

Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Round 36 Application Guide

*The West Side Market, Cleveland,
awarded credits in Round 35*

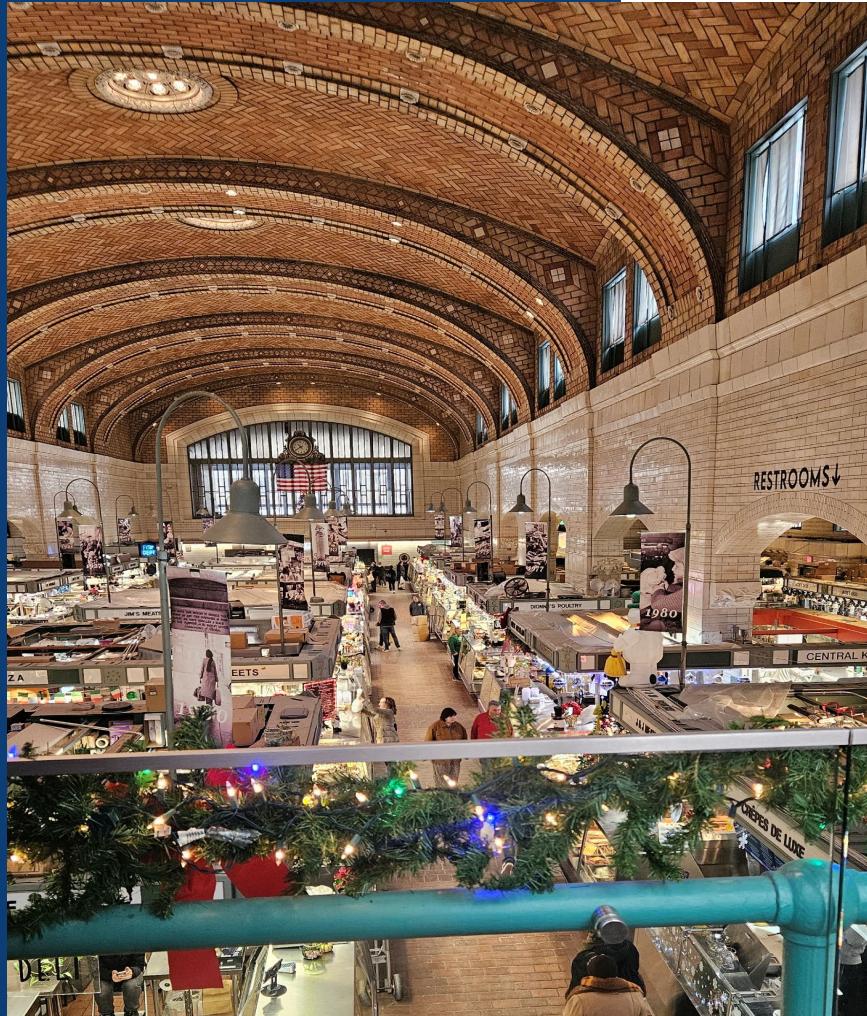




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Application Process Overview

This guide is provided to assist applicants in understanding the application process and requirements for the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit program. Applying to the program is a multifaceted process that includes both the Ohio Department of Development and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The competitive Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit application is submitted online for review by the Ohio Department of Development. Prior to this submission, applicants must complete an Intent to Apply form and may hold a pre-application meeting with Ohio Department of Development program staff to discuss their project and application.

Applicable Part 1 and 2 forms, documenting the historic designation and proposed rehabilitation of the historic building(s), are submitted digitally for review by the SHPO. Prior to submission, applicants must request and hold a required pre-application meeting with SHPO program staff to discuss their project and application.



Following submission of both the historic documentation and application, the SHPO and Ohio Department of Development have cure processes to request additional information during the application review period. Applicants are encouraged to review Section 3 of the program policies for additional detail on the application schedule and procedures.

Round 36 Timeline

The following dates are important deadlines for Round 36:

- SHPO Pre-App Meeting Request Deadline: January 30, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. EST
- Intent to Apply Submission Deadline: February 13, 2026 by **4:00 p.m. EST**
- Deadline to Hold SHPO Pre-Application Meeting: February 13, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. (Must contact SHPO to arrange this meeting no later than 5:00p.m. EST February 6, 2026).
- Historic Documentation (Part 1 and 2) Deadline: February 27, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. EST
- SHPO Documentation Review Period: February 28 – June 1, 2026
- Application/Fee Submission Deadline: March 31, 2026 by **4:00 p.m. EST**
- Development Application Review Period: April 1 – June 1, 2026
- Approved Applications Announced: On or before June 30, 2026

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Application Fees

The fee required to submit an Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit application is equal to 0.1 percent of the tax credit amount requested. The table below shows some examples, but each applicant will calculate 0.1 percent of their tax credit request to determine their exact fee. Please see the OHPTC Policy Guide on the program website for more information on program fees: <https://development.ohio.gov/historic>. Application fees are due in full to the Ohio Department of Development via wire transfer or ACH and must be received by 4:00 p.m. EST on March 31, 2026 (the application submission deadline). Applications will not be scored during Round 36 of the program unless **both** the application and application fee are received by 4:00 p.m. EST on March 31, 2026. Note that projects that are submitting a contingent reapplication must pay the application fee in full and will be required to pay the full fee equal to 1.5 percent of award should they be awarded a tax credit. **Fees must be submitted via electronic wire transfer or ACH; mailed or hand delivered fees will not be accepted.**

Tax Credit Requested	Application Fee at 0.1%
\$100,000	\$100
\$200,000	\$200
\$300,000	\$300
\$400,000	\$400
\$500,000	\$500
\$600,000	\$600
\$750,000	\$750
\$1,000,000	\$1,000
\$2,000,000	\$2,000
\$3,000,000	\$3,000
\$4,000,000	\$4,000
\$5,000,000	\$5,000

Electronic Fee Payment

Fees must now be paid via wire transfer or ACH. Email lisa.brownell@development.ohio.gov for the payment instruction details that you will need to bring to your financial institution. Applicants must attach confirmation of wire transfer or ACH payment to their application. See instructions in Section A6.

Competitive Scoring

All applications are evaluated using an 85-point objective scoring process. To remain eligible, applicants must score at least 43 points. Applications scoring less than 43 points will be deemed ineligible and removed from consideration for a tax credit allocation. Applicants self-score their application as part of the online submission. Scoring is verified by Ohio Department of Development program staff during the application review period. Prior to submission of the application, program staff can assist applicants in assessing potential competitiveness based on an anticipated self-score.

The competitive scoring includes 9 criteria that fall under two main considerations:

- Regional Distributive Balance (23.5%)
- Potential Economic Impact (76.5%)

Small and Intermediate Project Set-Asides

To ensure that a balance of small, intermediate, and large projects are able to access the program, tax credit allocation is reserved in each round for small and intermediate sized projects. Of the total available allocation in each round, at least 8% is set-aside for small projects and at least 25% is set-aside for intermediate projects. Projects qualifying as small or intermediate compete for these set-aside pools before competing against larger project applications for the remaining allocation. The table below outlines the Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures and maximum tax credit required to qualify for these set-asides. A project will be placed in a pool if either the tax credit request or the QREs meet the definition; projects do not have to meet both thresholds. For example, a project could ask for \$2,000,000 in tax credits, but have QREs of \$16,000,000. That project would be placed in the General Pool.

