

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.14 Consideration of release of funds from House Bill 675

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents is mandated by the Ohio General Assembly to administer the distribution of line items in House Bill 675 of the 124th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Non-Credit Job Training Facilities Grants appropriation provides for capital improvements to support Ohio's public two-year campuses in the delivery of non-credit training and assessment services; and

WHEREAS, the distribution of Non-Job Training Facilities Grants appropriation will support the capital resource needs of key economic development projects statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with concurrence of the Program Effectiveness, Research and Technology Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents, that distribution of the Non-Credit Job Training Facilities Grants appropriation described in the attached description narrative and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

**NON-CREDIT JOB TRAINING FACILITIES GRANTS APPROPRIATION
TO
SUPPORT THE ENTERPRISEOHIO NETWORK CAMPUSES' TRAINING
IN
LOCAL/REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Background

The Non-Credit Job Training Facilities Grants appropriation (\$5,985,000) was included in the state's capital appropriation bill H.B. 675 for FY 03-04. The appropriation pertains to certain types of capital improvements at EnterpriseOhio Network campuses (Ohio's two-year community and technical colleges and university regional campuses) to better support local and regional business attraction, expansion and retention. Funds awarded will support the delivery of training and assessment services by EnterpriseOhio Network campuses as required for the success of local and regional community based economic development projects in which the EnterpriseOhio Network campuses serve as the training provider partners.

The \$5.9 million appropriated is being awarded through a needs-based application process. Funds awarded to the EnterpriseOhio Network campuses will be used for according to specific criteria required for the acquisition of needed equipment and technology, modify existing facilities, and/or construct new training facilities.

Application and Review Process

The Non-Credit Job Training Capital Improvement Funds Guidelines and Application Procedures packet was distributed to the EnterpriseOhio Network Campuses on April 7, 2003. The closing date for submission of applications from the EnterpriseOhio Network campuses was July 31, 2003.

The EnterpriseOhio Network campuses submitted twenty-one requests for over \$14 million in funding.

Results of the Review Process

Funding Availability	Applications Received	Funds Requested	Applications Recommended for Funding	Funding Recommendation
\$5,985,000.	21	\$14,123,640.	12	\$5,985,000

Three internal reviewers with expertise in workforce development provided their analytical review of the proposals. After staff consideration of their reviews the following twelve (12) proposals are being recommended for funding.

Descriptions of Recommended Non-Credit Job Training Facilities Grants Applicants

1. Cuyahoga Community College

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Corporate College East: Driving Economic Growth through Human Capital Investment***
- ◆ Recommended Funding: \$525,000
- ◆ Project Description

To support business attraction, expansion, and retention the greater Cleveland, Cuyahoga Community College is building a state-of-the art training facility to provide training and assessment services to area companies and their employees. Non-credit job training services will include offerings in advanced manufacturing to support the success of the areas manufacturing base. Grant funds will support the building of the construction of the Corporate College East Training Center.

2. Hocking Technical College

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***The Flexible Manufacturing Center***
- ◆ Recommended Funding: \$ 205,000
- ◆ Project Description:

Hocking Technical College is partnering with the Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet) to expand technology use within the region as part of its strategy to build a sustainable and expanding regional economy. In the partnership, one that includes many of the area's smaller companies, the college will train and re-train employees to become more technically skilled. Companies in the area are moving toward automated, flexible manufacturing systems that require skilled workers to operate multi-use equipment, robotics and various automated systems. Project funds will be used to purchase specialized robotic and automated training equipment.

3. Kent State University – Ashtabula

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Kent State – Ashtabula Training Center***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$560,000
- ◆ Project Description:

Kent State University-Ashtabula in support of local business attraction and retention Strategy is partnering with Ashtabula County to construct and equip a state-of-the art training center at the new Geneva State Park Lodge in Ashtabula County. The facility will provide needed training space and equipment for non-credit training that is not current available and meet the growing need for continuous skill upgrading.

Project funds will be used to build the new training facility.

4. Lakeland Community College

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Industrial Skills Training Program***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$675,000
- ◆ Project Description:

Lakeland Community College is working with local business and industry partners, the Lake County Economic Development Program, Chambers of Commerce and the Lake County Workforce Development Partnership to better meet the needs of the manufacturing sector in this area. The college will be expanding its capability to provide customized industrial skills maintenance training and safety training to manufacturing companies in their region. Project funds will be used to construct an addition to the current Engineering Building and purchase specific training equipment.

