

## Extra Grant Funding

# Governor DeWine Awards Additional \$44 Million in Ohio BUILDS Water Infrastructure Grants

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(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today awarded 28 water infrastructure projects with nearly \$44 million in financial support as part of the second round of funding offered through the new Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grant program.

Governor DeWine launched the [Ohio BUILDS](#) initiative last week. As part of the new program, approximately \$250 million will be invested in local water infrastructure projects to help improve quality of life for Ohio's families and encourage economic growth in Ohio's communities.

Today's second-round grant announcement brings the total of Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grants awarded so far to approximately \$137 million. Funded projects impact all of Ohio's 88 counties.

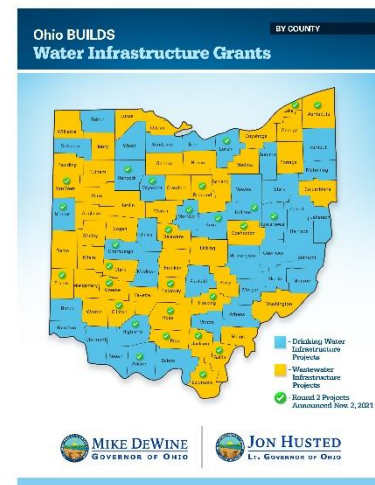
"It's astonishing to me that there are communities in Ohio today where it's difficult to get clean water. For our people to thrive and for our communities to grow, clean water and reliable infrastructure are an absolute must," said Governor DeWine. "There is a tremendous need for water infrastructure upgrades all over our state, and through Ohio BUILDS, we're funding projects that will be life-changing in some communities."

## [MORE INFORMATION: Ohio BUILDS Water Infrastructure Grants - Summaries of 28 Projects Receiving Funding in Round 2](#)

A third round of grant recipients will be announced in the future.

Governor DeWine created the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grant program to reduce or eliminate the local financial burden associated with critical infrastructure needs such as the construction of new water systems, the replacement of aging water lines, and the installation new water mains. Grants will also fund projects to prevent sewer system backups and replace failing household sewage treatment systems with new sewers.

The new Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grants are a continuation of Governor DeWine's [H2Ohio](#) initiative, which launched in 2019 to focus on ensuring plentiful, clean, and safe water for communities across the state. H2Ohio focuses on strategies to reduce algal blooms on Lake Erie and on other bodies of water statewide. The initiative has also awarded \$15 million in grants for water infrastructure projects.



Ohio BUILDS (Broadband, Utilities, and Infrastructure for Local Development Success) will also focus on supporting targeted solutions that impact quality of life such as broadband expansion, brownfield redevelopment, the demolition of blighted buildings, and more.

The Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grants announced today were funded by the Ohio General Assembly as part of House Bill 168, sponsored by State Representatives Mark Fraizer (R-Newark) and Mike Loychik (R-Bazetta), with funding that was appropriated through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Ohio BUILDS grant programs for broadband expansion, blighted building demolition, and brownfield redevelopment are funded in Ohio's current operating budget.

### Ohio BUILDS Project Descriptions Round 2 – November 2, 2021

#### **Wastewater Infrastructure Projects**

**Ashville** (Pickaway County, House District 78- Rep. Brian Stewart, Senate District 20- Senator Tim Schaffer) will receive a \$250,000 grant to cover the planning and engineering design for a sanitary sewer replacement project. The proposed improvements north of Church Street include replacing the aged sanitary sewer lines, providing an adequate storm sewer system, and to separate roof drains, sump pumps, and sanitary services. This project will benefit 4,500 people.