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## Commission Awards \$4 Million in Community School Facility Grants

**March 7, 2018 (Columbus)** – Four community schools across the state have been given conditional approval for more than \$4 million in grant funding for the purchase, construction, or renovation of school facilities. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), which administers the program, announced the awards today. These awards represent the second round of grant awards for a program created as part of the state’s biennial budget bill in June 2015.

The four schools recommended to receive grants were among six who applied for the potential funding for Round 2. To qualify for the program, schools had to meet specific high-performance standards, which were defined by the legislation and determined by the Ohio Department of Education. Fewer than 10 percent of all community schools met the grant’s high-performance qualification standard. Successful applicants had to show that their project would:

- Increase the supply of seats in high performing schools;
- Service specific unmet student needs through community school education; and
- Show innovation in design and potential as a successful, replicable school model.

The community schools who have been conditionally approved for grants include:

Arts and College Preparatory Academy (Columbus)	\$ 1,879,346.00
Dayton Early College Academy, Inc. (Dayton)	749,182.00
United Preparatory Academy (Columbus)	1,086,377.50
Zanesville Community High School (Zanesville)	298,679.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,013,584.50</b>

These schools join eight community schools that were awarded more than \$17 million in grants during the first round of the program in August 2016. To complete the award process, schools must execute grant agreements that are subject to approval by the state Controlling Board.

### About OFCC

The Commission administers capital construction projects for state agencies, state-supported universities and community colleges, as well as Ohio’s comprehensive public K-12 school construction and renovation program. OFCC also manages the state’s cultural facilities, community school classroom facilities and lead plumbing fixture replacement grants programs.

The Commission is currently working with, or has completed all necessary work in, two-thirds of the state’s 611 school districts and has opened nearly 1,200 new or renovated educational facilities.