



Board of Trustees Meeting
November 17, 2023
Mifflin Township Meeting Hall - Gahanna

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – 10:30 a.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Bethany Staats

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Ami Mayne
Approval of October 10, 2023 Minutes as E-mailed

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Bethany Staats
2024 State Representative Appointment
Bylaw Updates

TREASURER’S REPORT – Jared Cottrell
October 2023 Financials

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Nancy Waterhouse
2024 Board and Education Committee Meeting Dates
2024 GFOA Conference – Ohio Reception Sponsorship

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. State GFOA Representative – Stacey Russell
2. Nominating – Shawn Hufstedler
3. Sponsorship - Megan Miller/Adam Lesch
4. Legislative - Nancy White
5. Membership – Kyle Smith/Brent Lewis
6. Scholarship – Ami Mayne/Julie Adkins/Joey Jones
7. Awards – Kyle Smith/Jessica Marquez
8. Early Career Professionals - Mollie Gilbride
9. Social – Amie Lynn
10. Education – Jeff McCuen

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Committee Meeting, today, beginning at 12:00 noon
Next Board Meeting, Friday, February 9, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
Next Education Committee Meeting, Friday, February 9, 2024, beginning at 12:00 noon

ADJOURN

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OHIO GFOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023

Hilton Downtown Cleveland – Veterans B Room

PARTICIPANTS

Shawn Hufstedler, Bethany Staats, Ami Mayne, Jared Cottrell, Randy Bartels, Brent Lewis, Megan Miller, Julie Adkins, Vickie Barger, Amie Lynn, Adam Lesch, Brian Cooper, Ashley Perry, Ryan Nelson, Kyle Smith, Lori Starcher, Joey Jones, Nancy White, Stacey Russell, Jeff McCuen, Nancy Waterhouse and Kayla O'Shelski

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawn Hufstedler called the meeting of the Ohio GFOA Board to order on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:07 p.m. Stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ami Mayne

Motion, Seconded and Approved: To approve the May 12, 2023 meeting minutes, as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Shawn Hufstedler

Welcome Newly Elected Board Members - Mollie Gilbride (incumbent), Megan Miller (incumbent), Amie Lynn (incumbent), Brian Cooper, Danny Sklenicka, Kyle Smith (incumbent), and Ashley Perry.

Welcome New TOS Representative – Announced the TOS office has designated Andrew Yogmour to serve as an ex-officio member of the Ohio GFOA Board of Trustees, representing the TOS office. Andrew is replacing Jon Azoff and will serve alongside Lisa Eisenberg.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jared Cottrell

Reviewed the August 2023 financials. **Motion, Seconded and Accepted:** To accept the August 2023 financials, as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Nancy Waterhouse

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Representative – Stacey Russell

Written report provided.

Sponsorship – Bethany Staats/Megan Miller

Written report was distributed.

Legislative – Nancy White

No report.

Membership – Kyle Smith/Brent Lewis

Current membership report provided.

Scholarship – Julie Adkins/Ami Mayne/Joey Jones

Written report provided.

Awards – Allison Binkley/Jessica Marquez/Kyle Smith

Two awards to be presented this year: Career Achievement Award - Scott Morgan, Chief Operations Officer/Fiscal Officer, Cuyahoga County Public Library and Excellence in Government Achievement Award - Jean Carter Ryan, President and Fiscal Officer (Retired), Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority.

Early Career Professionals (ECP) – Mollie Gilbride/Amie Lynn/Randy Bartels
No report.

Social – Ryan Nelson

There are 150 signed up for tonight's Kick-off Social Reception.

