

2021 OTA Online Conference

Course Description Quick Guide

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There's a Grant for That Kaye Borchers, Funding Specialist, Choice One Engineering	Townships, like all other governments, are seeing a reduction in revenue, yet their service requirements have not reduced. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the different types of grants available to townships and where to find information and applications. Received past certification.
Economic Development: Options for All Townships Chris Connelly, Attorney, Taft Stettinius & Hollister	Learn how your township can play an active role in promoting and supporting economic development. Townships have numerous tools that can be utilized to encourage economic development within their jurisdiction. See how your community, regardless of population or budget, can take advantage of the tools in the toolbox. Received past certification.
Best Practices for Your Township Ben Yoder, Attorney, Frost Brown Todd LLC	Township officials deal with a variety of issues, but there are things that all townships have in common. This session will cover best practices in several key areas, such as meetings, minutes and records, employees, budgeting, and procurement. Received past certification.
Sustaining Your Parks and Recreation Department into the Future Tom O'Rourke, Professor of Practice, Clemson University	Many local governments are having financial difficulties as a result of the coronavirus, but the financial hardships facing park and recreational programs was looming even before the virus. Using private partners and vendors is the future of the parks and recreation profession. This seminar will outline the problem for parks and recreation departments and their programs...money. Attendees will learn how to sustain operations when the money dries up.
Administering Federal Grants: Lessons from the CARES Act Stacie Massey, State Accounting Manager 3, Ohio Office of Budget and Management	Many townships will agree this year, the learning curve with the CARES Act was rather steep. But what can we all take away from this experience? Since many of the requirements for federal grants and funding are similar, townships can apply their experience with the CARES Act going forward and supplement it with additional information. This session will review universal concepts with federal funding, so that you're a step ahead for the next funding opportunity.
Property Tax Collection in Ohio: A Township's Bread and Butter Jill Thompson, County Auditor, Athens County	County government's primary source of revenue is the "piggyback" sales tax. Many municipalities rely on the local income taxes as the primary source of general fund revenue. For townships, the property tax is the mainstay of township operations. This session will focus on the collection and administration of Ohio's property tax. Got questions about Ohio's property tax credit programs, how property is appraised, tax reduction factors, fixed sum and fixed rate levies, tax abatements, or delinquent taxes? Then this session is for you. Received past certification.
Single Audit Act: What You Need to Know Courtney Shalosky, Quality Assurance & Technical Specialist, Ohio Auditor of State	Under federal law, townships that spend over \$750,000 in federal grants during their fiscal year are subject to the Single Audit Act. Due to significant funding associated with the CARES Act, many townships may be subject to Single Audit for the first time. This session will summarize what your township needs to know to be prepared for a single audit. If you think your township will be subject to Single Audit Act requirements, the OTA highly recommends that you attend this session.
Township Road Funding 101 Heidi Fought, Director of Governmental Affairs, Ohio Township Association	Of the over 122,000 miles of road in Ohio, townships are responsible for the maintenance of 41,387 miles and 80,000 lane miles. Attendees will learn the different ways roads are funded in townships, including levies, permissive fees and grants. Additionally, a brief overview will be provided as to proper expenses for road funds. Received past certification.