MESSAGE FROM OBM DIRECTOR KIMBERLY MURNIEKS

We know that applying for federal funding is complicated. OBM is here to assist you in navigating this process and the federal compliance requirements. Eligible local governments are encouraged to apply for grants as they are posted by our state agency partners. OBM is working to keep you informed as these opportunities arise and will help support where necessary in this process.

Please check the grants website, https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx for the latest information. You can always reach our grants team at grants@obm.ohio.gov.

2022 Regional Roundtable: Dollars and Sense

Join us for 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 four in-person events through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ohio-office-of-budget-and-management-29707574469
On April 27, the U.S. Department of Treasury published a set of answers to frequently asked questions related to the final rule for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act. The Final Rule FAQ can be located at SLFRF-Final-Rule-FAQ.pdf (treasury.gov). This document is designed to help recipients understand and apply the final rule. The Final Rule FAQ also added a Uniform Guidance section which includes federal procurement requirements. Answers to frequently asked questions that are unique to the interim final rule remain available at SLFRPFAQ.pdf (treasury.gov). The Final Rule became effective on April 1.

For overall information about the program, please see the Treasury website at Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds | U.S. Department of the Treasury.
Violence Against Women and Justice Assistance Grant Funding Opportunities

The Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) recently released two opportunities for funding to combat violence against women and prevent crime overall.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) program assists local governments and non-profit community-based organizations in administering justice for, and strengthening services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Funds must be used to develop effective responses to violence against women through activities that include direct services, crisis intervention, transitional housing, legal assistance to victims, court improvement, and training for law enforcement and courts.

The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program supports local and state agencies to prevent and control crime based on the needs and conditions of the jurisdiction. Projects support drug task forces, school resource officers, drug, veteran and mental health courts, correction projects, and justice technology initiatives. JAG funds provide seed money to establish new and promising programs that improve the criminal justice system.

A webinar to review the application processes for these programs is scheduled from 10-11:30 a.m. on May 16.

For more details, visit the OCJS website at: http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/

First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Funding Opportunity

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Emergency Management Agency released the application for the Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Grant Program on May 5, 2022. The application is available on the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s website and the deadline to submit an application is June 17, 2022, at 5 p.m. Eligible subrecipients include:

- First Responder agencies which includes Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS, or Public Safety Answering Point / Multi-Agency Dispatch Center
- A unit of local government (city, county, township, or village) that has legislative autonomy, jurisdiction, and authority to act in certain circumstances
- State agencies

A training webinar for the grant will take place on May 13 from 11 a.m. to noon. The training will provide information helpful for both the application preparation and review process. Interested parties can register for the webinar at https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8308524909329326860.

For technical assistance, contact that Ohio Emergency Management Agency at (614) 306-8461 and ask to speak to the grants coordinator.
System for Award Management (SAM) Update

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. To continue to help users during the transition, 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. 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].”
What is the Ohio Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)?

The Ohio Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC) prepare local businesses to compete for government contracts by connecting companies with opportunities at the federal, state, or local levels. PTAC services include helping companies find and analyze opportunities, position themselves to respond to those opportunities, and understand contract clauses and compliance. Whether companies are new to the government marketplace or are veteran contractors, PTAC is their local resource.

The Ohio PTAC provides statewide coverage through regional centers hosted by Ohio University, Rhodes State College, and Youngstown State University. There is also a regional PTAC in Southpoint. All PTAC services are confidential and offered to clients at no cost.

Basic PTAC services include:

- Free daily bid-matching service to help companies find opportunities.
- Market research on agencies, competitors, primes, and potential teaming partners.
- Proposal preparation, direction and review.
- Developing a government contracting pipeline (resources/relationships)

For more information and to find a PTAC office near you, visit find.govcontracts.ohio.gov.

Ohio Business Matchmaker is Back as In-person Event

Small businesses will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with government buyers at the local, state, and federal levels as the 2022 Ohio Business Matchmaker returns as an in-person event.

The largest small business-to-government contracting event in the state will be July 13 and 14 in the Nutter Center on the campus of Wright State University in Dayton.

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.

Watch for more details, including registration information, coming soon at OhioBusinessMatchmaker.com.

Subscribe to Updates from the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library

The Ohio Governor's Imagination Library is a fantastic program, providing books to all Ohio children from birth to age five through a partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The program publishes an electronic newsletter every month highlighting recent news. Sign
up to receive the newsletter and please encourage caregivers in your community to enroll children. All kids in Ohio are eligible and the program is available at no cost to Ohio families.

Subscribe to the Governor's Imagination Library newsletter at: OhioImaginationLibrary.org/subscribe

Share the news about the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library and its newsletter with those in your community!

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*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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