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The mission of the Franklin County Engineer's Office:

The Franklin County Engineer's Office provides for safe and efficient movement of people and goods from place to place by designing, building and maintaining Franklin County's roads, bridges, and infrastructure for multiple modes of transportation. We are an agency of action, innovation, and collaboration.



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Funding Sources

- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)
- Township Stimulus Program
- Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant (H.B. 168)

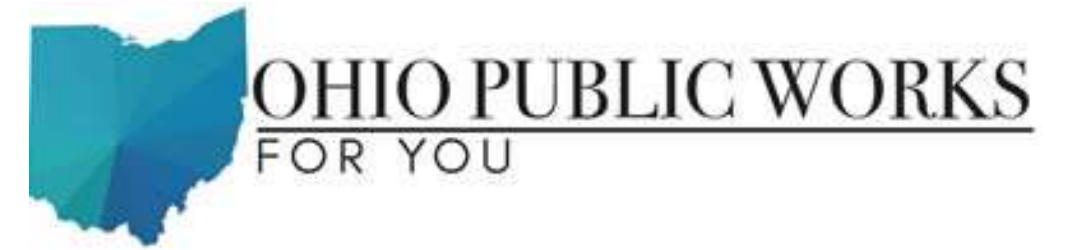


Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) was created initially in 1987 to administer the [State Capital Improvement Program](#) (SCIP) which was soon joined by the [Local Transportation Improvement Program](#) (LTIP). These programs, which run concurrently, are solicited, scored and selected by the 19 [District Integrating Committees](#) according to each district's schedule. In 2000, the OPWC became responsible for the administration of the [Clean Ohio Conservation Green Space Program](#) in which applications are solicited, scored, and selected by the 19 [Natural Resources Assistance Councils](#) (NRACs).

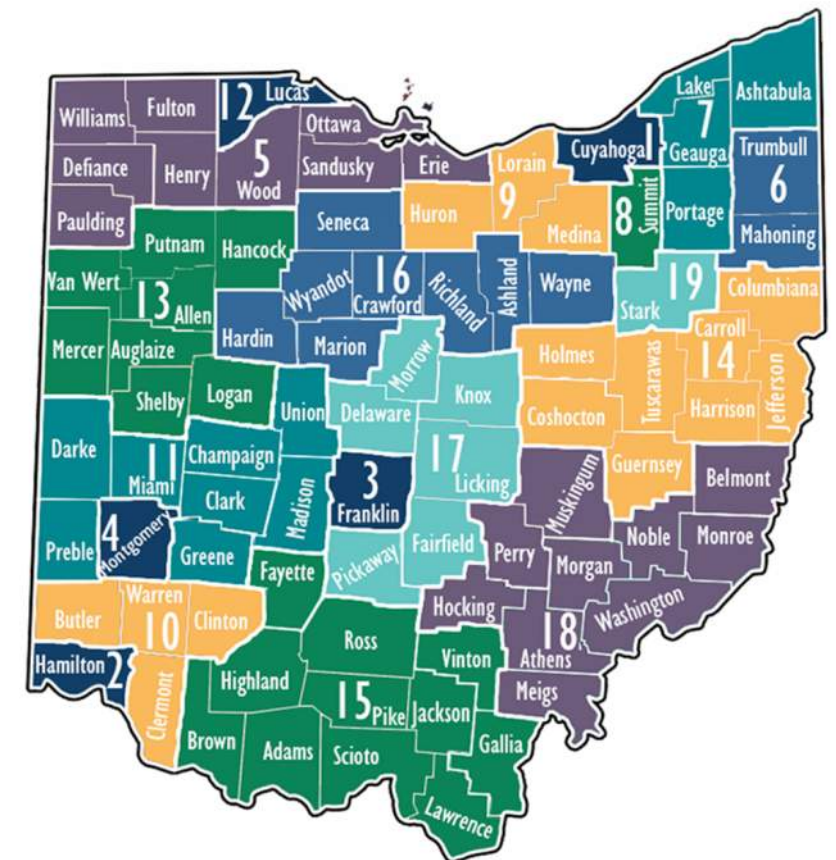
Franklin County is District 3.

