

**PORTAGE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK PROGRAM REPORT
March 2017**

A. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

1. Farmland Preservation Plan Update

- The State is looking for local government representatives. We have notified the Western Reserve Land Conservancy that we would like to partner with them as the local representative.

2. Portage County Parks, Trails, and Greenways Plan

- Working with the Park District to design a master website for all local parks.

3. Portage County Fair Housing Program 2016- Ongoing

- RPC oversees the Fair Housing initiatives for Portage County excluding the City of Kent. The Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Study is being implemented. The Fair Housing initiatives were updated in June to be consistent with the NEOSCC suggested Goals and Objectives.

4. Portage County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update (CEDS) 2016 CEDS

- On behalf of the EDA, RPC is requesting the submission of economic development projects for EDA funding that are designed to create or retain jobs and to provide assistance to economically distressed communities.

B. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION/SHORT TERM PLANNING

1. Update of Portage County Subdivision Regulations

- We are in the process of merging subdivision regulations that work in surrounding communities. The idea is to implement good ideas that can also work here in Portage County.
- We completed our final draft reviews of the proposed Subdivision Regulations and are being reviewed by the Prosecutor's office before we announce public meetings to discuss the proposed changes and eventually bring them to the County Commissioners for consideration and approval. Schedule to be announced soon. Meeting with Assistant Prosecutor's Office on April 13th to address legal questions posed by the Steering Committee.

C. INFORMATION SYSTEMS

1. Database Acquisition and Updates

2. Web Site

Check out the website at www.pcrpc.org.

D. PLANNING ADMINISTRATION

1. Subdivision Regulation Administration

a. Subdivisions of Land (Submitted)

Preliminary Plan	0 Applications	0 Lots
Plats	0 Applications	0 Lots
Replat	1 Application	1 Lot
Exceptional Replats	1 Application	1 Lot
Variance	0 Applications	
Minor Subdivisions	0 Applications	0 Lots

b. Divisions of Land

5+Acre Lots Divisions	2 Applications	2 Lots
Transfers to Adj Prop	<u>0 Application</u> ²	<u>0 Transfers</u>
Total	4 Applications	3 Lots Created

2. Zoning Text and Map Amendments

- See community/member services

3. Community and Economic Development Administration and Implementation

- See CDBG Report

E. REGIONAL COORDINATION AND OTHER CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

1. Other Member Services as Requested

- Atwater Township
Invited to a “question and answer” session for their June Zoning Commission Meeting.
- Brimfield Township
Helping with a mapping task for one of their projects.
- Franklin Township
Helping with a mapping task for the revised zoning map.
- Freedom Township
- Garrettsville Village
- Hiram Township
- Hiram Village

- Mantua Township
Prepared text and Zoning amendment. Continue to help coordinate the Mantua Center School development plan.
- Mantua Village
- Nelson Township
Help find Community Reinvestment Area information
- Palmyra Township
- Paris Township
- Randolph Township
We are discussing how to further develop Architectural Design Guidelines.
- Ravenna City
Met to discuss their land use plan and also look into more specific areas of the City. We are also working to assist Ravenna Township and the City of Ravenna with their JEDD.
- Ravenna Township
We are discussing how to further develop Architectural Design Guidelines. We are also working to assist Ravenna Township and the City of Ravenna with their JEDD.
- Rootstown Township
Processed a text amendment for the April Meeting related to Architectural Design Guidelines. Also attended their March Planning Commission Meeting.
- Shalersville Township
Processed a text amendment for the March Board meeting
- City of Streetsboro
RPC staff submitted revised changes to Streetsboro staff about their comments to their Subdivision regulations on March 24th. We met on March 29th to discuss the changes that are needed before we could finalize them.
- Suffield Township
- Sugar Bush Knolls
- Windham Township
- Windham Village

- 2. Non Member Technical Assistance**
- 3. Intergovernmental Reviews-Applications Received**
 - Local-0
 - Areawide-0
 - Statewide-0
- 4. Akron Metropolitan Transportation Study (AMATS)**
- 5. Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO)**
 - Attended the March 15, 2017 Policy Board meeting.
- 6. Portage County Housing Services Council**
- 7. Data/Information/Graphics to Developers, Businesses, Private Sector upon Request**
 - Topography maps, aerials, wetlands, zoning, census, floodplain and subdivision information for the general public, businesses, and organizations.
- 8. Portage Development Board (PDB)**
- 9. Quarterly Zoning Inspectors (QZI) Meeting**
 - The last meeting was held on October 27th. The next meeting and topic is coordinating building and development within the Townships. The County Building Official and Water Resources Director will be presenting their suggestions. The meeting will be Thursday April 27 at 6:00 pm at the RPC Office.
- 10. Streetsboro Subdivision Regulations**
 - RPC staff is working with Streetsboro staff on their comments and recommended changes. We met with staff March 29th about latest changes.
- 11. Portage County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank)**
 - Contracts for PCRPC to coordinate the meetings and assist in the preparation of any mapping and possibly some planning for the Land Bank. The land bank had a meeting on March 22nd. The next land bank meeting is scheduled for April 26th at the Reed Memorial Library at 2:00 pm.
- 12. Portage County Storm Water Program – Home Sewage Repair and Replacement Program**
 - The Portage County Storm Water Program has set aside \$500,000 to repair and replace home sewer systems. This is part of a three pronged program to help homeowners with the problem of high costs to repair and replace the home sewer system. The contract for implementation is in place and are taking applications.

