**August 1, 2022**

**The Ohio Department of Administrative Services recently hung Ohio's 88 county flags in the lobby and elevator bays of the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus. The flags are accompanied by an informational plaque regarding the county and flag's history.**

**Pictured are the flags of Hardin, Harrison, Henry, and Highland counties, near one of the tower's elevators.**

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### We Need Your Opinion on Indigent Defense!

CCAO has been participating in a working group with the Ohio Public Defender, the Ohio State Bar Association, and other associations focusing on the future of the indigent defense system. To help the working group understand the perspective of counties on this important issue, we are asking for responses to a very brief survey. As the next budget cycle approaches and executive agencies (such as the Ohio Public Defender) need to submit budget requests, it is imperative that CCAO is able to provide the working group with relevant data on county interest.

Please click here for the survey link. If it is not working, please contact Research Analyst Nick Ciolli at nciolli@ccao.org.

### Register today for the CCAO Workforce, Families and Children Symposium!

**August 25-26, 2022**
**Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark, Ohio**

**Click here to register**

This symposium for county commissioners, county executives, county council members, and their key staff will focus on showcasing innovative ways counties, state and other partners are working to keep Ohio a place where people thrive. This includes bolstering and training our workforce, protecting our youngest Ohioans, caring for our older Ohioans, and so much more. Attendees will leave with tangible examples to take back to their counties. We hope you'll join us for this great learning opportunity!

Speakers include:

- JP Nauseef, President and CEO, JobsOhio
- Steve Stivers, President & CEO, Ohio Chamber of Commerce
- Director Matt Damschroder, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Director Amy Ast, Ohio Department of Youth Services
- and more!

**Click here for the Symposium Agenda**

**Click here to register**
Registration Fee $50

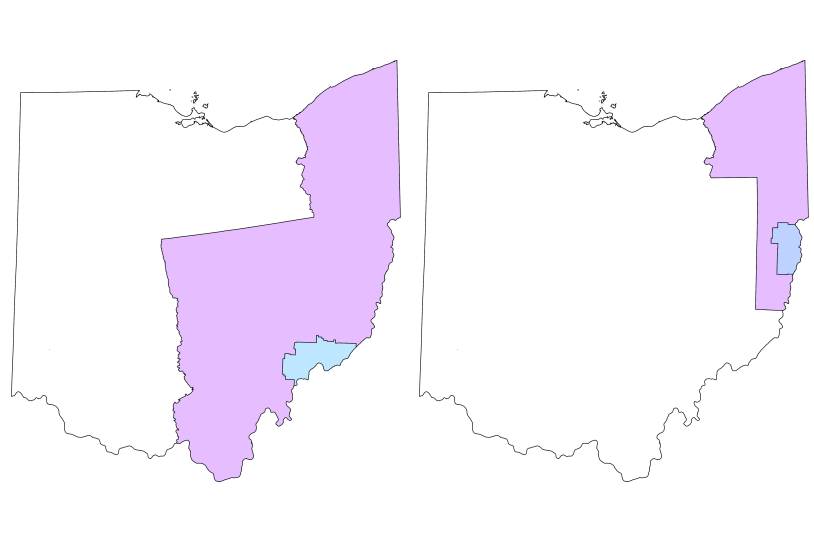
Reduced room rate of $96 plus tax available through July 25th at the Cherry Valley Hotel, 2299 Cherry Valley Rd SE, Newark, OH, 43055. Call 740-788-1200 and reference CCAO to reserve your room now!

### Happy birthday Washington County and Jefferson County!

Last week saw two of Ohio's oldest counties celebrate their birthdays. Washington County, the first in the state, was established in 1788 and named after Revolutionary War General George Washington (while it is tempting to say that Ohio's first county is named after the country's first president, that is incorrect as the county was established months before the Constitution became effective and Washington was elected the country's first president). Washington County is 234 years old.

Jefferson County, the fourth county in modern-day Ohio, was established in 1797 and named after then-Vice President Thomas Jefferson. The county was formed out of part of Washington County.

The image below shows the original extent of both counties in purple and the modern extent in blue. As two of the earliest counties, Washington and Jefferson counties are progenitors of numerous counties today.



