

Election: Ohio voters to decide today on Issue 2 bond program to pay for infrastructure

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Ohio voters will decide the fate of Issue 2, a bond measure that pays for local roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects.

If approved, Ohio could issue general obligations bonds up to \$250 million annually, an increase from the current \$200 million per year. Ohioans first voted for the program as a lawmaker-backed constitutional amendment in 1987 and have since renewed it three times.

Ohio Issue 2 results

Municipalities, counties, townships and other governmental entities can apply for this money to build roads, bridges, sewage treatment systems, water supply systems, landfills and stormwater and sanitary collection systems. [A group of local officials selects which projects will receive money](#), and the [Ohio Public Works Commission](#) administers the program.

Since its inception, the State Capital Improvement Program has paid for more than 19,000 infrastructure improvements.

The money cannot be used to pay for a new Cleveland Browns' stadium in the suburb of Brook Park. Ohio lawmakers are considering that pitch in their two-year budget, which must be finished by the end of June.

The measure is backed by the Ohio AFL-CIO, Ohio Chamber of Commerce and groups representing cities, villages, counties and townships. There is no organized opposition to extending the bond program.