13. Food Hub – Local Food Promotion Program grant

- We are under contract with a consultant and are moving forward with the project. The consultant is being paid for with grant funds we received. It is hoped that the study will direct us with a variety of opportunities and possible options to pursue creating a food hub in Portage County. We had a public meeting that included producers and buyers and was held on November 30th at the Reed Memorial Library. Held a Steering Committee Meeting on March 20th. We will be presenting the final report at the next RPC Board meeting May 10th. Related submitted a grant for the next phase of the Food Hub.

14. Ravenna City Land Use Plan

- Currently collecting data and mapping key elements of the City. We met with the Mayor of Ravenna in October and are working closely with the City's "core group" to develop goals, objectives and strategies. We received feedback on the maps and survey which will be going out shortly.

15. Local Government Innovation Fund County-wide Parks and Receptions Collaboration and Coordination Plan.

- Portage County Regional Planning Commission received a \$50,000 grant to work with all the parks and park related facilities in the County to do the following basic tasks:
 - 1) Foster Collaboration
 - 2) Inventory all park amenities/facilities in Portage County
 - 3) Discuss opportunities for resource sharing i.e. purchase of play equipment, maintenance of equipment
 - 4) Discuss opportunities to coordinate park services i.e. leagues, events and other social activities,
 - 5) Compile facility and programming information to share for each community and a master list to be provided on-line for public use.
- A steering committee meeting was held on March 2nd at the RPC office. Next meeting is scheduled for May 4th.

F. COMMISSION MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION

1. Marketing/Customer Service/Public Relations

2. Other

- **Celebrate Portage! /Visioning In Portage (VIP) - Celebrate Portage!** is to keep the key elements of the vision alive. The core concept with Celebrate Portage! is to celebrate the good to great things happening in the County. By doing so will bring greater awareness of what the County has to offer and to inspire others to action. The Awards Dinner and other events are to be announced shortly, but should take place in late August and early September. The next Steering Committee meeting is April 20th.

Grant Submitted	Status	Grant Description	Amount	Adm. Revenue
LFPF Food Hub Grant Research/ Application	FUNDED	Food Hub Feasibility Study	\$24, 211.91	\$4,369.91
LWCF Grants	FUNDED	Hiram Village Park grant	\$108,000	none
BF 15 Formula Grant	FUNDED	CDBG annual grant by Ohio Development Services to the Portage County Commissioners	\$304,000	\$53,800
Local Government Safety Grants	FUNDED	Working with Portage County Drug Task Force for facility addition to Portage County Sheriff's training Center	\$421,800	none
Local Government Innovation Fund	FUNDED	To create comprehensive plan for parks	\$47,500	\$2,500
Ohio Rail Development Commission	PARTIAL FUNDING	Submitted grant to replace collapsing culvert on track owned by Commissioners	\$50,000 of a \$74, 494 project	none
New Horizons	FUNDED	Fair Housing Education & Outreach Program for Local High Schools and College Freshmen	\$15,000	\$2,200
Nature Works	FUNDED	Brimfield Grant to support of ingress and egress entrance for property on Edson Road and site related work.	\$32,462	None
LOWES	Submitted to local store	Support for outside fence, landscaping, and picnic table	\$1,500	
Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)	Submitted nomination	Loan submission for removal of the Hills Pond Dam. This is for a revolving fund designed to operate in perpetuity to provide low interest rate loans and other forms of assistance for water resource protection and improvement projects	\$1,621,296	None
Local Government Innovation Program (LGIF/LGIP)	FUNDED	Submitted proposal for shared access to county website in effort to better market and brand Portage County.	\$50,000	\$22,500
Local Government Innovation Program (LGIF/LGIP)	Not Funded	Submitted proposal for joint planning grant for Water Resources and Sewer	\$50,000	\$20,000
Baltimore Life Insurance Company	Submitted proposal	Submitted proposal in support of Volunteer Day as part of Celebrate Portage!	\$500	None

