



Executive Committee Meeting

BUCKEYE HILLS
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2020

Buckeye Hills Regional Council

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order | President Ron Moore
- II. Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs | Mark Cappone, Senior Executive in Residence
- III. Minutes of the December 4, 2020 Meeting
- IV. Fiscal Division Update | Denise Keyes, Director
 - a. Statement of Activities, Administrative Expense Detail, Aging & Disability Program Service Report
- V. Aging Division Update | Jennifer Westfall, Director
 - a. Ratification of Action by the Assistant Executive Director on CARES Relief Fund for Local Response
 - b. Ratification of Action by the Assistant Executive Director on HVAC Grant Fund to Assist Seniors
 - c. Area Agency on Aging 8 Strategic Area Plan
- VI. Regional Transportation Planning Organization Update | Sam Wallace, Transportation Planning Manager
- VII. Executive Director's Report | Misty Crosby
 - a. Ratification of Action by Executive Director on Morgan County Art Project
 - b. Resolution of Support for the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Appalachian Assistance Fund Line Item
- VIII. Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Update | Tom Reid, Reid Consulting Group
- IX. Round Table Discussion: Priorities for 2021
- X. Other Business
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NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2021



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MEETING MINUTES

ACTION ITEM:

- **MINUTES FROM THE DEC. 4, 2020 MEETING**

**Minutes of the December 4, 2020
Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Committee
Meeting**

The Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Committee meeting was held by remote videoconference on December 4, 2020. Citizens were encouraged to attend the meeting via Facebook Live and submit comments by December 2, 2020. The agenda was posted to the organization website prior to the meeting.

In attendance were:

OFFICERS:	Ron Moore, President Lenny Eliason, Vice President Kevin Ritter, Treasurer	Morgan County (Private Sector) Athens County Washington County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	Steve Patterson Gary Waugh Tim Ihle Brian Howard Carl Davis Brad Peoples Ben Carpenter Josh Schlicher	City of Athens Hocking County Meigs County Meigs County (Private Sector) Monroe County Noble County Perry County City of Marietta
GENERAL POLICY COUNCIL:	Christine Knisely Misty Wells	City of Athens Village of Caldwell
STAFF:	Bret Allphin Misty Crosby Rick Hindman Angie Lawrence Misty McConnell Jenny Simmons Drew Tanner Sam Wallace Jennifer Westfall	Development Director Executive Director Assistant Executive Director Human Resources/Payroll Manager Assistant Fiscal Director Executive Assistant Communication Director Transportation Planning Manager Aging & Disability Director
GUESTS:	Jack Cera Tom Johnson	Ohio House of Representatives Village of Somerset

CALL TO ORDER

Ron Moore, President, called the meeting to order.

Misty Crosby, Executive Director, thanked the sponsors of the live stream meeting for their support: Hull & Associates and CT Consultants

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE JACK CERA

Misty Crosby introduced Representative Jack Cera and thanked him for his years of service, support and passion for the region. This year marks Representative Cera's last in the Ohio House, as he reached his term limit. Cera provided a few remarks about his time in office and his love for Ohio.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 202 MEETING

Kevin Ritter moved to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2020 meeting, which were sent to the committee to review prior to the meeting. Brian Howard seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Lenny Eliason, Chair, provided the Personnel Committee Report for the time period of October 3, 2020 to December 4, 2020.

Angie Lawrence, Human Resource/Payroll Manager informed the committee that due to the pandemic there will not be a Christmas luncheon held for all staff and members. Instead, Christmas boxes will be mailed out next week to all staff and committee members.

FISCAL DIVISION UPDATE

Steve Patterson moved to approve the Statement of Activities, Administrative Expense Detail, Aging & Disability Program Service Report presented by Misty McConnell, Assistant Fiscal Director. Tim Ihle seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Lenny Eliason moved to approve the Annual Expenditures Renewals in the amount of \$97,708 to cover organization dues, insurance, professional services and software and licenses. Carl Davis seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

AGING DIVISION UPDATE

Jennifer Westfall, Aging and Disability Director, informed the committee that staff completed work with 83 individuals from October 15 to middle of November during the Medicare Open Enrollment period. The annual savings for individuals ranges from \$0 to \$196,943 with a total accumulative savings of almost \$216,000. The Open Enrollment will conclude on December 7 and she will present the final numbers at the January meeting.

Westfall also thanked the providers for their assistance in sorting, packing and distributing wellness kits to seniors containing PPE supplies.

COMMUNICATION DIVISION UPDATE

Drew Tanner, Communication Director, provided brief updates on the marketing of programs including the Medicare Open Enrollment, HEAP, CARES Act CRF Support.

Tanner also stated the Buckeye Hills Foundation website is wrapping up. The website will serve as the information hub for the current broadband advocacy/Connecting Appalachia efforts.

Tanner reported that as a follow up to its front-page coverage of our region's broadband needs on October 29, the Columbus Dispatch published the editorial "Invest in Better Broadband for Appalachian Ohio" on November 17, citing Buckeye Hills research and advocacy on the issue.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Bret Allphin reported a CARES Act update on the Morgan County Feeds Program, the City of Marietta Small Business Relief Program and the Washington County Small Business & Nonprofit Relief Program. Washington County and Morgan County programs continue through December 2020. The Marietta program will continue until June 2021.

Allphin informed the committee of a recent proposal to eliminate the CDBG Allocation program and transfer the resources to competitive programs. The staff, through representation on DSA advisory council, is actively providing feedback and comments on the recently proposed changes and would welcome feedback from the members.

Kevin Ritter moved to approve the Resolution Approving the 2020 Rural Economic Development Innovation (REDI) Initiative Plan. Carl Davis seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Allphin informed the members that he would be leaving Buckeye Hill at the end of the month. He thanked them for their support, mentorship and leadership over the years.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Sam Wallace, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a 2020 LRTP Update to the committee.

Lenny Eliason moved to approve the Resolution to Approve the 2020 Washington County Coordinated Transit Plan. Tim Ihle seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Hindman stated that Buckeye Hills received an ARC grant for \$119,550 to purchase PPE for providers of aging services and awarded the bid to Fastenal to provide N-95 masks, N-95 respirators, nitrile gloves and surgical isolation gowns. Noble County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) distributed the PPE to several southeastern county EMAs for distribution to various senior services providers.

Hindman informed the members that he continues his work with Ohio University and several organizations throughout Athens County on the 5-year initiative that will help the city of Athens and the county as a whole to prepare, through planning and social and structural improvements, for rapid population aging. The coalition is currently in the process of conducting a Community Needs Assessment which will help develop the action and evaluation plan.

Hindman provided an update on the Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) project. He is now the lead on one of the committees and is working with Buckeye Hills Transportation staff along with individuals from Wood (WV), Washington and Athens counties. The purpose of the initiative is to establish a recovery-to-work ecosystem serving these counties. The DDAA SUD team submitted an application to ARC's Investments Supporting Partnership in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) initiative for \$500,000 and will know mid-January if awarded. If successful, this initiative will be supported for three years and will provide further assistance into the crisis in Appalachia.

Hindman stated the Buckeye Hills Support Services was awarded a grant of \$880,000 for the Federal Home Loan Banks of Cincinnati for the Affordable Housing Program for the Buckeye Fields project. This funding will significantly benefit the affordability of the project and enhance our ability to integrate support services.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Misty Crosby stated the LDDs contacted the Development Services Agency (DSA) and the Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA) and requested the continuation of funding under the Appalachian Assistance line item in the FY2022-2023 Operating Budget – GRF 195455. She reminded the members that an email covering this request was sent to them earlier in the week. Crosby provided background information about the line item and how this funding is used by the LDDs to support the region. She asked if the counties were in support of the continued funding to pass a formal resolution at their next meeting and send to DSA and GOA. Crosby will present a resolution of support at the next meeting.

