

Ohio Public Works Commission

PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 164 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 164-1, this Project Grant Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into _____ by and between the State of Ohio, acting by and through the Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission (“Director” or the “OPWC”), and _____ (“Recipient”), in respect of the Project named _____ as described in Appendix A of this Agreement (“Project”) to provide _____ % of the total Project cost (“Participation Percentage”), not to exceed _____ (\$ _____), for the sole and express purpose of financing or reimbursing costs of the Project as more fully set forth in this Agreement and the Appendices as attached.

OPWC Project

RECITALS

The Local Transportation Improvement Fund created under Ohio Revised Code Section 164.14 is to benefit local subdivisions for the planning, construction, reconstruction, and improvement of roads, streets and bridges;

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.02, the Ohio General Assembly created the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to implement the policies set forth in Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 164;

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.05, the Director is empowered to (i) enter into agreements with Local Subdivisions to provide loans, grants, and local debt support for Capital Improvement Projects; and (ii) authorize payments to Local Subdivisions or their Contractors for costs incurred for Capital Improvement Projects;

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.14, the Director is empowered to review and approve or disapprove requests for financial assistance from the District Public Works Integrating Committees in accordance with the criteria set forth in Ohio Revised Code Sections 164.14(C) and (E);

Ohio Revised Code Section 164.14 permits a grant of funds for such a Capital Improvement Project to be expended or provided only after the District Committee has submitted a request to fund the Project to the Director outlining the Recipient's planned use of the funds, and subsequent approval of the request by the Director;

The Recipient desires to engage in the Capital Improvement Project described in Appendix A of this Agreement; and

The Project has been duly recommended to the Director pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.06 by the District Committee of which the Recipient is a part.

In consideration of the contained promises and covenants, the undersigned agree as follows:

I. **DEFINITIONS.** The following words and terms as used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings.

“Capital Improvement” or “Capital Improvement Project” means the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, planning and equipping of roads and bridges.

“Chief Executive Officer” means the single office or official of the Recipient and as designated in Appendix A pursuant to Section V. A. or authorized designee as per written notification to the Director.

“Chief Fiscal Officer” means the single office or official of the Recipient and as designated in Appendix A, pursuant to Section V. A, or authorized designee as per written notification to the Director.

“Contractor” means a person who has a direct contractual relationship with the Recipient and is the manufacturer of all or a portion of the Project, or the provider of labor, materials or services in connection with the acquisition, improvements, construction, reconstruction, expansion, or engineering of the Project; or both.

“Cost of Project” means the costs of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, expanding, improving and engineering projects and shall also be deemed to include preliminary costs, including but not limited to, planning costs, design costs.

“District Committee” means the District Public Works Integrating Committees and the Executive Committees created pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.04.

“Effective Date” means the date set forth on Page One of this Agreement.

“Eligible Project Costs” means such portion of the Project costs disbursed from the OPWC to the Recipient for the sole and express purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, expanding, improving, engineering and equipping the Project, other direct expenses, and related financing costs.

“Local Subdivision” means a county, municipal corporation, or township of the State.

“Local Subdivision Contribution” means the Local Subdivision financial share used for the sole and express purpose of paying or reimbursing the costs certified to the Director under this Agreement for the completion of the project. Such funds shall constitute a specified percentage of the total Cost of Project set forth in Appendix B and may consist of money by any person, any Local Subdivision, the State of Ohio, or the federal government or of contributions in-kind by such parties through purchase or donation of equipment, land, easements, labor, or materials necessary to complete the Project.

“Participation Percentage” means the rounded percentage of the total actual Project costs that will be contributed by the OPWC, not to exceed the maximum dollar contribution of the OPWC identified in this Project Agreement, and the rounded percentage of the total actual Project costs that will be contributed by the Recipient. Both percentages are identified in Appendix B. If the total actual Project costs exceed the estimated Project costs identified in Appendix B, the Local Subdivision Participation Percentage will increase to reflect the cost overrun, while the OPWC percentage contribution will decrease recognizing that there is a maximum dollar contribution from the OPWC which is identified in this Project Agreement.

“Project” means the scope of work specified in Appendix A.

