



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2021

Buckeye Hills Regional Council

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order | Ron Moore, President
- II. Roll Call | Misty Crosby, Executive Director, Secretary (per BHRC Bylaws)
- III. Consent Agenda | Ron Moore, President **TAB #1**
- IV. Legislator and Partner Agency Updates
 - a. Office of U.S. Senator Brown | Beth Clodfelter, Appalachian Regional Representative
 - b. Office of Ohio Governor DeWine | Bonnie Ward, Regional Representative
 - c. Governor's Office of Appalachia | Austin Ward, Appalachia Program Coordinator
 - d. National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) | Joe McKinney, Executive Director
- V. Personnel Committee Report | Lenny Eliason, Chair **TAB #2**
 - a. New Hires, Promotions, Resignations, Terminations, Transfers Report
 - b. Employee Evaluation Results and Recommendations
- VI. Leadership Academy Recognition | Mark Cappone, Executive in Residence, Voinovich Academy for Excellence in Public Service **TAB #3**
- VII. NADO Innovation Award Presentation | Misty Crosby, Executive Director
- VIII. Audit Budget Committee Report | Kevin Ritter, Chair
 - a. Revolving Loan Fund Bank Account
 - b. New Copier Purchase
- IX. Aging Division | Jennifer Westfall, Director **TAB #4**
 - a. PY2022 Area Plan Annual Update
 - b. PY 2022 Alzheimer Program Funding
- X. Development Division | Sam Miller, Development Director **TAB #5**
 - a. Resolution Granting Permission to Apply for US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant
 - b. Resolution to Approve the 2021 Noble County Coordinated Transit Plan
 - c. Washington County Coordinated Plan Update
- XI. Executive Director Update | Misty Crosby **TAB #6**
- XII. Citizen Participation
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 3, 2021

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CONSENT AGENDA

- **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2021 MEETING**
- **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**
 - **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE REPORT**
 - **QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW**
 - **AGING & DISABILITY PROGRAM SERVICE REPORT**
- **GRANT AGREEMENTS RECEIVED AND EXECUTED**
- **DIVISION & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**
 - **ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
 - **AGING DIVISION**
 - **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**
 - **DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**
 - **HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

**Minutes of the October 1, 2021
Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Committee Meeting**

The Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Committee meeting was held October 1, 2021. The meeting was held at Buckeye Hills, Marietta, Ohio.

In attendance were:

OFFICERS:	Ron Moore, President	Morgan County (Private Sector)
	Lenny Eliason, Vice President	Athens County
	Kevin Ritter, Treasurer	Washington County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	Steve Patterson	City of Athens
	Gary Waugh	Hocking County
	Brian Howard	Meigs County (Private Sector)
	Bill Bolon	Monroe County
	Diane Ullom	Monroe County (Private Sector)
	Mick Schumacher	Monroe County Alternate
	Brad Peoples	Noble County
	Jeff Denise	Perry County (Private Sector)
GUESTS:	Destiny Bryson	OhioSE
	Glenda Bumgarner, PhD	Appalachia Partnership
	Mirielle Burgoyne	National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)
	Joe McKinney	NADO
	Cody Pettit	Office of Ohio Treasurer Sprague
	Tom Reid	Reid Consulting Group
STAFF:	Misty Crosby	Executive Director
	Rick Hindman	Assistant Executive Director
	Ryan Collins	Broadband Coordinator
	Carly Fitz	Perry County Broadband Access Specialist
	Jennifer Huck	Fiscal Assistant
	Denise Keyes	Fiscal Director
	Angie Lawrence	Human Resource/Payroll Manager
	Sam Miller	Development Director
	Jason Pyles	GIS Coordinator
	Jenny Simmons	Executive Assistant
	Drew Tanner	Communications Director
	Sam Wallace	Transportation Planning Manager
	Jennifer Westfall	Aging & Disability Director
	Melissa Zoller	Development Specialist III

CALL TO ORDER

Ron Moore, President, called the meeting to order.

ROLE CALL

Misty Crosby, Executive Director, conducted roll call.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brian Howard moved to approve the consent agenda which included the Minutes from the August 6, 2021 meeting; Statement of Activities, Administrative Expense YTD and Quarterly

Reports; Aging and Disability Programs Services and Funding Report for period July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, Grant Agreements received and executed for August through September 2021, and Division and Director's Reports. Gary Waugh seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

LEGISLATOR AND PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES

Cody Pettit, Public Affairs Liaison, provided updates to the members from the Office of Ohio Treasurer Sprague.

Destiny Bryson, Manager of Engagement and Partnership, provided updates to the members from the OhioSE Economic Development.

Joe McKinney, Executive Director and Mirielle Burgoyne, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Government Relations for the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) provided federal legislative updates to the members.

COUNTY BROADBAND PROFILES

Tom Reid provided updates on broadband and each county profile.

PERSONNEL & AUDIT BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Lenny Eliason moved to approve the New Hires, Promotions, Resignation, Terminations, Transfers Report for the time period of August 7, 2021 through October 1, 2021. Kevin Ritter seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Lenny Eliason moved to approve the creation of the Planning Division to reduce redundant work between staff and ensure all plans align with the agency mission. Brian Howard seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Lenny Eliason moved to approve the job descriptions and salary for the Planning Director and Mobility Manager positions. Brian Howard seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Ron Moore appointed Kevin Ritter to the Personnel Committee.

AGING & DISABILITY DIVISION

Lenny Eliason moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Submission to the ODOB to Compete to Secure Funding through the 2022 Housing Assistance Grant Program to Provide Home Accessibility Modifications and Minor Home Repairs in the Region. Brian Howard seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Bill Bolon moved to approve the 2022 – 2023 Older American Act/Title-III Request for Proposals as recommended by the Regional Advisory Council and presented by Jennifer Westfall. Gary Waugh seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Jennifer Westfall stated that BHRC received a grant agreement and reporting requirements for the American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Older Americans Act Title III Services. A five percent match was listed as a requirement but the aging network was told that it was a mistake. The aging network is not signing the agreement until they receive confirmation in writing. Lenny Eliason moved to except the grant if the match is removed from the requirements. Gary Waugh seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

APPALACHIAN GROWTH CAPITAL

Glenda Bumgarner, President and CEO, provided an overview of Appalachian Partnership, Inc. and an update on the organizations' activities.

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Lenny Eliason moved to approve the Resolution Supporting the transfer of BHRC USDA Farmers Home Administration Revolving Loan Fund to Appalachian Growth Capital. Brian Howard seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Bill Bolon moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Appalachian Regional Commission 2022 Projects. Gary Waugh seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Sam Miller introduced the new Broadband Coordinator, Ryan Collins, and the new Perry County Broadband Access Specialist, Carly Fitz, to the members.

BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Ryan Collins, Broadband Coordinator, spoke briefly about reaching out the members to form a Broadband Committee.

BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL SUCCESSION PLAN

Bill Bolon moved to approve the BHRC Succession Plan presented by Rick Hindman, Assistant Executive Director. Brian Howard seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Misty Crosby provided the Appalachian Regional Commission 2021 POWER Awards in Ohio for the Buckeye Hills region.

Crosby provided information on the Appalachian Community Capital - \$1.5M ACC POWER Technically Assistant Grant.

Brian Howard moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in Build Back Better Regional Challenge Submission to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration to Revitalize Downtown Communities in Appalachian Ohio. Brad Peoples seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizens wished to address the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Lenny Eliason moved to adjourn the meeting. Gary Waugh seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Approved By: _____
Misty Crosby, Secretary

Date: _____



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

YEAR TO DATE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE DETAIL

Administrative Expenses for Fiscal Year 2022 totaled \$1,407,536.45 at September 30. This total represents 22.92% of the Council's administrative budget utilized. Total spending for this time period is budgeted to be 25%. Insurance, Software and Licenses and Subscriptions are above the 25% spending budget as most of these costs are paid in the beginning of the year. Supplies and Software and Licenses are above 25% due to the purchase of computers for new staff. Spending for Advertising and Legal costs is higher than anticipated and will be reconciled during budget review and revision. As new projects and funds are awarded, budgets are adjusted and presented to the Committee quarterly. The cumulative Indirect Cost rate for this period is 49%. Projected Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2022 are 53%.

AGING AND DISABILITY PROGRAMS SERVICES & FUNDING REPORT

The Aging and Disability Division worked with various service providers and helped administer a multitude of direct service programs to eligible residents of our eight-county region. Between July 1 and September 30, more than \$1.5 million in direct service dollars were utilized to provide the units of service listed in the report. BHRC continues to support our provider network to evaluate the needs of the communities and serve area seniors in the best way possible during the current pandemic.



Administrative Expense Detail
For the Period July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

	2021 YTD Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Budget	% of Budget
Salary	\$ 748,910.56	\$ 747,468.93	\$ 3,092,717.30	24.17%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 348,921.45	\$ 322,203.01	\$ 1,499,755.26	21.48%
Advertising	\$ 30,284.17	\$ 40,714.13	\$ 69,220.25	58.82%
Audit Costs	\$ -		\$ 30,000.00	0.00%
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,651.00	\$ 1,711.00	\$ 11,000.00	15.55%
Communications	\$ 17,621.93	\$ 25,389.63	\$ 87,884.86	28.89%
Conference Registration Fee	\$ 2,861.00	\$ 4,234.00	\$ 16,200.00	26.14%
Contract Services	\$ 44,010.14	\$ 29,451.18	\$ 636,919.00	4.62%
Employee/Governing Board	\$ 1,698.68	\$ 795.65	\$ 15,000.00	5.30%
Equipment Purchase/Maintenance	\$ 8,374.21	\$ 2,401.52	\$ 23,350.00	10.28%
Insurance	\$ 29,710.16	\$ 34,195.93	\$ 40,000.00	85.49%
Legal Costs	\$ 396.00	\$ 3,294.75	\$ 5,000.00	65.90%
Organizational Dues	\$ 12,153.42	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 38,900.00	3.98%
Other Costs	\$ 609.97	\$ 1,059.24	\$ 7,730.00	13.70%
Postage	\$ 3,909.90	\$ 1,752.93	\$ 18,050.00	9.71%
Printing Costs	\$ 2,224.00	\$ 3,198.82	\$ 8,850.00	36.14%
Software & Licenses	\$ 29,971.09	\$ 35,144.70	\$ 104,665.00	33.58%
Space	\$ 63,835.22	\$ 63,835.23	\$ 255,342.00	25.00%
Staff Training Fees	\$ 105.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 8,000.00	1.50%
Subscriptions	\$ 1,929.66	\$ 2,047.71	\$ 2,100.00	97.51%
Supplies	\$ 21,122.45	\$ 74,416.98	\$ 106,376.00	69.96%
Travel - Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,123.96	\$ 8,671.21	\$ 79,800.00	10.87%
Travel - Out of Town Expense	\$ 630.96	\$ 3,879.90	\$ 34,200.00	11.34%
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 1,374,054.93	\$ 1,407,536.45	\$ 6,191,059.67	22.73%
INDIRECT COST RATE FOR THE PERIOD	44%	49%		



Quarterly Budget Review
For the Period July 1, 2021 -September 30, 2021

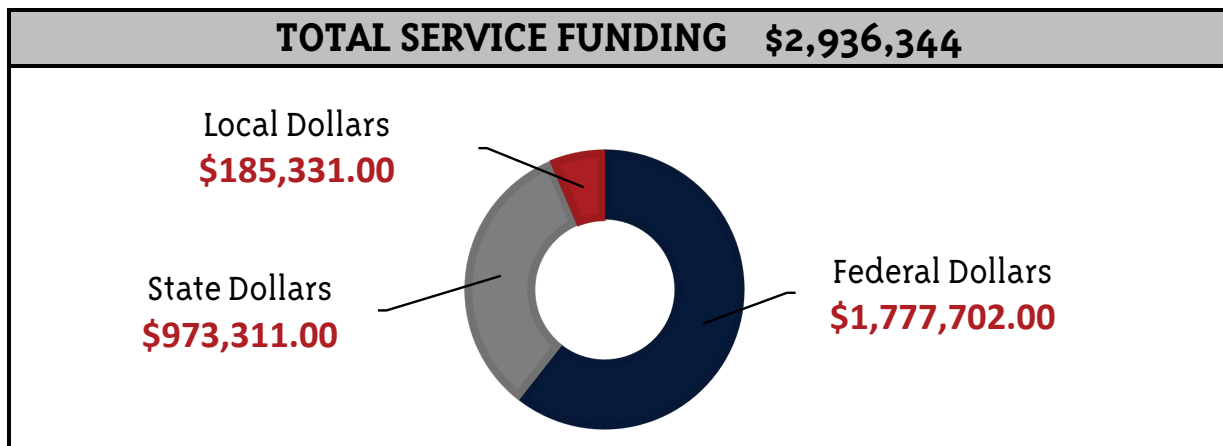
	Original Budget	07/20 - 09/20 Change	10/20 - 12/20 Change	01/21 - 03/21 Change	04/21 - 06/21 Change	Final Budget
Salary	\$ 3,092,717.30					\$ 3,092,717.30
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,499,755.26					\$ 1,499,755.26
Advertising	\$ 69,220.25					\$ 69,220.25
Audit Costs	\$ 30,000.00					\$ 30,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 11,000.00					\$ 11,000.00
Communications	\$ 87,884.86					\$ 87,884.86
Conference Registration Fee	\$ 16,200.00					\$ 16,200.00
Contract Services	\$ 636,919.00					\$ 636,919.00
Employee/Governing Board	\$ 15,000.00					\$ 15,000.00
Equipment Purchase/Maintenance	\$ 23,350.00					\$ 23,350.00
Insurance	\$ 40,000.00					\$ 40,000.00
Legal Costs	\$ 5,000.00					\$ 5,000.00
Organizational Dues	\$ 38,900.00					\$ 38,900.00
Other Costs	\$ 7,730.00					\$ 7,730.00
Postage	\$ 18,050.00					\$ 18,050.00
Printing Costs	\$ 8,850.00					\$ 8,850.00
Software & Licenses	\$ 104,665.00					\$ 104,665.00
Space	\$ 255,342.00					\$ 255,342.00
Staff Training Fees	\$ 8,000.00					\$ 8,000.00
Subscriptions	\$ 2,100.00					\$ 2,100.00
Supplies	\$ 56,376.00	\$ 50,000.00				\$ 106,376.00
Travel - Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 79,800.00					\$ 79,800.00
Travel - Out of Town Expense	\$ 34,200.00					\$ 34,200.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 6,141,059.67	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,191,059.67

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Aging and Disability Programs Services & Funding Report

July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

SERVICES PROVIDED		
Direct Service Hours Provided	Transportation Trips	Adult Day Service Days Attended
15,015	3,721	321
Adult Day Service Miles Traveled	Meals Provided	Home Medical Equipment & Emergency Response Units
270	154,242	917
Legal Services Contacts	Home Accessibility Modification And Pest Control Jobs	Senior Farmers Market Coupons Redeemed
226	11	11,078
Grocery Shopping and Delivery	Telephone Reassurance	Evidence Based Classes
181	232	147
Assisted Living Days	Alzheimers Education Contacts	Senior Volunteer Hours
3,939	0	0



REGIONAL STATS		
Total Consumers Served	Total Population	Total Population Eligible for Services by Age (60+)
3,375	260,084	55,147



GRANT AGREEMENTS RECEIVED AND EXECUTED OCTOBER 2021

PROGRAM NAME	FUNDING AGENCY	GRANT PERIOD	AMOUNT
Senior Community Services Block Grant	Ohio Department of Aging	January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	TBD
GOA LDD Operating Grant	Governor's Office of Appalachia	July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022	\$170,000

