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CCAO Executive Director Cheryl Subler and CCAO President Debbie Lieberman joined the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the Presidents & Executives Meeting. Along with county and association leaders from across the country, they had the opportunity to bring the voice of county leadership to our nation's capital and gain insights on promoting and improving county government.

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CCAO invites you to join a virtual meeting with Sen. Sherrod Brown on Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. Sen. Brown will provide a brief update on the status of legislation in Washington. He would like to hear how counties are using their ARPA funds and receive your input about priorities for future legislation. The senator welcomes your questions and feedback as county leaders. When it's time, please join the meeting in one of the following ways:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
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United States (Toll Free): 1 877 309 2073
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Please direct any questions to Jon Honeck, jhoneck@ccao.org.

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CCAO Job Opportunity: Legislative Counsel

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) is seeking to fill the position of Legislative Counsel, a position previously held by the current CCAO Assistant Director.

This is an excellent opportunity for an attorney interested in public policy issues to work for a trade association well respected in the field of local government that advocates on behalf of county government and assists county officials and key staff with training and educational opportunities.

Specifically, the position includes advocating CCAO policies and positions with the legislature and executive branch as well as other organizations, particularly in the areas of public safety, criminal justice, and county government. Responsibilities include researching assigned policy areas and recommending Association positions to members; establishing relationships with legislators and members of the executive branch and their staff; maintaining continuous contact with Association members and their staff, other organizations, and the media; responding to inquiries regarding legislation, regulations and general administrative questions; and preparing testimony, reference materials, member training and presentations as well as public speaking.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree and Juris Doctorate or currently working toward a law degree; 3-5 years' experience with county government or the state legislative or executive branch. Previous lobbying experience preferred. Valid Ohio driver's license and ability to meet insurance requirements.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Knowledge of legislative process and administrative rule process. Knowledge of county government structure and function. Ability to research and synthesize information and create concise reports, correspondence, testimony, presentations, and other written communications. Skill in communicating and persuading others. Ability to foster trust and form interpersonal relationships. Ability to speak in public before groups of varying sizes. Ability to travel within Ohio and work varying hours due to legislative advocacy obligations.

COMPENSATION: Commensurate with experience.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, references and writing samples to CCAO Boards' Liaison & Events Manager Robin Garrett at rgarrett@ccao.org by close of business on Jan. 21, 2022.

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CCAO starts 2022 Roster process, collects info from counties

CCAO is in the process of collecting county information for our 2022 Roster.

Be on the lookout an email from us containing an online form with your county's information. Please review, update and submit that form back to nbenson@ccao.org, by **Jan. 18**.

The CCAO Roster is our flagship publication, highlighting our 282 elected members and featuring county elected officials, our affiliate members' leadership, Ohio legislature contacts, CCAO staff and more. Distributed statewide, it is our most-used document, and we strive to include the most accurate information available. We are aiming to complete the 2022 edition as soon as possible, and you are part of that goal. We greatly appreciate the work you do on behalf of counties, and we look forward to partnering with you on this project.

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ODOT provides preliminary sales tax estimates

The Ohio Department of Taxation will continue to provide monthly estimates of preliminary and partial sales tax revenue to counties. Starting in January 2022, the estimates will be provided once per month, and will include both non-auto and auto tax revenues in the same spreadsheet. The department plans to release the estimates during the third week of each month. Members with questions should contact Jon Honeck, jhoneck@ccao.org.

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Counties must submit 300AP workplace injury log to PERRP by Feb. 1

All public employers are required to maintain a log of work-related injuries and illnesses, form 300P, and then submit a summary, the 300AP, to the Public Employment Risk Reduction Program by Feb. 1. If your public entity has more than one establishment or site, you must keep separate records for each physical location. Then, on Feb. 1 of each year, you must post the summary at each of your physical locations until April 30. The 300AP is required under Ohio Administrative Code 4167-6-04(B)(1) as part of the PERRP statistical data collection process.

