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## Ohio Supporting Entrepreneurs & Startups *Third Frontier Advancing Technology & Innovation*

Today, the Ohio Third Frontier Commission awarded \$2,633,006 to The Entrepreneurs' Center (TEC) in Dayton (Montgomery County) to provide resources to entrepreneurs and startup technology companies. TEC is a regional partner of Ohio Third Frontier, and part of the Entrepreneurial Services Provider Program.

"By supporting our entrepreneurs and their innovative ideas, we are strengthening Ohio's economy," said Lydia L. Mihalik, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and chair of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission. "These technology startups are building the companies and jobs of tomorrow."

### Entrepreneurial Services Provider Program Award

The Ohio Third Frontier **Entrepreneurial Services Provider Program** is a network of resources around the state where entrepreneurs with a startup technology company can get help to speed up their growth and getting their ideas to market. The following resources are available to help Ohio's young technology companies:

- Mentorship by seasoned entrepreneurs and industry professionals
- Access to investors and capital
- Business support including legal, tax and accounting services
- Assistance developing intellectual property and marketing/sales strategies
- Help recruiting talent
- Incubators providing co-working spaces
- Accelerators guiding entrepreneur teams through a three-month business "boot camp"

### Broadband Development Grant

The Third Frontier Commission also awarded \$905,000 to Connect Ohio Initiatives, LLC to research broadband access in the state of Ohio. Connect Ohio will be collecting broadband deployment data from Ohio broadband providers, verifying the data's accuracy through on-the-ground testing, creating maps that show the availability of broadband service throughout the state, analyzing the data to help inform future investments in broadband infrastructure, conducting surveys that measure broadband adoption and use, and facilitating local technology planning.

Sign up for [TechOhio](#) to read more about Ohio Third Frontier helping grow Ohio's technology economy. It tells the stories of Ohio's entrepreneurs, sharing the breakthrough technologies, cutting-edge research and innovative companies being developed across the state.

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