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## Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

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### News & Updates: January 21, 2014

#### First Round 2014 County Caucus Meetings by Date

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	DAY	MEETING DATE	TIME
Ross	Commissioners Office Court House, 2 N. Paint Street, Suite H Chillicothe (740-702-3085)	Monday	1/27/14	10:00 am
Fayette	Commissioners Office County Adm. Services Building 133 S. Main Street, Suite 401 Washington CH (740-335-0720)	Monday	1/27/14	1:30 pm
Jackson	Commissioners Office County Annex Building 275 Portsmouth Street Jackson (740-286-3301)	Tuesday	1/28/14	1:30 pm
Highland	Commissioners Office Administration Building 114 Governor Foraker Place Hillsboro (937-393-1911)	Wednesday	1/29/14	10:30 am
Clermont	101 East Main Street Administration Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room Batavia (513-732-7300)	Wednesday	1/29/14	2:30 pm
Gallia	Court House, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room 18 Locust Street Gallipolis (740-446-4612)	Thursday	1/30/14	10:00 am
Vinton	Commissioners Office Court House, 100 E. Main Street McArthur (740-596-4571)	Monday	2/03/14	10:00 am
Pike	Pike County Government Center Conference Room 230 Waverly Plaza Waverly (740-947-4817)	Monday	2/03/14	1:30 pm
Lawrence	Commissioners Office Court House, 111 S. Fourth Street Ironton (740-533-4300)	Thursday	2/6/14	11:30 am
Scioto	Department of Job & Family Services (left-side meeting room) 710 Court Street Portsmouth (740-355-8313)	Thursday	2/6/14	2:30 pm
Adams	Court House Annex Building 215 N. Cross St., Conference Room West Union (937-544-3286)	Monday	2/10/14	10:00 am
Brown	Commissioners Office Administration Building Georgetown (937-378-3956)	Monday	2/10/14	1:30 pm

#### Executive Committee & Full Commission Meeting Dates for 2014

Meeting notices will be sent 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 OVRDC Office, 73 Progress Drive in Waverly, unless noted elsewhere and will be held at 1:30 pm.

January 23, 2014 (1:30 pm)

February 20, 2014 (1:30 pm)

March 21, 2014 - Friday (10:00 am)

Adams County, Ohio (Location to be determined)

(Full Commission Banquet Registration 10:30 am, Meeting at 11:00 am)

#### More News:

**OVRDC Executive Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 1:30pm at the OVRDC Office.**

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(Registration forms will be emailed and will on line at ovrdc.org)

April 24, 2014 (1:30 pm)

May 22, 2014 (1:30 pm)

June 26, 2014 (1:30 pm)

July 24, 2014 (1:30 pm)

No August Meeting

September 19, 2014 - Friday 10:00 am  
Jackson County (Full Commission Appreciation Banquet  
at 11:00 am-Registration forms will be mailed)  
(Location to be determined)

October 23, 2014 (1:30 pm)

November 20, 2014 (1:30 pm)

No December Meeting

### **Small City Funding Program Application now Available!**

The Ohio Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration has developed the Small City Program in a concerted effort to eliminate deficiencies on existing transportation facilities. This program provides federal funds for roadway or safety related projects on a Federal-aid route within small cities (population 5,000 to 24, 999) that are NOT located within Metropolitan Planning Organizations' boundaries.

Cities eligible to apply for this funding program are listed here:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Small%20City%20Program%20Documents/List%20of%20Eligible%20Small%20Cities.pdf>

If your city is eligible, it must submit an application no later than March 1, 2014. The application is available at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/SmallCity.aspx>

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Jeff Peyton at 614-466-2032 or [jeff.peyton@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:jeff.peyton@dot.state.oh.us)

### **Now Accepting Ohio's Drinking Water SRF Pre-Applications for Program Year 2015**

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), is initiating an update to the Project Priority List (PPL) for the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) for the program year 2015 starting July 1, 2014. To be considered for funding from the WSRLA, drinking water-related infrastructure projects must be on the PPL. The first step toward positioning a project on the PPL is to submit a nomination form and supporting documentation.

Please read the instructions carefully, complete and submit the nomination form in its entirety, including the required attachment. An incomplete form will not be scored or added to the PPL. The nomination form and the instructions can be found on the DDAGW Financial Assistance website:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/financialassistance.aspx>.

Please note an **Ohio EPA-approved general plan** addressing the proposed project must be submitted with the nomination for design and/or construction loans for new, replaced, rehabilitated, upgraded or expanded **water treatment plants and their components**. Additionally, **project planning documentation** addressing the proposed project must be submitted with the nomination for design and/or construction loans for **distribution systems and their components**. More information on the elements of a general plan and project planning documentation can be found in the instructions.

