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ASSOCIATION NEWS

2013-2014 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT

As we begin development of CCAO's 2013-2014 Legislative Program, we are asking for input from county commissioners, county executives, county council members, and our affiliates. This week, a County Legislative Needs Survey was e-mailed seeking your thoughts on issues for the Association to address during the next General Assembly. Please return the attached survey to CCAO by **August 24, 2012**.

This year's survey includes a new section in addition to our traditional format. Specifically, we are asking individuals to denote their top 5 priorities from the current CCAO platform linked below as well as any new ideas you may have in rank order. These responses will help the Association develop its overall strategy. [Click here](#) for a copy of the current CCAO Platform.

CCAO Standing Committees will convene in September and/or October to review survey responses and make recommendations for the CCAO Board of Directors to consider at their November Board meeting. The full membership will take action on the measure at the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference to be held in December.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (614) 221-5627 or (888) 757-1904 or Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, at llong@ccao.org and Cheryl Subler, CCAO Managing Director of Policy, at csubler@ccao.org. We strongly urge your participation in this process, given its importance in establishing the Association's advocacy efforts for the coming two years.

WEBINAR ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND (LGIF) APPLICATIONS ON AUGUST 17

CCAO and the Ohio Department of Development are pleased to host a webinar on Friday, August 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for county governments to more learn about the Local Government Innovation Fund Program (LGIF).

Webinar participants may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the presentation. To take advantage of this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/744368550>

If for any reason you experience difficulty in connecting to the link and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your email address.

CCAO encourages county officials to take advantage of this educational opportunity. Registration for the webinar is free and space is limited, so register early.

The LGIF program consists of \$45 million to be awarded to political subdivisions for projects that promote efficiency, shared services, co-productions, and mergers among local governments. The program consists of \$9 million in grants for feasibility studies and \$36 million in loans for projects. Program eligibility is limited to political subdivisions or groups of political subdivisions located in Ohio.

Award amounts for applicants with collaborative partners are limited to \$100,000 per applicant and \$100,000 for each collaborative partner up to \$500,000. Grant funds will be awarded biannually and loan funds will be awarded quarterly through a competitive and open selection process.

Dates to remember in the Ohio LGIF Round 3 application process include:

- August 17, 2012 – Applications for planning loans are due to the Ohio Department of Development by 5:00 p.m.
- September 4, 2012 - Round 3 (grant and loan) applications are due to Development by 5:00 p.m. There is a new, on-line application form.

For more information about the program, please visit the Department's website at <http://development.ohio.gov/Urban/LGIF.htm>, or contact Nicole Bent (614) 644-6552 or by email at Nicole.Bent@development.ohio.gov

AUGLAIZE COUNTY TO HOST NW DISTRICT MEETING

Join Auglaize County Commissioners John Bergman, Don Regula and Doug Spencer and County Engineer Doug Reinhart for the next Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association Quarterly Meeting to be held on September 17, 2012 at The Grandview Plaza, 913 Defiance Street, in Wapakoneta.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. at The Grandview Plaza. Tours of the Bicycle Museum of America and the Lockkeeper's House and the Whitney Family Museum and Farm Machinery Collection depart at 1:00 p.m. A tour of the newly renovated Auglaize County Courthouse begins at 3:00 p.m. The business meeting begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by a social hour and dinner.

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person for dinner and the meeting. For more information contact Esther Leffel, Clerk, Auglaize County Commissioners, 209 South Blackhoof Street – Room 201, Wapakoneta, OH 45895-1972, (419) 739-6710, fax (419) 739-6711 or eleffel@auglaizecounty.org Registration deadline: August 31, 2012. Cancellation deadline: September 7, 2012.

OPTIONAL GOLF OUTING: Golf will be available at the Wapakoneta Country Club, 18781 SR 501, in Wapakoneta. The shotgun start is at 10:00 a.m. Based upon the number of carts available, the outing will be limited to the first 36 golfers who sign up. Greens fees (includes 18 holes with a cart and a burger/brat at the turn): \$25 per person (payable that day to the country club). Contact the Auglaize County Engineer's office at (419) 739-6520 to reserve your spot.

