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Ohio's \$3.3 B in Economic Development Program Funding Creates Unprecedented Opportunities

Posted on September 1, 2023 by Jim Cox Category: Uncategorized The Ohio General Assembly with the support of Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted adopted a state of Ohio operating budget that contained an unprecedented \$3 B plus in economic development program spending to prepare industrial sites, redevelop Brownfield, demolition of antiquated buildings, address Broadband challenges, spur housing and mixed-use investments, venture capital, and support rural communities through transportation and industrial park program funding.

Ohio's \$3.3 B in State Economic Development Programs

Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program
• \$350 M 88 county Brownfield redevelopment grants
Ohio Site Demolition and Revitalization Program
• \$150 M for builling and site development demolition
Ohio Water & Sewer Infrastrucdture Program
• \$124 M for public water and sewer infrastructure grants
Ohio Innovation Hubs
•\$125 M outside of Central Ohio for tech innovation centers
Ohio SuperRapids
• \$100 M for high-tech training equipment
Housing/Ohio Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
• \$100 M state tax credit to match federal LIHTC
Ohio Single Family Housing Tax Credit Program
• \$100 M housing tax credit for single family homes
Ohio Welcome Home Program
• \$150 M housing rehab program for single family homes
Ohio Transformational Mixed Use Development Program
• \$100 M Premium Tax Credit Program to support mixed use development in rural and urban centers
Connect4Ohio Program
 \$500 M rural transportation program grants tied to ODOT process
All Future Ohio Fund
• \$750 M industrial site development program
Ohio Residential Broadband Grant Program
 \$135 M for residential broadband program for underserved markets
Ohio Community Investment Project Legislation
• \$700 M for community projects through state legislation
Ohio Rural Industrial Loan Program
• \$30 M for rural Ohio industrial park development

The list above outlines just some of Ohio's economic development programs primarily contained in the state

of Ohio operating bill enacted in late June of 2023. Many of these programs will begin rolling out

competitively awarded applications in the coming weeks. The majority of these programs will be awarded by the Ohio Department of Development but others such as the Connect4Ohio Program is an Ohio Department of Transportation. The Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program, Ohio Building Demo and Site Development Program, Ohio Water & Sewer Infrastructure Program, Ohio Broadband Programs, Ohio Transformational Mixed Use Development Program, and Ohio Rural Industrial Park Program have existed for several years and were funded during the legislative process by the Ohio General Assembly. New programs such as the All Future Ohio Program is designed to spur large-scale industrial site development across the state while the Connect4Ohio program is designed to help rural communities gain additional transportation funding. Finally, housing was a major winner in the operating budget with the creation of multiple new programs for affordable and market-rate housing.

All sorts of opportunities to gain funding from the state of Ohio for economic development projects. Last year, the Montrose Group successfully advocated for \$177 M in local and state government project financing for public and private sector clients. Contact Dave Robinson at <u>drobinson@montrosegroupllc.com</u> if you need assistance in any project financing matter.

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