



Appalachian Community Grant Program

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Project Information

Project Name:

CBAS - Clermont Brown Adams Scioto

Please Provide a brief description of the project:

The counties of Clermont, Brown, Adams, and Scioto (CBAS) are working together on a combined, regional, transformational project that includes many components such as hike-bike-paddle connectivity, downtown redevelopment, regional tourism based on shared, historical and cultural identities, access to healthcare for underserved communities, development of farmers markets to bridge food desert gaps, workforce development, and providing services not available to underperforming peer counties in the region. This four-county region directly services 354,192 people who currently reside in this region. Because of the position of these counties along State Route 32, the Appalachian Highway, and the Ohio River, the regional CBAS project is poised to benefit countless others in the Ohio Appalachian region and beyond. Our combined project is designed to enrich the lives of our Appalachian counties and elevate the region as a whole. Our project will be successful due to multiple public-private partnerships that we will forge during the 2023 planning period. The activities of this project group will be planned for sustainability and to improve the quality of life in this region. Two of the four partners in this endeavor are counties that are designated as “distressed” by the Appalachian Regional Commission. Once funded, the transformational activities of the CBAS project will elevate these counties and surrounding counties and move the needle on the region’s prosperity. The four counties selected the Clermont County Port Authority to act as the lead entity on a joint Technical Assistance request to secure the available \$250,000 in funding available to each county. Once awarded the funding, Clermont County Port Authority will engage the designated lead agency for each County in a sub-recipient agreement and that lead agency will be responsible for overseeing the execution of the approved project activities.

Select County(ies) served:**Project Location (list city/village):**

Bethel;Batavia;Williamsburg;Goshen;New Richmond;Chilo;Loveland;Milford;Georgetown;Sardinia;Ripley;Manchester;Peebles;West Union;Portsmouth;Amelia;Seaman;South Webster;Mount Orab;Winchester;Rome (Stout);Fayetteville;Higginsport;Miami;Moscow;Neville;Owensville;Friendship;Lucasville;Rarden;West Portsmouth

Project Start date:

1/1/2023

Project End date:

10/31/2026

Project Description

A. Please include which project components you will include in your plan:

B. Please describe in detail what you hope to accomplish in the planning/technical assistance phase. This section should include a vision for transformational change. Please address the following Investment Priorities in your description.

1. Public/Private Partnerships: How does your plan incorporate partners in the planning process? How will the planning process help establish or expand public/private partnerships?
2. Evidence Based: How will you prioritize evidence-based research in your plan and ensure? Is there proof of concept for this project to replicate? How will you ensure the activities generated by the plan are best to address the needs of the region?
3. Sustainability: Do you have a long-term vision for how funding can transform the communities included? Does this plan provide a visible, lasting impact, and is it sustainable (>20 years)?

The counties of Clermont, Brown, Adams, and Scioto (CBAS) are working together for transformational change in our region. According to the Appalachian Regional Commission, two of the four counties in this application are designated as “distressed” in terms of economic status. The goal of the CBAS application is to realize success in moving the economic prosperity needle in our region. With over 100 component activities in this technical assistance grant application, we expect to use the planning period of 2023 to bring our activities to shovel/program-ready status. Our counties will engage state-procured planners as much as possible to develop strategies for improving our infrastructure, promoting greater access to healthcare, and developing a stronger workforce prepared to meet the demands of the coming decades. The CBAS project will address all three areas of focus for the Appalachian Community Grant program. In addition, our component activities will create a more connected region through safe and accessible hike-bike trails that make an effort to connect to our historic downtowns through the four-county region and also to our waterways. This trail network will also include important trailhead improvements and parking access as well as new or improved waterway access through canoe/kayak launches. This connectivity is also excellent for our combined park systems as the trail network will seek to connect parks thereby contributing to a healthier region with access to amenities and recreation not currently available. This network will improve the economies in our historic downtown areas. Our counties wish to be transformative with infrastructure improvements and investment in industrial infrastructure that will allow us to develop over 1,000 combined acres of manufacturing space including sites that have over 500 contiguous acres. Round 1 of the Appalachian Community Grant program will allow CBAS to position our communities for important industrial growth. Working with our local universities, vocational schools, and local school districts, CBAS plans to combine efforts in order to improve healthcare access to underserved or at-risk populations while strengthening our workforce with improved education and training opportunities including adult education where it currently does not exist.

