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August 8, 2022

Brown County held their CORSA HR training seminar last week! Commissioners Tony Applegate, Barry Woodruff, and Daryll Gray attended the seminar lead by Stephanie Schoolcraft of Fishel Downey Albrecht and Riepenhoff LLP and CORSA's own Frank Hatfield.

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John Joseph Steinberger Jr., former Champaign County Commissioner, passes away at 88

On July 29, John Joseph Steinberger Jr., 88, of St. Paris, Ohio passed away at Springfield Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his family.

John committed virtually his entire life to public service, starting with his service in the US Army during the Korean War. Among his many roles after the war were adjust instructor at Clark State College, Chief of the Division of Weights and Measures for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Executive Director of the Ohio Rural Development Partnership, Champaign County Commissioner, Chairman of the Champaign Soil and Water Conservation District, and Treasurer of the Graham Community Foundation.

He is survived by his five, five children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Sixth round of Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program awarded

On August 5, Governor Mike DeWine announced the recipients of the sixth round of awards through the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program. The program, funded through state-level ARPA dollars, is intended to give local law enforcement additional tools to address violence, including addressing staffing concerns.

The sixth round distributed $5.7 million to 16 agencies across the state, including four county entities:

- Clark County Sheriff's Office ($639,691)
- Mercer County Sheriff's Office ($110,641)
- Summit County Prosecutor's Office ($764,983)
- Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office ($495,152)

Last week's awards bring the total distributed to local governments across the six rounds to $28.7 million out of the $58 million allocated for the program. Thus far, about $9.7 million has gone to county entities.

Pratt promoted to Claims Representative

Please join us in congratulating Curt Pratt on his new job title and responsibilities with CORSA. Curt has taken on additional job responsibilities since CORSA's conversion to the Origami Risk insurance software. Due to his thorough claims work and commitment to customer service he is being promoted to the position of Claims Representative.

We are glad to have Curt as a member of our CORSA claims team.

Congratulations Curt!

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!

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SERB releases 2022 Health Insurance Report

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) released its 2022 Health Insurance Report last week. The report is the result of surveying all Ohio Public Employers regarding various aspects of health insurance, plan design, and cost for government entities. It presents an objective and accurate depiction of the health insurance environment in the public sector.

You can access the report here.

Questions regarding the report should be directed to Justin Brown (Justin.Brown@SERB.ohio.gov, (614) 466-1122) at SERB.

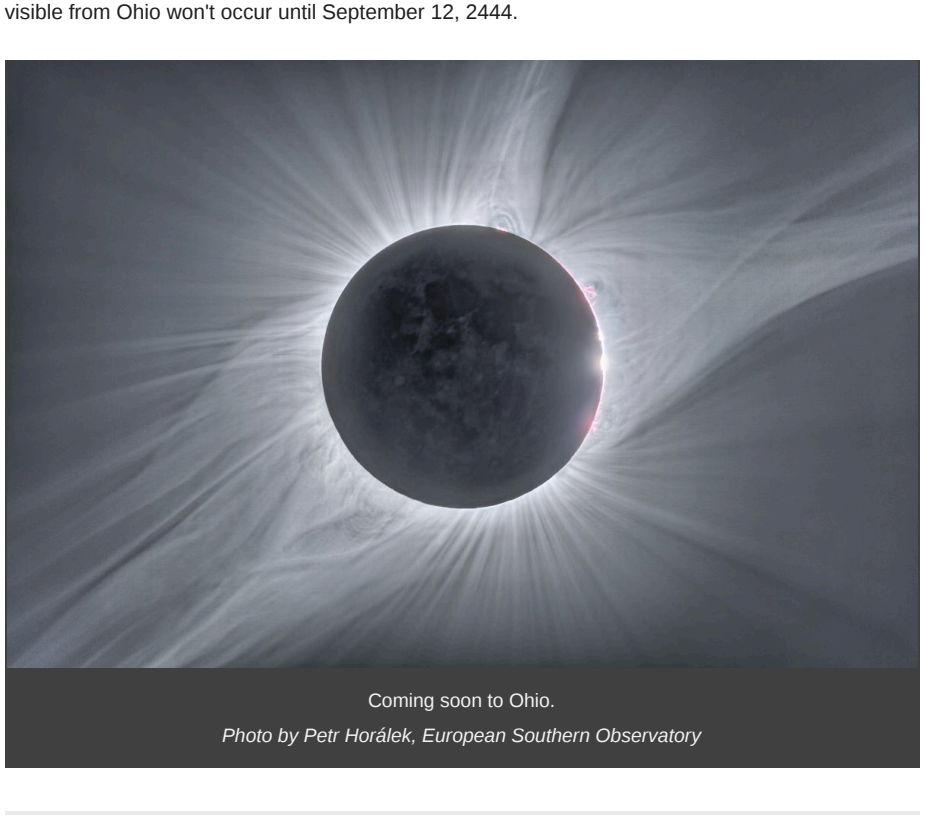
Ohio EMA provides update on April 2024 Solar Eclipse

When the state of Ohio was just three years old, a total solar eclipse was visible within the state. On April 8, 2024, this natural phenomenon will happen again.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency recently gave a presentation to members of a number of local government groups, including CCAO, about the planning the state is undergoing to prepare for the event, which will likely draw visitors from across the country. A PDF of the presentation can be found here, and a recording is available here.

