



Department of
Agriculture

Ohio Fair Managers Association

Division of Amusement Ride Safety & Fairs

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Department of Agriculture

The mission of the Ohio Department of Agriculture is to protect Ohio citizens by ensuring the safety of the state's food supply and the health of Ohio's food animals and plant life, and to create economic opportunities for Ohio's farmers, food processors and agribusinesses.





Capital Appropriations

- SB 310 appropriated \$3,917,500 for agricultural facilities.
- All contracts have been executed by the ag societies.
- ODA expects to clear Controlling Board and for the funds to be dispersed by the first of May.

Darke County Swine and Community Pavilion	\$500,000
Delaware County Fair Grandstands	\$500,000
Brown County Fairgrounds Jr. Fair Covered Arena	\$350,000
Ashtabula Agricultural Facility Improvements	\$325,000
Crawford County Fair	\$300,000
Highland County Agricultural Society Livestock Facility	\$275,000
Clermont County Agricultural Improvements	\$200,000
Muskingum County Fair Grandstand Enhancement Project	\$200,000
Noble County Fairgrounds New swine/Hog Barn	\$200,000
Carroll Agricultural Society Show Barn	\$150,000
Ross County Fairground Improvements	\$150,000
Monroe County Fairground Educational Building	\$147,000
Clinton County Fairgrounds Maintenance Facility and Security Fencing	\$100,000
Columbiana Fairgrounds Restroom & Shower Facilities	\$100,000
Preble County Fairgrounds Conference Center & Ground Improv.	\$100,000
Shelby County Fairgrounds	\$100,000
Jackson County Fairgrounds Grandstand Repairs	\$75,000
Scioto County Fairgrounds Electrical Upgrade & Stone Vaults	\$50,000
Vinton County Fairgrounds	\$50,000
Jefferson County Agricultural Society Small Animal Barn & Pavilion	\$45,500



Agricultural Society Facilities Capital Grant program

- HB 166 allocated \$4.7 million to ODA to distribute to fairs equally to each county and independent agricultural society.
- All fairs applied and received a contract for \$50,000 to complete capital projects.
- Contracts provide 12 months to complete the project and Fairs must provide documentation of receipts in installments or completion of the project in order to receive funds.

CARES Funds

- All fairs have received either \$15,000 or \$50,000 of CARES funds.
- Original guidance was for all funds to be spent by December 31, 2020; however new administration permitted spending into 2021.
- Fairs with unspent funds must report to ODA by April 1, 2021 regarding how they spent any funds in January, February, and March of 2021.

CARES Funds

- Fairs with Cares Dollars remaining are:
 - Clinton
 - Columbiana
 - Defiance
 - Erie
 - Loudonville Ind.
 - Ottawa
 - Preble
 - Putnam
 - Shelby
 - Wyandot
- ODA will provide the OBM reporting template to the fairs with outstanding funds.

Harness Racing and Junior Fair Premiums

These funds have been calculated and are being processed through OSS this week (March 8th). All fairs will receive these funds by March 15 or March 22, depending on whether they were sent electronic or by paper check.

Fairs with racing will be receiving \$5,656.05 in harness racing funds.

All fairs will receive up to \$4,007.99 in reimbursement for junior fair premiums.

Harness Racing and Junior Fair Premiums

Coding of the Ohio Fairs Fund

- Code 2-1-2110 \$590.87
- Code 2-1-2130 \$2,363.49
- Code 2-1-2140 \$2,363.49

Fiscal Reminders – Ohio Shared Services

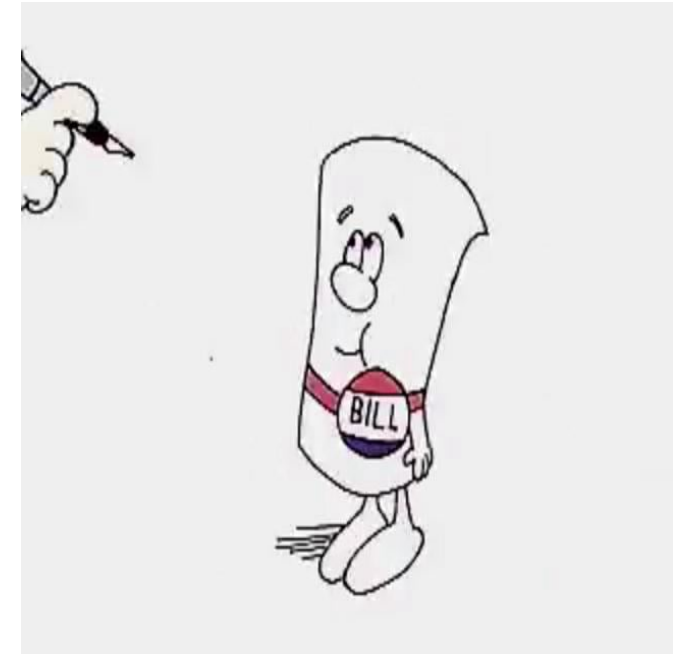
- In order to ensure timely receipt of funds distributed by ODA please be sure to review and update your information with Ohio Shared Services.
- Ohio Shared Services can be reached at 877.644.6771.

Fiscal Reminders – IRS 990

- All county and independent fairs are required to file their own IRS 990 annually. Failure to file can compromise each fair's non-profit status.
- This is regardless of whether they have file under ODA's blanket exemption or they have their own exemption.
- **ODA highly recommends** that each fair obtain its own individual exemption. ODA can provide a letter in support to assist each fair to obtain their own exemption.

Legislative Update

- HB 665: Modernized laws and regulations surrounding county and independent agricultural societies.
 - Highlights:
 - Increases County Treasurer max funding from \$800 to \$1600.
 - Streamlines Annual Financial Reports
- Redbook Changes:
 - ODA is working with OFMA leadership to incorporate HB 665 changes into the Ohio Administrative Code. Additionally, in the spirit of HB 665, ODA and OFMA are working to update and modernize those rules not impacted by HB 665.



Future of the Fairs Office

- GOAL: Bring the Fairs Office into the 21st Century
 - Make reporting streamlined and centralized.
 - Simplify or reduce the number of forms.
 - Establish a system where fairs can upload documents, verify receipt, and determine if ODA has approved their reports.
- GOAL: Establish additional training opportunities and resources
 - Create “new member” training for Directors.
 - Develop resources on ODA’s websites where Fairs can reference rules and regulations pertaining to Elections, Reporting, etc.



Amusement Ride Safety

- Division Update
- Tyler's Law
- Accident Reporting
- Things to Remember

Questions and Contact Information

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