

**Client:**

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**Key Elements:**

- Successful completion of pre and final applications for EDA Public Works funding
- Implementation of the Strategy culminated in Reveille writing a success grant application to the Economic Development Administration securing \$1.75 Million Dollar grant to develop a Skilled Learning Center in Ottawa, Ohio, to assist in the retraining of displaced workers.

**Village of Ottawa Public Works Grant**

With the closure of LG Phillips Display Components, and resultant layoff of nearly 1500 employees in county seat, Ottawa, Putnam County officials were forced to address serious economic issues.

Due to the economic distress, Reveille, along with WSOS Community Action Commission, assisted the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners in the development of a countywide Economic Adjustment Strategy that the Economic Development Administration accepted as Putnam County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

The development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, along with other economic distress or other justification, is a requirement to attain grant funding from the Economic Development Administration.

The project selected for federal funding was entitled "the Putnam County Education Service-Skilled Learning Center" and would be located in Ottawa with the primary goal to retrain area employees impacted from the recent plant closures.

With the project finalized, application process for federal EDA Public Works monies was quick embraced. The EDA awarded the Ottawa \$1.725 Million to develop the skilled learning center.

Reveille currently is assisting the Village of Ottawa attain future EDA funding to minimize economic distress caused from the closure of additional manufacturing employers in 2009.

