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Clean Ohio Streamlines Approval Process for Brownfield Projects

COLUMBUS – Today the Clean Ohio Council announced a streamlined process for funding brownfield projects. The process creates a single brownfield incentive program, combining Clean Ohio's Revitalization Fund and Assistance Fund, which will be managed through a collaboration of the Ohio Development Service Agency's Office of Redevelopment, [JobsOhio](#) and the Clean Ohio Council. All brownfield project requests will begin with JobsOhio and its regional network partners.

"This new structure will streamline the process for communities interested in Clean Ohio assistance," said Christiane Schmenk, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "As we transition into this new model, our commitment remains the same. We want to provide outstanding customer service, create jobs and build strong communities making Ohio a place everyone can succeed."

Clean Ohio funding assists projects in environmental assessment, acquiring property, demolishing structures, conducting environmental cleanup and improving infrastructure. Funding requests will be accepted by JobsOhio and its regional network partners, who will then evaluate a project's economic benefits. Clean Ohio grant recommendations will then be referred to the Director of the Development Clean Ohio Council for review and potential approval.

In addition to the streamlined process, the Council announced that grant funding will be available on a rolling cycle, as opposed to having specific funding rounds. Up to \$3 million will be available per project for cleanup activities and \$200,000 per project will be available for environmental assessment activities. Additional brownfield funding is available through the Brownfield Loan Program, which is administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Redevelopment.

JobsOhio is accepting funding requests for the \$15 million grant allocation. Funding may include a grant and loan combination, utilizing the brownfield grant funding and the Brownfield Loan Program.

*The **Clean Ohio Fund** restores, protects, and connects Ohio's important natural and urban places by preserving green space and farmland, improving outdoor recreation, and by cleaning up brownfields to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities. For more information about the Clean Ohio Fund, visit www.clean.ohio.gov.*

*The **Office of Redevelopment**, located within the Ohio Development Services Agency, assists communities with place-based redevelopment which creates wealth from personal, business and community successes. The **Office of Redevelopment** works to identify the resources and financing necessary to enhance the economic viability of local communities.*

*The **Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA)** works with partners across business, government, academia and the nonprofit sector to build strong communities that support job creation. The Agency provides financial, informational and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio, ensuring a vibrant economic future for all Ohioans. Visit www.development.ohio.gov. Also, follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/OhioDevelopment and Twitter www.twitter.com/OhioDevelopment.*

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