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City of Fairfield Announces Grant Funding for EV Charging Stations

FAIRFIELD, Ohio – The City of Fairfield is proud to announce it has been awarded a grant of \$443,971 from the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) to fund the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in three key locations.

This award aligns perfectly with the City's sustainability initiative, Fairfield Sustain, a comprehensive roadmap designed to ensure Fairfield maximizes its resources, addresses environmental, economic, and livability considerations, and improves quality of life for all residents. A key component of this plan is expanding EV charging infrastructure throughout the City.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant from OKI," said Nick Dill, City Engineer of Fairfield, who led the grant writing process. "This funding will allow us to install charging stations at strategic locations, making it easier for residents and visitors to transition to electric vehicles."

The City appreciates that OKI is not only utilizing federal Carbon Reduction Funds to fund much of the project but is also helping the City install new charging stations by using Ohio Toll Revenue Credits in place of normally required local match dollars. The new charging stations will not only benefit the environment by reducing emissions but also support local businesses as EV owners can charge their vehicles while visiting nearby businesses and amenities.

"This project is a significant step forward in achieving our sustainability goals," said Adam Sackenheim, Fairfield Assistant City Manager for Infrastructure. "By expanding our charging infrastructure, we are not only reducing emissions but also improving air quality and enhancing our community's livability."

Scott Timmer, City Manager of Fairfield, emphasized the importance of this project in advancing Fairfield Sustain. "This grant funding is a testament to our commitment to creating a more sustainable future for Fairfield. By strategically installing charging stations near commercial areas, we are encouraging EV adoption and supporting local businesses, creating a more sustainable and vibrant community."

Fairfield Sustain is poised to serve as a catalyst for sustainable growth and development in Fairfield. By prioritizing initiatives that enhance environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and quality of life, the plan is creating a more attractive and resilient community that will attract businesses, residents, and visitors alike. The expansion of EV charging infrastructure is just one example of how Fairfield Sustain is positioning the City as a leader in sustainable innovation and a desirable place to live, work, and play.

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