PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL BID FOR CAPITAL BUDGET DOLLARS

WEBINAR HOSTED BY GOPC, HERITAGE OHIO, AND THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 – 1PM
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
OHIO’S CAPITAL BUDGET
UNDERSTANDING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS & PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL BID FOR STATE CAPITAL BUDGET DOLLARS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

Jason Warner
Manager of Government Affairs
Greater Ohio Policy Center
The Capital Appropriations Budget, generally approved in the second year of a biennium, provides funding for projects involving the acquisition, construction, equipment, or renovation of buildings and other facilities of government agencies other than Department of Transportation assets.

Over the years, funding has been expanded to include a multitude of “public purpose” projects as well.
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.
Some capital improvements are funded directly by appropriations from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) or some other state fund that is credited with revenue from taxes or fees. However, most capital improvements are financed from funds that are credited with bond proceeds.

Projects funded in the capital budget can also be for general maintenance issues, while others are project-specific.
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS 101

For agencies that receive block funds for projects, political entities can then apply to those agencies for funds after the budget is completed.

Projects that are directly funded will receive the funds from the appropriated agency without the need to make a formal application for funding.
2018 CAPITAL BUDGET

House Bill 529
$1,750,952,489 State Agency Capital Projects
$ 69,223,834 Multi-County Projects
$ 805,690,761 Specific Projects
$2,625,867,084 Total Budget
(including re-appropriations)

Introduced: February 26, 2018
Passed the House: March 7, 2018
Passed the Senate: March 21, 2018
Signed by the Governor: March 29, 2018

GREATER OHIO POLICY CENTER
Steps that need to be taken once you have answered your questions.

**Step 1**
Identify what project or projects your community looks to invest in that qualifies for capital funding.

**Step 2**
Coordinate with your local JobsOhio affiliate or Metropolitan Planning Organization on submitting the request for funding.

**Step 3**
Rally community support for the project to demonstrate popular appeal, mute any possible opposition.

**Step 4**
Communicate with local legislators in both the Ohio House and Ohio Senate to ensure that lawmakers will be supportive of project funding request. *Remain in constant contact throughout process.*
JASON WARNER, MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

jwarner@greaterohio.org

Greaterohio.org
Cultural Grants Approval Process

Jessica DeLong Bachman
Grants Administrator
Ohio Facilities Construction Commission
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
Background

- 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
Requirements

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

Expenditures Eligible for Reimbursement

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

Guiding capital construction projects for state agencies, state-supported universities and community colleges, including Ohio’s comprehensive public K-12 school construction and renovation program.
Funding & Grant Process - Website

Cultural Facilities Funding & Grant Process

To be considered for funding, you are responsible for first approaching your area’s representatives in the General Assembly. You can find the names of your legislators and their contact information by visiting the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate websites. Present your comprehensive project plan and estimated budget.

Projects that are successful in securing support are appropriated a specific amount of funds in a line item in Ohio’s biennial capital budget. Eligible projects are then “assigned” to the Commission for funding oversight.

There is no set grant amount, but project sponsors are required to match state funds at a ratio of 1 local dollar for every 2 state dollars.

Download Archived Grant Process Webinar

Grant Documents

- Grant Checklist (DOC)
- Grant Checklist Descriptions (PDF)
- Submittal Form (DOC)
- Project Approval Guidelines (PDF)
- Cooperative Use Agreement Template (for reference only) (PDF)
- Non-Disturbance and Estoppel Agreement (for reference only) (PDF)
Murphy Theatre - Wilmington, OH
Sauder Village - Archbold, OH
Jessica DeLong Bachman
Grants Administrator
jessica.delong@ofcc.ohio.gov

Chris Bruner
Grants Financial Analyst
chris.bruner@ofcc.ohio.gov
Q&A