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## **Fire Response Time Reduced**

Today, the Ohio Development Services Agency awarded a \$200,000 loan to upgrade to a vacant building in Southwest Ohio which will soon house a fire department substation and administrative space. The new site is expected to reduce fire response times.

This project is merging the business operations of the Sterling Township government and the emergency services of the Village of Mt. Orab. The money will allow for the acquisition and renovation of an existing vacant facility.

“Projects like these help communities,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. “The exciting part is it will lower costs for taxpayers.”

The Local Government Innovation Fund was created to help communities in their efforts to promote collaboration among governments and cut costs for the services they provide. The Local Government Innovation Fund encourages collaboration for projects in nine categories: technology, public safety, facilities, economic development, fleet management, public works, administration, health and human services and educational instructional support.

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