

## Projects in Cleveland, Euclid, Akron, North Canton win grants

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The Ohio Department of Development is awarding \$46 million in grants to help communities including Cleveland, Euclid, Akron and North Canton prepare sites for development and job growth.

Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher announced today awards for 12 commercial sites throughout the state. The grants are part of the state's Job Ready Sites program, intended to increase the quality and supply of sites served by utilities and transportation and ready for building.

A \$5 million grant will help clean up environmentally contaminated land along the Cuyahoga River to create 64 acres of manufacturing space, which the state says will be the largest available industrial site in Cleveland. An 85-acre stretch of industrial land along Interstate 90 in Euclid, previously home to PMX Industries Inc., will receive \$4.3 million. Developer Ray Fogg aims to turn the property into an industrial park. And a pair of grants in Akron and North Canton will help California developer Stuart Lichter and his partners transform the former Hoover Co. headquarters and build a new headquarters for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

The Hoover campus redevelopment in North Canton will include 150,000 square feet of offices, 300,000 square feet of manufacturing, 250,000 square feet of distribution and 40,000 square feet of homes and retail. The Goodyear project, a new headquarters and research and development facility in Akron, will receive \$2 million.

Other projects awarded include:

- \* A Cincinnati office campus, with a \$1.4 million grant.
- \* Renovation of the historic Bushnell building in downtown Springfield for offices. A \$5 million grant.
- \* Office development on the former Delco Thermo Products facility near downtown Dayton. A \$5 million grant.
- \* A tech center on the south side of Columbus, with a \$5 million grant.
- \* A manufacturing site northeast of Van Wert, with \$5 million.
- \* A research and development site next to the NASA Plum Brook Station in the Sandusky area. A \$2.75 million grant.
- \* Dredging for a deep sea port along the Maumee River and other improvements for the Toledo Port. A \$5 million grant.
- \* Youngstown's acquisition of 68 acres along the Mahoning River for Exal Corp.'s proposed manufacturing facility expansion. A \$4.9 million grant.

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