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **Age-Friendly/Athens:** The team is processing the input from the Age-Friendly survey in order to inform the plans going forward. I am active on the housing committee, and we should be holding our next meeting fairly soon. The Age-Friendly Athens County Survey can be accessed here: [Age-Friendly Athens County \(qualtrics.com\)](https://qualtrics.com) It takes approximately 35 minutes to complete. This initiative is a 5-year process intended to ensure that people of all ages can grow healthfully, safely and independently in a supportive and inclusive community. Over 100 local people and partners are engaged in this process that involves addressing 9 domains of livability including: social participation/inclusion; outdoor recreation; housing; transportation; climate resilience; and employment/civic engagement.
- **Succession Planning:** We are preparing an RFQ to select to a firm/organization to conduct the search for Misty Crosby's successor. The RFQ will go before the Board in December and the RFQ will be released in January of 2022.
- **Community Health Workers (CHWs) Initiative:** We now have two CHWs active in hooking home-bound folks up to resources, services and programming. This initiative is in partnership with, and funded by, Ohio University.
- **BHSS, Inc./Buckeye Fields Status:** The HealthJay team, our provider for telehealth services for the Washington County Home and Buckeye Fields housing community, will be visiting from California on November 3, 4, and 5. 60 HealthJay tablets have been ordered for the County Home's residents, and we should be receiving them within the next couple of days. HealthJay will be conducting training on the tablets, and providing additional needed technical assistance during their visit.
The Buckeye Fields team has applied to OHFA for additional tax credits valued at \$1 million. We expect to begin closing on the Buckeye Fields project within the next couple of weeks. In conjunction with the approval of the additional tax credits, we will receive an extension on the timeline for construction into 2022.
- **COVID Office Protocols:** Masks are required to be worn at all times within the Agency building except when seated at a designated work station.
- **INSPIRE Project/SUD Initiative:** The team that had collaborated on last year's DDAA SUD Learning Collaborative has been awarded \$500,000 from ARC's INSPIRE initiative. ARC's Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) initiative, which is a 3-year program, is providing funding for our team's efforts to further address the SUD (substance use disorder) crisis in Appalachia through assisting individuals in recovery in moving successfully toward securing employment; the focus is on support services that enable and support an individual's successful entry or reentry into the workforce, thereby creating an employment recovery ecosystem. The project includes Wood, Washington and Athens Counties, but will also benefit the residents of bordering counties.
The team is preparing to apply for the Good Jobs Challenge grant for funding to assist folks in recovery to secure higher-paying, career-oriented jobs. I will be attempting, in my role as Chair of the Transportation Committee, to secure funding in this proposal for assistance in establishing more reliable transportation resources for low-income and folks in recovery to get to work every day.
I participated as an Alumni Core Committee member of the DDAA SUD Learning Collaborative in advising new teams at a 2-day (October 4-5) conference in Arlington. The conference was very informative in terms of assisting our project, and was a very valuable experience for me.

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CURRENT INITIATIVE

Open Enrollment : It is time for Medicare open enrollment. BHRC front door staff will be available to assist residents throughout the eight county region. Open enrollment can save individuals money on their healthcare and prescription costs. Individuals are able to call 800-331-2644 Monday through Friday from 830am to 430pm through December 7th, 2021.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): \$1.434 billion to carry out the activities of the Older Americans Act (OAA) during the program year of **April 1st, 2021 to September 30th, 2024**. Funds will be distributed according to the funding formula established by the OAA.

UPDATE- as of Oct 28th, BHRC has not been able to draw down aging ARPA funds due to match requirements. OAA and the aging network are continuing to advocate for the removal of the requirement. The network has been informed, unofficially, that the match requirement is to be removed but we have no date or official notification.

Senior Farmers Market will end on Oct 31st. The program was not as popular in 2021 as it has been in previous years. To ensure participation in 2022 plans are being made to promote the program in early spring.

Distributed Coupons

Athens	381
Hocking	242
Meigs	224
Monroe	147
Morgan	166
Noble	148
Perry	278
Washington	544

NEWS

Program & Service Update

A Community Health Worker program (CHW) is being implemented in partnership with Ohio University. CHW candidates are managing a caseload of individuals, who were given community referral, on behalf of BHRC. The CHW is contacting the individuals to determine if the community referral was successful, if needs were met and to offer additional assistance. One CHW has completed the required hours for CHW certification and two individuals are currently working on completing the 100+ hours that are required for the program. BHRC and Ohio University hope that this is an ongoing program that we can continue to offer to the region's residents.

Area Plan (Motion) The annual update of BHRC's area plan for aging services has been completed. The plan is written to cover a 4-year period with goals and objectives for each year. I would like to call particular attention to the growth experienced in the caregiver program. New programs, a library and digital access has been a welcomed addition for the region's caregivers. BHRC is seeking a motion granting permission for board signatures and submission of the updated area plan to the Ohio Department of Aging.

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The **Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging Annual Conference** was held on October 20th and 21st. Five BHRC staff attended the event in Columbus and 3 participated virtually. Brandi Hesson, BHRC Mobility Manger presented in partnership with Area Agency on Aging 3 (Lima, Ohio) about BHRC's transportation efforts in southeast Ohio.

BHRC's **OBLTSS staff** supported **90 calls leading to 248 tasks** (questionnaire Screening, I and R activities which are non-Medicaid related activities like Medicare/OHSHIIP help, walk-ins etc., follow up on Waiver referrals, support navigation which is research, mailing info etc.) for the month of August.

PASSPORT AND ASSISTED LIVING CASELOAD REGIONWIDE

Current PASSPORT caseload is **793 individuals and 58 individuals** on the Assisted Living Waiver. The decrease in PASSPORT individuals is a result of disenrolling individuals who have been institutionalized for greater than 90 days. Due to the pandemic, the PASSPORT program was unable to disenroll institutionalized individuals. This rule has been lifted.

In-person visits continue to be conducted only if there is an immediate health and safety issue that emerges. ODA has requested each AAA provide a plan for return to face to face visits. BHRC has determined that staff will return to a normal face to face schedule once infection rates drop below "red" on the State's COVID-19 Dashboard. Management does not feel that it is in the best interest of the region's high-risk elderly population to return to face to face with high COVID-19 infections rates active in the region.

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **HEAP Outreach** | Summer Crisis HEAP outreach concluded at the end of September. Outreach channels included billboards, bus shelters, radio and television, and weekly social media posts. Regular HEAP outreach will continue for the fall and winter months and is underway with billboards, radio and television ads, and weekly social media posts. Information is available on our website at buckeyehills.org/heap.
- **Medicare Outreach** | Promotions for Medicare Open Enrollment began in October and continues through December. Radio, newspaper and social media will be utilized throughout the region. We also have a contract with Medibag for 24,000 printed prescription medication bags through Davis Drug in Caldwell.
- **Vaccine Hesitancy Grant** | The Communications team and Aging Program Development staff are finalizing plans for the recently-awarded Vaccine Hesitancy Grant from the Ohio Department of Aging with an awareness ad campaign to be implemented across our eight counties.
- **Caregiver Month** | The Communications team worked with Caregiver Advocate Darlene Hambel to organize a pair of free virtual discussion events for National Family Caregivers Month in November. Guest speakers include Amanda Bulgarelli, of Positive Approach to Care, on November 3, and Athens County Author John Thorndike, on November 10. Both events had strong registration and presented an opportunity to discuss BHRC's Caregiver Support program. The virtual discussions were sponsored by AT&T.
- **Development Team Support** | The Communications Director provided writing and editing support to the Development Team on its EDA Build Back Better application. Communications support was also provided to the Executive Director, Mobility Manager, and Broadband Coordinator for recent presentations at the NADO and O4A conferences.
- **Washington County Mobility Management Video** | The Communications team has been working with Washington County Mobility Manager Brandi Hesson to develop a professionally-produced video highlighting the Community Action Bus Line and explaining how riders can use CABL's available services.

NEWS

- **Recent Press Releases & Notices**
 - September 17, 2021: [ARC Announces 2021 POWER Projects](#)
 - October 5, 2021: [Husted Announces Broadband Expansion Pilot Project in Washington County](#)
 - October 5, 2021: [Critical Infrastructure Projects Awarded in Southeast Ohio](#)
 - October 5, 2021: [Medicare Open Enrollment Starts October 15](#)
 - October 7, 2021: [New Regional and County Crash Data Reports Available](#)
 - October 18, 2021: [Request for Proposals: Respite Services](#)
 - October 21, 2021: [Free Virtual Speaker Series for Family Caregivers](#)
 - October 26, 2021: [Governor DeWine Awards \\$93 Million in Ohio BUILDS Water Infrastructure Grants](#)
- **Notable Media Mentions**
 - September 18, 2021 – [Logan Daily News: Seniors in southeast Ohio empowered to age well during national Senior Center Month](#)
 - September 24, 2021 - [Muskingum Co. investor launches profit-sharing rural broadband service](#)
 - October 2, 2021 - [Planning continues for Buckeye Fields](#)
 - October 7, 2021 – [Commissioners to Create Broadband Committee](#)
 - October 7, 2021 - [Ohio University Board of Trustees appoints Misty Crosby as new regional trustee](#)

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- **US EPA Brownfield RFP and Application Permission Approval** – BHRC is planning to seek \$500,000 in funding from the US EPA to fund a three-year regional brownfield assessment program. We applied last year and were not selected. The final guidelines were revised and the coalition grant is not available for FY'22 therefore we will submit a request for funds for the region as a standalone request. This program will provide opportunities for local governments to access funding to complete phase 1 and 2 assessments on brownfield sites that have redevelopment opportunities. The full application will be submitted in December of 2021.
- **Noble County Coordinated Transit Plan Permission Approval**- BHRC is planning to submit the coordinated transit plan to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The plan has been reviewed and approved by the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee and Noble County Commissioners.

NEWS

Program & Service Updates

- **Washington County Coordinated Transit Plan Update**- Revisions to the plan included removal of National Church Residences and addition of a provider House of Hope. The enclosed plan highlights the additions.
- **Hiring of a Monroe County Mobility Manager resumes are due today, November 5, 2021.**

Staff Updates

- **Brandi Beaver** is expanding outreach efforts and collecting recovery resources in Monroe, Morgan and Noble counties.
- **Madelyn Brewer** continues to work on administering the EDA Cares funding. She also worked to write the narrative for the Buckeye Hills Builds Back Better application, along with working with various entities throughout our region on their respective American Rescue Plan Applications.
- **Ryan Collins**, Special Projects Manager – Broadband Coordinator, spoke at the recent NADO conference and about adopting our common-sense principles. He has been also working with counties to adopt resolution for BroadbandOhio to solicit ISPs for projects within the counties. In addition, Ryan has been speaking with Reid Consulting to identify project areas throughout the region. He has partnered with the library systems throughout the entire region to spread our speed test and survey
- **Brandi Hesson** has completed the coordinated transit plan in conjunction with the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee. She has also completed the yearly update to the Washington County coordinated transit plan. The Monroe County transit plan will begin in November.
- **Michelle Hyer** has forwarded the 53 OPWC applications on to the county sub-committees for their county priority. The District 18 OPWC committee will meet on December 7th for final recommendation of funded projects. BHRC recently received 4 applications for Clean Ohio funding totaling a little over \$3M is grant request with a total project cost of almost \$5M. The Clean Ohio Natural Resources Assistance Council met on October 28th to review the applications for eligibility and the funding recommendation meeting will be held November 18th.
- **Nicole Gilliam** has been collecting data on the water systems in Perry County for the villages that have agreements with Buckeye Hills. The water systems in New Straitsville, Thornville, and Glenford have been collected and mapped.
- **Jason Pyles** The GIS team delivered to two counties information for distributing tax income from horizontal wells. Jason has been working with BB2C to update their data and conducting many traffic counts for ODOT's Township Stimulus program.

- **Melissa Zoller** is working on collecting full applications for the selected projects for state and federal ARC funding. She is also working on brownfield projects in Perry County.

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **Leadership Academy** | The following staff members have completed the Leadership Academy hosted by the Voinovich School and will be presented with certificates of recognition during the Executive Committee Meeting.
 - Erin Davis
 - Jason Pyles
 - Jenny Simmons
 - Jayne Yates
 - Mindy Cayton
 - Rebecca Conatser
 - Sarah Swisher
- **Salary Increases for January 1, 2022** | We are requesting the approval of salary increases for staff based on June 30, 2021 performance evaluations. The total budgeted for increases is \$80,000. The amount budgeted was calculated in the FY 2022 Cost Allocation Plan which has been updated with the most current staffing, program and revenue information.

STAFF UPDATES

- The Ohio Department of Aging's 10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls campaign ended last week. We had nine staff members walk a grand total of 544.54 miles in the month of September! The prize winner for the \$50 gift card for most miles walked is **Jenny Simmons**! Congratulations and thank you to all of our participants.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Rebecca Conatser** and family! Paige Quinn Conatser made her appearance this week at 6 lbs. 14.02 oz. and 19 inches.
- **THANK YOU:** In recent weeks, we've received several kind words of gratitude from the individuals we serve:
 - "To **Darlene Hambel**, LPN of Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Caregivers Support Program, who has assisted me in so many ways to help me care for my wife over the past two years. You really have made our lives better, including providing our home care assistant, Rob, who has also become a good friend."
 - "To **Joe Gage**, Housing Coordinator: I want to thank you so much for helping me and being kind about getting me a hot water tank in my house. I never knew how much you could miss a hot bath until you don't have one! You were very quick and efficient. Keep up the great work!"
- Broadband Fellow **Carly Fitz** was profiled by Connecting the Heartland

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT
October 2, 2021 through November 5, 2021

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Sam Wallace	Transportation Planning Manager	10/8/21
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RETIREMENT

None

NEW HIRE

Jodi Rector	Office Coordinator	10/18/21
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PROMOTIONS

None

TRANSFERS

None



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BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

In Partnership With:

GEORGE V. VOINOVICH

ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE
OHIO UNIVERSITY VOINOVICH SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Buckeye Hills Regional Council Leadership Academy is to encourage personal development and cultivate leaders within Buckeye Hills Regional Council to continue to provide the best possible service to the region's residents and communities.

LOCATION: Classes will take place virtually.

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

DATES: January 27 | February 24 | March 24 | April 28
May 26 | June 23 | July 28
August 25 | September 22

APPLY: Contact Angie Lawrence (alawrence@buckeyehills.org) to sign-up
no later than 4:00 on January 15.

THE SESSIONS:

JANUARY 27: TEAMBUILDING

This session introduces the StrengthsFinder 2.0 Assessment as a tool to help participants identify their own talents and strengths, identify ways to use these strengths in their organization, learn ways to assess a team's strengths based on the strengths of each member, and ways to use teams effectively.

FEBRUARY 24: LEADERSHIP FOUNDATIONS

This session builds on the session on individual strengths and teambuilding to further explore the characteristics and behaviors necessary to be an effective leader, no matter the job title.

MARCH 24: COMMUNICATING WITH STYLE

This session focuses on best practices for communicating with style. Topics include self-analysis, organization, time management, engaging one's audience, and addressing the challenges of communicating with style while working remotely.

APRIL 28: ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION

In this session, participants will be introduced to the concept that organizations are created or constructed through communication. They will learn best practices for communicating with colleagues and other partners. A portion of the session will also be devoted to communicating effectively online.

MAY 26: DATA VISUALIZATION

In this session, participants will learn to tell their story using data, including selecting the correct data, analyzing it, and presenting it in a way that gets their message across.

JUNE 23: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This session focuses on learning to identify project opportunities, developing projects on the ground and managing projects with grant funds, as well as time management techniques and organization.

JULY 28: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

In this session, participants learn to identify key features of conflict, recognize different people's perspectives in conflicts, analyze hypothetical and real examples of conflicts, identify their own typical conflict styles, and develop and practice conflict management skills.

AUGUST 25: INNOVATION AND CHANGE

In this session, participants learn to develop a change mindset. Topics covered include managing change, and advocacy.

SEPTEMBER 22: REGIONAL COUNCILS AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

The morning session introduces participants the basics of regional councils. What are they? Why are they important? What does it mean to be a member of a council? Who are its members? The focus of the afternoon session will be on a strategic planning tool.



