June 17, 2024

Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Adams County Commissioner Diane Ward at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Adams County Business and Training Center.

Also in attendance were Ward's fellow Adams County Commissioners Barbara Moore and Kelly Jones, State Senator Terry Johnson, Director of Agriculture (and former Adams County Commissioner) Brian Baldridge, and former Adams County Commissioner Paul Worley.

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Seven Ohio counties receive NACo Achievement Awards

Last week, NACo released the winners of 2024 NACo Achievement Awards. Seven Ohio counties brought home 25 awards, with Ashtabula County, Cuyahoga County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, Montgomery County, Summit County, and Warren County all receiving recognition. The number of awards and the award categories each was honored under are listed below.

- Ashtabula County (1): Children & Youth
- Cuyahoga County (1): Human Services
- Franklin County (6): Children & Youth; Civic Education and Public Information; Human Services; and Personnel Management, Employment, and Training
- Hamilton County (8): Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation; Children & Youth; Criminal Justice & Public Safety; and Human Services
- Montgomery County (5): Children & Youth; Health; Human Services; and Information Technology
- Summit County (3): Criminal Justice & Public Safety; Human Services
- Warren County (1): Children & Youth

Ohio counties have received more than 180 NACo Achievement Awards since 2009, with Human Services being the most-received category.

Congratulations to all the award recipients!

CCAO Summer Symposium: Registration Open!

Join us for the CCAO Summer Symposium 2024, set amidst the serene beauty of Hocking Hills. This year's event promises to deliver relevant and timely sessions, foster valuable relationships across the state, and align with our 2024 President's vision: "Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow, Stronger Counties, Stronger Ohio."

Register now!

If you haven't attended a CCAO Summer Symposium since its inception in 2022, we invite you to register at a discounted rate. Contact Tim Hoverman at thoverman@ccao.org to see if you qualify and learn how you can save 25% off the registration fee.

Early Bird Registration: $249 (until July 19)

Standard Registration: $295 (after July 19)