CCAO STAFF NEWS

BROOKS INAUGURAL RECIPIENT OF THE AGRIP EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

David Brooks, CCAO Managing Director of Property and Casualty Insurance, was awarded the 2012 [Association of Governmental Risk Pools](#) (AGRiP) Award for Excellence in Leadership during AGRiP's Institute for Leadership and Management held in Colorado Springs on August 6, 2012. Brooks, selected from among a number of excellent nominees by a group of seven independent judges, is being honored for leadership that has played a pivotal role in resolving challenges, for providing mentorship which enhanced intergovernmental pooling, and for continued personal professional development. Excellence in Leadership recipients must provide transformative leadership to an AGRiP member pool for at least three consecutive years.



Described as a “connector” who encourages interaction between all of the Ohio Pool CEO's, and an “innovator” having been instrumental in forming several successful Ohio pools, Brooks is noted as embracing new ideas and positioning the pools to meet member need's and industry challenges through coverage language, underwriting and program changes.

CCAO Executive Director Larry Long said, "Dave has been a transformative leader in making both our P and C and Health Pools successful. Dave's creative problem solving and research skills have given him the ability to meet contemporary challenges that meet the needs of counties during times of significant fiscal stress. Many of the initiatives he has implemented here in Ohio are the direct result of his involvement with his peers at AGRiP. I am proud of Dave and believe that he is very deserving of the Award."

Associated with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) since its creation in 1987, Brooks was named its Executive Director in 1995. During his tenure, CORSA has grown from 9 to 63 counties and 17 county-related public entities. CORSA has earned AGRiP Recognition since 2005. Brooks also manages the CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan and Group Retro Rating Plan. Brooks was instrumental in the creation of the County Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) in 2004. Today 25 of Ohio's 88 counties participate in CEBCO which provides coverage for nearly 10,000 county employees and approximately 25,000 insured's.

AFFILIATE NEWS

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

The last three County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) Regional Meetings for 2012 will be held in the following counties:

- **August 24 – Fairfield County** – Fairfield County Commissioners' Office, 210 E. Main Street, Room 301, Lancaster. RSVP your attendance by **AUGUST 20** to JoAnn Sikorski at (740) 592-3219 or jsikorski@athensoh.org
- **September 14 – Ashtabula County** – Old Courthouse, 25 West Jefferson Street – 2nd FL, Jefferson. RSVP your attendance to Theresa Upton at (440) 329-5103 or tupton@loraincounty.us
- **October 12 – Franklin County** – CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus. RSVP your attendance to Lora Redick at (419) 228-3196 or lredick@allencountyohio.com

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. These regional meetings, as well as at the CCAO Summer Seminar and the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, are excellent opportunities for networking. The topics discussed at the regional meetings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates. All meetings will be held on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

CCC/EAPA has a [Yahoo group](#) that is a resource for questions and answers. For more information about the [CCC/EAPA](#), please contact 2012 President Lora Redick, Account Clerk, Allen County Engineer's Office, 1501 North Sugar Street, Lima, OH 45801-3136, (419) 228-3196 ext. 12, Fax (419) 227-2920, or lredick@allencountyohio.com

STATE ACTIVITIES

POSSIBLE SEVERE STORMS NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT

Currently, the severe storms/high winds event on June 29, 2012 is a FEMA Emergency Declaration which allows for emergency activities only. According to the Ohio EMA, FEMA was in Ohio the week of July 30, 2012 to conduct a joint damage assessment in order to verify the local damage assessments each county submitted. If the damages meet the per capita threshold for Ohio, Governor Kasich has the opportunity to request a major disaster declaration. If the status moves to a major declaration and includes public assistance then the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is prepared to apply for a disaster National Emergency Grant (NEG) to assist with the debris clean up and disaster recovery. However, ODJFS will only have a very small

window of time to put an application together and will require a short form application from WIB Area counties within 10 days of the declaration. A NEG Fact Sheet and map of recipient counties impacted is attached to this issue of CIDS.

In order to be prepared, NEG informational workshops focusing on the application process have been scheduled. The last four workshops are listed below:

- August 13, 2012 - 1:00 -3:00 p.m., OSU Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon
- August 14, 2012 – 1:00-3:00 p.m., Guernsey County Jobs & Family Services, 324 Highland Avenue, Cambridge
- August 15, 2012 – 1:00-3:00 p.m., Hocking Athens Perry Community Action Corp. (HAPCAP), 3 Cardaras Drive, Glouster
- August 16, 2012 – 1:00-3:00 p.m., Lima ACCENT One Stop, 1501 South Dixie Drive, Lima

The Workshops are intended for county officials, WIB directors, WIA administrators and managers, fiscal agents, or entities serving as project operators who are interested in requesting funding to operate a Department of Labor-funded Disaster NEG. If your county does not have experience running this type of NEG, we suggest an exploration of the administrative requirements in advance, as they can be quite substantial.