1. Public-Private Partnerships – The CBAS initiative is only successful with strong regional partnerships. The collaboration is a grassroots effort from townships and villages to the counties within the region working together. The Appalachian Community Grant program has provided our region with an unprecedented opportunity to work together in order to advance transformational projects. The Clermont County Port Authority acts as the lead entity for CBAS. The Port Authority specializes in public-private partnerships in order to facilitate economic development and beneficial public use projects. CBAS has a resident team ready to make public-private partnerships work for the technical assistance grant. For instance, the Port Authority will work with local governments as well as local businesses to enhance the trail portion of the project and promote downtown revitalization, positive business impact, improved infrastructure, and increased visitation rates and sales tax collections, property values, and quality of life. Public-private partnerships will be necessary as the CBAS counties work together to enhance workforce development through partnerships with area vocational schools, universities, local school districts, and business entities. The vocational schools will work with employers to build new accessibility for adult education – especially in the county of Adams – throughout the region. Building strong youth sports facilities will require local governments and park districts to work with HealthSource, Mercy Health, Southern Ohio Medical Center, Adams County Regional

Medical Center, and other healthcare providers to develop areas where teams can safely practice and compete while also having access to healthcare not previously available to youth and families. Historic-based tourism and preservation will require local governments, nonprofit organizations, and entities such as the Ohio History Connection to work together to preserve and develop local assets. This preservation will allow local societies and governments to strategically promote their unique historical and cultural qualities to the region and the world. A new effort to bring people through Ohio's Appalachian region will drive increased commercial development, higher property values, greater prosperity, and sales tax receipts to sustain the region, and educate people within CBAS counties and beyond about the important and unique history of the area. Ohio's Appalachian history will include many of the following topics: • Prehistoric mound builders/earthworks Native Americans • Modern Native American culture • Expansion west and Ohio River Valley as frontier • Revolutionary War and the settling of Ohio • Water history – Ohio River, Little Miami, East fork and Harsha Lake and many others • Antebellum and Civil War history – abolitionism and the Underground Railroad • U.S. Grant museum area • Industrialization of Appalachia • Appalachian cultural center (history, music, lifestyles, art etc.) • Historic structures (Morris House, one-room school house(s), Benninghoff House, underground railroad station(s), log cabin(s), other historically/architecturally significant structures) – can be from throughout the region. Incorporating local vendors and farmers markets, allowing access to healthy fresh foods, will be an important component throughout the CBAS project. These markets can locate in areas where food is otherwise not easily accessible. From trails to sports fields to museums, farmers markets can increase foot traffic while providing important nutritional access. One element that will unify the entire CBAS project is developing a common theme among all of the projects that contain shared branding, wayfinding, structural consistency, and shared resources. As the CBAS project takes shape, those who use the resources created by the program, from the hike-bike trails, canoe/kayak launches, sports fields, museums, downtown areas, industrial sites, farmers markets, and other facilities will understand that they are part of something bigger, something important and something transformative for the region. Public-private partnerships will be forged throughout this project and will be critical to its success. Partners will include businesses and employers, county governments, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions.