Pool Type	Max Tax Credit Request	QREs
Small	\$400,000	Up to \$2,000,000
Intermediate	\$3,000,000	Up to \$15,000,000
General	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,001 or greater ¹

¹ There is no max QREs for the General Pool.

Intent to Apply

Applicants must have completed and submitted the online Intent to Apply form through the Development website no later than 4:00 p.m. EST February 13, 2026, to be eligible for Round 36. The Intent to Apply includes basic questions about the project, including rough cost estimates, contact information, and current status of historic designation and ownership or leaseholder interest.

Online Application

The program application is available at <https://development.ohio.gov/historic>.

An account must be created at the Agency Web Portal Login with a username/email address and password to begin/access applications. This email/password will allow access to the applications at any time before submittal and will also allow you to access applications for reference after they have been submitted. Application viewing is linked via the username/email address, such that all applications created under the same username/email can be accessed by that login. Therefore, Ohio Department of Development strongly encourages applicants to use a building owner's email, rather than a consultant's email, for this login.

After the login access is created, the applicant is directed to the Ohio Department of Development Applications Portal. Click "Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Application" to advance through the portal.

Once the applicant reaches the "Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Application Selection" window, the applicant can either begin a new application or revisit existing applications by clicking the drop-down button and either selecting "Create New" or selecting a previously created application (designated by building/project name). Note that applications will still be accessible to view and print after they are submitted (in a read-only format) via this drop-down button.

TIPS

- Use the "Tab" button to move between fields in the application.
- **Never** use the web browser's back button. Use the buttons at the top and bottom of each page ("Previous" and "Save and Continue") to navigate forward and reverse.
- Information entered will not be saved until the "Save" or "Save and Continue" button at the top or bottom of each page is used.
- While moving through the application, click the "Save" button periodically to save application information.
- Attachments for requested information are attached at the bottom of each application page. The "Upload Attachments" section at the bottom of every page includes a "Category" drop-down to identify each attachment. Please select the appropriate Category/Attachment for the document being attached as requested in the application.
- The application will accept attachments in PDF, Excel, JPG, and Word format. However, PDF format is recommended for all attachments except the photo of your project. Try to keep file sizes at 5 MB or smaller.
- Prior to submission, the application will allow applicants to review and edit responses.
- To exit out of the application before submittal, click "Save" and then "Cancel". The partially completed applications will be retained in the portal and can be accessed through the log-in process via the drop-down button in the "Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Application Selection" window.
- To logout of the application and application portal, click the "Logout" indicator in the top right-hand corner of the application.

Step-by-Step Instructions

The following step-by-step instructions are provided to assist applicants in completing the online application. Applicants are responsible for reading and complying with all instructions prior to submission.

SECTION A – Eligibility Criteria

A1. Trade Secret Information

All applicants are strongly discouraged from including in an application any information that the applicant considers to be a “trade secret,” as that term is defined in Section 1333.61(D) of the Ohio Revised Code. All information submitted in the application is public information unless a statutory exception exists that exempts it from public release. If any information in the application is to be treated as a trade secret, the applicant must:

- **IDENTIFY** each and every occurrence of the information within the application and/or any attachments with an asterisk before and after each line containing trade secret information and underline the trade secret information itself.

To determine what qualifies as trade secret information, refer to the definition of “trade secret” in Section 1333.61(D) of the Ohio Revised Code, which is reproduced below for reference:

(D) “Trade Secret” means information, including the whole or any portion or phase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or improvement, or any business information or plans, financial information, or listing of names, addresses, or telephone numbers, that satisfies both of the following:

- (1) It derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.
- (2) It is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

The Ohio Department of Development requires non-disclosure agreements from all non-agency persons who may have access to applications containing trade secret information, including evaluators.

- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate if the application contains trade secret information.

This page can be revisited at the end of the application process.

A2. Project Information Summary

- **COMPLETE** the Project Information fields. The ‘Name of Building/Project’ field should match the historic building name used on the applicable Part 2 form. A modern development name should only be used if the project includes multiple historic buildings.
- **COMPLETE** the Project Latitude/Longitude field. This information is used to map project locations. To find out the latitude/longitude of your project, go to Google Maps (maps.google.com) and enter your project’s address. Right click on your building and in the pop-up box that appears, the latitude and longitude will appear in the top line. Click on that line and it will copy it to your clipboard. You can then paste that into this field.
- **COMPLETE** the Financial Information fields. These financial values are explained in C4 – Leveraged Investment.
- **COMPLETE** the Applicant Information fields. The ‘Applicant Name’ is the entity, LLC, or individual who is applying for credits and not necessarily the name of the person completing the form. The ‘Representative Name’ should be the name of the authorized representative of the project applicant (owner or lessee). Applicants must complete at least one of either the Federal Employer Identification Number or the Social Security Number. Please make all attempts to complete these fields. Note that the applicant entity needs to be registered in the State of Ohio. For more information on how to register please consult the Ohio Secretary of State website (<https://www.sos.state.oh.us>).
- **COMPLETE** the Project Contact Information fields. The ‘Contact Name’ should be the name of the individual that should be copied on correspondence relating to the application and can be a consultant or other member of the development team.

A3. Description and Scope of Project

- **COMPLETE** the Description and Scope of Project fields in detail. Summarize the project scope from the Part 2 document but do not cut and paste it in its entirety here. Beginning in Round 36, Project scope can only include historic buildings (and contiguous additions to historic buildings) approved in Part 2 documents. Concurrent work related to new construction or rehabilitation of non-historic buildings can occur but cannot be included in the scope or budget for OHPTC projects and will not be counted towards total square feet, total project cost, committed financing, economic impact, or other scoring measures.

A4. Proof of Ownership or Leaseholder Interest

In accordance with Section 149.311 of the Ohio Revised Code, as of the application submission deadline the applicant must be either 1) the fee simple owner of the building(s) or 2) a qualified lessee subject to a lease agreement for the building(s) and eligible for the federal historic preservation tax credit under

26 U.S.C. 47. Governmental entities are not eligible to apply. All properties included in the application must be owned or leased by the applicant entity.

- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate ownership or leaseholder interest.
- **ATTACH** one of the following in PDF format:
 - If the applicant is a fee simple owner, provide at least one of the following:
 - Property deed or county auditor's card for all parcels; or
 - Executed sale and purchase agreement for all parcels if the property was sold recently and a deed is not yet available. A deed or county auditor's card will need to be provided to demonstrate the sale when available; or
 - Executed closing documents for all parcels (settlement sheets).
 - If the applicant is a qualified lessee, provide an executed lease agreement for a term equal to or exceeding the lease term requirements under 26 U.S.C. 47(c)(2)(B)(vi), which requires a minimum of 27.5 years for residential rental property and 39 years for nonresidential real property.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following:
“ATTACHMENT A4: Verification of ownership or leaseholder interest”

A5. Major Factor

The issuance of a tax credit must be a major factor in the applicant's decision to rehabilitate the historic building or to increase the level of investment in the rehabilitation.

- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate how the tax credit is a major factor in the project.

If the tax credit is a major factor in the applicant's decision to rehabilitate the historic building(s):

- **COMPLETE** the text boxes to explain why the tax credit is a major factor and indicate if any major rehabilitation work has commenced at the property.

If the tax credit is a major factor in the applicant's decision to increase the level of investment in the rehabilitation:

- **ATTACH** a third-party cost-certification of the costs incurred as of the application submission.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following:
“ATTACHMENT A5: Third-party cost certification”
- **COMPLETE** the text boxes to explain why the tax credit is a major factor, identify tangible additional investment planned, and indicate what work has commenced at the property.

A6.1 Pre-Application Meeting

All applicants must schedule a pre-application meeting with the SHPO prior to submitting an application.

- **ATTACH** the pre-application meeting confirmation or email from the SHPO.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT A6.1 – Pre-application meeting confirmation”**

A6.2 Application Fee

- **COMPLETE** the Application Fee fields. The application fee amounts are available on page 4 of this guide. The “Organization/Person paying the fee” field should be the name of the individual or company that is listed as the account holder.
- **MARK** your application fee payment with the project name and address in the memo.
- Your application fee must arrive by 4:00 p.m. EST March 31, 2026 electronically via wire transfer or ACH. Please contact Lisa for details on how to do this. If you have instructions from a previous round, they remain the same.
- Fees will no longer be accepted via check.
- **ATTACH** the ACH or wire transfer confirmation that shows the date it was paid, the amount, the party making the payment, and the financial institution.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT A6.2 – Fee Payment Confirmation”**

A7. Project Photo

All applicants must attach one photo of the primary elevation of their project in JPG or TIF format. Please do not submit a Google Maps or auditor screenshot. This photo will be used for review and promotional purposes so provide one that you would like to be on the poster of awarded projects if your project is awarded tax credits. If the project has multiple buildings, attempt to capture them all in one photo. If this is not possible, please submit photos of each building individually.

- **ATTACH** a photo in JPG or TIF format.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT A7 – Project Photo”**

A8. Contingent Reapplication

Projects may choose to reapply contingently for a new tax credit award without giving up their previous active award. If their new application is successful, the old award will be rescinded. Applicants must submit a letter acknowledging this with their application. Contingently awarded projects are required to pay the full fee even if they paid fees on their previous application for the same building.

- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate if the project is a contingent reapplication.
- **SELECT** the Round in which the project was originally awarded a tax credit allocation.
- **ATTACH** the acknowledgement letter written by the authorized representative.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following:
“ATTACHMENT A4 – Applicant Acknowledgement Letter”

A9. Project Schedule

Beginning in Round 35, the Timeliness to Completion score was eliminated. Applicants will still attach a project schedule in section A9, but there will be no score associated with the timeline. The schedule should demonstrate completion within 60 or fewer months and indicate whether the project is staged or not. Only staged projects are permitted to certify and seek a portion of the tax credits at the conclusion of project stages.

- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate if the project will be staged. A non-staged project is scheduled to be completed in 24 or fewer months. A staged project is scheduled to be completed in 60 or fewer months. Only staged projects are permitted to certify and seek a portion of the tax credits at the conclusion of project stages before the completion of the project.
- **ATTACH** a project completion schedule that includes design, permitting, construction start/end, tenant build-out, occupancy, and other important project milestones. If your project is a staged project, include a breakdown of the work to be completed within each stage.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following:
“ATTACHMENT A9 – Project Schedule”

SECTION B – Rehabilitation Information

- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate the project type. A State Only Project means a project that is not eligible to (or chooses not to) seek Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits. A Combined State and Federal Project means a project that seeks both federal and Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits and references a Federal Historic Preservation Certification Application.

B1. Historic Building Designation

- **ENTER** the number of historic buildings included in the application.
- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate the historic designation of the building. For applications that include more than one building, multiple selections can be made.
- **LIST** each building and its appropriate historic designation, if the application includes more than one building.

If the historic building(s) are individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

- **ATTACH:**
 - Evidence that the building has been nominated to the National Register. Possible documentation could include but is not limited to: nomination cover sheet that shows when it was approved by the National Park Service, weekly list from the National Park Service, or correspondence from the State Historic Preservation Office. Contact the State Historic Preservation Office if you need a copy of documentation related to your building.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT B1: Historic designation documentation”**

If the historic building(s) is located in a National Register historic district:

- **COMPLETE** the “Name of Historic District” field.
- **ATTACH:** Evidence that the building contributes to a district that has been nominated to the National Register. Possible documentation could include but is not limited to: nomination cover sheet that shows when the district was approved by the National Park Service, weekly list from the National Park Service, or correspondence from the State Historic Preservation Office. Contact the State Historic Preservation Office if you need a copy of documentation related to your building.

- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following:
“ATTACHMENT B1: Historic designation documentation”

If the historic building(s) is designated as a local landmark or located in a Certified Local Government historic district:

For Combined State and Federal Projects qualifying for the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit due to local landmark or historic district listing by a Certified Local Government, the applicable documentation below must be submitted. This information must be submitted in addition to a preliminary Federal Part 1 Historic Preservation Certification Application (which must include a draft National Register of Historic Places nomination form).

- **ATTACH** one of the following:
 - If the building is designated as a local landmark by a Certified Local Government, provide a copy of the signed and dated local ordinance establishing the listing. The effective date of the local listing must be included.
 - If the building is located within a historic district designated by a Certified Local Government, provide a copy of the signed and dated local ordinance establishing the listing and a statement from the Certified Local Government contact person that the property contributes to the significance of the local historic district. The effective date of the local listing must be included. A copy of the historic district map showing boundaries and specific location of the property on the map must also be submitted as part of the attachment.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following:
“ATTACHMENT B1: Historic designation documentation”

B2. Historic Rehabilitation Information

For Combined State and Federal Projects:

- **COMPLETE** the Date Submitted fields.
- If the project has a Part 2 that was submitted previous to the current round, it is already approved by the SHPO, and the applicant attests that it is unchanged, check the appropriate box to indicate that.
- **ATTACH** a copy of the Federal Part 1 Historic Preservation Certification Application cover pages for all historic buildings included in the project if the historic building(s) is not individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a Part 1 is applicable. Do not attach the entire Part 1 form, drawings, or photographs.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following:
“ATTACHMENT B2.2: Copy of the Federal Part 1 Historic Preservation Certification”

- **ATTACH** a copy of the Federal Part 2 Historic Preservation Certification Application cover pages for all historic buildings included in the project. Do not attach the entire Part 2 form, drawings, or photographs.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT B2.3: copy of the Federal Part 2 Historic Preservation Certification”**

For State Only Projects:

- **COMPLETE** the “Date Part 1 & 2 Submitted to SHPO” field.
- **ATTACH** a copy of the Ohio Part 1 & 2 Historic Preservation Certification Application project information pages for all historic buildings included in the project. Do not attach the entire Ohio Part 1 & 2 form, drawings or photographs.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT B2.1: Ohio Part 1 & 2 Historic Preservation Certification”**

NOTE: SHPO will only accept digital submissions of the Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, and Amendment forms. Please consult with your SHPO reviewer for the most updated guidance or contact the SHPO at 614-298-2000 or shpo@ohiohistory.org or refer to their website <https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserving-ohio/historic-tax-incentive/> .

