



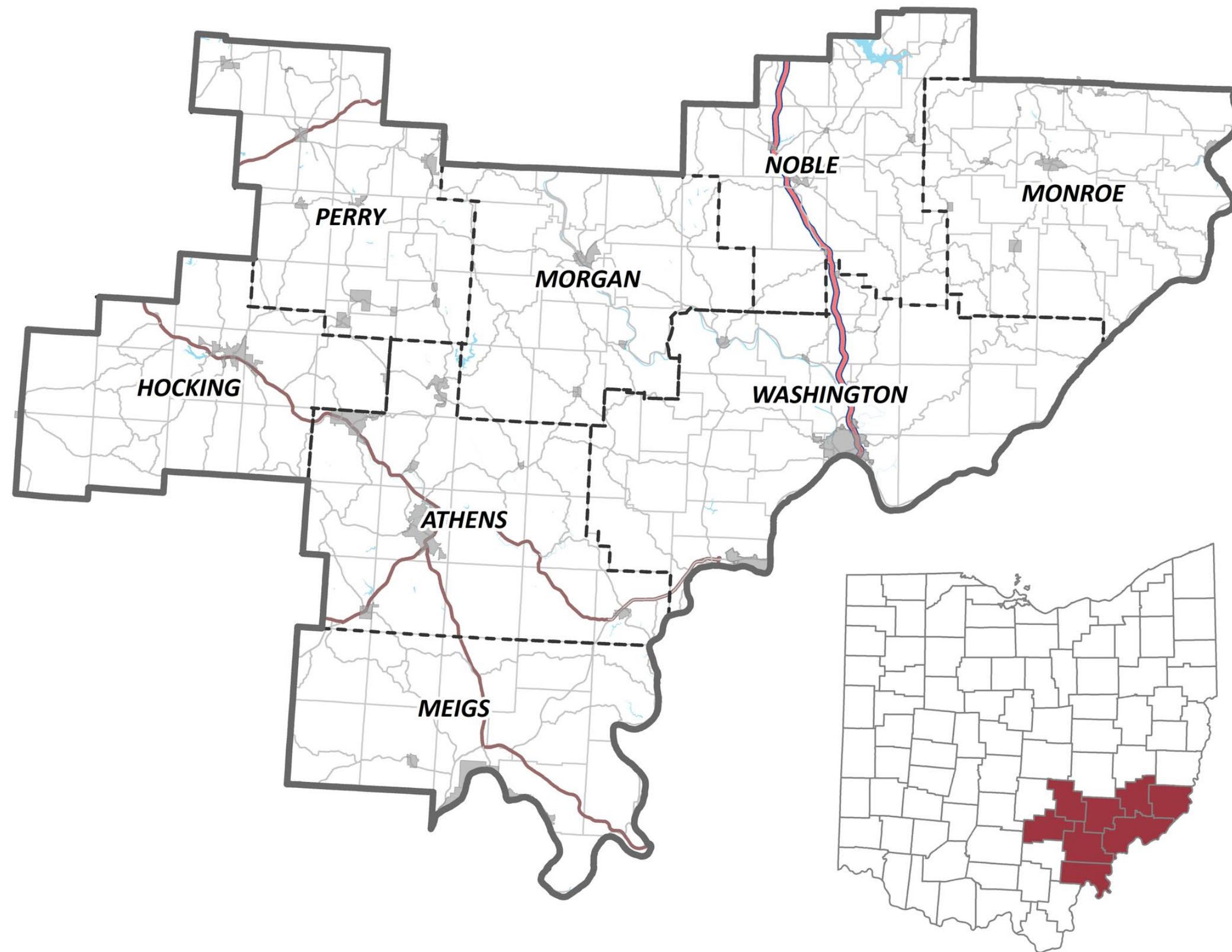
# Community Emergencies - Cascading Effects and Hidden Opportunities

April 24, 2025

# WHO WE ARE

- a Council of Governments
- an Area Agency on Aging
- the District 18 Liaison for the Ohio Public Works Commission
- an Economic Development District
- a Local Development District
- a Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- the Southeast Ohio Aging & Disability Resource Network