Required information includes:

- Completion of both the 300P and 300AP
- Verify that you've classified each case only once on both forms.
  - A case that has one day away and several days restricted would be classified as days away from work, not both. Each case is classified only once, and it is classified as the most serious.
  - The other recordable case is a case that does not have days away or job transfer or restriction. The case is recordable because it is beyond first aid.
- Verify that the total number of cases equals the total number of injuries and illnesses; otherwise, you will receive an error message and will not be able to submit.

State agencies:

- Submit one master 300AP with the totals for all your departments/establishments.
- Ohio Department of Transportation must submit one master for each district and one master for the central office.
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources must submit one master for each park.
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections must submit one master for each correctional institution.

Counties:

- Submit separate master 300APs for the county entities below.
- County commissioners submit one master 300AP with the total from each of your county departments/establishments, which are under your authority.
- County board of developmental disabilities submit one master 300AP with the total for board employees: and one master 300AP for sheltered workshops.
- County engineer submits one master 300AP.
- County home submits one master 300AP.

Cities, townships, villages, educational institutions:

- Submit only one master 300AP with the totals from all your departments/establishments.

For more information, please contact Craig Lanken at 330.472.1656 or craig.lanken@sedgwick.com.

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Ohio START is currently accepting applications for Cohort 5

Ohio START (Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma) is an evidence-informed children services-led intervention model that helps public children services agencies (PCSAs) bring together caseworkers, behavioral health providers, and family peer mentors into teams dedicated to helping families struggling with co-occurring child maltreatment and substance use disorder. I would like to share this informative and motivational video reflecting the effect Ohio START has made in Ohio's communities.

https://youtu.be/ezVl2945A8g

Ohio START is currently accepting applications for Cohort 5. Applications can be located and completed using the link below:

Ohio START 2021 Application (office.com)

If you are a county that has not implemented Ohio START, ODJFS encourages your county to apply and make a difference in your community and serve families in need. f you have questions related to Ohio START, please contact Fawn Gadel at Fawn@pcsao.org.

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U.S. Treasury releases Final rule for ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund

The U.S. Treasury Department (Treasury) released the Final Rule for the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund (Recovery Fund), which was authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act and allocated $65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid to every county in America. The Final Rule will go into effect on April 1, 2022; however, counties can choose to pursue the Final Rule's new flexibilities and simplifications now. View NACo's preliminary overview here.

Treasury also released the Project and Expenditure Report and User Guide to be used by counties to submit data associated with the Recovery Fund. The following counties are required to submit a Project and Expenditure Report Treasury by January 31, 2022:

Counties with populations that exceed 250,000 residents (referred to as Tier 1 recipients by Treasury)

Counties that received more than $10 million in Recovery Funds with populations below 250,000 residents (referred to as Tier 2 recipients by Treasury)

The Project and Expenditure Report will cover the period between March 3 and December 31, 2021, and requires the reporting of project, obligations and expenditure data, subaward data, as well as certain required programmatic data.

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NACo to provide information session series on U.S. Treasury's Final Rule for the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund

Join NACo for a series of information sessions where we will walk through key features in Treasury's Final Rule for the Recovery Fund and how counties can effectively invest these dollars at the local level.

REVENUE LOSS | TUESDAY, JAN. 18 | 3 P.M. EST

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE | THURSDAY, JAN. 20 | 2 P.M. EST

Click the respective link to register.

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2022 NACo Achievement Awards applications now open

Applications are now open for the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2022 Achievement Awards. Please join us in celebrating 52 years of county innovation by applying today.

Since 1970, the NACo Achievement Awards have recognized outstanding county government programs and services. Through a non-competitive application process, noteworthy programs receive awards in 18 categories that cover a vast range of county responsibilities. By participating, your county can earn national recognition.

NACo will highlight the 18 "best of category" winners, as well as feature all winners in NACo materials and online. We also provide a customizable press release for you to share the good news with the media and residents.