SECTION C – Scoring Criteria

Criterion A – Regional Distributive Balance

C1. Jurisdictional Balance

Definition: Weighted preference for applications in jurisdictions (municipalities or townships) where tax credits were not approved in previous rounds.

- **REFERENCE** Appendix A for information regarding previously approved applications in the jurisdiction.
- **SELECT** the appropriate scoring option based on the number of approved projects in the jurisdiction.

Jurisdictional Balance Scoring	Points
0 Projects	8
1-3 Projects	6
4-5 Projects	4
6-8 Projects	3
More than 8 Projects	2

C2. County Per Capita Balance

Definition: Weighted preference for applications in counties with lower per capita tax credits approved in previous rounds.

- **REFERENCE** Appendix B for information regarding previously approved tax credits in the county.
- **SELECT** the appropriate scoring option based on the number of approved tax credits in the county.

County Per Capita Scoring	Points
\$0 - \$9.99	7
\$10 - \$19.99	6
\$20 - \$29.99	5
\$30 - \$39.99	3
More than \$40	2

The top scoring applicant from each jurisdiction (municipalities or townships) will receive the maximum 15 points for the C1 – Jurisdictional Balance and C2 – County Per Capita Balance. Applicants should complete scoring for these criteria using the values from Appendices A and B. Upon final scoring review, the Ohio Department of Development will adjust the score for the top scoring applicants from each jurisdiction to the maximum points for these questions (15 points total).

C3. Benefit to Unemployed in County

Definition: Weighted preference for projects that will create economic growth in distressed areas. This measure uses the unemployment rate of the county released during the month preceding the start of the application period (December 2025 for Round 36).

- **REFERENCE** Appendix C for county unemployment rates, calculated by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. The Ohio Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted) for December 2025 will be released in late January 2026. Look for updated information on the OHPTC website at that time.
- **COMPARE** the county unemployment rate to the state unemployment rate.
- **SELECT** the appropriate scoring option based on the county unemployment rate.

Benefit to Unemployed in County Scoring	Points
Unemployment greater than 2% above Ohio rate	5
Unemployment 1-2% above Ohio rate	4
Unemployment within 1% of Ohio rate	3
Unemployment 1-2% below Ohio rate	2
Unemployment greater than 2% below Ohio rate	1

Criterion B – Potential Economic Impact

C4. Leveraged Investment

Definition: Weighted preference for applicants who leverage additional project investment. This measure is based on the Leveraged Investment Ratio:

$$\text{Total Project Investment} \div \text{Tax Credit Requested} = \text{Leveraged Investment Ratio}$$

- **VERIFY** the Financial Information fields to ensure the values updated correctly from A2 – Project Information Summary and meet the following guidelines:
 - Total Project Investment – All costs associated with the project from the beginning of the involvement by the current applicant or development entity. This figure includes acquisition costs, holding costs, marketing, parking lots or structures, , additions to historic buildings, landscaping, site work, furniture and fixtures, and other investments directly related to the project and to be undertaken by the applicant.
 - Remaining Investment to Complete Project – All costs necessary to complete the full project scope listed in this application, removing any costs already expended at the time of application submission. This number represents the total amount needed to fully finance the project.
 - Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures (QREs) – As defined in Section 149.311 of the Ohio Revised Code, Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures means expenditures paid or incurred during the rehabilitation period, and before and after that period as determined under 26 U.S.C. 47, by an owner or qualified lessee of a historic building to rehabilitate the building. Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures include architectural or engineering fees paid or incurred in connection with the rehabilitation, and expenses incurred in the preparation of nomination forms for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures do not include any of the following:
 - a) The cost of acquiring, expanding, or enlarging a historic building;
 - b) Expenditures attributable to work done to facilities related to the building, such as parking lots, sidewalks and landscaping;
 - c) New building construction costs.
 - Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Requested – As defined in Sections 5725.151, 5725.34, 5729.17, 5733.47 and 5747.76 of the Ohio Revised Code, the tax credit shall equal no more than 25 percent of the QREs and shall not exceed \$5 million dollars. In municipal corporations of less than 300,000 residents or in unincorporated areas, applicants may request a tax credit equal to no more than 35 percent of the QREs and shall not exceed \$5 million dollars. While the Ohio Department of Development grants tax credits, the actual claiming of tax credits is subject to limitations imposed under the Ohio Tax Code, Title 57 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Although applicants may request tax credits up to 25 percent (or 35 percent for smaller communities) of QREs, applicants should request only the amount of tax credits necessary to complete the project. Reducing your request will increase the Leveraged Investment Ratio and may increase your score.

Completing the Financial Information fields represents a commitment by the applicant to make the investments identified should the application be approved and should align with the Description and Scope of Project and Financial Information provided in the application. Costs associated with the rehabilitation of historic buildings that are

not being rehabilitated in accordance with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation cannot be included in Leveraged Investment calculation.

- **SELECT** the appropriate option based on the calculated Leveraged Investment Ratio. If the Financial Information is adjusted, use the “Previous” buttons at the top or bottom of the page to reverse and return to the page for the Leverage Investment Ratio to recalculate.

Leveraged Investment Scoring*	Points
More than 10.0	15
9.1 to 10.0	13
8.1 to 9.0	11
7.1 to 8.0	9
6.1 to 7.0	7
5.1 to 6.0	5
4.1 to 5.0	3
4.0 or less	1

*In calculating the scores above, values will not be rounded.

- **ATTACH** a copy of the project budget. The project budget should include a detailed listing of all costs including: acquisition, construction, furniture, fixtures, equipment, construction interest, architectural design, engineering, taxes and insurance, legal and professional fees, financing fees, project overhead, development fees, marketing and advertising, and any other major expenditure involved in project. The project budget should demonstrate how the Total Project Investment, Remaining Investment to Complete Project, Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditure, and Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Requested values were calculated.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT C4: Project Budget”**

C5a. Financing Committed

Definition: Weighted preference for applicants who have financing and/or equity in place and are ready to begin development immediately.

- **VERIFY** the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit field to ensure the value is correct.
- **COMPLETE** the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit field. The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit value should not exceed 20 percent of QREs. Note that if the historic building(s) is not yet listed on the National Register of Historic Places as of the application deadline the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit cannot be counted.
- **COMPLETE** the table with each type of committed financial source (e.g. bank loans, developer equity, local incentives) and the amount each source will provide. A separate line should be used for each unique commitment and/or funder.

