



# County News Now

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## Cuyahoga County Resources, Services and Information for You



### How Would You Like to See the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Spent?

Cuyahoga County has launched a new webpage seeking feedback from residents on how to use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The website details the areas where ARPA funding can be spent, it also provides an overview of CARES Act funding, which was used to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and maintain County services. Cuyahoga County will receive roughly \$240 million in direct funding from ARPA over two years. Submissions will be reviewed and considered by the Office of the Cuyahoga County Executive and County Council.

[Learn More and Submit Your Idea](#)



### Summer Utility Assistance Available for the County's Older Adults

Cuyahoga County is once again participating in a statewide program to assist older adults and adults with disabilities with their summer utility bills. Ohio's 2021 [Home Energy Assistance Program's](#) (HEAP) Summer Crisis Program (SCP) provides eligible households with a one-time benefit to assist with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases. Last summer, the Division of Senior and Adult Services helped over 200 older adults with utility assistance. The maximum benefit amounts for the 2021 program are \$500 for customers of regulated utilities and \$800 for customers of unregulated utilities (municipal utilities or cooperatives). Household income must be at or below 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines,

among other criteria. For more information and application assistance, please contact the Division of Senior and Adult Services at **216-420-6700** or visit [dsas.cuyahogacounty.us](https://dsas.cuyahogacounty.us).

**Apply for the Home Energy Assistance Program**



**Office of Innovation & Performance  
Long-Term Digital Inclusion Strategy  
Request for Proposals Now Open**

The Cuyahoga County Office of Innovation & Performance is accepting Request for Proposal (RFP) applications from local organizations to solicit solutions and partnerships to expand affordable, high-speed broadband services to those lacking internet access in Cuyahoga County. The RFP is part of the Office of Innovation & Performance's long-term digital inclusion strategy aimed at getting residents connected to the internet to increase opportunity and enhance quality of life. Ready-to-deploy ideas or projects can range from new products and pricing, new service options with discounted rates, free Wi-Fi solutions that residents can reach from their homes, or other innovative approaches employing established or emerging technologies. The RFP will be open until September 6 at 11:00 a.m.

**Learn More About the Request  
for Proposals**

**Deadline to File Second Half 2020  
Property Taxes is Thursday, July 15**

The Cuyahoga County Treasury has mailed property tax bills to over 300,000 county residents. The funds collected from property taxes provide vital revenue to educate our local youth, to provide police and fire protection, maintain our great libraries, and support county services such as job creation and attraction. There are several safe and secure ways to pay your tax bill. The last day to pay 2020 Second Half Property Taxes without penalty is Thursday, July 15, 2021.

**View and Pay Your Tax Bill**