# SERVING THE EIGHT-COUNTY REGION OF SOUTHEAST OHIO



# OUR GOAL

is to improve the quality of life for residents  
in Southeast Ohio by strengthening the  
social and economic climate of the region

# DIVISIONS



**Aging  
& Health**



**Home Care**



**Community  
Development**



**Planning**

# COMMUNITY SHIFTS-DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES



- What drives community shifts?
- How do you prepare for major shifts?
- Role of partnerships and key stakeholders
- Importance of those relationships when responding to and recovering from a major shift

# SPRING 2020

The “SHIFT” COVID-19 is identified in the United States and life changes. Health impacts merge into economic impacts.





# RECOVERY LEGISLATION & POLICY

**American Rescue  
Plan Act (ARPA)**

**State and Local  
Government \$\$**

**Governor – State  
Legislature- ODOD -  
GOA**

**Appalachian  
Community Grant  
Program**



# COMMUNITY RECOVERY



## Appalachian Community Grant Program



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This \$500 million program provides planning and development grants for communities located in Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region. Program funds are provided by Ohio's designation of American Rescue Plan Act(ARPA) dollars. The program is administered by the Governor's Office of Appalachia within the Ohio Department of Development. Projects should be designed to bring about transformational change and be a catalyst for future development by providing generational investments in the Appalachian region.

# COMMUNITY RECOVERY

## APPALACHIAN PLANNING GRANTS

\$30 million dollars in total Appalachian Planning Funding will be utilized through two ways:

- Community Planners - available at the ODOD's Director's discretion based on the demand of the program
- \$8 million in dedicated Technical Assistance Grants - \$250,000 per county and will allow each county to assist Eligible Lead Applicants with costs associated with planning and designing eligible projects, and/or coordination with Community Planners

## APPALACHIAN PLANNING GRANTS

- Funding for Appalachian Development Grants will be available through multiple application rounds until all funds have been awarded.
- Round 1: Up to \$50 million for eligible regional projects that have partners in place and can begin within 90 days.
- Program activities must total at least \$1 million or more to be eligible.
- Appalachian Development Grant projects must be complete by October 31, 2026.

# COMMUNITY RECOVERY

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

ACGP projects must include components from three funding priorities:

1. **Infrastructure-** main street or downtown redevelopment, improvements to multi-community connecting trails, significant outdoor community space, links to community arts, history and culture, access to telemedicine
2. **Workforce-** public-private partnerships designed to build and coordinate technical, educational, clinical and workforce infrastructure
3. **Healthcare-** investments in school or community-based services to address children's physical and behavioral health needs or plans to address SUD.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Entities must be exclusively within the 32-county Ohio Appalachian region. Local units of government, government-related entities, educational institutions and nonprofits are all eligible to serve as Lead Applicants for a project.