Brian Howard moved to approve the 2021 Meeting Schedule. Tim Ihle seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Crosby thanked Bret Allphin for his 20 years of service to the region and his leadership of the Development Department.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ron Moore, President, informed the members that this would be Carl Davis' last meeting representing Monroe County. He spoke for the members and thanked Carl Davis for serving on the Executive Committee for the past six years; his leadership as the President of the Regional Advisory Council on Aging and Disability; and for being a voice for the region while serving as President of CCAO.

With no other business, Carl Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim Ihle seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

DRAFT

DIVISION & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **Age Friendly/Athens** | I am continuing to work with Ohio University and several organizations throughout Athens County on this 5-year initiative that will help the city of Athens and the county as a whole to prepare, through planning and social and structural improvements, for rapid population aging. We have established nine committees around 9 domains of livability. We are in the process of conducting a Community Needs Assessment which will be followed by the development of an action and evaluation plan.
I am participating on the housing committee and on the core group. I am using my experience with the Buckeye Fields affordable housing project to educate members of the housing committee, and looking to take advantage of opportunities to initiate an affordable housing tax credit project in Athens County.
- **Community Health Workers initiative** | We are implementing an initiative in partnership with Ohio University to utilize Community Health Workers (CHW) who are in the process of obtaining their certification to augment our aging programs in serving our elderly and persons with disabilities. This initiative is funded by Ohio University.
We have started with one CHW who is following up on initial contacts and referrals and assisting older persons in accessing resources and programs. In addition to ensuring a client is connected to community resources and that his/her needs are being met, the CHW is asking questions pertaining to social isolation and internet connectivity.
Currently, we are in the process of identifying efficiencies in the areas of data and monitoring in preparation for expanding the program in the near future.
- **BHSS, Inc./Buckeye Fields status** | The Buckeye Fields development team will be requesting a Housing Development Loan to assist in financing the project from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) at the January 2021 OHFA Board and Multifamily Committee meetings.
- **COVID Office Protocols** | We continue to enforce prescribed operating procedures throughout the office building and property through restricting the number of employees in the office at any given time and ensuring a clean and sanitary environment. Workplace policies have been consistently updated in response to changes in CDC guidelines and to changes in the demands of our work in serving our communities and our most vulnerable residents. Most recently, we have decided to maintain the 14-day length of quarantine despite the CDC's decision to reduce its length.
- **DDAA Substance Use Disorder/INSPIRE** | I continue to serve on the DDAA substance use disorder (SUD) project's core team and I am heading up one its two committees. The purpose of the initiative is to establish a recovery-to-work ecosystem serving Wood County, WV and Washington County, Ohio and surrounding counties. We have most recently added Athens County to our direct service area. Our initial emphasis is on developing a path for individuals in recovery from addiction to obtaining and maintaining gainful employment. We are engaging employers, expanding successful recover-focused job training programs, and providing education and incentives through employer outreach programs. We are also targeting transportation as a major need in enabling persons to maintain employment.

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The DDAA SUD teams has submitted the application to ARC's Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) initiative for \$500,000. This initiative, which has a maximum of 3 years, involves an effort to further address the SUD crisis in Appalachia through assisting the movement of individuals from substance abuse treatment to recovery to employment; the focus is on support services that enable and support individual successful entry or reentry into the workforce, thereby creating an employment recovery ecosystem. INSPIRE falls right into line with what the DDAA SUD team has been engaged in for the last seven months.

We are expecting to be notified about whether we were successful in securing the \$500,000 INSPIRE funding on January 19, 2021.

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **Development Director Search** | The Communications Department assisted in the Development Director search process, sharing the posting to our social media channels and email list.
- **Annual Report & LDD Reports** | Data requests were sent to key staff and LDD partners as we begin the process of compiling our annual report and LDD Return on Investment report. Both reports will be presented this spring.
- **NRAC Supplemental Round** | The Communication Department assisted Development Specialist Michelle Hyer in posting and publishing information regarding the Round 15 Supplemental Round of NRAC funding.
- **COVID-19 Resource Page** | The Communications Department will be actively updating the COVID-19 Resource page at buckeyehills.org/coronavirus as new program information becomes available from the recently-passed federal FY 2021 budget and relief package.
- **BuckeyeHillsFoundation.org** | Development of the Buckeye Hills Foundation website is continuing. The website will serve as the information hub for our current broadband advocacy/Connecting Appalachia efforts.
- **Long-Term Care Assessment Resource Guide** | The Communications Department is working with Care Access Manager Carolyn Ditchendorf to complete updates of the Long-Term Care Assessment Resource Guide ahead of its next printing. The guide was last revised in 2018.
- **HEAP Winter Crisis Outreach** | HEAP Winter Crisis outreach is ongoing throughout our eight counties through March 31. Outreach channels include billboards, advertising on radio and television, and weekly social media posts.

NEWS

- **Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Coverage** | Following the FCC's Phase I RDOF auction awards, the Columbus Dispatch reached out to BHRC broadband consultant Tom Reid for reaction and as follow up to the Dispatch's previous in-depth coverage of the digital divide in Appalachian Ohio. The December 14 article is available [HERE](#).
- **N4A & Eldercare Locator Home of the Holidays Campaign** | We participated in the Home for the Holidays Campaign which is intended to help families and friends discuss difficult topics with their loved ones. A new brochure is available that highlights the importance of social connection and demonstrates ways older adults connect to their communities. We shared a post a week with ideas on how older adults can stay safely connected to the community. The press release and blog post is available [HERE](#).
- **National Flu Vaccine Week** | We promoted National Flu Vaccine Week December 6-12th across social media.
- **Winter Safety** | We promoted information about Winter Safety for Older adults, including as falls prevention, checking on your neighbors during inclement weather, and emergency planning and preparedness (including how to perform an environmental assessment in-home).

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- **Staying Connected Check-in Service** | We continued to promote the [Staying Connected Program](#) with posts once a week in order to help combat isolation and deteriorating mental health, especially with the holidays.

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **CARES Act Assistance to Members** | BHRC has been working diligently to provide service to members administering three separate CARES programs; the City of Marietta Small Business Relief Program is in effect until Dec of 2021; the Washington County Business and Non-Profit Assistance Program was completed and 49 businesses were impacted; and the Morgan County Feeding Program was able to provide 300 meals to families as well as supplies and food for the MoCo Food Program.

NEWS

Program & Service Updates

- **ODOT Mobility Management** | The Coordinated Transit Plan for Washington County has been approved. ODOT will release the Letter of Intent for Mobility Management in 1st quarter of 2021 and the application will be completed in the 2nd quarter of 2021. Please contact Brandi Hesson for additional information.
- **Myrecoverylink.org** | Work continues on the myrecoverylink.org website, as new and updated resources have been gathered by Brandi Beaver and are actively being uploaded to the website.
- **ARC Pre-Applications** | The project profile will be opened for submissions January 15, 2021 on the BHRC website.
- **Morgan County Art Project** | The Governor's Office of Appalachia requested each of the LDDs to serve as the grantee for \$5,000 to reimburse expenses resulting from impacts of COVID-19 and the closure of various Arts venues throughout the region. The venue identified for support in the BHRC region was Twin City Opera House in McConnelsville. The Executive Director will seek ratification of action to apply for and accept the grant in the amount of \$5,000 and enter into a sub recipient agreement with Twin City Opera House to reimburse up to \$5,000 in expenses resulting from impact of COVID-19.

