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Community Planning Grants Program

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) recently mailed information regarding the availability of Community Transportation Planning Grants to local communities to assist in transportation planning.

The Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) receives funds from the Federal Highway Administration to carry out its planning responsibilities of developing and managing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan. These funds can also be used to support additional transportation planning at the local level.

The SCRPC anticipates awarding planning grants to local entities to study a variety of transportation issues including safety, economic development, accessibility and multi-modal needs, and historic and environmental transportation related issues.

Example of studies include:

- Analyses of high accident intersections;
- Safe Routes to School Travel Plans. ODOT requires an approved School Travel Plan in order to apply for grant funds;
- Development of multi-modal plans for assisting ADA, pedestrian, transit, and cyclist access;
- Economic development planning to improve shipping access and/or to mitigate congestion;
- Planning to modify roads to meet modern needs;
- Find solutions to preserve historic transportation resources or improve environmental impacts from transportation related projects.

Applications for the first round of grants are due January 22, 2016. For information regarding the grant program please contact Karl Lucas at 330-451-7386 or kblucas@starkcountyohio.org.

Stark County's FY 2016 HOME Funding

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is under contract to the Board of Stark County Commissioners to administer the Stark County HOME program. Stark County receives this federal funding as a direct entitlement grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Last year, the County received \$614,007 in HOME funding. It is expected the County will receive approximately this same amount in FY 2016 funding. This funding will be available for use between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

HOME eligible activities are housing-related projects that benefit low-and moderate-income persons/households. Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) are encouraged to apply as 15% of the overall HOME allocation is required to be allocated to qualified CHDO projects. As such, the Consortium plans to provide approximately \$92,000 of HOME funding to such activities.

Stark County participates in the HOME program as a consortium with both of the cities of Massillon and Alliance, thus a portion of Stark County's HOME funding will be provided to each. The cities will receive 21% and 19%, respectively, of the HOME grant balance after CHDO apportionment, for use in their jurisdictions.

In August of 2013, new regulations went into effect to amend the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. These amendments to the HOME regulations represent the most significant change to the HOME program since its development back in the early 1990s. As such, potential HOME applicants are highly encouraged to become familiar with this "HOME Final Rule" document and the changes it made to the HOME program.

A HOME "Request for Proposal" workshop was held on November 18th, with applications for this upcoming HOME program being due by Friday, January 8th at Noon. After the applications are received, they will be reviewed and recommendations in regard to the 2016 program are expected to be presented to the public by mid-March. A public hearing is to take place in early April presenting the proposed program to the Board of Stark County Commissioners. For questions about the HOME program, please contact Lynn Carlone, Community Development Administrator at 330-451-7774.

\$530,210 in FTA 5310 Grants Awarded

The Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) Policy Committee recently approved 16 grants totaling \$530,210. The funds were from 2014 and 2015 Federal appropriations to Stark County for the FTA 5310 program which SCATS and SARTA manage. The purpose of the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (FTA 5310) is to provide enhanced transportation services beyond those provided by public transportation to seniors and those with disabilities.

Six applicants submitted sixteen grant applications to the Stark County Mobility Coordination Committee for consideration. As recommended, twelve of the sixteen project proposals were fully funded with the available funds while four projects received partial funding. The projects include a mix of capital and operating activities, as shown in the following table:

Funding Year	Applicant	Project Description	Awarded
2014	ABCD, Inc.	Purchase (2) 2015 modified minivans	\$61,066
	ABCD, Inc.	Operating	\$10,776
	First Christian Church	Purchase (1) 2015 LTV	\$34,855
	Aultman Hospital	Operating	\$31,126
	Foundations	Operating	\$10,000
	SARTA	Travel Training	\$52,028
	SARTA	Purchase (1) Chevy 4500 Diesel Bus	\$20,545
	The Workshops	Purchase (1) 2015 I-22 Light Transit Vehicle	\$44,944
2015	ABCD, Inc.	Purchase (1) 2015 modified minivan	\$41,505
	ABCD, Inc.	Operating	\$15,170
	First Christian Church	Purchase (1) 2015 LTV	\$34,855
	Aultman Hospital	Operating	\$40,000
	Foundations	Operating	\$10,000
	SARTA	Travel Training	\$53,589
	SARTA	Purchase (1) Chevy 4500 Diesel Bus	\$24,807
	The Workshops	Purchase (1) 2015 LTV	\$44,944

\$530,210

For more information regarding the grant program, and the Stark County Mobility Coordination Committee, contact Karl Lucas at 330-451-7386 or kblucas@starkcountyohio.gov.

