I am always excited to travel the state and meet community leaders during our Regional Roundtable events. Thank you to all of you that participated in the events in Cuyahoga Falls and Lebanon. You can find registration information for our two remaining in-person events this summer – tomorrow in Bowling Green and next Wednesday in New Boston – and an opportunity to participate in the virtual version of the event later this month below.

If there are other ways that OBM can help connect you to, or navigate through state resources, please contact us.

There are two more in-person opportunities to join us for the 2022 Regionals Roundtable - Dollars and Sense. Come and get an update on the state budget and learn about funding opportunities and available grant resources!

Representatives from the Office of Budget and Management, Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Public Safety will share how each agency is investing in Ohio and will provide information on funding opportunities and resources available to local governments.
This interactive session will provide the opportunity for discussion and to ask questions. Register to attend one of the last two in-person sessions through Eventbrite:  https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ohio-office-of-budget-and-management-29707574469

Cannot make it to the in-person event? Click here to register to attend the virtual session.

Ohio Business Matchmaker Event

Registration for the Ohio Business Matchmaker is now open. This business-to-government contracting event will be a great opportunity for local governments to meet with small businesses of all socioeconomic certifications. Government buyers may register for free. This event is one of the largest attended matchmaker events in the Midwest. It will be held in person July 13 and 14 at the Wright State University’s Nutter Center in Dayton, OH.

Since 2006, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Ohio Department of Development have partnered to connect suppliers to city, county, state, and federal agencies, and large prime contractors seeking to buy from small businesses, including MBE/EDGE, minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, 8(a), and HUBZone-certified businesses.

More details regarding the matchmaker and registration are located at OhioBusinessMatchmaker.com

Ohio EPA to Offer Grant Writing Workshops

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is hosting free grant writing workshops to support potential grant applicants. These interactive workshops consist of two parts, “Finding the Right Funder” and “Writing a Winning Proposal.”
Attendees will learn how to research to find the best funding sources for their needs, as well as learn tips and tricks for writing a compelling application.

Dates and locations for the upcoming workshops:

- Tuesday, August 16 in Canfield, Ohio.
- Thursday, October 6 in Zanesville, Ohio.

Ohio Department of Transportation Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Information

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has created a website to provide information about transportation related discretionary grant opportunities included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), sometimes referred to as the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

The site transportation.ohio.gov/bil contains information on current and upcoming funding opportunities with a downloadable guide containing detailed information on discretionary grant opportunities.

Information included in the guide will be updated as more details are released by the federal funding agencies.

30-Day Extensions for Entity Registration Renewals
Last month, the new Unique Entity ID generated in SAM.gov became the official, governmentwide identifier used for federal awards. The U.S. General Services Administration has indicated there will be an automatic, 30-day extension for any existing SAM.gov entity registrations needing to be renewed with an expiration date ranging between Friday, April 29, 2022, and April 28, 2023.

No action is required on the part of entity registrants for an extension. Each impacted registration renewal will have 30 days added to their expiration date. Entity administrators impacted by this change will receive an email from samadmin@sam.gov with the subject line “30-Day SAM.gov Extension Granted for [Entity Name/Unique Entity ID/CAGE].”

If you need assistance with SAM.gov, please contact the Federal Service Desk at FSD.gov.

2022 OMB Compliance Supplement Released

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has released the 2022 Compliance Supplement, which provides a road map that auditors must follow when performing a Single Audit.

This supplement can be a great tool for grant recipients as it outlines the audit process and the compliance requirements that auditors will be testing.

For recipient of ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds there may be an alternative to a single audit if both of the following are true:

- The local government has less than $750,000 in federal award spending other than ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, AND
- The local government received less than $10 million in ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Rather than having a single audit, recipients that meet both of the above criteria can engage a practitioner to perform a compliance examination. The focus of the examination would be to evaluate the allowable use of funds. Any additional information that we receive from the Auditor of State will be passed along in future Ohio Connect$ articles.

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government Second Tranche

On June 10, the U.S. Treasury published distribution guidance to States on the second tranche to eligible NEU local governments. There is no application process to receive the second tranche. If you received the first tranche, you will receive the second tranche of funding in the next few weeks, in the amount of your first payment plus the subsequent redistribution amount. Per U.S. Treasury guidance, those that did not apply for the first tranche are not eligible for the second tranche.

To view the amount your entity will receive, see our website at: https://grants.ohio.gov/Documents/Funding_Opportunities/ARPA/ARPA_Non-Entitlement_Allocations_Distributions_2022-05-13.pdf.

The Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) replaced the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) in April and is a 12-character (alpha-numeric) code that uniquely identifies all entities. Many local governments who had their DUNS active in SAM.gov prior to April 4, 2022 were
automatically assigned an UEI. If your local government did not have your DUNS number active with SAM.gov by the April 4, 2022 deadline, then you will need to obtain a UEI. If you are not sure if you have an UEI, log in to SAM.gov using your email address and Login.gov password and do the following:

- Click on “Search” from the header menu
- Expand “Selected Domain”, then select “Entity Information”, then “Entities”
- Use keywords & filters in the search box to locate your entity
- If there is a registration for your entity, it will appear in the search results
- If you do not have an UEI, you should process a ticket to obtain one

Note: SAM.gov is the official free, government-operated website for the management of government awards. There is NO charge to register or maintain your entity's information in SAM.gov.

OBM may be reaching out soon to local governments to obtain UEI information or validate contact information. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Ohio Grants Partnership at grants@obm.ohio.gov.
If you have any comments or suggestions regarding Ohio Connects, we would like to hear from you. Please e-mail diane.hare@obm.ohio.gov.

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