

Governor DeWine Announces \$100 Million for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Now Available

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today announced that \$100 million is now available to support the implementation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure throughout the state over the next five years.

DriveOhio, which is a division of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), today began accepting proposals from companies to install and operate EV charging stations in Ohio.

"Having the capability to support more electric vehicle charging stations is something we've been working on for years," said Governor DeWine. "The development of a statewide network of charging infrastructure will enable EV travel across the state, support private sector investment, and spur even more economic development across the state."

Funding proposals must align with Ohio's EV Infrastructure Deployment plan, which requires that charging stations support at least four direct current fast chargers with at least 150 kilowatts per port. Currently, Ohio has 13 charging stations that meet these requirements and plans to add 30 more locations by 2025.

"This investment gives Ohio another opportunity to compete for the future of the auto industry," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Leading in the automotive sector has been a priority for Ohio for quite some time, and as part of that goal, we'll continue to work towards building up the EV workforce, so that businesses have access to talent, and Ohioans can secure a ca-

reer in a new, innovative industry right here in our state."

Ohio's EV infrastructure deployment will focus on interstate corridors before moving on to U.S. and state routes. Once charging stations on federally-required corridors are complete, the remaining funds will be used for charging a-long additional corridors, at state tourist attractions, and freight corridors.

"This network will go a long way toward improving the quality of life for Ohio drivers, giving them initial confidence and flexibility when driving Ohio's roads for personal, professional, or recreational purposes, regardless of distance traveled or location," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.

"Ohio continues to lead in electric mobility, giving us an edge in the procurement process. With states across the country vying for the same equipment, our plan is deliberately crafted to attract the right companies to meet the growing demand for reliable charging across the state," said DriveOhio Executive Director Preeti Choudhary.

Ohio's EV Infrastructure Deployment plan was approved by the Federal Highway Administration last month, making the \$100 million in federal funding available for EV charging infrastructure over the next five years.

ODOT will accept proposal requests until December 21, 2022. Proposal information and full guidelines can be found at drive.ohio.gov/nevi.



Governor DeWine Announces New Outdoor Recreation Projects in 62 Counties

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Mary Mertz today awarded \$1.7 million in grants to support dozens of new outdoor recreation projects in local communities across the state.

"We are excited to help communities all over Ohio create fun, safe, and inclusive outdoor recreation opportunities," said Governor DeWine. "These grants help local parks improve and upgrade their outdoor spaces for citizens of Ohio."

The grants, awarded as part of the NatureWorks program, will support 68 outdoor recreation projects in 62 counties. Projects include the development of playgrounds, natural playscapes, trails, restrooms, dog parks, baseball fields, basketball courts, tennis and pickleball courts, splash pads, and picnic shelters.

"These grants give us an opportunity to partner with local communities and invest in outdoor recreation across the Buckeye State," said Director Mertz. "We are always looking for ways to get families and friends to get out and enjoy the beautiful spaces that can be found right in their own neighborhoods."

DETAILS: List of 68 NatureWorks Grant Projects

NatureWorks grants provide up to 75% reimbursement assistance to local government subdivisions for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of recreational areas. Projects are funded through the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Bond Issue, which was approved by Ohioans in November 1993. Additional legislation authorized the creation of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

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GOVERNOR OF OHIO

JON HUSTED

LT. GOVERNOR OF OHIO

\$152M+

New Payroll

3,104

New Jobs

8,216

Retained Jobs

\$4.7B+

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On Tuesday, Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Education recognized National STEM and STEAM Day. The Governor applauds the innovative ways educators provide dynamic science, technology, engineering, the arts and humanities and mathematics instruction.

On Wednesday, Governor DeWine recognized World Adoption Day. In Ohio, thousands of children are living in out-of-home placement

settings every day. Adoption and foster care can provide a stable, loving home. Learn more by visiting fosterandadopt.jfs.ohio.gov

On Thursday, Governor DeWine and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder announced two new services for veterans and military spouses on OhioMeanJobs.com.

Veterans registered on the website are now prompted to complete a brief questionnaire asking if they would like to receive one-on-one help with their job searches. In addition, the resumes of military spouses are now designated with a red and blue "S" to make them stand out to military-friendly employers – much like veterans' resumes that are flagged with a "V."

"We are proud that Ohio is home to the fifth-largest veteran population in the nation and we are always looking for ways to support our military members and their families," said Governor DeWine. "By offering individualized assistance to veterans and military spouses during their job search, we are creating another way to say 'thank you' to our servicemen

and women and continuing our commitment to making Ohio the most military-friendly state in the country."

Also on Thursday, Lt. Governor Jon Husted provided keynote remarks at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce's Impact Ohio Post General Election Conference in Columbus. The event offered an opportunity to hear directly from the leaders who will shape Ohio's policy and political agenda for the upcoming biennium.

Lastly on Thursday, Governor DeWine authorized the use of the State Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) to help several counties impacted by severe storms in February, May, June, and July of 2022.

The SDRP is a reimbursement program that can be used in instances where storm damage amounts do not meet the threshold for federal assistance. The program is intended to provide

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