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Village of Russia Awarded \$1.13 Million EDA Grant for New Industrial Park Development

RUSSIA, OH — September 8, 2026 — The Village of Russia, Ohio, in Shelby County, has been awarded an **\$1,131,600 investment from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), a bureau within the U.S. Department of Commerce**, to support the development of Commerce Park in the Village.

The EDA investment is a **public works grant** that will support the construction of a **45-acre industrial park in Russia, Ohio**. The total estimated project cost is **\$1,886,000**.

The project is expected to have a significant economic impact on the Village and surrounding area. According to current estimates, the industrial park development is expected to:

- **Create approximately 55 new jobs**
- **Retain 10 existing jobs**
- **Leverage more than \$4 million in private investment**

“This investment represents an amazing opportunity for the Village of Russia and Shelby County,” said Mary Jo High, Mayor of Russia. “The development of our industrial park will help position Russia for future business growth, create new employment opportunities, retain existing jobs, and attract significant private investment to our community. We are excited for the village and extremely appreciative of this award.” Ohio Senator Susan Manchester stated, “Strong communities need the infrastructure to support both the businesses that are already there and those looking to invest in the future. The Commerce Drive Extension is an important investment in Russia’s future that will open the door to new economic opportunities, support job creation, and help ensure rural communities like Russia can continue to grow and thrive.” The project was also supported by Representative Tim Barhorst who added that “The Commerce Drive project is a smart investment in Russia’s future, giving local employers the infrastructure they need to grow and creating new opportunities for families across the region. I’m glad to see Senator Husted’s support helping a rural community strengthen its economy and prepare for long-term success.”

The EDA is the federal agency responsible for supporting economic development and job creation in communities across the United States. EDA grants are awarded through a competitive process based on the application’s merit, eligibility, regional economic impact as well as the availability of funds. “EDA’s Public Works program helps distressed communities revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure. This program enables communities to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, generate local investment, and create long-term jobs. I voted for the bill to invest in this grant program because it gives communities

the resources they need to grow, attract new businesses, and create good-paying jobs for their residents,” said Senator Jon Husted.

Commissioner Ehemann first brought the grant opportunity to the attention of the Shelby County Mayors. After the July 2025 Council Meeting, the Village of Russia’s Council agreed that this grant opportunity should be pursued. Following the EDA’s process, a Request for Qualifications was published by the village. After Council reviewed the Request for Qualifications that were submitted, Choice One Engineering was selected. Choice One Engineering played a large part in helping the Village of Russia with the grant process. The Village of Russia is grateful to the Economic Development Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce for this investment and looks forward to advancing the industrial park project and creating new opportunities for businesses, workers, and residents throughout the region.

For more information about the Economic Development Administration, its grant process, and its investment programs, visit www.eda.gov.

About the Village of Russia

Located in Shelby County, Ohio, the Village of Russia is a vibrant community dedicated to fostering sustainable economic development, supporting local enterprise, delivering quality public infrastructure, while creating opportunities for residents and businesses.

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