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CCAO thanks the DeWine-Husted Administration for first round of Brownfield 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 \$60.3 million in first round grant funding for counties and other local governments through the Ohio Department of Development's Brownfield Remediation Program. These funds will assist 78 projects in 35 counties.

"These funds are vital to the redevelopment of contaminated properties," said CCAO President and Montgomery County Commissioner Debbie Lieberman. "We are grateful to the Ohio General Assembly and the DeWine Administration for including these funds in the state budget," she added. "With state assistance, these sites will undergo a transformation that will start the economic revitalization of the neighborhoods around them," she continued.

Under the terms of the implementing legislation, HB 110, each county is reserved \$1 million until July 1. Due to the complexity and risk of brownfield remediation projects, CCAO is seeking a legislative change to extend this reservation for second round funding to October 1 to allow all counties to access their reserve allocation before it is placed in the statewide pool for future funding rounds.

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