



Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

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OVRDC 1st Round Caucus Dates

All OVRDC 1st Round County Caucus meetings have been scheduled (see schedule below) and notices will be mailed to all members at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please be aware that meeting dates are subject to change for justified reasons.

COUNTY	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DATE	TIME
Ross	Commissioners Office Court House, 2 N. Paint Street, Suite H Chillicothe (740-702-3085)	1/28/13	10:00 am
Fayette	Commissioners Office County Adm. Services Building 133 S. Main Street, Suite 401 Washington CH (740-335-0720)	1/28/13	1:30 pm
Highland	Commissioners Office Administration Building 114 Governor Foraker Place Hillsboro (937-393-1911)	1/30/13	10:30 am
Clermont	101 East Main Street Administration Building 3 rd Floor Conference Room Batavia (513-732-7300)	1/30/13	2:30 pm
Lawrence	Commissioners Office Court House, 111 S. Fourth Street Ironton (740-533-4300)	1/31/13	11:00 am
Scioto	Department of Job & Family Services (left-side meeting room) 710 Court Street Portsmouth (740-355-8313)	1/31/13	2:30 pm
Vinton	Commissioners Office Court House, 100 E. Main Street McArthur (740-596-4571)	2/04/13	10:00 am
Pike	Pike County Government Center Conference Room 230 Waverly Plaza Waverly (740-947-4817)	2/04/13	1:30 pm
Adams	Court House Annex Building 215 N. Cross St., Conference Room West Union (937-544-3286)	2/11/13	10:00 am
Brown	Commissioners Office Administration Building Georgetown (937-378-3956)	2/11/13	1:30 pm
Jackson	Commissioners Office County Annex Building 275 Portsmouth Street Jackson (740-286-3301)	2/12/13	1:30 pm
Gallia	Court House, 2 nd Floor Meeting Room 18 Locust Street Gallipolis (740-446-4612)	2/14/13	10:00 am

OVRDC Executive Committee Meeting Dates

All OVRDC Executive Committee meeting notices will be emailed to all members at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please be aware that meeting dates are subject to change for justified reasons. Meetings will be held at the Pike Co. Government Center, unless noted elsewhere and will be held at 1:30 pm.

- January 24, 2013 (1:30 pm) Pike Co. Government Center
- February 21, 2013 (1:30 pm) Pike Co. Government Center
- March 22, 2013 (Highland County) 10:30 am Full Commission Banquet at 11:00 am (Registration forms will be mailed) Location: To be determined.
- April 18, 2013 (1:30 pm) Pike Co. Government Center
- May 23, 2013 (1:30 pm) (Location Tentative) Pike Co. Government Center
- June 27, 2013 (1:30 pm) (Location Tentative) Pike Co. Government Center
- July 25, 2013 (1:30 pm) (Location Tentative) Pike Co. Government Center
- No August Meeting
- September 20, 2013 (Lawrence County) 10:00 am Full Commission Appreciation Banquet at 11:00 am (Registration forms will be mailed) Location: To be determined.
- October 24, 2013 (1:30 pm)
- November 21, 2013 (1:30 pm)
- No December Meeting

ODOT to Accept Applications for Local Projects

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) began accepting funding request applications on January 1st for Transportation Alternatives, Small City, and Municipal Bridge projects. The programs provide federal funding for a variety of transportation infrastructure projects throughout the state.

Transportation Alternatives Program – Federal funding is available for the construction of bicycle and pedestrian transportation and recreational facilities, projects or systems to aid non-drivers to access daily needs, traffic calming solutions, turnouts and overlooks to access significant scenic or historic sites and projects that preserve historic transportation facilities throughout Ohio. Local governments outside the boundaries of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are eligible for program funding. Additionally, local governments and transportation authorities within Allen, Belmont, Licking and Washington counties that are within an MPO region can also apply to receive project funding. The funding will be provided for projects to be awarded in State Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Program guidance and Letter of Interest can be found on the ODOT Office of Local Programs website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/TransportationAlternatives.aspx>

Small City Program - The Small City Program provides federal funds to cities with populations from 5,000 to 24,999 and that are not within an MPO boundary. Currently, there are 58 Small Cities statewide that meet these criteria. This program may be used by the incorporated localities for any roadway or safety project on the Federal-aid system. The funding will be provided for projects to be awarded in State Fiscal Year 2015-2016. A list of eligible cities, program guidance and application can be found on the ODOT Office of Local Programs website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/SmallCity.aspx>