- **NOTE** the Attachment identifier next to each source (i.e. C5.1, C5.2, etc.). These will be necessary when attaching the documentation for each financial source.
- **ATTACH** documentation for all identified financing sources. All financing sources (Private Financing, Public Financing and Developer Equity) must be documented meeting the guidelines below. Financing sources without proper documentation will be removed from the percentage of financing committed.
 - **Private Financing** in place can be demonstrated through any or all of the following documents:
 - a) Term Sheet: This document is signed by a bank, financial institution or other investment source declaring their total financial investment in the project, the date that the investment will be made, the term of the investment and any conditions upon closing.
 - b) Executed Loan Agreements for Debt Financing: Financial commitments have been finalized among applicants, sponsors, lenders, and investors evidenced through an executed loan agreement that, at a minimum, outlines the terms and conditions of project financing, including interest rates, repayment schedules, equity investment requirements, and collateral requirements.
 - c) Commitment Letter: This document is signed by a bank, financial institution or other investment source declaring their total financial investment in the project, the date the commitment was made and an established period of time in which the investment will take place. **Letters of interest will be accepted but will not count toward the percentage of financing committed.**
 - **Public Financing** in place can be documented through an approved council or commission ordinance, development agreement, letter of commitment or approval letter from a jurisdiction or public agency and must contain the dollar amount of financing for the project.

Specific Public Financing Source Requirements:

- New Markets Tax Credits: Provide 1) a letter of commitment from a Community Development Entity (CDE) committing tax credits to the project and 2) a letter from the CDE verifying that the organization has remaining new markets allocation currently available for the project.
- HUD Insured Loans (e.g. Section 220, 221, etc.): Provide 1) a term sheet or executed loan agreement from a HUD approved lender meeting the private financing guidance requirements for term sheets and agreements and 2) documentation from HUD approving the pre-application and inviting the applicant to submit the final firm application for the project (Invitation to Submit letter).

- Transformational Mixed Use Development Tax Credit (TMUD): Provide an executed tax credit allocation agreement between the applicant or property owner and Development.

Please Note: Tax abatements will not count toward the percentage of financing committed. Documentation of tax abatements can be included in Section C9: Local Participation and Support to document city or county financial support.

- **Developer Equity** in place requires at a minimum 1) a signed letter of commitment from the developer containing the dollar amount committed and 2) information from a bank, financial institution or third-party accountant that clearly demonstrates the committed developer equity is unencumbered and available for this project.

Please Note: Deferred Developer Fee documentation can be submitted but will not count toward the percentage of financing committed.

- **LABEL** the attachments using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT C5.XX: Public, Private, or Other Source”**
- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate whether the project will be awarded or seek additional state-administered funding.
- **SELECT** the appropriate scoring option based on the calculated Percentage of Financing Committed.

C5b. Closed Financing bonus points

Definition: Weighted preference with up to five bonus points for applicants who have closed financing and/or equity beyond a commitment and are ready to begin development immediately.

- **ATTACH** documentation for all identified financing sources. All financing sources (Private Financing, Public Financing and Developer Equity) must be documented meeting the guidelines below. Financing sources without required documentation will not be awarded bonus points on percentage of financing closed.
 - **Debt Financing:** Financial commitments have been finalized among applicants, sponsors, lenders, and investors evidenced through an executed loan agreement that, at a minimum, outlines the terms and conditions of project financing, including interest rates, repayment schedules, equity investment requirements, and collateral requirements.
 - **Public Financing:** Public financing awards have been finalized among applicants, sponsors, and public entities evidenced through executed agreements or similar documentation that outlines the terms of the award, the amount of the award, remaining funds available of the award, how the funds have been or will be used, milestones, and any special conditions of the award.

- **Equity Investment:** Third-party equity investments have been finalized among applicants, sponsors, and investors evidenced through an executed investment agreement that, at a minimum, outlines the total investment amount, expected return on equity, conditions for the release of funds, and how the funds will be utilized.
- **Developer Equity Investments** must provide evidence above and beyond the equity documentation requirements for committed financing that demonstrates the funds have been allocated to the project such as documentation of escrowed funds or equity investment requirements included in an executed loan agreement as part of debt financing.
- **CHECK** the box in the “Closed Financing” column to indicate which sources have this higher level of documentation beyond Financing Committed. If a source of financing is not closed, leave the box unchecked.
- **SELECT** the appropriate scoring option based on the calculated Percentage of Closed Financing.

Financing Committed Scoring	Points
100% of financing in place	15
90% of financing in place	13
80% of financing in place	11
70% of financing in place	9
60% of financing in place	7
50% of financing in place	5
40% of financing in place	3
Less than 40% of financing in place	1
Closed Financing bonus points	Points
75% or more of total financing closed/awarded/document as finalized	5
50% to 74% of total financing closed	3
25% to 49% of total financing closed	1
Less than 25% of total financing closed	0

Timeliness to Completion

Beginning in Round 35, the Timeliness to Completion score was eliminated. Applicants will still attach a project schedule in section A9, but there will be no score associated with the timeline. The schedule should demonstrate completion within 60 or fewer months and indicate whether the project is staged or not. Only staged projects are permitted to certify and seek a portion of the tax credits at the conclusion of project stages.

C6. Physical Scope and Construction Jobs

Definition: Weighted preference for larger projects to maximize economic stimulus effect on a community by creating more immediate construction jobs and providing a larger area of physical improvement. Physical scope includes only rehabilitated historic buildings and attached additions to those historic buildings. Non-historic buildings and new construction cannot be included as part of the physical scope of a project and should not have their square feet counted in this section. Non-conditioned spaces such as roof decks and open-air parking structures should not be included, but unoccupied spaces such as attics or basements should be included. The square feet listed here for historic buildings should match the square feet listed on the Part 2 if the project is also applying for Federal historic preservation tax credits.

- **SELECT** the appropriate scoring option based on the project square footage.

Physical Scope and Construction Jobs	Points
More than 120,000 square feet	10
100,000 to 120,000 square feet	9
80,000 to 99,999 square feet	8
60,000 to 79,999 square feet	7
50,000 to 59,999 square feet	6
40,000 to 49,999 square feet	5
30,000 to 39,999 square feet	4
20,000 to 29,999 square feet	3
10,000 to 19,999 square feet	2
Less than 10,000 square feet	1

- **ATTACH** a copy of the architectural drawings cover page, site plan, or county auditor's web page indicating the square feet of space proposed for the project. Architectural drawings must clearly note total square feet of the building and/or each floor. Drawings submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office should not be referenced.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **"ATTACHMENT C6: Third-party documentation of physical scope"**

Vacant Property

Beginning in Round 35, the vacancy score was eliminated through legislative action. These 15 points have not been replaced. Applications will be scored out of a possible 85 total points. Please see full text of HB96 here: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb96> (reference to OHPTC begins on page 322).

C7. Local Participation and Support

Definition: Weighted preference for applicants who have received an indication of support from their local jurisdiction (municipality or township) or county.

- **SELECT** the appropriate scoring option based on the highest level of participation.

Local Participation and Support	Points
Financial Commitment AND Indication of Local Support	5
Financial Commitment	3
Indication of Local Support	2
No Indication of Support	0

If the applicant is documenting an indication of local support:

- **ATTACH** a letter supporting an Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit application for the project. The letter should be signed by the Mayor of the local jurisdiction, or the County Executive of the county where the project is located and must be dated within one year of the date this application was submitted.