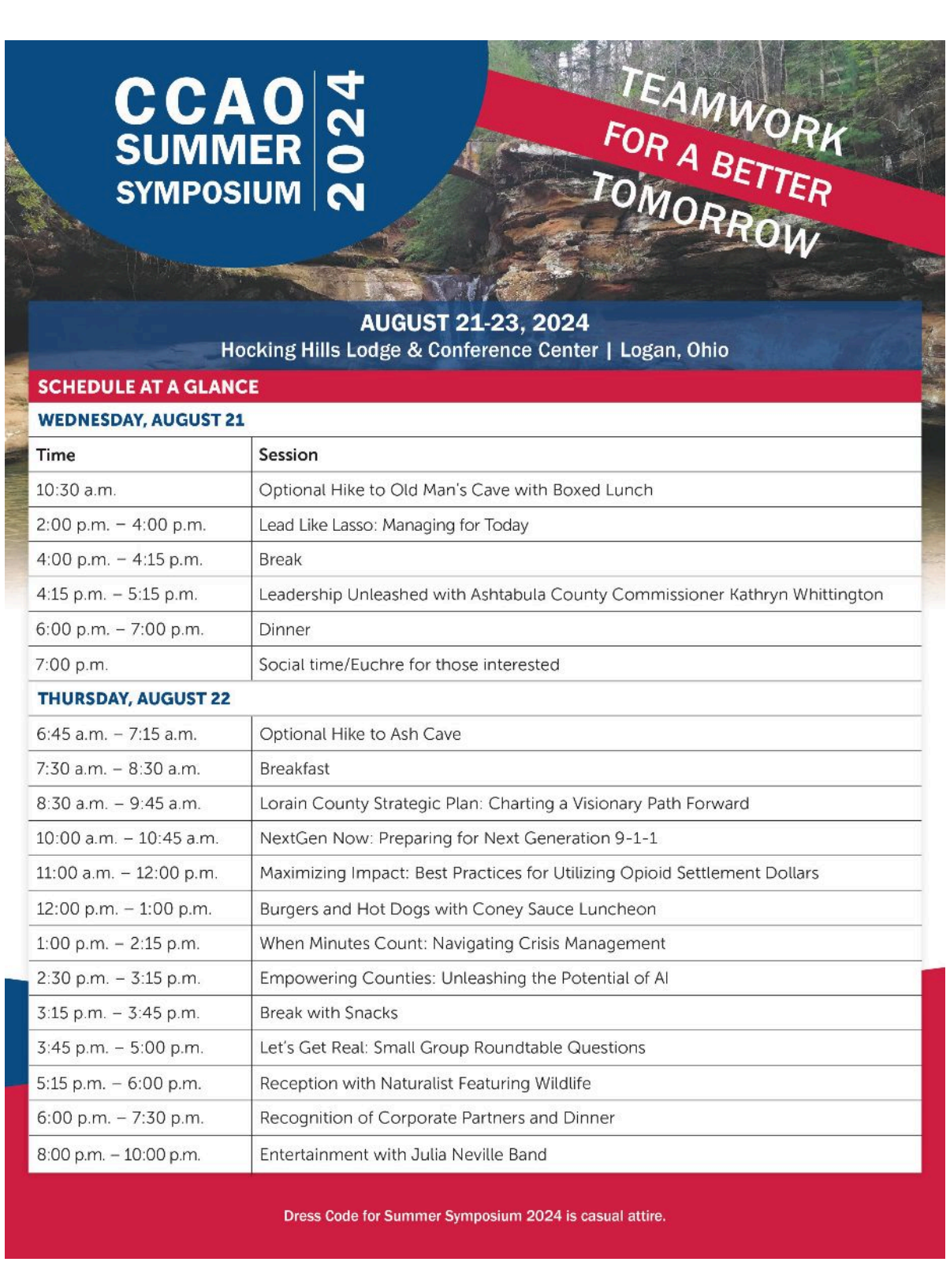
Reserve Your Room:

To book your room, call 1-800-282-7275 and mention the CCAO Summer Symposium block or use Block Code #1017E3. A deposit for the first night's room, taxes, and fees is required at the time of reservation. This deposit is fully refundable up to 72 hours prior to arrival. Cancellations made within 72 hours of arrival will incur a no-show fee.

Room Rate: $107 + tax and fees (available until July 19, 2024)

Note: Rooms are limited, so reserve yours today.

You can view the current agenda below (click to enlarge)!



