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GLCAP RCAP helps Appalachian communities seek project funding

This December, Great Lakes Community Assistance Partnership's (GLCAP) Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) completed an application, entitled *Real Rural Revitalized*, on behalf of approximately 70 projects, in 58 communities, in multiple Appalachian counties– including Adams, Athens, Brown, Carroll, Columbiana, Clermont, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington– for over \$200 million for the regional Appalachian Community Grant Program (ACGP).

GLCAP and its application partners, Vinton County Development and the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia (ORCA), recognize the vast need for regional funding to build on existing assets and is proposing investments in small communities that are less competitive for other federal grants but are ready for transformation.

The proposals seek funding for projects related to small Ohio communities' authentic, locally based outdoor recreation, arts, heritage, and downtown assets. The awards are expected to be announced by February 2024.

"If funded, these strategic and catalytic projects will help revitalize many small Ohio communities that need support," GLCAP-RCAP Program Development Coordinator Deb Martin said. "Projects will improve access to outdoor recreational health benefits, enhance downtowns and quality of life, link to regional development strategies advanced by county and regional partners, and help Ohio compete in America and abroad."

More information on GLCAP's RCAP services is available at www.glcap.org/rcap.