PART 1 - PY 2022
CERTIFICATION, SIGNATURES, AND ASSURANCES

AREA PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE



Agency Information and Certification Page

AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) INFORMATION

Legal Name of Agency: Buckeye Hills Regional Council

Mailing Address: 1400 Pike Street, Marietta, OH 45750

Phone Number: 740-373-6400 **Federal ID Number:** 31-084-3760

CERTIFICATION BY BOARD PRESIDENT, ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR, AAA DIRECTOR:

I hereby certify that the PY 2022 Annual Update documents:

- Include all required certifications, signatures, assurances, and plans to be followed by the AAA under provisions of the Older Americans Act (OAA).
- Have been developed in accordance with all rules and regulations specified under OAA and related State of Ohio policies.
- Reflect input from a cross-section of service providers, consumers, and caregivers who are representative of all areas and culturally diverse populations of the planning and service area (PSA).
- Incorporate the comments and recommendations of the AAA's Advisory Council.
- Have been reviewed and approved by the AAA's Board of Directors and respective governing bodies.
- I certify that the contents are true, accurate, and complete statements. I acknowledge that intentional misrepresentation or falsification may result in the termination of financial assistance.
- I further certify that I understand the AAA is responsible for the development and implementation of the Area Plan on Aging and for ensuring compliance with the included assurances.
- I have reviewed and approved this PY 2022 Annual Update.

Agency Signature Page

President, Board of Directors

Name: Ron Moore

Signature:

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Chair, Advisory Council

Name: Herman Gray

Signature:

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging

Name: Misty Crosby

Signature:

Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Older Americans Act: Section 306 Area Plan AAA Assurances

The AAA assures the following:

1. The AAA assures that it will provide, through a comprehensive and coordinated system, for supportive services, nutrition services, and, where appropriate, for the establishment, maintenance, modernization, or construction of multipurpose senior centers (including a plan to use the skills and services of older individuals in paid and unpaid work, including multigenerational and older individual to older individual work), within the planning and service area (PSA) covered by the plan, including determining the extent of need for supportive services, nutrition services, and multipurpose senior centers in such area (taking into consideration, among other things, the number of older individuals with low incomes residing in such area, the number of older individuals who have greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income older individuals, including low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas) residing in such area, the number of older individuals who have greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income older individuals, including low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas) residing in such area, the number of older individuals at risk for institutional placement residing in such area, the number of older individuals at risk for institutional placement residing in such area, and the number of older individuals who are Indians residing in such area, and the efforts of voluntary organizations in the community), evaluating the effectiveness of the use of resources in meeting such need, and entering into agreements with providers of supportive services, nutrition services, or multipurpose senior centers in such area, for the provision of such services or centers to meet such need.
(§306(a)(1))
2. The AAA assures that an adequate proportion, as required under section 307(a)(2) of the OAA and ODA Policy 105-SVC-01, OAA Required Funding Allocations, of the amount allotted for part B to the planning and service area will be expended for the delivery of each of the following categories of services:
 - a) Services associated with access to services (transportation, health services (including mental and behavioral health services), outreach, information and assistance (which may include information and assistance to consumers on availability of services under part B and how to receive benefits under and participate in publicly supported programs for which the consumer may be eligible), and case management services;
 - b) In-home services, including supportive services for families of older individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; and

c) Legal assistance.

The AAA assures it will report annually to ODA in detail the amount of funds expended for each such category during the fiscal year most recently concluded. (§306(a)(2))

3. The AAA assures it will designate, where feasible, a focal point for comprehensive service delivery in each community, giving special consideration to designating multipurpose senior centers as such focal point. The AAA assures that it will specify, in grants, contracts, and agreements implementing the plan, the identity of each focal point designated. (§306(a)(3))
4. The AAA assures it will set specific objectives for providing services to older individuals with greatest economic need, older individuals with greatest social need, and older individuals at risk for institutional placement. The AAA assures that it will include specific objectives for providing services to low-income minority older individuals, individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas, and include proposed methods of carrying out the preference in the area plan (§306(a)(4)(A)(i))
5. Each AAA shall provide assurances that the AAA will include in each agreement made with a provider of any service under this title, a requirement that such provider will:
 - a) Specify how the provider intends to satisfy the service needs of low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas in the area served by the provider.
 - b) To the maximum extent possible, provides services to low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas in accordance with their need for such services; and
 - c) Meet specific objectives established by the AAA, for providing services to low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas within the planning and service area. (§306(a)(4)(ii))
6. The AAA assures, with respect to the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which such plan is prepared, it will:
 - a) Identify the number of low-income minority older individuals in the planning and service area;
 - b) Describe the methods used to satisfy the service needs of such minority older individuals; and

c) Provide information on the extent to which the AAA met the objectives.
(§306(a)(4)(iii))

7. The AAA assures it will use outreach efforts that will identify individuals eligible for assistance under this Act, with special emphasis on:

a) Older individuals residing in rural areas;

b) Older individuals with greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas);

c) Older individuals with greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas);

d) Older individuals with severe disabilities;

e) Older individuals with limited English proficiency;

f) Older individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and the caretakers of such individuals); and

g) Older individuals at risk for institutional placement, specifically including survivors of Holocaust.

The AAA assures it will inform the older individuals identified above, and the caretakers of such individuals, of the availability of such assistance. (§306(a)(4)(B))

8. The AAA assures it will ensure that each activity undertaken by the agency, including planning, advocacy, and systems development, will include a focus on the needs of low-income minority older individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas. (§306(a)(4)(C))

9. The AAA assures it will coordinate planning, identification, assessment of needs, and provision of services for older individuals with disabilities, with particular attention to individuals with severe disabilities and individuals at risk for institutional placement, with agencies that develop or provide services for individuals with disabilities (§306 (a)(5)).

10. The AAA assures that it will take into account in connection with matters of general policy arising in the development and administration of the area plan, the views of recipients of services under such plan. The AAA assures it will serve as the advocate and focal point for older individuals within the community by (in cooperation with agencies, organizations, and individuals participating in activities under the plan) monitoring, evaluating, and commenting upon all policies, programs, hearings, levies, and community actions which will affect older individuals.
(§306(a)(6))

11. The AAA assures that where possible, it enters into arrangements with organizations providing day care services for children, assistance to older individuals caring for relatives who are children, and respite for families, so as to provide opportunities for older individuals to aid or assist on voluntary basis in the delivery of such services to children, adults, and families. (§306(a)(6)(C))
12. The AAA assures if possible, regarding the provision of services under this title, enter into arrangements and coordinate with organizations that have a proven record of providing services to older individuals, that:
 - a) Were officially designated as community action agencies or community action programs under section 210 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2790) for fiscal year 1981, and did not lose the designation as a result of failure to comply with such Act; (§306(a)(6)(C)(i))
 - b) Came into existence during fiscal year 1982 as direct successors in interest to such community action agencies or community action programs; and that meet the requirements under section 676B of the Community Services Block Grant Act; (§306(a)(6)(C)(ii)), and
 - c) Make use of trained volunteers in providing direct services delivered to older individuals and individuals with disabilities needing such services and, if possible, work in coordination with organizations that have experience in providing training, placement, and stipends for volunteers or participants (such as organizations carrying out Federal service programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service), in community service settings. (§306(a)(6)(C)(iii))
13. The AAA assures it will establish an advisory council consisting of older individuals (including minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas) who are participants or who are eligible to participate in programs assisted under this chapter, family caregivers of such individuals, representatives of older individuals, service providers, representatives of the business community, local elected officials, providers of veterans' health care (if appropriate), and the general public, to advise continuously the AAA on all matters relating to the development of the area plan, the administration of the plan and operations conducted under the plan. (§306(a)(6)(D))
14. The AAA assures it will establish effective and efficient procedures for the coordination of entities conducting programs that receive assistance under this chapter within the planning and service area served by the AAA and entities conducting other Federal programs for older individuals at the local level, with particular emphasis on entities conducting programs described in OAA Section 203(b) within the area. (§306(a)(6)(E))
15. The AAA assures that in coordination with ODA and with the State agency responsible for mental and behavioral health services, increase public awareness of

mental and behavioral health disorders, remove barriers to diagnosis and treatment, and coordinate mental and behavioral health services (including mental and behavioral health screenings) provided with funds expended by the area agency on aging with mental and behavioral health services provided by community health centers and by other public agencies and nonprofit private organizations. (§306(a)(6)(F))

16. The AAA assures that if there is a significant population of older individuals who are Indians in the planning and service area of the area agency on aging, the area agency on aging shall conduct outreach activities to identify such individuals in such area and shall inform such individuals of the availability of assistance under this chapter. (§306(a)(6)(G))
17. The AAA assures that in coordination with ODA and with the State agency responsible for elder abuse prevention services, increase public awareness of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and remove barriers to education, prevention, investigation, and treatment of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation as appropriate. (§306(a)(6)(H))
18. The AAA assures that to the extent feasible, it will coordinate with ODA to disseminate information about the State assistive technology entity and access to assistive technology options for serving older individuals. (§306(a)(6)(I))
19. The AAA assures that it will facilitate the area-wide development and implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated system for providing long-term care in home and community-based settings, in a manner responsive to the needs and preferences of older individuals and their caregivers, by:
 - a) Collaborating, coordinating activities, and consulting with other local public and private agencies and organizations responsible for administering programs, benefits, and services related to providing long-term care;
 - b) Conducting analyses and making recommendations with respect to strategies for modifying the local systems of long-term care to better respond to the needs and preferences of older individuals and family caregivers; facilitate the provision, by service providers, of long-term care in home and community-base settings; and, target services to older individuals at risk for institutional placement, to permit such individuals to remain in home and community-based settings;
 - c) Implementing through the agency or service providers, evidence-based programs to assist older individuals and their family caregivers in learning about and making behavioral changes intended to reduce the risk of injury, disease, and disability among older individuals; and
 - d) Providing for the availability and distribution (through public education campaigns, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, the area agency on aging

itself, and other appropriate means) of information relating to the need to plan in advance for long-term care; and the full range of available public and private long-term care (including integrated long-term care) programs, options, service providers, and resources. (§306(a)(7))

20. The AAA assures that case management services provided under this Title will:

- a) Not duplicate case management services provided through other Federal and State programs;
- b) Be coordinated with services provided through other Federal and State programs;
- c) Be provided by the public agency or a nonprofit private agency that:
 - I. Gives each older individual seeking services under this title a list of agencies that provide similar services within the jurisdiction of the AAA;
 - II. Gives each individual a statement specifying that the individual has a right to make an independent choice of service providers and documents receipt by such individual of such statement;
 - III. Has case managers acting as agents for the individuals receiving the services and not as promoters for the agency providing such services; or
 - IV. Is located in a rural area and obtains a waiver of the requirements described in clauses (i) through (iii). ((§306(a)(8))

21. The AAA assures, in carrying out the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program under OAA Section 307(A)(9), will expend not less than the total amount of funds appropriated under this Act and expended by the agency in fiscal year 2019 in carrying out such a program under this title. The AAA assures that funds made available pursuant to section 712 shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local funds expended to support activities described in section 712. ((§306(a)(9))

22. The AAA assures it will provide a grievance procedure for older individuals who are dissatisfied with or denied services under this title. ((§306(a)(10))

23. The AAA assures it will provide information and assurances concerning services to older individuals who are Native Americans (referred to in this paragraph as older Native Americans) including:

- a) Information concerning whether there is a significant population of older Native Americans in the planning and service area and if so, an assurance that the AAA

will pursue activities, including outreach, to increase access of those older Native Americans to programs and benefits provided under this title;

- b) An assurance that the AAA will, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate the services the agency provides under this title with services provided under title VI; and
- c) An assurance that the AAA will make services under the area plan available to the same extent; as such services are available to older individuals within the planning and service area, whom are older Native Americans. (§306(a)(11))

24. The AAA assures it will establish procedures for coordination of services with entities conducting other Federal or federally assisted programs for older individuals at the local level, with particular emphasis on entities conducting programs described in OAA Section 2013(b) with the planning and service area. (§306(a)(12))

25. The AAA assures it will maintain the integrity and public purpose of services provided, and service providers, under this title in all contractual and commercial relationships. (§306(a)(13)(A))

26. The AAA assures it will disclose to the Assistant Secretary and the State Agency:

- a) The identity of each non-governmental entity with which such agency has a contract or commercial relationships relating to providing any service to older individuals; and
- b) The nature of such contract or such relationship. (§306(a)(13)(B))

27. The AAA assures it will demonstrate that a loss or diminution on the quantity or quality of the services provided, or to be provided, under this title by such agency has not resulted and will not result from such non-governmental contracts or such commercial relationships. (§306(a)(13)(C))

28. The AAA assures it will demonstrate that the quantity and quality of the services to be provided under this title by such agency will be enhanced as a result of such non-governmental contracts or commercial relationships. (§306(a)(13)(D))

29. The AAA assures it will, on the request of the Assistance Secretary of State, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with this Act (including conducting an audit), disclose all sources and expenditures of funds such agency receives or expends to provide services to older individuals (§306(a)(13)(E))

30. The AAA assures that preference in receiving services under this title will not be given by the AAA to particular older individuals as a result of a contract or commercial relationship that is not carried out to implement this title. (§306(a)(14))

31. The AAA assures that funds received under this title will be used to provide benefits and services to older individuals, giving priority to older individuals identified in Section 306(4)(A)(i) and in compliance with the assurances specified in Section 306(a)(13) and the limitations specified in Section 212. (§306(a)(15))
32. The AAA assures to provide, to the extent feasible, for the furnishing of services under this chapter, consistent with self-directed care. (§306(a)(16))
33. The AAA assures it will include information detailing how it will coordinate activities, and develop long-range emergency preparedness plans, with local and State emergency response agencies, relief organizations, local and State governments, and any other institutions that have responsibility for disaster relief service delivery. (§306(a)(17))
34. The AAA assures it will collect data to determine the services that are needed by older individuals whose needs were the focus of all centers funded under title IV in fiscal year 2019 and the effectiveness of the programs, policies, and services provided by such AAAs in assisting individuals. (§306(a)(18))
35. The AAA assures it will use outreach efforts that will identify older individuals eligible for assistance under OAA, with special emphasis on those older individuals whose needs were the focus of all centers funded under title IV in fiscal year 2019. (§306(a)(19))

I certify that I read the above and comply with the Assurance:



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**Certification Regarding Department Suspension,
Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion
Pursuant to 45 CFR Part 76**

[45 CFR Part 76](#) adopts a governmentwide system of debarment and suspension for HHS non-procurement activities (76.100) to ensure the integrity of federal programs by conducting business only with responsible persons (76.110 (a)). A federal agency uses the non-procurement debarment and suspension system to exclude from federal programs persons who are not presently responsible (76.110 (b)).

The AAA certifies by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. (76.355)

Where the AAA is unable to verify to any of the statements in this certification, such as AAA shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

I certify that I read the above and comply with the Assurance: Initial JW

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans & Cooperative Agreements Pursuant to 31 U.S. Code Section 1352

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid, by or on behalf of, the undersigned to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "[Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying.](#)" in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclosure accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that if any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employer of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to ensure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "[Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying.](#)" in accordance with its instructions.

Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

I certify that I read the above and comply with the Assurance: Initial JW

Assurance of Compliance with Non-Discrimination Laws and Regulations

The AAA provides this assurance in consideration for and for the purpose of obtaining Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts, or other Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The AAA assures the compliance with the following:

1. **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**, as amended (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services(45 C.F.R. Part 80), to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
2. **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, as amended (codified at 29 U.S.C. § 794), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part84), to the end that, in accordance with Section 504 of that Act and the Regulation, no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
3. **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, as amended (codified at 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45C.F.R. Part 86), to the end that, in accordance with Title IX and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
4. **The Age Discrimination Act of 1975**, as amended (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 91),to the end that, in accordance with the Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department
5. **Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**, as amended (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 18116),and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to

the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 92), to the end that, in accordance with Section 1557 and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any health program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.