CONTACT INFO: Melissa Zoller, Interim Director/Development Specialist | mzoller@buckeyehills.org, 740-376-1028

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **Buckeye Hills Regional Council Leadership Academy** | In partnership with the Ohio University Voinovich School, Buckeye Hills Regional Council will be holding the leadership academy that was temporarily postponed in the Spring of 2020 due to the pandemic. The proposed curriculum will now be held online, starting January 27 for any staff member interested. The classes will consist of the following sessions:
 - **Teambuilding**
 - **Communications**
 - **Data Visualization**
 - **Project Management**
 - **Conflict Management**
 - **Innovation & Change**
 - **Regional Councils & Strategic Planning**
- **Development Director Search** | The Development Director position was posted from the end of November 2020 to the end of December 2020. It was posted in several locations including, but not limited to: Indeed, SHRM, BHRC Website, Social Media Sites, Handshake, BHRC Newsletters, NADO, NOACA, JFS, etc. There are 26 candidates that have applied, with no internal BHRC candidates. The screening process has begun and interviews will commence the week of January 11. The interview team will consist of Misty Crosby, Rick Hindman, Angie Lawrence, Drew Tanner, and Melissa Zoller.

STAFF UPDATES

- **Melissa Zoller**, current Development Specialist has agreed to serve as Interim Development Director, until a Development Director has been hired.

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FISCAL DIVISION

ACTION ITEM:

- **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES OF ACTIVITES,
EXPENSE DETAIL, AGING & DISABILITY
PROGRAM SERVICE REPORT**



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2020

YEAR TO DATE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE DETAIL

Administrative Expenses for Fiscal Year 2021 totaled \$2,219,050.94 at November 30. This total represents 43.55% of the Council's administrative budget utilized. Total spending for this time period is budgeted to be 42%. Some yearly expenses were paid in the first five months of the year resulting in higher than budgeted utilization of funds. We continue to monitor administrative spending closely due to current pandemic conditions.

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 November 30, almost \$5.6 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. Providers continue to utilize CARES Act funding to tailor service delivery.



Administrative Expense Detail

For the Period July 1, 2020 -November 30, 2020

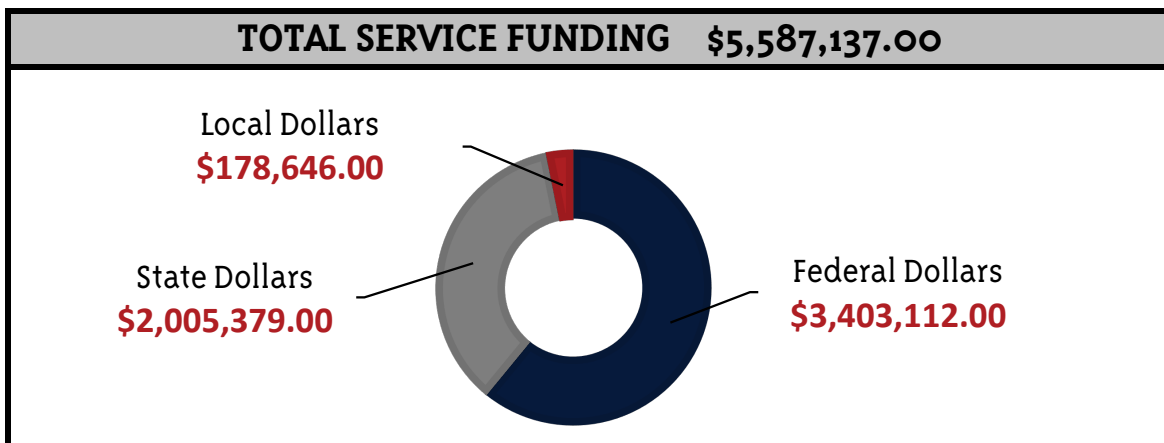
	2020 YTD Actual	2021 YTD Actual	2021 Budget	% of Budget
Salary	\$ 1,179,016.32	\$ 1,234,976.16	\$ 2,912,471.60	42.40%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 463,139.05	\$ 581,846.97	\$ 1,308,679.34	44.46%
Advertising	\$ 38,812.57	\$ 42,094.11	\$ 60,250.00	69.87%
Audit Costs			\$ 25,000.00	0.00%
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,908.60	\$ 3,508.00	\$ 12,500.00	28.06%
Communications	\$ 26,281.71	\$ 30,591.54	\$ 76,538.00	39.97%
Conference Registration Fee	\$ 6,207.46	\$ 3,286.00	\$ 21,800.00	15.07%
Contract Services	\$ 102,840.11	\$ 57,427.32	\$ 73,350.00	78.29%
Employee/Governing Board	\$ 13,491.58	\$ 1,797.29	\$ 9,000.00	19.97%
Equipment Purchase/Maintenance	\$ 9,757.88	\$ 9,484.37	\$ 17,450.00	54.35%
Insurance	\$ 27,270.26	\$ 29,710.16	\$ 30,000.00	99.03%
Legal Costs	\$ 5,181.36	\$ 1,267.25	\$ 2,000.00	63.36%
Organizational Dues	\$ 14,757.75	\$ 12,594.42	\$ 38,544.00	32.68%
Other Costs	\$ 2,563.71	\$ 4,322.44	\$ 22,416.00	19.28%
Postage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 8,998.00	\$ 14,000.00	64.27%
Printing Costs	\$ 2,422.79	\$ 5,066.50	\$ 5,000.00	101.33%
Software & Licenses	\$ 42,951.72	\$ 49,661.05	\$ 109,580.00	45.32%
Space	\$ 106,392.01	\$ 106,392.04	\$ 255,342.00	41.67%
Staff Training Fees	\$ 2,442.65	\$ 105.00	\$ 15,000.00	0.70%
Subscriptions	\$ 2,162.07	\$ 2,120.59	\$ 4,100.00	51.72%
Supplies	\$ 16,245.87	\$ 29,479.70	\$ 45,325.00	65.04%
Travel - Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 63,426.91	\$ 3,691.07	\$ 36,000.00	10.25%
Travel - Out of Town Expense	\$ 31,893.73	\$ 630.96	\$ 1,000.00	63.10%
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 2,164,166.11	\$ 2,219,050.94	\$ 5,095,345.94	43.55%
INDIRECT COST RATE FOR THE PERIOD	46%	41%		

Buckeye Hills Regional Council

Aging and Disability Programs Services & Funding Report

July 1, 2020 - November 30, 2020

SERVICES PROVIDED		
Direct Service Hours Provided	Transportation Trips	Adult Day Service Days Attended
203,537	3,865	186
Adult Day Service Miles Traveled	Meals Provided	Home Medical Equipment & Emergency Response Units
138	120,472	1,447
Legal Services Contacts	Home Accessibility Modification And Pest Control Jobs	Senior Farmers Market Coupons Redeemed
504	18	15,245
Grocery Shopping and Delivery	Telephone Reassurance	Evidence Based Classes
899	3,983	2,076
Assisted Living Days	Alzheimers Education Contacts	Retired Senior Volunteers, Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents
6,493	134	0



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

AGING DIVISION UPDATE

RATIFICATION OF ACTION:

- **RATIFICATION OF ACTION BY ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON CARES RELIEF FUND FOR LOCAL RESPONSE**
- **RATIFICATION OF ACTION BY ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON HVAC GRANT FUND TO ASSIST SENIORS**

ACTION:

- **AREA AGENCY ON AGING 8 STRATEGIC AREA PLAN**

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **2021 PASSPORT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET** | BHRC has received notice that our PASSPORT Administrative budget will receive a portion of the funds that were held earlier in the 2021 FY budget. Approximately **\$2.7 million** will be distributed throughout the AAA network. This is less than the \$4.7 million that was removed from the budget. BHRC has also received notice of the PASSPORT Case Management budget. The Case Management budget has not experienced a cut to the annual amount. Once final numbers are received they will be shared with the board.
- **COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING** | BHRC has been the recipient of 2 funding opportunities related to COVID response.
 - **Rapid Response:** CARES Relief funds totaling over \$7 million. BHRC will receive approximately \$69,000 to provide support to the COVID response. These funds are not limited to Title III/Older American Act services.
 - **HVAC/Air Quality Improvement:** Approximately \$43,000 dollars to assist with maintenance, replacement and servicing of HVAC systems for individuals throughout the region. Funds must be used to improve the air quality of individuals over the age of 60 at risk for COVID impact.

