



## **CAPITAL BUDGET TASK FORCE Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

### **Questionnaire for Community Projects**

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is calling for regional partners from within Stark County to submit community and economic development projects for consideration to be included in the FY27-28 State Capital Budget. In anticipation of this legislative process, the Chamber's Capital Budget Task Force will gather and review potential projects, help interested parties navigate the process, and provide funding recommendations for priority projects to legislators within Stark County, the DeWine Administration, and the Ohio Office of Budget and Management.

*This questionnaire is intentionally designed to reflect questions asked by both the Ohio House and Ohio Senate within their respective Community Project applications, as well as those which help advantageously prepare project sponsors nuances that must be addressed on both the front and back ends of this process.*

**Please complete this questionnaire and provide all related documents (as attachments) to John Rizzo at [jrizzo@akroncantonavocacy.org](mailto:jrizzo@akroncantonavocacy.org) by Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. All information provided within this application will be shared with the appropriate elected officials and government offices, regardless of our determination(s) of eligibility and/or endorsement.**

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1. **Project name**
2. **Organization requesting funding**
3. **Contact information for the project sponsor**
  - Name:
  - Title:
  - Organization:
  - Phone:
  - Email:
4. **Location of the project**
  - Address:
  - City:
  - Zip Code:
5. **Please identify the state legislator(s) who represent the district(s) in which your project resides. For assistance in determining the appropriate legislators, [please use this link](#).**
6. **Have you communicated with your state legislator(s) regarding your pursuit of Community Project funding within the State Capital Budget? If not, please indicate so and we will help ensure your information gets to the appropriate offices and state agencies.**

7. Please describe the scope of this project and specify what the requested state capital budget funds be used for.
8. Who will own the facility or asset during construction and once the work is completed?
9. Projected economic impact (taxes, jobs, etc...).
10. Estimated total project cost, including an itemized breakout of those costs over the next three [capital biennia](#).
11. What specific portion of the project's overall cost would the requested funds support? *For example, if you have a \$100,000 project and you're requesting \$25,000, your request would support 25% of the overall project cost.*
12. Will the project be requesting funds from future capital budgets?
13. What funds (from non-state sources) have been committed to this project so far? What funding gaps exist?
14. Has this project or the sponsoring organization received state funding in the past? If yes, please list what year(s), amount received, and what state agency/institution provided it.
15. Will the state funding leverage additional support? If yes, how so?
16. Provide information regarding the sustainability of this project, including information on how it will be financially supported long-term and the annual amount and sources of funding for operational costs.
17. How will this project benefit its local community and/or region overall? How quickly can the local community and/or region expect to receive impact from the investment?
18. How would you classify this project? (economic development, community improvement, arts & culture, healthcare, education, combination, etc.).
19. Please provide a project timeline and key milestones, including when any potential capital appropriations would be utilized.
20. Provide a list of project supporters and/or partners. Please include identification and description of any use by or involvement of private for profit businesses, not for profit entities and/or the federal government.
21. Please identify the organization with whom you are working with to secure a joint use agreement (or other required nexus to the State of Ohio) in order to secure community project funding. Please be specific and indicate your point of contact and their title within said organization.  
*\*See [OAC 333-1-03](#) for more information on joint use agreements.*  
*\*If needed, please indicate if you would like help identifying an institution/agency to partner with.*  
*\*If your project does not require a joint use agreement or has a preexisting and established nexus with the State of Ohio, please indicate how and why.*
22. Please detail any additional information that the sponsoring organization believes would be of assistance in evaluating the project's regional significance and merit.