6. As applicable, **the Church Amendments**, as amended (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 300a-7), the Coats-Snowe Amendment (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 238n), the Weldon Amendment (e.g., Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019, Div. B., sec. 507(d), Pub. L. No. 115-245, 132 Stat. 2981, 3118 (Sept. 28, 2018), as extended by the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-59, Div. A., sec. 101(8), 133 Stat. 1093, 1094 (Sept. 27, 2019)), Section 1553 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 18113), and Section 1303(b)(4) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 18023(b)(4)), and other Federal conscience and anti-discrimination laws, including but not limited to those listed at <https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections>, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 88), to the end that the rights of conscience are protected and associated discrimination and coercion are prohibited, in any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance or other Federal funds from the Department for which the Federal conscience and anti-discrimination laws and 45 C.F.R. Part 88 apply.

The AAA agrees that compliance with this assurance constitutes a condition of continued receipt of Federal financial assistance, and that it is binding upon the AA, its successors, transferees and assignees for the period during which such assistance is provided. If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the AAA by the Department, this assurance shall obligate the AAA, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance shall obligate the AAA for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. The AAA further recognizes and agrees that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance.

I certify that I read the above and comply with the Assurance: Initial JW

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES
GOAL 1: Older Ohioans, adults with disabilities and their caregivers will be able to make person-centered decisions through seamless access to information and advocacy services.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION
Objective 1: Develop standards and measures for quality and performance regarding operation, information and resources for a consistent front-door experience for consumers.

OBI:1-1



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

1.1.5: Regional Advisory Council Members asked to participate in audit of BHRC Aging and Disability brochures to ensure that the intended message is conveyed in a way that the general public can understand.

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Partnership with Ohio University CHW and SW programs to train more OSHIIP Counselors and offer practicum experience.

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Our Communications Department developed and launched robust MIPPA outreach campaign through multiple media. Topics discussed were Medicare Savings Program, Preventive Services, Original Medicare (Parts A&B), Preventive Services, Extra Help/LIS, Medicare Savings Program, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare Part D.

- Social media platforms including LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Radio advertising
- Flyer Distribution
- Display advertising
- Press releases and newspaper articles
- Prescription bags (Medibags)
- Outreach event at which information distribution was performed

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Enhance regional partnership with the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program to strengthen coordinated use of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act funds, as well as to improve access to information about health insurance (Medicare, Medicaid, Part D, Medicare Savings Programs, Low Income Subsidy) for individuals contacting Ohio's aging and disability resource networks. (1.1.1)		BHRC, ADNR, OSHIIP, Senior Centers, Community Partners and businesses	Plan created; # potential partners identified; # ODA generated materials distributed	862 face to face contacts in the home	Information distributed to 354 consumers by BHRC Assessment Team	MIPPA Outreach: Face to Face (413); Telephonic interaction (261)
			Identify opportunities for professional staff at Senior Centers, Community Partners and businesses to enhance their understanding of Medicare (OSHIIP certification or similar training program), in order to better support those contacting the ADNR. (1.1.1.1)	BHRC, OSHIIP, Senior Centers, Community Partners and businesses, United Seniors of Athens County, Scenic Hills Senior Center, Meigs County Council on Aging, Monroe County Senior Center, Morgan County Council on Aging, Joyce M. Davis Senior Center, Perry County Senior Center, O'Neill Center, Belpre Senior Center, Ohio University	# trained staff, # partner agencies trained	4 staff members OSHIIP trained, 1 in process of being trained. Partnerships with 9 County Senior Centers	One practicum program under development	

			Develop coordinated plan which ensures MIPPA funds and activities are coordinated to reach target populations. (1.1.1.2)	BHRCs, ADNR, OSHIIP, Senior Centers, Community Partners and businesses	Plan completed		Media outreach plan developed by BHRC Communications Department	MIPPA Outreach: Social Media (63); Print Media (22); TV/Radio (6)
			Educate partners about available services and supports available through ADNR. (1.1.1.3)	Senior Centers, Community Partners and businesses, Waterford Methodist Church, Perry County Senior Center, Athens Job and Family Services, Washington County Career Center, Belpre Senior Center, Scenic Hills Senior Center, Belpre Rotary Club, Memorial Health System, Churchtown Senior Center, Athens Community Health Coalition; Get Health, Meet Goals	# Presentations; # partners developed	19 outreach events - health fairs, presentations, safety days, blood drives LCN Meetings. Met with six County Boards of Commissioners	30 coalition meetings attended; multiple partnerships developed through coalitions	
Active		Increase access to easy-to-understand information about services needed by older adults. (1.1.5)		BHRC, Senior Centers, Community Partners and businesses, Regional Advisory Council Members	# of distribution sites	One brochure reviewed		6,000 flyers distributed in Wellness Kits. Information about Food Resources, HEAP, Medicare, I&R Services
	OUT:1-1-a	Outcome 1-1-a: Information about MIPPA is more accessible by older adults as evidenced by the increased number of partners and distribution sites of ODA generated MIPPA materials.						
	OUT:1-1-b	Outcome 1-1-b: Older adults, serving as "test" volunteers, annually assess a sample of Ohio Aging Network's information and determine that information is becoming 1) easier to find and 2) easier to understand as evidenced by improving survey scores over the four years.						

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

OBI:1-2

Objective 2: BHRC will be aware of and focus on the unique needs of our older adult priority populations to deliver person-centered services and supports.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC hosted the first of four regional summits, the first was entitled "Aging in Appalachia" in July 2019. Focus areas of the summit were the state of aging in Appalachia, transportation issues, food and nutrition, dental care for seniors and multigenerational relationships. Regional Advisory Council held 6 meetings in this reporting period. BHRC staff has been focusing on better engagement of the RAC members and has made progress by including them in outreach content review. BHRC has been designated as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization. Aging department staff participates at the RTPO meetings to ensure that the needs and interests of seniors and people with disabilities are represented at the table. The Agency Director and Homecare Director have been meeting face to face the BHRC service area County Board of Commissioners. The goal of these meetings is to better inform the County Commissioners of the services delivered to the constituents of their county and discuss service barriers, needs and gaps. AAAB is working toward creating better partnerships with the faith-based community in the service area. The Agency Director has been attending the Switzerland of Ohio Ministerial Association meetings to share information about programs and services and to discover needs in the community. The Program Development Coordinator works closely with 6 of the eight County Health Departments and participates on their Community Health Improvement Plan Committees. By identifying common priority areas in the CHIPS and the BHRC Strategic Area Plan, partnerships have been formed around addressing chronic disease and was the catalyst for the development of the Lifestyle Change Network (LCN). BHRC serves as an Alzheimer's Education Series Host Site,

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a dramatic shift in the way services are delivered occurred. Additionally, new services were introduced to ensure that seniors had access to food and the support that they need. (Telephoning, Grocery Shopping and Delivery, Restaurant Meals, Pharmacy Delivery)

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Based on the client response to two of the services introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, we added Telephoning and Grocery Shopping and Delivery Service to the services available for bid in the PY 2022-23 proposal package.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
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Active		Establish a targeting strategy and implement a plan that increases awareness and focus among the aging network about the unique needs of our older adult population (e.g., Appalachian culture, rural, low-income, disabled, individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, those at nutritional risk and caregivers) (1.2.1)		BHRC, Community Partners, OAA Providers	Targeting Strategy developed; Implementation plan developed.	1 Aging in Appalachia summit planned and executed; 6 Regional Advisory Council Meetings; 4 RTPO meetings; 33 CHIP/CHA meetings; 6 Switzerland of Ohio Ministerial Association meetings; 6 County Board of Commissioners meetings;	4 new services introduced and implemented	Added 2 new services to PY 2022-23 proposal package
			Identify, establish and maintain partnerships with organizations that effectively represent SE Ohio's priority, at-risk populations. (1.2.1.1)	BHRC, Community Partners, Athens Community Health Coalition; Get Healthy Meigs! Coalition; Washington County Health Coalition; Perry County Senior Task Force; Matter of Balance Professional Presentation - Memorial Health System	# of partners educated		29 meetings attended with information shared	
OUT:1-2		Outcome 1.2: BHRC provides services and supports in alignment with the targeting strategy.			# of individuals from each priority population served			

ADVOCACY

OBJ:1-3

Objective 3: Heighten awareness of the needs and priorities of Ohio's older adults and people with disabilities.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

The Housing Coordinator is a member of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program Policy Advisory Council (HWAP) for the State of Ohio and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund Housing Assistance Grant Program Policy Advisory Council (HAPG). The BHRC Care Access Team Supervisor serves as President of the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities for over 3 years and serves on several committees of that board.

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

The Housing Coordinator is a member of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program Policy Advisory Council (HWAP) for the State of Ohio and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund Housing Assistance Grant Program Policy Advisory Council (HAPG). The BHRC Care Access Team Supervisor serves as President of the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities for over 3 years and serves on several committees of that board.

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

The BHRC Care Access Team Supervisor serves as President of the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities for over 3 years and serves on several committees of that board.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Heighten awareness of the needs and priorities of Ohio's older adults to achieve inclusion in regional and community decision-making opportunities that inform policies, infrastructure development processes, and strategic plans. (1.3.1)		ODA, BHRC, Advisory Council, community partners, local leaders, HWAP, HAPG, Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities,	# of groups of which BHRC is an active member and voice for older adults and people with disabilities	3 HWAP meetings; 2 HAPG meetings; 12 Developmental Disabilities Board meetings. n4a Advocacy Conference in Washington DC met with 4 legislative aids discussing general aging issues and workforce disparities.	10 Developmental Disabilities Board meetings attended	10 Developmental Disabilities Board meetings attended
OUT:1-3		Outcome: Increased awareness of the needs and priorities of Ohio's older adults and people with disabilities by community, government, non-profit and private sector entities and inclusion in decision-making opportunities that inform policies, infrastructure development processes, and strategic plans.			# of advocacy events/efforts undertaken			

ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION

Objective 4: Coordinate with partners in the prevention and response to incidences of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

OBI:1-4



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
 BHRC made contact with and began sitting on ITs for Athens, Hocking, Monroe/Noble and Washington Counties. Our staff is working to encourage Meigs to partner with the Athens Group. Morgan does not have an active IT group; BHRC is hoping that they may partner with the Monroe/Noble IT.

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
 BH Staff has attended Interdisciplinary Team meetings which have all have been remote since COVID. Washington, Athens (Meigs has joined in with Athens) are the only active teams.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Completed		Work to establish a coordinated prevention strategy that addresses incidence of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation by self or others. (1.4.1)		BHRC, County APS, Athens, Hocking/Vinton/Ross, Monroe, Washington	# of County APS Interdisciplinary Teams contacted.		4 Interdisciplinary Teams Contacted	Joined 4 Interdisciplinary Teams
			Partner with all County APS to become an active member of their Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) (1.4.1.1)	BHRC, County APS, Athens, Hocking/Vinton/Ross, Monroe, Washington	# of county Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) in which BHRC is actively partnering		Participated on 4 Interdisciplinary Teams	
Active		Establish a coordinated response strategy in the aging network that addresses incidence of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation by self or others. (1.4.2)		BHRC, County APS	# of county response strategies completed			Attended 9 Interdisciplinary Team meetings
			Strengthen relationships and outreach efforts by attendance at County APS Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) meetings (1.4.2.1)	BHRC, County APS, Athens, Hocking/Vinton/Ross, Monroe, Washington	# of APS Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) meetings attended		Attended 13 Interdisciplinary Team Meetings	
	OUT:1-4	Outcome 1-4: Strengthen the APS Network through partnership in order to prevent and respond to incidences of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation more effectively and efficiently by attending and becoming an active member of the county interdisciplinary Team (I-Team).			# of APS Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) meetings attended			

Objective 5: Address isolation by improving access for older adults to senior centers, community facilities, and opportunities where socialized environments exist or can be created.

OBI:1-5



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
 BHRC has been working to update each of the eight county service planning packets to include senior clubs, programs, transportation options and other opportunities to reduce isolation. These service planning packets are available on the BHRC website and are distributed to individuals who receive an in-home assessment, re-assessment or have requested a packet of county specific information. BHRC is reviewing the possibility of a format change in the service planning packets.

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
 Due to the pandemic, providers in the BHRC network transferred funding to services that have not traditionally been provided through OAA funds - Telephoning and Grocery Shopping Assistance and Pharmacy Delivery. The Telephoning service has been met with great enthusiasm and the numbers continue to grow. It is both a well check and an opportunity for an isolated senior to talk to someone. The Grocery Shopping and Delivery and Pharmacy Delivery service also provides a well check and socially distanced human contact for isolated seniors.

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
 Because senior centers were still unable to open, services to address isolation were of the utmost importance. Both the Telephoning and Grocery Shopping and Delivery Services were continued in 2021. Buckeye Hills initiated the procurement process for the PYs 2022-23 and added both of these services to the list of available services to include. We have viewed this as a positive outcome in an otherwise negative situation as it caused our provider network to expand beyond the traditional service offerings.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
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Active		Identify local existing community-based opportunities that can be engaged to reduce risks of isolation among older adults.		OAA Providers	Completion of inventory	8 county service planning packets reviewed and updated.	Telephoning - 1,079 consumers, 3,111 telephone calls; Grocery Shopping and Delivery - 53 consumers, 298 grocery deliveries	Telephoning - 993 consumers, 6,367 telephone calls; Grocery Shopping and Delivery - 194 consumers, 1,400 Grocery Deliveries
	OUT: 1-5-a	Outcome 1-5-a: BHRC will have a baseline and a better understanding of isolated older adults.			Baseline is established			
	OUT: 1-5-b	Outcome 1-5-b: More older adults are utilizing their local senior centers or common/community settings as evidenced by the increase in annual attendance.			Increase in annual attendance at senior centers			

OBI:1-6 Objective 6: BHRC will assist Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Not Started		Identify opportunities for professional staff at BHRC to enhance their understanding of SMP to make appropriate referrals to Senior Medicare Patrol and OSHIP.		BHRC, ProSeniors, Senior Medicare Patrol	# of staff trained at BHRC			
			BHRC will arrange for educational forums about Medicare and how to prevent, detect and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse.	BHRC, ProSeniors, Senior Medicare Patrol	# of presentations scheduled			
	OUT:1-6	Outcome 1-6: Increased awareness of Medicare fraud and how to prevent, detect and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse.			Decrease in Medicare fraud.			

POPULATION HEALTH
GOAL 2: Educate and empower older Ohioans, adults with disabilities and their caregivers to live active, healthy lives to maintain independence and continue to contribute to society.

CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION
 OBI:2-1 Objective 1: Take steps to promote and offer interventions that assist older adults in prevention of chronic disease as well as assist older adults who are living with chronic diseases to reduce and control symptoms that would otherwise alter the quality of their lives.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
 Information about CDSMP in LTC Resouce Guide which is provided to everyone who has an in-home consultation with BHRC Staff. The Appalachian Ohio Fall Prevention Coalition is funded through an ODH grant. Members include Washington, Meigs, Perry, Morgan and Athens Health Departments, Washington County RSVP, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, First Settlement Physical Therapy, Memorial Health System and Holzer Health System. These partners provide Tai Chi, MOB and Walk with Ease and have developed referral partnerships with local health providers.

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
 Due to the pandemic, a shift in the way that EB programs are offered occurred. Three partners are now providing EB workshops virtually. We continue to bring more EB providers on board.