NEWS

- **State/BHRC Area Plan** | The team at BHRC has been working to submit our response to ODA regarding our region's area plan. The area plan is drafted every 4 years and updates are provided annually. This year's response was a bit different due to the impact of COVID-19. Many initiatives and objectives were paused to allow our local partners and team members time to respond to the pandemic. ODA is aware of this and is accepting the changes.
- **Senior Farmers Market** | has completed a successful year. The final redemption rate for 2020 was **93%**. This is a great outcome considering the pandemic and program changes. The planning for 2021 has already begun.
- **Medicare Open Enrollment** | Our OSHIP certified staff assisted community members with exploring their options during Medicare Open Enrollment in October and November. OSHIP Trained and Certified staff assisted 128 individuals with a Part D (rx) and realized a savings for these consumers of \$232,753.16.

PASSPORT AND ASSISTED LIVING CASELOAD REGIONWIDE

The number of individuals case managed on the waiver programs has experienced a slight decline over the last month with our **Care Managers currently serving 876 individuals on the PASSPORT Waiver and 53 individuals on the Assisted Living Waiver**. Consumers have been testing positive for COVID as well as some our local workforce. Care Managers continue to contact enrolled individuals telephonically at a minimum of every 90 days and as needed. If an emergent or health safety concern is identified, face to face visits may occur with proper precautions.

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AREA AGENCY ON AGING 8
STRATEGIC AREA PLAN

2021 ANNUAL UPDATE





PART 1 - PY 2021
CERTIFICATION, SIGNATURES, AND ASSURANCES

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 4750

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 2021 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 2021 Annual Update.

Agency Signature Page

President, Board of Directors

Name: Ron Moore

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Chair, Advisory Council

Name: Herman Gray

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Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging

Name: Misty Crosby

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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: Initial _____

**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 _____

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 _____

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 _____



PART 2
PY 2020 GOALS UPDATED

ANNUAL UPDATE



AAA Buckeye Hills Regional Council

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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

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 objectives (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

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

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Partner(s) in Year One	Partner(s) in Year Two	Measure	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 1 activity	Year 2 activity	Year 3 activity	Year 4 activity
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		BHRC, ADNR, OSHIIP, Senior Centers, Community Partners,	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	X	X	X	X
Active			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	X	X	X	X
Completed			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		BHRC	Plan completed		Media outreach plan developed by BHRC Communications Department	X	X	X	X
Completed			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 Healthy Meigs! Coalition ; Washington County Health Coalition; Perry County Senior Task Force; Matter of Balance Professional Presentation - Memorial Health System	# 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	X	X	X	X

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		X	X	X	X
OUT:1-1-a	Outcome 1-1-a: Information about MIPPA is more accessible by older adults as evidenced by the increased number of												
OUT:1-1-b	Outcome 1-1-b: Older adults, serving as "test" volunteers, annually assess a sample of Ohio Aging Network's												

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

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objectives (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)

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Partner(s) in Year One	Partner(s) in Year Two	Measure	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 1 activity	Year 2 activity	Year 3 activity	Year 4 activity
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	X	X		
Active			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			X	X
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

OBI: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 objectives (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

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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,	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	X	X	X	X
	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					# of advocacy events/efforts undertaken						

ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION

OBJ:1-4 Objective 4: Coordinate with partners in the prevention and response to incidences of elder abuse, neglect and

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Year Two Summary of Progress for this objectives (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.

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Active		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		X		
Active			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		X		
		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					X	
Active			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		X		
	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						

OBJ:1-5 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.

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 objectives (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.

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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	X	X		
			TRANSPORTATION TO OPPORTUNITIES?										
	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						

OBJ: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)

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Not Started		Identify opportunities for professional staff at BHRC to enhance their understanding of SMP to make appropriate referrals to Senior Medicare Patrol and OSHIIP.		BHRC, ProSeniors, Senior Medicare Patrol			# of staff trained at BHRC				X		
Not Started			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				X		
	OUT:1-6	Outcome 1-6: Increased awareness of Medicare fraud and how to prevent, detect and report health care fraud,					Decrease in Medicare fraud.						

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POPULATION HEALTH

CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION

OBJ: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

Year Two Summary of Progress for this objectives (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.

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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 Health System	O'Neill Center, OhioHealth O'Bleness, United Seniors of Athens County	# of outreach events/actions taken	1,087 LTC Resource guides distributed; 19 outreach events/activities	3 EB program providers conducted virtual EB programs	X	X	X	X
Dropped			Train care managers/Front Door staff to educate and refer consumers on available health and wellness programs. (2.1.1.1)	BHRC	BHRC Staff		# of individuals trained	17		X	X	X	X
Active			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 Committees, LCN Committees		# of partner meetings attended	48	29	X	X	X	X
Not Started			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					X	X

Active			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)	Community Partners	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 County Access Coalition	# of partner agencies; # of new leaders trained	Partner agencies = 20; New leaders trained = 25	3 Coalitions	X	X	X	X
Active			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		Appalachian Ohio Fall Prevention Coalition	# of initiatives	1 initiative	1 initiative	X	X	X	X
Active			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.	X	X	X	X
Active			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.		Due to pandemic, a shift in the way programs are offered occurred. 4 web-based CPSMP programs held; one CPSMP program held telephonically.			X	X
Active		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.	X	X	X	X
Active			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	X	X	X	X
	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					# of training sites; # of participants						

DEMENTIA

OBI:2-2 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 objectives (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

10 referrals from the Caregiver Support Program CM to the Cincinnati Alzheimer's Association for Care Consultations.

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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	Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association	Increase of dementia-related activities in PSA	2 referrals	10 referrals	X	X	X	X
Active			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			X	X	X	X
	OUT:2-2	Outcome 2-2: Older adults have access to a "no-wrong door" system of dementia resources and assistance that is championed by each community as evidenced by an increase in inquires and/or					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.

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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				X	X	
	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.						

FALLS PREVENTION

OBI:2-4 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 objectives (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.

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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		X			
			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		X			
			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		X			
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		16 Facebook posts, 4 Instagram posts, and 4 emails to community partners were completed by the BHRC Communication Department.		X	X	X
Active			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		BHRC	# of active partners in falls prevention campaigns	10 partners in 2019 10M Steps Initiative (Appalachian Fall Prevention Coalition)	Information about the 10 Million Steps Campaign and the "Don't Fall for Me Valentine" toolkit was distributed to partners via email. (2 emails)	X	X	X	X
	OUT:2-4-a	Outcome 2-4-a: More first responders are supporting older adults through falls risk interventions.					# of emergency responders participating in falls prevention activities						
	OUT:2-4-b	Outcome 2-4-b: 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

OBI: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.

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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		X	X	X	X

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			X	X	X
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

OBJ:2-6 Objective 6: Take steps to increase the awareness of the need for mental health resources and services for older Ohioans.

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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				X		
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					X	
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						

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION

OBJ:2-7 Objective 7: Support increased access to the resources and services needed by older adults to

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

Drug take back day cancelled due to pandemic

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Not Started		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	BHRC		Interventions implemented and number of adults served	Distribution of approximately 600 deTerra drug disposal bags through the region.		X	X	X	X
Not Started		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)	X	X	X	X
		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					X	X
OUT:2-7		<u>Outcome 2-7:</u> 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					A decline in the number of substance-related accidental deaths in older adults						

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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 objectives (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

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		Research and assess the effectiveness of current interventions and explore best practices to develop a full-service caregiving solution.		BHRC			% of completion	18%		X			
Not Started		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		X	X	X	X
	OUT:3-1	Outcome 3-1: 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 objectives (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

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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		X	X	X
OUT:3-2	Outcome 3-2: Through new strategies, more caregivers will receive the services and supports they need.						More caregivers receiving support.						

