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Governor's Office of Appalachia Supports Community Development

COLUMBUS – With more than 2 million people living in 32 counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works to improve communities in the diverse Appalachian region of Ohio. From community development projects to water and sewer projects, to projects that improve roads or encourage job creation, the Governor's Office of Appalachia is providing communities the support they need to compete in today's global economy. Below is a list of recent projects that received funding from the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

"Partnering with local communities and the Local Development Districts, the Governor's Office of Appalachia is working to improve the quality of life throughout the Appalachian region," said Jason Wilson, director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Below is a list of recent projects that received funding from the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Water and sewer projects:

City of Wellston (Jackson County) will receive a \$250,000 grant from the State Appalachian Development Program to upgrade the North Water Treatment Plant, which was originally installed in 1927 and last upgraded in 1993. The project will eliminate sanitary risks and increase the plant's capacity.

Community improvement projects:

COMPASS Community Health (Scioto County) will receive a \$60,800 grant from the State Appalachian Development Program to renovate the Family Health Center entrance, expand the waiting room and construct a new testing laboratory. It is estimated the Health Center will provide primary health care to more than 700 patients in the Adams and Scioto county area.

Woodland Centers, Inc., (Gallia County) will receive a \$52,100 grant from the Area Development Program to install handicap doors at the Gallia Clinic and replace videoconferencing units with new technology to provide telemedicine capabilities in Jackson and Meigs counties.

Grants provided by the Governor's Office of Appalachia are designated for projects that will improve the community infrastructure to encourage economic development and strengthen the region's ability to compete in the global economy.

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