Municipal Bridge Program - The Municipal Bridge Program provides federal funds to municipal corporations for bridge replacement or bridge rehabilitation projects. Bridges must carry vehicular traffic to be eligible for funding. Bridges that exist solely for railroad or pedestrian facilities are not eligible for funding. The funding will be provided for projects to be awarded in State Fiscal Year 2016-2017. A list of bridges targeted for funding, program guidance and application can be found on the ODOT Office of Local Programs website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/MunicipalBridge.aspx>

Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Sign Program:

ODOT has standard school zone signs available for K-8 schools in Ohio. If a community needs to replace existing standard school zone signs, and has the forces to do so themselves, ODOT can offer signs at no charge to the community. [Click Here for order form](#). The community does not need to be a part of an existing SRTS program. These signs are meant to improve safety quickly for communities across the state. [Click Here](#) for sign program procedures. Contact your local [SRTS coordinator](#) for more details. The Sign Program will not be available after December 31, 2013.

Upcoming Funding Round:

The next application cycle for SRTS funds is ready to get going. Management at ODOT has agreed to help communities with the 20% match required by MAP-21. Here are the dates to remember:

Application Cycle

- January 1, 2013 – Applications Available
- March 1, 2013 – Applications Due
- May 1, 2012 – Applicants notified

Detailed guidance is now available, [Click Here for guidance](#).

Applications are web based again this year. If applying for SRTS funds you will be required to register with ODOT in order to upload mandatory documents. Please register early as this process may take up to 14 days. If you registered last year you will **not** need to register again this year. [Click Here](#) to register.

Governor John R. Kasich announces the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program

This employer-driven program is designed to provide direct financial assistance to train workers and improve the economic competitiveness of Ohio's employers. The voucher program is designed to offset a portion of the employer's costs to upgrade the skills of its incumbent workforce and will provide reimbursement to eligible employers for specific training costs accrued during training. The program's funding will be used in conjunction with private contribution to fund skill-upgrade training. Eligible employers must demonstrate that by receiving funding assistance through the Voucher Program that their business will not only obtain a skilled workforce but will improve their company processes and competitiveness.

To learn more about the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program, including program guidelines and instructions, visit <http://www.development.ohio.gov/bs/wtvp.htm>. Please note that the application instructions are very difficult to understand in order to assist you and should the refer to them during the application process.

The online application was available January 7, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at <https://development.ohio.gov/IncumbentWorkforce/>.

Please note that the program is first come, first served. The caps on the reimbursement will be \$500,000 per eligible company and/or \$4,000 per eligible employee, with a maximum funding rate of up to 50%; all training must begin and be completed between February 4, 2013 and June 30, 2013.

Below, find answers to some of our most frequently asked questions. For additional assistance, contact Shannon Vanderpool at (614) 644-8560 or Shannon.vanderpool@development.ohio.gov or Barbara Miller at (614) 644-6107 or Barbara.miller@development.ohio.gov.

Answers to some frequently asked questions:

- The launch date of the program is January 7, 2013, providing a five month window for training for this program year. All training must begin and be completed between **February 4, 2013 and June 30, 2013**.
- Only one application per employer will be accepted per program year. If an employer has multiple sites, those sites must work together to submit the one application.
- The company's NAICS code (<http://www.naics.com/search.htm>) will determine eligibility as to the ten targeted industries.
- A corporate headquarter is defined as the entity at the top of a corporation that takes full responsibility for the overall success of the corporation and ensures Corporate Governance. A corporate headquarter is considered a business' most prestigious location. To be considered a corporate headquarter, the corporation will have at least one other office or business location. **Training will be for the corporate headquarter's staff only.**

OSU Hosts High Tunnel Basics Workshop

OSU will be hosting a High Tunnel Basics Workshop on Friday, February 8, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at OSU South Centers. Registration fee is \$20 per person. Topics to be covered include:

- Site and crop selection
- Tunnel construction and management
- USDA/EQUIP opportunities
- Pest and environmental control
- High Tunnel Economics
- Micro irrigation setup and management

To register, contact: Charissa McGlothlin at mcglothlin.4@osu.edu or 740-289-2071 ext. 132. Register today as space is limited. For further information you may go to: <http://go.osu.edu/HighTunnelWorkshop>

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