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Ohio Accelerating Technology

Third Frontier Supporting Innovation and Startups

Yesterday the Ohio Third Frontier Commission approved \$2.1 million to move new technologies out of the lab and into the marketplace, advancing medicine and helping patients.

“Many of these technologies could have a real impact on patients and their recovery,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and chair of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission. “We are helping get these products to market where they can make a difference.”

Technology Validation and Start-Up Awards

The Ohio Third Frontier **Technology Validation and Start-up Fund (TVSF)** provides grants to Ohio institutions of higher education and other nonprofit research institutions. The funding is to demonstrate that a technology is commercially viable through activities such as testing and prototyping. The ultimate goal is to license the technologies to companies.

Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, located in the city of Cincinnati (Hamilton County), was awarded \$500,000 to help commercialize technologies including biomedical devices, digital health and care delivery, and diagnostics.

University of Cincinnati, located in the city of Cincinnati (Hamilton County), was awarded \$500,000 to create an innovative environment that brings technology to commercialization.

Companies aiming to license institution-owned technologies can also receive funding to accelerate commercialization through activities such as market research and further prototyping. This helps companies either raise funds or get the licensed technology to the marketplace faster.

Awareability Technologies, located in the city of Columbus (Franklin County), was awarded \$100,000 to further develop a miniature “alpha-ion battery” that provides efficient low-level power.

PneumoCool LLC, located in the city of New Albany (Franklin County), was awarded \$150,000 to further develop a disposable blower that allows hospital patients with breathing difficulties to fan their faces.

LifeFlyte, located in the city of Dayton (Montgomery County), was awarded \$150,000 to further develop an unmanned aerial vehicle that is cooling capable for transport of medical needs.

LittleSeed, Inc., located in the city of Powell (Delaware County), was awarded \$150,000 to develop a virtual reality platform to help distract children from medical procedures and reduce their anxiety.

MediView AR, LLC, located in the city of Toledo (Lucas County), was awarded \$150,000 to further develop a surgical navigation system to help guide surgeons through a 3D holograph image.

Pressure Safe, Inc., located in the city of Columbus (Franklin County), was awarded \$150,000 to further develop a sensor pad that provides feedback on movement to help reduce pressure for patients likely to develop pressure sores.

RedBud Software, Inc., located in the city of Columbus (Franklin County), was awarded \$100,000 for market validation, final product development and commercialization of a software platform, Trellis, that provides greenhouse management.

S.A. Wyze Inc., located in the city of Dayton (Montgomery County), was awarded \$150,000 to further develop a tuberculous treatment monitor that combines currently available wristband devices with new antibody technology.

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