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
 The senior centers in our area continued to be closed for the majority of this reporting period. A local healthcare system partner held Matter of Balance workshops in a controlled manner to ensure safety protocols were in place and adhered to.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Take steps to promote and offer interventions that assist older adults in prevention of chronic disease. (2.1.1)		BHRC Consumers, Waterford Methodist Church, Perry Senior Center, Athens JFS, Belpre Senior Center, Scenic Hills Senior Center, Belpre Rotary, Memorial Health System, Holzer Health System, OhioHealth O'Bleness, Washington, Athens, Meigs, Perry, Morgan, Monroe, Noble County Health Departments, Ohio University, OU Diabetes Institute, Hopewell Health Centers, First Settlement Physical Therapy, Genesis	# of outreach events/actions taken	1,087 LTC Resource guides distributed; 19 outreach events/activities	3 EB program providers conducted virtual EB programs	4 MOB workshops were conducted in person
			Train care managers/Front Door staff to educate and refer consumers on available health and wellness programs. (2.1.1.1)	BHRC Staff		# of individuals trained	17	
			Notify senior center and community partner staff about available health and wellness programs. (2.1.1.2)	BHRC, Senior Centers, Community Partners, Athens, Washington, Morgan, Perry, Meigs County Health Department CHIP Commiteees, LCN Committees	# of partner meetings attended	48	29	

			Collaborate with community-based organizations (i.e. County Departments of Health, faith-based organizations) to increase outreach to underserved communities to focus on achieving health equity.	BHRC, Community Partners	# of partnerships formed			
			Partner with county level agencies to support the implementation of respective health and wellness plans (e.g. Community Health Improvement Plans). (2.1.1.3)	Monroe County Health Department; Memorial Health System, Genesis Health System, Meigs County Health Department, Fairfield Medical Center, OhioHealth O'Bleness, O'Neill Center, Belpre Senior Center, Scenic Hills Senior Center, Morgan County Health Department, Monroe County Health Department, Morgan County Wellness Coalition, Morgan Behavioral Health Choices, The Athens Village, Altercare, National Church Residences, RSVP of Washington County, Washington County Health Department, Fairhope Hospice, Shriver's Hospice, BHRC Participates on the Washington County Community Health Coalition, the Get Health Meigs! Coalition, Perry	# of partner agencies; # of new leaders trained	Partner agencies = 20; New leaders trained = 25	3 Coalitions	
			Encourage and promote walking Initiatives to address various chronic diseases and conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease and falls prevention (e.g., Walk with a Doc, Senior Walking Clubs). (2.1.1.4)	BHRC, Appalachian Ohio Fall Prevention Coalition	# of initiatives	1 initiative	1 initiative	
			Utilize data collection system to monitor progress of evidence-based programs (2.1.1.5)	BHRC, Memorial Health System; O'Neill Center	# of workshops; # of participants	Baseline established in 2019	Data from EB programs is entered into Workshop Wizard.	
			Explore and promote implementation of innovative strategies that address health and wellness concerns relevant to older adults (e.g., falls screening with home delivered meals, congregate meals at evidence-based classes, etc.). (2.1.1.6)	BHRC, Senior Centers, Community Partners, Morgan County Health Department, First Church of the Nazarene (Noble County), Monroe County Health Department, United Seniors of Athens County, Memorial Health System, Morgan County Wellness Coalition	O'Neill Center, OhioHealth O'Bleness, United Seniors of Athens County	Number of innovative strategies identified.		

Dropped		Expand the capacity of sites and trainers to deliver evidence-based programs.(2.1.2)		BHRC, Senior Centers, Community Partners, O'Neill Center, United Seniors of Athens County	# of deficiencies identified; # of health and wellness sites added to the Aging Network.	3 deficient counties identified (Morgan, Noble, Monroe); 3 partnerships established to bring evidence-based programs into these counties; 2 counties now have trained leaders (Morgan, Monroe)	Cooperative plan for implementation of EB programming adjusted to purchase Ipads for distribution to EB program participants across all counties in the service area making programs available to individuals who have access to internet.	Not dropped, this action item has been "paused" due to Covid. Dropdown menu does not make this distinction.
			Determine where needs exist to expand the number of training sites and take steps to grow sites and trainers in those communities. (2.1.2.1)	BHRC, Senior Centers, Community Partners	# of health and wellness sites added to the Aging Network.	2 sites added (Monroe and Noble Counties)	Cooperative plan for implementation of EB programming adjusted to purchase Ipads for distribution to EB program participants across all counties in the service area making programs available to individuals who have access to internet.	
	OUT:2-1	Outcome 2-1-a: More older Ohioans have heightened awareness of strategies to prevent and manage chronic diseases as evidenced by the increased number of training sites and the increased number of			# of training sites; # of participants			

OBJ:2-2

DEMENTIA

Objective 2: Promote the importance of communities' prioritization and response to the changing needs of persons with dementia and their caregivers.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Caregivers are referred to the Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association and registered for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's Care quarterly magazine. Information to call into AFA's caregiver support group given to 25 RAC members on 10/22/19. Also partner with Greater Cincinnati to use our site to host trainings and meetings for caregivers.
Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
10 referrals from the Caregiver Support Program CM to the Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association for Care Consultations.
Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Alzheimer's Outreach: BHRC posted information about Alzheimer's and Dementia on four separate social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn). BHRC was a Silver Sponsor for the local Walk to End Alzheimer's Event in September 2020. BHRC had 10 posts on social media four separate social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn).

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Strengthen advocacy roles and support dementia-related activities in the PSA and be equipped with the resources, education and tools that communities need to be successful. (2.2.1)		Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association	Increase of dementia-related activities in PSA	2 referrals	10 referrals	64 posts on Social media across 4 platforms Sponsored one Alzheimers walk
			Participate in local CHIPs (community health improvement plans) and work to prioritize dementia within those plans. (2.2.1.1)	BHRC, local health districts, community partners, Senior Centers, Alzheimer's Association	# Communities with a dementia strategic plan			
	OUT:2-2	Outcome 2-2: Older adults have access to a "no-wrong door" system of dementia resources and assistance			Increase in inquiries and referrals			

OBI:2-3

Objective 3: Partner with first responder agencies and organizations to enhance the safety of persons with dementia and their caregivers.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)								
Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)								
Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)								

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Not Started		Establish a workgroup to support the enhancement/infusion of dementia education into first responder training curriculum (communication, de-escalation, referrals, etc.) where relevant.(2.3.1)		BHRC, First Responders, Law Enforcement			# of first responders receiving dementia education	
	OBI:2-3	Outcome 2-9: BHRC has a coordinated system of public safety and response for adults with suspected or diagnosed dementia as evidenced by trained responders.			# of trained responders and formalized statewide interventions.			

OBI:2-4

FALLS PREVENTION
Objective 4: Strengthen existing falls prevention activities, identify opportunities for new initiatives, and continue the educational campaign to reduce the risk of falls for older Ohioans.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)								
First responders in Perry County have agreed to distribute fall prevention educational literature to individuals who could be at risk for falls in their homes or have fallen in the past.								
Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)								
The pandemic has hampered in person workshops. BHRC has continued to perform outreach via social media and other forms of media.								
Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)								
BHRC posted information about Falls Prevention across 4 social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn). BHRC also published one press release and one blog post about Falls Prevention Month (Sept. 2020). BHRC Promoted Falls Prevention Awareness Week September, 2020. A blog post was also included in our September newsletter.								

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Not Started		Explore the potential role of first responders in falls prevention. (2.4.1)		BHRC	# of best practices identified for partnerships with first responders	1 best practice identified		
			Initiate conversations with first responders in the community (fire departments, police, EMS) (2.4.1.1)	First Responders, BHRC, Community Partners, Perry County EMS, Community Ambulance	# of contacts with first responders	1 contact		

			Partner with first responders in the community to implement a falls prevention related intervention. (2.4.1.2)	First Responders, BHRC, Community Partners	# of first responders implementing falls prevention related interventions on falls/lift assist calls	Not yet started		
Active		Increase professional and public awareness and actions regarding falls risks through falls prevention campaigns. (2.4.2)		BHRC	# of studies completed; # of campaigns completed			56 Falls Prevention posts on social media; one press release and one blog post about Falls Prevention Month; One press release and one blog post about Falls Prevention Awareness Week.
			Engage senior centers and community partners in seasonal falls prevention campaigns, e.g. Valentine's Day campaign, 10M Steps, etc. (2.4.2.1)	BHRC, Senior Centers, Community Partners	# of active partners in falls prevention campaigns	10 partners in 2019 10M Steps Initiative (Appalachian Fall Prevention Coalition)		
	OUT:2-4-a	<u>Outcome 2-4-a:</u> More first responders are supporting older adults through falls risk interventions.			# of emergency responders participating in falls prevention activities			
	OUT:2-4b	<u>Outcome 2-4-b:</u> Heightened access and choice of fall prevention courses across the service area as evidenced by the number of persons served.			# of persons served (in-home falls risk assessment); # of persons participating in fall prevention education programs (e.g. MOB)			

PAIN MANAGEMENT
 OBJ:2-5 Objective 5: Support increased use of alternative interventions that older adults can use to manage their temporary or chronic pain without the use of controlled substances.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Not Started		Increase awareness of the healthcare community about evidence-based pain management education (2.5.1)		BHRC, Healthcare Community, Community Partners, United Seniors of Athens County, OhioHealth O'Bleness	# of presentations about evidence-based pain management education given to healthcare community partners	1 presentation		

Not Started		Partner with the healthcare community for the implementation of evidence-based pain management education as an alternative to pharmaceutical pain management. (2.5.2)		BHRC, Healthcare Community, Community Partners, United Seniors of Athens County, OhioHealth O'Bleness	# of healthcare community partners hosting evidence-based pain management workshops	2 workshops		
	OUT:2-5	Outcome 2-5: Increase in the availability of non-pharmaceutical pain management interventions as evidenced by the increase in partner host sites and patient participation.			# of pain self-management workshops held; # of patients referred to pain management workshops; # of patients completing pain management workshops			

MENTAL HEALTH
 Objective 6: Take steps to increase the awareness of the need for mental health resources and services for older Ohioans.

OBJ:2-6



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Not Started		Partner with state, local and/or community entities to address specific mental health needs of our older adults (e.g., County Behavioral Health Authorities). (2.6.1)			# of new partnerships			
Not Started		Train ADRN/SEP workers in local mental health resources so that they are able to screen and address unique care delivery of older adults with mental health issues. (2.6.2)		BHRC	# of ADRN/SEP workers trained			

OUT:2-6	Outcome 2-5: Older adults will have improved access to the resources and services they need to manage mental health concerns as evidenced by increased utilization of programs and referrals to appropriate services.	# of individuals screened			
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OBI:2-7	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION Objective 7: Support increased access to the resources and services needed by older adults to better prevent and manage substance abuse and addiction.
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Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned) Drug take back day cancelled due to pandemic
Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned) Organizations throughout the Mid-Ohio Valley have formed a partnership to support workforce development initiatives for individuals impacted by substance use disorder. The Transportation Work Group is working specifically to reduce the barriers to getting to work each day. This survey will assist us in addressing these transportation challenges. Partners in this project include: The Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, the SUD Collaborative, SW Resources, Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development, Community Health Improvement Associates, Jobs and Hope WV, Southeast Ohio Legal Services, and the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Support the campaign to combat the opioid crisis and substance abuse among older Ohioans through education, screenings, referrals and community-based interventions (e.g., drug take-back programs, advocacy for multidisciplinary care teams, etc.) (2.7.1)		BHRC, Community Partners	Interventions implemented and number of adults served	Distribution of approximately 600 deTerra drug disposal bags through the region.		1600 unique individuals visited MyRecoveryLink.org for 2469 visits; distributed 1,000 deTerra kits through Washington County Health Department event; distributed 100 at Perry County Health Department event.
Active			Promote drug takeback opportunities to encourage the safe disposal of unused or expired prescription medications. (2.7.1.1)	BHRC, Community Partners, Washington County Sheriff Office	# of take back events	Participated in 1 Drug Take Back Day	No Medication Takeback Day this year due to COVID-19 (Rescheduled for Fall 2020)	Host site for 2 drug take back days.
			Partner with local county health departments to support the Take Charge Ohio campaign to educate on pain management and prevention of medication abuse. (2.7.1.2)	BHRC, Community Partners	# of partnerships developed; # of campaigns participated in			
OUT:2-7		Outcome 2-7: In addition to the existing and emerging state strategies and interventions to combat the opiate/substance abuse crisis, the interventions employed by the Aging Network are contributing to the effective efforts as evidenced by a decline in the number of substance-related accidental deaths in older			A decline in the number of substance-related accidental deaths in older adults			

AAA: Buckeye Hills Regional Council

CAREGIVERS
GOAL 3: Ohio's caregivers have access to resources and services to enable them to continue to provide care for their loved ones.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT
 Objective 1: Provide meaningful education and heighten awareness on caregiving issues.



OBJ:3-1

Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC initiated T-CARE to address the caregiver wait list but discontinued using it as it did not appear to be making an impact on the caregivers. Additionally, the platform was cumbersome to use. BHRC has performed an audit of the Caregiver Program and has initiated a new process to move forward.

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

The BHRC Caregiver Program introduced three new services during this reporting period - Map Habit, Ipad and a Caregiver Lending Library. MapHabit™ is an interactive care management platform that utilizes a patented visual mapping system with smart devices to improve cognition and reinforce routine habits. The iPads are used to help with social isolation through the use of FaceTime with family and friends and allow them access to telehealth visits, virtual support groups, and further education. The Lending Library is a collection of caregiver resources: books, variety of media including CDs, training DVDs, and conversation cards.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Dropped		Research and assess the effectiveness of current interventions and explore best practices to develop a full-service caregiving solution.		BHRC	% of completion	18%		
Active		Pilot promising interventions that benefit caregivers (e.g., technology-based solutions or other emerging innovations, evidence-based and evidence-informed training programs for caregivers, etc.).			% of completion of pilot project and/or % of growth of classes held as evidenced by data from Workshop Wizard	Completed 7 T-CARE assessments with caregivers on wait list		Addition of 3 new services. 8 Caregivers and 3 Family members using MapHabit; 3,626 active MapHabit app interactions. 7 Caregivers using Lending Library; 15 iPads distributed to Caregivers
	OUT:3-1	<u>Outcome 3-1</u> : Caregivers will utilize information, resources and education opportunities about caregiving as evidenced by attendance statistics of caregiver education and referral numbers.			Increase in # of referrals and # of caregivers receiving training			

OBJ:3-2

Objective 2: Increase the capacity of available respite resources.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

16 Caregivers on WL. Enrolled 18 new CG's, increased HME purchases during COVID 19 to relieve CG's from stress of obtaining needed supplies; initiated contracting process with MHM and HDM providers to be able to better meet CG needs

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC Caregiver program added EMS, Minor Home Modification, Home Delivered Meals and I&R Services for Caregivers who are not enrolled in the Caregiver Support program and receiving Case Management Services. EMS and Minor Home Modification have just been started and had not provided services during this reporting period.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Create new strategies to maximize available respite funds.		BHRC, Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association	Decrease wait list numbers.		16 Caregivers on WL. Enrolled 18 new caregivers, increased HME, working on MHM and HDM contracts with providers to increase CG needs. 10 referrals to the Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association for Care Consultation for Caregivers	Addition of 4 new services. 16 Caregivers and Care Recipients received 2,406 Home Delivered Meals, 18 Caregivers received I&A Services. 33 Caregiver received 1,535 hours of Case Management Service, 11 Care Recipients received 21 units of HME, 2 Caregivers received 167 hours of Homemaker services. Enrolled 24 Caregivers, 34 on the wait list.
	OUT:3-2	Outcome 3-2: Through new strategies, more caregivers will receive the services and supports they need.			More caregivers receiving support.			

AAA: Buckeye Hills Regional Council

AGING IN PLACE

GOAL 4: Enable older Ohioans, persons with disabilities and their caregivers to be active and supported in their homes and communities.

LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING

OBJ:4-1 Objective 1: Advocate for the importance of long-term care planning for older Ohioans to support their choice to age-in-place.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Not Started		Evaluate regional needs of older adults and expand offerings of Person-Centered Options Counseling to enable older adults to understand, consider and address issues such as benefits, reverse mortgages, healthcare, finances and legal, etc.		BHRC, ADNR members, Community Partners			# of persons assisted through Options Counseling	
			Provide community education events to help older adults better understand long-term care planning and make referrals to ADNR for Person-Centered Options Counseling.	BHRC, ADNR members, Community Partners			# of presentations/outreach events; # of persons assisted through Options Counseling	
	OUT:4-1	Outcome 5-3: The potential impacts associated with older Ohioans' under-planning for long-term care needs are known and policy-level changes are under consideration to mitigate the future impacts					BHRC has evidence of its efforts to better understand the need and ability to affect that need	

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

OBJ:4-2 Objective 2: Take steps to heighten awareness and adoption of livable community models in Ohio communities.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC is participating in Athens Age Friendly Coalition.

