

Brewery gets state grant

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The Ohio State Controlling Board on Monday authorized a \$662,922 Clean Ohio grant to permit expansion of the Boston Beer Co. brewery in the West End, creating about 10 jobs.

The grant, approved last month by the Clean Ohio Council, will allow the city to acquire the Calmego foundry property west of the brewery on Poplar Street, demolish the building and complete an environmental clean-up. Boston Beer would make payments to the city during the clean-up and then take ownership of the property once it's complete. The brewery, which employs about 100, had considered other plants in Pennsylvania for the project.

"We look forward to breaking ground on this project that will allow us to expand our presence brewing great beer in this great community," Michael Childs, director of brewery operations, said last month.

The maker of Samuel Adams Beer has been operating at the former Schoenling brewery since 1997. In 2005, it announced a multimillion-dollar expansion. Since then, it bought the former Rolling Rock brewery in Latrobe, Pa., invested in upgrades and began producing much of its beer there. It also bought a former Stroh's brewery in Allentown, Pa.

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