Stormwater Education Update

The theme for Stark County's Stormwater Education Program this year is "Use the Force to Battle Stormwater Pollution" and it will focus on various things everyone can do around their home, work, and school to keep the water clean throughout Stark County.

The Public Involvement/Public Education (P.I.P.E) Committee has decided to do several of the same activities as last year. There will be a Billboard Contest for grades 6-12, a booth at the Home and Garden Show, a radio advertising campaign, a new brochure, the Nimishillen Creek LEAP (Litter, Elimination, Awareness, and Prevention) Clean-Up, and presentations as requested.

For more information, contact Malia Morrison at 330-451-7405 or visit our website at www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov



Annual Dinner



The Stark County Regional Planning Commission will be holding its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge and all local officials and interested residents are encouraged to attend. A cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m.

This year's guest speaker will be a representative from the "Pro Football Hall of Fame Village." The presenter will give an update on all of the plans that the Hall is undertaking currently and in the future.

Plan now to attend. Registration deadline is March 9th. The cost per person is \$27. For additional information or to register, please call 330-451-7405 or email mrwatkins@starkcountyohio.gov.



Brownfield Properties Moving Forward

Between October and December 2015, the Stark County Brownfields Coalition has been making continued progress towards assessing properties. The Brownfields Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) recently accepted 3 property applications that were subsequently approved by the US EPA for assessment. Those properties are:

- The Association for Urban Training Opportunities property, located at 2318 & 2322-13th St. NE in Canton.
- The former Doctors Hospital property, located at 420 Austin Ave. NW in Perry Township.
- The former Lehman School property, located at 1120- 15th St. NW in Canton.

The Stark County Brownfields Coalition issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in late November to the three environmental consultants contracted through the assessment grant, Brownfield Restoration Group, Pandey Environmental, and Partners Environmental. The responses to the RFP were due in early December. Once a consultant is selected, work on assessing the properties for contamination can begin.

In 2014, the Stark County Brownfields Coalition was awarded a \$600,000 Assessment Grant by the US EPA. This grant is for environmental assessments of commercial/industrial sites with real or perceived environmental contamination. The brownfield assessment grant can help bring vacant/abandoned properties back to productive use; adding to your community's tax base, potentially creating jobs, as well as improving public health and environmental quality. If you are aware of a property in your community that has real or perceived environmental contamination, please contact Emma Posillico at 330-451-7904 or emposillico@starkcountyohio.gov.

Former Lehman School, Canton



Former Doctor's Hospital,
Perry Township

Stark County Ohio Public Works Commission

Projects Program Year 2016

SCIP

The following projects will be funded under the State Capital Improvement Program and funds will be available in July 2016.

Applicant: Stark County
Project: Howenstine Drive Bridge

Project Cost: \$1,570,000
OPWC Funds: \$190,000

Stark County will receive a no interest loan to match federal funds for the replacement of the Howenstine Drive Bridge over the Nimishillen Creek in Pike Township. The existing single span steel truss bridge will be replaced with a new three span concrete slab bridge on new abutments. The existing bridge is currently rated structurally deficient.

Applicant: Stark County
Project: Liberty Church St. Bridge

Project Cost: \$887,000
OPWC Funds: \$655,500

Stark County will receive a loan for the replacement of the Liberty Church St. Bridge. Located in Paris Township on the county line, the bridge spans Huggle Run. The existing single span steel truss bridge will be replaced with a pre-stressed concrete beam bridge. The roadway profile will be improved and the stream re-aligned to reduce flooding and erosion problems in the area.

Applicant: City of Canton
Project: Overbrook St. NW Storm Sewer

Project Cost: \$193,507
OPWC Funds: \$193,507

The City of Canton will receive a combination loan and grant for improvements to the Overbrook St. NW storm sewer. The project will line a 40 year old, 54 inch corrugated metal pipe with Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP). The 265 foot segment is located between 32nd St. and Mt. Vernon NW.

