

Ohio FY25-26 State Capital Budget

October 24, 2023

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
State Capital Budget Review Process

Facilitation, not determination

The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce has been asked by our regional legislators to assist in facilitating the process to identify potential community projects for the upcoming state capital budget.

All decisions about which projects are included and the amount of funding provided is determined by the legislators.

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce State Capital Budget Review Process

- Working to help identify projects in Fulton, Lucas, and Wood counties
- Questionnaire and additional information is located on Chamber website - <https://www.toledochamber.com/capital-budget.html>
- Deadline for submission is November 17, 2023
- Presentations planned for Friday, December 8
- Submission to legislators – mid-December

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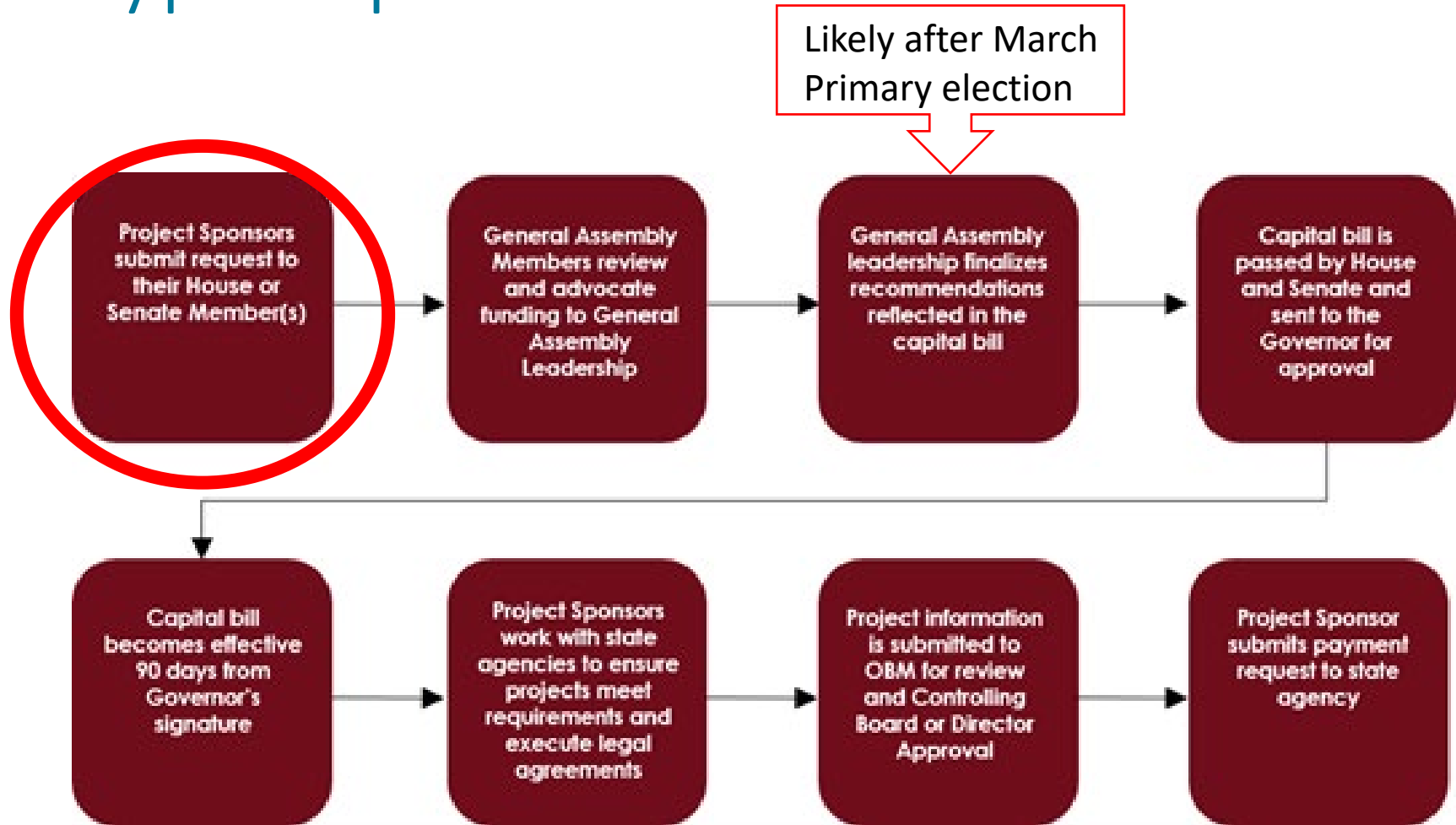
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Ohio Strategic Community Investment Fund

- Guidelines are still pending
- Expected to be more flexible than capital funds

Typical process



Eligible Grantees’ “Project Sponsors”

- Eligible grantees vary by bond funding program and are generally limited to governmental entities and Ohio 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations
 - Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
 - Department of Youth Services
 - Ohio Facilities Construction Commission
 - Mental Health and Addiction Services/Department of Developmental Disabilities
 - Department of Higher Education
 - Department of Natural Resources

Example Projects

■ Ohio Facilities Construction Commission

- Art and Cultural Centers/Museums
- Centers of Science, Technology, and Industry Halls of Fame
- Historical Sites and Facilities
- Nature, Garden, and Conservation Centers
- Memorials or Monuments
- Performing Art Theatres and Auditoriums
- Professional Sports Facilities and Complexes, Zoos, and Aquariums