2. Evidence-Based – Each activity included in the CBAS project application will be evidence-based. This means that each project will be founded on a proof of concept or be supported by a feasibility study or other documentation that will lend to the need and sustainability of each activity. CBAS and its component members have worked and will work, with private firms, universities, and consultants to develop meaningful, transformational results. Ohio University has been an excellent partner to the Appalachian region and has the capacity to perform excellent analysis for projects that affect Ohio's Appalachian counties. In addition, the University of Cincinnati has a campus in Clermont County and has demonstrated a commitment to serving counties east of Cincinnati into Appalachia. These academic resources are invaluable for the CBAS project. Many of the projects are also products of a proof of concept and will fulfill a need in Ohio, produce jobs, increase access to healthier living, and develop a stronger, prepared workforce. The CBAS industrial park initiative spans all four counties and will contain at least two sites of more than 500 acres. With Ohio becoming a leading state in advanced manufacturing, microchip production, electric vehicle manufacturing, battery technology, and other in-demand sectors, the CBAS industrial park initiative is an example of an evidence-based project that will allow the region to quickly capitalize on these industries and make Ohio an even stronger and more stable manufacturing environment for decades to come. One mega-site is the former Beckjord coal plant which has more than 500 acres that can become project-ready with help from the Appalachian Community Grant program. The Mount Orab mega site is critical to the expansion of manufacturing east into Ohio's Appalachian counties. Additional sites in Clermont, Adams, and Scioto counties will add many hundreds of acres of prime manufacturing space that is needed nationwide and will be attractive to site selectors. As we prepare the sports field and medical clinic portions of the project, our planning will demonstrate a need as well as sustainability over time as we strategically locate these facilities in areas that are poised for commercial growth that will organically support these target areas. The Appalachian Community Grant will transform the CBAS counties through this initiative not only through the direct investment in accommodations that meet healthcare needs but will lead to secondary infrastructure growth with the development of commercial, hospitality, and other improvements that will be a result of the grant program's investment but will be self-funded. CBAS will work with all resources to demonstrate documented needs, proven success, a plan for sustainability beyond our generation, and measure outcomes. CBAS will work to ensure that every dollar provided through the Appalachian Community Grant program will contribute directly to a transformational, sustainable Appalachia and will have a regional impact.

3. Sustainability – The CBAS counties are super-charged with caring, professional, and experienced development officials, elected officeholders, dedicated nonprofits, engaged employers and high-performing schools. These elements will contribute to the long-term success of

the CBAS project. Sustainability will be driven by factors that include location, feasibility, secondary development, workforce development, and long-term commitment. An example, as presented in the “Evidence-Based” section above, is the strategic locating of sports fields in the region. By working with private healthcare companies, we can forge public-private partnerships that will have private companies contributing to the long-term maintenance of the facilities. These facilities will also be placed in areas where secondary growth will occur to accommodate the increase in traffic and demand. The economy created by this initiative, as evidenced by the VOA sports fields in nearby Butler County, the Spooky Nook facility in Hamilton, Ohio, and the outdoor sports venue in Warren County, Ohio, will generate higher property values, increased sales tax revenues and room nights with the organic addition of hotels, restaurants, and retail that follow. This secondary development will be a direct result of the Appalachian Community Grant, but it will all be privately funded. The model that our proposed industrial sites will follow is to attract large, global brands to the region that will invest in our properties for decades. This follows the recent success in Clermont County in which the 200 acre South Afton Industrial Park is now the home to Nestlé Purina’s first ground-up facility in over 40 years. The CBAS sites will not be created for spec buildings but for large manufacturers who will invest in our communities for decades. The Appalachian Community Grant program will allow us to make this investment, and the CBAS region is perfect with our access to rail, water transportation, and an improved State Route 32 that is a direct line to the Interstate transportation system. Our hike-bike-paddle initiative through the CBAS counties will create a desirable amenity that promotes healthy living, connects our other projects, will include access to farmers markets, will be routed through downtown areas to increase foot traffic to those small businesses, and will contribute to the greater statewide network of trails and paths. Because of the success in Loveland, Ohio (Clermont County) of the economic development that has grown around the existence of the Little Miami Trail, we have a proof of concept that not only demonstrates success but also sustainability. The CBAS network of trails and paths will link parks, sports fields, downtowns, historic sites, and other strategic locations to enhance the long-term effectiveness of the Appalachian Community Grant initiative. Investing in our workforce development initiatives will allow us to support the other activities in the CBAS project application. Introducing new and enhanced workforce programs will develop a stronger talent and labor pool that is certified, educated, and ready to fulfill the needs of the industries CBAS will attract. The amenities provided through the hike-bike-paddle initiative will make the region attractive for residential growth which is a necessary component to a larger, available workforce. Each initiative in the CBAS project contributes to the other so that they support each other and provide for the long-term sustainability of the region. Our activities currently include the following (Please see attached spreadsheet for a comprehensive list and complete activity titles):