Registration is required for attendance. Please register by contacting Laurie Collins, Disaster NEG Manager, (614) 644-1066 or (937) 597-5510 or Laurie.Collins@ifs.ohio.gov If the emergency declaration does NOT move to the major level, the workshops will be canceled and registered attendees will be notified.

OPERS ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT SPOUSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Rising costs, increased longevity and an increasing number of retirees have made it necessary to consider changes to the health care program available to Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) members.

The latest update to the program is under way, and one of the biggest changes being contemplated by the OPERS Board of Trustees is whether to eliminate access to coverage for spouses of current and future retirees. The result of this cost-control measure would be to preserve access to health care coverage for members who have contributed to the system. OPERS is not required by law to provide health care coverage for its retirees and can only do so after it funds the pension benefit. [Click here](#) for answers to questions on spousal health care coverage.

Statewide member and stakeholder meetings regarding all of the proposed health care plan changes began in June, and OPERS is soliciting member feedback before the Board makes a final decision this fall. Please visit the OPERS website to see the presentations and [take the health care survey](#).

OHIO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND ROUND 3 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Challenging economic times have not reduced the need for local government services. However, resources from the state of Ohio and other traditional sources of revenue are simply not meeting the budgetary needs of local government. Local governments have been forced to look for new and better ways to provide the services their residents rely on.

The Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund (Ohio LGIF) is one such non-traditional funding source provided by the state of Ohio to promote local governments to become more efficient, to collaborate more, merge or provide shared services among multiple local governments.

Award amounts for applicants with collaborative partners are limited to \$100,000 per applicant and \$100,000 for each collaborative partner up to \$500,000. Grant funds will be awarded biannually and loan funds will be awarded quarterly through a competitive and open selection process. The Ohio Local Government Innovation Council awarded \$3.4 million in grants and \$2.9 million in loans to a total of 51 projects at their public meeting on June 1st. About 50% of the Round One applicants did NOT receive an Ohio LGIF award.

Ohio LGIF Round 3 application information is available [here](#). Dates to remember

- August 17, 2012 - Loan planning studies due are due to the Ohio Department of Development by 5:00 p.m. for Round 3 consideration
- September 4, 2012 - Round 3 (grant and loan) applications due to Development by 5:00 p.m. There is a [new, on-line application form](#).

For questions or comments regarding the Local Government Innovation Fund, please contact the Office of Redevelopment at (614) 995-2292 or LGIF@development.ohio.gov

JULY CASINO REVENUE LESS THAN JUNE

Wagering at Ohio's first two casino gambling ventures dropped a collective 8 percent in their second full month of operation, according to numbers released this week by the Ohio Casino Control Commission.



Gamblers wagered a total of \$383.8 million at Hollywood Casino Toledo and Horseshoe Casino in downtown Cleveland in July, down from \$417.8 million in June, the commission reported. Hollywood Casino on the East Toledo riverfront took in \$189.1 million last month, down about 12 percent from \$215.2 million in June, particularly because of a drop in slots betting. Its gross revenue after payouts of \$19.1 million was down more than 6 percent from the \$20.4 million the month before. Horseshoe Casino in Cleveland experienced less of a decline. Total gambling there dropped 8 percent to \$194.7 million in July from \$202.5 million in June and its after-prize revenue declined to \$23.9 million in July from \$26.1 million during its inaugural month.

The tax on the total of \$43 million in after-payouts revenues for the two casinos should be about \$14 million to be distributed according to the constitutionally mandated formula will allocates 51% of the tax, or what would be slightly more than \$ 7 million to counties for the month of July. This revenue will be part of the October 30th distribution from the Ohio Department of Taxation that will cover the months of July, August and September.

Matt Schuler, the casino control commission's executive director, noted that a second-month drop-off was to be expected and that business at the casinos remains brisk but more importantly indicated that, "We need months of data to start making assumptions about the future and where we're going to go."

