Ohio
The Ohio Grants Partnership
Local Government Update
April 29, 2021
Ohio Connect Webinar Series

Welcome to today’s session. We will begin soon.

Ask a question
Local Government Update
April 29, 2021
Ohio Connect$ Webinar Series
Housekeeping Items

- To ask questions, use the “Ask a question” option on the right side of your screen.
- Time limitations may prevent all submitted questions from being answered, but we will answer as many as possible.
- Submit additional questions to grants@obm.ohio.gov.
- Technical issues? Try leaving the event then returning to it. That solves most technical issues.
- Thank you for attending. Be sure to visit grants.ohio.gov and sign up for our newsletter.
Governor’s Executive Budget
Local Provisions
Ohio’s Budget Planning Process

**July**
OBM issued budget planning guidance to agencies

**Summer/Fall**
Agencies met with stakeholder groups to gain insights

**October 14**
Agency budget requests were due to OBM

**February 1**
Governor’s Executive Budget submitted to the General Assembly – “Blue Book” unveiled

**February**
Budget Bill introduced, OBM budget testimony in House Finance

**Feb – March – April**
House budget hearings, subcommittee hearings; House substitute bill and House passage of budget

**April – May – June**
Senate budget hearings; Senate substitute bill and Senate passage of budget

**Mid-June**
Conference Committee

**July 1**
Happy Fiscal New Year!
Healthy People

Thriving Economy

Renewed Communities
Healthy People

• Support for local health departments
• Revamp the state’s health data systems
• Address lead hazards in our communities
• Continue RecoveryOhio
• Increase access to tobacco use prevention and cessation
• Expand mental health initiatives, including in prisons
• Continue to focus on K12 Student Wellness
• Focus the Medicaid System on health outcomes
Renewed Communities

• Expand the H2Ohio initiative
• Invest in broadband
• Sustain local governments and libraries across the state
• Invest in law enforcement – body cams, violent crime reduction, recruiting, school safety center, and Narcotics Intelligence Center
• Transform children’s services
• Support older Ohioans
Thriving Economy

• Assist businesses impacted by the pandemic
• Invest in infrastructure in small-to-mid sized communities
• Invest in a skilled workforce – grow the TechCred Program and expand in K12 schools
• Support targeted workforce investments in economically distressed rural and urban communities
• Continue to support and expand successful programs like the Export Internship and the Diversity & Inclusion Internship
• Expand access to affordable childcare
• Prioritize higher education and student scholarship programs – State Share of Instruction, Ohio College Opportunity Grant, Choose Ohio First Scholarship
Thriving Economy: Business Assistance

• $200 million for bar and restaurant relief (grants up to $30K)
• $150 million for small business grants (up to $10K) – in addition to $150 million last fall
• $50 million for the lodging industry (grants up to $30K)
• $40 million for entertainment venues (grants up to $30K)
• $20 million for up to 2,000 new businesses (grants up to $10K)
For more details:

To download the Executive Budget, including budget highlights, fact sheets, and detailed agency recommendations, visit https://budget.ohio.gov/

To keep up-to-date about all of the state’s financial information, sign up to receive the OBM Monthly Financial report at https://obm.ohio.gov
United States Gross Domestic Product 2020 = $21.48 Trillion; Total of the Six Federal Relief/Stimulus Bills = $5.18 Trillion

Source: FFIS Budget Brief 21-16, March 12, 2021
American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP)
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund - $350 billion

Local Allocation $130.2 billion

- Counties (Direct from U.S. Treasury)
  - All counties based on the county share of the U.S. population based on the most recent data available from the Census Bureau
- Metropolitan cities (Direct from U.S. Treasury)
  - Municipalities with populations of at least 50,000, using a modified Community Development Block Grant formula
- Non-entitlement units of local government (Passed through the State)
  - Municipalities with populations of less than 50,000 based on each jurisdiction's percentage of the state's population

State Allocation $219.8 billion
At this time, it is unclear if Ohio Townships will receive funding due to language changes made to the final version of the bill by the U.S. Senate.
Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Timeline
Local government funds will be distributed in two equal tranches:

- The first tranche within 60 days after enactment (around May 10, 2021)
- The second not earlier than 12 months after the date in which the first tranche is paid

Metropolitan cities and most counties will receive their distributions directly.

Funds for all other municipalities (non-entitlement units of government) will be distributed to the states for redistribution around May 10, 2021.

States must distribute allocated amounts to such municipalities within 30 days of receipt, although a state may request a 30-day extension—and in certain cases additional extensions—due to administrative burden.
Non-entitlement Local Government Funds
Total amount distributed to a non-entitlement unit of local government through the State may not exceed the amount equal to 75% of the most recent budget as of January 27, 2020.

We are awaiting guidance on how U.S. Treasury will define this budget provision.

OBM will develop a process to ensure the allocation is within the requirements of the U.S. Treasury and the legislation. It is anticipated that an application process providing budget documents will be required at a minimum.
Allowable Uses of Funds
Cover costs incurred by December 31, 2024 -

- To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
- To provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to employers to provide premium pay (premium pay cannot exceed $13 per hour or $25,000 per worker);
- To provide government services affected by a revenue reduction due to the public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- Make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.
Other Key Provisions
▪ **May not** use funds for deposit into any pension fund.

▪ May transfer funds to a provide nonprofit organization, a public benefit corporation involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo, or a special-purpose unit of state or local government (unknown yet on what the transfer or responsibility for monitoring might look like).
Reporting Requirements, Certification, and Recoupment
Requires state and local governments to fulfill reporting requirements, such as:

- States are required to report how funds are used and how their tax revenue was modified during the time that funds were spent during the covered period (covered period begins on March 3, 2021 and ends on the last day of the fiscal year a state or local government has expended or returned all funds to the U.S. Treasury).