CCAO encourages counties to begin coordinating with their county emergency management agencies to help plan for the influx of visitors that the eclipse will bring.

The April 2024 eclipse is more than a once-in-a-lifetime event, as the next total solar eclipse visible from Ohio won't occur until September 12, 2444.



Coming soon to Ohio.
Photo by Petr Horálek, European Southern Observatory

ODJFS co-hosting August tax credit forums for small businesses

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is co-hosting five regional forums throughout the state in August to explain how small businesses can earn tax credits through the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program. The WOTC program offers a federal tax incentive for employers that hire individuals from targeted groups, including veterans, public assistance recipients, restored citizens, individuals with disabilities, and others.

"We encourage small businesses to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about this program," said ODJFS Director Matt Damschroder. "WOTC tax credits lower tax bills dollar for dollar. Applying is simple, and there is no limit to the number of new hires who may qualify."

The tax credits range from $2,400 to $9,600, depending on the target group. Since October 2021, ODJFS has certified more than 100,000 WOTC applications. As a result, thousands of Ohio employers have received more than $240 million in tax credits.

The forums will be led by Ohio WOTC Program Administrator BJ Knutson and a representative from the Internal Revenue Service Stakeholder Liaison Office. The forums are free, but space is limited. To register for any of the sessions below, please email CL.SL.Area.3@irs.gov.

WOTC Regional Forums
Columbus: Aug.10 – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Linden Branch, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Meeting Room 1, 2223 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211

Cleveland: Aug. 11 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Parma-Snow Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Conference Room A and B, 2121 Snow Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

Toledo: Aug. 17 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Oregon Branch, Lucas County Public Library, Conference Room A, 3340 Dustin Road, Oregon, Ohio 43616

Cincinnati: Aug. 24 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Pleasant Ridge Branch, Cincinnati Public Library, Meeting Room, 6233 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

New Philadelphia: Aug. 31 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Tuscarawas County Public Library, Meeting Room, 121 Fair Ave. NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

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Application window for the Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program's second round opens

The second round of the Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program is now open, with the Office of Criminal Justice Services accepting applications through September 8. A training webinar regarding the program will be held August 10. While it is not mandatory, it will provide helpful information on how to best prepare an application. Registration can be completed here.

Grant funds can be used for any of the following:

- Body-worn cameras (dashboard cameras are excluded) and related hardware and software for officers who regularly interact with the public
- Video storage mechanisms such as servers or cloud service
- Redacting software/service
- Editing/tagging software
- IT costs to support the program
- Consultant fees for camera programming and storage setup
- Maintenance and support fees
- Contract/consultant for programming/installation, training, technical assistance
- Personnel costs

More information regarding the grant program, and other public safety grant programs, can be found here.

Registration open for OHPELRA's Fall Training

On September 16, the Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA) will host its fall training session in Lancaster.

The event will feature three sessions: "How to Implement a DE&I (diversity, equity, and inclusion) Program", "DE&I Best Practice Panel Discussion", and "Coaching Others to Coach".

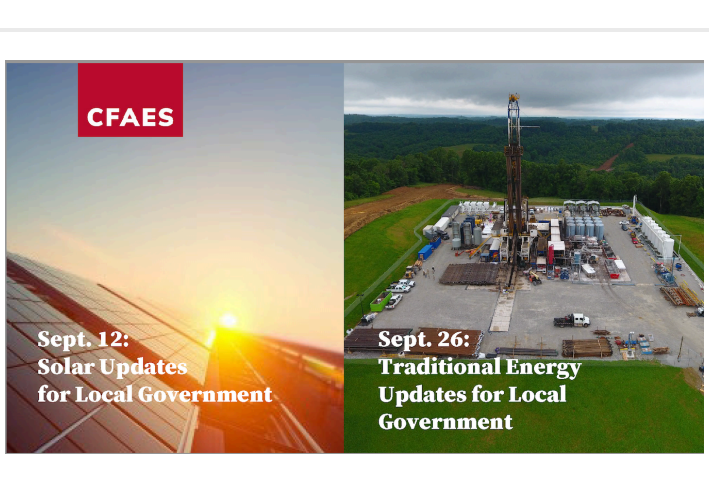
Registration can be completed at OHPELRA's website and is $175 for OHPELRA members and $275 for non-members.

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.



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.

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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.

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.

