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## Governor's Office of Appalachia Supports Community Development

**COLUMBUS** – With more than 2 million people living in 32 counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works to improve communities in the diverse Appalachian region of Ohio. From community development projects to water and sewer projects, to projects that improve roads or encourage job creation, the Governor's Office of Appalachia is providing communities the support they need to compete in today's global economy. Below is a list of recent projects that received funding from the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

"Partnering with local communities and the Local Development Districts, the Governor's Office of Appalachia is working to improve the quality of life throughout the Appalachian region," said Jason Wilson, director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

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### Water and sewer projects:

**City of Zanesville** (Muskingum County) will receive a \$100,000 grant from the State Appalachian Development Program to rehabilitate the Y-Bridge Lift Station. The Lift Station serves all of the commercial, residential and industrial properties north of Interstate 70 as well as a new county sewer on the west side of the city.

**Muskingum County** will receive a \$100,000 grant from the Area Development Program for construction of the New Life Sanitary Sewer Lift Station. The new station will eliminate overflows in the area, resolving sewer capacity issues and will serve 52 acres of developable land in southwest Muskingum County.

### Community improvement projects:

**Stuart's Opera House, Inc.**, (Athens County) will receive a \$20,000 grant from the Director's Rapid Response program to update the historic theater with energy efficient windows and doors. The project will replace 35 windows and 14 doors in the theater and will reduce the theater's heating and cooling expenses.

**The Ohio State University** (Franklin County) will receive a \$15,000 grant from the Director's Rapid Response program to study the factors that contribute to an Appalachian student's desire and ability to seek a secondary education. The project will result in recommendations for addressing the barriers and challenges Appalachian students face.

Grants provided by the Governor's Office of Appalachia are designated for projects that will improve the community infrastructure to encourage economic development and strengthen the region's ability to compete in the global economy.

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