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**Director Wilson Announces More Than \$80,000 in  
State Appalachian Development Program Grants**  
*Funding will benefit projects in four Appalachian Counties*

**COLUMBUS** – Today Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia, announced that four projects have received State Appalachian Development Grants totaling \$81,700. Grants were awarded to the City of Uhrichsville (Tuscarawas County), Harrison County, the Village of South Point (Lawrence County), and the Washington County Free Clinic. The Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development administers the State Appalachia Development Grants.

"The projects supported by these grants will make a significant impact on their communities and allow the region to be more economically competitive," said Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia. "It is our goal to support projects that will better the lives of Ohioans living in the Appalachian region, and these projects achieve that goal."

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). These projects support the ARC's goal of developing and improving the infrastructure in Appalachia to make the region economically competitive.

State Appalachian Development Grants were awarded to:

**City of Uhrichsville** (Tuscarawas County) received a \$23,500 grant that will be used to purchase materials for the new roof on the Uhrichsville Clay Museum building, which will anchor the downtown tourism corridor. Upon completion of the building, the space for the museum's summer educational workshops for 3- to 5-year-olds will be doubled. The objective of the project is to increase tourism by linking the Clay Museum, Schoenbrunn Village, and the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum.

**Harrison County** received a \$12,400 grant that will be used with matching funds and in-kind contributions to purchase and install 2,000 linear feet of water line and related components near State Route 151 west of the Village of Bowerston. The new waterline will serve Hopedale Mining LLC, a coal preparation plant that will create 40 new jobs.

**Village of South Point** (Lawrence County) received a \$24,000 grant to purchase materials for improvements to four municipal buildings. The project will replace roofs on three buildings with shingle roofing. The roof on the Village Fire Station will be replaced with shingles and rubber roofing. Upon completion of the roof repairs, interior ceiling repairs will be made in the buildings.

**Washington County Free Clinic, Inc.**, received a \$21,800 grant that will be used with matching funds from private sources to purchase equipment including one EKG, one high-speed scanner, and seven touchscreen, tablet-style PCs to implement the Free Clinic's electronic health record and training project. The Free Clinic provides primary health care, prescription assistance programs, and limited on-site laboratory services to low-income residents of Washington County. In addition, the Free Clinic provides clinical training for the Marietta College Physician Assistant Training Program and the Washington State Community College Nursing Program.

*As an advocate for Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties, the **Governor's Office of Appalachia** works on behalf 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.*

*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 to accelerate and support the teamwork that is absolutely necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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