

# MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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We are pleased to announce that the merger with the Taylor County revolving loan fund has been completed and \$2.2 million dollars has been received. With this merger MOVRC will now be able to cover most of WV with the small business loan program. Currently MOVRC oversees 11 different loan programs with over \$9.7 million in assets. We are able to fill a gap for small businesses that need non-traditional financing to help establish or grow their small business. We also were recently reviewed by the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Agency for the EDA-Revolving Loan Program in which we received the highest rating of "A".

A recent loan client has just opened the Sorella Ristorante (pictured above) in Fairplain just off I-77. They are a small family operated Italian restaurant offering sit down meals.

Some of the other loans we have made recently are to an oil & gas field service company, a brewery, a State Farm agent, a campground, a fitness center and a real estate agent.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

Every major company was once a small business. Consider the garage days for the founders of Microsoft & Apple.

Please call Carol 304-422-4993 ext. 122 for more information or to apply for a small business loan.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

## Small Cities Block Grant Applications

On July 31, 2018, the MOVRC Community Development Staff submitted 6 applications to the Small Cities Block Grant (SCBG) program on behalf of communities throughout the Mid-Ohio Valley Region. Projects requesting funds included:

- Mt. Zion PSD Wastewater Improvements, Calhoun County Commission—requesting \$1,500,000 with a total project cost of \$2,310,000
- Southern Jackson PSD Given/Wendell Ridge Water Extension, Jackson County Commission— requesting \$1,500,000 with a total project cost of \$3,440,000
- Glendale Road/Route 31 North Water Extension, Town of Cairo—requesting \$1,500,000 with a total project cost of \$4,160,672
- Middle Fork Water Extension, Town of Reedy—requesting \$1,000,000 with a total project cost of \$1,925,000
- Pine Grove/Garner Branch Water Extension, Roane County Commission—requesting \$1,500,000 with a total project cost of \$2,981,960
- Spring Valley Sewer, Wirt County Commission—requesting \$1,500,000 with a total project cost of \$3,500,000

## Tyler County SCBG Update

The Tyler County PSD will open bids for construction contracts on the Route 18 South Water project on August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The Tyler County Commission is funding a portion of the project with a 2017 Small Cities Block Grant. The project will bring public water to Boreman Elementary School, the Tyler County Fairgrounds, and about 60 households.

The Tyler County Commission also received a 2017 Small Cities Block Grant for the Tyler County Broadband Improvement Plan, which recently chose consultant Thompson and Litton to move ahead with the process of identification of strategy to improve the speed and availability of Broadband internet in and around Tyler County. The Tyler County EDA is partnering in the process.

Luke Peters will be representing MOVRC at the Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce's *State of Tyler County Breakfast* on September 22, 2018 at Genesis Healthcare Sistersville. He will be updating the audience on these and several other projects in Tyler County this past year and upcoming.

# Hazard Mitigation Plan



It is time to begin the planning process to complete the 2020-2025 Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The HMP evaluates risks from natural hazards to our communities, then identifies actions and projects to mitigate those risks. **In order to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant funds from FEMA, communities must participate in planning and adopt the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan when complete.**



The Mid-Ohio Valley is currently served by the 2016-2020 HMP and **all communities have adopted and are covered by this current plan.** To complete an updated, relevant, and useful plan for 2020-2025 it is necessary to start the planning process now. The first step to initiate planning activities is for the MOVRC to apply to the State of West Virginia and FEMA for planning funds. The MOVRC is currently working to complete this application and reaching out to communities for statements of interest in planning.



Please be on the lookout for an invitation to a planning kick off meeting this Fall. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss hazard mitigation planning further, please call (304) 422-4993 Ext. 105 or email [meganne.robinson@movrc.org](mailto:meganne.robinson@movrc.org).

# Workforce Development Board

It has been an exciting few months for the Workforce Development Board! As of July 1st, we have brought the Youth program in house. This is an exciting change, and along with it, we have changed the program name. Our Youth program is now called Career Connections. We are all very excited to see what all great things we can accomplish with this change. Bringing the program in house will allow us to do more for the Youth in the program. We are also anticipating multiple OJT contracts in the upcoming months.



## Senior Companions To Attend Fair



Senior Companions from 10 counties will be attending the Barbour County Fair for Senior Day. Senior Day will include many activities including health screenings, music and lunch. Senior Companions will also receive required in-service training as required by grant guidelines.

Senior Companions help frail seniors and other adults maintain independence primarily in the clients' own homes. Among other activities, they assist with daily living tasks, such as grocery shopping and bill paying; provide friendship and companionship; alert doctors and family members to potential problems, and provide respite to family caregivers.

Watch next month's newsletter for pictures from the fair.



*"Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once."*

**John Archibald Wheeler**