

## **News Release**

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## CCAO Thanks the DeWine-Husted Administration for Jail Grants

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- The County Commissioners Association of Ohio thanks the DeWine-Husted Administration and the leadership of the Ohio General Assembly for today's announcement of the recipients of county jail construction and renovation grants. These grants were made possible by \$50 million appropriated in House Bill 687 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the state capital budget.

The counties that will receive funding are:

Construction/Renovation Projects: Auglaize County: \$2,035,970 Columbiana County: \$462,500 Greene County: \$15,000,000 Lucas County: \$10,065,000 Wayne County: \$15,000,000 Williams County: \$4,662,756

Security Upgrades: Carroll County: \$227,300 Hancock County: \$248,480

Needs/Feasibility Assessments: Jackson County: \$1,000,000 Miami County: \$175,000 Ottawa County: \$350,000

"Ensuring public safety is one of the most important services that counties provide," said CCAO President and Henry County Commissioner Glenn Miller, "and the robust partnership with state leaders to keep county jails well-funded to make needed improvements to address the complex needs that jail populations have is vital to the provision of that service. CCAO expresses deep thanks to the Administration and the General Assembly for their support in keeping the public safe and ensuring that justice-involved individuals are kept in humane environments and receive mental health and addiction services that they may need."

In addition to the funding included in last year's capital budget, CCAO is working with the Administration, the House, and the Senate to include additional funding for much-needed jail construction and renovation projects in House Bill 33, the state's main operating budget.

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