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State closes FY 2022 with large budget surplus

The Ohio Office of Budget and Management reported that the state closed Fiscal Year 2022 on June 30 with an unencumbered balance of $5.66 billion in the General Revenue Fund (GRF). The surplus was largely caused by better than expected tax revenues and a large carry-over balance from the previous fiscal year. Total GRF tax revenues finished the year 10.8% above estimate. Highlights of major taxes are:

- Non-auto sales and use tax collections totaled $11.1 billion and were $625.9 million (6.0%) above estimate.

- Auto sales and use tax collections totaled $1.9 billion and were $88.9 million (4.8%) above estimate.

- Personal income tax collections totaled $10.8 billion and were $1.9 billion (20.8%) above estimate. This source accounted for 67.7 percent of the total GRF tax revenue variance for the fiscal year.

- Commercial activity tax collections totaled $2.0 billion and were $196.1 million (10.9%) above the estimate.

The state capital budget bill, HB 687, allows the FY 2022 budget surplus to be allocated to capital expenses. This will save the state millions of dollars in future debt service. HB 687 includes $50 million for county jails. The planned allocation to capital expenses and economic development programs is shown below.

Authorized and Potential Non-Recurring Fiscal Year 2023 Plans ($ in millions)

Program	Amount
Ohio Onshoring Incentive (Intel Corp.)	600
State Road Improvements	110
Authorized Capital Fund Transfers	1,500
Additional Capital Fund Transfers (Potential)	1,300
Grand Total	**3,510**

Source: OBM Monthly Report, July 2022

For more information, the OBM report may be accessed here. Members with questions may contact Senior Policy Analyst Jon Honeck, jhoneck@ccao.org, 614-220-7982.

First payments for Distributor Opioid Settlement sent to local governments this week

The first payment of the OneOhio Distributor Settlement (McKesson, Cardinal, AmerisourceBergen) was sent to participating local governments this week. This payment is from the 30% Local Government Share. This is the first of 18 payments for the Distributor Settlement. This document lists the payment amounts that will be sent to each local government. CCAO also created an Excel sheet (available here) that organizes the payment amounts by county.

This first payment was sent to participating local governments from the Attorney General's office via EFT (electronic funds transfer). If you have questions or have not received a payment, please let us know. Future payments will be made by the National Settlement Administrator.

Please review Auditor of State Bulletin 2022-003 (available here) that explains accounting procedures for these dollars. The bulletin states, in part:

"Before the local government receives its portion from the state, the Auditor of State (AOS) recommends that each participating subdivision accepting the Funds provide by a written ordinance or resolution that the LG Share of the OneOhio Funds shall be placed in a separate fund and used only for the approved purposes as required by the OneOhio MOU. As the special fund is created under Ohio Rev. Code §5705.09(F), local governments do not need to seek AOS approval for establishing this new fund.

AOS recommends that each participating subdivision accepting OneOhio Funds clearly document their rationale for each expenditure. This documentation is best provided by legislation adopted by the entity's legislative body explaining how the expenditure meets the approved purposes definition of the OneOhio MOU. To aid in our future audit work, we also ask that each expenditure be carefully tracked and adequate documentation of the expenditure be maintained."

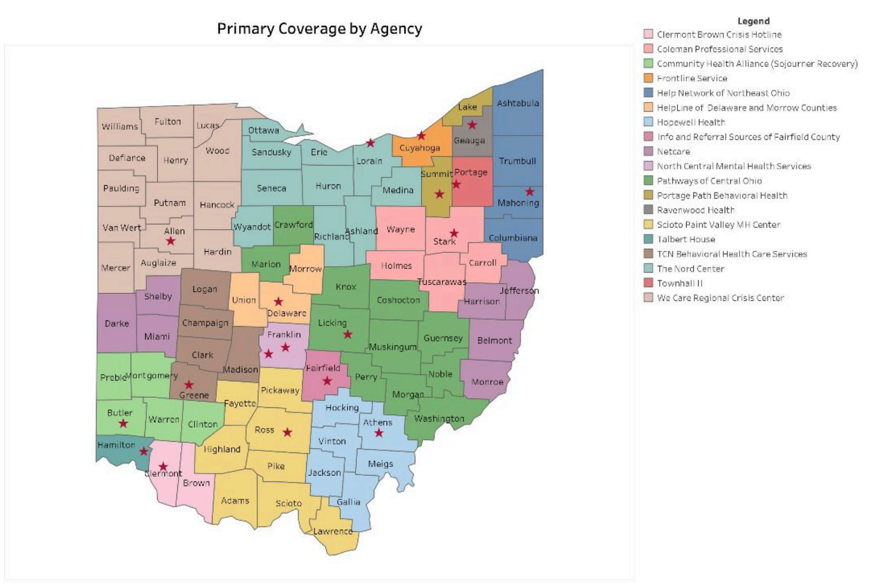
If a local government is receiving fewer than $500 and will never receive more than $500 in any of the 18 payments, the payment will instead be made to the county in which the local government resides.

The OneOhio Abatement Strategies are available here. The Local Government Share payments are eligible to be used for past expenditures. The full OneOhio MOU is available here.

A copy of the cover letter that was sent to each local government in the state regarding these payments is also available here.

If you have questions, please contact CCAO Policy Analyst Rachel Massoud Reedy at rreedy@ccao.org or 513-543-3723.

New 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline will launch on July 16th



Ohio's 988 Lifeline Providers Map

The federal 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline will launch on July 16, 2022. Ohioans who are experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis, and their family members, will be able to call, text, or chat the 988 number in order to reach a trained counselor who can offer help and support.

Following the passage of federal legislation in October 2020, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) has been planning and preparing for the launch. As part of the planning process, OMHAS has worked to expand the lifeline center network in Ohio. All 88 counties now have primary coverage from an agency. It is also important to note that the current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) will still be available once 988 is live.

OMHAS has identified $20 million in federal funds to pay for the start-up costs of 988. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded Ohio a $3.3 million that will be used over two years to improve capacity for answering calls, collect data for quality analysis, and develop policies and protocols for effective operation and caller support. OMHAS continues to explore long-term sustainable funding options for the 988 system.

OMHAS has shared the following information for county and municipal governments in preparation for the launch:

- Engage your local partners such as your local ADAMH board, behavioral health providers, law enforcement agencies, schools, and 911 centers to discuss how your community will use 988.
- Lifeline centers will transfer a 988 caller/contact to a county's crisis response or emergency response teams if the person consents and desires more services than the Lifeline center can provide.
- SAMHSA has provided various communications and outreach materials to help communities understand what 988 is and how it will work at https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988/partnertoolkit. A national marketing campaign from the federal government is not expected this year.

OMHAS has also provided the following resources:

988 Stakeholder Webinar Recording
988 Stakeholder Webinar Slides
988 Fact Sheet
988 FAQ

Additional resources can be found here.

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