5. Lorain County Community College

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Great Lakes Business Growth Center***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$435,000
- ◆ Project Description:

Lorain County Community College, through its Great Lakes Innovation and Development Enterprise (GLIDE,) identified the need for a major economic development partnership project aimed at attracting, retaining and growing business and industry in the area. The Great Lakes Technology Center will provide current and new companies locating in the Great Lakes region with incubation services, technology expertise, manufacturing training and a state-of-the-art training facility. Project funds will be used to support the construction of new training facilities in the center.

6. The Ohio State University-Marion

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Non-Credit Job Education & Training Project***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$560,000
- ◆ Project Description:

The Ohio State University-Marion will be partnering with economic development and Business industry partners in six counties to provide needed workforce development training and services. For companies in this six county area to be able to compete globally, meet quality standards determined by the manufacturing industry, attract and retain employees; skill levels must be continuously upgraded. Project funds will be used to build a new state-of-the art training facility to address those needs.

7. University of Cincinnati – Raymond Walters

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Bridging the Skills Gap***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$650,000
- ◆ Project Description

The University of Cincinnati – Raymond Walters, in collaboration with regional Chambers of Commerce, economic development boards and businesses in the area, identified the need for additional facilities to deliver training and assessment services requested by their customers. While local manufacturing companies need to reinvent and restructure themselves, new companies moving into the area need to upgrade the skill levels of newly hired employees and incumbent workers. Project funds will be used to support a new training center.

8. Rhodes State College

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Entrepreneurial Expansion in West Central Ohio***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$615,000
- ◆ Project Description:

In West Central Ohio, local economic development organizations, county officials, businesses, Rhodes State Community College and other community partners recognized the need to create a more entrepreneurial climate to attract and retain businesses in the area. As part of this strategy the college will develop a Center of Business Progress that provides new businesses with specialized non-credit training and assessment services needed to support their marketplace success. Project funds will be used to support facility modification of the Information Technology building.

9. Stark State College of Technology

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Advanced Prototyping User Center***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$625,000
- ◆ Project Description:

A new fuel cell industry in Ohio is emerging. The potential of this new industry for Ohio creates the need for a well-trained workforce that will grow over the next twenty years. Stark State College of Technology, working in partnership with Case Western Reserve University, will be offering a non-credit fuel cell certificate program developed in conjunction with the Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition. Additional space is needed in the Advanced Prototyping User Center to provide this specific training. Project funds will be used to provide classroom space for training, product development and demonstration labs.

10. Southern State Community College

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Training Resource Center***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$205,000
- ◆ Project Description:

Working in partnership with Highland County Manufacturer’s Council, Chambers of Commerce and local economic development entities, the college conducted several business and industry focus groups to learn how the college should strengthen their economic and workforce development efforts in the five-county region served by the college. Employers emphasized the need for developing and expanding accessible workforce development training and assessment services for new employees and incumbent workers. As a the Training Resource Center is being established with capabilities to support distance learning, audio-conferencing and computer based instruction. Project funds will be used to renovate space in an existing campus building.

11. Washington State Community College

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Industrial Certifications Project***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$615,000
- ◆ Project Description:

Washington State Community College, Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SOPA), and other economic development organizations have partner together to bring customers to existing businesses, attract new companies to this region, preserve jobs and create jobs for residents in this region. In response to the need for additional non-credit certification training and testing for area automotive, diesel, refrigeration and HVAC(Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) businesses, Washington State Community College is expanding their non-credit certification, testing and licensing training programs to meet this need. Project funds will be used to renovate current space on campus and purchase specialized equipment needed to deliver this training.

12. Youngstown State University

- ◆ Economic Development Project Title: ***Residential Technology Integration Training Project***
- ◆ Amount Recommended: \$315,000
- ◆ Project Description:

The Residential Technology Integration Training Project has been designed to address The construction industry’s need for trained employees who are qualified and certified to install new wiring into homes and businesses. Working in partnership with ten other

EnterpriseOhio Network campuses, Youngstown State University will provide a Certified Home Technology Integration Professional train-the trainer program to the other campuses involved in the project. Participating EnterpriseOhio Network campuses will receive the training and equipment needed to implement the Certified Home Technology Integration Professional Training program on their respective campus. Project funds will be used to purchase computer equipment and training materials needed for this specific training project.