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FARM BILL REAUTHORIZATION REMAINS IN LIMBO

Congress has left for the August recess without finishing work on the Farm, Food and Jobs bill, which expires on September 30. A five-year reauthorization passed the full Senate and the House Agriculture Committee on a bipartisan basis in June and July, respectively. House leadership did not to bring the House committee passed multi-year reauthorization up for a vote before the August recess. House leadership attempted to pass a one-year extension of the Farm Bill, but that bill was pulled after NACo and many other organizations opposed it.

On August 2 the House passed by a vote of 223-197 a stand-alone disaster assistance package (H.R. 6233) designed to help producers deal with the drought affecting more than half of the nation's counties. However, the Senate did not take up the bill before the recess and is instead pushing for a multi-year reauthorization. The House package costs \$383 million over ten years and will restore livestock indemnity and forage programs that have expired and provide tree assistance by cutting farm bill conservation programs by \$639 million and contributing \$256 million to deficit reduction.

NACo opposed the House's one-year extension because it eliminated mandatory funding for NACo priority programs in rural development, renewable energy and beginning farmer, and rancher development (to see NACo letter [click here](#)). NACo will continue to advocate for passage of a multiyear Farm Bill reauthorization that maintains funding for all titles of the Farm Bill, especially rural development programs. This outcome is still possible if Agriculture Committee leaders are allowed to conference the Senate passed multi-year reauthorization with the House disaster assistance package. Leaders can then create a compromise bill based on the Senate passed bill (S. 3240) and the House Agriculture Committee passed bill (H.R. 6083). For more information, [click here](#) to read the NACo Legislative Bulletin.

Action Needed: Please contact your Member of Congress during the August recess and urge them to pass a multi-year reauthorization of the Farm Bill and to work to support mandatory funding for rural development, beginning farmer, renewable energy, nutrition, and conservation easement programs in any conference negotiations. For more information, contact Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4230 or ejohnston@naco.org

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AGREE TO A SIX-MONTH CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker John Boehner announced Tuesday that they had agreed to a six month continuing resolution (CR) to fund federal agencies through the first half of FY 2013 which starts October 1. The leaders plan to have the CR drafted during the August recess and bring it to a vote in both chambers in September. It sets spending at the \$1.047 trillion level as agreed to in the Budget Control Act. Indicating a lack of appetite for brinksmanship over a potential government shut-down prior to the November elections, leaders will likely tolerate few changes to this year's funding levels.

HOUSE PASSES FIVE-YEAR REAUTHORIZATION FOR BYRNE/JAG PROGRAM

On August 1, the House of Representatives approved The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Reauthorization Act of 2012 (H.R. 6062) by voice vote. The legislation authorizes appropriations of \$800 million annually over the next five years for the Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial JAG program.

Funded at \$470 million in 2012, the program's authorization was set to expire at the end of the fiscal year. However, Congress has readily provided funding for the program and both the House and Senate have proposed \$392 million for the Byrne/JAG Program in FY 2013. The Senate has yet to act on the bill. For more information, contact Dalen Harris, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4236 or dharris@naco.org

USDA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OHIO TO ERADICATE ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE

This week, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability of \$14.8 million in funding to prevent the spread of the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in Ohio. The additional funding will be used to increase tree inspection surveys in order to determine the extent of the infestation and ensure the timely removal of infested trees. The beetle threatens recreational areas, forests, and suburban and urban shade trees. Important American industries such as timber, nursery stock, maple syrup production, and tourism—industries that

support millions of American jobs and pump billions of dollars into our nation's economy—are at risk.

The beetle was discovered in Clermont County (Bethel) in June 2011. Currently, a 56-square mile area regulated to control the pest includes all of Tate Township and a portion of Monroe Township. Due to the recent detection of two infested trees in Stonelick Township, the regulated area will be expanded to include additional properties near this new infestation. To date, USDA and its partners have removed 8,489 trees and surveyed 146,620 host trees in an effort to stop the ALB infestation in Ohio.

Visit www.BeetleBusters.info for more information or to report a sighting. You can also call the ALB toll free hotline at (866) 702-9938. For information about the beetle and program activities, please contact the Ohio ALB eradication program at (513) 381-7180 or log on to www.aphis.usda.gov.

