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Barnesville Hospital Receives State Appalachian Development Grant*Funding also announced for two projects in Belmont County*

COLUMBUS – Today during a visit to Barnesville Hospital, Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia, announced that the hospital has received a grant for \$119,000 through the State Appalachian Development Grant Program. The grant will allow the hospital to purchase new equipment to improve the quality of care for patients.

“It is great to see firsthand the impact the hospital is making in the community, and this grant will allow the Barnesville Hospital to continue to improve the quality of care it offers,” said Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia. “Part of our mission at the Governor’s Office of Appalachia is to support the communities in the region, and we are proud to partner with the hospital on this project.”

Barnesville Hospital received an \$119,000 grant that will be used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment for patient care. The hospital will purchase one Phacoemulsification unit and accessories (for cataract treatment); four critical care unit beds; and one portable x-ray unit. Barnesville Hospital serves a five-county area and has approximately 36,000 outpatient and 1,500 inpatient admissions annually. The upgrade of equipment will assist the hospital in retaining and recruiting physicians as part of its 315-member workforce.

“The funding through the Governor’s Office of Appalachia will make a positive and significant impact on our community and our hospital,” said David Phillips, CEO of Barnesville Hospital. “This grant will directly benefit area residents and will also assist our hospital to remain a viable medical facility and a leading employer in the region.”

Additional State Appalachian Development Grants were awarded to:

Belmont County Port Authority received a \$75,000 grant that will be used with its own funds to purchase the Belmont County Memorial USAR Center located at 5305 Guernsey Street in the City of Bellaire. The Port Authority will lease the building to MPR Supply Chain Solutions for its transloading project. This project will create more than 50 jobs.

City of St. Clairsville received a \$200,000 grant that will be used to construct a 500,000-gallon elevated water tank near the intersection of U.S. Route 40 and Township Highway 678 in the City of St. Clairsville. The tank will provide a reliable source of water for the community, serving 5,184 citizens and a 95-acre development area.

The State Appalachian Development Grants provide funding for projects that improve the standard of living for residents of Ohio’s 32 Appalachian counties and support the goals of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). These projects support the ARC’s goals of strengthening the community as well as developing and improving the infrastructure in Appalachia to make the region economically competitive. The Ohio Department of Development’s Office of Community

Development administers the State Appalachia Development Grants.

About Ohio's Governor's Office of Appalachia

As an advocate for Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia administers grant programs of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and to support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives. These initiatives contribute to the economic, educational, and community prosperity of the people of Ohio's Appalachian region.

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to support business attraction and retention efforts by providing targeted investments that assist in job creation, as well as provides assistance and services to Ohio's communities and individuals. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

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