



# County News Now

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## Cuyahoga County Resources, Services and Information for You



### **Mortgage Assistance Available NOW**

County homeowners who have been impacted by COVID-19 may be eligible for mortgage payment assistance. County Council approved \$2 million of the County CARES Act funding received through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant program to provide a one-time, zero interest deferred loan to urban County homeowners who meet HUD eligibility guidelines and who have difficulty paying their mortgages because of the financial impact of COVID-19. Assistance is available while funds last.

[Apply for Mortgage Assistance](#)



### **County Executive Issues Executive Orders Elevating Opportunities for Minority Owned Businesses**

County Executive Armond Budish has issued a set of executive orders aimed at instituting a more robust race and gender-conscious program within Cuyahoga County's procurement procedures. The Executive Orders address findings from a 2020 disparity study which revealed that, despite good efforts by the County, there is a disparity between the number of available Minority and Women Business Enterprises and the number of those firms that have been awarded contracts from the County.

[Read the Executive Orders](#)

## Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity

A Status Report to the Community



WE ARE IN THE THROES OF A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE

### CACE Releases Status Report to Community

The Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity has released its first Status Report, containing an abundance of findings, recommendations and aspirations regarding how best to combat structural racism in Cuyahoga County. Their research and information-gathering confirms what many of us already know--that many systems and institutions we rely on or use frequently can perpetuate structural racism both overtly and covertly. The work is nowhere near done--CACE is just getting started. You can stay up-to-date on their work and opportunities for public comment on their website.

[Read the Report](#)



### Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program Will Help Plant Thousands

The County is launching its second round of the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program this month, which will support communities in the planting of thousands of trees across Cuyahoga County. Planting more trees in our community has a positive impact on the health and well-being of residents. With these funds, municipalities can keep putting in the work to revitalize and expand their existing tree canopies through planning and implementation. Applications will be available in the coming weeks on the Planning Commission website.

[Learn About the County's Tree Planting Efforts](#)

### Learn About the Sanitary Team!

The work the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Team does on a day-to-day basis isn't exactly glamorous work. Clogged pipes can lead to some unpleasant smells. But the work is well worth it, as residents tend to be grateful when the Sanitary Team shows up at their door. The Sanitary Team has agreements with the majority of municipalities to provide emergency repairs and services for eliminating blocked laterals and sewer mains. Learn more from this video profile!

