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## **Ohio Department of Development Receives \$300,000 from EPA for Brownfield Revitalization**

**Columbus** – The Ohio Department of Development’s Urban Development Division has been awarded \$300,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to supplement the existing Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund. The grant will be used to address asbestos and lead contamination in historic buildings, allowing the buildings to be reused for future economic development opportunities.

Additionally, the cities of Akron (Summit County) and Medina (Medina County), Cuyahoga County, and the Lancaster Port Authority (Fairfield County) received EPA awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$1 million for local brownfield revitalization efforts.

“We are pleased that Ohio’s efforts are being recognized at the national level,” said William Murdock, Director of the Urban Development Division. “Investments in brownfield redevelopment are an important factor in attracting and retaining businesses in Ohio as well as creating pride in our communities.”

The Urban Development Division administers one of the most comprehensive brownfield assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment initiatives in the country through the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund, Clean Ohio Brownfield Fund, and the Ohio Water Development Authority’s Brownfield Loan Fund.

The Division is currently accepting applications for the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund, with up to \$1 million available per eligible project.

For more information on the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund, please visit [www.urban.development.ohio.gov](http://www.urban.development.ohio.gov).

*The **Urban Development Division** assists communities with place-based redevelopment, which creates wealth from personal, business, and community successes. The **Urban Development Division** works to identify the resources and financing necessary to enhance the economic viability of local communities.*

*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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