Education – Jeff McCuen

Written report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Conference Kick-off Social this evening, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.- Eliot's West Living Room
- Hospitality Suite Room 2620, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight
- Moderators Meeting tomorrow morning, from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. – Veterans B Room
- Next Board Meeting, Friday, November 17, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- Next Education Committee Meeting, Friday, November 17, 2023, beginning at 12:00 noon

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Ohio GFOA
Balance Sheet
October 31, 2023

-----ASSETS-----	Current Year	Last Year
CURRENT ASSETS		
HNB - Operating Account	\$ 167,261.95	15,933.05
Prepaid Expenses	6,399.00	16,400.00
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS		
Cash-Investments	11,878.56	54,954.86
Raymond James	277,538.35	277,308.15
<u>Total Value of Investments</u>	<u>289,416.91</u>	<u>332,263.01</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ <u>463,077.86</u>	<u>364,596.06</u>
-----LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL-----		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Deferred Dues	\$ 0.00	70.00
Deferred Income	5,000.00	0.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,000.00	70.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,000.00	70.00
CAPITAL		
Net Assets	359,324.66	390,770.41
Current Year	98,753.20	(26,244.35)
TOTAL CAPITAL	458,077.86	364,526.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$ <u>463,077.86</u>	<u>364,596.06</u>

Ohio GFOA
INCOME STATEMENT
For the Month Ending October 31, 2023

	Annual Budget	Current Month Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Actual H/(L) Budget	Last Year to Date
INCOME					
Dues	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 955.00	\$ 63,610.00	(1,390.00)	\$ 65,805.00
Total Dues Income	65,000.00	955.00	63,610.00	(1,390.00)	65,805.00
MEETINGS INCOME					
Corporate Sponsors	136,800.00	0.00	146,100.00	9,300.00	149,500.00
Intro to Finance Seminar	5,000.00	0.00	9,780.00	4,780.00	5,325.00
Advanced Acctg.	7,000.00	0.00	7,050.00	50.00	7,940.00
Annual Conference	146,605.00	22,535.00	131,255.00	(15,350.00)	111,815.00
Debt. Seminar	0.00	0.00	1,675.00	1,675.00	0.00
Intermed Accounting Semi	5,000.00	0.00	6,395.00	1,395.00	(120.00)
Webinars (non-members)	500.00	0.00	161.68	(338.32)	118.00
Total Meetings Income	305,905.00	22,535.00	302,566.68	(3,338.32)	274,578.00
OTHER INCOME					
Interest Income	7,000.00	670.14	5,568.91	(1,431.09)	4,646.44
Dividends	50.00	255.42	630.85	580.85	3.52
Gain/loss on investments	0.00	477.40	(1,570.90)	(1,570.90)	(19,204.85)
Prior Year Income	22,030.00	0.00	21,015.00	(1,015.00)	0.00
Total Other Income	29,080.00	1,402.96	25,643.86	(3,436.14)	(14,554.89)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 399,985.00	\$ 24,892.96	\$ 391,820.54	(8,164.46)	\$ 325,828.11
EXPENSES					
OPERATING					
Administrative Fees	\$ 98,344.00	\$ 8,195.33	\$ 81,953.30	(16,390.70)	\$ 78,801.66
Staff Expenses	3,000.00	0.00	1,229.47	(1,770.53)	1,837.76
Board Meetings/Expense	4,000.00	0.00	880.11	(3,119.89)	3,098.59
Accounting	8,055.00	40.00	7,975.00	(80.00)	7,430.00
Dues/Subscriptions	225.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	225.00
Insurance	1,700.00	0.00	1,844.00	144.00	1,610.00
Office Supplies	2,600.00	205.00	2,159.40	(440.60)	2,050.00
Postage	100.00	2.71	49.02	(50.98)	44.60
Printing	250.00	5.69	52.47	(197.53)	166.16
Telephone	1,200.00	93.35	947.40	(252.60)	953.42
Zoom	2,200.00	0.00	947.12	(1,252.88)	1,666.10
Total Operating	121,674.00	8,542.08	98,262.29	(23,411.71)	97,883.29
MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS					
Legislative	600.00	0.00	350.00	(250.00)	500.00
Newsletter	600.00	0.00	587.04	(12.96)	587.04
Web Site	6,000.00	116.10	9,184.76	3,184.76	5,174.94
Certification Presentations	150.00	0.00	0.00	(150.00)	0.00
Scholarships	14,000.00	0.00	1,200.00	(12,800.00)	3,891.30
Education Committee	900.00	0.00	507.59	(392.41)	362.38
National Meetings	25,000.00	0.00	17,698.00	(7,302.00)	20,345.87
Total Membership Progr	47,250.00	116.10	29,527.39	(17,722.61)	30,861.53

