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North Central Area Transit Receives Several Grants

North Central Area Transit (NCAT) was recently awarded several grants through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership (OWMP).

More than \$1.5 million of grant money was awarded to NCAT. This money will be used for items such as preventative maintenance expenses, buying replacement vehicles, and designing a state-of-the-art "green" vehicle storage and bus wash facility.

"We're excited to invest these grant dollars in Seneca, Crawford, and Huron counties," said NCAT Executive Director Mary Habig. "These important capital and operational projects will be able to move forward as we continue to provide safe, reliable public transportation. This grant money makes these projects possible, which will make our operations and services more efficient."

In total, NCAT received nine grants, including:

- \$19,200 for a new bus shelter (ODOT OPT2 Program)
- \$80,000 for a bus storage and wash facility design (ODOT OPT2 Program)
- \$270,060 for the Huron County administration and garage rehab (ODOT OPT2 Program)
- \$28,716 to purchase a replacement vehicle (ODOT 5339 Capital Awards)
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- \$1,010,779 for operating expenses (ODOT Rural Transit Grant)
- \$66,410 for preventative maintenance (ODOT Rural Transit Grant)
- \$25,000 for bus equipment (OWMP Program Award)

Some of the projects have already begun, and additional vehicles will be purchased soon. NCAT will be able to provide more efficient services to its clients while continuing to provide reliable transportation for these rural areas.