FEMA American Firefighter Grant (AFG)	Submitted proposal	Submitted American Firefighter Grant proposal for Palmyra Township. Grant provides opportunities for vehicles, operations and safety, and regional projects.	\$180,750	\$1,500
Every Body Walk!	Not Funded	Grant is for creating marketing piece that measures the distance of historic Ravenna city walks. The goal is to tie history, health, and community together in a simple collateral piece that can be used by The Chamber of Commerce, Visitor's Bureau and the new Main Street Program.	\$1,500	None
Ohio EPA	Submitted proposal	WRRSP project nomination for removal of the Hills Pond Dam.	\$1,621,296	
Development Services Agency-Safety Capital Grant	January 6, 2017	Submitted grant for Drug Task Force for an 80X100 garage for seized vehicle storage, improved vehicle searches, a drying room and search and seize training.	\$500,000	
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Withdrawn	Submitted grant for Atwater for construction of new walking and biking trail.	\$39,947.50	
Art Place	Submitted	Submitting LOI for planning and development of the Smith and Cowan area as part of the City of Ravenna's Land Use Plan. The site will be proposed as an esplanade which will mark entrance to the city by connecting the industrial park with the downtown and new arts district. If asked to submit, the full proposal is due the following at the end of March.	\$400,000	
FEMA-Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks	On hold for another opportunity	Met with Ryan Shackelford, from Portage Homeland Security to discuss the opportunity to assist with securing support for a county-wide training plan focusing on enhancing preparedness and resilience relating to threats.	TBD	
Ohio Department of Transportation	Submitted March 3	Submission in collaboration with the City of Ravenna for new bike racks, signage along bike route as part of the Arts District, and branding of the project through marketing.	\$30,910	\$2,810
USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program	Submitted March 27, 2017	Reviewing grant for support of a collaborative website to help connect farmers together with retailers or other customers.	\$185,269	\$8,822
Grant Title	Due Date	Current Grant Being Considered	Amount	
DOJ, OJP, and BOJ	April 25, 2017	Working with Sheriff's Department, Drug Task Force and Judge Doherty on Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program.	\$400,000	

Critical Infrastructure	By June 1, 2017	Working with Lisa reeves to review opportunities for Windham Village for 1.7 miles of road improvements and new sidewalks.	TBD	
Ohio Department of Natural Resources: Nature Works	May 1, 2017	Working with Garrettsville to submit Nature Works proposal for improvements to the tennis courts in the parks. Partnering with the School District, the goal is to restart a school tennis program.	Portage County \$32,462	None
JAG	May 31, 2017	Working with Sheriff's Department to submit grant for 10 MDT computers		
Grant Title	Due Date	Grant Opportunities 30-120 Days Out	Amount	
National Endowment for the Arts: Challenge America	April 13, Submit SF-424 to Grants.gov Apr. 27 to May 4, 2017 Full Submission	The Challenge America category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. This category encourages and supports the following two objectives: Engagement: Engaging the public with diverse and excellent art. Livability: The strengthening of communities through the arts.	\$10,000	
Ohio Environmental Science and Engineering Scholarships	May 1, 2017	FT students majoring in environmental science, environmental engineering or related fields at Ohio colleges/universities can apply. Administered by the Ohio Academy of Science.	\$1250 for students in second year of 2 yr. program; \$2,500 for students in 4/5 th years.	
Gar Foundation	May 1, 2017 New applicants must submit LOI	GAR favors applicants, programs, and projects which: benefit Summit County, <u>Ohio organizations, residents, programs</u> , and projects; advance strategies in the areas of education, basic needs and independence, civic enhancement, and arts and culture; demonstrate the likelihood of success in attracting financial support from other sources; communicate and cooperate with other projects, programs, and organizations pursuing similar goals; demonstrate measurable outcomes	\$5,000 plus	
Ohio Public Works Commission	May 11,	OPWC administer the State Capital Improvement Program. Through the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) the State uses its general revenues as debt support to issue general	Up to \$175 million for all	

Small Government Program (SGP)	2017 meeting	obligation bonds up to \$175 million in fiscal years 2017 to 2021 and \$200 million in fiscal years 2022 to 2026. Eligible applicants are counties, cities, villages, townships, and water and sanitary districts. Eligible projects are for improvements to roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, storm water collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities. Funding is provided through grants, loans, and loan assistance or local debt support. Grants are available for up to 90% of the total project costs for repair/replacement, and up to 50% for new/expansion. Loans can be provided for up to 100% of the project costs. Grant/loan combinations are also available. There is no minimum or maximum loan amount.	programs \$17.5 million for SGP \$3.5 million for EP \$65 million for LTP	
Emergency Program (EP)				
Local Transportation Program (LTP)				
Preservation Assistance Grants or Smaller Institutions	May 2, 2017	Help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials. Applicants must draw on the knowledge of consultants whose preservation skills and experiences are related to the types of collections and the nature of the activities on which their projects focus. Within the conservation field, for example, conservators usually specialize in the care of specific types of collections, such as objects, paper, or paintings.		
Lake Erie Protection Fund	May 12, 2017	Small grants for research and on the ground projects aimed at protecting, preserving, and restoring Lake Erie or its tributary watersheds in Ohio. Focuses on projects that lead to better management decisions for both environmental protection and economic development. Special grant projects considered. Support through donations or license plate.	\$15,000 available	
Development Services Agency-Alternative Fuel transportation Program	May 15, 2017 Written questions and LOI	The ODSA seeks to encourage and promote the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure and use of alternative fuels throughout Ohio	\$2,925,000 available to state	
NEH- Common Heritage	June 1, 2017	America's cultural heritage is preserved not only in libraries, museums, archives, and other community organizations, but also in all of our	\$20,000 Max	