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### Updated Treasury guidance provides flexibility for using ARPA funds for affordable housing

Last week the US Department of Treasury released new guidance that provides additional flexibility to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to boost the supply of affordable housing. This updated guidance follows the White House's recently released Housing Supply Action Plan that outlines how counties can leverage ARPA dollars for affordable housing.

Key highlights of the update guidance include:

- **Increased flexibility to use Recovery Funds for long-term affordable housing loans**: As outlined in the Final Rule, Recovery Funds may be used to finance long-term affordable housing loans. SLFRF permits funds to be used, among other uses, to combat the public health and negative economic effects of the pandemic, including by building affordable housing. The updated guidance allows counties to use Recovery Funds to fully finance long-term affordable housing loans, including the principal of any such loans, subject to certain conditions. These changes will facilitate significant additional financing for affordable housing projects, including those that may be eligible for additional assistance under Treasury's Low Income Housing Credit (LIHTC).
- **Expanded eligible uses:** Under Treasury's Final Rule, counties were permitted to use funds for affordable housing, identifying uses consistent with two major U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs – the National Housing Trust Fund (NTF) and Home Investments Partnerships Program (HOME) – as presumptively eligible under the Recovery Fund. The updated guidance expands that list to include an expanded range of federal programs from multiple agencies, permitting more options for how states and local governments can presumptively use funds for affordable housing. Additionally, Treasury updated its guidance to clarify that Recovery Funds may be used to finance the development, repair, or operation of any affordable rental housing unit that provides long-term affordability of 20 years or more to households at or below 65 percent of the local area median income.
- **Treasury and HUD released new "How-To" guide**: Treasury worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to publish a How-to Guide for Affordable Housing. The guide provides a summary of how counties can use ARPA Recovery Funds for affordable housing and combine these dollars with other federal funds. In addition to this guide, Treasury and HUD will host a series of webinars, which will be announced at a later date.

Treasury has reflected the above updates related to eligible housing expenditures in their Final Rule FAQs. Specific updates include:

- **FAQ 2.14 (pgs. 10-11):** The updated FAQ reflects new presumptively eligible uses, which include: 1. projects that would be eligible for funding under an expanded list of federal housing programs and; 2. projects for the development, repair or operation of affordable rental housing with certain income and affordability requirements.
  - Presumption 1: In addition to projects funded by the National Housing Trust Fund (NTF) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), which were already eligible under previous guidance, any projects funded by the following federal housing program are now also eligible:
    - The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (administered by Treasury)
    - The Public Housing Capital Fund (administered by HUD)
    - Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program and Section 811
    - Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program (administered by HUD)
    - Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) (administered by HUD)
    - Multifamily Preservation & Revitalization program (administered by USDA)
  - Presumption 2: Under the new guidance, Treasury will presume that an investment in the development, repair, or operation of any affordable rental housing unit is an eligible use of Recovery Funds if the unit has a limited maximum income of 65 percent area median income (AMI, as imposed through a covenant, land use restriction agreement, or other enforceable legal requirements for a period of at least 20 years. A jurisdiction may establish a longer period of affordability at its discretion.

***Important note for Presumption 1***: These programs use different income limits than the definitions of low- and moderate-income adopted by Treasury. If a county chooses to invest in an affordable housing project under the above federal program, the investment agreement must adhere to all applicable local codes and requirements related to: Resident income restrictions; period of affordability and related covenant requirements for assisted units; tenant protections; and housing quality standards.

Counties may use Recovery Funds as part of the financing for a mixed-income housing project if the total financing made up of Recovery Funds does not exceed the total development costs attributable to affordable housing units limited to households at or below 65 percent AMI for the affordability period.

- **FAQ 4.9 (pgs. 35-36):** The updated FAQ reflects loans to fund investments in affordable housing projects. Recovery Funds can be used to finance certain loans that finance affordable housing investments. Counties may use Recovery Funds to make loans to finance affordable housing projects, funding the full principal amount of the loan, if the loan and project meet the following requirements:
  - The loan has a term of no less than 20 years
  - Affordable housing project being financed has an affordability period of no less than 20 years AFTER the project or assisted units are available for occupancy after ARPA investment
  - For loans to finance projects expected to be eligible for the low-income housing credit the project owner must agree to waive any right to request a qualified contract and repay any loaned funds to the entity that originated the loan at the time the project becomes non-compliant
  - This additional flexibility to finance qualified low-income housing projects aligns with that of the LIFELINE Act, which NACo endorsed.