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AGING IN PLACE

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.

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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, ADRN members, Community Partners			# of persons assisted through Options Counseling				X		
			Provide community education events to help older adults better understand long-term care planning and make referrals to ADRN for Person-Centered Options Counseling.	BHRC, ADRN members, Community Partners			# of presentations/outreach events; # of persons assisted through Options Counseling					X	X
	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 to Ohio and to our older adult population.					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 objectives (successes, challenges, key information, lessons learned)

BHRC is participating in Athens Age Friendly Coalition.

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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		X	X	

		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							X
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

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Not Started		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.					X	X
Not Started		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.					X	X
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 objectives (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.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Partner(s) in Year One	Partner(s) in Year Two	Measure	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 1 activity	Year 2 activity	Year 3 activity	Year 4 activity
Active		Expand mobility alternatives available for older road users. (4.4.1)		BHRC, Rural Transportation Planning Organization, Community Partners		BHRC	# of expansion projects		1 staff position created		X	X	X

		Identify and promote driver rehabilitation programs	BHRC, Community Partners			# of programs identified	1 program identified				X	X
		Educate partners about driver rehabilitation programs and how to make referrals.	BHRC, Community Partners			# of partners educated					X	X
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

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 objectives (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.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Partner(s) in Year One	Partner(s) in Year Two	Measure	Year 1 Measures	Year 2 Measures	Year 1 activity	Year 2 activity	Year 3 activity	Year 4 activity
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	Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Research completed, # of pilots, next steps identified	12 Disability Board Meetings Attended	12 Disability Board Meetings Attended		X		
Active			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		X		
			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		X			

			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		X			
			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					X	
	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

OBJ: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 objectives (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.

Status	Strategy #	Strategy	Sub-Strategy	Partner(s)	Partner(s) in Year One	Partner(s) in Year One	Measure	Year 1 Measures	Year 1 Measures	Year 1 activit y	Year 2 activit y	Year 3 activit y	Year 4 activit y
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.			X			
			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			X			
Active			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	Ohio Department of Aging	Ohio Department of Aging	# of educational offerings # of staff trained	We have participated in all ODA sponsored trainings	BHRC participated in all ODA sponsored trainings	X	X	X	X
			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.					X	

Dropped		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				X	X	X
Dropped		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.				X		
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 2021
OPERATIONAL BUDGET NARRATIVE


ANNUAL UPDATE



OPERATIONAL BUDGET NARRATIVE	
1.	Title III-B Services
	<p>a. Care Coordination Program (CCP)</p> <p>Describe the AAA implementation plan for care coordination for PY2021. Include an estimated number of consumers to be served, number of staff, changes in funding, program costs, and impacts on service delivery.</p>
	<p>The CCP program for AAA8 is funded through Title III-E funds. Any funding changes will be made as a result funding changes at the federal level. We anticipate serving a similar number of individuals with a hope of an increase in enrollment.</p>
	<p>b. 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 PY2021. Discuss any differences between 2020-2021 budgets and any changes in scope.</p>
	<p>\$30,128 for housing admin to support Joe Gage, Housing Coordinator. Other funding services non-OAA funds. Mr. Gage spends 100% of his time working on housing activities.</p>
2.	Title III-C Services
	<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 PY2021. 100%</p>
	<p>AAA8 Contracts with a independent RD for nutritional oversight of Title III-C services. Rhonda Davisson is the RD. Her time varies. Being contract she works hours as required for the workload.</p>
3.	Title III-D Services
	<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.</p>

	<p>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>		
	Matter of Balance, CDSMP, PSMP		
4.	<p>Waitlists</p> <p>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, 2020.</p> <p>Include the number of consumers on the waiting list, the impacted counties, and plans in PY2021 to reduce the number, including, but not limited to, by reallocation of funds.</p> <p>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.”</p>		
a.	Title III-B Supportive Services		
	Service	#	Counties
	Transportation	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Supportive Services	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Care Coordination	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Personal Care	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Other Services:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Notes: No Waitlists reported by providers		
b.	Title III-C Nutrition Services		
	Service	#	Counties
	Home-delivered Meals	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Congregate Meals	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Other Services:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Notes:		

	No waitlists reported by providers		
c.	Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion		
	Service	#	Counties
	Evidence-Based Programming	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Other Services:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Notes: Not applicable		
d.	Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support Program		
	Service	#	Counties
	Counseling/Support Groups	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Supplemental Services	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Respite	16 individuals	All 8 counties
	Other Services:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Notes: We have reduced our waitlist significantly over the past year. We will continue our efforts but do not feel it is possible to reach a zero waitlist due to COVID, workforce reductions and a high need for services. Rate increases at the state level would help eliminate the waitlist.		



PART 4
PY 2021 FINAL BUDGET

ANNUAL UPDATE



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
FY21 Base Funding	\$ 216,681.00	\$ 341,493.00	\$ 358,043.00	\$ 243,044.00	\$ 31,984.00	\$ 14,222.00	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 69,318.00	\$ 223,421.00	\$ 57,887.00	\$ 1,684,093.00
Total Transfers	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ (140,000.00)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -
FY20 Carryover	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -			\$ 129,500.00
Revised FY21 Base Funding	\$ 236,681.00	\$ 445,493.00	\$ 253,043.00	\$ 337,044.00	\$ 35,084.00	\$ 15,622.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 69,318.00	\$ 223,421.00	\$ 57,887.00	\$ 1,813,593.00
Service Category Allocations											
Service Categories											
Access		\$ 248,680.00							\$ 26,210.00		\$ 274,890.00
In-Home		\$ 139,373.00							\$ 73,220.00		\$ 212,593.00
Legal		\$ 32,000.00							\$ -		\$ 32,000.00
Other Community		\$ -							\$ -		\$ -
Ombudsman		\$ 15,000.00							\$ -		\$ 15,000.00
Congregate Meals		\$ -	\$ 253,043.00					\$ 30,500.00	\$ -		\$ 283,543.00
Home Delivered Meals		\$ -		\$ 337,044.00				\$ 38,818.00	\$ 55,333.00		\$ 431,195.00
Nutrition Screening			\$ -	\$ -					\$ -		\$ -
Nutrition Education			\$ -	\$ -					\$ -		\$ -
Nutrition Counseling			\$ -	\$ -					\$ -		\$ -
Menu Review/Development			\$ -	\$ -					\$ -		\$ -
Evidence-Based Classes					\$ 35,084.00						\$ -
Information							\$ 4,250.00		\$ -		\$ 4,250.00
Assistance							\$ 54,062.00		\$ -		\$ 54,062.00
Counseling/Support Groups/Training							\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Respite Services							\$ 65,688.00		\$ 38,530.00		\$ 104,218.00
Supplemental Services							\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
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										\$ -	\$ -
Other: (Please Explain)							\$ 16,000.00		\$ -	\$ 12,848.00	\$ 28,848.00
Set Asides											
Housing Administration		\$ -							\$ 30,128.00		\$ 30,128.00
Training/Education		\$ -							\$ -		\$ -
Equipment for AAA Providers, including computers and software		\$ -							\$ -		\$ -
Other: Information & Assistance		\$ 10,440.00							\$ -		\$ 10,440.00
Other: Volunteer Placement		\$ -							\$ -		\$ -
Other: Outreach(Medicaid)		\$ -							\$ -		\$ -
Other: (Please Explain)		\$ -							\$ -		\$ -
Administration										\$ 2,926.00	\$ 2,926.00
Unobligated		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 445,493.00	\$ 253,043.00	\$ 337,044.00			\$ 140,000.00	\$ 69,318.00	\$ 223,421.00	\$ 57,887.00	\$ 1,526,206.00
Total Allocation Agrees with Revised FY21 Base Funding		True	True	True			True	True	True	True	

