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To allocate funds from the State Capital Improvements
Fund in the form of grants for approved projects
enhancing Amish buggy safety on Ohio's roadways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) Notwithstanding the allocations established in
division (B) of section 164.08 of the Revised Code, for each of
the two program years commencing after the effective date of this
section, the Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission first
shall allocate \$2,500,000 of the net proceeds of obligations paid
into the State Capital Improvements Fund among counties, municipal
corporations, and townships having Amish communities located
within their boundaries. The amounts allocated shall be used to
make grants for eligible projects improving Amish buggy safety on
roadways in accordance with this section.

(B) Any of the following types of projects are eligible for
grants under this section:

(1) Constructing or widening shoulders, including widening of
bridges and culverts and purchase of rights-of-way, if necessary;

(2) Constructing pull-off lanes for roadways with visibility
issues;

(3) Improving vertical and horizontal curvature of roadways;	21
(4) Placement of warning signs for buggy traffic, including automated flashing signs;	22 23
(5) Studies to determine and establish appropriate reduced speed limits;	24 25
(6) Programs to increase buggy visibility;	26
(7) Other projects identified as enhancing Amish buggy safety on Ohio's roadways.	27 28
(C)(1) The Director may require the use of the procedures established in Chapter 164. of the Revised Code or may establish alternative procedures for making applications and for reviewing, approving, and rejecting projects for which assistance is authorized under this section.	29 30 31 32 33
(2) The Director may require municipal corporations and townships to cooperate with the county in which they are located and prioritize the projects for which assistance is requested under this section.	34 35 36 37
(3) The Director shall prioritize project approval based on the greatest potential for improved safety at locations with a pattern of accidents between buggies and motor vehicles.	38 39 40
(D) In evaluating a request for financial assistance under Chapter 164. of the Revised Code, neither a District Public Works Integrating Committee nor the Director shall deny a request of a municipal corporation, township, or county on the grounds that it had received a grant under this section.	41 42 43 44 45