If you have any questions, please contact Eryn Hurley, Director of Government Affairs for NACo, at ehurley@naco.org.

### Federal "CHIPS" Act clears Congress; will bolster Licking County Intel site

Closely watched federal legislation to support domestic semiconductor manufacturing and scientific research passed Congress this week and is now headed to President Joe Biden's desk. The Chips and Science Act would direct more than $52 billion in federal support to American companies producing computer chips as well as support research and development in domestic chip manufacturing.

The legislation passed the US Senate on Wednesday by a 64-33 vote. The US House then on Thursday passed the bill by a vote of 243-187. President Biden is expected to sign the legislation.

The goal of the legislation is the support domestic microchip manufacturing which has dwindled in recent years. Global supply chain shortages, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, have led to production bottlenecks in numerous industries. There is also an emphasis on reducing reliance on foreign microchip production, especially from Asian competitors.

Ohio stands to benefit from the CHIPS Act's passage. Intel's $20 billion investment in two new semiconductor manufacturing facilities, located in Licking County, would be aided by this legislation and could encourage future expansion at the site. Numerous suppliers and supporting industries to the Intel plants would likely benefit as well.

Following the bill's passage, Governor Mike DeWine shared in a release, "Today's action by Congress to officially pass the CHIPS for America Act is the right move for our nation, and it will be transformative for Ohio.

"This $52 billion investment to domestically produce semiconductor chips on American soil will strengthen our national security, help fuel economic growth, and turn Ohio into a nationwide semiconductor powerhouse. As Intel begins construction in Licking County to bring its most advanced semiconductor manufacturing facilities to our state, Ohio is on its way to becoming an indispensable player in the semiconductor industry."

### Governor announces latest round of H2Ohio wetlands grants

On Thursday, Governor Mike DeWine and ODNR Director Mary Mertz announced plans for an additional 25 wetlands projects to be constructed across the state. These projects are part of the H2Ohio program for water quality improvement. Along with promoting agricultural nutrient best management practices and improving water and sewer infrastructure, H2Ohio has invested significantly in wetlands development over the past several years.

The 25 projects announced this week are spread across 22 counties: Allen, Athens, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Franklin, Henry (2), Madison, Mahoning, Medina, Mercer, Montgomery, Ottawa, Pickaway, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Summit (3), Wayne, and Wyandot. The full list of projects and descriptions is available here. ODNR has undertaken or completed 113 wetland projects to date under the H2Ohio program

Wetlands promote water quality improvement by filtering out excess nutrients, such as phosphorus, prior to water flowing into larger waterways where it feeds harmful algal blooms.

"Our water is such an incredibly valuable resource and building and restoring wetlands brings us closer to having cleaner water throughout the state," said Governor DeWine in a news release. "We are making great strides through the work of H2Ohio, and I look forward to seeing even more progress in the years to come."

Additional information on the H2Ohio program can be accessed here.

### 2022 Ohio Public Safety Symposium Agenda Released

Ohio Homeland Security will be hosting a Public Safety Symposium August 2-4, 2022, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This conference runs concurrently with the 2022 Ohio School Safety Summit hosted by the Ohio School Safety Center and the State Fair.

OHS is still inviting its partners, service providers, community supports, and vendors to join us in the exhibit hall with a booth to market your organization's services or products. The exhibit hall is shared with the Ohio School Safety Summit. Click here for more information and lock in your spot now.

Ohio Homeland Security (OHS) is excited to release this year's symposium agenda. The schedule is packed with experts in subjects such as cyber safety, critical infrastructure threat mitigation, mental health, grant funding, drug recognition, and so much more.

View the Agenda Here

This event is free and open to the public, but requires pre-registration to ensure adequate space is available. Click here to register.

