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[OVRDC's New Mailing Address and Staff Phone Extensions](#)

OVRDC staff are now in our new office building located at 73 Progress Drive, Waverly, OH. Please make sure that you have our new mailing address as follows:

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Mark Your Calendar - OVRDC's Official Ribbon Cutting on August 22, 2013



OVDC Annual Full Commission Meeting

Save the Date

You are cordially invited to attend the
Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

*Annual Full Commission
Appreciation Banquet*

Friday, September 20, 2013

Ohio University Southern
1804 Liberty Avenue
Ironton, OH 45638
LAWRENCE COUNTY

Registration at 10:30 a.m.
Full Commission Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch at noon

Watch your mail for more details.....

OVRDC Announces New Staff Members



John Hemmings, OVRDC Executive Director, announces two new OVRDC staff members. Stephanie Gilbert, Bookkeeper/Secretary effective May 28, 2013. In her new position Stephanie will assist the Finance Director in maintaining and updating OVRDC's financial records and payroll. She will also be responsible for performing secretarial and related support activities. Stephanie resides in Waverly, Ohio with her husband and two children.

Kara Willis, Development Director effective July 29, 2013. Kara will be responsible for overall supervision, coordination and implementation of federal and state agency grant programs and oversight and implementation of planning and geographic information systems programs of the agency. Kara resides in Wheelersburg, Ohio with her husband and three children.



We would like to welcome Stephanie and Kara to the OVRDC family.

OVRDC Receives Funding for Transportation Planning

OVRDC recently received a federal transportation grant for \$240,000 to participate in ODOT's Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) two-year pilot program. The total cost of the program is \$300,000 with ODOT and OVRDC each contributing 10%.

ODOT initiated the RTPO Program to enhance project prioritization and improve the overall statewide planning process by strengthening its pre-existing partnerships with rural planning agencies. To accomplish this goal, ODOT is recognizing OVRDC and four other multi-county rural planning agencies in Ohio as RTPOs. ODOT will work with the RTPOs and Ohio's Metropolitan Planning Organizations to develop transportation plans for the RTPO regions and establish transportation planning expertise among the staff of the RTPO agencies.

Two documents will be produced by OVRDC during the RTPO Program including a public participation plan (PPP) and a comprehensive transportation plan. In addition to these deliverables, OVRDC will engage in several activities during the RTPO Program. Activities will include consultation with government entities and transportation professionals, public participation and outreach in accordance with the developed PPP, mentoring activities with the Ohio/Kentucky/Indiana Council Governments, and general activities to increase the knowledge of transportation planning.

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OVRDC Receives Auditor of State Award

A recent financial audit of Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission by the Auditor of State Dave Yost's office has returned a clean audit report. OVRDC's excellent record keeping has earned it the *Auditor of State Award*.

The *Auditor of State Award* is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- Must be a GAAP entity without a CAFR (Certified Annual Financial Report) that timely files their financial reports with the Auditor of State;
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public records

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You can now view OVRDC's 2012 Audit online at:

<http://www.auditor.state.oh.us/auditsearch/detail.aspx?ReportID=102517>

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Notice of Grant Availability: 2014 History Fund Grants

Applications for 2014 **History Fund** grants are now available online at www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund. The due date for applications is **Thursday, September 5, 2013**. The History Fund was created to support the preservation and sharing of Ohio's heritage by funding local, regional, and statewide projects, programs, and events related to the broad sweep of the state's history and pre-history. There are three categories of eligible projects:

- **Organizational Development:** focus on building organizational capacity. Examples: training for board and staff, professional assistance with organizational issues, improving governance structures, volunteer or membership program development, and assessments or strategic plans (including paid facilitators/consultants).
- **Programs & Collections:** encompasses a variety of projects that further the study, recordation, interpretation, publication and dissemination of historical information, engagement of communities in history, or conservation of historical collections and archives. Examples: public programs, exhibits, care and management of archival materials and artifacts, digitization of collections, oral history, archeological/architectural/historical surveys, archaeological field work, nominations of historic buildings and sites to the National Register of Historic Places, preparation of historic preservation plans or feasibility studies, mobile or online applications, walking tours,

and events.

- **Bricks & Mortar:** rehabilitation, restoration, protection, or acquisition of historic properties and archaeological sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated by local ordinance, building work related to the preservation of historical or archival collections regardless of the building's historic status, and new construction dedicated to the preservation of historical or archival collections.

Potential applicants are invited to attend a **webinar** about the grant program on July 18 that will be repeated August 7. To register for the webinar, please visit: www.ohiohistory.org/register.

History Fund grants are funded entirely from the donation of state income tax refunds and directed donations to the Ohio Historical Society. It is anticipated that over \$100,000 will be available for re-granting in the 2014 funding cycle.

For a list of first-round recipients announced at Statehood Day in February, visit www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund.

For questions about History Fund grants, contact Andy Verhoff, Local History Coordinator, Local History Office, Ohio Historical Society, at 614-297-2340 or www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund .

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