PUBLICATIONS

FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES GUIDE

The Obama Administration recently released [Federal Resources for Sustainable Rural Communities](#), which is a guide to federal programs that can assist rural counties in their local efforts to promote economic development and protect the environment. The publication is a joint effort of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities and profiles programs at USDA, DOT, HUD and EPA and provides examples of rural communities utilizing federal programs.

SEMINARS/WEBINARS

ANAEROBIC DIGESTION TRAINING COURSE

The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and OSU Extension will host a first-of-its-kind training course about anaerobic digestion, a waste-management process that livestock farms and wastewater plants increasingly are using to produce biogas, a type of renewable fuel. The “Anaerobic Digestion Training Course” will be held on September 6-7, 2012 at OARDC’s Shisler Conference Center, 1680 Madison Avenue, in Wooster. Development of this course was funded in part by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Education Fund.

Registration fee: \$250 (includes all materials, a continental breakfast, lunch and snacks on both days). Registration deadline: August 31. Class size is limited to 25 participants. To register, send your name, affiliation, address, phone and fax numbers, and email address to Mary Wicks, OARDC/OSU, Administration Building, 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, OH 44691, (330) 202-3533 or wicks.14@osu.edu. To download a brochure [click here](#).

2012 GIS CONFERENCE

The 2012 GIS Conference “Making Ohio Spacial” will be held on September 19-21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. This year’s conference includes the latest education and technical sessions, workshops, map gallery, and trade show. Plan on attending the conference if your GIS activities involve cities, counties and/or state agencies. Join the largest gathering of federal, state, local and private industry GIS professionals, developers, and partners in Ohio.

Registration fees: \$249 – full registration, \$199 – speaker attending conference, \$120 – student, or no charge for speaker (no meals). [Click here](#) for registration and conference information.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Historical Museum & Center Director	Wood County Commissioners Applications accepted until position is filled
Business & Technology Services Supervisor	Seneca County JFS Applications accepted until position is filled
County Administrator	Lucas County Commissioners August 10, 2012
Assistant Sanitary Engineer	Tuscarawas County Commissioners August 23, 2012

Disaster National Emergency Grant (NEG) Fact Sheet

Background

Disaster NEGs are discretionary funds issued to states by the United States Department of Labor as authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) in section 173(d). To qualify for NEG funding, a Major Disaster Declaration must be declared by FEMA and include debris removal activities, category (PA). The Ohio Department of Job & Family Services is the applicant and grant recipient for disaster NEG funding and passes the awards to Local Area Workforce Investment Boards.

Purpose of Disaster NEG

The purpose of disaster NEGs is to hire crew members to assist with providing food, clothing, shelter, or other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims, or help with demolition, deconstruction, cleaning, repair, renovation, and re-construction of public structures, facilities, waterways, and lands within the declared disaster area. Often, crews funded by disaster NEG dollars will remove the debris deposited during the disaster from public lands and waterways. Access to the public area can be made through private property; however a Right of Entry is needed from the property owner. Clean-up activities cannot be accomplished on private ground.

Eligible Sub-Grantees

Local Area Workforce Investment Boards can apply for funding from ODJFS if they are included in the FEMA declaration. The process includes submitting an initial budget within 10 days of the declaration followed by a detailed application. Areas may serve as project operators, may pass funds to counties to operate the project, or may procure contractors to perform the clean-up activities. Services must always be procured

competitively as per federal, state, and local policies.

Eligible Workers

Eligible workers must have lost their jobs/homes due to the disaster, be dislocated workers, returning veterans, or long-term unemployed as defined by unemployed or underemployed for 15 weeks out of the last 26 weeks. The workers are employed by the local areas or their sub-recipients or vendors and may work for up to six months or 1,040 hours on grant-related duties. People interested in applying for a temporary job to assist with disaster clean-up in an approved county should contact the local One-Stop Center. A list of local One-Stop Centers can be found online at: <http://jfs.ohio.gov>.