“Project Manager” means the principal employee or agent of the Recipient having administrative authority over the Project designated in Appendix A pursuant to Section V.A., or authorized designee as per written notification to the Director.

“State” means the State of Ohio.

II. **GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.** Subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, the Director hereby grants to the Recipient financial assistance, as established in this section, for the sole and express purpose of paying or reimbursing the eligible costs certified to the Director under this Agreement for the completion of the Project.

A. *The Grant.* The Director hereby agrees to provide financial assistance in the form of a grant, from the Local Transportation Improvement Fund, in an amount not to exceed (\$ _____).

B. *Joint Funded Project with the Ohio Department of Transportation.* For those projects advertised, awarded and administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Recipient and the Director hereby assign certain responsibilities to the ODOT, an authorized representative of the State of Ohio. Notwithstanding Sections V.A., V.B., and V.C. of the Project Agreement, the Recipient hereby acknowledges that upon notification by the ODOT, all payments for eligible project costs will be disbursed by the Director and the OPWC directly to the ODOT. A Memorandum of Funds issued by the ODOT shall be used to certify the estimated project costs. Upon receipt of a Memorandum of Funds from the ODOT, the OPWC shall transfer funds directly to the ODOT via an Intra-State Transfer Voucher. The amount or amounts transferred shall be determined by applying the Participation Percentages defined in Appendix B to those eligible project costs within the Memorandum of Funds.

III. **LOCAL SUBDIVISION CONTRIBUTION.** The Recipient shall, at a minimum, contribute to the Project the Local Subdivision Participation Percentage as set forth in Appendix B of this Agreement. In the event that the total actual Project costs exceed the estimated Cost of Project identified in Appendix B, the OPWC shall not be required to increase the maximum amount of the grant and the Recipient shall increase its Local Subdivision Contribution to meet such actual Cost of Project.

IV. PROJECT SCHEDULE. Construction of the Project must begin within one year of the Effective Date of this Agreement, or this Agreement may become null and void at the sole discretion of the Director. A preliminary construction schedule is provided in Appendix A. Delays, with reason for the delay(s), must be communicated to the Director as soon as possible. The Director will review written requests for extensions and may extend the construction start date taking into consideration the Project can be completed within a reasonable time frame. Failure to meet the schedule without approval for an extension may cause this Agreement to become null and void at the sole discretion at the Director.

V. DISBURSEMENTS. All payments made by the OPWC shall be made directly to the contractor that performed the work on the Project and originated the invoice unless the Recipient requests reimbursement. The following provisions apply to Project disbursements:

A. *Project Administration Designation.* Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 164-1-21(B)(1-3), the Recipient shall designate its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Fiscal Officer and Project Manager in Appendix A of this Agreement. The Director and OPWC must be notified of changes in these designations in writing including the addition of designees or alternates.

B. *Disbursements to Contractors to Pay Costs of the Project.* The Recipient shall submit to the Director a Disbursement Request together with the information and certifications required by this section, unless otherwise approved by the Director. The dollar amount set forth in the Disbursement Request shall be calculated based on the Participation Percentage set forth on Page One of this Agreement or as amended, to account for changed conditions in the Project financing scheme. If all requirements for disbursement are deemed by the Director to be accurate and completed, the Director shall initiate a voucher in accordance with applicable State requirements for the payment of the amount set forth in the Disbursement Request. The Office of Budget and Management, Ohio Shared Services, will forward the warrant, drawn in connection with the voucher, by regular first-class United States mail or electronic funds transfer to the contractor or other authorized recipient designated in the Disbursement Request.

Prior to any disbursement from the Fund, the following documents shall be submitted to the Director by the Recipient:

1. If the request is for disbursement to a Contractor, an invoice submitted to the Recipient by the Contractor which invoice requests payment of such sums in connection with its performance of the Project;
2. If the request is for disbursement to the Recipient, proof of payment of the invoice such as check, warrant, or other evidence satisfactory to the Director that payment of such sums has been made by the Recipient in connection with the portion of the Project for which payment is requested;
3. A Disbursement Request Form properly certified by the Project Manager, Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Fiscal Officer; and
4. Such other certificates, documents and other information as the Director may reasonably require.

