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# PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL BID FOR STATE CAPITAL BUDGET DOLLARS

Webinar Hosted by Greater Ohio Policy Center, Heritage Ohio,  
and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission

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# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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***Heritage Ohio** is Ohio's official historic preservation and Main Street organization. Heritage Ohio fosters economic development and sustainability through preservation of historic buildings, revitalization of downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts, and promotion of cultural tourism.*



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# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



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***The Greater Ohio Policy Center** is a nonpartisan, statewide public policy organization dedicated to improving the communities of Ohio through smart growth strategies and research to create a revitalized Ohio.*



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# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



## **Jessica DeLong**

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Presenter

***The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission***  
*oversees capital projects undertaken by state  
agencies and state-supported institutions of higher  
education; manages Ohio's school facility  
programs which provide support for the  
construction and renovation of public K-12  
schools; and administers the funding for  
community-based cultural and sports facilities  
projects.*



# OHIO'S CAPITAL BUDGET

UNDERSTANDING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS & PREPARING A  
SUCCESSFUL BID FOR STATE CAPITAL BUDGET DOLLARS

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# OHIO'S CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET



The Capital Appropriations Budget, generally approved in the second year of a biennium, provides funding for projects that repair, reconstruct and construct ***capital assets*** of state agencies (other than the Department of Transportation), colleges and universities, and public schools.

In most years, funds for local community or regional projects are also funded.

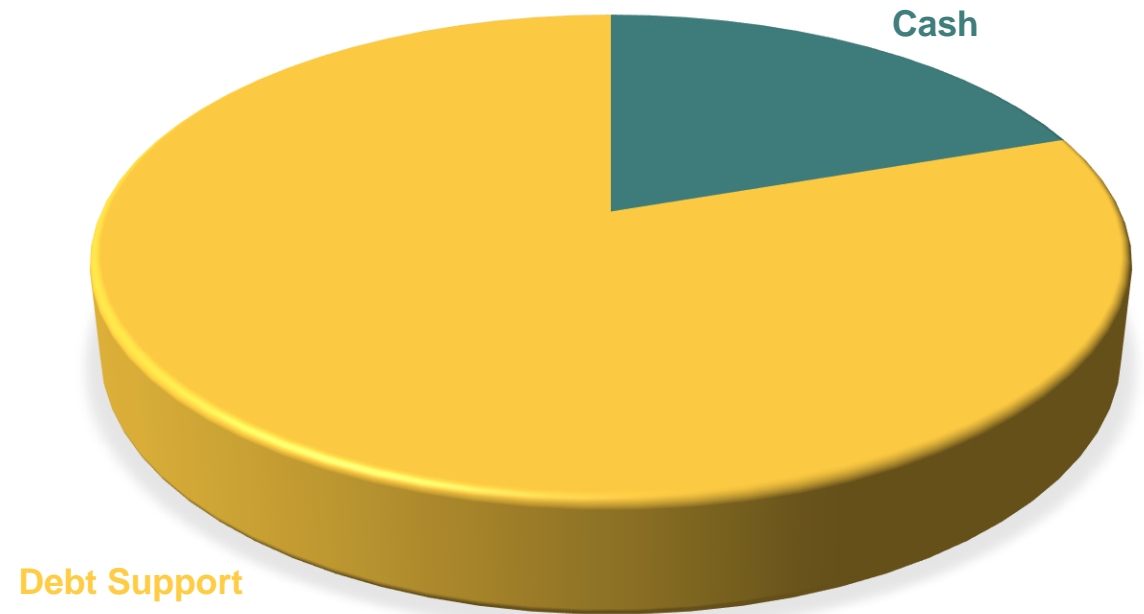


# SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET

Most capital projects are supported by long-term debt issued by the State in the form of bonds

Other projects can be funded through state cash reserves

2022 CAPITAL BUDGET REVENUE SOURCES



Cash	\$692,813,245
Debt Support	\$2,821,491,733
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>\$3,514,491,733</b>



# CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS 101

Community projects that receive state funds must support the acquisition, construction, improvement, and related equipping for projects demonstrating a state benefit for

- Higher Education
- Mental Health
- Parks & Recreation
- Conservation
- Cultural or Sports Facilities





# CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS

Enactment of the Capital Budget is much more simple than the Operating Budget, usually being completed within weeks of its introduction, and without much opposition.

It occurs within the context of the preparation of the state's six-year Capital Improvements Plan, which is updated biannually by the Office of Budget & Management based on recommendations from state agencies.





# CAPITAL BUDGET: STEP ONE:

Identify projects in the community that would benefit from Capital Budget funds.

