

GRANTS: ROADWORK DEVELOPMENT (629) Account

The Roadwork Development (629) Account is a grant program available to induce companies to move forward with capital investment and job creation and/or retention projects in Ohio. This is a **discretionary** program and must have the approval of the Director of the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). Outlined below are some of the guidelines that direct this program. Each project is judged on a case-by-case basis.

Guiding Principles

- The 629 Account is funded by the taxpayers of the State of Ohio.
- Typically, the Ohio Department of Development looks at \$1,000 per job created or \$500 per job retained if grant dollars are deemed necessary for the project to move forward in Ohio. Additionally, 629 dollars should constitute no more than 50% of any off-site infrastructure project. Exceptions to the 50% policy may occur in areas of severe distress.
- The types of job creation/retention projects that the Ohio Department of Development will consider are manufacturing, distribution/warehousing, corporate headquarters, technology and high paying service jobs. Retail projects **will not** be considered.

The Roadwork Development (629) Account can be used for **off-site public road improvements only**. Engineering for the roads can be covered. If in improving an existing road, the water and sewer lines need to be removed and replaced, that cost can be covered as well.

If 629 funds are used on a state route **outside** of a municipality, the Ohio Department of Transportation must be notified as they must approve those improvements. The use of any state funds, including the 629 Account, requires that Ohio's prevailing wage rates be paid on any construction or equipment installation which is funded with state dollars.

The demand for 629 Account Grant dollars is much greater than the supply. Consequently, the State of Ohio should be a last resort for participation. This means that there must be significant local support for the project or the State of Ohio will not participate.

A company's commitment to create and/or retain jobs is not a best faith effort; it must be a firm commitment to create and/or retain the jobs.

A commitment is not in place until the State Controlling Board approval has been secured. Expenditures made prior to Controlling Board approval are not reimbursable.