OR

- **ATTACH** a resolution of support passed by the Township Trustees of the township, or the County Commissioners of the county, where the project is located supporting the project's application for the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit. The resolution must be dated within one year of the date this application is submitted. **Additional points will not be awarded for submitting multiple letters of support from more than one local entity.**
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT C7.1: Indication of Local Support”**

If the applicant is documenting a Financial Commitment:

- **ATTACH** documentation of commitment from a jurisdiction and/or county that meets the Financing Committed Guidelines found in C5 – Financing Committed. The financial commitment can include loans, grants, tax abatements, land/building donations, and tax increment financing revenues and must support activities that are in close proximity and directly related to the project. The commitment must have been made within one year of the application deadline. If it was made prior to that, provide a letter from the jurisdiction or county to reconfirm the commitment.

The amount of commitment must exceed three percent of the Remaining Investment to Complete Project value.

For tax abatements, if a final application or ordinance has not been approved but the jurisdiction has an established abatement program covering the geography of the project location, provide a letter from the local jurisdiction stating the proposed project meets the eligibility requirements for tax abatement, that the proposed project is within the existing zone or area as of the application date, and include the expected rate/term of the tax credit.

- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT C7.2: Documentation verifying the financing contribution...”**

If the applicant is documenting Financial Commitment via tax abatement:

- **ATTACH** an estimate for the total taxes projected to be abated over the length of the abatement and an explanation for how the estimate was calculated. This estimate will be used to verify that the amount of commitment will exceed three percent of the Remaining Investment to Complete Project value.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT C7.3: Estimate of the value of the abatement”**

C8. End Use Commitments

Definition: Weighted preference for projects with end user commitments already in place. Space commitments for non-residential end uses must come from the actual business, institution, or other users that will occupy the space, not a master tenant.

- **SELECT** the appropriate scoring option based on the amount of the property leased, through a non-residential lease or residential developer commitment.

End Use Commitments Scoring	Points
100% Leased	5
75% to 99.9% Leased	4
50% to 74.9% Leased	3
25% to 49.9% Leased	2
1% to 24.9% Leased	1

If the applicant has secured non-residential tenants:

- **ATTACH** an executed lease or signed Letter of Intent for each committed tenant in the project. Letters of Intent should be written on company letterhead and include the amount of space each tenant commits to occupy and the length of the commitment.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT C8.1: Executed leases or signed commitment letter”**

If the applicant has secured multiple non-residential tenants:

- **ATTACH** a table or description summarizing the total percentage of the project that has an executed lease or Letter of Intent in place.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT C8.2: Description summarizing the total percentage of the project that is leased”**

If the applicant is developing residential units as part of the project:

- **ATTACH** a letter of commitment from the developer committing to construct the residential units. The letter should detail the amount of space the residential units will occupy.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“ATTACHMENT C8.3: Letter of commitment from the project developer”**

SECTION D – Cost-Benefit Analysis

Definition: Weighted preference for projects with the greatest return on investment (ROI). The Ohio Department of Development will conduct a cost-benefit analysis based on the data provided in this section and award up to ten points based on the ROI from the project to state and local governments. These points are not self-scored by the applicant.

Cost-Benefit Analysis Scoring (Not Self-Scored)	Points
ROI of 5.0 or more over 10 years	10
ROI between 3.0 and 4.99 over 10 years	8
ROI between 2.25 and 2.99 over 10 years	6
ROI between 1.5 and 2.249 over 10 years	4
ROI between .75 and 1.49 over 10 years	2
ROI greater than 0 and less than .75 over 10 years	1
ROI of 0 or below over 10 years	0

D1. Property Market Value and Proposed End Use

- **COMPLETE** the Property Market Value and Proposed End Use fields. The “Current Market Value of Property” should be based on a recent sale, appraisal or county auditor’s record. The “Future Appraised Value, Post-Construction” should be based on the projected value based on an as-complete appraisal, income approach valuation or other documented valuation.

- **SELECT** the appropriate option to indicate whether the project will utilize the charitable property tax exemption authorized in Section 5709.121(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- **INPUT**, for each end use, the percentage each use will occupy in the project, based on the total project area. The analysis will use this data to calculate property tax. Note this percentage needs to calculate to 100%.

D2. Construction

- **COMPLETE** the Construction Jobs fields representing labor required to construct the project. These job numbers should be calculated on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis. "Full-time equivalent employees" means the quotient obtained by dividing the total number of hours for which employees were compensated for employment in the project by two thousand eighty (2,080). Non-staged projects should only include impacts during the first two years. The analysis will use this data to calculate income taxes.

D3. Operations

- **COMPLETE** the Operations Jobs and Receipts fields representing labor required to operate the project and anticipated revenues (e.g. rents) once complete. These job numbers should be calculated on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis. "Full-time equivalent employees" means the quotient obtained by dividing the total number of hours for which employees were compensated for employment in the project by two thousand eighty (2,080). The analysis will use this data to calculate income and sales taxes. These inputs should represent the direct economic impacts of the Project on the Project site as defined in the application in the five years after completion of construction of the Project. Do not include impacts to surrounding area or catalyzed impacts.
- **Sources:** Inputs for this section could be informed by experience from operating other similar projects. Or you may choose to use publicly available data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Census Bureau, or some other source that supports the wages or revenues of your future operations activity in the building. You may have a market study, proforma, or other research that supports the rent and revenue estimates.

D4. Residents

- **COMPLETE** the Residents fields representing residential units anticipated to be occupied in the project once complete. The "Income" should be based on the average per-unit household annual income, not the aggregate income for all residents. The analysis will use this data to calculate income taxes.
- **Sources:** Inputs for this section may be informed by the rents you plan to charge. A proforma could be attached as supporting documentation. Or you may choose to use publicly available data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Census Bureau, or some other source that supports the rents or incomes of your future residents. Other supporting documentation might include a market study or other research.

D5. Tenants

- **COMPLETE** the Tenant Jobs and Receipts fields representing labor required by anticipated tenants and their anticipated revenues (e.g. sales). These job numbers should be calculated on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis. "Full-time equivalent employees" means the quotient obtained by dividing the total number of hours for which employees were compensated for employment in the project by two thousand eighty (2,080). The analysis will use this data to calculate income and sales taxes. These inputs should represent the direct economic impacts of the Project on the Project site as defined in the application in the five years after completion of construction of the Project. Do not include impacts to surrounding area or catalyzed impacts.
- **Sources:** Inputs for this section should be informed by your future tenants if possible. A letter from the future tenant can provide supporting documentation. Or you may choose to use publicly available data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Census Bureau, or some other source that supports the wages or revenues of your future end users.

D6. Hotels

If the applicant is developing a hospitality use as part of the project:

- **COMPLETE** the Hotels Rooms/Keys fields representing anticipated hotel impacts. The analysis will use this data to calculate lodging and sales tax for applicable projects.

D7. Cost-Benefit Data Documentation

- **ATTACH** a compiled PDF that includes documentation or references for the cost-benefit data input in D1-6. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to, project pro formas, market studies, appraisals, contractor or architect estimates, business plans and labor or housing statistics. Provide enough supporting documentation so that we can understand where your entries came from (citations of publicly available data, for example), what the source is (a letter from a tenant or contractor), or how they were calculated (note an industry-standard calculation that was employed).
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **"ATTACHMENT D7: Cost Benefit Data Documentation"**

Submission

The final step prior to submitting the application is to complete and upload the Authorized Representative Declaration Form. The form can be downloaded on the submission page following Section D or found on the last page of this document. This form acts as the official signature on the application.

