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LUCAS COUNTY AWARDED NEARLY \$1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFITS

Toledo, OH - Lucas County Commissioners today applauded the Governor Strickland and the Ohio Department of Development for awarding the county nearly \$1 million for important energy efficiency retrofits that will save taxpayers thousands of dollars.

ODOD awarded federal Energy Efficiency Block Grant dollars to the county for two projects, totaling \$860,000 in local investment.

The first project was provided \$160,000 to connect the boiler systems of 701 Adams and its adjacent building and parking garage, providing energy efficiency improvements. 701 Adams currently houses Child Support Enforcement, Children Services, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and other important county offices.

The second project was provided \$700,000 to install real-time building controls in all county buildings, allowing for round-the-clock control of all HVAC equipment with an estimated savings of almost 20% in the operational costs of the equipment.

"Energy efficiency is important to Lucas County and we're happy the State agrees. While these investments won't be highly visible, they will free precious dollars currently devoted to energy bills to continue delivering vital services to Lucas County residents," said Commissioner Wozniak.

"Every dollar we save on heating and cooling our buildings is a dollar that can be invested back into quality of life services for Lucas County," said Commissioner Gerken. "Even more importantly, this investment will provide employment to a handful of individuals at this critical time in our local economy."

Lucas County has committed to provide close to \$125,000 in existing facility improvement dollars to match the State's investment in these projects.

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