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC provided Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging with a letter of support for the project proposal, "Expansion of Dementia-Capable Communities within Urban and Rural Settings in Ohio using Evidence-Based and Informed Programming". Partners include The Ohio Council for Cognitive Health, and The Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University. Our service delivery partners are Welcome House (Cuyahoga County), O'Neill Senior Center (Washington County), United Seniors of Athens County (Athens County) and the Athens Village (Athens County).

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Partner to establish a comprehensive approach to encourage the adoption of the livable community and smart city models in support of older Ohioans and their abilities to age in place. (4.2.1)		BHRC, Community Partners, Athens Age Friendly Community Coalition	Partnerships established		BHRC is participating on the Athens Age Friendly Community Coalition	2 Senior Centers and 2 BHRC Staff members are partnered with the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging for the "Expansion of Dementia-Capable Communities within Urban and Rural Settings in Ohio
			Promote, explore opportunities for funding, and provide trainings on becoming an Age-Friendly Community. (4.2.1.1)	BHRC, Community Partners	Number of trainings conducted			
	OUT:4-2	Outcome 4-2: More older Ohioans are living in communities that are conducive to aging in place as evidenced by an increase in the number of communities that have attained an age-friendly or similar status.			increase in the # of communities that have attained an age-friendly or similar status.			

TRANSPORTATION

OBJ:4-3 Objective 3: Participate in alignment efforts that aim to achieve sufficient community transportation options (multi-modal) and a supportive infrastructure available for older adults in Ohio.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC has working partnerships with Mobility Management Programs in Athens/Hocking; Meigs, Monroe/Noble, Morgan, Perry, Washington Counties and was involved in creating their Transportation Improvement Plans. BHRC also performed a Community Mobility Survey performed in each county. The BHRC participated in the development of the Coordinated Transportation Plans for each county program.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Participate on the Regional Transportation Planning Organization Committee to participate in research, and advocacy for use of transportation best practices (mobility management, transportation coordination, etc.) at the local and regional levels. Identify opportunities for partnership with community organizations and transportation providers and strengthen as needed. (4.3.1)		RTPO, BHRC, Community Partners	Index of transportation best practices which includes partnership opportunities.			8 Community Mobility Surveys conducted through 6 Mobility Management partnerships.
Active		BHRC is an active participants in regions' Transit Plans that impact older adults. (4.3.2)		RTPO, BHRC, Community Partners	# of BHRC involved in regional transit planning committees.			Participated in the development of Coordinated Transportation Plan for eight counties.
	OUT:4-3	Outcome 4-3: Older Ohioans and individuals with disabilities in need of transportation are better positioned to receive services as evidenced by an increase in annual total units reported.			An increase in annual total units reported			

OBJ:4-4

Objective 4: Increase awareness and availability of information, resources, and tools to improve older road user safety and mobility.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC added the position of "Mobility Manager" to staff to better coordinate available transportation resources and to focus of opportunities to expand transportation in the region. This pilot program is in Washington County.

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

The BHRC Mobility Manager has been working to build the framework for regional mobility management; bringing on other mobility management resources. Supported the launch of a regional mobility call center based in Perry County to help coordinate rides for seniors and at risk populations across the whole region.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Active		Expand mobility alternatives available for older road users. (4.4.1)		BHRC, Rural Transportation Planning Organization, Community Partners	# of expansion projects		1 staff position created	BHRC Mobility Manager participated in the formation of one mobility management call center.
			Identify and promote driver rehabilitation programs	BHRC, Community Partners	# of programs identified	1 program identified		
			Educate partners about driver rehabilitation programs and how to make referrals.	BHRC, Community Partners	# of partners educated			
OUT:4-4-a		Outcome 5-6: Older drivers will be better able to self-manage their transportation needs.			Increase in number of seniors who can better self-manage their transportation needs.			

HOUSING

OBJ:4-5

Objective 5: Advocate for programs and interventions that support safe and affordable housing enabling older adults and persons with disabilities to age in place.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

Year one is complete and Buckeye Hills has been tasked by the Housing Assistance Grant Program (HAGP) to change the entire program to meet Federal and State mandated guidelines for housing procedures practically in the area of Lead Safe Renovation of homes for emergency repair and Handicap Access. Buckeye Hills staff has worked diligently to complete the licenses and certifications required by the EPA and the State of Ohio for lead safe work in the individual's home. Work has been initiated by this agency to better the response for help by contacting partners for help on projects that is needed for aging in place. Buckeye Hills with the Cooperation of the U.S.D.A., Washington-Morgan Community Action Program Corp., Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, Gallia-Meigs Community Action has set in place a referral system where each agency will refer prospective clients to the others when contacted by a perspective applicant that may not be eligible for their program or when the work required to help exceeds the cost of the Grant or low-interest loan. Buckeye Hills is dedicated to using all resources that we have access to, and that our community partners have funding for, to meet the needs of the PASSPORT clientele for home repair and handicap access so they may age in place safely in their own home with dignity. The BHRC Care Access Team Supervisor serves as President of the Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities for over 3 years and serves on several committees of that board.

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC participated in a Housing & Homelessness Roundtable with Senator Sherrod Brown, two HWAP meetings, a Home Modification Program Meeting, participates on the Housing Assistance Grant Program Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting, and participated in a purple book training with the Housing Assistance Grant Program Advisory Committee.

Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC Housing Coordinator is a Board member on three Housing Assistance Grant Policy Advisory Councils. BHRC Housing Coordinator is a Board member for the Ohio Department of Aging, and has participated in meetings of the Noble County Planning Commission, Buckeye Hills Foundation, Hocking County Housing Coalition, USDA - Rural Housing Service and Buckeye Hills Regional Housing partnership

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
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Active	Promote, advocate and pilot programs that provide for the safety and well-being of older Ohioans and persons with disabilities and their rights to age-in-place in the places that they call home and to stay in their communities of choice.		BHRC, Community Partners, Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Research completed, # of pilots, next steps identified	12 Disability Board Meetings Attended	12 Disability Board Meetings Attended	BHRC Housing Coordinator participated in 3 Housing Assistance Grant Policy Advisory Council meetings; 3 Meetings of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program; 4 meetings Noble County Planning Commission ; 2 meetings Buckeye Fields Foundation project; 1 meeting Hocking County Housing Coalition; 2 meetings with USDA - Rural Housing Service
		Research how funding is being used for home modification (i.e.- what services, how much and where the gaps are.	BHRC, Community Partners, HWAP PAC, Marietta Community Foundation, Housing Assistance Grant Program Advisory Committee	# of funding sources identified	Participated in 5 statewide workgroups	Participated in 5 statewide workgroups	
		Coordinate partnering home repair and modification agencies to maximize funding to meet client home modification and handicap accessibility needs to allow them to age in place.	BHRC, Community Partners, USDA, Morgan County CHIP (Community Housing Impact and Improvement Program), COMMUNITY ACTION.	# of referrals to partnering agencies for single partner funding	6 referrals for partnership. 5 referrals for partner only funding. 31 projects completed		
		Provide in-home assessments to identify modifications that are needed to allow client to remain in home.	BHRC, USDA, Morgan County CHIP (Community Housing Impact and Improvement Program), COMMUNITY ACTION.	# of assessments completed	57 initial inspections completed		
		Partner with local governments and communities to assess/predict current/future affording housing shortages and establish plans to address the shortages.	APS, BHRC, Community Partners	Partnership established			
OUT:4-5	Outcome: Safe and affordable housing units for older adults are a community priority due to the Aging Network's advocacy as evidenced by an increase in the number of interventions completed.			Increase in the # of interventions completed			


EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

OBI:4-6 Objective 6: Collaborate to strengthen planning efforts, pool resources and refine response protocols to address the needs of vulnerable older adults during emergency events.



Year One: Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
Year Two Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
BHRC has engaged in consistent and ongoing communication with OAA providers during the pandemic. Funding transfers were requested to continue offering services to consumers in their homes as senior centers closed, development of new services and provision of PPE to consumers, senior centers and adult day centers.
Year Three Summary of Progress for this objective (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)
BHRC Staff participated in National Preparedness month. Staff also participated in the Washington County Incident Command which feeds into Region 8 - Regional Rapid Response Assistance Program

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Description of Measure(s)	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 3 Measures
Not Started		Collaborate with established emergency response coalitions to ensure that already established response protocols address the needs of the elderly and disabled populations. (4.6.1)		BHRC, Emergency Response Coalitions	Communication protocols established.			20 meetings; 4 active partners
			Identify established emergency response coalitions in the BHRC service area. (4.6.1.1)		# of ERS Coalitions identified in service area; # of ERS Coalitions partnerships formed			
			Participate in training and education programs including table top exercises and use of best practices that support the development of the region's emergency preparedness plans. (4.6.1.2)	BHRC, Emergency Response Coalitions, ODA	# of educational offerings # of staff trained	We have participated in all ODA sponsored trainings	BHRC participated in all ODA sponsored trainings	
			Advocate for the inclusion of safety protocols for older persons who are hard of hearing or cognitively impaired that might have trouble understanding safety procedures, for those who use durable medical equipment, and those who are frail and those who are nonambulatory. (4.6.1.3)	BHRC, Emergency Response Coalitions	# of individuals who have been identified as having special needs and require special assistance in the event of an emergency or disaster.			
			Educate older adults through various multi-media outlets about the importance of planning for emergency events. (4.6.1.4)	BHRC, Emergency Response Coalitions	# of outreach and communication plans established; # of outreach and communications plans executed			
			Advocate for the heightened utilization of senior centers and during emergency events. (4.6.1.5)	BHRC, Emergency Response Coalitions, Senior Centers	# of senior centers agreeing to participate as emergency sites.			
	OUT:4-6	Outcome: BHRC service area is better prepared to respond to disasters and emergency situations due to strengthened planning and collaboration with community partners.			Improved rating of readiness in survey			



PART 3 - PY 2022
OPERATIONAL BUDGET NARRATIVE

AREA PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE



OPERATIONAL BUDGET NARRATIVE	
1.	<p>Care Coordination Program (CCP)</p> <p>Describe the AAA implementation plan for care coordination for PY2022. Include an estimated number of consumers to be served, number of staff, changes in funding, program costs, and impacts on service delivery.</p>
	<p>Care coordination services are provided through the Caregiver Program. There is one staff member coordinating care for an estimated 30 individuals. Funding will be used to support salary with the majority of funds being used for contracted respite services, home delivered meals and other supports.</p>
2.	<p>Title III-B Services (Housing)</p> <p>Describe the AAA plan for expenses related to housing personnel, either by the AAA or through a contracted provider. Include position title, name, funding sources, and percentage of time dedicated to activities during PY2022. Discuss any differences between 2021-2022 budgets and any changes in scope.</p>
	<p>N/A</p>
3.	<p>Title III-C Services</p> <p>Describe the AAA plan for expenses related to RD/LD nutrition personnel, either by the AAA or through a contract. Include position title, name and percentage of time dedicated to nutrition services through PY2022.</p>
	<p>Rhonda Davisson, RD/LD. We contract her with a combination of III-A and other funds. Her contract is renewed annually. She assists providers with menu development, nutrition education and other requested support.</p>
4.	<p>Title III-D Services</p> <p>Title III-D funds may only be spent on disease prevention and health promotion programs that meet ACL’s guidelines for highest tier programs. The definition for evidence-based and FAQs can be found at ACL’s website: https://www.acl.gov/programs/health-wellness/disease-prevention.</p> <p>Identify which evidence-based programs will be offered by the AAA or contracted service provider with Title III-D funds.</p>

BHRC-AAA8 does not directly provide EB programs, we contract with two service providers for evidence-based programming – United Seniors of Athens County, Inc. and the O’Neill Center (Washington County). Program provided include CDSMP, PSMP, and MOB. These service providers collaboratively bid for IIID Funds and will provide training, workshops and fidelity monitoring throughout the eight-county region.

5. Waitlists

For the Title III services and programs administered by the AAA and/or contracted service providers, please identify any services and programs that had a waiting list as of July 1, 2021.

Include the number of consumers on the waiting list and the impacted counties. In the notes sections, describe your plans in PY2022 to reduce the number of consumers on the waiting lists, including, but not limited to, by reallocation of funds.

Note that the services listed below are the most used services statewide for the respective funding sources. If your AAA and/or service providers have waiting lists for services not listed, please respond to these questions under “Other Services.”

a. Title III-B Supportive Services

Service	#	Counties
Transportation	We do not track	Click or tap here to enter text.
Supportive Services	We do not track	Click or tap here to enter text.
Care Coordination	We do not track	Click or tap here to enter text.
Personal Care	We do not track	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other Services:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Notes:
Click or tap here to enter text.

b. Title III-C Nutrition Services

Service	#	Counties
Home-delivered Meals	We do not track	Click or tap here to enter text.
Congregate Meals	We do not track	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other Services:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Notes:
Click or tap here to enter text.

c. Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Service	#	Counties
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	Evidence-Based Programming	None	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Other Services:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Notes: Click or tap here to enter text.		
d.	Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support Program		
	Service	#	Counties
	Counseling/Support Groups	0	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Supplemental Services	0	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Respite	34	BHRC has had a staff change in the Caregiver Program and has added a variety of supportive services. We anticipate that the waitlist will be reduced significantly.
	Other Services:	0	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Notes: Click or tap here to enter text.		

FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount)	\$ 216,671.00
Transfer to B, C1, C2, D or E, if applicable (please explain below and enter negative amount)	\$ -
Anticipated FY21 Carryover Amount, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -
Revised FY22 Base Funding	\$ 216,671.00

Detailed Rationale for Additional Transfer Amount

Please explain the rationale for any additional transfers between funds:

Detailed Rationale for Carryover Amount

Please explain the rationale for the total carryover amount from FY21:

Breakdown of Administration Dollars		% of Total
Title III-A	\$ 216,671.00	69.61%
Title III-E	\$ 14,812.00	4.76%
Total	\$ 231,483.00	74.37%
Local Match for Title III-A Funds		
Cash Match	\$ -	0.00%
Inkind Match	\$ 17,600.00	5.65%
SCS Administration	\$ 59,243.00	19.03%
Alzheimer's Administration (from Alzheimer's tab)	\$ 2,926.00	0.94%
Total Match for AAA Administration Funds	\$ 79,769.00	25.63%
Total Administration and Match Funds	\$ 311,252.00	100.00%

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True This percentage may not be greater than 75%

True This percentage may not be less than 25%

Title III-B

FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount)	\$ 346,771.00	
Transfer from/(to) Title III-C1, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ 70,000.00	30% maximum transfer between B/C
Transfer from/(to) Title III-C2, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -	30% maximum transfer between B/C
Transfer from Title III-A (admin), if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -	
Anticipated FY21 Carryover Amount, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -	
Revised FY22 Base Funding	\$ 416,771.00	

Detailed Rationale for Transfer(s)

Please explain the rationale for transferring funds:

In our region, the demand for Support services is higher at this time so greater resources are needed to provide those services in our most vulnerable populations and areas.

Detailed Rationale for Carryover Amount

Please explain the rationale for the total carryover amount from FY21:

Note: In the table below, please enter the dollar amount for each category that is anticipated to be spent over the course of the Program Year. Please ensure that the total dollar amount of funds allocated agrees to the Revised FY22 Base Funding amount above.