If you would like to be considered for the Disadvantaged Community Program, we must also receive an application for that program by March 1, 2014. If you need assistance in filling out the nomination form or Disadvantaged Community Loan Program application, please contact your Ohio EPA District Office (see Nomination Form Instructions) or the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (for systems with a population of 10,000 or less contact Kurtis Strickland at 740-682-8414 or [kstrickland@wsos.org](mailto:kstrickland@wsos.org)) prior to the deadline. Submission of a nomination form does not guarantee funds will be available, nor does it obligate you to apply for, or receive assistance from the WSRLA. You may withdraw your project at any time.

All pre-applications must be submitted via email by March 1, 2014 to [DWAE.mail@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:DWAE.mail@epa.ohio.gov). Paper copies and faxes will no longer be accepted. Please attach the nomination form (must include authority signature) and one file of all the required documentation. Please also attach the Disadvantaged Community Loan Program Application to the email, if applicable. The email can contain a maximum of three attachments. Please label the subject of the email with the system name followed by the project name. For systems submitting multiple projects, please send a separate email for each project. If the one file of all required documentation will exceed the 50MB Ohio EPA email capacity, please include the document file name in the body of your email and FTP the file to Ohio EPA. Instructions to self-register and send large files to Ohio EPA can be found on the DDAGW Financial Assistance website. For more information on the new requirements and the pre-application process, please plan to attend the **online meeting**.

Topic: Ohio's Drinking Water SRF Pre-Application Process

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Time: 1:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (New York, GMT-05:00)

Meeting Number: 686 998 363

Meeting Password: (This meeting does not require a password.)

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To join the online meeting (Now from mobile devices!)

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2. On the left navigation bar, click "Support".

You can contact Mike at: [mike.deal@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:mike.deal@epa.state.oh.us) or (614)644-2752

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### **U.S. EPA ARC Grant Reminder**

The deadline to submit an application for the U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup (ARC) Grants for Federal Fiscal Year 2014 is **January 22, 2014**. For more information and copies of the guidelines, go to <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm#epa-oswer-oblr-13-05>.

As in the past, all grant applications must have a state support letter from Ohio. For information about obtaining a State Support Letter, please refer to the guidelines on our DERR Website under **Announcements/Highlights** at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/derr/EnvironmentalResponseandRevitalization.aspx> or view the guidelines at [http://www.epa.ohio.gov/Portals/30/Fedgrantsreclerinst\\_2012.doc](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/Portals/30/Fedgrantsreclerinst_2012.doc). Please note that the deadline for requesting a support letter from the Ohio EPA is **January 10, 2014**.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Oravec at 614-728-1749 or [Megan.oravec@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Megan.oravec@epa.ohio.gov)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Appalachian Ohio State of the Region Conference**



The **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Appalachian Ohio State of the Region Conference** is scheduled for May 20, 2014 in the Walter Hall Rotunda on the campus of Ohio University. This day-long conference will address the region's current status and opportunities in the manufacturing sector by bringing together national leaders and industry experts to discuss recent trends and developments. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!

There will be no charge for admission, we will have ample free parking on campus and lunch will be provided.

Watch for our registration links to open soon.

Video highlights of the 2013 Ohio Appalachian State of the Region Conference can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjaB36JKLUc>.

This event is presented by the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs through the support of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

For additional information please contact: [Twyman@ohio.edu](mailto:Twyman@ohio.edu) or 740.597.1460

### **Arts Funding Notices**

#### **National Endowment for the Arts – ArtWorks FY 2015**

Website: [arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works](http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works)

Funds Available: \$10,000 - \$100,000 (average grant is under \$25,000)

Application Deadline: Artist Communities- February 20, 2014, or Design Applicants-July 24, 2014

Funds Available: After January 1, 2015 (artist) and after June 1, 2015 (design)

ArtWorks refers to three things: the works of art themselves, the ways art works on audiences, and the fact that art is work for the artists and arts professionals who make up the field. Funding for projects that may be part of an applicant's regular season or activities, or a portion thereof, and all phases of the project from planning through implementation. Projects do not need to be large or new, but organizations must have provided programming for a 3-year history prior to application date. Visit the website for additional eligibility guidelines and link to the full RFP.

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#### **National Endowment for the Arts – Challenge America FY 2015**

Website: [arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america-fast-track](http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/challenge-america-fast-track)

Funds Available: \$10,000

Application Deadline: May 8, 2014

Funds Available: After January 1, 2015

The Challenge America Fast Track category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations – those limited by geography, ethnicity, economics or disability. Grants available to professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. Organizations cannot apply to other ArtWorks categories for funding in the same fiscal year. Please visit website for eligibility guidelines and link to full RFP.

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#### **Library Leadership and Management Association – John Cotton Dana Awards**

Link to RFP: <https://johncottondana.nonprofitcms.org/awards>

Funds Available: \$10,000 Award

Applications Deadline: February 14, 2014 Awards Announced April 2014

Awards program awarding \$10,000 awards to libraries of all sizes and types for outstanding public relations initiatives. Online application. Visit RFP for full details.

If you have difficulties accessing the information, please contact Misty Tolzda, OMEGA Grants Specialist, at [misty@omegadistrict.org](mailto:misty@omegadistrict.org).

