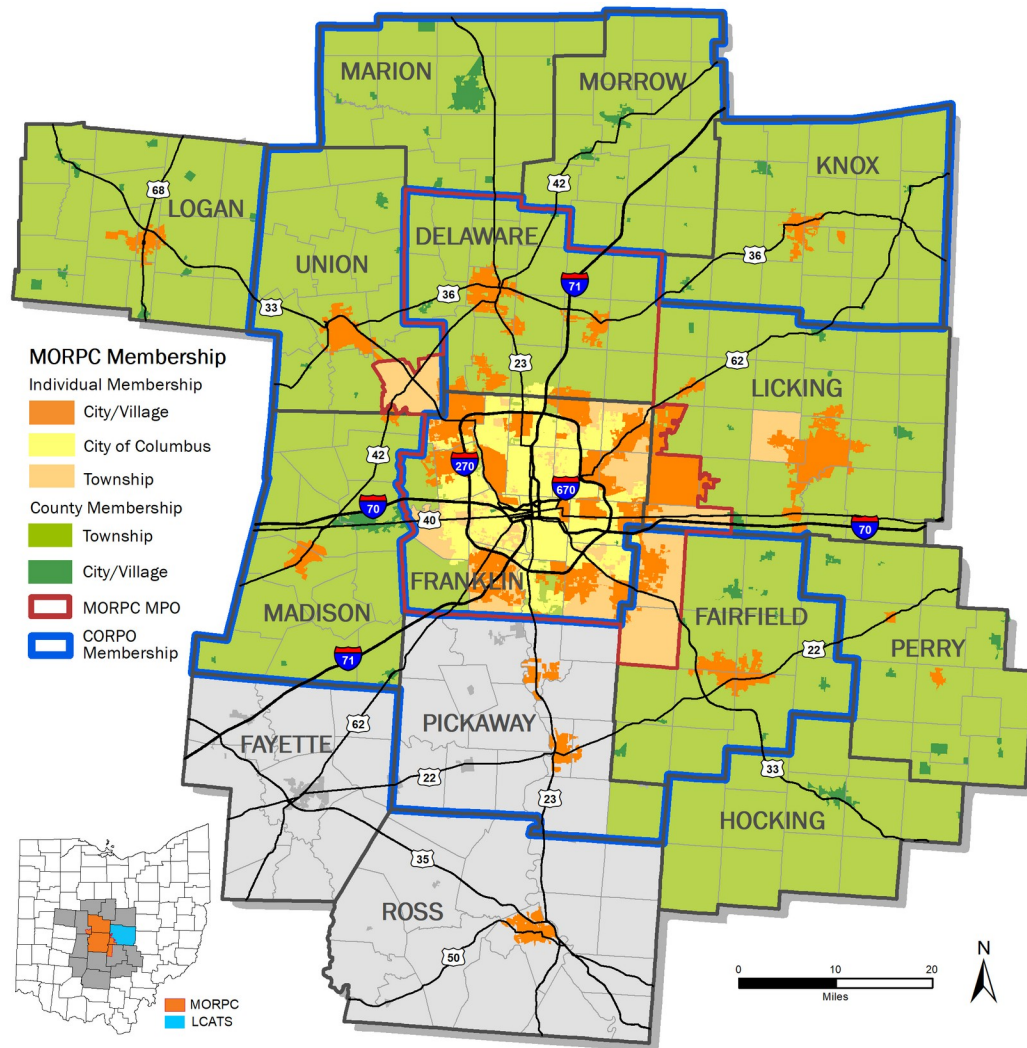

**MORPC's Local
Economic Assistance
Program:
A technical
assistance funding
stream**

NADO ATC 2026



MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



- Regional Council for Columbus, Ohio Region
 - 2.5 million and growing
- Services for 98 Local Governments
 - Rural * Urban * Suburban
- Focus Areas:
 - Transportation & Infrastructure
 - Economic Development
 - Planning & Sustainability
 - Data, Research & Mapping
 - Residential Services
 - Policy & Grant Development
 - Engagement

MORPC is an ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



EDA
approves
CEDS

Feb. 2022

EDD
designation

Sept. 2023

Dec. 2022

EDD
application

2024 & beyond

Implementation

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT at MORPC

Purpose:

Enable and empower communities of Central Ohio to acquire resources to drive investments within the region.

Roles:

- Convenor & Capacity Builder
- Implementor
- Partner
- Advocate



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Thinking behind LEAP - the HOW

Current State

Central Ohio is growing rapidly

Community Insight

Communities lack adequate resources to advance their economic development efforts

Proposed Solution

Direct assistance to **identify, access & acquire resources**

LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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The Local Economic Assistance Program is MORPC's *new* Economic Development Technical Assistance program.