- **ATTACH** a completed Authorized Representative Declaration Form.
- **LABEL** the attachment using the Category drop down menu on the right with the following: **“Authorized Representative Form”**

After completing the fields and attaching all necessary documentation, applicants may click on the “Review and Submit” button at either the top or bottom of the application page. This will provide the applicant an opportunity to review each section of the application and the attachments prior to submission. To change/update any information in the application, click the “Edit” button above each section to go back through that section and update the information. To review the entire application, click the “Expand All Sections” button at the top or bottom of the page.

After this review is completed, click the box next to the authorization statement at the end of the application and click the “Submit” button at the top or bottom of the application page. A prompt-box will come up, verifying that the applicant is ready to submit the application, and noting that once the application is submitted, changes will not be possible. To submit the application, click the “OK” button.

If any required fields have not been completed in the application, an error message will come up at the top of the application. This message will prompt the applicant to complete the identified fields, listing the sections/questions that need to be completed. To access the fields, click the “Edit” button above the identified Section/Question and then complete the required field. Once the identified fields have been completed, the applicant should verify that the box next to the authorization statement is checked and continue through the submittal process again (as outlined above).

Once the application has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Development, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address that was used to establish the login account. This email may go to your spam folder, but if you do not receive this email, contact Lisa Brownell.

To access and/or print the application after submittal, log in to the application portal with the username/email and password created at the initial log in. Click the “Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Application” on the application list to reach the “Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Application Selection” window. Then, select the appropriate application to view, determined by building/project name. Click the “Expand All Sections” once the application is reached and print the application. Complete this step prior to the application deadline; after that date you will not have access to your application.

REMINDER: Be sure to submit the application fee, as explained in A6 – Pre-Application Meeting and Application Fee. **An application submission is not fully complete until the fee is received by the Ohio Department of Development.**

Appendix A – Jurisdictional Balance

This appendix is provided as a reference for C1 – Jurisdictional Balance. Jurisdictions that are not listed below do not have approved applications and should receive the full points for this measure.

Jurisdiction	Approved Applications	Jurisdiction	Approved Applications	Jurisdiction	Approved Applications
Akron	30	Hamilton	12	Piqua	1
Alliance	1	Hamilton Township, Warren County	1	Portsmouth	1
Amherst	1	Hayesville	2	Ravenna	2
Arlington Heights	1	Kent	2	Russell Township, Geauga County	1
Ashtabula	4	Kenton	1	Salem	4
Athens	3	Lakewood	7	Sandusky	3
Barberton	1	Lancaster	2	Scott Township, Adams County	1
Bedford	1	Lebanon	1	Shawnee	2
Bellefontaine	1	Lima	2	Sidney	1
Berea	4	Lockland	1	Somerset	3
Bexley	1	Logan	2	Springfield	4
Bowling Green	1	Lorain	1	St. Clairsville	2
Cambridge	2	Mansfield	5	Steubenville	3
Canton	7	Marietta	2	Tiffin	3
Chillicothe	1	Marion	2	Toledo	37
Cincinnati	247	Marysville	1	Trotwood	1
Circleville	1	Massillon	1	Troy	1
Cleveland	147	Medina	1	University Heights	1
Cleveland Heights	4	Mentor	1	Urbana	6
Columbus	54	Miamisburg	1	Van Wert	5
Coshocton	2	Middletown	2	Wadsworth	1
Cuyahoga Falls	6	Mount Sterling	1	Warren	3
Cuyahoga Heights	1	Mount Vernon	2	Washington Court House	1
Dayton	23	Nelsonville	2	Wellington	1
Delaware	4	New Concord	2	Westerville	1
East Liverpool	2	New Franklin	1	Willoughby	1
Eaton	1	Newark	7	Wilmington	1
Elyria	1	Niles	1	Wooster	1
Fairview Park	1	Norwalk	1	Worthington	1
Findlay	3	Oberlin	1	Xenia	2
Franklin Township, Franklin County	1	Painesville	2	Youngstown	10
Granville	3	Pike Township, Perry County	1	Zanesville	2

Appendix B – County Per Capita Balance

This appendix is provided as a reference for C2 – County Per Capita Balance. Counties that are not listed below do not have approved applications and should receive the full points for this measure.

County	Approved Tax Credits	Population (2020 Census)	Tax Credits Per Capita
Adams	\$61,756	27,477	\$2.25
Allen	\$2,762,190	102,206	\$27.03
Ashland	\$328,233	52,447	\$6.26
Ashtabula	\$1,584,538	97,574	\$16.24
Athens	\$5,259,519	62,431	\$84.25
Belmont	\$899,496	66,497	\$13.53
Butler	\$26,656,303	390,357	\$68.29
Champaign	\$2,209,651	38,714	\$57.08
Clark	\$17,424,903	136,001	\$128.12
Clinton	\$13,825	42,018	\$0.33
Columbiana	\$2,883,093	101,877	\$28.30
Coshocton	\$312,500	36,612	\$8.54
Cuyahoga	\$450,281,832	1,264,817	\$356.01
Delaware	\$4,948,533	214,124	\$23.11
Erie	\$5,450,903	75,622	\$72.08
Fairfield	\$3,321,000	158,921	\$20.90
Fayette	\$2,317,206	28,951	\$80.04
Franklin	\$104,849,311	1,323,807	\$79.20
Geauga	\$1,388,496	95,397	\$14.55
Greene	\$271,536	167,966	\$1.62
Guernsey	\$1,727,001	38,438	\$44.93
Hamilton	\$244,785,040	830,639	\$294.69
Hancock	\$496,100	74,920	\$6.62
Hardin	\$43,750	30,696	\$1.43
Hocking	\$2,550,000	28,050	\$90.91
Huron	\$2,000,000	58,565	\$34.15
Jefferson	\$462,692	65,249	\$7.09
Knox	\$4,675,824	62,721	\$74.55
Lake	\$6,053,950	232,603	\$26.03
Licking	\$6,048,114	178,519	\$33.88
Logan	\$235,000	46,150	\$5.09
Lorain	\$9,500,000	312,964	\$30.35

Lucas	\$88,204,898	431,279	\$204.52
Madison	\$350,000	43,824	\$7.99
Mahoning	\$19,765,792	228,614	\$86.46
Marion	\$800,000	65,359	\$12.24
Medina	\$1,643,000	182,470	\$9.00
Miami	\$4,452,741	108,774	\$40.94
Montgomery	\$59,297,006	537,309	\$110.36
Muskingum	\$5,236,412	86,410	\$60.60
Perry	\$1,132,450	35,408	\$31.98
Pickaway	\$1,999,999	58,539	\$34.17
Portage	\$2,626,750	161,791	\$16.24
Preble	\$2,000,000	40,999	\$48.78
Richland	\$878,886	124,936	\$7.03
Ross	\$1,410,500	77,093	\$18.30
Scioto	\$1,543,630	74,008	\$20.86
Seneca	\$1,388,815	55,069	\$25.22
Shelby	\$1,800,000	48,230	\$37.32
Stark	\$28,681,947	374,853	\$76.52
Summit	\$79,504,412	540,428	\$147.11
Trumbull	\$6,249,799	201,977	\$30.94
Union	\$3,000,000	62,784	\$47.78
Van Wert	\$4,060,000	28,931	\$140.33
Warren	\$3,334,250	242,337	\$13.76
Washington	\$2,353,630	59,771	\$39.38
Wayne	\$168,500	116,894	\$1.44
Wood	\$202,443	132,248	\$1.53

Appendix C – County Unemployment Rates

This appendix is provided as a reference for C5 – Benefit to Low-Income in County. The December 2025 Unemployment Rate for each Ohio County (not seasonally adjusted) is provided in the table below.