# Appalachian Community Grant Program



OHIO'S WONDERFUL  
WATERFRONTS INITIATIVE

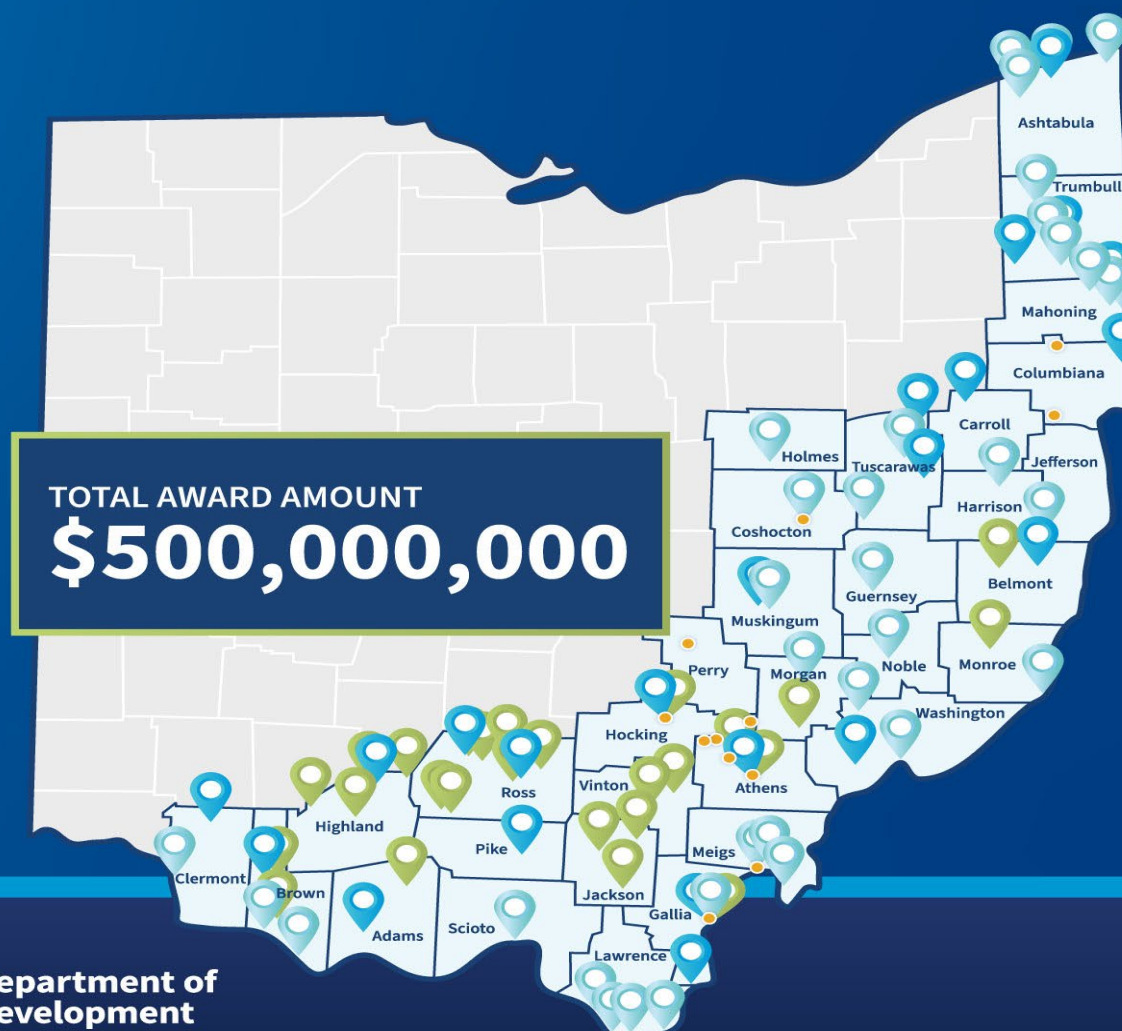


APPALACHIAN DOWNTOWNS &  
DESTINATIONS INITIATIVE



APPALACHIAN CHILDREN'S  
HEALTH INITIATIVE

Previous Projects Funded in March 2023



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# AWARDS

## Appalachian Community Grant Program

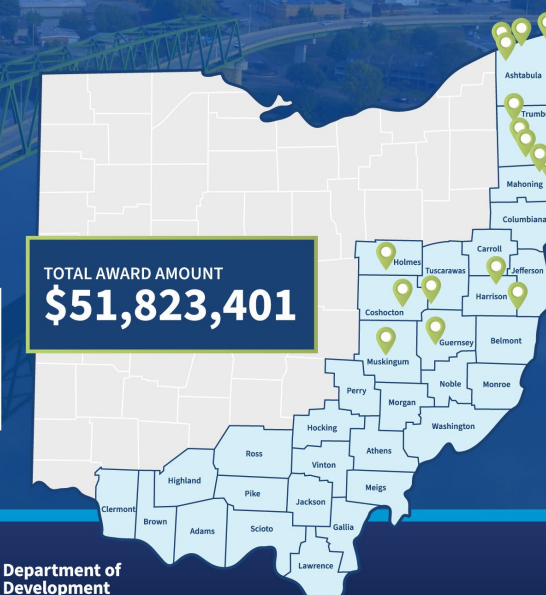
OHIO'S WONDERFUL  
WATERFRONTS INITIATIVE

