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Brownlee named to the County Reinsurance Limited Board of Directors

Congratulations to John Brownlee, CORSA Managing Director! John was recently elected to serve on the County Reinsurance Limited (CRL) Board of Directors. CRL is the reinsurance pool that CORSA utilizes for its property and casualty coverages. To be recognized by his peers from across the country is a great honor, as it reflects John's level of professionalism and expertise with county risk pools.

Congratulations again, John!

Registration open for the 2022 CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference

Registration is now open for this year's CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, held December 7 to 9. The theme for this year's conference is Innovation and Inspiration to Shape Ohio's Future.

While the schedule has not been finalized yet, session topics will cover a variety of topics important to counties, such as jail funding, the Appalachian Grant Program, a grant writing seminar, and more.

Additionally, 170 tickets to the Columbus Blue Jackets game on December 7 at 7:30 p.m. are available for free courtesy of MS Consulting. Tickets to the game against the Buffalo Sabres are available on a first come, first serve basis.

More information about the conference and links to register and reserve hotel rooms are available on the CCAO website.

County review of FCC broadband mapping data open

The broadband data mapping project by the Federal Communication Commission is now open for review by local governments to ensure its accuracy. The maps created from this data are a key factor in the distribution of more than $40 billion in federal grants through the end of 2023. The accuracy of these maps is of vital importance to ensure that federal funds are allocated to communities where they will have the greatest impact.

Counties are encouraged to review and submit corrections no later than December 1 to ensure that any corrections are made before allocations are made under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

More information about the challenge process is available on the FCC's website and a one-page summary of the process produced by the FCC.

If you have additional questions, please contact Seamus Dowdall, Associate Legislative Director. Telecommunications & Technology, for the National Association of Counties. You can reach him at sdowdall@naco.org or 202-942-4212.

Amstutz, Honeck quoted in LGF article

Earlier this month, Wayne County Commissioner Ron Amstutz and CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Jon Honeck were quoted in an article published by the Ohio Capital Journal regarding the Local Government Fund.

As restoration of the LGF has been a priority in CCAO's platform for the last several years, CCAO is appreciative of the attention this issue is garnering in the media.

You can read the article here.

Approved purposes for OneOhio opioid settlement dollars

As a reminder, the first payment of the OneOhio Distributor Settlement (McKesson, Cardinal, AmerisourceBergen) was sent to participating local governments in July. 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 each local government received. CCAO also created an Excel sheet (available here) that organizes the payment amounts by county.

Settlement dollars must be spent according to the approved purposes found in the Ohio Abatement Strategies in Exhibit A of the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding. The Ohio Abatement Strategies can be found here.

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 you have questions, please contact CCAO Outreach & Member Engagement Manager Rachel Massoud Reedy at rreedy@ccao.org or 513-543-3723.

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National Association of Counties offering promotional deals for Cybersecurity, High Performance leadership academies

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is offering a promotion deal for its Cybersecurity Leadership Academy and its High-Performance Leadership Academy.

NACo is offering a Buy One, Get One Free deal for enrollment in the Cybersecurity Leadership Academy. If a county enrolls one leader at the $1,995 price, a second attendee will receive a 100% scholarship to join the cohort. The academy is a 12-week online program led by leading cyber security experts. As the need for cybersecurity increases, whether it be attacks on county databases or elections, CCAO recommends that counties take advantage of this opportunity.

NACo is also offering a scholarship for first attendees to the High-Performance Leadership Academy. The academy makes existing leaders better and your emerging (next generation) leaders ready to address the growing complexity of county business. The normal price is $2,995 but if the leader is the first attendee from your county the price is reduced to $1,000. Additional discounts will be made to subsequent attendees if a county elects to send multiple.

Please consult this list to see if your county is eligible for the discounted enrollment in the High-Performance Leadership Academy.

Ohio Council of County Officials endorses statewide Issue 1 and Issue 2

Last week the Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) formally endorsed both statewide ballot issues up for a vote in November. OCCO released the following statement:

"The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) recently endorsed State Issues 1 and 2 and called for their passage on the November 8th General Election ballot.

"County elected officials from across Ohio have come together to support State Issues 1 and 2 because their passage will promote safer communities and commonsense voting protections," said Jill Thompson, OCCO President and Athens County Auditor. "Ohio voters have big decisions to make on November 8th, and it is important that county officials add our collective voice to the growing list of supporters for these two issues."

State Issue 1 will ensure that Ohio courts can once again consider public safety when setting bail. Local judges, with input from both the prosecution and the defense, are in the best position to make decisions regarding bail. Passage of Issue 1 will empower local courts to make these determinations, leading to safer communities and helping to protect victims of crime.