CCAO SUMMER SYMPOSIUM 2024

TEAMWORK FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

AUGUST 21-23, 2024
Hocking Hills Lodge & Conference Center | Logan, Ohio

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

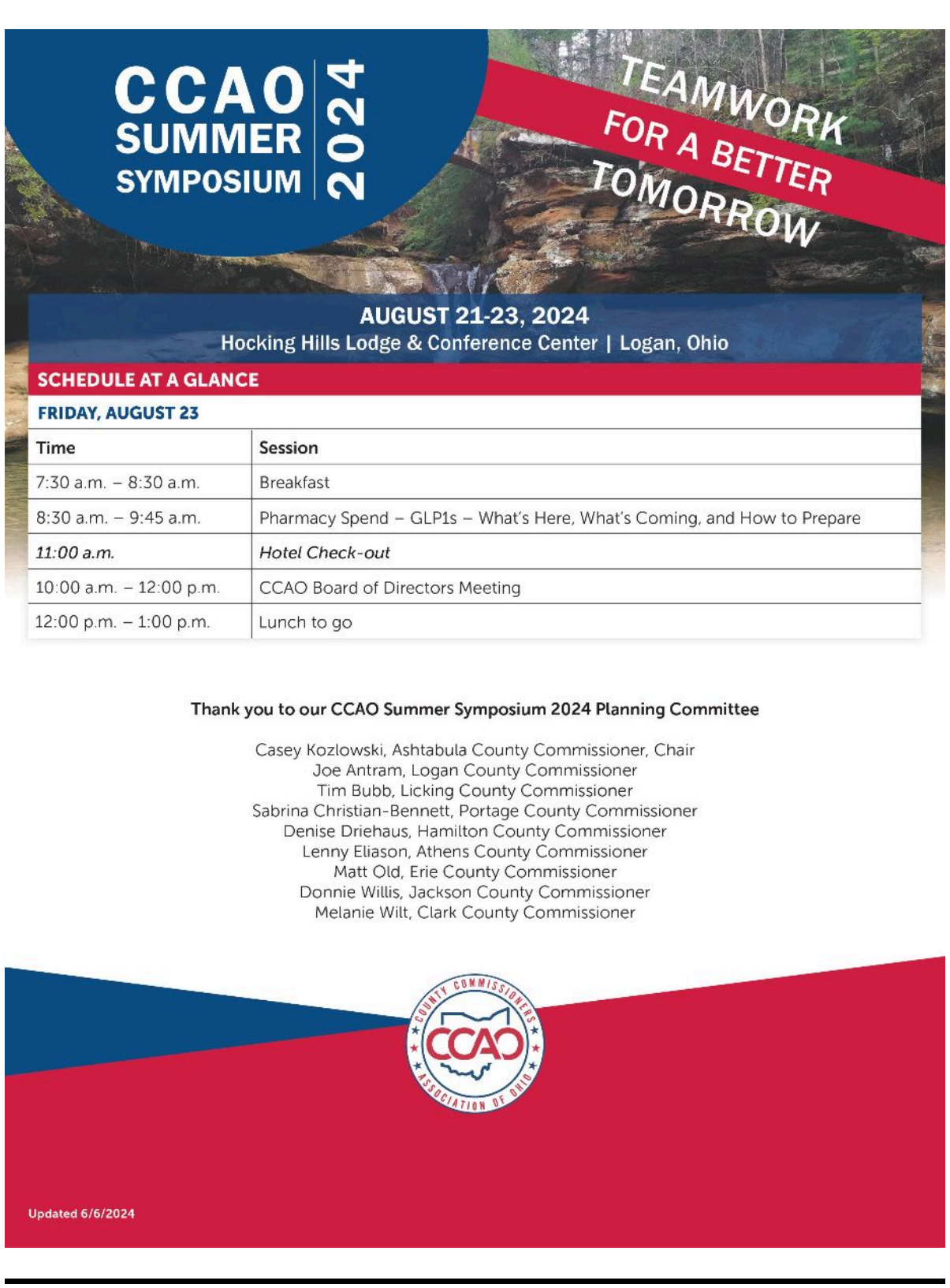
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Time	Session
10:30 a.m.	Optional Hike to Old Man's Cave with Boxed Lunch
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Lead Like Lasso: Managing for Today
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Leadership Unleashed with Ashtabula County Commissioner Kathryn Whittington
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Social time/Euchre for those interested

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Time	Session
6:45 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.	Optional Hike to Ash Cave
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Lorain County Strategic Plan: Charting a Visionary Path Forward
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	NextGen Now: Preparing for Next Generation 9-1-1
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Maximizing Impact: Best Practices for Utilizing Opioid Settlement Dollars
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Burgers and Hot Dogs with Coney Sauce Luncheon
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	When Minutes Count: Navigating Crisis Management
2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Empowering Counties: Unleashing the Potential of AI
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Break with Snacks
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Let's Get Real: Small Group Roundtable Questions
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Reception with Naturalist Featuring Wildlife
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Recognition of Corporate Partners and Dinner
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Entertainment with Julia Neville Band

Dress Code for Summer Symposium 2024 is casual attire.