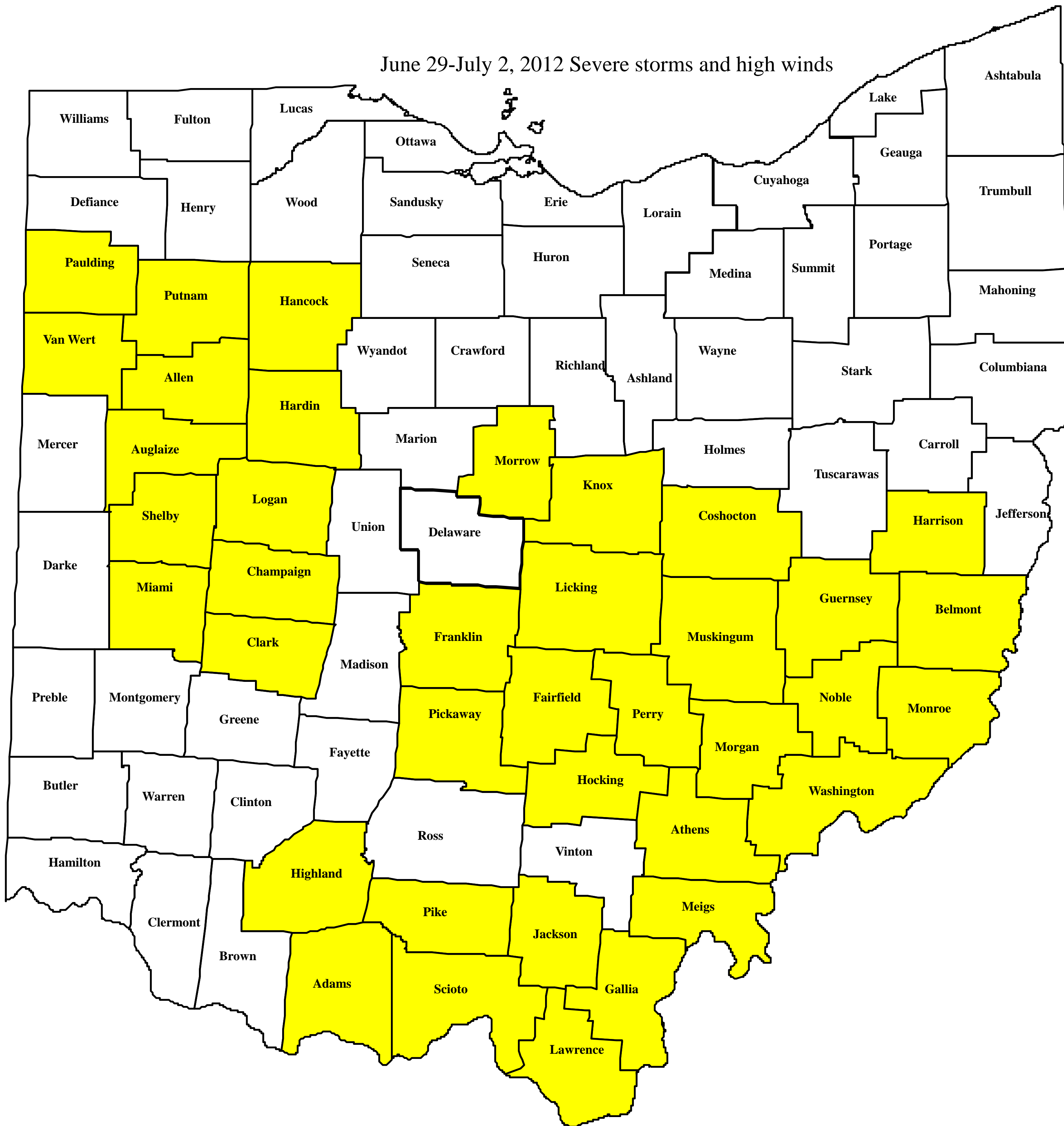
What the Grant Funds

NEG funds are allowable for crew member wages, fringe benefits and personal protective equipment, i.e. boots, hardhats, hi-visibility clothing and safety training. Funds may also be used for wages and fringe benefits for staff, i.e. supervisors, coordinators and administrative support. Staff are not considered temporary and do not have to meet the same hiring requirements of crew members. Hand tools, chain saws, ropes, chains, and other supplies are allowable costs. Funds for equipment such trucks, transport vans and heavy equipment for debris removal must be approved by the Department of Labor prior to lease or purchase.

For More Information Contact:

Laurie Collins, Disaster NEG Manager
614-644-1066 / 937-597-5510
Laurie.Collins@jfs.ohio.gov

June 29-July 2, 2012 Severe storms and high winds



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