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Fairfield DD Announces \$890K Grant to Promote Accessibility

LANCASTER, OHIO, February 14 --- Dr. David Uhl, Superintendent of the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Fairfield DD), is pleased to announce the agency has been awarded a grant of \$890,000. "We are excited for the opportunity to invest these funds in Fairfield County as we work to bring about a more vibrant community. This funding will enable us to expand opportunities without putting a strain on our local taxpayers" said Dr. Uhl.

The funds will impact Fairfield County in the areas of supported connections, accessible communities, universally accessible changing tables, and unserved/underserved communities. "We will be making announcements in the coming weeks about how these funds will be invested and what organizations we are partnering with to make the greatest impact possible for our community," said Dr. Uhl.

"These investments are truly going to make a difference for people with developmental disabilities and their families by giving them more access to the communities where they live," said Governor Mike DeWine. "People with developmental disabilities deserve opportunities, a reliable workforce, and an accessible state to live, learn, work, and succeed in."

As part of the 14.9 million ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding, the money will be dispersed across 67 counties throughout the state to better serve Ohio residents and their families who have a developmental disability.

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