MAYORS' PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS

Promoting Regional Cooperation and Advancement

Meeting Reminder: Thursday, February 13th at the Ohio University Inn and Conference Center at 12:00 PM

TECHCRED

TechCred gives employees the ability to earn technology-focused credentials, to better prepare them for a job. Employers are able to apply online and if approved, the state will reimburse up $2,000 of training after completion of the credential. A list of pre-approve credentials is provided on the website but employers are able to request a credential to be added to the list.

For more information and the applicatoin visit the the TechCred website.

WINTER CONNECT

Beginning October 14th through April 15th Ohio's electric and natural gas customers can reconnect or avoid disconnection of their utilities. Consumers may only use this Winter Reconnect Order during the months listed above. Consumers should speak to their utility company before using the Winter Reconnect Order. For more information on WRO, use this **fact sheet**.

OHIO DEPARMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Paddling Enhancement Grant is intended to improve or develop recreational boating access at public facilities. Additionally, two other grant programs are available to expand recreational opportunities. For more information, go to the ODNR website.

D**EADLINE: March 1st, 2020**

OHIO EPA

Since 2016, Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund has offered local health districts grant-like subsides to assists low-income homeowners repair and replace failing household sewage treatment systems. The funds come from principal forgiveness loans and do not need to be paid back. Homeowners are able to qualify for up to 100 percent of their repair costs or replacement. The program has served more than 2,000 repairs, replacements, and connections and the program will continue in 2020.

For more information contact Adam Pierce at adam.pierce@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 644-3642

VISTA UPDATE

The Medicaid and Appalachian Health, Socioeconomic Status, and Ecological OMAS Assessment study was completed by Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs with assistance from the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC). The study was undertaken to address foundational information about health statuses (medical, mental, dental), health risks (e.g., substance use, chronic disease, disability, etc.) determinants of health, health care services access, health care utilization, unmet health needs, health burdens, and socioeconomic indicators. **The report can be find here.**