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Time	Session
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Pharmacy Spend – GLP1s – What's Here, What's Coming, and How to Prepare
11:00 a.m.	*Hotel Check-out*
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	CCAO Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch to go

Thank you to our CCAO Summer Symposium 2024 Planning Committee

Casey Kozlowski, Ashtabula County Commissioner, Chair
Joe Antram, Logan County Commissioner
Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner
Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Portage County Commissioner
Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Commissioner
Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner
Matt Old, Erie County Commissioner
Donnie Willis, Jackson County Commissioner
Melanie Wilt, Clark County Commissioner

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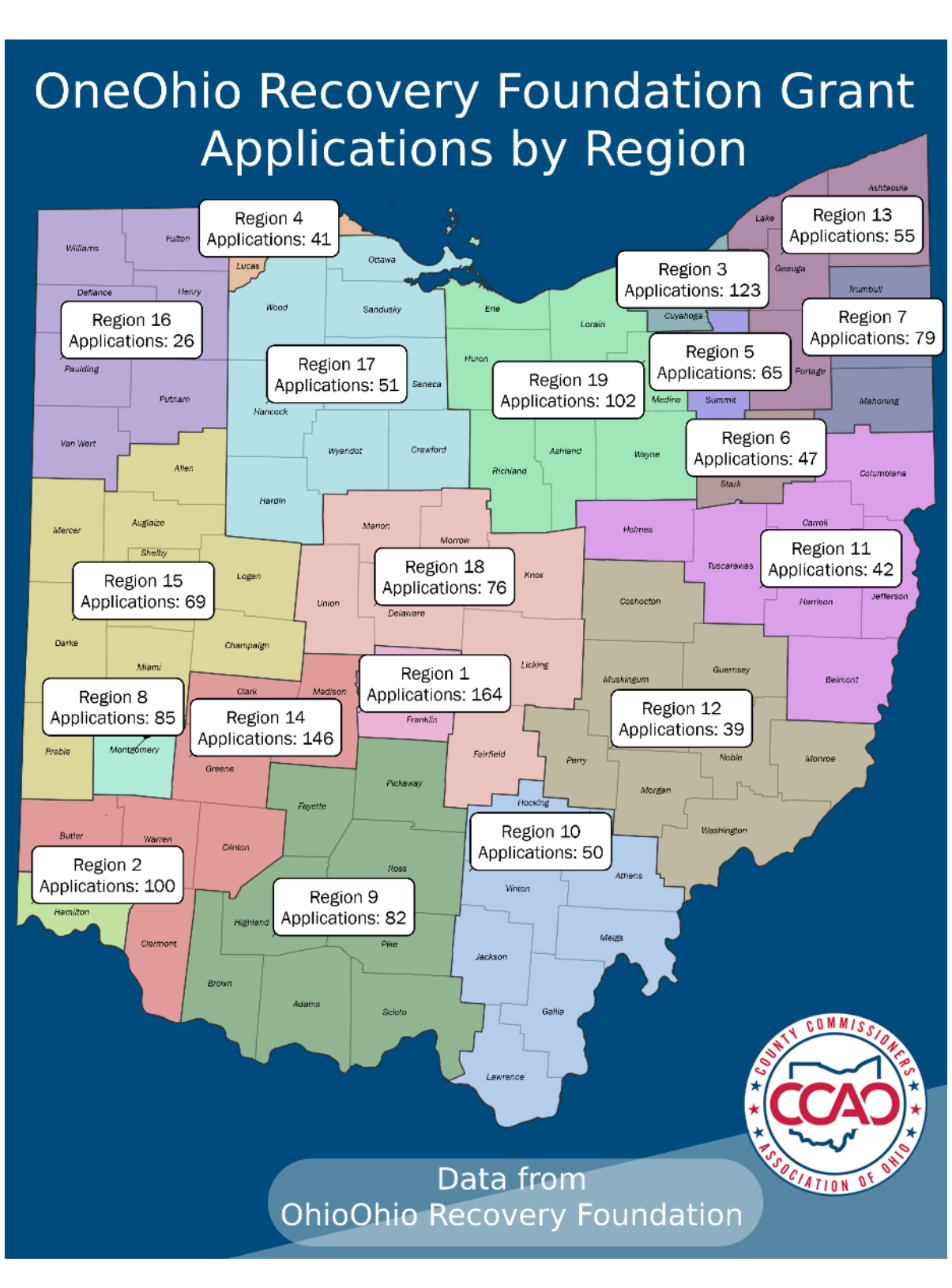
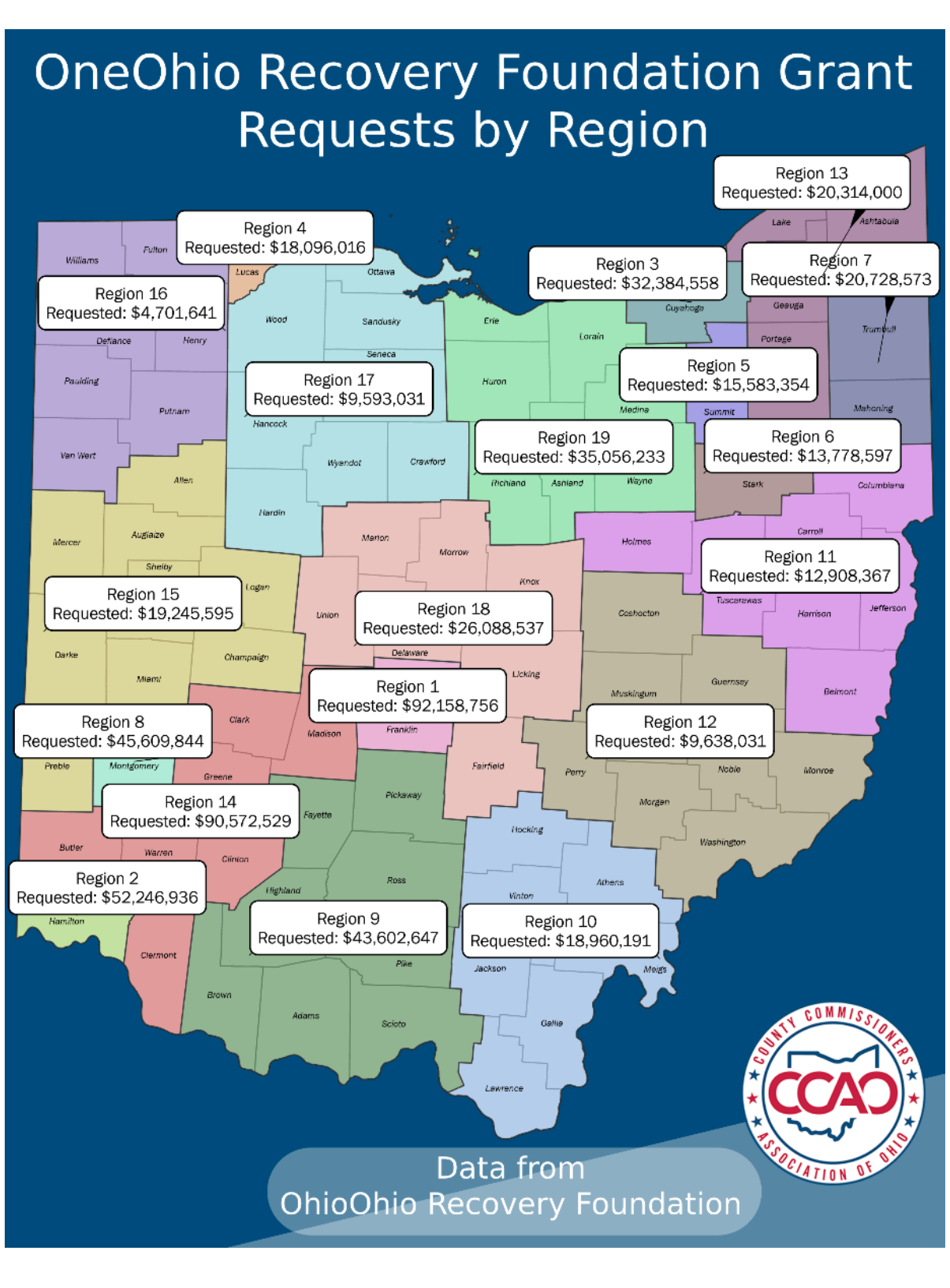
OneOhio Recovery Foundation grant process update

