



# NORTH CENTRAL REGION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION IMPACT REPORT 2025



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Location: Columbus, Ohio  
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**51,268**



**30,715**

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
for community generated work



**\$4.15 MILLION**

**GRANTS & RESOURCES**  
received by CD programs



## IMPACT INDICATORS

Educational Contacts	51,268
Number of community or organizational plans/policies developed	67
Number of community or organizational plans/policies adopted or implemented	59
Number of participants reporting new leadership roles and opportunities undertaken	477
Number of volunteer hours for community generated work	30,715
Dollar value of organization and/or community-generated volunteer hours based on Independent Sector hr value	\$1,062,312
Dollar value of grants and resources leveraged/generated by communities	\$2,211,544
Number of participants completing skill development training programs offered through Community Development Extension	12,155
Dollar value of grants and other resources received by Community Development programs	\$4,151,545
Number of Community Development full-time equivalents (FTEs) — i.e., FTEs funded by Extension specifically for Community Development Extension programming.	32.0

## IMPACT STATEMENTS

### Multi-Agency Partnership Assists Ohio Marinas in Job Retention and Expansion

**Relevance:** The Ohio Marine Trades Association (OMTA), the Ohio Clean Marinas Program (OCMP), and Ohio Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management (ODNR) are concerned about business operations, attitudes, and opinions of marina owners and operators in Ohio. The agencies wanted to identify statewide marina concerns and perceptions to form an economic development strategy, helping to retain and expand current business operations.

**Response:** In 2025, Ohio Sea Grant and Ohio State University Extension led a [Business Retention and Expansion program](#) in partnership with OMTA, OCMP and ODNR to survey Ohio marina businesses across the state to assess plans and concerns regarding job retention, creation, and business expansion activities.

**Results:** Ohio Sea Grant provided targeted business information, training, and outreach that enhanced business operations and supported 1,051 jobs in the Ohio marina industry in 2025, according to surveys. Salary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported by participating coastal business showed a \$42,785 mean wage for all reporting business sectors. Based on the National Sea Grant Office

Primer on Job and Business Support and Creation, this program supported \$44,967,035 worth of jobs in 2025. OMTA and OCMP reported developing resilient strategies, proactively helping employers and framing targeted response strategies because of the Business Retention and Expansion program.



**Recap:** Ohio Sea Grant's Business Retention and Expansion program identified needs and concerns of coastal marina businesses with partners from three state agencies. Targeted business information, training tools, and outreach led to resilient, proactive strategies that supported 1,051 jobs valued at \$44,967,035 in 2025.

### Fayette County, Ohio Strategic Growth and Community Alignment

**Relevance:** The Noble County Health Care Complex is a Primary Care Plus health facility designed to bring expanded healthcare services to a region that is a healthcare desert with no in-county hospital or care available beyond Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4 p.m. The facility will be uniquely located on the campus of Caldwell Elementary School and will operate as a school-based health center, student workforce development center, and a community Jobs Ohio One Stop.

**Response:** Extension assisted with engaging and bringing key partners to the planning of a health care resource for Noble County as well as with project management and grant writing. This Caldwell Exempted School District school-based clinic project received an Appalachian Community Innovation Center Grant request through the Ohio Department of Development for \$8,358,966 and was fully funded.



**Results:** The Health Clinic will include the construction of a single-story 16,183 square foot medical office complex with a dental clinic, on-site lab, x-ray, ultrasound, mammography and mobile CT scan services, telehealth for specialty services, and a School-Based and adult workforce training component on the Caldwell Elementary School Campus.

The Primary Care Plus facility will house 6 exam rooms, 4 telehealth treatment rooms, 4 dental operatories with 4 exam rooms, laboratory space, and specialty treatment areas for mammography, x-ray, (mobile CT scan) and 4 classroom spaces with 4 meeting rooms to accommodate up to 30 students for the Medical Pathways and Workforce Programs operated by Caldwell Schools (in partnership with regional colleges). The project is underway and will be completed by mid-2026.