State Issue 2 would bar noncitizens from voting in Ohio local elections. The state constitution requires that all voters be citizens of Ohio and the United States to vote in state and county elections. Issue 2 would further clarify that citizenship be a requirement to vote in local municipal elections. This is a commonsense requirement that ensures that all elections in Ohio are decided by Ohio citizens."

Note: While CCAO is a member of OCCO, the CCAO Board of Directors has not taken a position on either statewide issue. Endorsement by OCCO should not be interpreted as endorsement by CCAO.

URGENT: Department of Rehabilitation and Correction requires input regarding T-CAP program participation

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) administers the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) grant program. This grant provides funding to counties who volunteer and agree to participate in the program and who submit Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) pursuant to ORC §2929.34 and §5149.38 that indicate their willingness to participate. In FY22/23, 58 counties volunteered to participate. Of those 58 counties, 22 counties also chose to include non-violent, non-mandatory, non-sex Felony 4 offenses along with non-violent, non-mandatory, non-sex Felony 5 offenses. Additional information about T-CAP, including funding levels for FY22/23 can be found here: https://drc.ohio.gov/tcap.

In preparation for the FY 24/25 state biennium operating budget, ODRC is seeking input regarding which counties intend to participate in the T-CAP grant program during FY24-25 in order to determine the correct amount of funding to request from the general assembly to support the T-CAP grants. ODRC is respectfully requesting that counties provide an email response from one person authorized to respond on behalf of the county to DRC.BCSgrants@odrc.state.oh.us by **Friday October 21**, 2022 with the following information:

County:
FY24/25 T-CAP participation (choose only one):
{ } YES Felony 5 T-CAP
{ } YES Felony 5 and Felony 4 T-CAP
{ } NO

A county's response to this request is for budget planning purposes only and will not obligate the county to participate in T-CAP during the FY 24/25 biennium. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and response. Should you have any questions, please contact BCS Chief Chris Galli at: Christopher.galli@odrc.state.oh.us.

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CCAO will be posting notifications of pertinent grants in this section. Additional grants can be found on the Grants and Funding Opportunities page on the CCAO website. We recommend you keep an eye on this page since it will be updated frequently and is a permanent fixture as opposed to this Counties Current section which changes weekly.

Application window for $50 million in jail project funding is open

The Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (DRC) has opened the application window for $50 million in jail project funding that was included in the most recent capital appropriations bill.

Applications will be evaluated through a process similar to that used for projects funded under the prior capital budget, with one notable change. The question regarding cost per bed will no longer be a "scored question" but it will still be considered for projects intending to expand a jail's housing capacity.

The application can be found here, as well as the announcement letter and an OBM guide on allowable capital expenditures.

CCAO recommends that all counties apply for funds through the program. Even if you consider it unlikely your county will receive funding through the program, applying shows the Dewine-Husted Administration the overwhelming need for jail funding and will help the Association lobby for more funding in the future.

In addition to the $50 million discussed above, there is a total of $575,000 available for designated jails identified in HB 687. A funding guide will be sent directly to these recipients from DRC.

The application deadline for the $50 million pool is November 30, 2022.

NOTE: the application PDF states that the deadline is October 30, 2022. This is an error; the deadline is November 30.

If you have any questions about the grant program or would like to discuss issues with your county jail that may not be covered by these funds, please contact Legislative Counsel Kyle Petty at kpetty@ccao.org or 614-220-7977.

Wellness for public safety employees event to be held on October 28

On October 28, the Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA) is hosting an event focused on the wellness of public safety employees at the Dublin Community Recreation Center in Dublin. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will feature four sessions:

- Why Public Safety Wellness Matters
- A panel with first responders
- Wellness Initiatives that Work
- Resilient Leadership

Registration is $175 for OHPELRA members and $275 for non-members. You can register for the event at OHPELRA's website.

State departments to host November webinar regarding elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has partnered with the Ohio Attorney General's Office (OAG) Elder Justice Unit, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Office of Adult Protective Services (APS), and the Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services (OCAPS) to host a webinar concerning best practices for keeping older Ohioans safe from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The webinar will be held on November 10 from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

This webinar will be valuable to care managers, case workers, health and safety staff, incident management staff, and quality improvement staff. The goal of the webinar is to improve understanding of the issues regarding elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Ohio, and to better understand the warning signs, reporting requirements, and resources. Best practices on how care coordinators and managed care plans can collaborate with APS will be shared.

Speakers include, Adriana Pust, Incident Manager, ODM; Heidi Turner, Section Chief, APS, ODJFS; Sylvia Pla-Raith, Director of Elder Justice Unit - Consumer Protection Services, OAG; and Natasha Pietrocola, Cuyahoga County Department of APS, Chair of Ohio Coalition for APS.

