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Local Governments Awarded \$1 Million

Today, the Ohio Development Services Agency awarded two loans to local communities in western Ohio totaling \$1 million.

Both projects received \$500,000 in loan assistance to carry out their projects. Mercer County will construct a building to house fleet dump trucks and miscellaneous equipment for road work. 14 townships and three government entities collaborated on this project, and will be utilizing the new facility.

The second project also consisted of 14 townships in Mercer County. The money will be used to construct a signage area to handle all Mercer county roadway signs, eliminating the need for the individual townships to maintain their own facilities.

“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.”

This program helps communities and local governments collaborate and cut costs for the services they provide. The Local Government Innovation Fund is for projects in nine categories: technology, public safety, facilities, economic development, fleet management, public works, administration, health and human services and educational instructional support.

Find out about more about this program for your community at
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