**18**  
PROJECTS

**18**  
COMMUNITIES

**10**  
COUNTIES SERVED

**TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT**  
**\$51,823,401**



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APPALACHIAN DOWNTOWNS &  
DESTINATIONS INITIATIVE

**30**  
PROJECTS

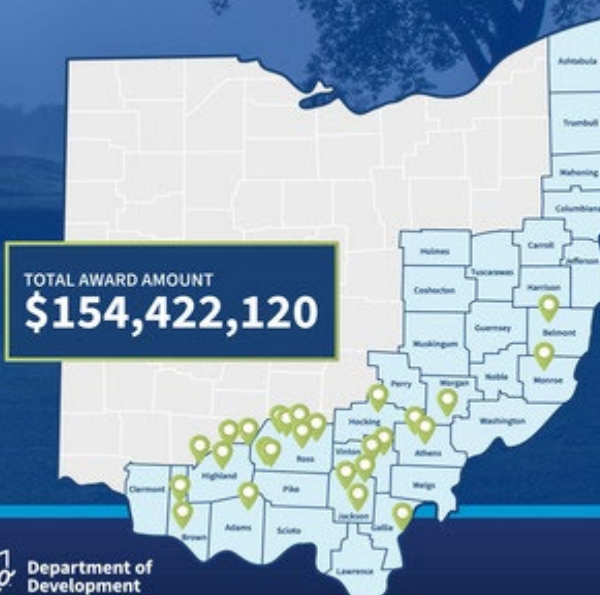
**26**  
COMMUNITIES

**12**  
COUNTIES SERVED

**11**  
HISTORIC SITES

**12**  
TRANSFORMED  
DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS

**TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT**  
**\$154,422,120**



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OHIO'S WONDERFUL  
WATERFRONTS INITIATIVE

**21**  
PROJECTS

**19**  
COMMUNITIES

**12**  
COUNTIES SERVED

**17**  
RIVER PROJECTS

**TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT**  
**\$152,144,048**



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APPALACHIAN CHILDREN'S  
HEALTH INITIATIVE

**20**  
COUNTIES SERVED

**16**  
HEALTHCARE  
PARTNERS

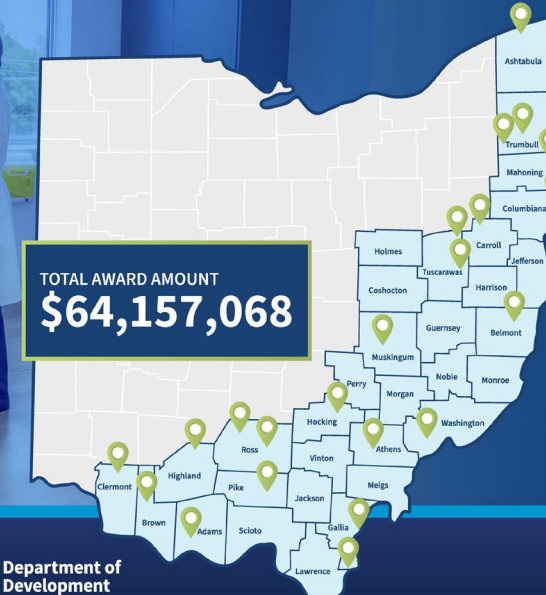
**34**  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS

**36**  
COMMUNITIES

**OVER**  
**61,000**  
STUDENTS SERVED

**ESTIMATED TO REACH**  
**375,000**  
PEOPLE IN APPALACHIAN OHIO

**TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT**  
**\$64,157,068**



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# BIG WINNERS

- Collaborative Approach
- Took Advantage of Technical Assistance and Guidance
- Thought Big and Engaged Many Stakeholders
- Embraced the SHIFT
- Persevered Even Through Uncertainty

# QUESTIONS?



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