Ohio GFOA
INCOME STATEMENT
For the Month Ending October 31, 2023

	Annual Budget	Current Month Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Actual H/(L) Budget	Last Year to Date
MEETINGS/SEMINARS					
Intro to Finance Seminar	8,275.00	0.00	10,010.99	1,735.99	11,582.79
Advanced Acctg.	12,000.00	0.00	10,930.08	(1,069.92)	8,512.65
Debt Seminar	12,000.00	0.00	5,659.11	(6,340.89)	0.00
Annual Conference	198,182.00	66,794.87	128,738.54	(69,443.46)	197,046.63
Intermediate Acct Seminar	8,275.00	0.00	2,259.19	(6,015.81)	0.00
Total Meetings/Seminars	238,732.00	66,794.87	157,597.91	(81,134.09)	217,142.07
OTHER					
Bank Charges	120.00	10.00	100.00	(20.00)	120.00
Contingency	41,432.00	0.00	0.00	(41,432.00)	0.00
Prior Year Expense	0.00	0.00	512.50	512.50	(39.00)
Credit Card Charges	6,543.00	1,076.60	7,067.25	524.25	6,104.57
Total Other	48,095.00	1,086.60	7,679.75	(40,415.25)	6,185.57
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 455,751.00	\$ 76,539.65	\$ 293,067.34	(162,683.66)	\$ 352,072.46
NET INCOME	\$ (55,766.00)	\$ (51,646.69)	\$ 98,753.20	154,519.20	\$ (26,244.35)

NOTE: Certain disbursements/receipts are recorded using the Cash Basis accounting method



2024 Board & Education Committee Meetings

Board Meetings	
February 9	10:30 a.m. Mifflin Township Meeting Hall - Gahanna
March 22	10:30 a.m. Mifflin Township Meeting Hall - Gahanna
May 24	10:30 a.m. Mifflin Township Meeting Hall - Gahanna
September 24	6:00 p.m. Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel - Cincinnati
November 22	10:30 a.m. Mifflin Township Meeting Hall - Gahanna

Education Committee Meetings	
February 9	12:00 noon Mifflin Township Meeting Hall - Gahanna
March 22	12:00 noon Mifflin Township Meeting Hall - Gahanna
November 22	12:00 noon Mifflin Township Meeting Hall - Gahanna



COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

Date: November 17, 2023

Committee Name: **GFOA State Representative**

Submitted By: Stacey Russell

Update/Summary of Activities:

Information from GFOA:

Registration is now open for GFOA's 118th Annual Conference in Orlando June 9-12, 2024. The first Early Bird registration ends January 26th, 2024.

GFOA will be having a second Leadership Academy in Phoenix, Arizona at ASU March 24-29, 2024. Applications are now open. The Leadership Academy provides senior public and government finance professionals an opportunity to improve leadership and management skills to better serve their communities.

Upcoming Conference & Training Opportunities:

In-Person:

- Role of the Finance Officer in the Budget Process, December 5-6, Chicago

Webinars:

- Cybersecurity Spectacular 2023, November 28
- Understanding Pension Plans, November 28
- Disclosure Update, November 29
- Ready for the Unexpected? Business Preparedness and Continuity Planning for Small Government Finance, December 7
- Public Financial Journal: Launching the GFOA Online Academic Journal, December 11
- Accepting Credit Card Payments: What Governments Should Know About vendor Services, Fees and Risks, December 12

ELearning:

- Advanced Governmental Accounting, December 4-6
- Best Practices and Strategies for Public Investing, December 5-7
- Equity in Budgeting: Lessons Learned December 7 & 14

Networking Opportunities:

- WPFN Holiday Networking Event, December 6

Action Requested of Board:

None at this time



COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

Date: __11/17/2023_____

Committee Name: __Sponsorship_____

Submitted By: _Adam Lesch & Megan Miller _____

2023 Goal(s) and Current Benchmark(s):

To bring in \$150,000 in sponsorships for 2023. To achieve this, we will reach out to all 2021 and 2022 Sponsors, companies that may have contributed in the past, and also reach out to new potential sponsors.