If the Director finds that the documents comply with the requirements of this Agreement, the Director is authorized to cause the disbursement of moneys from the Fund for payment of the identified Project costs. The Recipient represents that the Project was initially constructed, installed or acquired by the Recipient no earlier than the Effective Date of this Agreement.

C. *Limitations on Use.* No part of the moneys delivered to the Recipient pursuant to Section II is being or will be used to refinance, retire, redeem, or otherwise pay debt service on all or any part

of any governmental obligations regardless of whether the interest on such obligations is or was excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

- D. *Project Scope.* The physical scope of the Project shall be limited to only those Capital Improvements as described in Appendix A of this Agreement. If circumstances require a change in such physical scope, the change must be approved by the District Committee, recorded in the District Committee's official meeting minutes, and provided to the Director for the execution of an amendment to this Agreement.
- E. *Project Cost Overruns.* If the Recipient determines that the moneys granted pursuant to Section II, together with the Local Subdivision Contribution, are insufficient to pay in full the costs of the Project, the Recipient may make a request for supplemental assistance to its District Committee. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Section 164-1-23, the Recipient must demonstrate that such funding is necessary for the completion of the Project and the cost overrun was the result of circumstances beyond the Recipient's control, that it could not have been avoided with the exercise of due care, and that such circumstances could not have been anticipated at the time of the Recipient's initial application. Should the District Committee approve such request, the action shall be recorded in the District Committee's official meeting minutes and provided to the Director for the execution of an amendment to this Agreement.

VI. **CONDITIONS TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND ITS DISBURSEMENT.** The Recipient must comply with the following before receiving funds:

- A. The Recipient certifies that the Local Subdivision Contribution necessary for the completion of the Project is available or expected to be available through the construction of the Project and must demonstrate its compliance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 164 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 164-1. If the local share as certified by the Chief Fiscal Officer at the time of the Project application becomes unavailable, the Recipient is to notify the Director and the OPWC as soon as possible or this Agreement may become null and void at the sole discretion at the Director.
- B. The Recipient shall execute all other documents and certificates as deemed necessary by the Director, on the date hereof or at any time hereafter in connection with the financial assistance and disbursement of moneys pursuant to this Agreement, including any amendments to this Agreement.

VII. **REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS OF RECIPIENT.** Recipient represents warrants and covenants for the benefit of the Director as follows:

- A. The Recipient is a Local Subdivision of the State with all the requisite power and authority to construct, or provide for the construction of, and operate the Project under the laws of the State and to carry on its activities as now conducted.
- B. The Recipient has the power to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement and has been duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement.
- C. This Agreement is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Recipient, subject to certain exceptions in event of bankruptcy and the application of general principles of equity.
- D. The Recipient has complied with all procedures, prerequisites and obligations for Project application and approval under the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 164 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 164-1.
- E. The Recipient is not the subject of, or has it initiated any claim or cause of action that would give rise to any liability which would in any way inhibit Recipient's ability to carry out its performance

of this Agreement according to its terms.

- F. *Use of Proceeds.* With respect to the Project to be financed or reimbursed by moneys granted pursuant to Section II:
1. The total cost of the Project shall not and will not include any cost which does not constitute “Costs of Capital Improvements Projects,” as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 164.01(F);
 2. All the Project is owned, or will be owned, by the Recipient or another Tax-Exempt Organization, upon providing prior written notice to the Director.
- G. *Sufficiency of Moneys.* The Recipient has sufficient moneys in addition to those granted to Recipient pursuant to this Agreement to fund the Project to completion, as its Local Subdivision Contribution.
- H. *Construction Contract.* If federal funds are included as part of the financing of the non-OPWC portion of the Project, federal law may prevail, including, but not limited to, application of Davis Bacon prevailing wage rates, the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and any federal environmental regulations. Recipient is solely responsible for ensuring compliance with federal requirements applicable to its Local Subdivision Contribution. Notwithstanding the above, the following provisions apply to construction contracts under this Agreement:
1. *Ohio Preference.* The Recipient shall, to the extent practicable, use and shall cause all its Contractors and subcontractors to use Ohio products, materials, services and labor in connection with the Project pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 164.05(A)(6);
 2. *Domestic Steel.* The Recipient shall use and cause all its Contractors and subcontractors to comply with domestic steel use requirements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 153.011;
 3. *Prevailing Wage.* The Recipient shall require that all Contractors and subcontractors working on the Project comply with the prevailing wage requirements contained in Ohio Revised Code Sections 164.07(B) and 4115.03 through 4115.16;
 4. *Equal Employment Opportunity.* The Recipient shall require all Contractors to secure a valid Certificate of Compliance;
 5. *Construction Bonds.* In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 153.54, et. seq., the Recipient shall require that each of its Contractors furnish a performance and payment bond in an amount at least equal to 100% of its contract price as security for the faithful performance of its contract;
 6. *Insurance.* The Recipient shall require that each of its construction contractors and subcontractors maintain during the life of its contract or subcontract appropriate Workers Compensation Insurance, Commercial General Liability, Public Liability, Property Damage and Vehicle Liability Insurance, and require Professional Liability Insurance for its professional architects and engineers; and
 7. *Supervision.* The Recipient shall provide and maintain competent and adequate Project management covering the supervision and inspection of the development and construction of the Project and bear the responsibility of ensuring that construction conforms to the approved surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections and specifications.