EARLY BIRD APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 4, 2022 (save $25 off the application fee)
REGULAR APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2022

For more information, please review the Achievement Awards online brochure, or email awards@naco.org with any questions.

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OBM to host State and Local Fiscal Recovery Update webinar – Jan. 24

Join the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) on Jan. 24 at 2 pm. for a webinar on the ARPA Final Rule.

The U.S. Treasury released the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule on Jan. 6, 2022. This Final Rule, effective April 1, 2022, will supersede the previous Interim Final Rule and has several changes. This session will discuss many of the notable changes from the Interim Final Rule.

Click here to register.

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NTIA to provide broadband grant programs public virtual listening sessions

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will host broadband grant program public virtual listening sessions in connection with the five new broadband grant programs authorized and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program; the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program; and the Digital Equity Act Programs, which include the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. These public virtual listening sessions are designed to collect stakeholder input to help inform program development and implementation.
NTIA will hold the public virtual listening sessions based on the following schedule:

- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Broadband Programs Public Virtual Listening Session** Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, from 2:30–4 p.m.
- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Broadband Programs Public Virtual Listening Session** Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, from 2:30–4 p.m. and**.**
- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Broadband Programs Public Virtual Listening Session** Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, from 2:30–4 p.m.

These listening sessions will be hosted via NTIA's virtual platform and conducted as a live public listening session. NTIA will post the registration information on its BroadbandUSA website.

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Ohio EPA to host Water Supply Revolving Loan Account - Program Year 2023 Updates and Highlights webinar – Jan. 20

Join the Ohio EPA on Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. to review the basics, program updates and what's new for the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account in program year 2023. This low-interest loan program funds a wide range of public and non-community drinking water system needs. The webinar provides an update on activities and priorities that may be new or revised for the upcoming program year, and will include a detailed discussion of the project nomination process, to help those who may be interested better understand how to position themselves so they can maximize their chances of receiving a WSRLA planning, design, and/or construction loan during 2022-2023 program cycle.

Click here to register.

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County News

Commissioners approve limiting weight on roads
Star Beacon, Jan. 12, 2021
At a meeting on Tuesday, the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to impose a limit on a number of roads in Rome Township starting in February.

The resolution states that load limits will be reduced by 25 percent for the thaw season, from Feb. 15 to May 15 on Johnson, Fillingham, Dodge, Allen, Bogue, Ketchum, Laskey, Price, Station, Cook-Crosby, Callender and Chester roads, Wilderness Trail and Boy Mar Drive.

The request was made by Rome Township trustees and the Ashtabula County engineer concurred with the request, according to the resolution.

Highland County commissioners hold 2022 organizational meeting
The Highland County Press, Jan. 10, 2022
Highland County commissioners Jeff Duncan, Terry Britton and David Daniels met briefly Monday morning to hold their annual organizational meeting.

Daniels moved, with Britton seconding, to reappoint Duncan as chairman for his final year on the commission. As previously reported, Duncan announced in November that he will not be seeking re-election in 2022.

Britton was also reappointed as vice chairman of the board of commissioners.

Allen County Commissioners can start discussing ways to spend ARPA dollars
hometownstations.com, Jan. 10, 2022
Allen County Commissioners are ready to get started on where to spend their portion of the American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

The United States Treasury Department gave their final ruling on ARPA funding last Friday and commissioners are scheduling meetings to determine where that money can be used. The county already has 9-million dollars on the books of the 19-million they're scheduled to get but wasn't sure how it could be spent.

The commissioners holding their reorganizational meeting naming Brian Winegardener President and Cory Noonan Vice President. They hope to have a meeting about the ARPA dollars by the end of the month.

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Did You Know? - Delaware County

Delaware also is famous for hosting the "Little Brown Jug" each year at the Delaware County Fair. Begun in 1946, the "Little Brown Jug" has become one of the premier races in the harness-racing Triple Crown. It attracts more than fifty thousand people to Delaware every fall.

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