While elder services does not always receive the same level of attention as children services, it is a vital component of the human services programs that counties are responsible for. CCAO highly encourages counties register employees for this valuable webinar.

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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.

Ohio Ethics Commission issues statement regarding stimulus funds

Last week the Ohio Ethics Commission released a statement ensuring that public officials are aware that stimulus funds, such as those received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act and the funds that communities will receive under Governor Mike DeWine's Appalachian investment program, are public funds and that conflict of interest laws must be observed.

To that effect, the Commission also recirculated its Advisory Opinion No. 2009-006, issued in 2009 regarding stimulus funds made available to governments under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. It provides a more in-depth examination of potential conflicts of interest with stimulus funds, including a discussing regarding vendors.

CCAO encourages members refamiliarize themselves with this Advisory Opinion and conflict of interest laws to ensure good stewardship of ARPA and Appalachia funds.

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:

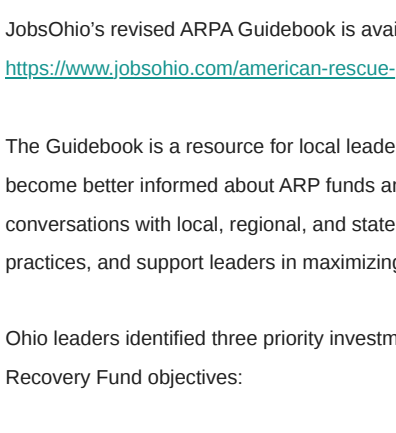
US TREASURY WEBINAR ON REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS
National Association of Counties and US Treasury
Webinar recorded April 21, 2022
Join NACo for a review of the Treasury Department's webinar on reporting guidelines and compliance requirements for the Coronavirus 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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Each week Counties Current highlights the happenings in our counties in the words of their local media. One county from each of the CCAO's five districts is highlighted.

Northwest District
Allen County opens door to credit payments
LimaOhio.com, October 11, 2022
Allen County is expanding its payment options at various locations. The Allen County Commissioners have assigned Treasurer Krista Bohn to oversee the financial transaction project.

The project entails obtaining a new device for the departments within Allen County including the Auditor, Coroner, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, County Engineer, Sheriff, Commissioner, Prosecutor and Treasurer. Each department will have the option to pursue a third pay option of credit.

As the treasurer's office seeks to find a new payment vendor, Allen County opened the door to the possibility. The project will allow Allen County offices to choose it if they feel it is necessary at this time. As of now, the Treasurer, Sheriff, Prosecutor, and Clerk of Courts plan to move forward with the payment option.

Northeast District
Lake County participates in FEMA-evaluated simulated attack at Perry Nuclear Power Plant
News-Herald, October 11, 2022
Over 500 local officials, including the Lake County commissioners and Lake County Sheriff's Office, recently joined in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness, Full Participation, Plume Exposure Pathway Hostile Action Based Exercise for the Energy Harbor Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

According to Commissioner John Hamercheck, the county is fortunate to have such a professional and dedicated planning team.

"The expertise displayed by our Emergency Management Agency, local police and fire, health district, county sheriff, and many more, is second to none," he said. "This year's HAB, along with our nationally recognized virtual drill completed in 2020, clearly shows our commitment to emergency preparedness in Lake County."

Central District
Marion Co. Commissioners set Beaver-Seckel ditch hearing for Nov. 16
Marion Star, October 12, 2022
Due to an error in calculating assessments, the Marion County Commissioners had to restart the process of approving a ditch rehabilitation project.

Now that the error has been corrected, the commissioners have scheduled a public hearing regarding the Beaver-Seckel Ditch #506 project for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the commissioners chambers at the Marion County Building, 222 W. Center St. in downtown Marion.

During the Nov. 16 hearing, representatives of the Marion County Engineer's Office will present all plans, maps, profiles, schedule of estimated assessments, and a report on the Beaver-Seckel Ditch #506 project.

Southwest District
Montgomery County Coroner's Office hub for disaster preparedness, autopsy services
Dayton Daily News, October 10, 2022
The Montgomery County Coroner's Office has become a regional hub that serves nearly half the counties in the state and has the capability to be a command center if a mass fatality disaster happens anywhere in Ohio.

The coroner's office showed its mass fatality event tents and trailers to area law enforcement and local officials last week, demonstrating the ability to assist in a disaster with many deaths if one would take place in Montgomery County. The coroner's office has collected the units over a period of years, Montgomery County Coroner Dr. Kent Harshbarger said, and much of it hasn't been deployed as a large-scale fatality event hasn't happened.