		homes, family histories, and life stories. The Common Heritage program aims to capture this vitally important part of our country's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Common Heritage will support both the digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of public programming at community events that explore these materials as a window on a community's history and culture. NEH especially welcomes applications from small and medium-sized institutions that have not previously received NEH support		
NEH: Division of Public Programs, Digital Projects for the Public	June 7, 2017	Digital Projects for the Public-grants support projects that significantly contribute to the public's engagement with the humanities. Digital platforms—such as websites, mobile applications and tours, interactive touch screens and kiosks, games, and virtual environments—can reach diverse audiences and bring the humanities to life for the American people. The program offers three levels of support for digital projects: grants for Discovery projects (early-stage planning work), Prototyping projects (proof-of-concept development work), and Production projects (end-stage production and distribution work). While projects can take many forms, shapes, and sizes, your request should be for an exclusively digital project or for a digital component of a larger project.	between \$30,000-\$100,000	
Ohio Humanities: Quarterly Grants	Draft due May 17, 2017 Proposal due June 15, 2017	Ohio Humanities has 2 special funding opportunities available at all times: 1) Towards A Beautiful Ohio: Ohio Humanities is a 3 year initiative focusing on the environment. As part of this initiative, they seek to strategically invest in public conversations that address environmental issues from a humanities perspective. 2) Humanities and the Experience of War: Standing Tall In recognition of the importance of the humanities both in helping Americans to understand the experiences of service members and in assisting veterans as they return to civilian life	\$2,001-5,000	
Ohio Humanities: Cultural Heritage Tourism Implementation Grants	Due first business day of the month 8weeks before start of funded activities	Successful cultural heritage tourism projects explore history, highlight culture, and foster appreciation of local tourism assets. Proposed projects should work toward enhancing community life and focus on tourism as a learning opportunity for travelers and local residents.	Max \$10K for Implementation; Max \$2K for planning	

Ohio Humanities: General Grant	July 12, 2017	Cultural program with clear focus on humanities Cultural programs involving humanities professionals Cultural Programs with public benefit Cultural Programs with balanced views Any project over \$2K must have outside evaluator; all grants are a dollar for dollar match	Max \$20,000	
Gund	July 15 (for fall meeting)	The Foundation responds to these challenges by making grants to organizations that address environmental issues in Northeast Ohio. In addition, we support efforts to restore and preserve the Lake Erie ecosystem. Within the broad range of environmental issues, the Foundation focuses on promoting alternatives to urban sprawl, decreasing energy consumption and waste, conserving ecosystems and biodiversity, reducing environmental health hazards, increasing public awareness of environmental issues and building the skills of nonprofit environmental leaders.	\$5,000 +	
Ohio Clean Diesel School Bus Fund	LOI DUE July 10, 2017 Proposal due July 17, 2017	Ohio public school districts and boards of developmental disabilities; priority given to applications from those in counties not meeting Clean Air Act standards for particulates (PM 2.5). Grant is used to purchase and install pollution controls onto diesel busses of Type A or B, model years 1994-2006 or idle reduction equipment onto diesel school buses any year. Renewable. 5% cash or in-kind match required	\$300,000- \$475,000	
Ohio Environmental Education Fund	LOI July 10, 2017 Proposal due July 17, 2017	Local subdivisions of government, local schools, and school boards, non-profit organizations, for profit- organizations, and state agencies can apply for mini grants and general grants. Education projects targeting pre-school through university students and teachers, the general public, and the regulated community. 10% cash or in-kind match required.	\$50,000	
Grant Title	Due Date	Ongoing Grant Opportunities	Amount	
Ohio Humanities: Tourism Planning Grant and Media Planning	1 st business day of each month	When humanities perspective is integrated from a project's inception, this provides coherence throughout the planning, implementation, and later evolutions of a cultural and heritage tourism initiative. Using Ohio Humanities grants, local community organizations have developed exhibits, walking and driving tours, digital tools, and lively historical experiences	Up to \$2K	
Historical Marker Program	ongoing	As part of the Ohio Historical Connection, this program offers support for markers.	\$750	