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### Coastal communities grants available through NOAA

Three grant programs targeting coastal communities (Lake Erie counties in Ohio's case) are available through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience: This program is intended to restore coastal ecosystems while also enhancing community and ecological resilience to climate hazards. $85 million is available and applications are due by September 6.

Coastal Habitat Restoration: This program is intended to improve habitat restoration while also enhancing resilience of underserved communities in coastal areas. $10 million is available and applications are due by September 30.

NOAA Marine Debris Removal: This program is intended to make tangible impacts on coastal and marine habitats and communities by removing debris that may hinder their safety and/or resilience. $28 million is available and applications are due by September 30.

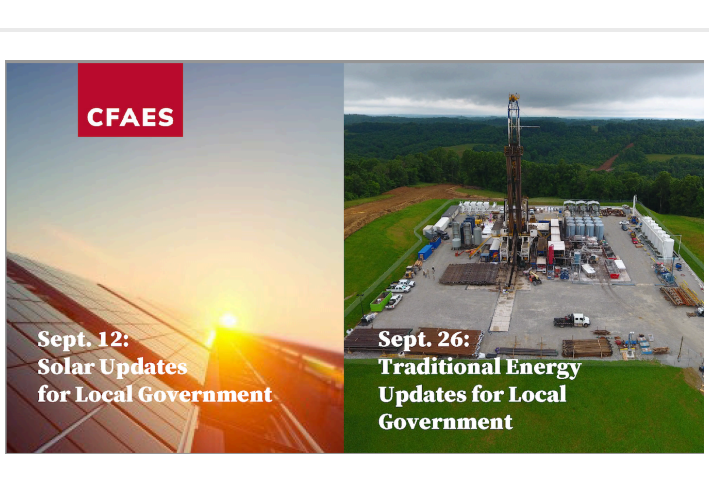
CCAO encourages our Lake Erie-adjacent members to pursue these grant opportunities and bring federal dollars to Ohio communities.

### Ohio EPA offering two upcoming webinars

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has two upcoming webinars, both of which offer Continuing Education Units, that may be of interest to county staff.

On August 9, the agency will host a webinar regarding the On-Site Consultation Program that the agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration offer. The program is free and confidential and can help answer questions about potential regulation violations before they become a concern. You can register for this session here.

On August 16, the agency will host a webinar regarding the environmental regulations that affect businesses of all sizes in Ohio communities and that will provide an overview on the agency's permitting, inspection, and enforcement procedures. You can register for this session here.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Sept. 12: Solar Updates for Local Government
Sept. 26: Traditional Energy Updates for Local Government

### OSU Extension Program: Solar & Traditional Energy Updates for Local Government

**September 12:** Solar
**September 26:** Traditional Energy (Oil & Gas)
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Zoom links provided upon registration)
Register here.

As a local government leader, learn more about what your responsibilities are and what you can or cannot do related to energy topics and projects. Join speakers from Ohio State University Extension, Ohio Farm Bureau and The Ohio Department of Natural Resources to learn more about current Solar & Traditional Energy topics, legislation and trends.

**If you have questions, please contact either Dan Lima (lima.19@osu.edu) or Gwynn Stewart (stewart.1818@osu.edu).**

### State Personnel Board of Review conference registration open

The State Personnel Board of Review (SPBR) Conference will take place August 24th, 2022 at the Marriott in Dublin, Ohio.

The SPBR Conference is for:

- Managers, HR, and other professionals who manage or interact with employees who have the right to appeal to the SPBR Board or pertinent municipal civil service commission
- Those having collective bargaining agreements that allow for an appeal to the SPBR Board or pertinent municipal civil service commission
- Those seeking to catch-up and refresh after the past two-plus-years of COVID impacts and changes affecting HR, etc.
- New or current managers, union officials, attorneys, staff, elected officeholders, human resource professionals
- Those who are or will be working in positions where they need to know how Ohio's laws and court decisions govern public employment issues

Click here to register.

### Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program (JAG) accepting applications

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) are now accepting applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program (JAG).The program promotes the DOJ's mission to reduce or prevent crime and violence and improve the criminal justice system's administration.

The Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will award JAG Program funds to eligible units of local government as described in this solicitation. This grant application incorporates the Office of Justice Programs Grant Application Resource guide, which can be accessed here.

