

UC WINS \$3M IN THIRD FRONTIER FUNDING

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The University of Cincinnati will use nearly \$3 million in Ohio Third Frontier Wright Projects Program funds to research microfluidics technology, the Ohio Department of Development announced Wednesday.

The project is one of seven across the state that will share more than \$20 million in funding, the department said in a news release.

UC is collaborating with Siloam Biosciences, Gamma Dynamics, Sun Chemical and EnMonT on the project. The consortium will research microfluidics with the goal of manufacturing and commercializing technology that will allow for more rapid testing of body fluids in medical settings.

UC is also leading a consortium of 23 collaborators that received \$7 million to create an Energy Regional Innovation Cluster to develop and commercialize energy-efficient building systems technologies, designs and best practices. That award is conditional on the project receiving federal funding.

Other local collaborators includes: Miami University, TechSolve, Greater Cincinnati Workforce Network, Duke Energy, the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, LSI Industries, Melink and Woolpert.

Two other local organizations are part of projects that received Third Frontier funds. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is working with Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and other groups on a project to commercialize nonembryonic umbilical cord blood stem cells. That project received \$2.1 million in funding.

Evendale-based GE Aviation Electrical Power Systems is working with Ohio State University and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Research Laboratory on the Center for High Performance Power Electronics project. That project was awarded \$3 million.

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