RTPO UPDATE

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- Mid-Ohio Valley Workforce Committee (a.k.a. Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) initiative): the BHRC RTPO team joined the work group for the committee's Goal #3 to Develop innovative solutions to reduce transportation barriers for high risk individuals when seeking and/or maintaining employment. Group activities include the better alignment of existing services to the needs of employers and high-risk individuals, and identifying network enhancement opportunities and best practices. Update: The work group for Goal #3 has begun engagement with a focus group of social service case managers with an on-line survey and interview to identify key gaps, barriers, and best practices.
- RTPO Policy Paper: *Ohio RTPOs Planning for Progress Policy Priorities*. Buckeye Hills RTPO has been asked to contribute to and support the policy paper that outlines the logical next steps to enhance the existing contributions of Ohio's RTPOs, and their potential to expand into new roles and responsibilities, growing to meet the demands of the people and communities they serve. The BHRC Board approved a resolution of support for the RTPO Policy Paper. Update: The Ohio Rural Development Alliance met on 11/20 with ODOT leadership to pitch the concepts. ODOT was receptive, but communicated that given the state budget situation for 2021 that this is likely not the best time to seek additional funding but more District coordination could be explored. The concepts are now on record and can continue to be explored in future budget cycles.
- Rural Smart Communities Working Group: short-term, ad-hoc committee convened by Ohio University in 2020 to engage regional stakeholders in guiding discussions on how smart technologies and policies can be strategically applied to benefit rural, Appalachian Ohio communities including transportation elements; independent experts including universities, nonprofits, regional planning organizations, development professionals, and advocacy groups. Buckeye Hills, as the most relevant regional entity, is accommodating the group, it's development and short-term goals. Draft Charter and By-Laws have been created in the event of formal establishment. Partner development to assist with or support any concept piloting is underway with the Ohio Mayor's Partnership for Progress (MPP). No new update to provide at this time.

NEWS

Program & Service Updates

- **2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Development Update:**
 - Plan section, data, and mapping updates underway with roughly 90% completed.
 - On 12/15 a conversation with ODOT Central confirmed that there is no official deadline for LRTP submission, and that Buckeye Hills can take whatever time is needed.
 - Regardless, Buckeye Hills RTPO is motivated to preserve the 5-year cycle of the LRTP as much as possible so will move forward as quickly as possible to finalize.
 - The plan is to finalize as quickly as possible; upon internal completion, the public comment process, RTPO Committee approval, and Board approval will then take place. ODOT will be provided a final draft prior to public comment and Board approval to demonstrate progress with the final version submitted following any public comment revisions and subsequent Board approval.
- **RTPO Work Plan SFY2022 Update:**
 - ODOT has requested submission of the 2022 RTPO Work Plan due on 3/3, 2021.
 - Internal budget and work allocations are currently under review.

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- The final draft of the Work Plan will be presented to the RTPO Committee for review, feedback, and approval.
- Executive Board approval will be sought in February at the earliest, March at the latest. The Board will be prepped with updates in advance of approval similar to previous years.
- **Washington County Mobility Management Update:**
 - ODOT approved the 2021 funding application with an A+ score.
 - The 2020 update of the Coordinated Transportation Plan was completed and submitted on time to ODOT on 12/1; submitted to Washington County Board of Commissioners and approved on 11/19; ODOT approved the plan on 12/1; the BHRC Executive Board approved a resolution on 12/4; ODOT has been updated with all required resolutions and signature pages.
 - The BHRC Mobility Management, RTPO, and GIS groups are actively supporting Mobility Management programs in Athens-Hocking, Perry, and Meigs Counties while assisting the development of a Mobility Management program in Noble County. Update: the Meigs County Coordinated Transportation Plan was developed with BHRC participation on the advisory/technical assistance committee and was approved by ODOT on 12/16.
 - Perry County-Village of New Lexington: BHRC RTPO is leading the reset and development of a Pedestrian Safety Improvement project for 2021 to increase safety in a high volume commercial and school area on Carroll Street. Update: project scoping, cost estimates, local match fundraising, and preliminary preparation for ODOT grant submission are all underway.
 - Athens County: a Federal Transit Authority (FTA) HOPE grant has been awarded to Athens County for a Regional Coordination of Medical Transit project. Buckeye Hills RTPO supported the grant proposal with a Letter of Support (LoS) for the grant, as well as played a role in the grant application development team, and will be primary contributor to project tasks. The goal of the project is to improve access to healthcare and jobs for Athens County, Ohio. The three parts of the project address this goal in different ways, and include: Regional Medicaid Transportation Scheduling Assessment, Advanced Fare Payment, and Electric Bus Planning. If the model developed in Athens County is successful, the intent is to expand the model into other parts of the Buckeye Hills region with future grant opportunities. Hills RTPO and GIS teams will be contributing the Regional Medicaid Transportation Scheduling Assessment project task. Update: ODOT and FTA have determined final costs and approved the federal and local match amounts; next steps are awaiting FTA approval of the plan document and revision of contract begin and end dates.

OTHER

- The Washington County Engineer has requested BHRC RTPO/GIS operational and stakeholder committee support of a Hydrologic Study to be conducted for 1.47 square miles of the Muskingum Watershed on the southeast side of Marietta as well as within County around Morris Run Loop and along SR 7 to determine the causes of recurrent flooding. Funding for the study was awarded as part of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. The study will be conducted in 2021. BHRC GIS will provide mapping and data assistance to the consultant; RTPO will support the study on a stakeholder committee and assist with strategic engagement with other public/private stakeholders.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RATIFICATION OF ACTION:

- **RATIFICATION OF ACTION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON MORGAN COUNTY ART PROJECT**

ACTION:

- **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ODSA APPALACHIAN ASSISTANCE FUND LINE ITEM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2021 Legislative Agenda** | We are drafting state and federal policy agendas to share with the Executive Committee ahead of the February 5 meeting for member feedback and rankings of importance.
- **2021 Executive Committee and General Policy Council** | During the first few weeks of this year, I will be reaching out to our newly elected commissioners in the region and working with each of our member counties to seat new representatives on the Executive Committee and General Policy Council.
- **Development Director Search** | We received 25 applications for the position of Development Director by the December 31 deadline. Our hiring committee is now in the process of evaluating the applicants for interviews. First interviews will be scheduled the week of January 11. Second interviews, if needed, will be scheduled the week of January 18. We hope to have the position filled by March 1.
- **NADO and DDAA 2021 Washington Conference Postponed** | Given the continued challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, a decision has been made by NADO's Executive Committee to postpone the 2021 NADO & DDAA Washington Conference until it becomes safer to convene. Although NADO had previously hoped that it would be possible to move forward with this event as scheduled in March 2021, postponing the conference is the necessary decision in light of logistical constraints related to planning and carrying out an event, and also to protect the health and well-being of all involved. Given the current conditions of the pandemic, the continued meeting size restrictions in Virginia, and the ongoing closures of Hill offices and federal agency buildings, it is not feasible to proceed at this time. NADO hopes to schedule an in-person, policy-focused event once it becomes safe to convene and meeting restrictions have been lifted. This is normally a time that BHRC is able to engage our region's congressional delegation and their staff face-to-face. Given this change, will be working on ways to maintain that engagement and advocate for our region under the current circumstances.