Project Name	Location	Infrastructure
Healthcare Workforce	Downtown Manchester Adams	Downtown West Union Adams
Three School Based Health	Adams	Downtown Peebles Adams
Adams Workforce Training	Adams	Adams Arts Center Adams
Outdoor Amphitheater	Adams	Eagles Building Restoration Adams
Business Incubator	Adams	Downtown Seaman Adams
Downtown Winchester Adams	Downtown Manchester Adams	Eastend Development Project Adams
Arc of Appalachia Trails	Adams	Thematic Driving Routes Adams
Appalachian Public Education	Adams	Appalachian Rural Innovation
Appalachia Remote Work Ready	Appalachia	Appalachia Affordable Housing
Appalachia Regional Heritage Tourism	Appalachia	Remote Workforce Readiness
Appalachia Ohio River Shorefront	Appalachia	World Heritage Site Tourism
Appalachia Vision to Learn	Expansion	Appalachia Workforce Expansion
Project Brown Healthsource	School clinics	Brown Industrial Park/Sites
Brown Medical Specialty Office	Building	Brown Walking Trail expansion
Brown Downtown Revitalization	Brown	Urgent Care
Brown Downtown Revitalization-	Brown	Downtown Revitalization
Brown Behavioral Specialist	Brown	Crisis Stabilization Facility
Brown Community Centers	Brown	Covered Bridge Restoration
Brown Specialty Care Physicians	Medical	Brown Ripley Downtown Revitalization
Brown Park development	Brown	Park Expansion
Brown Megasite Preparation	Project	Brown Travel & Tourism Kiosk
Project Brown Empower Youth	Campus	CBAS Hike-Bike-Paddle Committee
Clermont Commercial Development	Clermont	Workforce Development
Clermont School-Based Health Clinic	Clermont	Project Life
Clermont Trails and sports facilities	Clermont	School-Based Health
Clermont School-Based Health	Clermont	Appalachian Arts Center
Clermont HBP Connectivity	Clermont	Senior Housing & Assessment
Clermont Downtown Newtonsville	Clermont	Substance Abuse Health Clinic
Clermont Farmers Market Initiatives	Clermont	Training Programs
Clermont Downtown NR	Revitalization	Clermont Workforce Housing
Clermont Beckjord	Clermont	Bethel Museum
Clermont Trail Connection to Brown	Clermont	Telemedicine psychiatric service
Clermont Rivertown Biking	Connectivity	Clermont Turf Field
Clermont Health Care Collaborative	Clermont	Beckjord Redevelopment
Clermont SR-125 Redevelopment -	4 county	Clermont Multi-Use Paths & Recreation
Clermont Wolfpen Rd/Business 28	Clermont	Athletic Fields & Visitor Center
Clermont SR-131 Bike Lane	Clermont	Kelly Nature Preserve
Connection	Clermont	Community Sports &

