assists communities with 39 projects

COLUMBUS – Consolidating services has proven to cut costs and Ohio communities now have the funding they need to move forward on that initiative. Today, the Local Government Innovation Council approved more than \$ 2.7 million in grants and \$ 1.1 million in loans to Ohio communities for collaboration projects. Local Government Innovation Fund provides financial assistance which encourages collaboration, shared services and efficiency at the local level to reduce the cost of community services and provide a foundation for fiscal sustainability. The loans and grants are contingent upon State Controlling Board approval.

“We are pleased to see so many local governments and entities interested in collaboration,” said Christiane Schmenk, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. “These investments will help local governments develop new partnerships to improve their bottom line.”

The response to this program has been strong, with more than 87 grant applications and three loan applications received. The requests fall into nine distinct categories: technology, public safety, facilities, economic development, fleet management, public works, administration, health and human services and educational instructional support.

The Local Government Innovation Fund is a competitive statewide program that provides loans and grants. The program awards up to \$100,000 in grant funds per feasibility study, up to \$100,000 in loan assistance per entity for demonstration projects, and up to \$500,000 in loan assistance for collaborative demonstration projects.

Type	Lead Applicant	Project Name	Category	Award
Grant	Allen Water District	Southeast Regional Waterline Improvement Area, Phase I	Public Works	\$100,000
Grant	Board of Commissioners for Allen County	Joint Allen County Communication Study	Public Safety	\$95,000
Grant	Brookfield Township	Police District Consolidation Feasibility Study	Public Safety	\$27,000
Grant	City of Grandview Heights	Buyers Meet Sellers Seeking to Consolidate Dispatching Services	Public Safety	\$30,000
Grant	City of Oberlin	Oberlin Fuel Forward: Shared Strategies for Oberlin's Fleets	Fleet Management	\$86,180
Grant	City of Salem Ohio	Project SEED BASE	Economic Development	\$80,600
Grant	City of Upper Arlington	Regional 911/Dispatching Services	Public Safety	\$51,316
Grant	City of Wilmington	Public Safety Communications/ Dispatch Shared Services	Public Safety	\$43,515
Grant	Columbiana County Department of Job & Family Services	Community Partnership & Technology Initiative	Technology	\$100,000
Grant	Crestwood Local Schools	Pump Station Abandonment & Sanitary Sewer	Public Works	\$21,650
Grant	Lawrence County Port Authority	Lawrence County Jobs Needs Assessment	Economic Development	\$100,000

Grant	Licking Heights Local School District	Project Hornets	Administration	\$100,000
Grant	Lucas County Clerk of Courts	Intergovernmental Imaging Lab Program	Technology	\$90,000
Grant	Mahoning County Educational Service Center	Shared Regional Education Data Management System for Eastern Ohio P-16 Partnership	Educational Instructional Support	\$100,000
Grant	Morrow County Commissioners	I71 / SR95 Interchange Area Sewer	Public Works	\$100,000
Grant	Perry County DD Board	Waste to Energy & Jobs	Economic Development	\$100,000
Grant	Pioneer Career & Technology Center	The Workforce Development Partnership	Educational Instructional Support	\$100,000
Grant	Ravenna Health Department	Transforming Public Health Services in Portage County	Health & Human Service	\$82,000
Grant	Clark County Commissioners	Clark County Consolidation Project/OSU Extension, Soil & Water, & NRCS Relocation to Springview	Economic Development	\$47,000
Grant	Richland County Regional Planning Commission	GIS Needs Analysis & Conceptual Plan Update 2013	Technology	\$29,500
Grant	Sourcing Office	EfficientGovNetwork	Administration	\$100,000
Grant	Southern Hills Joint Vocational School District	Shared Professional & Administrative Resource Center	Educational Instructional Support	\$100,000
Grant	Stark County	Network Readiness Assessment	Technology	\$100,000
Grant	Stark County Educational Service Center	Stark County Centers for Transportation Excellence	Fleet Management	\$100,000
Grant	Sycamore Community Schools	SMART - Shared Methods for Aligning Resources Together	Administration	\$60,225
Grant	The City of Mentor-on-the-Lake	Consolidation of Lake County Fire Departments Feasibility Study	Public Safety	\$91,105
Grant	Tri-County Computer Services Association	Connect Wayne	Technology	\$24,500
Grant	Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association	Efficient Transition Services	Educational Instructional Support	\$91,000
Grant	Union County Council of Governments	IT Services Consortium	Technology	\$81,000
Grant	Union County Health Department	One Office: Local Health Department Clinical Support Shared Services	Health & Human Service	\$56,000
Grant	Village of Lexington	Feasibility Study for Adaptive Reuse of Donated Property	Administration	\$96,070
Grant	Village of Ottawa	Manure Treatment Feasibility Study	Public Works	\$98,563
Grant	Village of Ottawa	Regional Water & Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study	Public Works	\$98,563
Grant	Village of Powhatan Point	Building Consolidation	Public Safety	\$17,820
Grant	Warren County Career Center	Shared Fire & Technical Rescue Training Facility Feasibility Study	Educational Instructional Support	\$72,000
Grant	Westlake City Schools	Westlake International Baccalaureate High School Feasibility Study	Educational Instructional Support	\$100,000
Loan	Geauga County Engineer's Office	Geauga County Highway Maintenance Equipment Sharing	Public Works	\$450,000
Loan	Knox County 9-1-1	9-1-1/Emergency Dispatch Consolidation	Public Safety	\$350,000
Loan	Licking County Commissioners	Licking County Government Shared Fueling Center	Fleet Management	\$300,000

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