"It's forward-thinking to be prepared," he said. The cost of the disaster units was paid for with funding from state and national grants.

Southeast District
Commissioners approve funding for online resource database in Jefferson County
WTOV9, October 13, 2022
Jefferson County Commissioners approved an ARPA request from the Educational Service Center to create an online database that would help Jefferson County residents.

"The vision with this is to develop the Jefferson County Resource Database. And it's actually going to be a website, and we're also going to have it as an app you can put on your phone," said Beth Rupert-Warren from the Jefferson County ESC.

It's what she believes is a great way to give residents more access to resources they may not even know are available.

"We're literally going to have an inventory of all the resources of Jefferson County. So, it's going to be everything from transportation to healthcare, utility assistance, important documents. Where do you go to get a birth certificate?" Rupert-Warren said.

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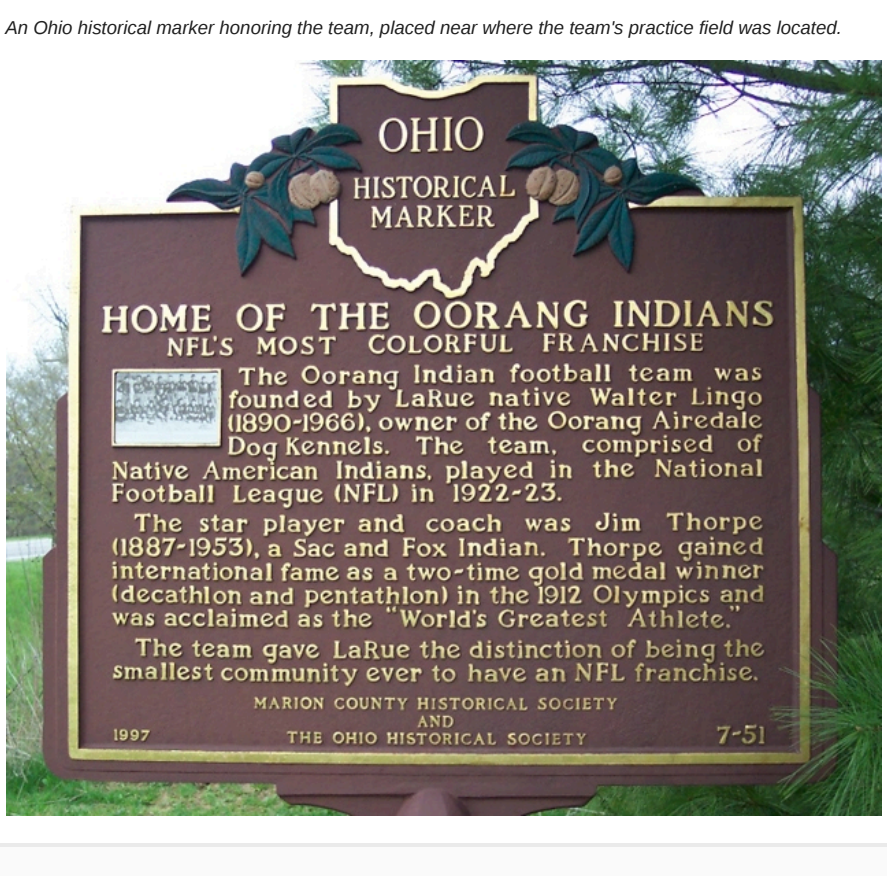
Marion County

The Oorang Indians, an NFL team active from 1922-1923 and based out of the Marion County village of LaRue, was composed entirely of Native Americans. Future Hall of Fame honoree Jim Thorpe was its coach and star player. While professional sports teams typically include a placename in their name (i.e., the Cincinnati Bengals or the Cleveland Guardians), "Oorang" was not a location but rather the name of a series of dog kennels owned by Walter Lingo, the owner of the team. He founded the team (along with a barnstorming basketball team) as a way to promote his dog kennels.

Two future Professional Football Hall of Famers played for the Indians: Jim Thorpe and Joe Guyon.

An Ohio historical marker honoring the team, placed near where the team's practice field was located.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HOME OF THE OORANG INDIANS
NFL'S MOST COLORFUL FRANCHISE
The Oorang Indian football team was founded by LaRue native Walter Lingo (1890-1966), owner of the Oorang Airedale Dog Kennels. The team, comprised of Native American Indians, played in the National Football League (NFL) in 1922-23.
The star player and coach was Jim Thorpe (1887-1953), a Sac and Fox Indian. Thorpe gained international fame as a two-time gold medal winner (decathlon and pentathlon) in the 1912 Olympics and was acclaimed as the "World's Greatest Athlete."
The team gave LaRue the distinction of being the smallest community ever to have an NFL franchise.
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