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:

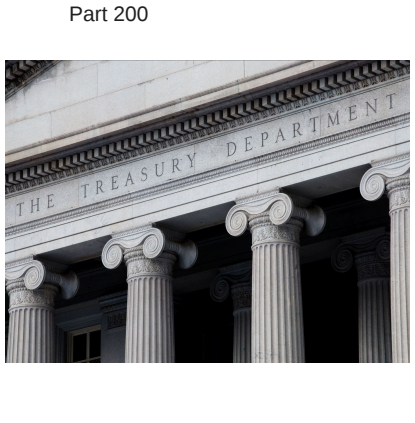
US TREASURY WEBINAR ON REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS
National Association of Counties and US Treasury
Webinar recorded April 21, 2022
Join NACo for a review of the Treasury Department's webinar on reporting guidelines and compliance requirements for the Coronavirus 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 allocate $3.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds
Times Reporter, August 1, 2022
Commissioners have allocated more than $3.3 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to a variety of public and private groups around Tuscararawas County.

The money can be used to respond to the negative economic impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on households, small businesses and non-profits, or industries like tourism, travel and hospitality.

It can also be used to offset revenue losses directly related to the public health emergency and make necessary improvements in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

The county received about $17.8 million in funding.

Ritter discusses local gas prices
The Marietta Times, August 5, 2022
Commissioner Kevin Ritter spoke during Thursday morning's meeting of the Washington County Commissioners of concerns of local residents regarding the increased gas costs in the county.

He said he wanted to publicly respond to phone calls and social media inquiries about the subject.

"Anyone who has traveled outside the immediate area the past three weeks knows that Marietta gas prices are significantly higher than just about any other community in our area. Over the course of the past three weeks, I have filled my tank no fewer than four times in Caldwell," he said, noting there was a 80 to 90 cent discount per gallon on what he would have paid in Marietta.

"As you all know, Caldwell is just 20 miles up the road and no harder for the fuel resupply trucks to reach than our own community. I am certainly not an expert on the petroleum market, but I am a consumer, and I am tired of paying gas prices that are 25 to 30 percent higher than in the neighboring community," he said.

Montgomery County offers license reinstatement program for those who owe child support
Dayton Daily News, August 3, 2022

People in Montgomery County whose driver's license is suspended due to not paying child support can take advantage of a program this month to get it back.

August is Child Support Awareness Month, and the Montgomery County Child Support Enforcement Agency is giving parents a chance to pay one month of back support instead of the usual three months that are required to get a driver's license reinstated.

On top of getting their license back, a person can also get resources to help ensure they don't get behind again, said Sarah Fields, Montgomery County's assistant director for Child Support. The office provides services like employment resources. and co-parenting resources like mediation.

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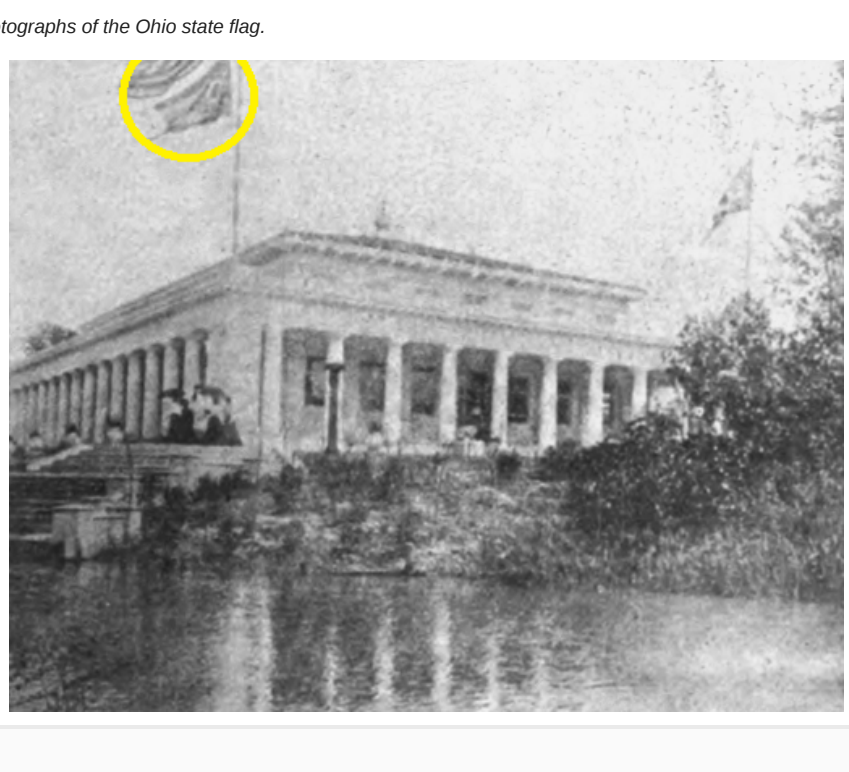
Ashtabula County

In 1901, Cleveland architect John Eisenmann was commissioned to design an exhibition hall for Ohio at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, NY. As part of his design, he developed a flag to fly over the building.

The next year, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives William S. McKinnon of Ashtabula County, also a member of the Ohio Pan-American Exposition Commission, introduced a bill to make Eisenmann's design the official state flag.

Below: The Ohio Building at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition. The photo, by the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society (now the Ohio History Connection), is one of the earliest photographs of the Ohio state flag.



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