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Building Bridges to Careers

**BB2C Epicenter:**

Youth and Entrepreneurial Development Center

- **Requested funding/support:** Investment/Grant
- **CRA-eligible activity addressed by the project:** Economic development and workforce development
- **Brief project description:** Providing space and time for collaborating and building networks, small businesses housed in the Epicenter are supported in the incubator while they grow and the Makerspace provides multiple avenues of development for youth, entrepreneurs and the community through classes and memberships leading to "Successful Students, Prosperous Communities"
- **Population served:** Washington, Morgan, Monroe and Noble Counties, Ohio and Wood County, WV
- **Project duration:** 1 year
- **Expected outcomes:** The following metrics are expected to be achieved in a year's time: entrepreneurs-in-residence - 5; other businesses/entrepreneurs receiving services - 25; class attendees - 450; Makerspace members - 15; student engagement - 800; jobs created - 15; capital infusion - $1 million
- **Funding request:** $100,584
Chillicothe-Ross Community Foundation
Chillicothe-Ross Nonprofit Network

- **Requested funding/support:** Grant
- **CRA-eligible activity addressed by the project:** Community service, Economic development, Revitalize/stabilization, and Workforce development
- **Brief project description:** Funding will support the development of the nonprofit network to serve organizations in the greater Chillicothe-Ross community. The network is a chamber association and hub to connect nonprofits with professional advisors, partners and donors to collectively learn and share, while improving impact and strengthening the local nonprofits to better serve the local people.
- **Population served:** This project includes nonprofits in the greater Chillicothe-Ross County region, the majority of which serve the LMI population.
- **Project duration:** Ongoing, current period is September 2019 – December 2020
- **Expected outcomes:** The primary goal is participation of 50 nonprofits and 25 professional advisors in the network to engage with each other for support, education and broad expertise. Another goal is that 5 collaborative community development initiatives emerge/grow from the network to address local needs.
- **Funding request:** $25,000
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Utilizing USDA SNAP Employment & Training Funding to Provide Livable Wages for Appalachian Ohio Participants

- **Requested funding:** Grant
- **CRA-eligible activity addressed by the project:** Workforce development
- **Brief project description:** Develop training to teach Ohio public and non-profit groups how to utilize the USDA SNAP E&T program and adapt it to local level. Workforce development technical and soft skills’ training for (1) HVAC, energy services, bank teller, medical technologies, and construction to meet employer needs and provide learners with livable wage jobs. (2) Create a sweat equity contractor training program for skilled construction workers to rehabilitate substandard housing in Appalachian Ohio.
- **Population served:** Current SNAP (LMI) recipients
- **Project duration:** Training Design & Development for 3-6 months followed by Program Delivery & Implementation at 6 months and ongoing.
- **Expected outcomes:** By pairing with other resources, Ohio SNAP E&T recipients receive job skills training that (1) close the work gap and provide participants with a) personal security, b) increased self-confidence, and improved employability with c) technical and d) needed soft skills. (2) Improved housing stock for these communities.
- **Funding request:** $60,000
Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio Microfinance Loan Program

- **Requested funding/support:** Grant
- **CRA-eligible activity addressed by the project:** Affordable Housing, Revitalize/Stabilization
- **Brief project description:** Funding to start a revolving zero-interest micro-loan program to help improve quality of life through housing sustainability.
- **Population served:** SE Ohio residents 20-80% of the area median income
- **Project duration:** Permanent – Once funded will provide loans in perpetuity
- **Expected outcomes:** housing sustainability for low and fixed-income populations, homeowner education, increase opportunity to obtain conventional financing for projects in the future.
- **Funding request:** $30,000
Organization name: Hocking College
Project name: Build

- **Requested funding/support:** Grant
- **CRA-eligible activity addressed by the project:** Affordable Housing, Community Service, Economic Development, Revitalization/Stabilization, and Workforce Development
- **Brief project description:** Collaborative project to address workforce development needs around affordable housing.
- **Population served:** 1) Hard to employ in the service area (Perry and Athens Counties) 2) Communities struggling with blighted properties and affordable housing.
- **Project duration:** 2 ½ years
- **Expected outcomes:** Workers are trained, housing and mixed use properties are revitalized, communities are improved, and social enterprise metrics are positively impacted.
- **Funding request:** $1,925,000.00
Ohio Hills Health Services
Oral Health the Unmet Need

- **Requested funding/support:** Grant/Investment
- **CRA-eligible activity addressed by the project:** Community Services and Facilities
- **Brief project description:** Renovate currently owned space to accommodate a comprehensive dental clinic which will provide access to dental care for low income residents who reside in a dental underserved region.
- **Population served:** All residents will benefit from the first tooth until old age and dentures. Serving a low to moderate income population with approximately 50% Medicaid patients and 10% using a sliding fee scale.
- **Project duration:** Construction Summer-Fall 2020, Program- ongoing
- **Expected outcomes:** Improve the oral health and quality of life of 4,000 area residents who previously did not have access to dental care. Good oral health impacts education attainment, employment and relationships, and consequently has the power to transform lives.
- **Funding request:** $100,000
Organization name: OhioHealth
Project name: The Early Literacy Program

- **Requested funding/support:** Grant
- **CRA-eligible activity addressed by the project:** Community Service, Economic development, Workforce development
- **Brief project description:** The Early Literacy Program will provide 1,250 children ages 0-2 two developmentally appropriate books at ten OhioHealth Physician Group Heritage College (OPGHC) Pediatrics appointments. The program will provide books selected by the Athens County Public Libraries.
- **Population served:** Approximately 50% of the total 0-2 aged population in Athens County. 58% of the children served by this project are Medicaid or uninsured patients.
- **Project duration:** Two year pilot project with potential to continue.
- **Expected outcomes:** 25,000 books will be provided to 1,250 children and parents in southeast Ohio. Similar interventions resulted in parents being more likely to read with their children regularly and significantly improved language development by the age of two for program participants.
- **Funding request:** $113,500
Rural Action – “Expanding the Chesterhill Produce Auction to Better Serve the Community and Appalachian Ohio Farmers”

- **Requested funding/support:** Grant
- **CRA-eligible activity addressed by the project:** Community Service, Economic Development
- **Brief project description:** We seek to expand the Chesterhill Produce Auction (CPA) both as a community facility, as well as an incubator and support provider for small farm businesses in southeast Ohio. We will provide high-speed wireless internet to community members, and farm incubation / business planning services for low-income residents seeking to start farming.
- **Population served:** 200+ small family farms; 1,100 customers from 30 Ohio and 15 WV counties; community of Chesterhill, Ohio (poverty rate 26.7%)
- **Project duration:** 1 Year
- **Expected outcomes:** 1) Five beginning farmers start farming using Rural Action’s incubator farm, receiving mentorship and business planning support; 2) Up to 1,000 people have open public access to new community internet connection
- **Funding request:** $20,865