

MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Applications FY 2020

Four Projects were submitted by Community Development staff on
January 31, 2020

Roane County Commission applied for \$1,000,000 in ARC funds for the Walton Public Sewer District. This will allow Walton Public Sewer District to provide centralized sanitary sewer service through a package plant and collection system with all necessary appurtenances. Approximately 115 residential and commercial customers plus Walton Elementary School with centralized sanitary sewer service.

The City of Ripley applied for \$1,000,000 in ARC funds for their Phase II Sewer Project. Phase II addresses the inability of the treatment facilities to meet effluent discharge limits per consent and administrative orders from WVDEP. If Ripley does not meet these guidelines, monetary penalties will be imposed, and they will continue to be restricted from adding new sewer customers.

Pleasant Hill PSD in Calhoun County applied for \$1,000,000 in ARC funds to provide water and fire flow service. The project will serve approximately 77 households in the area of Norman Ridge, Big Root Run Road, and Bull River Road.

Calhoun County Commission applied for \$135,000 in ARC funds to complete an Infrastructure Assessment and Improvement Plan. This project will allow the county to hire a consulting firm to assess and document infrastructure priorities and costs, potential projects to unserved areas, and options for consolidations of utilities and cost savings through management agreements.

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The Senior Companion Program

The Senior Companion Program would like to Thank the Sisters Health Foundation for the recent award of a \$4,000 Grant to support the program. The primary focus of the Senior Companion Program is independent living. This is accomplished through many ways including transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores and necessary errands. This grant will be general support for some of the costs associated with this transportation.





The Mid-Ohio Valley Workforce Development Board Director, Janelle Comstock, traveled to D.C. to attend the 2020 Skills Summit held by the National Skills Coalition. Janelle, along with HRDF Executive Director, Stephanie Ahart, and HRDF One Stop Coordinator, Amber Jackson. While in D.C. they had the opportunity to meet and discuss employment and training barriers in WV with Senator Shelley Capito and Congressman Alex Mooney. The MOV-WDB also has the 2nd annual Reverse Job Fair scheduled for June 25th. Registration can be found on the WDB website for both jobseekers and employers.

www.wdbmov.com/reverse-job-fair

There will also be an Employer Forum scheduled in Ritchie County at General Thomas Harris School Museum on March 24th from 10am-12pm.



MOVRC and Buckeye Hills Regional Council selected to participate in

Recovery-to Work Regional Cohort Learning Academy

We recently learned that our regional proposal was selected to participate in the Development District Association of Appalachia's Regional Cohort Learning Academy offered through a grant by Appalachian Regional Commission. This learning Academy is a nine month process in which a team of organizations will collaborate within the region and with three other regions to improve working relationships, identify and adopt best practices and access dedicated technical assistance to enhance the lives of individuals and communities impacted by the substance use crisis affecting Appalachia.

Our focus will be on Wood and Washington Counties and the Core team consists of Carol Jackson, MOVRC; Rick Hindman, Buckeye Hills RC; Marian Clowes, PACF and Hilles Hughes, Washington County Behavioral Health Board. Other team members consists of Cindy Arnold, REO Logistics; Robin Bozian, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services; Senta Goudy, WVU-P; Dominique Kirl, Fourth Circuit Public Defenders Corporation; Melissa Morrison, Jobs & Hope WV; Melissa Ogden, Faithlink; Renee Steffen, Sisters Health Foundation; Shaeleigh Sprigg, Washington County Health Department; Josh Wagner, Wal-Mart, Dr. Richard Wittberg, Community Health Improvement Associates.

The team is anxious to get started with this process and share the information with all the organizations in our region working towards a better coordination and focus our efforts on the recovery ecosystem.