Example Projects

■ Department of Natural Resources

- Aquatic Centers, Splash Pads, and Swim Pools
- Community Playground and Recreation Facilities
- Parks, Conservatories, and Nature Preserves
Recreational Trails (biking, hiking, etc.)
- Zoos and Aquariums
- Boat Docks and Ramps
- Wildlife Education Centers

Example Projects

Department of Higher Education

-  Business Incubator and Resource Centers
-  Higher Education/Continuing Education Centers
-  Hospitals and Health/Medical Centers (with specific higher education program nexus and benefit)
-  Technology Centers
-  Workforce Development and Training

Example Projects

- Mental Health and Addiction Services/
Department of Developmental Disabilities
 - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Facilities
 - Community Facilities
 - Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers

Example Projects

■ Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

- Community-Based Correctional Facilities

- Local Jail Facilities

■ Department of Youth Services

- Juvenile Correctional Facilities

- Juvenile Detention Facilities

Regional examples (alphabetical):

- Bowling Green Oak Street Theater
- Fayette Opera House
- Imagination Station
- National Museum of the Great Lakes
- Perrysburg Inclusive Playground
- Polish Cultural Center
- Sauder Village
- Swanton Memorial Park
- Sylvania Plummer Pool
- Toledo YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter
- Village of Bloomdale Reservoir
- Wauseon Community Center

Types of Projects Not Funded by State Bonds

- Capital projects for the use and benefit of private for-profit organizations
- Operating expenses, or repair and/or maintenance projects
- Road projects, road signage, bridges, culverts, or inter-modal facilities (see ODOT/OPWC)
- Local library improvements
- Local social service agency facilities, unless done in conjunction with the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Developmental Disabilities, or another state agency
- Projects for private (non-state assisted) institutions of higher education unless that institution has a joint use agreement with a publicly funded higher education institution
- Vehicles, boats, and short-lived equipment

Types of Projects Not Funded by State Bonds

- Projects to create or improve assets that do not have a useful life of at least the length of the bonds issued to fund them (approximately 15 years)
- Information technology and hardware upgrade projects
- Machinery and equipment, fixtures, and furnishings outside of a larger capital project
- Feasibility, design, and environmental studies that do not directly relate to a larger defined project

Types of Projects Not Funded by State Bonds

- Office facilities unless a state agency is housed within the facility
- County courthouses, city halls, or municipal buildings
- Police or fire stations, or county sheriff offices
- Local airports and transit authorities
- Local community action and senior citizen centers (exceptions: partnerships with higher education)
- Projects that are owned by or for the benefit of the federal government

Types of Projects Not Funded by State Bonds

- Local infrastructure projects like water lines, sewer lines, wastewater treatment plants, solid waste facilities, or utility upgrades
 - (see the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement Program or the Ohio Water Development Authority for these types of projects)
- Economic development projects such as industrial parks, multi-modal transportation facilities, commercial office space, community revitalization, etc.
 - (see Department of Development programs including Third Frontier and Facilities Establishment Fund or JobsOhio)

Considerations / requirements (partial list)

- Maintenance of adequate insurance and liability coverages
- Conveyance of an interest in the project to the State for the term of the agreement
- Indemnification of the State against liability
- Prohibition against disposition of assets by entity during term of agreement
- Grant agreement terms that extend for the life of the bonds financing the project (generally 10-20 years)
- Evidence that the local share (if required) is available before receipt of state funding
- Compliance with prevailing wage requirements
- Compliance with competitive bidding requirements
- Agreement to refrain from boycotts on certain entities

State Benefit and Public Access

- Projects must demonstrate:
 - (1) a state benefit that is in alignment with the tax-exempt bond program providing the grant proceeds and
 - (2) that the facility is accessible to the public.
- Projects must also be retained and used for that bond program purpose over the life of the bond issue, which generally last up to 20 years.
- Projects cannot be wholly or partially converted to other uses during the grant term without approval of the state agency managing the grant, and the proposed use must be consistent with its original purpose.
- In addition, community projects funded from the Higher Education Improvement Fund are required to partner with an Ohio public institution of higher education and demonstrate an educational benefit the community project will provide.

Non-State Ownership of Certain Financed Projects

- Project Sponsor is required to enter a long-term lease with the State, execute a joint or cooperative use agreement allowing the State the right to use the property, or confer another similar interest to the State in the property for the length of the obligations that financed the project.
- This restriction lasts until all bonds used to finance the State's portion of the project have been retired.
- For community projects funded with grants from the Higher Education Facilities Fund, the institution will negotiate the terms of the joint use agreement governing the institution's use over the grant term.

Project Expenditures Prior to Legislative Approval

- Except for community projects receiving funding from the Higher Education Improvement Fund, project expenses may be permitted to start within a reasonable period prior to the authorizing capital bill.
- However, certain community projects funded through the Higher Education Improvement Fund may, at the State's discretion, have only a look-back period of 60 days from the effective date of the authorizing capital bill.
- If the proposed project has started to incur costs prior to the effective date of the authorizing legislation, it is recommended to include this information with the initial request.

What has been successful in the past?

- State funding being the “last dollar in” – project would not happen without state support
- Broad public support / impact on the community
- Must engage your state legislators

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Fulton County

Senator McColley

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Any questions?

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