Wellness Clermont Consolidated Pantry Clermont YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter Clermont Utility extension Clermont Overpass on SR32 Clermont Emergency Service Initiatives Clermont East Fork State Park Lodging Clermont Connectivity Improvements Clermont Project Hiram Clermont Crisis Receiving Center Clermont Premier Site Redevelopment Clermont East Fork Bridge Clermont Flood Plain along Round Bottom Rd. Clermont Stonelick Off-Road Trails Clermont East Fork State Park Trail Clermont Workforce Development Clermont SW Ohio Whole Child Network Clermont Domestic Violence Services Clermont Milford Parking Garage Clermont Batavia Township Connectivity Clermont Transportation Initiative Clermont Business District Improvements Clermont Child Focus Multi-Year Plan OVRDC Portsmouth Riverfront Scioto Portsmouth Sports Complex Scioto Downtown Revitalization Scioto Healthcare Education Center Scioto Walking/Jogging/Biking Path Scioto Historic City Hall - Museum Center Scioto Renovation of Jackson Street Scioto Village Park Scioto Old Fire Department Scioto Community Recreation Facilities Scioto Southern Ohio Museum Scioto Lucasville Community Park Scioto Multi-Use Paths Scioto Rails to Trails Scioto School Based Health Facilities Scioto Youth Behavioral Health Scioto Mobile Dental Clinic Scioto Housing Scioto Workforce Development Programs Scioto

C. What other efforts is the community making to help support this project? This is not limited to other funding sources, but also includes commitments of time, energy, or other non-cash resources dedicated to supporting this project.

1. What other local, state, or federal programs could be utilized to fund activities related to this project? Additionally, list any ongoing efforts that would complement this project.

2. List committed project partners and others who could become potential partners through the planning process.

Budget

Costs

Cost Category	Activity/Description	Project Location	Total Estimated Cost
Administrative Costs	Administrative Oversight	All Project Area	\$100,000.00
Community Planners	Misc. Planning Fees	All Project Area	\$30,000.00
Planning costs	Project Planning	All Project Area	\$295,000.00
Grant Writing	Application Costs	All Project Area	\$25,000.00
Legal Fees	Misc. Legal/Permit Fees	All Project Area	\$65,500.00
Preliminary Engineering Costs	Design Costs	All Project Area	\$375,000.00
Contractual	Misc. Contractual	All Project Area	\$10,000.00
Travel	Mileage	All Project Area	\$5,000.00
Supplies	Supplies	All Project Area	\$6,500.00
Other	other	All Project Area	\$88,000.00
Total:			\$1,000,000.00

County Requests

County Name	Amount Requesting from County
Brown	\$250,000.00
Adams	\$250,000.00
Clermont	\$250,000.00
Scioto	\$250,000.00

Required Documents

Required Documents			
Document Name:	Description	Date Uploaded:	Uploaded by:
Community Support Letters	Adams County Support Letters	12/8/2022 2:21 PM	Kennedy Briggs
Community Support Letters	Scioto County Support Letters	12/8/2022 2:43 PM	Kennedy Briggs
Community Support Letters	Brown County Support Letters	12/8/2022 2:43 PM	Kennedy Briggs
Community Support Letters	Grant Career Center Support Letter	12/8/2022 2:44 PM	Kennedy Briggs
Community Support Letters	Clermont County Port Authority Resolution	12/9/2022 8:29 AM	Kennedy Briggs
Community Support Letters	Clermont County BCC Authorization Motion	12/9/2022 8:30 AM	Kennedy Briggs
Maps	CBAS Region Map	12/9/2022 8:34 AM	Kennedy Briggs
Community Support Letters	Clermont County BCC Letter of Support	12/9/2022 9:23 AM	Kennedy Briggs
Other	Comprehensive CBAS Project List	12/9/2022 9:31 AM	Kennedy Briggs

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I certify that the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, a true, accurate and complete disclosure of the requested information. I understand that I may be held civilly and criminally liable under Federal and State law for knowingly making false or fraudulent statements.

Typed Name: Kennedy Briggs **Title:** Grants Coordinator **Date:** 12/9/2022