

MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Executive Director Carol Jackson's Message

*Our Hearts and Thoughts are with All of Those Who Have Suffered A Loss
Through This Difficult and Challenging Time In Our Country.*

We Are All In This Together.

We Will Come Through This and We will Be Stronger!

The MOVRC staff are all working, but the office is closed to the public. MOVRC uses Office 365 and we have stepped up the amount of information that is available remotely. Program staff can work from home. Many staff are taking advantage of this due to family concerns. The accounting staff is working at the office making sure the lights are on and payroll checks are processed. We are all extremely busy trying to disseminate information out to the communities and making sure our staff, stakeholders and volunteers are safe and we are helping with whatever we can.

Information is coming out daily with what financial impact the CARES act will provide to the region. EDA has been granted additional funds some of which will be coming directly to the MOVRC to help with operations and planning for the organization and region.

SBA Loans

Please note that MOVRC is not a SBA lender and we cannot process the PPP or Economic Injury loans. Our regular loan programs are stepping up to be able to meet other financial needs, such as businesses taking this opportunity to replace old equipment during the down time, or needing to expand so they can be better positioned when they reopen. Our loan application is online at the MOVRC Website. All data can be uploaded we can continue to process loan applications during this time. Current loan clients have been notified that they can skip their April payment. Future modifications might be needed and the MOVRC Loan Review Committee continues to monitor the situation.

Regional COVID-19 Response

Please check out our webpage for updated information on items of interest to our region.
<https://esri-movrc-coronavirus-hub-movrc.hub.arcgis.com/>



Thank You

To Our RSVP Volunteers

RSVP Volunteers are continuing to help their communities, amid this COVID-19 pandemic. Even though all centers are shut down and social distancing is in place, MariJo Tedesco, RSVP Director, continues to be in contact with as many volunteers as she can through emails, phone calls and social media.

One of her stations in the Calhoun County FRN has been keeping a Food Giveaway Journal and the amount of meals that volunteers are providing is just amazing, approximately 6,150 meals in a few weeks' time all the while keeping themselves and those around them safe.

The meals have been delivered throughout the week and also on the weekends. The meals have included breakfast, lunch and dinners such as soups and sandwiches, hot meals like open face turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes/gravy and green beans. The Silver lining box meals contain at least 5 meals per box. The meals they have providing were for both adults and youths.

There are also volunteers that have created stitching groups in several counties including Wood, that have been working very diligently on making face masks for different agencies, healthcare workers and nursing homes in the area.

What a Great thing they are doing!





WWW Considers Updates to Essential Documents

The Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission (WWW) is in the process of updating two documents essential in the transportation planning process. They include an update to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2021-2024, and an update to the Multi-Modal Long Range Transportation Plan.



The TIP is a document that is developed in coordination with federal, state, and local transportation partners to identify transportation investments that are programmed over a four year period. In addition to highway and transit improvement projects, that TIP incorporates multi-modal considerations such as bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. The overall document is a comprehensive effort designed to respond to federal requirements to ensure the flow of federal transportation funds within the metropolitan area. Included in the document are specific components related to fiscal constraint, air quality conformity, performance measures, and environmental justice/Title VI. A draft document has been developed and is available for review on the WWW website at <http://www.triplew.org/>. The WWW Policy Board will consider approval of the document during the May 20, 2020 quarterly meeting.



The Long Range Transportation Plan is a document that provides the foundation for transportation considerations and investment decisions document in the TIP. This document is required to maintain a twenty year planning period and include specific requirements that lead to the identification of transportation priorities over the planning period. The Plan is required to be updated every five years to reflect any changes in regional characteristics that may alter regional transportation project priorities. The Plan being developed covers the twenty year period through year 2045 and will be developed with a proactive public participation process to ensure the Plan is representative of local and regional transportation needs. The Plan development process in in the early stages with an anticipated plan completion date of December 2021. The planning process and progress made on the Plan will be documented and posted on the WWW website's



Updates from: FGP and SCP

Beginning April 1st, the hourly stipend rate increased for the volunteers from \$2.65 to \$3.00 an hour. The volunteers hadn't seen an increase for 18 years.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) granted our volunteers a temporary pay allowance during this pandemic. The temporary pay is based on the volunteer's weekly average of the hours worked before the social distancing began.

Both FGP and SCP federal grants for 2020/2021 have been submitted and waiting approval.

During this pandemic, we all have had to think out of the box and find a new normalcy. The Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program staff have continued to find new ways to connect with our senior volunteers and help with their isolation. One of the ways we have done this is through the collaboration with WV Extension with the Community Calling Program. The Program is a fun way to decrease isolation by pairing senior volunteers with WVU college students for two fun conversations via phone per week for 5 weeks.

FGP and SCP staff prepared packets for our volunteers with information on COVID-19, proper handwashing, a listing of all Senior Centers (Meal Sites) throughout the state, and resource guides, etc.



Property Tax Information from the City of Parkersburg

Real Property Improvement Tax Rebate Program

As the major population and employment center for 160,000 residents in the Mid-Ohio Valley, the City of Parkersburg is committed to providing area residents with the best quality of life. This includes access to employment opportunities and safe, affordable house. To catalyze new private investment in the community, Parkersburg City Council established a Real Property Improvement Tax Rebate Program (RPITRP) in December 2019. The Tax Rebate Program is designed to catalyze private investment and redevelopment in residential neighborhoods, industrial areas and commercial districts throughout the City of Parkersburg through new construction and/or rehabilitation projects. Please use the following links to access the

https://movrc5.squarespace.com/s/RPITRP_Program-Guidelines_Final-7agf.pdf

https://movrc5.squarespace.com/s/RPITRP_Application_Final.pdf

