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Director Wilson Announces More Than \$730,000 in State Appalachian Development Program Grants

Funding will benefit projects in three Appalachian Counties

COLUMBUS – Today Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia, announced that three projects have received State Appalachian Development Program Grants totaling \$732,400. Grants were awarded to the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, Village of McConnelsville, and Vinton County Commissioners. The Ohio Department of Development’s Office of Community Development administers the State Appalachia Development Program Grants.

“The Governor’s Office of Appalachia supports projects that provide the infrastructure for job creation,” said Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia. “The types of projects vary in scope as we remain committed to improving the lives of the residents of Ohio’s Appalachian region.”

The State Appalachian Development Program 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 Program Grants were awarded to:

Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (Pike County) received a \$250,000 grant that will be used to secure new office space that will be constructed on 2 acres of land in Seal Township. Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission coordinates federal, state, and local resources to encourage development in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton counties.

Village of McConnelsville (Morgan County) received a \$240,000 grant that will be used to upgrade and improve the McConnelsville Wastewater Treatment Plant. The upgrade will benefit 1,200 households.

Vinton County Commissioners (Vinton County) received a \$242,400 grant to install 10,000 linear feet of waterline in Clinton and Elk townships. The project will provide affordable and safe drinking water for residents.

*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 support business attraction and retention efforts by providing targeted investments that assist in job creation, as well as provides assistance and services to Ohio’s communities and individuals. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works 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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