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MAGNET and OhioGuidestone are among the winners of the Google.org Impact Challenge Ohio

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MAGNET is one of the winners of the Google.org Impact Challenge Ohio competition.

Two Northeast Ohio nonprofits are among five winners of the [Google.org Impact Challenge Ohio](#), an honor that provides each organization with \$175,000 – and potentially more.

Google on Monday, Aug. 10, announced the winners, all of which "proposed bold and creative ideas to create economic opportunity in their communities."

The two from Northeast Ohio are [MAGNET: The Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network Cleveland](#) and behavioral health agency [OhioGuidestone](#).

Google said in a news release that MAGNET will use the money to "create new career opportunities, grow Northeast Ohio's manufacturing workforce, fill needs for local companies, and revitalize communities by connecting high school students to career pathways in manufacturing." It said the funds for [OhioGuidestone](#) will help "provide economic opportunities for incarcerated youth and their families through a specialized curriculum where participants build skills for employment, find resources and create plans to ensure long-term success."

The three other Ohio winners are Co-Op Cincinnati, which will "create a statewide worker cooperative network that brings economic stability, equitable workplaces, and worker-owned businesses;" Easterseals Serving Greater Cincinnati, which will "provide individuals in poverty with a unique blend of skills, wrap-around supports, certifications and employment in the construction sector;" and Family Independence Initiative Cincinnati, which will "invest directly in low-income people so they can work individually and

collectively to achieve prosperity through the use of our technology platform, UpTogether, where financial and social capital is exchanged."

There's a next phase in the challenge. Members of the public are invited to go [here](#), at g.co/ohiochallenge, to vote for one organization to be named the "People's Choice" winner. The organization will be awarded an additional \$125,000.

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The Impact Challenge supports "Grow with Google," the company's initiative to create economic opportunities for people across the country.

Google worked with a panel of six Ohio-based judges to review applications from nonprofits across the state and chose the winners.

The company announced the Impact Challenge last fall at the groundbreaking of a \$600 million Google Data Center in New Albany, near Columbus.

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