USDA Community Facilities Grant and Loan	Ongoing	Provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas		
Firewise Ohio Hazard Mitigation Grants	Ongoing	Firewise Ohio has grant funds available to assist fire departments statewide in enhancing wildfire prevention and preparedness. There is no deadline for applying; funds are available annually until they are all used. These 50/50-match grants allow the ODNR Division of Forestry to provide funding for all cash expenditures and purchases, and the grant recipient fulfills their required share through in-kind service (work in lieu of cash). Upon closure of the grant, the recipient will have expended zero dollars from their agency budget. The grant recipient must make all financial expenditures initially and will be reimbursed for these purchases by ODNR Forestry upon project completion as specified in the grant cooperative agreement.	\$8000, with \$4,000 cash expenditure per project grant	
Economic Development Administration (EDA) U.S. Department of Commerce	Ongoing	EDA provides a strategic investment on a competitive merit basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the U.S. Under this FFO, EDA provides applicants from rural and urban areas provide investment that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects. Focus areas: Collaborative Regional Innovation, Public/Private Partnerships; national Strategic Priorities, Global Competitiveness, Environmentally Sustainable Development, Underserved Communities	Based on availability of funds at time of award as well as DOC and EDA priorities	
Walgreens Community Grant Program	Ongoing	Areas of need and focus include: access to health and wellness in communities; pharmacy education and mentoring initiatives; civic and community outreach; emergency and disaster relief.	\$10,000	
Dominion Foundation	Monthly	The Dominion Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the economic, physical, and social health of the communities served by Dominion's companies. The Foundation focuses its grant making in 5 general categories: <u>health and human services</u> , including hunger/homeless issues and youth and senior services; <u>education</u> , including K-12 education; <u>culture and the arts</u> , including visual arts, music, theater, dance, libraries, parks, public broadcasting, and museums; <u>civic and community development</u> ; and, <u>the environment</u> , including environmental	\$1,000-\$15,000	

		education. The primary interest of the Foundation is to support programs. Support of capital campaigns is limited & provided on an exceptional basis.		
Dry Fire Hydrant Grant Program	no deadline; funds are available annually until they are used.	The Ohio Department of Forestry T Grant Program is focused on improving wildfire protection and fire department preparedness by providing funding assistance for dry hydrant installation projects. 50/50 match	\$2,250	
Lake Erie Protection Fund	Quarterly Aug, Oct, Feb	Small grants for research and on the ground projects aimed at protecting, preserving, and restoring Lake Erie or its tributary watersheds in Ohio. Focuses on projects that lead to better management decisions for both environmental protection and economic development. Special grant projects considered. Support through donations or license plate.	\$15,000 available	
Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant	Later spring	Public and private sector diesel fleets (motor vehicle, marine, locomotive and highway construction equipment) that are eligible under the Federal Highway Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and located in a. Private sector fleets must apply through a public sector partner. Administered jointly with Ohio Depart. Transportation.	10 million annually with up to \$350,000 given per grant	
Portage Foundation	August 15, 2017	For community projects throughout Portage County	\$2,000	
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program	TBD	Through The US Department of Agriculture, the Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. For example, this program can link teachers and medical service providers in one area to students and patients in another.		
Ohio Department of Transportation and Ohio EPA -- Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERG)	September 2017	Supports proposals from all public sector and private sector (with a public sponsor) diesel fleets that will undertake vehicle/equipment replacement, repower, or retrofit for the purpose of emissions reduction in eligible Ohio counties . Fleets may also apply for idle reduction equipment		

Clean Water Act Section 319	Sept. based on last year	Local governments, nonprofit organizations, watershed groups and SWCDs and local parks can conduct stream restoration and nonpoint source pollution management projects. 20% total project cost are required to be provided as local match. About 2 million available annually	Up to 400,000	
B. OUR TOWN: Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking	September 2017	Grant Program Description - This area of Our Town funding is to build and disseminate creative place making knowledge more broadly. These projects can be carried out by arts service or design service organizations, and/or other national or regional membership or university-based organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work, to expand the knowledge base about creative place making to their members and the field. These projects should expand the capacity of artists and arts organizations to be more effective entrepreneurs and to work more effectively with economic and community development practitioners, and vice versa, to improve the livability of the communities and create opportunities for all.	Between \$25,000-100,000 matching	
Ohio Humanities: Quarterly Grants	Sept. 15, 2017	Ohio Humanities has 2 special funding opportunities available at all times: 1) Towards A Beautiful Ohio: Ohio Humanities is a 3 year initiative focusing on the environment. As part of this initiative, they seek to strategically invest in public conversations that address environmental issues from a humanities perspective. 2) Humanities and the Experience of War: Standing Tall In recognition of the importance of the humanities both in helping Americans to understand the experiences of service members and in assisting veterans as they return to civilian life.	\$2,001-5,000	
Ohio Humanities	Sept. 15, 2017	As a part of its current initiative, Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War, the National Endowment for the Humanities offers a new grant opportunity: the Dialogues on the Experience of War program. The program supports the study and discussion of important humanities sources about war, in the belief that these sources can help U.S. military veterans and others to think more deeply about the issues raised by war and military service. The humanities sources can be drawn from history, philosophy, literature, and film—and they may and should be supplemented by testimonials from those who have served. The discussions are intended to promote serious exploration of important questions about the nature of duty, heroism,	Up to \$100,000 which includes support for recruitment and training of facilitator	