Update/Summary of Activities:

Committee evaluated and updated the Sponsorship Program Benefits for 2024.
Total Received in 2023 - \$152,500 (33 sponsors) (Detailed Report Attached)
Eliminate the choice location for vendor booth for Silver Level.

Action Requested of Board:

- ~Discuss increasing the sponsorship amount for Ohio Reception at National GFOA Conference.
- ~Discuss Ohio GFOA Linked-In account and how it could be utilized to solicit sponsorships.
- ~Discuss simplifying the sponsorship online form.
- ~Review the “List of Corporate Sponsors” for those vendors that you have a relationship with and reach out to them to remind them of how meaningful it is to sponsor Ohio GFOA or refer them to Adam or Megan and/or the website.
- ~Review the “List of Corporate Sponsors” and determine if there is a vendor that you work with that would be interested in sponsorship that is not on our list and refer them to Adam or Megan and/or the website.

Date of Next Meeting:

TBD



2024 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

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2024 Corporate Sponsorship Registration Form

Sponsorship year runs January through December 2024

All sponsors will receive the following:

- Recognition of your support at all Ohio GFOA events.
- Ribbons for your company representatives’ name badge that indicates you are a sponsor.
- A listing of all meeting participants with addresses in an electronic format.
- Additional benefits based upon level of participation, as listed below.



PLATINUM LEVEL - \$10,000

Additional benefits you will receive include:

- Company logo posted in E-Newsletter and on Ohio GFOA’s website: www.ohgfoa.com with a link to the sponsor’s home page
- One complimentary exhibit booth at the Annual Conference (**\$1,100 value**) at “Choice Location” (see below “Note” for details)
- Two complimentary conference registrations (includes all meal functions) (**up to a \$660 value**)
- Full-page ad in the Annual Conference mobile app
- Two complimentary registrations for each Ohio GFOA seminar/social event for you to use as you designate (**value varies**)
- Company logo displayed on scrolling banner in Annual Conference mobile app
- Production of 1 Webinar Marketed to GFOA Members
- Guaranteed speaking opportunity at the Annual Conference (**Deadline 1/31/24**)
- Sponsorship (with signage) of lunch at one Ohio GFOA seminar, assigned on a first come, first serve basis (**Deadline 4/30/24**)
- Company logo on conference attendee give away of your choice
- Ability to Add-On the “Conference Lanyard Sponsorship” or the “Annual Conference Hospitality Suite Sponsorship”

GOLD LEVEL - \$7,500

Additional benefits you will receive include:

- Company logo posted in E-Newsletter and on Ohio GFOA’s website: www.ohgfoa.com with a link to the sponsor’s home page
- One complimentary exhibit booth at the Annual Conference (**\$1,100 value**) at “Choice Location” (see below “Note” for details)
- One complimentary conference registration (includes all meal functions) (**up to a \$330 value**)
- Half- page ad in the Annual Conference mobile app
- One complimentary registration for each Ohio GFOA seminar/social event for you to use as you designate (**value varies**)
- Company logo displayed on scrolling banner in Annual Conference mobile app
- Production of 1 Webinar Marketed to GFOA Members

- Guaranteed speaking opportunity at the Annual Conference (**Deadline 1/31/24**)
- Sponsorship (with signage) of lunch at one Ohio GFOA seminar, assigned on a first come, first serve basis for additional cost of \$500 (**Deadline 4/30/24**)
- Company logo on conference bag
- Ability to Add-On the “Conference Lanyard Sponsorship” or the “Annual Conference Hospitality Suite Sponsorship”

***NEW* NOTE: Prior to the Annual Conference, the Exhibitor Booth location map will be distributed to the Platinum and Gold sponsors. Location requests will be accommodated considering level of sponsorship, then timing of submission of payment.**

SILVER LEVEL - \$5,000

Additional benefits you will receive include:

- Company logo posted in E-Newsletter and on Ohio GFOA’s website: www.ohgfoa.com with a link to the sponsor’s home page
- 75% off the cost of your 8x10 exhibit booth at the Annual Conference (**\$825 value**)
- One complimentary conference registration (includes all meal functions) (**up to a \$330 value**)
- Company logo displayed in Annual Conference mobile app
- Ability to Add-On the “Conference Lanyard Sponsorship” or the “Annual Conference Hospitality Suite Sponsorship”

BRONZE LEVEL - \$2,500

Additional benefits you will receive include:

- Company logo posted in E-Newsletter and on Ohio GFOA’s website: www.ohgfoa.com with a link to the sponsor’s home page
- 50% off the cost of your 8x10 exhibit booth at the Annual Conference (**\$550 value**)
- 50% off the cost off one conference registration (includes all meal functions) (**up to a \$165 value**)

RED, WHITE & BLUE LEVEL - \$1,000

Additional benefits you will receive include:

- Listing in E-Newsletter and on Ohio GFOA's website: www.ohgfoa.com with a link to the sponsor's home page

****ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES****

CONFERENCE LANYARD SPONSORSHIP - \$3,500 *2024 SOLD OUT*

(Add on only to PLATINUM, GOLD or SILVER Level Sponsorships)

With this "add-on", additional benefits include:

- Company Logo printed on lanyard
- An icon within the Annual Conference Mobile App linking to your company website
- Limited to 1 Company per year

ANNUAL CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY SUITE SPONSORSHIP - \$1,500 (Add on only to PLATINUM, GOLD or SILVER Level Sponsorships)

With this "add-on", additional benefits include:

- Company Logo prominently displayed indicating sponsorship at the entrance to the Hospitality Suite at the Annual Conference
- 2 vendors may split this sponsorship as long as both are at least at the SILVER level

OHIO RECEPTION AT NATIONAL GFOA CONFERENCE - \$6,500 *2024 SOLD OUT* (Amount subject to change based on location each year)

This sponsorship includes:

- Company logo posted in E-Newsletter and on Ohio GFOA's website: www.ohgfoa.com with a link to the sponsor's home page
- Company logo displayed in Annual Conference mobile app
- Company Logo prominently displayed indicating sponsorship at the reception
- Limited to 1 Company per year – unless multiple vendors would like to collaborate and split the sponsorship

OHIO GFOA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

11/2023

Ohio Voters Approve State Issue 2

On Issue 2, data from the Ohio Secretary of State showed the ballot measure passing by a 57 percent to 43 percent margin, making Ohio the 24th state to legalize recreational marijuana.

Issue 2 is an initiated statute. Unlike Issue 1, which amended the Ohio Constitution, Issue 2 amends state law, meaning the Ohio General Assembly may directly modify it through legislation. The new law legalizes the adult-use sale, purchase and possession of cannabis for Ohioans who are 21 and older. It permits adults to possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana, up to 15 grams of marijuana concentrate and grow up to six plants at home.

» Those purchasing cannabis in Ohio will pay a 10 percent excise tax under the measure, the same rate as Michigan and Illinois, in addition to a 5.75 percent state tax and local taxes that could range from 0.25 percent to 2.25 percent.

» Patients within the state's medical marijuana program are not subject to the tax

» According to the ballot language, some of the tax revenue would go to a newly established cannabis social equity and jobs program and require the Ohio Department of Development "to certify program applicants based on social and economic disadvantage."

» It also creates the Division of Cannabis Control within the Ohio Department of Commerce to oversee the compliance of the recreational marijuana industry by regulating, investigating and penalizing cannabis operators and facilities.

A study by the Ohio State University's Drug Enforcement and Policy Center estimates that the tax rates proposed in Issue 2 could generate between \$182 million and \$218 million during the first year of operations and between \$336 million to \$403 million by the program's fifth year.