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- VIII. PROGRESS REPORTS. The Recipient shall submit to the Director, at the Director's request, summary reports detailing the progress of the Project pursuant to this Agreement and any additional reports containing such information as the Director may reasonably require.
- IX. AUDIT RIGHTS. The Recipient shall, at all reasonable times, provide the Director access to a right to inspect all sites and facilities involved in the Project and access to and a right to examine or audit any and all books, documents and records, financial or otherwise, relating to the Project or to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Recipient shall maintain all such books, documents and records for a period of six years after the termination of this Agreement, and such shall be kept in a common file to facilitate audits and inspections. All disbursements made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be subject to all audit requirements applicable to State funds. The Recipient shall ensure that a copy of any final report of audit prepared in connection with and specific to the Project, regardless of whether the report was prepared during the pendency of the Project or following its completion, is provided to the Director within 10 days of the issuance of the report. The Recipient simultaneously shall provide the Director with its detailed responses to each negative or adverse finding pertaining to the Project and contained in the report. Such responses shall indicate what steps will be taken by the Recipient in remedying or otherwise satisfactorily resolve each problem identified by any such finding. If the Recipient fails to comply with the requirements of this Section or fails to institute steps designated to remedy or otherwise satisfactorily resolve problems identified by negative audit findings, the Director may bar the Recipient from receiving further financial assistance under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 164 until the Recipient so complies or until the Recipient satisfactorily resolves such findings.
- X. GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATION. The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the financial assistance provided under this Agreement is entirely subject to, and contingent upon, the availability of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the purposes set forth in this Agreement and in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 164. The Recipient further acknowledges and agrees that none of the duties and obligations imposed by this Agreement on the Director shall be binding until the Recipient has complied with all applicable provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 164 and until the Recipient has acquired and committed all funds necessary for the full payment of the Local Subdivision Contribution applicable to the Project.
- XI. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS AND LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as conferring any legal rights, privileges, or immunities, or imposing any legal duties or obligations, on any person or persons other than the parties named in this Agreement, whether such rights, privileges, immunities, duties, or obligations be regarded as contractual, equitable, or beneficial in nature as to such other person or persons. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any legal relations between the Director and any person performing services or supplying any equipment, materials, good, or supplies of the Project sufficient to impose upon the Director any of the obligations specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 126.30. The Recipient shall be responsible for the Recipient's use or application of the funds being provided by the Director and the Recipient's construction or management of the Project.
- XII. TERMINATION. The Director's and OPWC's obligations under this Agreement shall immediately terminate upon the failure of the Recipient to comply with any of the Agreement's terms or conditions. Upon such termination, the Recipient shall be obligated to return any moneys delivered to the Recipient pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.
- XIII. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State. In the event any disputes related to this Agreement are to be resolved in a Court of Law, said Court shall be in the courts of Franklin County, State of Ohio.
- XIV. SEVERABILITY. If any of the provisions or parts of this Agreement are found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of this provision to such other persons or circumstances shall not be affected, but rather shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by Law.
- XV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement and its Appendices and Attachments contain the entire understanding between the parties and supersede any prior understandings, agreements, proposals and all

other communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, whether such shall be oral or written.

