Next steps for the state budget

The Senate has yet to confirm when they will return to address the veto overrides passed in the House, however they do have a couple “if needed” session dates for Wednesday, August 16th and Wednesday, August 23rd. The first official session date on the fall calendar is Wednesday, September 20th. We continue to hear that the members of the Senate are supportive of an override on the veto of the MCO proposal that aimed at addressing counties and transit authorities’ lost MCO sales tax revenue.

The policy team is working to compile a comprehensive overview of all the items included in the budget that will affect counties. In the interim, we’ve put together a short document that highlights some things that may interest you.

CCAO budget briefing & voting equipment expo

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!

**August 14**
CCAO Voting Equipment Expo
9 AM to 4 PM
Camp Perry Lodging and Conference Center
1000 Lawrence Road – Bldg. 600, Port Clinton

**September 12**
CCAO Budget Briefing/Voting Equipment Expo
8 AM to 4:00 PM
Olde Dutch Restaurant
12791 OH-664, Logan

**August 28**
CCAO Budget Briefing/Voting Equipment Expo
8 AM to 4:00 PM
Warren County Administration Building
406 Justice Drive, Lebanon

**September 18**
CCAO Budget Briefing
8 AM to 1:00 PM
Wood County Administration Building
One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green
T-CAP program grant application due by August 21st

This week DRC released the grant documents for the T-CAP program. The application deadline is AUGUST 21 at 8:30 AM. It is important to note that this will be the ONLY OPPORTUNITY for a VOLUNTARY COUNTY to apply for a FY 2018-2019 T-CAP grant and the grant will run from Sept 2017 through June 30, 2019. TARGET COUNTIES (the ten largest counties) MAY apply NOW for both years of the biennium or WAIT until April/May of 2018 to apply for FY 2019 when they are required to participate. The chart included in the T-CAP grant announcement indicates the maximum amount of money a county can be awarded for the two-year biennium. Also, note that the prohibition from sending the T-CAP target population of F5 offenders is not effective until JULY 1, 2018, or the beginning of FY2019.

The grant application is to be submitted electronically to DRC and is in the form of an MOU that is signed by the board of commissioners and the court of common pleas administrative judge along with the sheriff and an official of any municipality operating a local correctional facility to which the common pleas court would sentence offenders under the grant proposal. The grant description indicates that the grant is intended to provide funding for community correction alternatives and not to solely provide funding to incarcerate offenders, therefore, the grant should not plan to allocate more than 50% of the grant funds received on jail incarceration.

If you have questions, please contact John Leutz at jleutz@ccao.org or 614-220-7994

Meeting regarding T-CAP to be held Tuesday August 8

CCAO Members are urged to attend a meeting hosted by the CCAO General Government and Justice and Public Safety Committees regarding the T-CAP program. The meeting will be held at the CCAO office beginning at 11:00 AM on Tuesday August 8.

Chris Galli, the Director of DRC’s Bureau of Community Sanctions which is responsible for administering the T-CAP grant program will be present to discuss the program and answer questions regarding the grant application, application process, MOU required to be submitted with the grant, allocation of funding, how reimbursement to the county for housing T-CAP individuals in the county jail is to work, along with other general information regarding the concept of community corrections and community corrections programs.
Lunch will be provided after the meeting so we ask that you RSVP by August 1\textsuperscript{st} to Mandi Fuerst at mfuerst@ccao.org.

**National Association of Counties Conference**

NACO’s 82\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Conference and Exposition starts today and its right in your backyard! CCAO staff will be volunteering at various events and we’re looking forward to seeing all the great things Franklin County has planned. Hope to see you there!