Applicant: City of Canton
Project: Avondale Area Waterline – Phase 1

Project Cost: \$2,066,959
OPWC Funds: \$950,000

The City of Canton will receive a loan and grant for the replacement of waterlines in the Avondale area. The project consists of the installation of 9,000 feet of 6 and 8" waterlines to replace 65 year old lines. The project is in the area of Lakeside, 26th St, Midvale and Fulton Dr. NW in Plain Township.

Applicant: City of Canton
Project: 38th St. Waterline and Road Rehab

Project Cost: \$2,862,999
OPWC Funds: \$1,500,000

The City of Canton will receive a loan and grant for the replacement of a waterline along 38th St. NW. The project consists of the replacement of 8 inch waterlines with 3,500 feet of new 12" lines. The project also includes reconstruction of 38th St. NW between Cleveland Ave. and Guilford NW with concrete curbs and sidewalks.

Applicant: City of Canton
Project: 30th St. Road Reconstruction

Project Cost: \$1,583,998
OPWC Funds: \$1,500,000

The City of Canton will receive a loan and grant for the reconstruction of 30th St. NW. The project includes rehabilitation of the concrete base, ADA curb ramps and replacement of traffic signal loop detectors with detection cameras. The project limits are from Market to Cleveland Avenue NW.

Applicant: City of Canton
Project: Mahoning Road Phase 2

Project Cost: \$13,000,000
OPWC Funds: \$1,500,000

The City of Canton will receive a combination grant and loan for improvements to Mahoning Road NE. The project includes underground utilities, repair and replacement to the storm sewer, curb, gutter and sidewalks in the corridor and upgrades to the traffic signal system. This phase of the project is from the Middlebranch portion of the Nimishillen Creek to Grace Ave. NE.

LTIP

The following projects will be funded under the Local Transportation Improvement Program and funds for these projects will be available July 1, 2016.

Applicant: City of Canton/Stark County
Project: 12th Street NW Bridges

Project Cost: \$8,962,500
OPWC Funds: \$1,500,000

The City of Canton and the Stark County Engineer will receive a grant for replacement of 2 bridges on 12th St NW as part of the 12th St/Mahoning Road Corridor Improvement. The project involves replacement of the county maintained bridge over the West Branch of the Nimishillen Creek and a city bridge over the raceway. The project includes the relocation of a pedestrian/bike bridge that is to be part of US Bike Route 40. 12th Street will also be reconstructed with new sidewalks from I-77 to Monument Drive NW.

Applicant: Osnaburg, Paris and Nimishillen Townships
Project: Parks Road Rehab

Project Cost: \$385,160
OPWC Funds: \$192,580

Osnaburg, Paris and Nimishillen Townships were jointly awarded a grant for the rehabilitation of Parks Road. The 6.5 mile project will include a combination of chip and seal and 2-inch motor paving. The project extends from US 30 in Osnaburg and Paris Townships to Kenmore Avenue in Nimishillen Township.

Applicant: Stark County/Meyers Lake
Project: 12th/13th St. NW Paving

Project Cost: \$944,000
OPWC Funds: \$698,560

The Stark County Engineer and the Village of Meyers Lake will receive a grant for improvements to 12th and 13th Streets NW in Canton and Perry Townships and in Meyers Lake. The 2 mile project will repave 12th and 13th Streets from the Canton Corporation limit to Perry Dr. NW. The existing pavement will be ground and repaired where necessary. The average daily traffic on these roads is over 14,000.

Applicant: City of Massillon/Stark County
Project: Richville Dr./Southway St.

Project Cost: \$1,550,653
OPWC Funds: \$1,147,483

The City of Massillon and the Stark County Engineer will receive a grant for improvements to Richville Drive and Southway Street. The project includes roadway rehab of Richville Dr. north of US 30 past Southway and paving of Southway to Genoa Road in Perry Township. The intersection of Richville and Southway will have improved turning radii. This project is contingent on sufficient funds being returned to District 19 from previous projects that are completed.



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Upcoming Events

January

4	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
5	SCRPC	7:30 PM
25	SCATS	1:30 PM

February

6	Governmental Law Seminar	9:00 AM
8	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
9	SCRPC	7:30 PM
22	SCATS	1:30 PM

March

7	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
8	SCRPC	7:30 PM
28	SCATS	1:30 PM

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