- XVI. CAPTIONS. Captions contained in this Agreement are included only for convenience of reference and do not define, limit, explain or modify this Agreement or its interpretation, instruction or meanings and are in no way intended to be construed as part of this Agreement.
- XVII. NOTICES. Except as otherwise provided, any required notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given when deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, by the sending party to the other party at the addresses set forth below or at such other addresses as party may from time to time designate by written notice to the other party.
- XVIII. NO WAIVER. A failure of a party to enforce strictly a provision of this Agreement in no event shall be considered a waiver of any part of such provision. No waiver by a party of any breach or default by the other party shall operate as a waiver of any succeeding breach or other default or breach by such other party. No waiver shall have any effect unless it is specific, irrevocable and in writing.
- XIX. ACCEPTANCE BY RECIPIENT. This Agreement must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer and returned to and received by the Director prior to the acquisition of land and to the disbursement of funds
- XX. ASSIGNMENT. Neither this Agreement or any rights, duties or obligations as described shall be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.
- XXI. ETHICS/CONFLICT OF INTEREST. The Recipient, by signature on this Agreement, certifies that it has reviewed and understands the Ohio ethics and conflict of interest laws, and will take no action inconsistent with those laws.
- XXII. NON-DISCRIMINATION. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 125.111 the Recipient agrees that the Recipient and any person acting on behalf of the Recipient shall not discriminate, by reason of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry against any citizen of this State in the employment of any person qualified and available to perform the work under this Agreement. The Recipient further agrees that the Recipient any person acting on behalf of the Recipient shall not, in any manner, discriminate against, intimidate, or retaliate against any employee hired for the performance of work under this Agreement on account of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry.
- XXIII. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW. The Recipient, in expending the funds, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.
- XXIV. FACSIMILE SIGNATURES. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which may be deemed an original agreement and both of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement. The counterparts of this Agreement may be executed and delivered by facsimile or other electronic signature by either of the parties and the receiving party may rely on the receipt of such document so executed and delivered electronically or by facsimile as if the original had been received.

All the above is agreed to and understood by the parties signed below. This Agreement for Project No. _____ is effective as of the date first written above.

RECIPIENT

STATE OF OHIO
Ohio Public Works Commission


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Appendix A

Project Completion Schedule, Administration Designation, Description

- 1) *Project Schedule.* Construction must begin within one year of _____ . Construction is scheduled to begin _____ with completion by _____. The Recipient may make a written request for an extension of the date to initiate construction, specifying the reasons for the delay and providing new construction start and completion dates. Requests may be approved by the Director providing that the Project can be completed within a reasonable time frame.
- 2) *Project Administration Designation.* The Project Administration Designation required by Section V.A. of this Agreement is designated by the Recipient as follows:

to act as the Chief Executive Officer;
to act as the Chief Fiscal Officer; and
to act as the Project Manager.
- 3) *Project Location & Description.* The Project, for which the provision of financial assistance is the subject of this Agreement, is hereby described as follows:

Location:

Description:

Appendix B

Local Subdivision Contribution, Disbursement Ratio, Project Financing and Expenses Scheme

- 1) *OPWC/Local Subdivision Participation Percentages:* For the sole and express purpose of financing/reimbursing costs of the Project, the estimated costs of which are set forth and described below, the Recipient hereby designates its Local Subdivision Percentage Contribution as amounting to a minimum total value of % of the total Project Cost. The OPWC Participation Percentage shall be % not to exceed \$.

- 2) *Project Financing and Expenses Scheme:* The Recipient further designates the Project’s estimated financial resources and estimated costs certified to the OPWC under this Agreement for the Project to consist of the following components:

Project Estimated Costs

- a) Engineering
- b) Construction Administration
- c) Right-of-Way
- d) Construction
- e) Permits, Advertising, Legal
- f) Construction Contingencies

Total Estimated Costs

Project Financial Resources

- a) Local Resources
 - In-kind/Force Account
 - Local Revenues
 - Public Revenue – ODOT/FHWA
 - Public Revenue – OEPA/OWDA
 - Public Revenue – Other

Total Local Resources

- b) OPWC Funds

Total Financial Resources
