

MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Note from Executive Director's desk

The MOVRC will be shortly welcoming its new Executive Director!

I have been with THE Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council for over 16 years. Hiring in as the Controller, I was promoted to Executive Director when Executive Director Jim Mylott retired. The role of executive director has far exceeded my expectations for both rewards and demands.

When I began the Executive Director position in July 2012, the agency had net assets of \$4.2 million and as of our last audit June 2021, the net assets were \$11.7 million. The annual revenues have grown from \$2.1 million to \$6 million. The outstanding small business loan balances have grown from \$3.7 million to \$9.7million.

Our growth has been through united and diligent staff efforts in pursuing new programs that complement our existing platform and an aggressive acquisition of new small business loan funds paired with strong fiscal oversight. In 2016 we purchased our new office building and, after completing renovation and build out, we opened it in 2017. Our former office building was sold, leaving us with a solid foundation for the future growth of the agency and its programs.

Our core programs include Senior Volunteer Programs, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Small Business Lending, and Community Development Programs. Core programs haven't changed over time but funding and staffing of operations within each division have changed. Our three Senior Volunteer Programs serve WV residents in over 34 counties and we have added a satellite office in Elkins to support programs and volunteers. The Senior Staff have been very dedicated to these programs and the state's senior citizens we serve. The MPO program also helps support the Wood County Alternative Transportation Council. While this program's staff have experienced a retirement lately, they are very committed to providing the best service possible to the constituents. The Community Development Program is now offering expanded GIS services/support to the local communities. Staffing shortages have also affected this department which has led to core staff putting in long hours to ensure member communities needs are addressed.

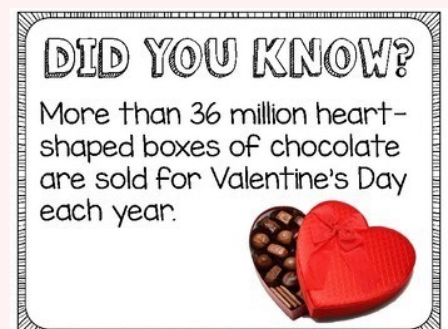
When former Executive Director Jim Mylott and his Executive Assistant/Loan Support officer, Janelle Dotson retired, the Executive Assistant/Loan Support officer positions were consolidated into my Executive Director position. Due to the expansion of the Small Business lending program, we have now reached the point where it is too much for one person to be able to handle the Executive Director and Executive Assistant/Loan Support officer roles at once. Shortly we will also experience retirements of some longer tenured staff. To best position the MOVRC for the future, I have announced that I have decided to step down from the Executive Director position to remain on staff as the Loan Program Director on a part time basis. This will allow the new Executive Director to move the agency forward unencumbered. I will remain as an information resource if and when needed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my staff for making MOVRC what it is today.

AmeriCorps Seniors Updates



AmeriCorps Seniors Programs have been busy with follow up grant reporting. Programs are required to submit a Progress Report and Progress Report Supplement. These reports contain demographic and program specific data that gets reported on the federal level. New federal grants are to be submitted by March 10 and will begin July 1, 2022.

AmeriCorps Seniors Programs are required a 10% non-federal match each year. Staff have been working towards securing those funds. Grant applications for the Pallottine Foundation are being prepared by staff in the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs. Funding applications and requests from other local sources are also being completed.



RSVP



The RSVP program, like many others is continuing to push forward and keep its volunteers safe and busy. This past month we have 5 new volunteers and are hoping to sign a new station in Roane County. Several stations have experienced COVID outbreaks and have been shuttered for quarantine for various amounts of time. Despite the setbacks, we continue to have volunteers helping their communities as best they can. We are planning several small recognition events in March and April. In May we will be having our Recognitions Luncheon at Cedar Lakes Conference Center to celebrate all of our Senior volunteers. On Monday, February 14th, Ravenswood Senior Center will be celebrating and recognizing Hazel Brammer, a volunteer for close to 23 years on her 90th birthday. We look forward to this celebration.



TransCad Transportation Model Data Request – FY 2022

With the completion of WWW's Horizon 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), consulting firm Burgess & Niple conveyed the updated transportation forecasting model to WWW. This transportation model serves to project future transportation data based on the planned and programmed projects from the LRTP and current program on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The model data is featured in the software program TransCad and will be used to examine traffic data in the WWW service area for a variety of purposes including future planning and programming.

WWW received a request for the model output data files from the Ohio Department of Transportation in October 2021. WWW was able to transmit the data files to ODOT in February 2022 after the consultant had prepared the data package for distribution.