		suffering, loyalty, and patriotism The discussion groups can take place on college and university campuses, in veterans' centers, at public libraries and museums, and at other community venues. Most of the participants in the discussion groups should be military veterans; others, such as men and women in active service, military families, and interested members of the public, may participate as well.		
National Endowment for the Arts OUR TOWN Grant: Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects	September 2017	Grant for Countywide Design Guidelines that will help create a pattern book which will be used by cities, villages, and townships. RPC is working on the written part of the project. RPC is also connecting with 2 state agencies to create potential state model that may be able to be adapted from Portage County's model. Reached out to Ohio History Connects and they are interested in working with RPC. They discussed concept with the Director at the Ohio Arts Council, who is also interested in the larger scale project. RPC will connect with both in next few weeks to meet and fully discuss concept.		
Ohio EPA 319 Grant	September 2017	Planning to submit this grant for the Hills Pond Dam project. The grant requires a 9 element watershed plan as part of the application (this is a new EPA requirement). As such, RPC is working with Water Resources. We are hoping that NEFCO will be able to work on the plan to meet the requirement. The timing of the completion of the 9-element plan may result in a postpone application, forcing it to be submitted the following cycle.	Between \$300,000-\$400,000	
Gar Foundation	LOI in Oct. 2017; full proposals on Nov. 1	GAR favors applicants, programs, and projects which: Benefit Summit County, <u>Ohio organizations, residents, programs, and projects</u> ; Advance our strategies in the areas of education, basic needs and independence, civic enhancement, and arts and culture; Demonstrate the likelihood of success in attracting financial support from other sources, and in satisfying present and future funding needs; Communicate and cooperate with other projects, programs, and organizations pursuing similar or complementary goals; Demonstrate measurable outcomes	\$5,000 plus	
NEA: Research Grants	October 2017	Awards to support research that investigates the value and/or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecology or as they interact with each other and/or with other domains of American life.	\$10,000-30,000 matching	

Costal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)	October 2017	Soliciting grant proposals from eligible Great Lakes states for coastal and estuarine land conservation project under the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program. Project should protect important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values or that is threatened by conversion from their natural, undeveloped, or recreational state to other uses. Proposals must advance the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) to protect and restore GL aquatic and terrestrial habitats, including those that serve to remediate, restore, and de-list Areas of Concern.		
Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS)	October 2017	Justice Assistance Grants for Law Enforcement for hiring, training, and employing law enforcement officers and support staff on regular basis, paying overtime for the above, and procuring equipment and technology	Up to \$20,000	
Coastal Program-Great Lakes Restoration Program	TBD	This is an incentive based program that provides technical and financial assistance to coastal communities and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. It is an unconventional grant program in that it does not solicit project through a request for proposals. Instead project work plans are developed strategically in coordination with partners and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Project must promote your mission, promote biological diversity and be based upon sound scientific biological principles.	\$40,000-\$150,000	
USDA-Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program	November 2017	Met with Debbie Blewitt to discuss grant guidelines to see if there is an opportunity for a planning grant for Windham. They are a community that does not have a grocery store. As a food desert, they are in need of fresh produce and healthy alternative to processed foods.	TBD	
Ohio Public Works Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program	November/December 2017	Looking to submit the grant for the Hills Pond Dam Project. It would be classified as Riparian Corridor-protections and enhancement of riparian corridors or watersheds, including protection of streams, rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water. Projects include reforestation of land or planning of vegetation for filtration, and less simple acquisition or acquisition of easements for providing access, or for protection and enhancement.		

Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS)	December 2017	Family Violence Prevention and Services grants funds projects that assist units of local government develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies and services to combat crimes against women.		
NEH Educator Enrichment Grant	December draft November 2017	Grants to support educator enrichment projects that enhance teacher's understanding and appreciation of humanities. Should enhance K-12 classroom; should build partnerships including foundations	\$2001-5000K	
Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS)	December 2017	Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund will provide funding to defray expenses that a drug task force organization incurs in performing its functions related to the enforcement of the state's drug laws and other state laws related to illegal drug activity.		
Corporation for National and Community Service	Intent to apply due December Application due Jan. 18, 2017	2017 AmeriCorps State and National Grants for eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorp member in evidence based or informed interventions to strengthen communities. Focus areas include: Disaster services, economic opportunities, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families.	Amounts vary; awards are cost reimbursement or fixed amount	
FEMA		The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720).		
FEMA	November 2017	The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.		

FEMA		The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. In 2005, Congress reauthorized funding for FP&S and expanded the eligible uses of funds to include Firefighter Safety Research and Development.		
FEMA: State Homeland Security Program Grants		The SHSP assists state, tribal and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities and mission areas where a nexus to terrorism exists. SHSP supports the implementation of risk driven, capabilities-based approaches to address capability targets set in urban area, state, and regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments (THIRAs). The capability targets are established during the THIRA process, and assessed in the State Preparedness Report (SPR) and inform planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.		
FEMA: Urban Area Security Initiative		The UASI program funds addressed the unique risk driven and capabilities-based planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas based on the capability targets identified during the THIRA process and associated assessment efforts; and assists them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.		
Grant Title	Due Date	Grants To Review Again in 2018	Amount	Adm. Revenue
Ohio Environmental Education Fund	Electronic LOI due January 9; Applications due January 17, 2017	Local subdivisions of government, local schools, and school boards, non-profit organizations, for profit- organizations, and state agencies can apply for mini grants and general grants. Education projects targeting pre-school through university students and teachers, the general public, and the regulated community. 10% cash or in-kind match required.		
National Endowment for Humanities: Digital Humanities Advancement Grants	January 2017	Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (DHAG) support digital projects throughout their lifecycles, from early start-up phases through implementation and long-term sustainability. Experimentation, reuse, and extensibility are hallmarks of this grant category, leading to innovative work that can scale to enhance	Level 1:\$5,000-\$40,000 Level 2:\$40,001-\$75,000 Level	

		research, teaching, and public programming in the humanities.	3\$100,000- \$325,000	
National Endowment for Humanities: Humanities Initiative at Community Colleges	January 2017	Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges support community colleges' commitment to educating students on a variety of educational and career paths. The program funds curricular and faculty development projects that help strengthen humanities programs and/or incorporate humanistic approaches in fields outside the humanities.	Up to \$100,000	
Public Humanities Grants	January 2017	Public Humanities Projects grants support projects that bring the ideas and insights of the humanities to life for general audiences. Projects must engage humanities scholarship to analyze significant themes in disciplines such as history, literature, ethics, and art, or to address challenging issues in contemporary life. NEH encourages projects that involve members of the public in collaboration with humanities scholars or that invite contributions from the community in the development and delivery of humanities programming. This grant program supports a variety of forms of audience engagement.	Planning grants up to \$40,000 Implementations grants \$50,000-\$400,000	
National Endowment for Humanities: National Digital Newspaper Program	January 2017	The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) is a partnership between NEH and the Library of Congress to create a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963, from all the states and U.S. territories. This searchable database will be permanently maintained at the Library of Congress (LC) and will be freely accessible via the Internet. An accompanying national newspaper directory of bibliographic and holdings information on the website directs users to newspaper titles available in all types of formats.		
Court Technology Grants	Announced Jan. 1, 2017; due Feb. 1, 2017	Supreme Court of Ohio Grants that support technology improvements		
NEA Art Works-Design	SF-424 due Feb. 1 Proposal due Feb 23- Mar.1	Reviewing form for RPC for submission of the planning, development, printing of Architectural guidelines for Portage County	\$10,000-\$100,000 matching funds	
Community Recycling Grants	February 3, 2017	The Community Grant program provides financial assistance to Ohio's local governments that propose to design and establish projects involved in the collection and processing of recyclable	\$3,000-\$250,000	

