

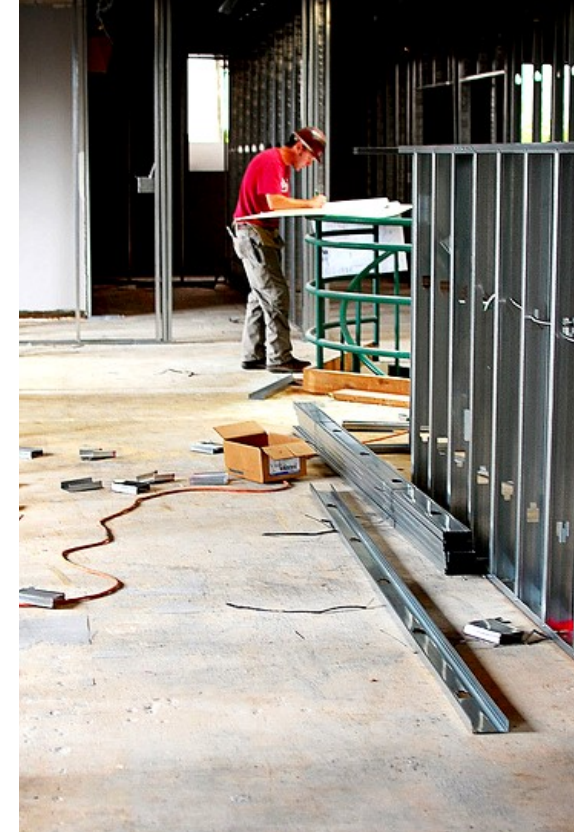


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*Existing businesses play a vital role in the Wyandot County community. Studies have shown that 60% to upwards of 86% of net job creation in rural areas comes from existing businesses.*

*(Kraybill, D. 1995. Retention and Expansion First )*



# **BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION PROGRAM**

Empowering Local Businesses -  
Informing Local Policy



## What We Do

The Wyandot County Office of Economic Development (WCOED) offers a comprehensive Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) program that is designed to connect local businesses with resources that help to plan and implement growth projects. Through visits and questionnaires, the BR&E program is able to identify areas where local, state, or federal resources may be available to assist local firms in their profitable growth.

### Areas of assistance include:

- Low Interest Loans for Facility & Equipment
- Research & Development Loans
- Community Development Block Grants
- Pre-employment Recruitment & Screening
- Incumbent Workforce Training Vouchers
- Training Grants
- Local Property Tax Incentives
- Site Selection Assistance
- Roadwork Development Funds

## Information Is Key

Our BR&E Program is designed primarily to assist local businesses, but also serves multiple purposes aiming to enhance the competitiveness of conducting business in the local area.

The BR&E Program serves to:

- Enable community leaders to define the strengths and weaknesses of the local economy as identified by existing businesses and workers
- Use feedback data to develop, prioritize, and implement actionable items and policy that best address local business needs
- Develop a narrative of the local economy
- Create direct lines of communication between policy makers and local industry

## Effective Partnerships

The WCOED partners with its member organizations, JobsOhio, Ohio Development Services Agency, Ohio Means Jobs, Alber Enterprise Center, and many others to offer a wide range of programs and expertise.

## Who We Are

The WCOED is a non-profit 501(c)(6) public / private organization created to enhance the economic viability of and quality of life in Wyandot County.

Whether your organization is seeking building & equipment financing, workforce development funding, site selection assistance, research & development assistance, or permitting assistance, the Wyandot County Office of Economic Development can help streamline the process.

## Successful Outcomes

The WCOED has been successful in assisting with local expansion projects since 2010 including investments by employers such as Continental Structural Plastics, Bridgestone APM Company, Liqui-Box Corporation, Kalmbach Feeds, and Wagner Ford.

Aggregated information collected in past years' BR&E programs can be found in annual reports located on the WCOED website.

Contact us today to see how the WCOED can assist you with your next project!



## Contact Us

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