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **BHRC Analyzing Impact of RDOF Phase I Auction Awards** | The Federal Communications Commission announced on December 7 that an estimated 401,000 rural Americans living and working in Ohio will gain access to high-speed broadband through the Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I auction. In Ohio, the auction allocated \$170,038,205.10 in support to expand broadband to 191,093 unserved homes and businesses over the next 10 years. **The auction allocated \$38,530,483 for carriers to expand service to 39,507 households in the Buckeye Hills region.** The Columbus Dispatch spoke with Tom Reid, broadband consultant for BHRC, about the potential impact of these investments. Buckeye Hills applauds the FCC's announcement of \$170m for broadband in rural Ohio. We also hope they'll continue to rectify the discrepancy between FCC mapping data and the lack of connectivity that has disadvantaged villages such as Amesville. You can read the Dispatch article [HERE](#). You can also find the FCC's announcement, including county-level award details, [HERE](#).

STATE UPDATES

- **Capital Budget** | Prior to Gov. DeWine's signing of SB 310, the bill was amended to include capital budget projects for FY 2021 – FY 2022. The capital budget includes 39 projects in the Buckeye Hills region totaling more than \$28,886,327. A listing of these projects is included at the end of this report. The full list of Capital Appropriations can be found [HERE](#). Statewide and multi-county highlights include:
 - ✓ \$400,000 for the Ohio Veterans Drug and TMS Treatment project to be used for the expansion of access to Ohio Veterans living in the rural regions of Ohio suffering from substance use disorders and mental illness. The TMS program will use the funds for a mobile clinic which will increase the service area to include Veterans living in Carroll, Jefferson, Harrison, Belmont, Noble, Monroe, Washington, Athens, Meigs and Vinton Counties.
 - ✓ \$280 million for local infrastructure projects through the Public Works Commission. This is in addition to the \$255 million for the Public Works Commission already approved by the General Assembly in Senate Bill 4.
 - ✓ \$253 million for the maintenance and preservation of Ohio's dams, parks, trails, waterways and wildlife.
 - ✓ \$62.5 million to support the Clean Ohio program which funds preservation of green space, farmland, open spaces and expanded recreational opportunities.
 - ✓ \$18 million to improve the security and efficiency of public agency websites and the MARCS first responder communications system.
 - ✓ \$253 million for the maintenance and preservation of Ohio's dams, parks, trails, waterways and wildlife.
 - ✓ \$62.5 million to support the Clean Ohio program which funds preservation of green space, farmland, open spaces and expanded recreational opportunities.
- **Southeast Ohio Community Leaders Letter to Gov. DeWine** | On December 2, the Southeast Ohio Community Leaders Coalition sent a [letter to Gov. DeWine](#), his staff, and key stakeholders regarding the group's state budget priorities:
 - ✓ Expansion of affordable broadband access in Southeast Ohio
 - ✓ Stable funding for essential services, including public health, medical care, education, local government, philanthropy, and support for low-income families.
- **BHRC Joins Ohio Children's Budget Coalition Call for Broadband Investments** | I co-authored the Ohio Children's Budget Coalition's policy issue brief released in December, [Bridging Ohio's Digital Divide](#). The brief advocates for:
 - ✓ supporting House Bill 13;

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- ✓ support for comprehensive and regional approach to creating statewide broadband infrastructure;
- ✓ the creation of internet utility programs to address affordability; and
- ✓ continued investments in short-term broadband connectivity and device grants programs.

The Coalition has released a dozen policy briefs, with more to come in the following weeks. The policy briefs cover a variety of topics critical to “whole child” well-being and advocate for investments in child health and wellness, education, and economic stability for working families. You can find the OCBC policy briefs [HERE](#) and recent media coverage [HERE](#).

FEDERAL UPDATES

- **CARES Act CRF Deadline Extended to December 31, 2021** | The deadline to expend CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds has been extended to December 31, 2021 for all local subdivisions. This change was made to allow state and local governments additional time to use these funds for coronavirus relief purposes. However, for 83 Ohio counties which did not receive a direct CRF distribution from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, state statutory deadlines needed to be extended in order to utilize this additional time.

Gov. Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill 310 into law on December 29. Senate Bill 310’s enactment allowed the state Controlling Board to extend the deadlines for usage and return of unspent CRF. These deadlines had previously been December 30, 2020 and February 1, 2021, respectively. Following SB 310’s signing, the state Controlling Board met on December 30 and approved the extension of the deadline to incur CRF expenses to December 31, 2021. Similarly, the Controlling Board also extended the date by which local governments must pay unexpended CRF to the state treasury to December 31, 2021.

The Ohio Office of Budget and Management plans to update [its guidance and FAQs](#) accordingly as soon as the US Treasury updates its guidance.

- **Federal FY 2021 Budget and COVID-19 Relief** | After months of stalemates and negotiations, Congress finally passed much needed COVID relief legislation totaling \$900 billion and a FY 2021 budget of \$1.4 trillion, which was signed into law by the President on December 27. Buckeye Hills and our partners are continuing to analyze the 5,000+ page bill and will continue to provide updates in the weeks ahead as we learn more and receive updates from our federal agency partners. As noted above, the package extends the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund deadline for local governments through December 31, 2021, but it fails to provide additional direct aid to local governments. The bill text can be viewed [HERE](#). Detailed summaries of the legislation prepared by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees are available here:

- ✓ [Summary of COVID-19 Relief Provisions - House Appropriations Committee](#)
- ✓ [Summary of FY 21 Appropriations Provisions - House Appropriations Committee](#)
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We've compiled some of the notable items included in the package on the following pages.

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CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS FY 2021 – FY 2022 – BUCKEYE HILLS REGION

County	Funding Agency	Fund	Line Item	Item/Project Name	Appropriations
Athens	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Ohio Valley Museum of Discovery	\$200,000
Athens	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Southeast Ohio History Center	\$75,000
Athens	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Village Productions Building Renovations	\$50,000
Athens	Ohio University - Main	7034	C30075	Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,345,000
Athens	Ohio University - Main	7034	C30136	Building Envelope Restorations	\$2,640,000
Athens	Ohio University - Main	7034	C30157	Building and Safety System Improvements	\$2,816,572
Athens	Ohio University - Main	7034	C30158	Academic Space Improvements	\$13,902,778
Athens	Hocking College	7034	C36327	Public Safety and Natural Resources Program Laboratory Renovation and Expansion	\$1,000,000
Athens	Hocking College	7034	C36328	McClenaghan Center for Culinary Hospitality-Renovation	\$1,479,171
Athens	Hocking College	7034	C36332	Fire Tower Upgrade	\$252,000
Athens	Hocking College	7034	C36333	John Light Boiler Repair	\$70,000
Athens	Hocking College	7034	C36334	Hocking Aquaculture Project	\$300,000
Hocking	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Logan Theater	\$275,000
Meigs	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	Recreational Field Improvements (Star Mill Park)	\$250,000
Meigs	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	Meigs County Pool	\$100,000
Meigs	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	Pomeroy Multimodal Path	\$50,000
Meigs	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Battle of Buffington Island Civil War Battlefield Museum	\$100,000
Meigs	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Meigs County High School Property Development	\$100,000
Monroe	Department of Agriculture	7026	C70022	Monroe County Fairground Educational Building	\$147,000
Monroe	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	Ohio Township. Swimming Pool	\$50,000