		materials and litter prevention programs and projects. Ohio EPA seeks proposals involving one or more of targeted materials collected or processed in Ohio. Project categories include: C&DD and Deconstruction Recycling, Curbside Recycling, Drop-off Recycling, Litter Prevention, Material Recovery Facility Recycling, Organics Recycling, Outreach & Education, Pay-as-you-throw, Special Venue Recycling, Sponsorships.		
Litter Clean-Up	February 3, 2017	Eligible applicants include counties, municipalities, corporations, townships, villages and others. Offers funds for litter clean-up activities on publicly owned properties including roadsides, waterways using volunteers. Required 10% match	Grants are provided from \$500 to up to \$90,000	
Scrap Tire Grants	February 3, 2017	The Ohio EPA program offers grants in the following project categories: Scrap Tire Manufacturing and processing (over 1 million PTE); Scrap Tire manufacturing and Processing (up to 1 m8illion PRE) Scrap Tire Civil Engineering or Construction, Paving (GTR or RAS)	Grants are provided from \$350,000-\$200,000	
Recycling Market Development Grants	February 3, 2017	The Ohio EPA Market Development programs offers grant fun to Ohio business that propose to create the infrastructure necessary for successful markets of recyclable materials and related products. Project Categories are: Construction & Demolition, Glass Recycling, Manufacturing and Processing, material Recovery Facility, Organics Recycling.	\$250,000 awarded per project category	
Portage Foundation	February 15, 2017	Grants for community projects throughout Portage County.	\$2000	
National Endowment for Humanities: Creating Humanities Communities	Feb. 15, 2017	The Creating Humanities Communities program provides matching grants to help stimulate and proliferate meaningful humanities activities in states and U.S. territories underserved by NEH's grant making divisions and offices. Grantees will use the funds to establish and undertake new humanities program		
Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program	Feb. 17, 2017	The Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit in order to leverage the private redevelopment of historic buildings. The program is highly competitive and receives applications bi-annually in March and September.		
Ohio Clean Diesel	Due March 15,	Ohio public school districts and boards of developmental disabilities; priority given to		

School Bus Fund	2017	applications from those in counties not meeting Clean Air Act standards for particulates (PM 2.5). Grant is used to purchase and install pollution controls onto diesel busses of Type A or B, model years 1994-2006 or idle reduction equipment onto diesel school buses any year. Renewable. 5% cash or in-kind match required		
Gund Foundation	March 15 July 15 Nov 15 2017	Supports mostly Cuyahoga County, but may support economic development.		
CLG Grant-Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Round 18	Requires a LOI submitted by Feb. 15, 2017 Application Submission Deadline: March 31, 2017	The Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit in order to leverage the private redevelopment of historic buildings. The program is highly competitive and receives applications bi-annually in March and September.		None
LOWES Charitable and Educational Foundation Grants	March Based on last year	Grants used to help build better communities by providing monetary assistance to nonprofits and municipalities looking for support of high-need projects such as: building renovations/upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades and safety.	\$2,000-\$100,000 with most failing between \$10K-\$25K	
Ohio Emergency Management Agency	March 20, 2017	Reviewing for Brimfield safety project that is intended to help secure the township building by replacing glass in vestibule and other public areas that create a threat.	\$40,508	
US Department of Health and Human Services Drug Free Communities Support Program	March 15, 2017	Eligibility applicants are community-based coalitions addressing youth substance use that have previously received a DFC grant but experienced a lapse in funding or have concluded the first five-year funding cycle and are applying for a second five-year funding cycle.	\$125,000	
Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans & Grants in Ohio	March 31, 2017	Provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase or install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements.	\$20,000 or less and up to \$500,000	
The Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Medical Services	April 1, 2017 New grant periods July 1- Dec 1,	Priority applications are for training of personnel and purchase of equipment; priority for paramedic training programs and those seeking accreditation. The EMS grant award year begins on July 1 and runs through June 30. There are six types of grants (Priorities 1 - 6) available. The		

	2017 March 1, 218-June 1, 2018	amount awarded for each priority is determined by the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services and by the amount of funds available during the award year. Grant applications are available by February 1st		
Ohio Emergency Medical Services: Board Priorities and Economic Hardship	April 1, 2017	The Division of EMS administers the Board Priority and Economic Hardship Grants Program under the direction of the State Board of Emergency Medical Fire, and Transportation Services, for the improvement and enhancement of EMS patient care in Ohio. Funding for the EMS grants program comes from fines levied in the State of Ohio for seatbelt violations.		
Ohio Emergency Medical Services: Training and Equipment Grants	April 1, 2017	The purpose of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Grant Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, is to improve and enhance EMS and trauma patient care in Ohio through the provision of grant funding for equipment, training, and research. The funding source for the grant program is fines levied in the State of Ohio for seat belt violations.		
Ohio Emergency Medical Services: Research Grants	April 1, 2017	The purpose of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Grant Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, is to improve and enhance EMS and trauma patient care in Ohio through the provision of grant funding for equipment, training, and research. The funding source for the grant program is fines levied in the State of Ohio for seat belt violations.		
St. Luke foundation Healthy People	April 3, 2017	Our Healthy People program strategy catalyzes and sustains opportunities to improve community health through the health home model of care and the reduction of obesity. A health home model of care starts with the person at its center. A health home model of care creates and nurtures partnerships between healthcare providers and the community through the exchange of health information and the delivery of comprehensive and coordinated care by a culturally competent workforce. Generally their focus is Greater Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.	Up to \$20,000; other amounts based on project	
Fire Prevention and Safety Grants	April	Grant projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters.		