For more information and to apply, visit the BJA's website here.

**Grants.gov Deadline:** August 03, 2022
**Application JustGrants Deadline:** August 08, 2022

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This section of Counties Current will be a permanent fixture for the foreseeable future to help counties with the ins and outs of the American Rescue Plan Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These two laws provide a once-in-a-generation investment.

### First Bridge Investment Program deadline approaching

The US DOT Bridge Investment Program is open for applications. Counties are eligible to apply for BIP funding directly through USDOT, as well as to bundle bridge projects into one application. Twenty million is reserved for the planning application category outlined below. In total, the NOFO is soliciting applications for two different funding categories:

- **Large bridge projects**: For projects with eligible costs over $100 million | **Applications due August 9, 2022**
- **Bridge projects**: For projects with eligible costs less than $100 million | **Applications due September 8, 2022**

More information is available on the NACo website.

### Treasury releases updated ARPA reporting guidance; NACo provides overview

The U.S. Department of the Treasury recently released updated reporting guidance for Project and Expenditure Reports and a template for the Recovery Plan Performance Report. Both have been released ahead of the next reporting deadline, July 31. **This reporting deadline only applies to counties with a population over 250,000 or that have received a total distribution of more than $10 million.**

NACo provided a summary of key updates to the reporting guidelines. These requirements will impact all counties regardless of population size and award amount.

- **Additional programmatic data for capital expenditures:** When using Recovery Funds for capital expenditures projects, counties need to report the type of expenditure based on a list of enumerated uses. Examples of enumerated uses are COVID-19 vaccination sites, job and workforce training centers, and public health data systems. A full list of enumerated uses is available on pages 27 to 28 of the updated guidance.
- **Written justification for capital expenditures:** Counties are required to provide a written justification for capital projects of any category that cost at least $10 million and for projects in the "other" (i.e., project not explicitly enumerated by Treasury) category that cost at least $1 million. Previously, counties needed to create a written justification for these projects but were not required to submit them as part of regular reporting.
- **Description of labor requirements for capital expenditures:** Counties are required to provide additional labor reporting. For projects that cost at least $10 million, counties will need to report on the strength of the project's labor standards, including information on the presence of a project labor agreement, community benefits agreement, prevailing wage requirement, or local hiring. This new required information is outlined under Infrastructure Project on pages 30-31 of the updated guidance.
- **Project information for broadband projects:** The updated guidance requires counties to provide detailed project information for broadband infrastructure investments. Counties need to report what kind of technology is involved in the project (i.e., fiber optic cables, coaxial cables, etc.), the total miles of fiber deployed over the project, and the total number of funded locations served broken out by both speed of connection and type of location (i.e., residential, business, or community). This new required information is outlined under Broadband Projects on pages 32-33 of the updated guidance.
- **Moving of Recovery Plan Performance Report data into P&E Report:** Under the updated guidance, some of the data that was previously only required for the Recovery Plan Performance Report (Recovery Plan) is now required for large counties (populations above 250,000 and/or above $10 million in awards) on their quarterly P&E Report. For example, large counties investing in housing security programs must now report the number of households receiving eviction prevention services. A full list of changes to programmatic data requirements for large counties is available on page 33 of the compliance and reporting guidance.
- **Updated template for Recovery Plan:** The updated guidance also provides a template for the Recovery Plan due for large counties on July 31, 2022, reflecting the expenditure categories and other changes made by the Final Rule.

If you have any questions, please contact Eryn Hurley, Director of Government Affairs for NACo, at ehurley@naco.org.

### Guidance and overview of available BIL funding available from NACo and the Ohio Department of Transportation

NACo and ODOT each host a resource page providing information to counties about the Bipartican Infrastructure Law. The pages are rich with information including multiple tables providing overviews and links to funding opportunities, a timeline of upcoming grant programs, and much more.

The NACo website can be found here and the ODOT website can be found here.

CCAO strongly encourages counties to frequently visit the sites and apply for funding through the myriad of programs to bring valuable federal funds to Ohio communities.