“Project Sponsors” can be private entities, but “must be in good standing with the state”

Project funds may only support capitalization costs incurred from the construction or purchase of long-term, fixed assets that produce long-term state and economic benefits

Local funding for the project is important as it demonstrates community investment & support

# CAPITAL BUDGET STEP TWO:

Submit request for project funds to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and/or Ohio Senate

The more information about the project that can be shared with lawmakers, the better

Invite the lawmakers to the project site so they can see first-hand the vision for the project and understand the importance of the investment for the community





## CAPITAL BUDGET: STEP THREE:

Members of the House and Senate submit requests for their districts to the Finance Chairman of their respective chamber

Leadership reviews requests and finalizes recommendations, developing the capital budget plan

Budget is introduced in the legislature and passed in a matter of weeks, if not days, generally with little debate or opposition

# CAPITAL BUDGET STEP FOUR:

Budget is signed by the Governor

Budget will become effective 90 days  
after the legislation is signed

Project sponsors who received  
specific allocations in the budget will  
work with the appropriating state  
agency to ensure the project meets  
the requirements and executes a legal  
agreement





## CAPITAL BUDGET: STEP FIVE:

Once agreement is executed, the information is submitted to the Office of Budget and Management for Review, prior to being submitted to the State Controlling Board or Agency Director for Approval

Once approved, the project sponsor can submit payment requests to the state agency for reimbursement of expenses covered by the approved funds



# EXAMPLES

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## Village of Ripley

- **Brown County**
- **Located along the Ohio River**
- **Village received \$400,000 through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Freedom Landing Riverfront Development**



- The Freedom Landing dock puts the dock below Front Street, with an access road to the dock. This location was chosen to avoid creating a barrier or obstructing the view of the river and will serve both as a recreational and commercial dock for large riverboats, such as the Delta Queen



# EXAMPLES

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## **Eric Mendelsohn Park Synagogue Campus Restoration**

- **Cuyahoga County**
- **Located in Cleveland Heights**
- **Sustainable Community Associates received a \$1 million grant through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission**



- The former synagogue, school, and 28-acre campus is being redeveloped as a space for parks, community programming in the arts, housing and economic development. The project is benefiting from both public and private funding. State funds are intended to address structural integrity, waterproofing, h/vac, electrical and plumbing maintenance.





# EXAMPLES

## Hotel McArthur

- Vinton County
- Located in Village of McArthur
- Vinton County Convention and Visitors Bureau received \$100,000 through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission



- Built in 1839, the Hotel McArthur is the oldest building still in use in Vinton County, predating the county's formation in 1850. The hotel is being renovated for use as a hotel, restaurant, and visitors center. The hotel would be the only one operational in the county. The grant funds will be used for renovations to the lobby area.



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# Background



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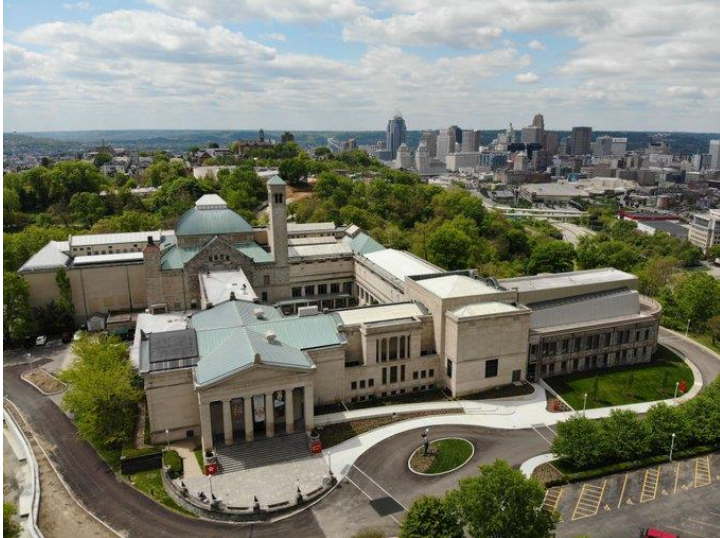
- Legislators create line item appropriations in the capital bill

**Appropriation = Potential Project**

- Potential projects are assigned to OFCC for review
- OFCC works with the local project sponsor, which is a local government or non-profit organization

**Project Sponsor = Potential Grantee**

# Background



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- Most recent capital bill: \$191 million in community projects
  - OFCC (cultural projects)
  - Ohio Department of Natural Resources (parks and recreation projects)
  - DRC, DAS, MHAS, & others



# Background

- Tax-exempt capital bonds
- Eligible capital expenditures
- Project must support culture over the term of the bonds (10 years)
- Project sponsors (grantees) complete a submittal form



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# What Is Culture?