MORPC provides administrative support for OPWC's District 3, comprising Franklin County. MORPC annually reviews and scores applications for the district's Public Works Integrating Committee, which recommends project awards for OPWC approval.



Website:

<https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/>



OPWC

- A set aside of the SCIP allocation, \$3.5 million, is administered directly by the OPWC Director for the **Emergency Program** . This program is for those projects that address immediate health and safety threats and are treated on a first come, first served basis year-round as long as funding is available.
- In order to be eligible for the Small Government Program, an application for SCIP or LTIP has to be made.
- These are annual programs.
- These are state funding programs.
- FCEO can assist with these applications. Please contact us as early as you can when you've identify a project that would be eligible for this funding.

OPWC – SCIP & LTIP

- Applications are due in early September each year for SCIP and LTIP.
- SCIP funding can be a grant and/or loan. (Loans are low or no interest for up to 30 years.) A 10% match is required for repair/replacement, and up to 50% for new/expansion.
- SCIP eligible projects: improvements to roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, storm water collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities.
- LTIP funding is grant only. LTIP does not require a match.
- LTIP eligible projects: roads and bridge projects only.

OPWC – Clean Ohio

- Clean Ohio applications are due in March each year.
- Clean Ohio funding is grant only.
- 75% of project costs can be requested.
- Requires a 25% match minimum.
- List of eligible and ineligible projects is very specific. This is available on the OPWC website.
- Purchasing of parkland fares well with this funding.

OPWC

- MORPC webpage for SCIP/LTIP: <https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/local-infrastructure-funding-from-ohio-public-works/>
- MORPC webpage for Clean Ohio: <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/clean-ohio-conservation-fund/>
- MORPC contact:
 - Nate Vogt, P.E., AICP
 - Infrastructure Development Manager
 - Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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- FCEO contact: Barb Cox, P.E. at 614-525-3020 or bcox@franklincountyengineer.org



Township Stimulus Program



- ODOT's Local Programs Group is managing this funding.
- There is \$8 million to grant to Ohio townships for roads, culverts, and sidewalks.
- Projects can ask for up to \$250,000.
- Applications are due November 19, 2021.
- Facilities must be maintained by the township.
- Sidewalks are eligible as a standalone project.
- Projects are 100% funded with no match required.
- The project funds will be pre-paid to the township and must be spent by December 31, 2024.
- This will not be an annual program.

Township Stimulus Program

100% funded with no match?
What's the catch?

- The program is competitive – although \$8 million is available, there are over 1000 townships in Ohio
- Each project can only ask for \$250,000
- Projects should have minimal ROW and environmental work (and preferably none)
- Monies cannot be used as match for other programs

What kinds of projects will score best?

- Roadways that make a regional connection with a low pavement condition rating
- Culverts with a condition rating of 4 or under and a low sufficiency score
- Sidewalks near a public facility such as a school and a high number of pedestrians

Township Stimulus Program

What is an Opportunity Zone (OZ) and is there one in my township?

- Opportunity Zones offer tax credits for investors who build in them. They are reviewed by the Ohio Department of Development.
- If your township has an OZ, it will receive 20 points (out of 100) in the application scoring.
- Townships with an OZ:

➤ Clinton

➤ Franklin

➤ Hamilton

➤ Jackson

➤ Madison

➤ Mifflin

➤ Prairie

➤ Sharon

Township Stimulus Program

- FCEO can help you obtain everything you need.
- Any existing plans, cost estimates, and schedules would be helpful. If you don't have any of those, FCEO has a consultant on board.
- Please contact Ronni Nimps at 419-604-0614 or rnimps@franklincountyengineer.org



Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant (H.B. 168)



- This program will provide nearly \$250 million to improve access to clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Grants will be up to \$250,000 for design projects and up to \$5 million for construction projects to Ohio communities.
- Public entities within a political subdivision with the authority to own and operate public water and sewer systems and nonprofit, non-community public water systems may apply.
- Funding for the program is provided by the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Managed by the Ohio Department of Development.
- This is not an annual program.
- The webpage to submit an application and to see guidance information: <https://businesshelp.ohio.gov/>
- Applications will be taken until money is distributed.
- Eligible projects include water, wastewater and stormwater improvements
- County priority list was submitted on Friday, August 27, 2021, as required.

THANK YOU!

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