### NACo provides overview of U.S. Treasury's allocation of second ARPA Recovery Funds tranche

On May 26, NACo provided statewide associations an update that the U.S. Treasury has begun the process of allocating funds from the second tranche of the ARPA Recovery Fund.

Key highlights to the second tranche payment process include:

1. All counties must have an active SAM.gov registration in order to receive their second tranche of funding
2. Effective **April 4, 2022,** the federal government switched service providers and stopped using the DUNS number and began using the Unique Entity ID (UEI) – **All counties are required to switch from a DUNS number to a UEI**
3. If a county's SAM.gov registration expired (12-month coverage) before it is due to receive its second tranche payment (and after April 4, 2022) the county is required to re-active its SAM.gov registration, which will require them to adopt a UEI (instead of a DUNS number) **PRIOR TO** receiving their second tranche

**Process for Counties to Receive Second Tranche ARPA Recovery Fund Payment**

- Section 603 of ARPA provides payments to eligible local governments in two tranches, with the second tranche payment being made no earlier than 12 months after the first payment
- Consistent with this requirement, Treasury expects to provide second tranche payments to local governments **approximately 12 months after their first payment**
- In the coming weeks, Treasury will open the submission portal in a phased approach, **allowing counties to access the portal for 30 days prior to their second tranche payment date**
- Counties will receive a notification from Treasury by email letting them know that they can enter the portal – **it is very important to make sure that the assigned point of contact is still available to receive future communications**
  - The **point of contact is the individual designated in the portal during the first tranche submission** who will receive email notifications on submission status, including any issues found during the verification and communication regarding payments
  - The **individual entering the portal for the second tranche submission will be the same individual with the registered** ID.me who submitted for the first tranche allocation
  - If that individual is no longer with the county and you need to designate a new individual, email COVIDReliefITSupport@treasury.gov with the subject line "Entity Name – Update to Designated Individuals" and include the role that needs to be updated along with the full name, title, email and phone number of the new person designated
- After the email is received by the county, the point of contact will be able to update their entity information to include banking information in the portal
- In preparation for the second tranche payment, counties should ensure their SAM.gov entity registration is still active – **all counties are required to have a SAM.gov registration to receive their second tranche payment**
  - Note that on **April 4, 2022,** the federal government changed service providers and stopped using the DUNS Number and began using the Unique Entity ID (UEI) in SAM.gov to identify entities
  - All counties, even those already registered in SAM.gov, must validate their entity information through the new service provider
  - Counties may need to provide additional supporting documentation through the new system
  - The General Services Administration (GSA) released FAQs to support counties through this new process
  - **Counties are required to renew their SAM.gov registration every 12-months. If a county's SAM.gov registration expired (12-month coverage) before it is due to receive its second tranche (and after April 4, 2022) the county is required to re-active their SAM.gov registration, which will require them to adopt a UEI (instead of a DUNS number) PRIOR TO receiving their second tranche**

If you have any questions, please contact Eryn Hurley, Director of Government Affairs for NACo, at ehurley@naco.org.

### JobsOhio's American Rescue Plan Guidebook is available

JobsOhio's revised ARPA Guidebook is available for download at the following address:
https://www.jobsohio.com/american-rescue-plan-guidebook/

The Guidebook is a resource for local leaders looking to maximize the impact of ARP funds and become better informed about ARP funds and potential investments. The Guidebook is a result of conversations with local, regional, and state leaders to learn their plans for ARP funds, share best practices, and support leaders in maximizing the potential economic impact of ARP funds.

Ohio leaders identified three priority investment areas that are broadly aligned to Treasury Recovery Fund objectives:

- Build a more resilient workforce by investing in talent hard-hit by the pandemic (e.g., support for training for high-demand skills for individuals in qualified populations and those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic)
- Upgrade critical infrastructure to revitalize communities and support Ohio's economy (e.g., expanding digital infrastructure coverage)
- Support the small businesses and industries most negatively impacted by the pandemic (e.g., scale access to grants/loans for SMBs)

### Resources for ARPA Reporting and Compliance

Counties and other local governments are required to submit their ARPA financial reports to the US Treasury. The next deadline is July 31 (for large counties only). The following resources are available to help CCAO members to navigate reporting requirements:

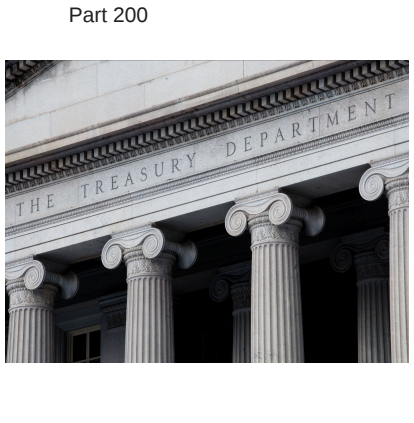
**US TREASURY WEBINAR ON REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS**
National Association of Counties and US Treasury
Webinar recorded April 21, 2022
Join NACo for a review of the Treasury Department's webinar on reporting guidelines and compliance requirements for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund program. To view the slides and recording of the webinar, click here.

**ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUND: OVERVIEW OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND UNIFORM GUIDANCE**
National Association of Counties and Government Finance Officers Association
Webinar recorded April 14, 2022
Join NACo and Government Finance Officers Association for an overview of what you need to know when it comes to reporting for the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. During this session, participants will hear about key requirements as they related to the U.S. Department of Treasury's guidance and the federal Uniform Guidance. To view the slides and recording of the webinar, click here.

### NACo provides updates on ARPA funding

NACo refreshed a major update of its analysis of Treasury's Final Rule for the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund. The updated analysis includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Clarifying information on eligible/ineligible uses from Treasury, including capital expenditures
- Deeper dive on the provisions around revenue loss allocations
- Treatment of loans
- Reporting requirements and background information on federal Uniform Guidance/2 CFR Part 200



To see a concise summary of the final rule for the Recovery Fund, please see the Overview Document.

NACo members with questions should contact Eryn Hurley, director of Government Affairs, at ehurley@naco.org.

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Commissioners submit expanded tax levy supporting Children's Services
**Portsmouth Daily Times, July 28, 2022**
On Thursday, Scioto County Commissioners voted to expand an upcoming tax levy which would provide millions of dollars to Scioto County Children's Services as it struggles to accommodate backlogged cases and a higher number of children in residential placement.

Commissioners Cathy Coleman, Bryan Davis, and Chairman Scottie Powell unanimously voted to proceed with the submission of the expanded tax levy to Ohio electors. The original levy, which would have allocated one million dollars to Scioto County Children's Services (CPS), has replaced the original one million dollars and added two more, for a total of three million dollars.

"Current funding level is basically for 130 kids," Powell explained. "We've had roughly 360 in [CPS] care. That number will be going down as this backlog is cleared out. The main driver of this levy is for the housing costs for children in care."

Commissioners in Jefferson County deny levy request from Prevention and Recovery Board
**WTOV9, July 28, 2022**
Jefferson County commissioners have declined the Prevention and Recovery Board's request for a levy.

That board was looking to add a levy in order to provide more funding toward in-patient recovery for both drug use and mental health.

The board proposed a resolution of 2 years that would not exceed 5/10ths of a mil.

They also presented commissioners with letters of support from local services like TEMS and the Educational Service Center, but after an hour of discussion, commissioners voted no, saying it's bad timing with inflation and taxpayers' expenses.

Montgomery County planning activities for Child Support Awareness Month
**Dayton247Now.com, July 28, 2022**
From August 1-6, 2022, Montgomery County will illuminate the Administration Building green to mark the beginning of Child Support Awareness Month.

Throughout the month of August, a number of events are also scheduled to increase public awareness on the importance of child support and the services available to both custodial and non-custodial parents.

With an annual collection of close to $100,000,000, Ohio's child support program benefits more than 55,000 children in Montgomery County.

Commissioners award $343,000 in ARP funds
**The Vindicator, July 29, 2022**
The Mahoning County commissioners on Thursday authorized giving $125,000 of its $42 million in federal American Rescue Plan funds to the Oh Wow! Children's Center for Science and Technology and $218,000 to the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center for an electric-vehicle and sustainable resource center.