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- The Ohio Revised Code 123.28 defines culture as:
  - Visual, musical, dramatic, & other arts
  - Presentation of principles of science, industry, history, heritage, & uses of arts (museums)
  - Presentation/preservation of historical interest in a state or local historical facility
- Facility's predominant purpose should be for culture



# Requirements

- Local Match
- Fully Funded
- 10-year lease (if applicable)





# Grant Process

- Additional information is sometimes required
- Project sponsors and OFCC sign a Cooperative Use Agreement (CUA)
- Grant is subject to State Controlling Board approval
- Reimbursement grant



# Reimbursement

- Expenditures Eligible for Reimbursement
  - Acquisition of real property or interest in real property
  - Bricks & mortar
  - Architectural, engineering, & professional fees
  - Machinery that is part of the structure
  - Computer systems
  - Equipment & furnishings necessary for the function of the facility



# OFCC Grant Website

The screenshot displays the OFCC (Ohio Facilities Construction Commission) website. At the top, the OFCC logo is on the left, and navigation links for "Our Programs", "Project Opportunities", "Project Resources", "Grants", and "About OFCC" are in the center. On the right, there are links for "Help" and a search bar. A left-hand sidebar lists categories: "Agencies", "K-12 Schools", "Project Administration", "Project Portfolios" (highlighted), "BIM Protocol", and "Resource Guide".

The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left is a grid of 12 project portfolio cards, each with a photo and a numbered title:

- 1 1893 Genoa Schoolhouse...
- 2 AHA! Children's Museum STEM/Nature Play Area
- 3 Akron Civic Theater
- 4 Allen County Museum
- 5 Appalachian Forest Museum
- 6 Apple Creek Historical Society
- 7 Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Center
- 8 Arts in Stark
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- 10 Avon Isle Renovation Phase 2
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On the right is a map of Ohio with numerous green numbered markers (1-168) indicating the locations of various projects across the state. The map includes major cities like Detroit, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland, and is powered by Esri.



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### Grants

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[Ohio's K-12 School Safety  
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## Cultural & Sport Facilities

The Commission oversees capital improvement funds appropriated by the General Assembly for planning, construction, renovation and expansion projects at Ohio's theaters, museums, arts education facilities, historical sites, and publicly-owned professional sports venues. The former Cultural Facilities Commission was merged with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission in 2013. Public investment in these facilities can help bolster community development and provide economic stimulus by creating jobs, encouraging consumer spending, serving as tourist attractions, providing children with creative learning experiences that greatly benefit the educational process, and contributing to a higher quality of life for Ohioans.



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Grant Documents ^

- Grant Checklist
- Grant Checklist Descriptions
- **Submittal Form (May 2023)** ←
- Project Approval Guidelines
- Cooperative Use Agreement Template (for reference only)
- Non-Disturbance and Estoppel Agreement (for reference only)
- Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) Checklist

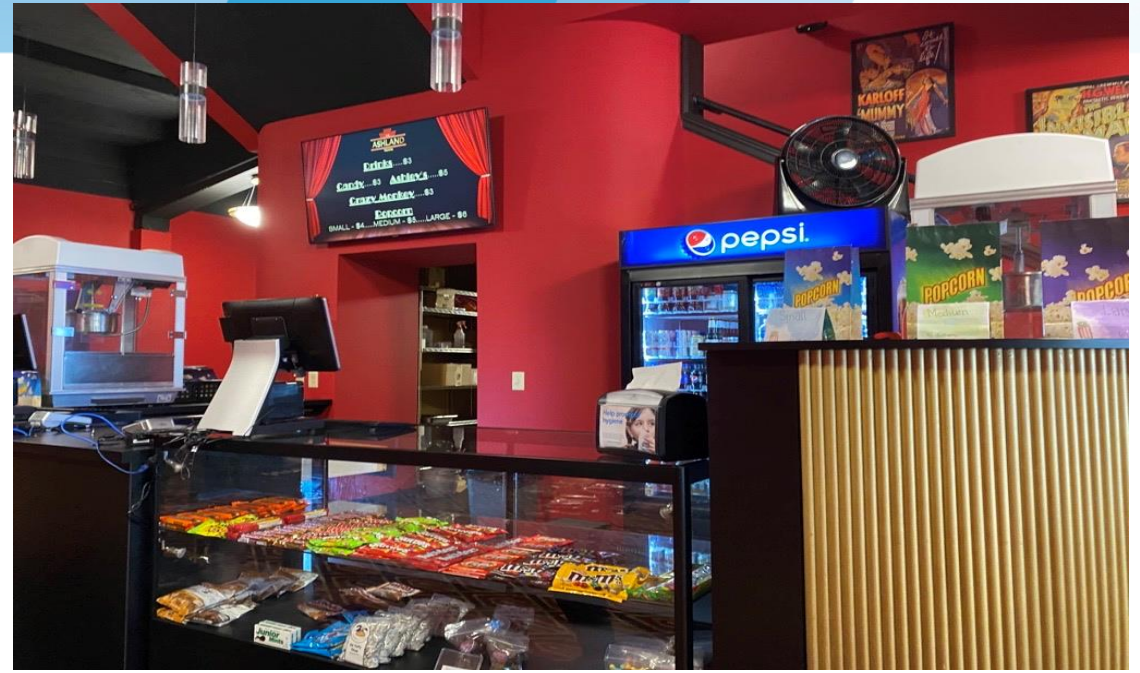
# The Ohio State Reformatory



# Mansfield Art Center



# Ashland Theatre







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# QUESTIONS

