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Governor Names Hanahan to Innovation Council

Governor John Kasich announced yesterday his appointments to the Local Government Innovation Council. This group, made up of 15 members from across the state, will develop ideas to further local government collaboration and cooperation. The Council will also oversee a \$45 million fund for grants and loans to local governments to implement new programs to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

Ohio Township Association (OTA) President Greg Hanahan was named as the OTA representative, alongside members of the House and Senate and representatives from the OTA's sister organizations.

The Council is required to establish a competitive loan and grant program by the end of 2011, solicit programs and make awards to counties, townships, municipalities (cities and villages) and school districts. The awards will be based on return on investment, number of participating governments and the ability to replicate the program throughout the state, among other criteria.

Applications from local governments will be accepted early next year and will use the existing Public Works Integrating Committee for local review before submittal to the Local Government Innovation Council.

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The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The association was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. The association has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships, and more than 4,000 associate members.