Service Category Allocations	Title III-B		Senior Community Services		Total Funds	% of Funds	III-B % of Base Funding	
	Contract	AAA	Contract	AAA				
Service Categories								
Access- Information & Assistance	\$ -	\$ 22,487.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,487.00	4%	65%	Minimum of 5% Title III-B base funding (for all Access categories combined)
Access- Case management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		
Access- Outreach	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	5%		
Access- Other	\$ 176,256.00	\$ -	\$ 20,494.00	\$ -	\$ 196,750.00	37%		
In-Home- homemaker, home health aide, visiting, telephone reassurance, adult day, home maintenance, and supportive services	\$ 132,028.00	\$ -	\$ 39,284.00	\$ -	\$ 171,312.00	33%	38%	Minimum of 5% Title III-B base funding
Legal	\$ 32,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	6%	9%	
Other Community	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		
Ombudsman	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	3%		
Congregate Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		
Home Delivered Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		
Housing Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 39,278.00	\$ 48,428.00	9%		
Training/Education	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	1%		
Equipment for AAA Providers, including computers and software	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	2%		
Volunteer Placement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		
Other: (Please Explain)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		
Unobligated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%		
Total	\$ 364,284.00	\$ 52,487.00	\$ 68,928.00	\$ 39,278.00	\$ 524,977.00	100%		
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY22 Base Funding		True						

Title III-C1

FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount)	\$ 370,587.00	
Transfer from/(to) Title III-B, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ (70,000.00)	30% maximum transfer between B/C
Transfer from/(to) Title III-C2, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ (70,000.00)	100% transfer between C1/C2 is available until the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency; then returns to 40% maximum transfer
Transfer from Title III-A (admin), if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -	
Anticipated FY21 Carryover Amount, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -	
Revised FY22 Base Funding	\$ 230,587.00	

Detailed Rationale for Transfer(s)

Please explain the rationale for transferring funds:

In our region, the demand for Support services and in home Meals is higher at this time so greater resources are needed to provide those services in our most vulnerable populations and areas.

Detailed Rationale for Carryover Amount

Please explain the rationale for the total carryover amount from FY21:

Note: In the table below, please enter the dollar amount for each category that is anticipated to be spent over the course of the Program Year. Please ensure that the total dollar amount of funds allocated agrees to the Revised FY22 Base Funding amount above.

Service Category Allocations	Title III-C1		Senior Community Services		Total Funds	% of Funds
	Contract	AAA	Contract	AAA		
Service Categories						
Congregate Meals	\$ 230,587.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,587.00	100%
Nutrition Screening	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Nutrition Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Nutrition Counseling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Menu Review/Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Unobligated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Total	\$ 230,587.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,587.00	100%
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY22 Base Funding		True				

Title III-C2

FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount)	\$ 256,739.00
Transfer from/(to) Title III-B, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -
Transfer from/(to) Title III-C1, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ 70,000.00
Transfer from Title III-A (admin), if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -
Anticipated FY21 Carryover Amount, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -
Revised FY22 Base Funding	\$ 326,739.00

30% maximum transfer between B/C
 100% transfer between C1/C2 is available until the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency; then returns to 40% maximum transfer

Detailed Rationale for Transfer(s)

Please explain the rationale for transferring funds:

In our region, the demand for Home Delivered Meals is higher at this time so greater resources are needed to provide those services in our most vulnerable populations and areas.

Detailed Rationale for Carryover Amount

Please explain the rationale for the total carryover amount from FY21:

Note: In the table below, please enter the dollar amount for each category that is anticipated to be spent over the course of the Program Year. Please ensure that the total dollar amount of funds allocated agrees to the Revised FY22 Base Funding amount above.

Service Category Allocations	Title III-C2		Senior Community Services		Total Funds	% of Funds
	Contract	AAA	Contract	AAA		
Service Categories						
Home Delivered Meals	\$ 326,739.00	\$ -	\$ 42,250.00	\$ -	\$ 368,989.00	100%
Nutrition Screening	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Nutrition Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Nutrition Counseling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Menu Review/Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Unobligated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Total	\$ 326,739.00	\$ -	\$ 42,250.00	\$ -	\$ 368,989.00	100%
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY22 Base Funding		True				

Title III-D

FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount) \$ 32,745.00

Transfer from Title III-A (admin), if applicable (please explain below) \$ -

Anticipated FY21 Carryover Amount, if applicable (please explain below) \$ -

Revised FY22 Base Funding \$ 32,745.00

Detailed Rationale for Transfer(s)

Please explain the rationale for transferring funds:

Detailed Rationale for Carryover Amount

Please explain the rationale for the total carryover amount from FY21:

Note: In the table below, please enter the dollar amount for each category that is anticipated to be spent over the course of the Program Year. Please ensure that the total dollar amount of funds allocated agrees to the Revised FY22 Base Funding amount above.

Service Category Allocations	Title III-D		Senior Community Services		Total Funds	% of Funds
	Contract	AAA	Contract	AAA		
Service Categories						
Evidence-Based Classes	\$ 32,745.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,745.00	100%
Total	\$ 32,745.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,745.00	100%
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY22 Base Funding		True				

Title III-E

	Administration	Services
FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount)	\$ 14,812.00	\$ 133,309.00
Transfer from Title III-A (admin), if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -	\$ -
Anticipated FY21 Carryover Amount, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -	\$ -
Revised FY22 Base Funding	\$ 14,812.00	\$ 133,309.00

Detailed Rationale for Transfer(s)

Please explain the rationale for transferring funds:

Detailed Rationale for Carryover Amount

Please explain the rationale for the total carryover amount from FY21:

Note: In the table below, please enter the dollar amount for each category that is anticipated to be spent over the course of the Program Year. Please ensure that the total dollar amount of funds allocated agrees to the Revised FY22 Base Funding amount above.

Service Category Allocations	Title III-E - Services		Senior Community Services		Total Funds	% of Funds
	Contract	AAA	Contract	AAA		
Service Categories						
Information	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Assistance		\$ 63,620.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,620.00	38.64%
Counseling/Support Groups/Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Respite Services	\$ 66,844.00	\$ -	\$ 31,354.00	\$ -	\$ 98,198.00	59.64%
Supplemental Services	\$ 2,845.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,845.00	1.73%
Other: (Please Explain)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Unobligated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 69,689.00	\$ 63,620.00	\$ 31,354.00	\$ -	\$ 164,663.00	100.00%
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY22 Base Funding		True				

20% maximum

NSIP

FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount)	\$ 68,362.00
Anticipated FY21 Carryover Amount, if applicable (please explain below)	\$ -
Revised FY22 Base Funding	\$ 68,362.00

Detailed Rationale for Carryover Amount

Please explain the rationale for the total carryover amount from FY21:

Note: In the table below, please enter the dollar amount for each category that is anticipated to be spent over the course of the Program Year. Please ensure that the total dollar amount of funds allocated agrees to the Revised FY22 Base Funding amount above.

Service Category Allocations	Total Funds	% of Funds
Service Categories		
Congregate Meals	\$ 24,951.00	36%
Home Delivered Meals	\$ 43,411.00	64%
Unobligated	\$ -	0%
Total	\$ 68,362.00	100%
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY22 Base Funding	True	

Senior Community Services (SCS)

FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount)	\$ 181,810.00
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Note: The SCS funding should be allocated between the Title III-B, Title III-C1, Title III-C2, Title III-D, and Title III-E tabs.

Alzheimer's

FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount) \$ 57,887.00

Note: In the table below, please enter the dollar amount for each category that is anticipated to be spent over the course of the Program Year. Please ensure that the total dollar amount of funds allocated agrees to the FY22 Base Funding amount above.

Service Category Allocations	AAA	Contract	\$ of Funds	% of Funds
Service Categories				
Alzheimer's Association Core Services		\$ 28,622.00	\$ 28,622.00	49.44%
Personal Care		\$ 7,434.00	\$ 7,434.00	12.84%
Homemaker		\$ 6,057.00	\$ 6,057.00	10.46%
Visiting		\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Institutional Care		\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Other (please describe)		\$ 12,848.00	\$ 12,848.00	22.19%
Admininstration	\$ 2,926.00	\$ -	\$ 2,926.00	5.05%
Unobligated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 2,926.00	\$ 54,961.00	\$ 57,887.00	100.00%
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY22 Base Funding			True	

FY22 Initial Request to Transfer

	Title III-A	Title III-B	Title III-C1	Title III-C2	Title III-D	Title III-E Admin.	Title III-E Services	Total
FY22 Base Funding (use most recent Notice of Grant Award amount)	\$ 216,671.00	\$ 346,771.00	\$ 370,587.00	\$ 256,739.00	\$ 32,745.00	\$ 14,812.00	\$ 133,309.00	\$ 1,679,693.00
Initial Transfer Request (due with Area Plan)	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ (140,000.00)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revised FY22 Base Funding with Transfers	\$ 216,671.00	\$ 416,771.00	\$ 230,587.00	\$ 326,739.00	\$ 32,745.00	\$ 14,812.00	\$ 133,309.00	\$ 1,679,693.00

FY22 Additional Requests to Transfer

Area Agency on Aging:
Name of individual completing this form:

[Green Box for Agency Name and Individual Name]

Email:

	Title III-A	Title III-B	Title III-C1	Title III-C2	Title III-D	Title III-E Admin.	Title III-E Services	Total
FY22 Base Funding (Enter Amounts from NGA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Initial Transfer Request (due with Area Plan)	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ (140,000.00)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
First Revised Transfer Request (due no later than April 15)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Second Revised Transfer Request (due no later than June 15)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Final Transfer Request (due no later than July 15)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Transfer Requests to Date	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ (140,000.00)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revised FY22 Base Funding with Transfers	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ (140,000.00)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Detailed Rationale - Current Submission Only

Please explain all rationale for all transfers for the current submission in the box below:

[Green Box for Detailed Rationale]

Note: Use this form when submitting any additional requests for transfers and please fill in any box highlighted in 'green'. Enter the Area Agency on Aging name, name and email address of person competing this form, update the FY22 Base Funding amounts using the Notice of Grant Award (NGA), detail any requested transfer amounts, and add an explanation for any transfers. Send requests to the Elder Connections Division email at 'elderconnections@age.ohio.gov' on or before the due dates specified above. Please submit a transfer request for each period, regardless of whether a transfer is being requested.

Summary

	Title III-A	Title III-B	Title III-C1	Title III-C2	Title III-D	Title III-E Admin.	Title III-E Services	NSIP	SCS	Alzheimer's	Total
FY22 Base Funding	\$ 216,671.00	\$ 346,771.00	\$ 370,587.00	\$ 256,739.00	\$ 32,745.00	\$ 14,812.00	\$ 133,309.00	\$ 68,362.00	\$ 181,810.00	\$ 57,887.00	\$ 1,679,693.00
Total Initial Transfers	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ (140,000.00)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -
FY21 Carryover	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Revised FY22 Base Funding	\$ 216,671.00	\$ 416,771.00	\$ 230,587.00	\$ 326,739.00	\$ 32,745.00	\$ 14,812.00	\$ 133,309.00	\$ 68,362.00	\$ 181,810.00	\$ 57,887.00	\$ 1,679,693.00
Service Category Allocations											
Service Categories											
Access- Information & Assistance		\$ 22,487.00							\$ -		\$ 22,487.00
Access- Case management		\$ -							\$ -		\$ -
Access- Outreach		\$ 25,000.00							\$ -		\$ 25,000.00
Access- Other		\$ 176,256.00						\$ 20,494.00			\$ 196,750.00
In-Home		\$ 132,028.00						\$ 39,284.00			\$ 171,312.00
Legal		\$ 32,000.00						\$ -			\$ 32,000.00
Other Community		\$ -						\$ -			\$ -
Ombudsman		\$ 15,000.00						\$ -			\$ 15,000.00
Congregate Meals		\$ -	\$ 230,587.00				\$ 24,951.00	\$ -			\$ 255,538.00
Home Delivered Meals		\$ -		\$ 326,739.00			\$ 43,411.00	\$ 42,250.00			\$ 412,400.00
Housing Administration		\$ -						\$ 48,428.00			\$ 48,428.00
Training/Education		\$ 5,000.00						\$ -			\$ 5,000.00
Equipment for AAA Providers, including computers and software		\$ 9,000.00						\$ -			\$ 9,000.00
Volunteer Placement		\$ -						\$ -			\$ -
III-B Other: (Please Explain)		\$ -						\$ -			\$ -
Nutrition Screening			\$ -	\$ -				\$ -			\$ -
Nutrition Education			\$ -	\$ -				\$ -			\$ -
Nutrition Counseling			\$ -	\$ -				\$ -			\$ -
Menu Review/Development			\$ -	\$ -				\$ -			\$ -
Evidence-Based Classes					\$ 32,745.00						
Information							\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Assistance							\$ 63,620.00	\$ -			\$ 63,620.00
Counseling/Support Groups/Training							\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Respite Services							\$ 66,844.00	\$ 31,354.00			\$ 98,198.00
Supplemental Services							\$ 2,845.00	\$ -			\$ 2,845.00
III-E Other: (Please Explain)							\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Alzheimer's Association Core Services										\$ 28,622.00	\$ 28,622.00
Personal Care									\$ 7,434.00		\$ 7,434.00
Homemaker									\$ 6,057.00		\$ 6,057.00
Visiting									\$ -		\$ -
Institutional Care									\$ -		\$ -
Alzheimer's Other: (Please Explain)									\$ 12,848.00		\$ 12,848.00
Administration										\$ 2,926.00	\$ 2,926.00
Unobligated		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 416,771.00	\$ 230,587.00	\$ 326,739.00			\$ 133,309.00	\$ 68,362.00	\$ 181,810.00	\$ 57,887.00	\$ 1,415,465.00
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY22 Base Funding		True	True	True			True	True	True	True	



PART 11 - PY 2022
STRATEGIC PLANNING ALIGNMENT

AREA PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE



Introduction

This portion of the Area Plan Annual Update serves to capture area agencies on aging strategic planning alignment with the 2020-2022 Strategic Action Plan on Aging (SAPA), the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

1. While SAPA implementation is not a requirement, the area agencies on aging have been engaged in the planning, development, and implementation of the SAPA. The approved 2019-2022 Strategic Area Plan goals and objectives will not be changed for the remaining Program Year. As a result, this section of the Area Plan Annual Update serves to gather information on SAPA efforts across AAAs.

[The SAPA](#) outlines six steps state and local partners can act on to implement the SAPA and advance elder justice and equity (on pages 9-11). Which of these action steps does your area agency on aging plan to carry out?

Select all that apply (more than one may be selected) and provide a description of your agency's plan to act on the SAPA for those selected.

- (1) **Align** with and focus on one or more of the 15 issues and nine priority populations in the SAPA

The goals, as written in the BHRC Aging and Disability PY 2019-22 SAP, align with the majority of the priorities as described in the SAPA. Situated in SE Ohio, this region of Ohio is wholly Appalachian and has a low racial and ethnic diversity.

- (2) **Advocate** for funding and policy change to address SAPA issues

As a Council of Local Governments, BHRC Aging and Disability serves as an advocate and loud voice for the residents of SE Ohio.

- (3) **Fund** evidence-informed strategies identified in the SAPA

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- (4) **Implement** one or more of the evidence-informed strategies identified in the SAPA

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- (5) **Partner and collaborate** within and across sectors to improve SAPA outcomes

The structure of BHRC Aging and Disability is predicated on a collaborative structure across its eight counties. Both Aging and Disability and the Development programs partner with a wide variety of partners at the local, county, state and federal level to ensure that the community members are supported.

- (6) **Evaluate** progress on SAPA objectives and the impact of SAPA strategies

2. The CARES Act funds were awarded in 2020 to be used for disaster assistance services for Title III-B, C, and E. Did the CARES Act funding contribute to your agency's Strategic Area Plan goals, objectives, and/or strategies? If yes, please describe how, below:

Due to the closing of Congregate Meal sites and other services traditionally located at the Senior Centers, the CARES Act funds were utilized to expand the Home Delivered Meal programs and move those individuals who typically attend the Congregate Site to the Home Delivered Meal Program. These funds were also used to begin Restaurant Meal Programs which allowed further expansion of the Home Delivered Meal Program.

3. ARPA (P.L. 117-2) was signed into law by President Biden on March 11. Section 2921 of the law appropriated \$1.434 billion to remain available until expended to carry out the Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA). The funds must be expended on allowable Older Americans Act activities across Titles III-B, C, D, and E as defined by the Older Americans Act and State and local policy.

