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The Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Department is accepting proposals for a study assessing the feasibility of a Performing Arts Center in the city of Lancaster, Ohio, or other areas of Fairfield County.

This study is the next step in the Fairfield County Commissioners' support of the analysis and evaluation of a Lancaster Performing Arts Center Consortium (LPAC) to benefit economic growth and community vitality. Bid proposals are due August 27, 2019 and details can be found on [www.BusinessCounty.com](http://www.BusinessCounty.com).

"Our downtown areas are the core of our local communities," said Fairfield County Commissioner Dave Levacy, Board President. "We've seen a lot of growth in downtowns across the county. But there is still an entertainment gap in these communities. A performing arts center could help change that and become a jewel for our county."

The LPAC has formed a Board of Directors with representation from performing arts organizations, local government, and other interested community leaders. The LPAC meets monthly with the goal of finding a permanent home for performing arts, if it is economically feasible and meets the community's needs.

The study will address the economic sustainability of a performing arts center, a recommendation on programming, size needs, location recommendation, and the local economic impact of a center. Another unique aspect of the study is to look at the social impact that a performing arts center could have in the community.

"The arts provide many social benefits for youth," said Dr. Carri Brown, Fairfield County Administrator.

"This study will help illustrate how big of an impact those benefits would be with a performing arts center. Various programming could be provided to area youth to help them become positive contributors for the performing arts and our communities overall."

For more information on the invitation to provide a proposal, please email Rick Szabrak at [Rick.Szabrak@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov](mailto:Rick.Szabrak@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov).