

Support for CARES Act Funding

“ Association of Independent Colleges & Universities

AICUO thanks Governor DeWine for dedicating a portion of the federal CARES Act funds to our institutions. Ohio's independent colleges and universities continue to be thankful for Governor DeWine's leadership during the COVID pandemic. Our institutions looking forward to working with students, faculty, staff, and the administration to ensure everyone can continue their post-secondary experience as safely as possible.”

– C. Todd Jones, President & General Counsel,
Association of Independent Colleges & Universities

“ Inter-University Council of Ohio

Ohio's public universities greatly appreciate the Governor's leadership today, and frankly his hard work every day, during this pandemic. The Governor's allocation of \$100 million will help to offset the challenging costs associated with de-densifying campus, disinfecting classrooms, COVID testing, and contact tracing. We look forward to continuing to provide world class educational opportunities to all Ohioans during these challenging times. We are fortunate to have great leaders who work together to make Ohio a better place.”

– Bruce Johnson, President & CEO,
Inter-University Council of Ohio

“ NFIB

NFIB is particularly pleased that this program specifically targets help to the smallest of Ohio's entrepreneurs, of which many were unable to access any of the federal relief funds.

As the pandemic continues to hammer away at Ohio entrepreneurs, the opportunity to tap into additional CARES Act dollars made available by Governor Mike DeWine is certainly welcome news and much appreciated. In a recent survey, 77 percent of our members indicated they accessed a Paycheck Protection Loan. However, 88 percent of them have already exhausted the funds that they indicated mainly went to employee wages utility costs, and rent or lease costs.

With so much uncertainty still looming, access to these dollars along with the rebates by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation being mailed out this week will provide vitally important resources to help keep their businesses open. We once again appreciate the strong leadership shown by Governor Mike DeWine, Speaker of the House Bob Cupp, and Senate President Larry Obhof for their understanding of just how much the small business owners of our state still need help so they can keep their doors open and their valued people employed.”

– Roger Geiger, Executive Director, NFIB

“ Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies

On behalf of Ohio's Community Action Network, I thank Governor DeWine and the General Assembly for recognizing low-income families' challenges during these difficult times. We are grateful to have this program available and appreciate their confidence in Community Action to help stabilize families. We look forward to working with our communities to keep Ohioans safe and healthy in their homes while we all work together to get through this crisis.”

– Philip E. Cole, Executive Director, Ohio
Association of Community Action Agencies



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“ Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Ohio's 23 community colleges are grateful to Governor DeWine for providing additional CARES Act funding to help deal with the unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Because of our affordable tuition and career-focused programs, Ohio's community colleges serve a majority of Ohio's most financially vulnerable college students- including low-income, underrepresented and adult students - who have been hit hardest by the pandemic. The additional CARES Act funding will help ensure our colleges can continue providing a safe learning and workforce training environment with the necessary wrap-around support services that are imperative to their success.

Thanks to the ongoing leadership of the DeWine-Husted Administration and the Ohio General Assembly, this additional funding will help our campuses continue their mission to safely and rapidly educate, train and upskill our workforce to help rebuild Ohio's economy.”

– Jack Hershey, President & CEO,
Ohio Association of Community Colleges

“ Ohio Citizens for the Arts

Today, Ohio state leaders announced an allocation of \$20M in Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding dedicated to helping Ohio's arts and culture sector. This funding comes at a critical time as many of these businesses have remained closed to the public since March due to COVID-19 health restrictions.

Advocacy works. We are hurting, and our state leaders listened. We thank Governor DeWine, Senate President Obhof, and Speaker Cupp for their leadership and applaud them for recognizing the challenges the arts and culture industry is facing. This funding is critically important in helping our stages, and cultural institutions reopen someday.”

– Angela P. Meleca, Executive Director,
Ohio Citizens for the Arts

“ Ohio Bankers League

The Honorable Governor Mike DeWine, The Ohio Bankers League applauds your leadership and that of your Administration to be decisive and in the forefront in fighting against COVID-19 in our state. Your response is an example for the nation. We appreciate the transparency and continuing dialogue between your Administration, the OBL and the banking industry during the extraordinary difficulties caused by this pandemic.

On behalf of the OBL's 170-plus member banks, we offer our support for your initiative to offer mortgage assistance and rental assistance to Ohioans who have encountered financial difficulties due to the pandemic. This new program will complement what OBL members are doing every day in communities across Ohio to help customers get through these difficult times.

Banks throughout Ohio work with customers, both individuals and businesses, daily to help them through the tough times they may face. Though the scale of this crisis is different than anything we have faced, Ohio's banks stand ready to help customers and help rebuild Ohio's economy.

You have our commitment to continue working closely with you and your team as we move through this difficult time together.”

– Michael J. Adelman, President & CEO,
Ohio Bankers League

“ Dayton Art Institute

I too thank Governor DeWine and the Legislature for their support of Ohio's Arts Industry. I am proud of our state government and the outstanding leadership and state-wide advocacy provided by OCA Executive Director Angela Meleca and staff and Board of Trustees.”

– Michael Roediger, President, OCA Board of Trustees; Director & CEO, Dayton Art Institute



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Playhouse Square

Ohio's arts and culture industry has come together like never before. Ohio Citizens for the Arts members' tireless advocacy efforts made this progress possible.

We are grateful to be included in a distribution of CARES Act funding, which will allow performing arts centers the ability to continue our essential non-profit mission-based work for our communities while our theaters remain dark. Arts and culture play such an indispensable role in our local and state economies' health, employ a substantial workforce, and add to our citizens' quality of life. We remain thankful for the continued support, encouragement, and leadership of our State officials. Additionally, I want to thank the Ohio Citizens for the Arts, who have provided a powerfully united voice for the arts community throughout the State of Ohio."

– *Gina Vernaci, President & CEO,
Playhouse Square*

CAPA-Columbus Association for the Performing Arts

CAPA is grateful to the Governor and our lawmakers for their recognition of the performing arts industry and this critical funding. Although this will not solve the financial crisis for the arts and culture sector, it is an important step in the right direction as we work to ensure our sustainability. In addition to enriching Ohioans' lives, the arts and culture industry is a significant economic driver and employer. We look forward to the day we can return to full operations and to the business of the arts."

– *Chad Wittington, President & CEO,
CAPA-Columbus Association for the
Performing Arts*

Cincinnati Arts Association

The Cincinnati Arts Association would like to thank the State of Ohio for their support and funding for the arts. As an industry, we have been hit very hard, like so many others and we appreciate any effort to assist us. We are proud of our contributions to our community and our ongoing economic impact. While we have a long road to recovery, this is a hopeful step in that journey,"

– *Steve Loftin, President,
Cincinnati Arts Association*

Ohio Citizens for the Arts

Dayton Live and the entire Arts and Culture industry has been decimated by the Covid-19 pandemic and today brings some welcome news. We are pleased that Governor DeWine and the State of Ohio have recognized the importance of the performing arts sector by committing \$20 million from CARES Act funds that will go directly to keep our industry afloat. Continuing to work together with both public and private funding we are optimistic that Dayton Live will continue to be a significant economic driver and cultural asset in our community. We look forward to the day we all can come together safely in our beautiful venues."

– *Ty Sutton, President & CEO,
Dayton Live*

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Ohio Credit Union League

Every day, Ohio's 251 credit unions help hardworking Ohioans remain in affordable housing so they can securely pursue their American Dream. Sometimes life throws its curveballs, but that should never be the reason why individuals and families lose safe and affordable housing. The Ohio Credit Union League applauds the DeWine Administration's recent announcement of emergency rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, which will provide a critical economic infusion to our communities during a challenging time. The League is grateful for this important first round of assistance, and we remain ready to roll up our sleeves and dig in as further housing relief is anticipated in the months ahead. The League stands ready to assist in the swift distribution of pandemic related funds so credit unions can further assist impacted people to remain in their homes."

– Paul L. Mercer, President,
Ohio Credit Union League

Ohio Hospital Association

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our hospitals significantly, amassing more than \$4 billion in financial hardship and demanding our caregivers go above and beyond to meet the health care needs of our communities. We appreciate Gov. DeWine's action today to provide Ohio hospitals much needed financial support as we continue to lead the frontline response to combat this crisis."

– Mike Abrams, President and CEO,
Ohio Hospital Association

Ohio Mortgage Bankers

Ohio Mortgage Bankers Association applauds the announcement today by Governor DeWine on making \$50M in CARES Funding available to Ohio homeowners and renters. This effort comes at an important time in the fight against a pandemic that has threatened the ability of many to continue to stay in their homes as a result of job loss or illness. Housing is a key pillar of a healthy economy, and a healthy mindset for families and individuals- both needed to combat this pandemic. The Governor's vision for assisting individuals and families continue to be safely harbored in their homes is to be commended."

– Jay Pascoe, Executive Director &
COO, Ohio Mortgage Bankers

Ohio Mayors Alliance

We as Ohioans and as mayors are excited by the state's proposed plan for distributing their CARES funds. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact every segment of our life and we still need to infuse support into our residents, our businesses, our restaurants, our nonprofits, and our arts. As we look to the future of our economic recovery, supporting our area small businesses and residents will be key to the entire economic recovery of this country."

– Ohio Mayors Alliance

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Ohio Metro Chambers Coalition

The Ohio Metro Chambers Coalition applauds the DeWine-Husted Administration and Ohio's legislative leaders for putting forward a comprehensive stimulus package to maintain the state's economy. In particular, we would like to stress the importance of relief for small businesses. Our Chambers have strongly advocated for additional support for our members since the onset of the pandemic, knowing how difficult it has been for so many of them. Restaurants, arts organizations, and small businesses have borne the brunt of this economic crisis and have been working tirelessly to keep employees on payroll and retain their standing as the backbone of our communities. The DeWine-Husted Administration and our legislative leaders recognize the hardships these organizations have faced and we thank them for their swift action to get these funds rolling to small businesses.

We urge Controlling Board approval of these programs on Monday and look forward to working with the Administration to get the word out to the state's small business community."

– *Ohio Metro Chambers Coalition*



Ohio Mortgage Bankers

Ohio's restaurant and foodservice operators appreciate Ohio's elected leaders working together to provide the CARES Act support announced today for small businesses that have been deeply impacted by the ongoing public health and economic crisis. As we cross the eight-month threshold of this crisis, we know that many of our members are struggling to survive the crisis and operating restrictions, and this support will be helpful to eligible operators. The Ohio Restaurant Association thanks Governor DeWine, Lieutenant Governor Husted, Senate President Obhof, Speaker Cupp and the Ohio Legislature for their announcement today about two programs utilizing CARES Act funding that targets aid for our industry – small business grants and the bar/restaurant grants. Ohio restaurants are the cornerstones of our cities and neighborhoods, employ nearly 600,000 people and contribute greatly to our state's economy. Every bit of support gives more businesses a better chance to survive the winter and be there to help Ohio's communities thrive into the future."

– *John Barker, President and CEO,
Ohio Restaurant Association*



Ohio REALTORS

Ohio Realtors is grateful for the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and for him choosing to designate a portion of the CARES Act funding to emergency rental, mortgage and utility assistance. These funds will keep Ohioans impacted by COVID safely housed while we work together to get through these challenging times."

– *Scott R. Williams, Chief Executive Officer,
Ohio REALTORS*