At last week's OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board meeting, the Foundation shared an update on the applications submitted for the $51 million available in this initial funding cycle. A total of 1,442 applications were submitted by 777 different organizations. The total amount requested in this funding cycle was $581 million. Nearly 400 of the proposals submitted requested $100,000 or less. Approximately 38 percent of the proposals seek to serve multiple OneOhio regions. Maps showing the number of grants requested and the total requested amount by OneOhio region are included below.

As of last week's meeting, six OneOhio regions were actively reviewing grant applications and the remaining 13 regions were preparing their grant review committees to begin the review process. If you have questions about the grant process, please contact the Foundation at info@oneohiofoundation.com.


OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Applications by Region
Region 4 Applications: 41
Region 13 Applications: 55
Region 3 Applications: 123
Region 16 Applications: 26
Region 7 Applications: 79
Region 17 Applications: 51
Region 19 Applications: 102
Region 5 Applications: 65
Region 6 Applications: 47
Region 11 Applications: 42
Region 15 Applications: 69
Region 18 Applications: 76
Region 1 Applications: 164
Region 8 Applications: 85
Region 14 Applications: 146
Region 12 Applications: 39
Region 10 Applications: 50
Region 2 Applications: 100
Region 9 Applications: 82
Data from OhioOhio Recovery Foundation


OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Requests by Region
Region 13 Requested: $20,314,000
Region 4 Requested: $18,096,016
Region 3 Requested: $32,384,558
Region 7 Requested: $20,728,573
Region 16 Requested: $4,701,641
Region 17 Requested: $9,593,031
Region 5 Requested: $15,583,354
Region 19 Requested: $35,056,233
Region 6 Requested: $13,778,597
Region 11 Requested: $12,908,367
Region 15 Requested: $19,245,595
Region 18 Requested: $26,088,537
Region 1 Requested: $92,158,756
Region 8 Requested: $45,609,844
Region 12 Requested: $9,638,031
Region 14 Requested: $90,572,529
Region 2 Requested: $52,246,936
Region 9 Requested: $43,602,647
Region 10 Requested: $18,960,191
Data from OhioOhio Recovery Foundation

NACo releases new resourse on ARPA obligation changes

NACo has released a new resource that provides an overview of changes that the US Department of Treasury has made regarding obligation guidance for state and local ARPA funds. The resource, accessible here, provides additional clarification on personnel expenses, reclassifying funds, and subrecipients.

NACo has also been working with Treasury to secure release of guidance regarding the ARPA reporting process for counties that have a population greater than 250,000 and that received more than $10 million in ARPA funds. CCAO will keep members informed when the latter becomes available.

State Public Defender drops reimbursement to 78%

As a reminder, the Ohio Public Defender recently issued a memo to inform stakeholders in the indigent defense system that the agency will lower the reimbursement rate for the beginning of State Fiscal Year 2025 (beginning on July 1) to 78%.

The memo notes that, through the 11 months of SFY 2024, average monthly submissions have totaled $17.6 million, with three months where the monthly reimbursement submissions have exceeded $18 million.

CCAO has met with OPD to discuss what is driving the increase in monthly submissions and how to best carry out the recommendations of the Task Force to Study Indigent Defense which met earlier this year. The Association will keep membership informed as we learn more.

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Visit the Grants and Funding Opportunities page on the CCAO website for a detailed listing of open grant programs.

