



April 27, 2022

To: District Integrating Committee Liaisons

Cc: OPWC Program Representatives

Re: FY 24 / Round 37 Guidance

### **Allocations**

Attached are allocations for next round, Round 37, for agreements to be released July 1, 2023 (FY24). Due to the release last August of the most recent decennial data, 2020, district allocations have been adjusted accordingly.

### **LTIP 5-Year**

This round will be the last year of the current five-year period for the LTIP set aside (ORC 164.14(D)) in which 42-8/10ths must be awarded to municipal corporations, 37-2/10ths to counties, and 25% to townships except for those districts in which the combined population of the townships in the district is less than 5% of the district's population (i.e., District 1). *This report will be provided to you no later than July but please be prepared in case your district is short on its goals which must be made up in Round 37.*

### **Budget Update**

The capital budget, enacted in each even-number year, provides appropriations for the repair, reconstruction, and construction of capital assets, most of which are supported by the issuance of long-term debt. We are currently awaiting introduction of the next capital bill, appropriations for fiscal years 23 and 24, and have reason to believe it will move quickly through the legislative process.

Since the Ohio Constitution limits the length of appropriations to no more than two years and capital projects can take more than two years to complete, appropriation balances must be extended or reappropriated to remain in effect to allow time to bring projects to completion. H.B. 597 was passed in March and is effective July 1, 2022; thereby, payments on previously awarded projects will continue without disruption.

### **Methodologies**

You may now submit methodologies for review/approval, but we ask that you make any changes from Round 16 easily apparent to expedite turn-around. Remember to include your schedule and a complete roster. In a future iteration of WorksWise, we plan to include a function to maintain and provide for updates for district committee appointments/re-appointments.

Slate Due Date – February 28, 2023

### **Miscellaneous**

*Inflated Project Costs.* Over the course of the program's history there have been times due to the economic climate we have seen trends in which bids exceed the engineer estimates. This is one of those times. Not only has the cost of certain raw materials increased but also the cost of labor. Recipients have the following choices: withdraw and reapply for the next round, find a supplemental funding source, check with the district for any leftover loan funds, or cut back the project scope. The last two require

district approval. We cannot accept an application in a following round to supplement the gap since a project cannot be funded more than once within its projected useful life.

*Small Government Meeting.* The virtual meeting is scheduled May 12, 2022, 10 a.m. and can be viewed from the posted link on the SG website in which the results will also be posted -

<https://pwc.ohio.gov/Programs/Infrastructure-Programs/Small-Government#5627-commission-information>.

*WorksWise Project Application Project Description & Location Fields.* These fields are used to complete the OPWC Project Agreement, a legal document, so information must be concise and specific to what is requested. If a district requires additional information, please direct applicants to a supplemental form.

*Website Resources.* This is a reminder there is information on our website that you may find useful. For example, on the District Liaison Page, you'll see the New Integrating Committee Member Letter. For your funded applicants, if they are new to the program, you can point them to "I'm Funded...Now What" under Project Administration / Infrastructure.