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**(ETC) ETECH OHIO**

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Higher Education Improvement Fund	\$3,562,434
<b>TOTAL - All Funds</b>	<b>\$3,562,434</b>

**HIGHER EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT FUND (7034)**

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**C37406 Network Operations Center Upgrade** **\$3,103,662**

*County:* Statewide

These funds will be used to upgrade eTech Ohio's Network Operations Center (NOC), which provides audio and video content to eTech's affiliates, including twelve public radio stations, 7 radio reading sites, and Ohio Government Telecommunications. Currently, each affiliate site operates its own Master Control facility. The line item funds equipment upgrades of approximately \$1.64 million at each of the affiliate sites that will allow each entity to instead use eTech's centralized Master Control facility. Funds will also be used to replace and enhance out of date systems including the NOC server (\$549,651); satellite receivers, controllers, and other infrastructure (\$473,842); NOC media storage (\$296,252); and National Public Radio receivers (\$141,134).

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**C37407 OGT Robotics Repair/Replacement** **\$191,610**

*County:* Statewide

These funds will be used by Ohio Government Telecommunications (OGT) to purchase replacement robotics units. The current robotics were purchased in 1995 and were designed with a ten year life span.

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**C37408 OGT HD Conversion** **\$236,000**

*County:* Statewide

These funds will be used by OGT to upgrade equipment to produce HD programming. Specifically, the appropriation provides funds for monitor replacements, HD cameras and recorders, and an HD conversion box.

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**C37410 Ohio RRS** **\$4,624**

*County:* Multi-County

These funds will be used by the Ohio Radio Reading Service to purchase a server for six radio reading services with live audio streaming. The server is expected to expand access to radio reading services for visually impaired individuals in the state. Service providers will be able to use the same computer for streaming, presumably decreasing operating expenditures for each provider. There is a 10% local match of \$514 for this project.

*County:* Cuyahoga

These funds will be used by the Cleveland Sight Center Network (CSCN) to upgrade aging broadcast equipment. CSCN provides radio reading services to visually impaired individuals in Cuyahoga County. There is a private match of 10%, or \$2,949, for this project.

Of the total appropriation, including the private match, \$8,500 will be used to purchase a new server, \$15,279 will be used to upgrade storage and other server infrastructure, and \$5,708 will be used to upgrade recording equipment.