Footprint: 15-county region

Eligibility: MORPC members and non-members

Priority Areas:

- ☐ Economic Development
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Water Resources
- ☐ Brownfields
- ☐ Disaster Relief
- ☐ Energy Planning



MENU OF SERVICES

BASE

- **Share information** about priorities and resources through the Newsletter
- **Identify** relevant opportunities aligned with communities' priorities
- **CEDS letter of alignment**
- **Project advocacy** through our Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) program

Pro-bono up to 1 hour/request

ADVANCED

- **Factsheets** outlining key points in a NOFO
- **Eligibility** determination
- **Grant planning** & Meeting facilitation
- Obtaining relevant **support letters**
- SAM.gov orientation to obtain **UEI**

PREMIUM

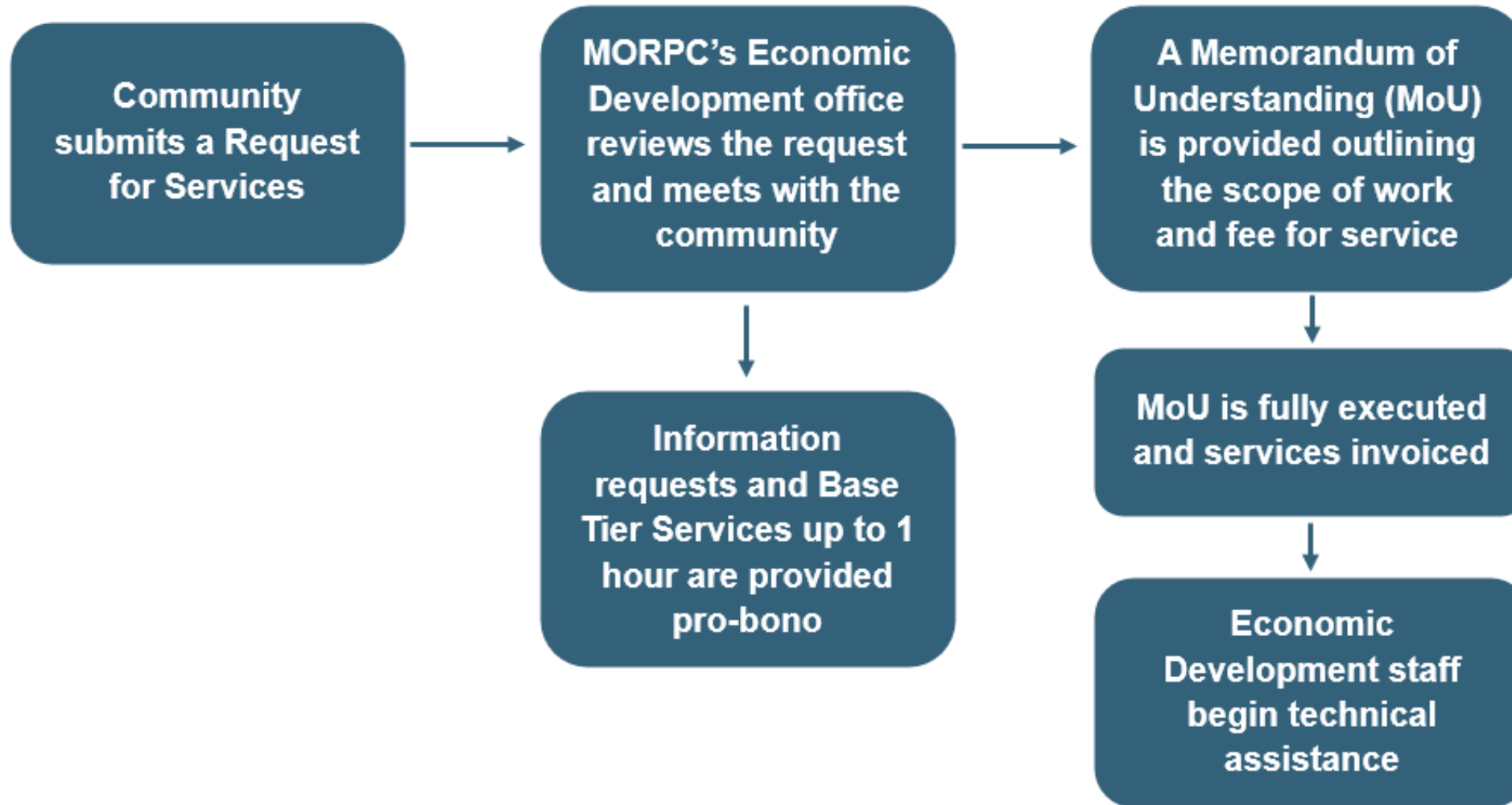
- **Grant writing**
- **Grant application review** & providing feedback
- **Submission assistance**
- Identifying required **forms**
- Direction on completing needed forms
- **Templates** for grant narrative budget & evaluation sections

Communities can request services at one or multiple tiers

The MECHANICS



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Request for Services Form: Communities submit information about the project for which they are seeking support and the area(s) of requested assistance. Requests are accepted year-round on a rolling basis and based on internal capacity.

Scoping Meeting: We schedule an intake meeting to ask additional questions about the project and better understand the community's needs.

Pricing & MoU: An MoU is prepared outlining the proposed services and fee. Pricing is calculated at an hourly rate commensurate with the time and level of experience needed to provide the agreed-upon services. Discounted pricing is offered to MORPC members and communities with populations under 10,000. Non-MORPC members are charged a higher rate/hour. Ultimately, pricing is flexible based on each community's budget.



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED



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Requests for Services January 2026:

Village of Granville

Emergency Funding for Waterline Replacement

Est. \$4,000,000 project

Fully scoped project in need of funding source

Village of Granville

JEDD Infrastructure Installation: sanitary and water extensions

Est. \$8,000,000 project

Fully scoped project in need of funding source

City of Delaware

Applying for at least 4 grants this year

Seeking support in identifying opportunities, introductions to key program partners, grant templates

City of Mount Vernon

Construction of a new Police Station

Est. \$27,000,000 project

Fully scoped project in need of funding source

City of Mount Vernon

New Location needed for Municipal Court

Est. \$20,000,000 project

Support needed to identify funding opportunities, structure competitive project scope, grant templates

Madison Township

Professional Grading, Ditch Work and Culvert Replacement

Est. \$15,000 project

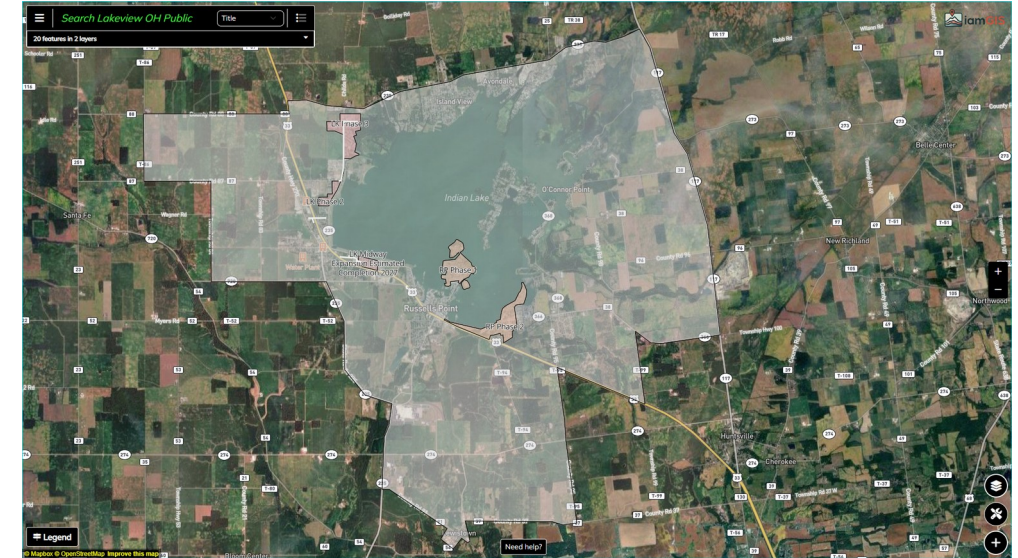
Support needed to identify funding opportunities, structure a competitive project scope

LEAP Example: Regional Water Feasibility Study



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- EDA Disaster Supplemental grant submitted mid-April
- **Project Area:** Indian Lake region, Logan County
- **Project Goal:** To complete a regional water system feasibility study that assesses existing water systems in the area along with the feasibility of establishing a regional public water system.
- **Amount Requested:** \$300,000 (\$375,000 total project)
- Collaborative effort among the Chamber of Commerce, County Commissioners, villages and townships. **MORPC provided grant support through LEAP.**
- Logan County was eligible for the Disaster Supplemental grant as a result of the 2024 tornado.





QUESTIONS?



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