



FY 2022 Planning Grant

Recommendations Summary

March 31, 2021

The Eastgate Planning Grant Scoring Committee, made up of representatives from ODOT, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, the Cities of Warren and Youngstown, and the Eastgate Citizens Advisory Board, submit the following recommendation for funding for the Fiscal Year 2022 Planning Grant Program.

The committee recommends funding in its entirety for the following projects:

- City of Canfield – Cardinal Connector
 - \$9,000
- City of Youngstown – Center City Youngstown Pedestrian Wayfinding Kiosk Strategy
 - \$10,000
- City of Youngstown & Boardman Township – Glenwood Avenue Active Transportation Improvement Plan
 - \$21,000

The above-mentioned projects total \$40,000 in funding which would require Eastgate to expand the Planning Grant Program's funding by \$10,000 for this round.

For the projects not recommended for funding, Eastgate staff will follow-up individually with the applicants to provide comments from the scoring committee as well as suggestions to find a suitable program to advance the ideas presented in the applications. Comments for those projects are as follows:

- Youngstown Parks and Recreation – Reclamation Repurpose and Preserve Public Land Project
 - The committee felt that this project met the intent of the program and could result in findings relevant and applicable to other areas throughout the region but was uncertain about the process by which the work would be conducted as well as the project’s viability if the unconfirmed funds were not received.
- City of Struthers – Struthers: The Valley’s First 15-Minute City
 - The committee appreciated the creativity of this application and found it to touch nearly every aspect and principle of the program. The committee identified the total cost of the project and the large scope as potential threats to the success of the effort.
- Village of Poland – Active Transportation Plan
 - The committee felt that this application was in line with the goals of the program but was too broad and lacked detail in the description of what was intended.

The final scores for this funding round can be found in the table on the following page.

Eastgate FY22 Planning Grant Scoring Sheet

Application	Purpose & Need	Outcomes	FY20 Grant Principles	Grant Dollars Requested	Local Cash Match	Total Points
	<i>20 points</i>	<i>15 points</i>	<i>25 points</i>	<i>5 points</i>	<i>10 points</i>	<i>75 points</i>
Cardinal Connector	18	12	22	5	10	67
Center City Youngstown Pedestrian Wayfinding Kiosk Strategy	17	13	23	5	6	64
Glenwood Active Transportation Improvement Plan	18	11	21	3	10	63
Struthers The Valley's First 15-Minute City	16	11	22	3	10	62
Reclamation Repurpose and Preserve Public Land Project	17	10	20	5	8	60
Village of Poland Active Transportation Plan	16	13	20	5	4	58