CCAO to host housing webinar next Wednesday

On June 26 (next Wednesday), CCAO will host a webinar concerning how counties can help spur housing developments in their communities. The webinar, "The County Role in Housing Development: Finding Opportunities and Overcoming Barriers," will provide an overview of statewide market conditions for housing development and how to build successful public-private partnerships in housing.

Local and state elected officials, community stakeholders, private developers, and employers all are grappling with the state's recognized lack of high quality, workforce-attainable housing options. Ohio has been winning more than its fair share of large and small projects, but Ohio communities are now realizing they need solutions to house the new workers who will fill those hard-earned job creation projects. In some areas, the lack of new housing creates a barrier to economic development.

This webinar will first frame the issue of Ohio's housing market – both positives and negatives – focusing on trends in the construction of new housing units and market conditions in the sale and leasing activity of existing products. We'll then turn our attention to the "How?", "What?", and "Why?" of local communities getting involved in planning, zoning, and other regulatory activities, and fostering housing development transactions to help prime the pump of housing solutions within their markets.

Speakers from the Ohio Realtors Association and Bricker Graydon LLP will discuss tips and tricks of the trade in using successful public-private partnership models to deploy all of the tools at their disposal to solve Ohio's housing shortage.

You can register for the webinar here. If you are unable to register with this link, please contact Nedra Benson, CCAO administrative professional, at nbenson@ccao.org or call 614-221-5627, and provide her with your email address.

Application window for the Single Family Tax Credit changed to monthly windows

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency has revised the application deadline for the Single Family Tax Credit program to accept applications on a monthly basis.

The window for June opened on June 3 and will close on June 28 (the final Friday of the month). The table below shows the windows for the months of June through November.

The Single Family Tax Credit program is a public-private partnership that aims to increase the inventory of affordable, single-family housing for Ohio's growing workforce. The program provides $50 million each year for four years to fill the financing gap to develop or rehabilitate housing in Ohio.

You can learn more about the program at its website.

Round	Application Period Opens	Application Period Closes
June	June 3, 2024	June 28, 2024, at 4 p.m. EST
July	July 1, 2024	July 26, 2024, at 4 p.m. EST
August	August 1, 2024	August 30, 2024 at 4 p.m. EST
September	September 3, 2024	September 27, 2024, at 4 p.m. EST
October	October 1, 2024	October 25, 2024, at 4 p.m. EST
November	November 1, 2024	December 6, 2024, at 4 p.m. EST

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Each week Counties Current highlights the happenings in our counties in the words of their local media. One story from each of the CCAO's five districts is highlighted, and on occasion other stories may be highlighted as well.

Northwest District

Allen commissioners discuss details of new building

LimaNews, June 13, 2024

The Allen County commissioners are close to finalizing plans for the county's new administration building.

The commissioners met with consultants to discuss ceilings, flooring, walls, stairways and doors in the plans in a meeting Wednesday afternoon.

"We're a month or so from being able to post bid specs," Commissioner Beth Seibert said after the meeting.

Commissioners gave details on the $16.9 million project at a February Rotary meeting.

"Every year, what we do is look at the buildings overall and the infrastructure that is in Allen County as far as buildings and properties," Commissioner Brian Winegardner said at the time. "So we have a plan in place to address those, but recently we've discovered that the courthouse needs some work. It is not very user-friendly, not just for the employers but also for the general public."

Commissioners looked at the possibility of installing glass doors and tile or carpet flooring during Wednesday's meeting and weighed the potential cost of each idea with the projected budget, which will be funded by cash provided by the American Rescue Plan Act, avoiding new debt for the county.

Consultants said they can now put together a schedule to talk with door consultants and submit plans to the City of Lima and its zoning committee.

Northeast District

Commissioners establish 'Key to Lake County,' recognize David Anderson as inaugural recipient

News Herald, June 12, 2024

Former Willoughby Mayor David Anderson, who recently retired from his position of executive director for the Lake Development Authority, has been presented with the inaugural "Key to Lake County" in recognition of his "exceptional and unwavering commitment to the betterment of the county."

