

SPONSOR: E. Brown / Smith

## RESOLUTION NO. 20-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, TO FILE AN APPLICATION, AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS OR DOCUMENTS, WITH OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (OVRDC), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City desires to make application with OVRDC for grants and any other funds that may be available to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to proceed with the grant application process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Mayor, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized to make application, execute any and all documents, and enter into any and all necessary agreements with OVRDC for any grants or other fund that may be available to the City of Jackson.

**Section 2.** This Resolution is hereby is hereby declared to be an emergency Resolution necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety of the City of Jackson, and for the further reason that there may be pending deadlines in making the necessary application to OVRDC. Therefore, this Resolution shall go into effect upon passage and approval by the Mayor, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 731.30.

**Section 3.** In the event this Resolution receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency, then this Resolution shall be deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause, and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

**Section 4.** This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law.

Date: 9-28-09

Reverend B. Spearman  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

E. Brown  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Approved:

Date: 9-28-09

Randy R. Heath  
MAYOR

# THE DISTRICT 15 PROJECT SELECTION METHODOLOGY FUNDING ROUND 24 OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## **PLANNING: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

The Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission is a 12 county development district established to assist local governments in planning activities focusing on opportunities in attaining economic development objectives. In 1990 OVRDC began a comprehensive strategic planning process designed to identify the critical issues facing our region, and explore opportunities in resolving these problems. The plan has since been revisited and updated. The focus of this planning process concentrated on 5 interrelating categories 1) Economic Development, 2) Community Services, 3) Infrastructure/Transportation, 4) Education/Technology, and 5) Environmental/Natural Resources.

By establishing a task force for each of these categories, we have outlined issues, goals and action steps we can follow to meet economic development objectives. The information collected from the Strategic Planning Process provides local governments with a tool to assist them in local planning and project development.

In the early spring of every year, OVRDC conducts a special county caucus meeting in each of the 12 counties designed to formalize a county project package. This county caucus process provides an important platform to discuss planning activities, specific projects, and appropriate funding sources for proposed projects. For example, job creation projects may be steered toward federal and state funding sources, which emphasize job creation. Financial packaging of expensive environmental infrastructure projects may be evaluated on the basis of affordability, and the potential for securing financing from various federal and state funding sources including the State Issue 1 Program. If a proposed project is targeted toward State Issue 1 assistance, the subdivision then continues the planning process by completing the Capital Improvement Report. The Capital Improvement Reports are utilized to enhance the planning process and further define the greatest infrastructure needs, and the gap financing opportunities needed to complete project objectives.

## **COUNTY SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW**

After formal applications are completed, subdivisions then submit their applications to the District 15 Public Works Integrating Committee Members of their County. This submission date to county Subcommittees was standardized in Funding Year 7 to occur two weeks prior to the deadline for the Subcommittees to submit projects to the District office. It is the County Subcommittee Members responsibility to review the applications for completeness and assist the subdivisions whose applications are deficient. These Subcommittees are also asked to prioritize the projects within their county. In prioritizing the projects within the county, Subcommittee members utilize the County Priority Rating Sheet. Subcommittees have the option of adding and revising the criteria of consideration so that the method of evaluation best responds to the unique needs of their particular county. It is important to understand that the role of the county subcommittees is limited to prioritizing the projects within their county and that this process of prioritizing only represents one of 10 factors of consideration (of the District Rating Sheet only) when the projects are ranked and rated by OVRDC Staff. County prioritization has no bearing on LTIP or Small Governments rating and ranking. In that District 15 is geographically large and diverse, County-by-County prioritizing encourages local planning, and allows local government officials the opportunity to resolve