

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Kyle Darton
Economic Development Representative
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
230 S. Dearborn Street, Suite 3280
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Darton,

I write to bring your attention to the competitive grant application submitted by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRCP) to the Economic Development Administration for Disaster Supplemental funds.

I understand that MVRCP, in partnership with Development Projects, Inc./Dayton Development Coalition seeks funding to facilitate a revision to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for their region. The previous CEDS is outdated and was last completed in 2012. Updates to the CEDS are needed to reflect the region's economy as well as include resiliency planning for future disasters that could have significant economic impact.

Assistance from your agency would allow MVRCP, and its partners, to continue strategic work in the area to enhance the region's quality of life and economic vitality.

Please give all due consideration to this request. If there are any questions, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Kristy Ramey, at (614) 469-6774. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman
United States Senator