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Monroe	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Monroe Theatre	\$50,000
Monroe	The Ohio State University - Main	7034	C315HR	Monroe Family Health Center	\$100,000
Morgan	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	Lake to Lodge Accessible Trail Project at Burr Oak State Park	\$100,000
Morgan	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	McConnelsville Community Rec Building	\$75,000
Morgan	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Twin City Opera House	\$100,000
Noble	Department of Agriculture	7026	C70022	Noble County Fairgrounds New Swine/Hog Barn	\$200,000
Noble	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	Caldwell Ice Rink- Build an Ice Skating Rink for Community Use	\$100,000
Noble	Department of Rehabilitation and Correction	7027	C50100	Noble County Justice Center	\$100,000
Washington	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	Little Hocking Community and Recreation Center	\$150,000
Washington	Department of Natural Resources	7035	C725E2	Harmar Pedestrian Bridge Restoration Project	\$50,000
Washington	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Peoples Bank Theatre	\$200,000
Washington	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Hune Covered Bridge Relocation	\$75,000
Washington	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FM	Anchorage Building Climate Control Project	\$50,000
Washington	Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	7030	C230FS	OHS - Ohio River Museum New Building	\$950,000
Washington	Washington State Community College	7034	C35800	Basic Renovations	\$1,183,806
Washington	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	7033	C58001	Washington County Recreation and Support Center	\$200,000
Multi-County	Department of Natural Resources (Morgan, Muskingum, Washington)	7035	C725C4	Muskingum River Lock and Dam	\$13,415,000
Multi-County	Department of Higher Education (Athens, Butler, Portage, Wood)	7034	C23524	Supplemental Renovations - Library Depositories	\$519,650
Multi-County	Department of Mental Health and Addiction	7033	C58007	Infrastructure Renovations	\$48,104,800

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FEDERAL FY 2021 BUDGET & COVID-19 RELIEF HIGHLIGHTS

ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS

- **Direct stimulus check payments to eligible individual taxpayers**
 - \$600 payments for individuals earning less than \$75,000 annually
 - \$1,200 for couples earning under \$150,000 annually and an additional \$600 per qualifying child
- **Expanded federal unemployment benefits**
 - \$300 per week federal supplemental unemployment insurance benefits from December 26 to March 14, 2021
- **Extension of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program**, with expanded coverage to the self-employed, gig workers, and others in nontraditional employment,
- **Extension of the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program**, which provides additional weeks of federally funded unemployment benefits to individuals who exhaust their regular state benefits.
- **\$13 billion for emergency food assistance**, including a 15% increase for six months in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.
- **Extension of eviction moratoriums by one month**, until January 31, 2021
- **Establishment of a new \$25 billion emergency federal rental assistance program**
- **Extensions of paid family and sick leave provisions** originally enacted under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).
 - Specifically, the bill extends employer tax credits for providing both paid sick leave and paid family and medical leave.

ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

- **A second round of small business relief funding via the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)**
 - \$325 billion for small business support; of this, \$284 billion is available for eligible distressed businesses to draw down second round loans.
 - Eligibility is limited to small businesses with 300 or fewer employees that have experienced a 30 percent or greater revenue loss in any quarter of 2020.
- **\$15 billion for SBA grants to "Shuttered Venue Operators"** including eligible live venue operators or promoters, theatrical producers, live performing arts organization operators, museum operators, and more.

BROADBAND

- **\$3.5 billion in emergency funds for low-income families** to access broadband through a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) fund. The program will provide a \$50/month subsidy to low-income households and funding of \$100 per household for internet-connected devices.
- **\$250 million dollars in telehealth funding**, similar to the previous COVID-19 telehealth program, administered by the FCC. The new package adds provisions to improve transparency and ensure every state benefits.
- **\$65 million to complete the broadband maps** in order for the government to effectively disperse funding to the areas that need it most. The funding will go to the FCC to carry out the Broadband DATA Act.

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- **\$2 billion to remove and replace unsecure communications equipment.** Small telecommunication providers will be reimbursed by the FCC to remove Chinese-made Huawei/ZTE equipment to replace it with secure equipment.
- **\$300 million broadband expansion grant program,** administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Grants will be issued to qualifying partnerships between state and local governments and fixed broadband providers. Priority given to rural areas and those networks that reach the most unserved consumers.
- **\$767 million broadband loans and grants for rural areas,** administered by US Department of Agriculture/Rural Utility Service. The program will fund the expansion of grants for Community Connect, Distance Learning and Telemedicine programs, and the Reconnect pilot program.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Appalachian Regional Commission: \$180 million for the Appalachian Regional Commission's full year budget** - an increase of \$5 million over last year's level and record funding for the agency's non-highway work. This includes:
 - \$55 million for POWER (an increase of \$10 million over last year)
 - \$5 million for a program of high-speed broadband deployment in distressed counties in North Central and Northern Appalachia
- **EDA:** \$346 million for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), a \$13 million increase above FY 2020 levels.
- **CDBG:** \$3.45 billion for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, a \$50 million increase from FY 2020.
- **WIOA:** \$2.85 billion for WIOA Title I programs, \$185 million for Apprenticeships; \$316 million for Veteran Employment and Training (all categories increased from FY 2020 levels).
- **EPA:** Among other provisions, \$90.98 million for U.S. Department of Environmental Protection's Brownfields program, a \$1.98 million increase above FY 2020 levels.
- **DOT:** Among other provisions, \$1 billion for U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD Grant program (no change from 2020); \$46.37 billion in Highway Trust Fund contract authority (no change from FY 2020) and \$25.5 billion in discretionary funds (\$523 million increase above FY 2020 levels) for Federal Highway Administration; \$13 billion for Federal Transit Administration (\$47 million increase above FY 2020 levels).
- **USDA:** Among other provisions, \$1 billion for the USDA Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program to support local clean water and waste disposal projects.

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

- Funding for vaccine distribution, testing, healthcare, and hospitals
 - \$8.75 billion in new funding to assist with vaccine development and distribution
 - \$22.4 billion for ongoing COVID-19 testing and contact tracing
 - \$3 billion in additional funding for the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) - (program originally created in the CARES Act)

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Resolution of Support for the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Appalachian Assistance Fund Line Item

Resolution #2021/01-01

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills Regional Council includes the counties of Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry & Washington and serves as the Local Development District for the federal Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and the state Governor’s Office of Appalachia (GOA);

WHEREAS, the ARC is a model for federal economic and community development programs and has assisted the Buckeye Hills region to improve the social and economic climate and improve critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) Appalachia Assistance funding provides much needed economic development project funding in the region, improves the social and economic climate of local communities, and improves critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the ARC and ODSA Appalachia Assistance funding provide resources for business development, education and job training, telecommunications, infrastructure, community development, housing, and transportation projects creating new jobs; improvements to local water and sewer systems; increasing workforce readiness; expanding access to health care; assisting local communities with strategic planning; and providing technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses;

WHEREAS, in 2019, Ohio’s LDDs administered 67 ARC and ODSA Appalachia Assistance funded projects totaling over \$49.2 million in total project costs and resulting in 493 new jobs and another 2,387 jobs retained in the region with funding provided by the ODSA Appalachia Assistance line item and the federal ARC;

WHEREAS, governance of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia is addressed in Ohio Revised Code Section 107.21;

WHEREAS, the LDDs have developed a comprehensive and competitive process for the selection and recommendation for projects to receive funding through ODSA and ARC and that this locally initiated process should continue;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has cast the disparities faced by Appalachian Ohio—including its digital divide—in stark relief;

WHEREAS, the Appalachian LDDs are active, trusted partners with the requisite ability and expertise to advance broadband access in Appalachian Ohio; the LDDs already have solid working relationships with

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Broadband Ohio, the Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) and the Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA); it therefore makes good sense for Ohio to partner with the LDDs to take Appalachian Ohio into the connected, 21st century economy;

WHEREAS, the addition of the new asset of the Buckeye Hills Foundation—a 501c3 nonprofit whose mission is to enhance and support community and economic development in rural Appalachian Ohio—provides a vehicle to connect the public program and policy work accomplished by the LDD partners with new relationships in the non-profit, philanthropic and private business world.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Buckeye Hills Executive Committee supports continued funding of the ODSA Appalachia Assistance line item with the following statement explicitly included:

Funding allocated to Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, and Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, and Eastgate Regional Council of Governments be no less than \$390,000, funding allocated to the Buckeye Hills Foundation be no less than \$250,000, and funding for the Governor's Office of Appalachia operations and projects be no less than \$7,562,018.

Passed this 8th day of January 2021.

Ron Moore, President

Lenny Eliason, Vice President