This work effort is an extension of work element 610 Long Range Planning, identified in the FY22 Unified Planning Work Program.

Field #	Output Field Name	Length	Description	Format/Values
1	CONTACT_NAME	50	Contact's first and last name.	
2	CORPORATE_NAME	50	The name shown on the business license or other which it conducts its business. Company name if any, or other individual name if first name, last name or other professional life when available.	
3	PRIMARY_ADDRESS	50	Main address of the business.	
4	PRIMARY_CITY	50	The city of the mailing address.	
5	PRIMARY_STATE	3	State abbreviation.	
6	PRIMARY_ZIP_CODE	5	The ZIP of the mailing address.	
7	PRIMARY_ZIP4	4	The 4-digit ZIP extension of the mailing address.	
8	PRIMARY_ZIP5	3		
9	PRIMARY_CARRIER_ROUTE_CODE	4	The carrier route code of the mailing address.	
10	PRIMARY_STATE_CODE	2		
11	COUNTY_CODE	3	A 3-digit code assigned to the county.	
12	COUNTY_NAME	14		
13	MSA_CODE	4		
14	MSA_DESC	50		
15	CSA_CODE	3	US: A 3-digit code assigned by the Office of Management and Budget to uniquely identify the 500+ Metropolitan Statistical Areas and the 500+ Micropolitan Statistical Areas in the United States. Click here to see the details.	
16	CSA_DESC	50	US: Census Metropolitan area.	
17	METRO_MICRO_INDICATOR	1	Distinguishes between Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas.	1: METROPOLITAN 2: METROPOLITAN 3: NOT IN A CSA
18	CSA_CODE	3	A grouping of adjacent CSAs displayed as a 3-digit code, identified for areas where at least 10% of the population from one community will commute to another adjacent community for employment or commerce. Click here to see the details.	
19	CSA_DESC	50		
20	CENSUS_TRACT	8	2010 Census Tract Code	
21	CENSUS_BLOCK_GROUP	5	2010 Census Block Group Code	
22	LATITUDE	9		
23	LONGITUDE	10		
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Staff Response:

- Staff efforts included coordination with our LRTP consultant to obtain the files and transmit them to ODOT by the Digital Services/GIS Specialist.
- Work activity included the preparation of data for transmission in January 2022.
- Installation and troubleshooting new model installation.
- www.triplew.org



RAISE Grants Program Project Request to WWC TAC for WVDOH—FY 2022

Project Number	Description	Project Cost (\$)
WV114	Devils Mule-Use Trail - Connect Marietta Trail to Davis Avenue	\$3,300,000
WV110	Study Area of Washington County Signal System Upgrades	\$ 800,000
WV111	Study Area of Washington County Street Lighting Improvements	\$ 900,000
WV112	Study Area of Washington County Targeted Streetscape Urban Design Enhancements	\$ 800,000
WV113	Study Area of Washington County High Crash Intersection Projects	\$1,500,000
WV117	Study Area of Washington County Active Transportation (Bike/Ped) Improvements	\$ 800,000
Total Phase II Washington County Project Costs		\$5,000,000
Phase II Funding Available in Washington County		\$25,504,000
WV001-001	Safety Improvements at WV 14 and 39 th Street/Lakeside Drive (Parkersburg)	\$ 800,000
WV001-002	Improve Access to Park Shopping Center from WV 14 (Parkersburg)	\$2,300,000
WV001-004	Access and safety improvements at intersection of WV 14, Masonic Drive and Grand Central Avenue in Vienna	\$1,700,000
WV001-011	Widen WV 14 from 29 th Street to Blizzard Drive. Includes multimodal improvements and intersection improvements at Ghon Road/Rayon Drive and Blizzard Drive/Broadway Avenue	\$17,600,000
WV001-112	Widen WV 14 to five lanes from 26th Street to Pettyville bypass; include multimodal improvements	\$13,200,000
WV001-114	Interchange improvements at I-77/US 50	\$7,400,000
WV001-115	Wood County Signal System Upgrades	\$1,000,000
WV001-116	Wood County Street Lighting Improvements	\$1,500,000
WV001-117	Wood County Targeted Streetscape Urban Design Enhancements	\$1,500,000
WV001-118	Wood County High Crash Intersection Projects	\$1,700,000
WV001-119	Construct Ohio River Trail from Memorial Bridge to Grand Central Mall including elevated wood trail behind Vienna Mall to Kelly Lane	\$1,500,000
WV001-122	Wood County Active Transportation (Bike/Ped) Improvements	\$1,100,000
Total Phase II Wood County Project Costs		\$41,300,000
Phase II Funding Available in Wood County		\$44,230,000
Total Phase II Project Costs		\$86,800,000
Total Phase II Funding Available		\$91,934,000