Marvin Logan, Oh Wow's executive director, said the money from the commissioners will be used to make the facility more accessible to the public, improve safety measures, make the facility more efficient and "build some new spaces with new exhibits for the public so we are able to have more community education space for the entire Valley."

Logan said the center will put lighting and fire suppression on the second floor of the building, plus "rebuild" space on the first floor and put more learning spaces on the second floor.

Meanwhile, the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center in Canfield will use the $218,000 to "continue to work on ways to contribute to the workforce.

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**AUGUST 2, 2022**
**OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIMARY ELECTION**

**AUGUST 12, 2022**
**CORSA BOARD MEETING**

**AUGUST 15, 2022**
**CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING, UNION COUNTY**

**AUGUST 25 - 26, 2022**
**WORKFORCE, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN SYMPOSIUM AT CHERRY VALLEY**

**AUGUST 26, 2022**
**CCAO AND CEBCO BOARD MEETINGS (CHERRY VALLEY)**

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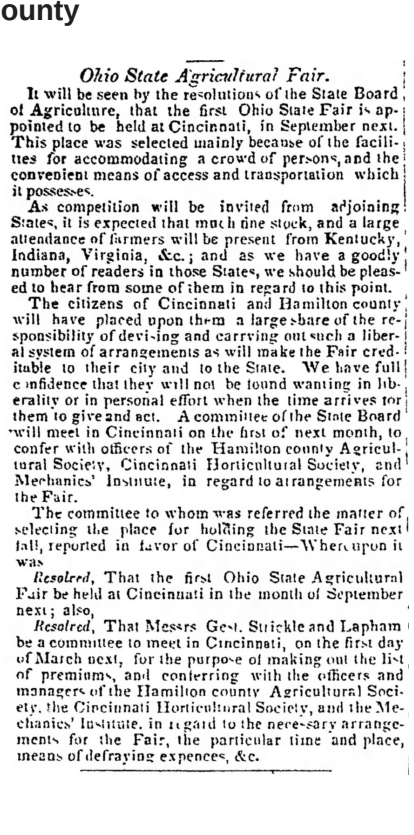
### Hamilton County

The first Ohio State Fair was held in Cincinnati in 1850. According to a blurb in the October 16, 1850, edition of the Cadiz Sentinel, the first Ohio State Fair generated $7,285 in revenue against total expenses of $10,000 (about $276,747 and $379,886 today, respectively), requiring a $2,715 ($103,139 today) appropriation by the General Assembly to cover the deficit.

In 2019, on the other hand, the State Fair generated a profit of $657,000 ($9.7 million in revenue against $9.0 million in expenses.)

*Right: An article in an 1849 edition of the Huron Reflector announcing the location of the first State Fair.*



*Ohio State Agricultural Fair.*

It will be seen by the resolutions of the State Board of Agriculture, that the first Ohio State Fair is appointed to be held at Cincinnati, in September next. This place was selected mainly because of the facilities for accommodating a crowd of persons, and the convenient means of access and transportation which it possesses.

As competition will be invited from adjoining States, it is expected that much fine stock, and a large attendance of farmers will be present from Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, &c.; and as we have a goodly number of readers in those States, we should be pleased to hear from some of them in regard to this point.

The citizens of Cincinnati and Hamilton county will have placed upon them a large share of the responsibility of devising and carrying out such a liberal system of arrangements as will make the Fair creditable to their city and to the State. We have full confidence that they will not be found wanting in liberality or in personal effort when the time arrives for them to give and act. A committee of the State Board will meet in Cincinnati on the first of next month, to confer with officers of the Hamilton county Agricultural Society, Cincinnati Horticultural Society, and Mechanics' Institute, in regard to arrangements for the Fair.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of selecting the place for holding the State Fair next fall, reported in favor of Cincinnati—Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the first Ohio State Agricultural Fair be held at Cincinnati in the month of September next; also,

*Resolved*, That Messrs Geo. Stickle and Lapham be a committee to meet in Cincinnati, on the first day of March next, for the purpose of making out the list of premiums, and conferring with the officers and managers of the Hamilton county Agricultural Society, the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, and the Mechanics' Institute, in regard to the necessary arrangements for the Fair, the particular time and place, means of defraying expences, &c.

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