- Local governments would be required to provide "periodic reports" providing a detailed accounting of the use of funds.

- If a state, county, or municipality (including non-entitlement units of local government) does not comply with any provision of this bill, they will be required to repay the U.S. Treasury an equal amount to the funds used in violation.
Still Awaiting Guidance
Need flexibility in defining “respond to the public health emergency….or its negative economic impacts” and for infrastructure spending.

- Will “costs incurred” have the same meaning as provided with the CRF funds?
- Will public safety and public health personnel costs still be eligible as it was under CRF with the administrative accommodation?
- What will reporting look like?
- What sections of the Uniform Guidance will apply? This answer could be a major shift on the administration of funds from how they were handled with CRF.

Need detailed guidance as soon as possible on eligible use and reporting requirements.
How do I prepare for Local Recovery Funds?
Ensure your entity has a DUNS.
- Visit https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/ or call 1-866-705-5711 to begin the registration process.

Ensure your entity has registered with SAM.
- Registrations must be renewed annually – make sure your registration is current.
- Visit SAM.gov to begin the entity registration or renewal process.

Need help?
- https://grants.ohio.gov/helpfulresources.aspx#helpful-resources-DUNS-SAM-registration

If receiving direct payments, start gathering the following:
- Entity Identification Number (EIN), name, and contact information;
- Name and title of an authorized representative; and
- Financial institution information (routing and account number, financial institution name and contact information).
Don’t pay to renew or register with SAM!

Prevented spam messages

Sender: admin@theprocessingsamrenewal.com
Subject: EXECUTIVE OFFICE STATE OF OHIO is due for renewal of CAGE and Registration
Date: 4/15/2021 4:31:04 PM

Sender: admin@renewed-forsupporting.us
Subject: Final notice- SAM renewal due- Executive Office State Of Ohio
Date: 4/15/2021 8:05:23 PM
- Non-entitlement local governments will need official copy of most recent budget as of January 27, 2020.
- Start mapping out or drafting policies and procedures for how funds will be handled.
- More of the Uniform Guidance is likely to apply to new funding such as:
  - Federal procurement rules
  - Policies and/or procedures required in Uniform Guidance in the areas of financial management, cash management, allowable costs, procurement, compensation, and travel
Coronavirus Relief Funds
Important Reminders
Federal expenditures of $750,000 or more in a fiscal year require a Single Audit.

- Contact your auditors as soon as possible if your government requires a Single Audit for the first time.

- Coronavirus Relief Funds may be used to cover a reasonably proportionate share of the costs of the audit of the funds conducted as part of the Single Audit.

- Interest earned must be put back into the program and used for eligible purposes.

- If you sub granted funds, you are required to monitor the use of funds and should have a subgrant agreement on file.
OBM CRF Monitoring Process
OBM has started their required monitoring of the funds which will continue through the December 31, 2021 performance period end and beyond.

Current Monitoring Process:

1. Initial e-mail communication indicating selection
2. Initial call with Ohio Grants Partnership to talk through the process, discuss how CRF was handled by your entity, and request ledgers
3. An Ohio Grants Partnership member will be assigned to your monitoring and will reach out to request additional detailed information
4. Exit call to discuss any concerns, comments, or to answer any final questions
5. Official monitoring letter will be emailed to the Grant Contact and Authorized Representative
Additional Monitoring Information
▪ Monitoring will be virtual, so documents will need to be e-mailed, faxed, or uploaded to the grants portal.

▪ Monitoring is not an audit and, in most cases, only a sample will be reviewed.

▪ We are here to assist you to make sure you are not at risk to receive findings during an audit.
Reporting
Ohio Grants Partnership members are reviewing reports and returning them if there are any discrepancies.

If you have expended all funds including interest, or are done and have returned funds, then please go out and file a final report in the grants portal.
  • This may require you to file the report due April 6 with a $0 amount and then check the Final box to close-out the grant.
  • Failure to close-out will keep the reporting open and will send reminder e-mails through the performance period end.

Please contact us if you have any questions or issues with reporting (grants@obm.ohio.gov).
Record Retention Requirements
Records shall be maintained for a period of five years after final payment is made using Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) monies.

If you received CRF from the State, the five years is contingent upon the last expenditure of funds by the State.

Records are considered those that support use of funds and compliance with regulations which may include:

- Ledgers;
- Budget records for 2019 and 2020;
- Payroll, time records, human resource records, etc. to support payroll expenses;
- Invoices/Receipts of purchases;
- Contracts and subcontracts;
- Grant Agreements;
- Reports, audits, and monitoring;
- Performance documents related to contacts, grants, and subcontracts;
- Internal and external email/electronic communications; and
- Investigative files and inquiry reports involving CRF.
The Ohio Grants Partnership

DR-4507 COVID-19 FEMA DECLARATION

Laura Adcock
Disaster Recovery Branch Chief
Ohio EMA
• FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program
• Limited funding for response to COVID-19
• There are currently no deadlines to apply to FEMA nor to submit costs to FEMA
• 100% federal cost share

Resources:
emarecovery@dps.ohio.gov
Contact Us with Questions

Ohio Grants Partnership
E-Mail grants@obm.ohio.gov
UPCOMING WEBINARS

The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) will be continuing our series of webinars for local governments regarding updates about the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The next webinar in our series will discuss new information released on the American Rescue Plan.

Please join us on May 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.