Regarding the Notice of Funding Opportunity of a new RAISE Grants program, the WVDOH requested WWC submit proposed candidate projects for consideration in their selection process to present to Secretary Wriston. The State will be selecting 3 projects from those submitted by all MPO's by February 9th in anticipation of the April 14th deadline specified by the program. In response, WWC reached out to our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members for input on the projects WWC proposed for consideration, which meet the criteria specified in the RAISE Grants program and result from our recently developed Horizon

2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The projects we proposed advancing for consideration include Wood 111, Wood 112, Wood 113, and Wood 114:

- Wood 111 - Widen WV 14 from 26th Street to Blizzard Drive. Includes multimodal improvements and intersections improvements at Ghon Road/Rayon Drive and Blizzard Drive/Broadway Avenue. \$17,600.00
- Wood 112 - Widen WV 14 to five lanes from 26th Street to Pettyville bypass; include multimodal improvements. \$13,200.00
- Wood 113- Traffic congestion, aesthetics, and multimodal improvements along Saint Mary's Avenue/Dudley Avenue from 13th Street to West Virginia Avenue in Parkersburg. \$8,700.00
- Wood 114- Interchange Improvements at I-77/US 50. \$7,400.00



RAISE Grants Program Project Request to WWW TAC for WVDOH—FY 2022

The following excerpt describes the FY 2022 RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) appropriated \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation for National Infrastructure Investment grants under the “Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grants program.” This is the first year of the RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grants program under the BIL. The grant program funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. The attached FY 2022 RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and related information, including initial FAQs, is now available on the RAISE website: <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>).

The application deadline is April 14, 2022 at 5 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The NOFO is expected to be published in the Federal Register by Friday, February 4, 2022

Staff Response:

- Staff efforts included in-house discussions on the projects to propose, a review of the fiscally constrained LRTP projects in WV, and compiling the supporting documentation from our LRTP to share with the TAC.
- Staff contacted members of the WV TAC to provide information on the RAISE Grants program, propose projects for consideration, and distribute supporting documentation.
- Work activity included the preparation of materials and correspondence and staff availability for discussion and feedback with the TAC.
- This effort fulfills work activity included in Section 625 Transportation Planning Services and Administration identified in the FY22 UPWP.
- www.triplew.org
- Horizon 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) <https://horizon2045movrc.hub.arcgis.com/>



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



FEMA

The Wood County Commission awarded a contract to Tim Graham Excavating on Thursday, February 3rd for the demolition of 5 homes in Happy Valley. The voluntary buyout with FEMA grant funds was part of Wood County's ongoing Flood Mitigation efforts in the area along the Little Kanawha River. This phase makes a total of 18 homes that have been acquired and removed from Happy Valley since 2006.

GigReady Broadband Project commitments add up!

West Virginia's GigReady Incentive program comes from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and was legislatively established by HB 3302. Briefly, the program provides funding for "last mile" fiber to the customer construction projects with a 25% local government match. Several of our MOVRC county commissions and adjacent counties have made legacy building investments of their ARPA funds to bring critical broadband access to unserved residents, many leveraging improved middle mile fiber access from a large 8 county project sponsored by Roane EDA and being built by CityNet and Thompson and Litton. MOVRC provided a support letter to the WV Department of Development supporting the state funding for projects in our region.

Roane Co Commission - \$600,000 match on a 2.4 million dollar project

Calhoun Co Commission - \$500,000 match on a 2 million dollar project

Jackson Co Commission - \$1 million dollar match on a \$4 million dollar project

Clay Co Commission - \$275,000 match on a 1.1 million dollar project

Braxton Co Commission - \$1 million dollar match on a \$4 million dollar project

Gilmer Co Commission - \$750,000 million match on a \$3 million dollar project



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MOVRC staff prepared and submitted 3 infrastructure funding applications to WV Department of Development for the Governor's recommendation to the Appalachian Regional Commission. All projects are in distressed counties. Pleasant Hill PSD - Norman Ridge Water Extension requested \$1,000,000 for 75 new water customers in Calhoun County. Walton Public Sewer District's application was sponsored by Roane County Commission for \$1,000,000 and would contribute to the construction of a new sewer system for the Walton community. Walton PSD applied for \$1,500,000 toward a USDA project, Camp Sheppard Water Extension, which would serve 28 households, rehab a deteriorated water tank, and provide sufficient fire flow for Camp Sheppard which is the Emergency Staging Location for Roane County.

Happy
Valentines Day

