

VILLAGE OF LEETONIA
COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NUMBER 029-42560-01
TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM APPLICATION
BUSINESS CRA PROCESS SHEET
CRA FORM 2

The typical process for granting a CRA exemption is as follows:

1. The business applicant obtains and completes a CRA application.
2. The local jurisdiction determines if there are any eligibility concerns or relocation related issues.
3. The local jurisdiction assembles its own “negotiation committee” to determine if a CRA exemption is warranted for the proposed project, and if so, how much exemption is appropriate.
4. The local jurisdiction creates a draft CRA tax exemption agreement in accordance with the relevant sections of the ORC and the local enabling legislation.
5. If necessary, relocation notices are sent out to the affected communities with the application and draft agreement.
6. The affected school board(s) and joint vocational school district(s) are provided written notice of the intent of the local jurisdiction to enter into a CRA agreement. This letter may ask for the affected school board’s consent if it is required.
7. Once all of the relevant notice periods have concluded, and if necessary school board approval has been obtained, a local jurisdiction may enact a resolution or ordinance that approves the granting of a CRA tax exemption and authorizes a local official to sign the CRA agreement.
8. The agreement is executed by all the relevant parties.
9. All of the materials associated with procuring the CRA agreement (application, notices, approvals, local legislation, and agreement) and an application fee are sent within 15 days of the passage of the legislation to the Ohio Development Services Agency, care of the Office of Strategic Business Investments at 77 South High Street, PO Box 1001, Columbus, OH 43216-1001.
10. Development shall review the information and enter the agreement into its system. At that time, the CRA Housing Officer will receive an email indicating that the agreement has been entered. This email should not be construed as a legal approval from Development or the State of Ohio.
11. The local jurisdiction shall transmit a copy of the CRA agreement to the county auditor and order that the property, consistent with the CRA agreement, be placed on the non-taxable list.
12. The business may begin construction of its facility.

**VILLAGE OF LEETONIA
COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM
FORM 2**

PROPOSED AGREEMENT for Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentives between the Village of Leetonia located in Columbiana County and

- 1. a. Name of property owner, home or main office address, contact person, and telephone number (attach additional pages if multiple enterprise participants)**

Name

Address

Contact Person

Phone

- b. Project Site:**

Contact Person

Address

Telephone

- 2. a. Nature of commercial/industrial activity (manufacturing, warehousing, transportation, wholesale or retail stores, leasing-commercial/residential or other) to be conducted at the site.**

- b. List the primary 6 digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).**

Business may list other relevant SIC numbers: _____

c. If a consolidation, what are the components of the consolidation? (must itemize the location, assets, and employment positions to be transferred):

d. Form of business of enterprise (corporation, partnership, proprietorship, or other):

3. Name of principal owner(s) or officers of the business:

4. a. State the enterprise's current employment level at the proposed project site:

b. Will the project involve the relocation of employment positions or assets from one Ohio location to another? Yes No

c. If yes, state the locations from which employment positions or assets will be relocated and the location to where the employment positions or assets will be located:

d. State the enterprise's current employment level in Ohio (itemized for full or part-time and permanent and temporary employees):

e. State the enterprise's current employment level for each facility to be affected by the relocation of employment positions or assets:

f. What is the projected impact of the relocation, detailing the number and type of employees and/or assets to be relocated?

5. Does the property owner owe:

a. Any delinquent taxes to the State of Ohio or a political subdivision of the state?

Yes No

b. Any moneys to the State or a state agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State?

Yes No

c. Any other moneys to the State, a state agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not?

Yes No

d. If yes to any of the above, please provide details of each instance including, but not limited to the location, amounts and/or case identification numbers (add additional sheets).

6. Project Description:

7. Project will begin _____, 20____ and be completed _____, 20____ provided a tax exemption is provided.

8. a. Estimate the number of new employees the property owner will cause to be created at the facility that is the project site (job creation projection must be itemized by the name of the employer, full and part-time and permanent and temporary):

b. State the time frame of this projected hiring: _____ years

c. State proposed schedule for hiring (itemize by full and part-time and permanent and temporary employees):

9. a. Estimate the amount of annual payroll such new employees will add:
\$ _____ (new annual payroll must be itemized by full and part-time and permanent and temporary new employees)

b. Indicate separately the amount of existing annual payroll relating to any job retention claim resulting from the project: \$ _____

10. An estimate of the amount to be invested by the enterprise to establish, expand, renovate, or occupy a facility:

A. Acquisition of buildings	\$ _____
B. Additions/New Construction:	\$ _____
C. Improvements to existing buildings	\$ _____
D. Machinery & equipment:	\$ _____
E. Furniture & fixtures:	\$ _____
F. Inventory:	\$ _____
Total New Project Investment:	\$ _____

11. a. Business requests the following tax exemption incentives:
_____ % for _____ years covering real _____ as described above.
Be specific as to the rate, and term.

b. Business reasons for requesting tax incentives (be as quantitatively specific as possible)

Submission of this application expressly authorizes The Village of Leetonia to contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to confirm statements contained within this application including item #5 and to review applicable confidential records. As part of this application, the property owner may also be required to directly request from the Ohio Department of Taxation, or complete a waiver form allowing the Department of Taxation to release specific tax records to the local jurisdiction considering the request.

The Applicant agrees to supply additional information upon request.

The Applicant affirmatively covenants that the information contained in and submitted with this application is complete and correct and is aware of the ORC Sections 9.66 (C) (1) and 2921.13 (D) (1) penalties for falsification which could result in the forfeiture of all current and future economic development assistance benefits as well as a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six months.

Name of Property Owner

Date

Signature

Typed Name and Title

*A copy of this proposal must be forwarded by the local governments to the affected Board of Education along with notice of the meeting date on which the local government will review the proposal. Notice must be given a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled meeting to permit the Board of Education to appear and/or comment before the legislative authorities considering the request.

**Attach a Final Community Reinvestment Area Agreement as Exhibit A

Please note that copies of this proposal must be included in the finalized Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Taxation and the Ohio Development Services Agency within fifteen (15) days of final approval.