The Ohio Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted) for December 2025 will be made available in late January 2026. At that time this document will be updated, and Appendix C will be posted separately on the program website.

County	Rate	County	Rate	County	Rate
Adams	6.1%	Hamilton	3.8%	Noble	6.2%
Allen	4.5%	Hancock	3.6%	Ottawa	6.5%
Ashland	4.3%	Hardin	4.6%	Paulding	3.8%
Ashtabula	3.8%	Harrison	4.5%	Perry	4.8%
Athens	4.8%	Henry	5.2%	Pickaway	3.9%
Auglaize	3.2%	Highland	5.1%	Pike	6.7%
Belmont	4.6%	Hocking	4.8%	Portage	4.3%
Brown	4.7%	Holmes	2.8%	Preble	3.7%
Butler	4.0%	Huron	6.3%	Putnam	3.4%
Carroll	4.4%	Jackson	5.5%	Richland	4.8%
Champaign	3.8%	Jefferson	4.9%	Ross	5.6%
Clark	4.3%	Knox	3.9%	Sandusky	5.1%
Clermont	3.8%	Lake	3.4%	Scioto	5.7%
Clinton	3.8%	Lawrence	4.4%	Seneca	4.5%
Columbiana	4.6%	Licking	3.6%	Shelby	3.6%
Coshocton	4.3%	Logan	3.9%	Stark	4.4%
Crawford	4.7%	Lorain	3.7%	Summit	4.3%
Cuyahoga	3.4%	Lucas	4.9%	Trumbull	5.1%
Darke	3.8%	Madison	3.6%	Tuscarawas	3.9%
Defiance	3.9%	Mahoning	4.8%	Union	3.1%
Delaware	3.3%	Marion	4.0%	Van Wert	3.6%
Erie	5.1%	Medina	2.9%	Vinton	6.2%
Fairfield	3.6%	Meigs	6.4%	Warren	3.5%
Fayette	4.4%	Mercer	2.8%	Washington	4.3%
Franklin	3.6%	Miami	3.7%	Wayne	3.5%
Fulton	5.1%	Monroe	5.9%	Williams	4.6%
Gallia	4.6%	Montgomery	4.3%	Wood	3.9%
Geauga	3.1%	Morgan	5.7%	Wyandot	3.6%
Greene	3.8%	Morrow	3.9%	Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	
Guernsey	5.3%	Muskingum	4.3%		

Appendix D – Self-Scoring Summary

This appendix is provided to summarize the nine competitive scoring criteria utilized to rank applications. After the application is submitted, a summary of the 75 points that can be self-scored will appear.

Criterion A – Regional Distributive Balance		
1. Jurisdictional Balance	0 Projects	8
	1 - 3 Projects	6
	4 - 5 Projects	4
	6 - 8 Projects	3
	More than 8 Projects	2
	Total Possible Points	8
2. County Per Capita Balance	\$0 - \$9.99	7
	\$10 - \$19.99	6
	\$20 - \$29.99	5
	\$30 - \$39.99	3
	More than \$40	2
	Total Possible Points	7
3. Benefit to Unemployed in County	Unemployment greater than 2% above Ohio rate	5
	Unemployment 1 - 2% above Ohio rate	4
	Unemployment within 1% of Ohio rate	3
	Unemployment 1 - 2% below Ohio rate	2
	Unemployment greater than 2% below Ohio rate	1
	Total Possible Points	5
Total Regional Distributive Balance Points		20
Criterion B – Potential Economic Impact		
4. Leveraged Investment	More than 10.0	15
	9.1 to 10.0	13
	8.1 to 9.0	11
	7.1 to 8.0	9
	6.1 to 7.0	7
	5.1 to 6.0	5
	4.1 to 5.0	3
	4.0 or less	1
Total Possible Points		15
5.a. Financing Committed	100% of financing in place	15
	90% of financing in place	13
	80% of financing in place	11
	70% of financing in place	9
	60% of financing in place	7
	50% of financing in place	5
	40% of financing in place	3
	Less than 40% of financing in place	1
Total Possible Points		15
5.b. Closed Financing bonus points	75% or more of total financing closed/awarded	5
	50% to 74% of total financing closed	3
	25% to 49% of total financing closed	1
	Less than 25% of total financing closed	0
	Total Possible Points	5

6. Physical Scope and Construction Jobs	More than 120,000 sq.ft.	10	
	100,000 - 120,000 sq.ft.	9	
	80,000 - 99,999 sq.ft.	8	
	60,000 - 79,999 sq.ft.	7	
	50,000 - 59,999 sq.ft.	6	
	40,000 - 49,999 sq.ft.	5	
	30,000 - 39,999 sq.ft.	4	
	20,000 - 29,999 sq.ft.	3	
	10,000 - 19,999 sq.ft.	2	
	Less than 10,000 sq.ft.	1	
	Total Possible Points	10	
7. Local Participation and Support	Financial Commitment AND Indication of Local Support	5	
	Financial Commitment	3	
	Indication of Local Support	2	
	Total Possible Points	5	
8. End Use Commitments	100% Leased	5	
	75% to 99.9% Leased	4	
	50% to 74.9% Leased	3	
	25% to 49.9% Leased	2	
	1% to 24.9% Leased	1	
	Total Possible Points	5	
9. Cost-Benefit Analysis	ROI of 5.0 or more over 10 years	10	
	ROI between 3.0 and 4.99 over 10 years	8	
	ROI between 2.25 and 2.99 over 10 years	6	
	ROI between 1.5 and 2.249 over 10 years	4	
	ROI between .75 and 1.49 over 10 years	2	
	ROI greater than 0 and less than .75 over 10 years	1	
	ROI of 0 or less	0	
	Total Possible Points	10	
	Total Potential Economic Impact Points	65	
	Total Regional Distributive Balance Points	20	
Total Possible Points			
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Authorized Representative Declaration Form

This form must be completed and attached to the application prior to final submission.

I hereby attest that the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct. I understand that falsification of representations in this application may subject the applicant to criminal sanctions including fines and/or imprisonment pursuant to Section 2921.77 of the Ohio Revised Code and make the applicant ineligible for future state assistance pursuant to Section 9.66 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Authorized Representative's Signature:

Date: _____

Authorized Representative's Printed Name: _____

Authorized Representative's Title: _____