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## Over-the-Rhine Expansion to Spur Investment

**CINCINNATI** – The Over the Rhine Foundation hopes to revitalize approximately 13 buildings in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood with help from the Ohio Development Services Agency. The \$8,000 grant will support expanding the historic district to include the buildings, mainly along Reading Road and Central Avenue.

The grant, made possible through a partnership with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, will allow the foundation to research and prepare the application for federal designation on the National Register of Historic Places. This will make the buildings eligible for both the state and federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit programs.



“Exciting things are happening in Over-the-Rhine,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. “Helping the neighborhood receive this historic designation will allow the continued revitalization of this growing community.”

The Over-the-Rhine Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to revitalize the neighborhood, has partnered with local property owners to raise private funds for the remainder of the project. Two buildings within the proposed area of expansion are already targeted for redevelopment.

“To a substantial degree, not being in the current National Register Historic District creates a barrier to redevelopment in these corridors, yet the properties are well-positioned to contribute to a next wave of redevelopment,” said Kevin Pape, president of the Over-the-Rhine Foundation. “Our application and support for this Pipeline Pilot Initiative grant is a continuation of the Foundation’s efforts to make the Over-the-Rhine historic district as complete as possible, save our heritage and drive revitalization.”

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