

**KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) – Ohio
Policy Committee Funding Request
February 27, 2026**



KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission received the following request funding request for the Ohio Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Funds

West Virginia

Requesting Agency: Lawrence County Port Authority
Sponsoring Agency: Lawrence County Port Authority
Funding Source: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality - Ohio
Project Name/Location: Lawrence County Transit Shared Ride Service/Lawrence County, OH Urbanized Area
Project Identification No.: TBD

Project Description:

The project proposes to establish a new shared ride premium service in the urbanized portion of Lawrence County, Ohio that contracts with local private high schools, Adult Career Centers, Regional Employers, and medical Services to transport their students/employees from and to established park and rides to their schools/place of employments. Target area includes US 52, State Route 7, State Route 93, State Route 243 and local City of Ironton and South Point Streets along with additional routes added to accommodate employment, educational, medical and other end users. The project is scheduled for 3-years, with a Monday-Friday schedule as well as other routes designed to provide customers access to regional employment centers at key shift change times. If the new route is successful, LCT anticipates adding these routes permanently. The route requests were spurred by requests of the the schools and employment centers. New service accommodations will include Wi-Fi and bicycle racks to accommodate riders as they travel to the Park and Rides, to their schools, or place of employment. A Mobility Manager will be essential and will be added to the LCT operations to manage these operations by assisting the targeted riders and to oversee the logistics of coordination activities. Total project cost for the 3-year project is estimated at \$1,000,000. A 20% match will be provided by the Lawrence County Port Authority and KYOVA will charge an Administrative Fee of 10%.



Funding Information

Federal Fiscal Year of Request: FY 2027
 Local Match Source: Lawrence County Port Authority

Breakout Percentages	Total Project Cost	Year 1 (FY 2027)	Year 2 (FY 2028)	Year 3 (FY 2029)
Total cost (100%)	\$1,000,000	\$333,333	\$333,333	\$333,333
Federal & Requested (80%)	\$800,000	\$266,667	\$266,667	\$266,667
Local Match (20%) – LCPA	\$200,000	\$66,666	\$66,666	\$66,666

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY BOARD SUPPORTING THE USE OF OHIO CMAQ-DEDICATED FUNDS
FOR THE LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT SHARED RIDE SERVICE PROJECT
IN LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission (KYOVA) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Huntington, WV–KY–OH Urbanized Area and is responsible for carrying out a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive multimodal transportation planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303;

WHEREAS, KYOVA receives Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds suballocated from the State of Ohio that are eligible to be programmed for transportation projects in the urbanized portion of Lawrence County, Ohio within the KYOVA planning area;

WHEREAS, the CMAQ program, established under 23 U.S.C. 149, provides funding for transportation projects and programs that reduce emissions and improve air quality in nonattainment and maintenance areas, including eligible transit capital and operating assistance for new or expanded services that demonstrate air quality benefits;

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Port Authority (LCPA), in coordination with Lawrence County Transit (LCT), has identified a need for new scheduled shared-ride transit services to key educational, health, and employment centers in Lawrence County, Ohio, including trips from designated park-and-ride locations to local private high schools, adult career centers, regional employers, and medical facilities along and near U.S. 52, State Routes 7, 93, and 243 and local streets within the City of Ironton, the Village of South Point, and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS, the proposed “Lawrence County Transit Shared Ride Service” will be a new premium shared-ride service, operating primarily Monday through Friday for an initial three-year start-up period, designed to provide scheduled service to employment centers at key shift changes, schools, and medical destinations, and is intended to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips, improve regional mobility, and provide an air quality benefit consistent with the goals of the CMAQ program;

WHEREAS, the proposed Lawrence County Transit Shared Ride Service is anticipated to use KYOVA’s Ohio CMAQ-dedicated suballocation funds for three years of operating assistance in FY 2027, FY 2028, and FY 2029, in accordance with CMAQ eligibility for new transit service operating assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy Committee of the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, at a regularly scheduled meeting on February 27, 2026, approves use of the Ohio CMAQ dedicated funds for the initiation of the Lawrence County Transit Shared Ride Service to provide service in the Urbanized portion of Lawrence County, Ohio.

DeAnna Holliday, Chair

Date: February 27, 2026

Christopher M. Chiles, Executive Director

Date: February 27, 2026