This is a unique, one-time funding opportunity to innovatively invest in the aging network and strengthen and improve the network's infrastructure. Please describe any potential opportunities in which your agency could utilize this funding for aging network innovation and alignment with current and future anticipated strategic area planning:

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**RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE
BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT**

Resolution #2021/11-01

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has published a grant opportunity in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Brownfield Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act (P.L. 115-141), seeking to invest funds nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills may request up to \$500,000 to assess eligible brownfield sites throughout its multi-county region; and

WHEREAS, no financial agreement with an environmental consultant will be executed unless funding is awarded from USEPA; and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills Regional Council has experience administering brownfield assessment programming on behalf of the USEPA for regional partners and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Misty Crosby in her role as Executive Director of Buckeye Hills Regional Council (BHRC) is designated and authorized to represent BHRC in all matters related to this application and subsequent project activity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Executive Director through cooperation with internal staff, is hereby authorized to complete, sign and submit the application for funding to the USEPA in the amount of \$500,000 for the completion of a Community-wide Assessment Grant. The Community-wide grant is appropriate when a specific site is not identified, and the applicant plans to spend grant funds on more than one brownfield site in its community.

Further, in support of this application, the Executive Director is authorized to select an environmental engineering partner pursuant to submission made to the published RFQ seeking services in this project.

Further, upon an offer of funding from the USEPA, the Executive Director is also hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement, a contract for progression services with a selected environmental engineering consultant, and any other documentation necessary to signify acceptance of an offer of award and to expend funds and deploy staff as necessary to carry out the scope of work as specified in the executed contract documents in accordance with agency procurement policies and procedures.

Passed this fifth day of November, 2021

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2021 NOBLE COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSIT PLAN

Resolution #2021/11-02

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) provides financial assistance for Mobility Management activities as funded by the Specialized Transportation Program (5310) and the Rural Transit Program (5311); and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills Regional Council has staffed the Noble County Mobility Manager position on behalf of local partners including the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, funding support for the position was provided by ODOT through a CARES Act grant; and

WHEREAS, a Coordinated Transit Plan document must be created and updated as required in order to satisfy an ongoing condition of the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Coordinated Transit Plan has been completed by Buckeye Hills Regional Council in partnership with the Noble County Transportation Advisory Committee, and other stakeholder parties interested in transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Transit Plan for Noble County has been completed in the manner and time frame prescribed by ODOT; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Coordinated Transit Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Noble County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Committee hereby approves the submission of the 2021 Noble County Coordinated Transit Plan document to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Passed on this 5th day of November, 2021.

Ron Moore, President

Lenny Eliason, Vice President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ohio BUILDS Projects Awarded in Southeast Ohio** | On October 26, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced the first round of water infrastructure grant funding awarded as part of a new, statewide initiative to help build a stronger foundation for improved quality of life for Ohio's families and continued economic growth for Ohio's communities. The announcement included the following projects in the Buckeye Hills region:
 - **Washington County Board of Commissioners** (House District 95- Rep. Don Jones, Senate District 30 -Senator Frank Hoagland) will receive a **\$10 million** grant for the Devola Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase II project. This project complies with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFO) and will extend sewers to 550 homes within the DFFO boundary. This project will benefit 2,702 people.
 - **Syracuse Racine Regional Sewer District** (Meigs County, House District 94- Rep. Jay Edwards, Senate District 30- Senator Frank Hoagland) will receive a **\$1.4 million** grant to install a headworks-screening system to eliminate debris clogging up the sewer system. The project will benefit 1,850 people.
 - **Crooksville** (Perry County, House District 72- Rep. Kevin Miller, Senate District 31- Senator Jay Hottinger) will receive a **\$1.87 million** grant to replace two main critical lift stations within the village's sanitary sewer system that provide basic sanitary sewer service to area residents. Both stations are experiencing severe corrosion and infiltration and are near the end of their useful lives. The project will benefit 2,534 people.
 - **Tuppers Plains-Chester** (Athens County, House District 94- Rep. Jay Edwards, Senate District 30- Senator Frank Hoagland) will receive a **\$90,000** grant for the planning and engineering design of a project that will extend a water line on South Rodehaver Road and Young Road. The project will help replace current cisterns and wells for area residents that have tested positive for Total Coliform or E. coli and provide a clean, safe drinking water source for 43 people.
 - **Barnesville** (Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, and Noble counties, House District 95- Rep. Don Jones, Senate District 30- Sen. Frank Hoagland) will receive **\$2.257 million** to replace approximately 25,000 linear feet of waterline and construct a new pump station. The new raw water main will replace an asbestos 12-inch line installed in 1963, which provides raw water from the Slope Creek Reservoir to the Barnesville Water Treatment Plant. The original construction material and obvious deterioration over nearly 60 years have resulted in an estimated 25-30 percent of currently pumped water lost due to leaks. The village of Barnesville provides water to its own community, plus eight other communities in rural areas of Belmont, Monroe, Guernsey, and Noble counties. Replacement of the waterline is needed to sustain the estimated 3,683 service connections, of which approximately 153 are businesses.
 - **Burr Oak Regional Water District** (Morgan County, House District 78- Rep. Brian Stewart, Senate District 20- Senator Tim Schaffer) will receive a **\$1.9 million** grant for an expansion project to

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address an area in Morgan County with contaminated and inadequate water supplies. The project will include approximately 100,000 feet of new waterlines. This project will benefit 300 people.

A total of \$250 million in grant funding will be invested in water infrastructure projects as part of the new Ohio BUILDS initiative funded by the Ohio General Assembly as part of House Bill 168, with funding that was appropriated through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The first round of water infrastructure grants announced in October awards \$93 million to 54 projects that impact communities in 60 Ohio counties. The remainder of the water infrastructure grants will be awarded in the coming weeks and will ultimately impact communities in every county in Ohio. The full list of awards from the first round can be found [HERE](#).

- **Critical Infrastructure Projects Awarded in Southeast Ohio** | Communities in Hocking, Meigs, Perry, and Washington counties are among 22 communities statewide to receive grants to fund sidewalks, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure, and public facility improvements. Announced on Monday, the Ohio Department of Development awarded grants totaling more than \$6 million to 13 communities through the Community Development Critical Infrastructure program and awarded grants totaling more than \$6 million to nine communities through the Neighborhood Revitalization program. Projects awarded in the Buckeye Hills region include:
 - **Hocking County: \$500,000** Critical Infrastructure grant to assist the city of **Logan** with sewer infrastructure improvements.
 - **Meigs County: \$416,800** Critical Infrastructure grant for sidewalk improvements in the village of **Racine**.
 - **Perry County: \$300,000** Critical Infrastructure grant to assist with flood and drainage improvements in the village of **Shawnee**.
 - **Washington County: \$352,800** Critical Infrastructure grant to assist **Adams Township** with a bridge replacement project.

More information, including project descriptions, can be found [HERE](#).

- **NADO Presidency** | On October 19, I was honored to be named President of the National Association of Development Organizations at NADO's Annual Business Meeting. The meeting was held in conjunction with the association's Annual Training Conference in Portland, Oregon. As President, I will work with the NADO Board of Directors which oversees the association's budget and operations and develops policy on issues affecting regional development organizations. NADO has been, and remains, an essential partner to Buckeye Hills Regional Council and our sister development organizations serving Ohio's Appalachian region. NADO is also a vital partner in ensuring that the voices of regional councils are heard by federal legislators and policymakers. I am looking forward to being able to advocate for our region in this new role, and I am grateful to the Executive Committee and President Ron Moore for their support of my nomination.

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **EDA Build Back Better Challenge Grant Submissions** | Following approval by the Executive Committee at its October meeting, Buckeye Hills Regional Council was party to two Phase 1 EDA **Build Back Better Regional Challenge** technical assistance grant applications, which were submitted last week:
 - **Buckeye Hills Builds Back Better:** Buckeye Hills Regional Council will work with a coalition of 10 villages across our region to help them develop, retain, and attract small businesses and remote workers through the development of Community Improvement Funds, community placemaking *Serving Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry and Washington Counties in Southeast Ohio.*
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initiatives, broadband deployment, critical infrastructure investments, and technical assistance in developing their downtown historic districts.

- **Outdoor RIVERS:** This project is a collaboration among partners representing the six Central Appalachian states of West Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee. The Outdoor Recreation Industry and Vibrant Economies Strategy (Outdoor RIVERS) will leverage assets in the region's most rural and coal-impacted communities with a focus on job creation, capital investment, and business development to position Appalachia as the outdoor capital of the east coast.

We anticipate award notifications to be made later this year. If awarded, these projects would then be eligible to apply for Phase 2 implementation grants.

STATE UPDATES

- **Applications for Ohio's \$500 Million Brownfields and Building Demolition Programs Coming Soon |** The state will soon launch its \$500 million programs for brownfields and underutilized properties. Sometime within the fourth quarter of 2021, the Ohio Department of Development will release guidance and applications for this two-year program. The Brownfield Remediation Program was allocated \$350 million in the FY 2022-2023 state budget; the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Fund received \$150 million. Specific allocations are reserved for each county: \$1 million for brownfields and \$500,000 for demolition/site revitalization. Remaining funds will be issued through statewide competitive grants received on a first-come, first-served basis. All eligible applicants, including counties, can submit projects for the statewide competitive grants. There is urgency to plan for your projects immediately. If the county-reserved funds are not requested, or perhaps awarded, within one calendar year from the date of the appropriation (we currently understand that to be July 1, 2022), those funds will move to the statewide competition account. The county-reserved funds are not expected to require a match, as opposed to the statewide competition funds, which will require a 25% match of the total project costs.
- **Governor DeWine Announces New Statewide Grant Program to Address Violent Crime |** On October 5, Governor Mike DeWine **announced** that \$4 million in grant funding is now available to help local law enforcement agencies implement new violent crime reduction strategies in their communities. Governor DeWine prioritized the creation of the new Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program in the state's 2022-2023 operating budget which was passed by the Ohio General Assembly in June. Funding awarded through the grant program can be used toward creating, implementing, and/or expanding proven or promising violent crime reduction initiatives such as place network investigations, focused deterrence, hot-spot policing, and crime gun intelligence centers. Grants can also be used toward technology, equipment, training, technical assistance, analytical tools/support, and overtime costs associated with implementing crime reduction strategies. Local law enforcement agencies are eligible to apply as the implementing agency. The unit of local government must serve as the official sub-recipient (township, village, city, or county). The full RFP is available **[HERE](#)**.

FEDERAL UPDATES

- **\$1.75 Trillion "Build Back Better" Framework and Bill Text Released |** On Thursday October 28, the Biden Administration released a \$1.75 trillion **Build Back Better framework** – a scaled-down version of the *Serving Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry and Washington Counties in Southeast Ohio*.
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previously \$3.5 trillion infrastructure reconciliation bill – that the White House and Congressional leaders have been negotiating in recent months. The announcement of the Administration’s proposal was followed by the release of [revised legislative text](#) reflecting the \$1.75 trillion figure. This revised version of the infrastructure reconciliation bill is expected to be voted on in the House in the coming days. Despite reductions from the initial \$3.5 trillion version, the new \$1.75 trillion framework still contains \$5 billion in funding for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), including:

- \$3.3 billion for EDA Economic Development Assistance for Regional Economic Growth Clusters; (revised bill language includes mention of grants for “technical assistance, planning, and pre-development”)
- \$1.2 billion for EDA Recompete Grants for Persistently Distressed Communities
- \$240 million for EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance for Energy and Industrial Transition Communities
- \$240 million for EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance for Technical Assistance, Project Predevelopment, and Capacity Building; (writing of grant applications, technical assistance, and project pre-development are included in bill text as an eligible activity)

The House is expected to vote on the reconciliation bill as well as the [\\$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill](#), the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* in the coming days now that an agreement has been reached on the details of the reconciliation bill. The bipartisan infrastructure bill has already been passed in the Senate, and if approved by the House, would authorize \$550 billion in new spending on infrastructure priorities such as roads, bridges, and other major projects; transit; clean drinking water; and broadband expansion.

- **Treasury Announced ARPA Reporting Deadline Extended** | On September 30, the U.S. Treasury Department released a notice of a revised timeline for local governments to submit Project and Expenditure Reports for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The initial reporting deadline was originally set for October 31, 2021. This deadline has been updated to April 30, 2022, for NEUs (townships and villages) and January 31, 2022, for direct recipients (counties and the City of Marietta.). See Treasury’s full reporting guidance [HERE](#). You can also read the letter Treasury sent to the states on this topic [HERE](#).
- **HHS Extends Public Health Emergency Another 90 Days** | Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra has [extended the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(PHE\)](#) up to an additional 90 days, effective October 18, 2021. Former HHS Secretary Alex Azar II originally declared a COVID-19 PHE on January 27, 2020.
- **Continuing Resolution Signed into Law** | In early October, Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR), [H.R. 5305](#), thereby averting a government shutdown and keeping the federal government funded through December 3, 2021. The legislation was signed into law by President Biden on Thursday evening. Beyond December 3, in order to fund the government for the remainder for the 2022 fiscal year, Congress will either need to adopt another short-term spending bill or complete the twelve appropriations bills that must be passed annually in order to fund the government. The stopgap measure also provides \$28.6 billion in emergency funds for communities and federal agencies to assist those affected by recent hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters. The version of the CR that ultimately passed does not address the debt ceiling, which will have to be contended with separately in the coming weeks.

BHRC MEMBER MEETINGS/EVENTS/OTHER

- **BHRC Internal Meetings** | Budget Reviews, Leadership Team Meetings, and Staff Meetings.
- **Dunham Township Trustees** | Allowable uses of ARPA funds.

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- **Washington County Commissioners** | Discussion of Buckeye Fields Senior Housing project and request for \$200,000 for BHSS to support additional engineering/design and expenses related to due-diligence.

AFFILIATE PARTNERS MEETINGS/EVENTS/OTHER

- **EDA Build Back Better 6-State Initiative** | Attended various virtual meetings to ensure project relevancy to rural Appalachian Ohio communities.
- **NADO Executive Committee** | Attended virtual monthly meeting.
- **OU Board of Trustees** | Attended joint OU Alumni + Board of Trustees Luncheon.
- **EDA – Ellen Heinz** | Met with Economic Development Representative Ellen Heinz and provided an update on economic development activities and work being conducted by BHRC staff. Ellen toured the Peoples Bank Theatre and discussed the economic impacts of the Arts in rural communities. She also met with Noble County to discuss economic development initiatives being undertaken by the County.
- **BroadbandOhio** | Met with Peter Voderberg and his team, along with BHRC Broadband Team, to learn of progress on HB 2 applications and updates from the office. BHRC is actively searching for opportunities to support the expansion of high-speed internet throughout our region and all of rural Ohio.
- **Mayors Partnership for Progress** | Met frequently throughout the month with Amista Lipot, Executive Director of the MPP, to develop agenda topics and identify speakers for Appalachia Forward, to be held on November 8, 2021 at The Lodge at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS:

- **November 8, 2021** | **Appalachia Forward** - 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at The Lodge at Hocking College, 15770 OH-691, Nelsonville, OH 45764 – IN-PERSON SOLD OUT – VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE ONLY - Agenda includes an overview of ARC's 2022 POWER Program, COVID Relief Opportunities, and how to pull together fundable Creative Community Revitalization projects and a winning Capital Bill request. Over lunch attendees will hear discussions and highlights of advocacy efforts ongoing throughout the region.
- **November 19, 2021** | **2021 Impact Ohio SE Regional Conference** - 8:00am – 1:30pm at Stuart's Opera House, 52 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764 – Agenda includes topics such as Boosting Small Business in Southeast Ohio, Leveraging Ohio's Natural Assets as a Strategy for Economic Development (moderated by BHRC's Development Director Sam Miller), Enhancing the Region's Workforce Ecosystem, as well as updates from Ohio's Auditor of State, the Honorable Keith Faber, and Ohio's Secretary of State, the Honorable Frank LaRose. There will be a pre-conference reception at The Ohio University Inn and Conference Center the evening before the Regional Conference. You can register for that reception when you register for the Conference.
- **November 25 – 26, 2021** | **Thanksgiving Holiday**. Offices Closed.

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