Recently established by the Lake County commissioners, the award will continue to stand, according to the board, as the "community's highest honor," given to individuals who achieve significant accomplishments and make extraordinary contributions to Lake County.

Commissioner John Plecnik proposed the program with the support of Commissioners John Hamercheck and Richard Regovich.

Additionally, the Key to Lake County will only be awarded after unanimous consent of the commissioners.

"David Anderson is a shining example of the kind of leader and community champion we strive to recognize with the Key to Lake County," Plecnik said. "His tireless work on behalf of Willoughby and our entire county has made a lasting impact, and we are honored to present him with this prestigious award."

Central District

County finishes wastewater treatment plant upgrade at Pleasant View Acres

Knox Pages, June 14, 2024

Pleasant View Acres' wastewater treatment plant upgrade is substantially complete and connected to the system as of June 6.

The contractor, Workman Industrial, started construction in October 2023 and was to substantially complete the work by April 1. That failed to happen, and the contractor has paid $600 a day in liquidated damages since then.

Liquidated damages totaled around $40,000 on the $2.2 million project.

"Liquidated damages stopped last Thursday, and the new system connected last Thursday to the plant. So we are not putting any more water into the lagoons," Jeff Pickrell, director of the Knox County Water/Wastewater District, told the commissioners on Thursday. "I am proud of it. It's really nice-looking. I appreciate you letting us use the ARPA money for it."

The county will consolidate two electric services to the plant.

"I am curious to see what our electric bill will be with the new plant. I think it will be less," Pickrell said.

Pickrell said the transition has been seamless for the 47 houses in the Pleasant View Acres subdivision.

Southwest District

MC Commissioners OK transit buses

Miami Valley Today, June 14, 2024

The Miami County Transit Department is getting three new buses.

The Miami County Commissioners authorized the purchase of three 2025 Light Transit Vehicles (LTV) Ford/Forest River buses at their meeting on Thursday, June 13.

The buses will be purchased from Transportation Equipment Sales Corp., of Oregon, Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Competitive Purchasing Program. The total cost of the three buses is $361,533, which will be paid for through capital grant funds.

The commissioners also authorized Miami County Transit Director Sarah Baker to apply for the Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program grant. Baker said the grant request will be $100,000 associated with operating expenses and $10,000 for equipment and software.

"This is going to be for the 2025 year. Our current buses that we just talked about we were approved for the 2024 year," Baker said.

The commissioners also authorized Baker to proceed through internet auction of five Eldorado Aerotech buses to be sold through GovDeals. The five vans have all incurred over 200,000 miles and are in poor condition.

Baker said with the additions of the new vehicles the department will have 20 buses and one minivan.

Southeast District

Feasibility: County approves letter for State Auditor to conduct study

Marietta Times, June 14, 2024

Washington County took another step down the path to centralized 911 on Thursday morning.

During a Washington County Commission meeting, commissioners approved an engagement letter with the Ohio State Auditor's Office to provide a feasibility study of centralized 911 in Washington County.

The engagement letter also calls the feasibility study a performance audit and states the objective of it is to conduct a "feasibility study of 911 emergency dispatch operation consolidation for Washington County, city of Marietta and city of Belpre, to include analysis of the following: operating environments, organizational structure and staffing levels, equipment and technology, physical location, and a cost-benefit analysis."

During the meeting Commissioner Charlie Schilling said that the county should receive a report on the feasibility study in about six months and asked that everyone comply with timelines for the audit.

The State Auditor's Office confirmed the county requested its Ohio Performance team conduct the feasibility study.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please view the CCAO Calendar for a comprehensive list of events to note.

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Juneteenth - Legal Holiday

JUNE 26
Northwest District Meeting (Hancock County)

JUNE 28
CEBCO Board of Directors Meeting

JULY 4
Independent Day - Legal Holiday

JULY 12 - 16
NACo Annual Conference

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