



# SPOTLIGHT ON THE CORRIDOR

## WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR?

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For some, the Opportunity Corridor (OC) Roadway Project is seen as a quicker more efficient way to get to the University Circle area. For others, it could be an opportunity to revitalize the city with artwork and beautiful sceneries. It could also be an opportunity to have additional green space for bike trails and family friendly parks for the neighborhood residents. This is all a possibility but for Keith Harper, a Ward 6 resident, it is an opportunity for economic growth. More specifically, it is an opportunity for employment.

**“OHIO MEANS JOBS HELPED ME TO GET TRAINED. I AM CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AND CAN NOW SUPPORT MY FAMILY” ~KEITH HARPER-WARD 6 RESIDENT**

For the residents living in the surrounding neighborhoods of the OC in Wards 4, 5 and 6, there are many opportunities for job placement, training and supportive services. These opportunities were made available because of the \$500,000 that was provided to Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Since the start of the Opportunity Corridor project, OMJ has been able to place an average of 14 residents into employment each month. OMJ is not only assisting residents with obtaining a job, OMJ is also helping residents with any issues that could prevent them from obtaining employment. This is done through Supportive Services Funds; which is available to assist residents who are participating in a program related to activities that lead to employment and /or retention.<sup>1</sup>

It is important that everyone takes advantage of this opportunity. If you or someone you know needs assistance with obtaining employment, please reach out to Job Ambassador, Carla Williams, at (216) 361-8650 or via email at [Cwilliams@fairfaxdev.org](mailto:Cwilliams@fairfaxdev.org).

For more stories like this one and to find out additional information about the Opportunity Corridor go to <http://opportunitycorridor.transportation.ohio.gov>

### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

(MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO)

- Bus Passes
- Transportation (License Plates/ Stickers)
- Gas Cards
- Birth Certificates/ID or license replacement
- Uniforms and work related attire
- Car repairs by a Certified Mechanic
- Training Certifications Fees/ Licenses
- Miscellaneous tools/
- Materials needed for work
- Diapers/ Formula
- Medical Testing
- Utility/ Rent Assistance
- Childcare

<sup>1</sup> Ohio Means Jobs