House and Senate Announce Differing Capital Bill Timelines

The Finance Committee chairs of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate recently sent communication to members of their respective chambers regarding the proposed timelines for the submission of community projects for possible inclusion in the upcoming state capital bill. The Ohio House is requesting that community project applications be submitted to their members by December 18, 2023. However, the deadline for members of the Ohio Senate to receive community project applications is not until April 8, 2024. Both chambers have adopted a similar questionnaire containing questions suggested by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) to help determine if proposed community projects are eligible to receive bond funding. New to this General Assembly's capital bill process is the \$700 million One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) which was created in House Bill 33 through a General Revenue Fund (GRF) transfer. Because this new fund is not funded through state tax-exempt general obligation bonds, the eligible uses of these dollars is broader. Both chambers indicated that community projects funded through OTSCIF should not be used for operating expenses or pilot projects. In addition, projects funded through OTSCIF should not be seeking additional state funding in future years. The House guidelines prohibit OTSCIF funds from being the sole source of

funding for a project. The Senate prohibited OTSCIF funds from being appropriated for land banks or for general purposes that can be redistributed by the recipient other programs. The multi-month gap between House and Senate community project submission deadlines raises questions about whether this General Assembly's capital bill will be an "agreed to" bill between the two chambers and the Governor as all capital bills in recent memory have been. Capital projects have a 90-day effective date, so the later the capital bill is passed, the longer the delay in the release of these dollars. The state capital appropriations bill also funds the construction and maintenance of state-owned facilities such as government agency buildings, prisons, state-supported universities and community colleges, and state mental health facilities.

House Deliberates on Virtual Meetings Legislation

The House Government Oversight Committee has held three hearings in the past month on House Bill 257, sponsored by Rep. Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon) and Rep. Thad Claggett (R-Newark), that authorizes certain public bodies to meet virtually. The joint sponsors introduced the bill as a result of feedback received from local governments that virtual meetings (meetings conducted by means of teleconference or video conference) have increased both public participation and attendance by the general public and members of the public boards. Rather than listing the types of public bodies that would be eligible to meet virtually, the bill lists the types of public bodies that will be excluded from participating in public meetings. Public bodies would be required to adopt a virtual meetings policy that specifies, at minimum, that the notification of a meeting must be 72 hours in advance; how the meeting can be accessed by the public and by members of the board; and which requires all votes to be taken by roll call vote (with some exceptions). Additionally, when the agenda is released for an upcoming meeting and the greater of at least ten percent of the members of the public body or two members of the public body notifies the chair that an item on the agenda must be discussed or acted upon at a meeting conducted fully in person, the public body must take up the item at a meeting conducted fully in person. The bill has received proponent testimony from MORPC, the Ohio Association of Regional Councils, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, and several other entities. The committee has added a few amendments to the bill, including two provisions both MORPC and OARC recommended. One amendment requires public bodies to define in their virtual meeting policies what would constitute a "major nonroutine expenditure" or "significant hiring decision," factors that can trigger a requirement to meet in person. Another revision allows for a motion for unanimous consent instead of requiring roll call votes for all votes.

Cities

Gov. Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced that \$3.1 million is available as part of the new Brightening Ohio Communities Grant Program. The state officials said the new program will improve energy efficiency and save money in some of Ohio's most vulnerable communities. The program is administered by the Ohio Department of Development, and administration officials say it will help lower-income communities pay for energy efficient streetlights, perimeter lighting, and lighting in municipal-owned parking lots.

Economic Development/Urban Revitalization

The DeWine administration announced that 51 communities will receive more than \$10.6 million to support community development projects around Ohio through a federal block grant program. The funds will assist in completion of infrastructure improvements and public services, spurring economic growth and improving residents' quality of life. The projects can include street repairs, sidewalk improvements, parks and recreation facilities, water and sewer line replacements, and community centers. Cities and counties considered U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) non entitlement communities are eligible to apply for these allocation program funds biannually. Ohio's 101 eligible communities are divided between even and odd years of funding, with 51 communities in 46 counties receiving a total of \$10.65 million for 2023.

General Assembly/Statehouse

Legislation that would prohibit participatory budgeting in cities will not pass before Cleveland residents vote on a "People's Budget" charter amendment this November, House Speaker Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) said. Speaking with reporters following the House Rules and Reference Committee, Stephens said SB158 (Cirino) has "constitutional issues with home rule." "However, I will say this — as a former county auditor, I think it's very important that taxpayers' money is very transparent, and that there are purchasing controls that elected officials have ... they are the ones who have to face the voters," he said. The House Government Oversight Committee heard testimony opposing SB158, with witnesses asking lawmakers to allow Clevelanders to make their own decision about the policy.

The Senate passed the following bill:

5875 JEDD FORMATION REQUIREMENTS (BLESSING II L To allow two or more municipalities to create a joint economic development district without involving a township. **Current Status:** 10/24/2023 – Referred to Committee House Economic and Workforce Development State Bill
Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/sb75>

The House voted 58-26 to approve property valuation changes in HB187 (Bird-Hall), an attempt to moderate property tax increases resulting from a substantial runup in home values hitting many counties. "Inflationary pressures have affected the real estate market ... it's gone crazy. In my home county of Clermont, they have increased 43 percent in one year," said Rep. Adam Bird (R-New Richmond), one of the joint sponsors of the bill.

Just three confirmed voting sessions remain on the calendar for the Ohio Senate for 2023 after schedule changes were announced. The clerk's office announced cancellation of sessions set for Wednesday, Nov. 8 and Wednesday, Nov. 29, but the addition of an if-needed session for Tuesday, Dec. 12. The changes leave session dates scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15, Wednesday, Dec. 6 and Wednesday, Dec. 13. The House schedule for the rest of 2023 includes sessions Nov. 15, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, plus if-needed sessions Nov. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Tuesday, Dec. 12.



2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT	
MEMBER TYPE	Nov-23
GOVERNMENTAL TOTAL	776
County	210
Library	46
Municipality/Village	321
School District	42
Special District	81
State Agency	52
Township	24
NON-GOVERNMENTAL TOTAL	101
ASSOCIATE	7
RETIRED PAST PRESIDENTS	6
TOTALS	890

Membership & Fiscal Years: January 1st - December 31st

Membership renewals for 2024 went out November 1.



BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT
Scholarship Committee

Report Date: November 2023

Members:

Ami Mayne	Julie Adkins	Joey Jones
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Update/Summary of Activities:

A Scholarship (1) for the National GFOA Conference in Orlando, FL will be posted to the Ohio GFOA website. Applications are due January 19, 2024 and the scholarship recipient will be notified by February 1, 2024. The Scholarship will include early bird registration of \$515 (by March 15, 2024) and travel reimbursement up to \$1,500.

GFOA Leadership Academy is scheduled for November 17-22, 2024 in Charleston, SC. <https://www.gfoa.org/leadershipacademy>. Scholarship information will be posted on our website. Applications to the Academy are due August 31, 2024 and the scholarship recipient will be notified by September 30, 2024. The Scholarship will cover the tuition cost of \$2,500 and travel reimbursement up to \$2,000 for the cost of the hotel, registration, airfare and meals, not otherwise provided, upon completion of the program.

Reminder: We have the following scholarships available for 2024:

- First-Time Annual Conference Attendee Scholarship (5 @ \$900)
- Annual Conference Scholarship (3 @ \$900)
- Annual Conference Student Attendee Scholarship (3 @ 900)
- Continuing Education Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)
- Traditional Student College Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

Encourage people to apply!

Action Requested of Board:

None



EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

November 17, 2023

Submitted By: Jeff McCuen

2023 Goal(s):

The committee works to provide relevant and timely professional development opportunities to our members at locations throughout the state of Ohio.

Update/Summary of Activities:

Year-end Review – Webinars and Seminars

- *Introduction to the Finance Office Seminar* - April 25-26, 2023 at Marriott at the University of Dayton. Participants: 63
- *Debt/Economic Development Seminar* - May 10, 2023 at Topgolf – Columbus. Participants: 35 for seminar and 14 of the 28 stayed for golf
- *Intermediate Governmental Accounting Seminar* - June 14-15, 2023 at Mifflin Township Meeting Hall. Participants: 37
- *Advanced Governmental Accounting Seminar* - August 2 & 3, 2023 at Niagara Event Center – Put-in-Bay. Participants: 39
- *Investment and Financing Update for 2023 Webinar* - February 22. Participants: 128
- *How to Drive Performance with the Elastic Workforce Webinar* – October 25, 2023. Participants: 54

Post Annual Conference Updates

- Conference History Sheet – attached
- Overall Evaluation Results – attached