



# CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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CORPO addresses the unique transportation planning needs of each member county and facilitates regional coordination. This newsletter outlines products, services, news, and events relevant to CORPO member counties.

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## 2026 – 2027 CORPO Dedicated Funds Program

CORPO will solicit applications for the 2026 – 2027 CORPO Dedicated Funds program this summer. The two-year cycle will have funds available for member-selected, eligible transportation projects within CORPO member counties. Below is the adopted schedule for the 2026 – 2027 program. More information on the program, including the Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds document and the amount of funding available, will be shared soon.

2026 – 2027 CORPO Dedicated Funds Program Schedule						
July 7	July 9	Aug. 8	Aug. 8 – Aug. 29	Sept. 4	Sept. 8 -Oct. 10	Nov. 3
<b>Application window opens</b>	Online applicant workshop. More info to come.	<b>Application window closes at 5 PM</b>	Staff review and scoring evaluation of applications.	CORPO Funds Selection Committee meets to make funding recommendations	Public comment period on draft list of selected projects.	<b>CORPO Committee meets to approve funding commitments</b>

## May CORPO Committee Meeting Recap

The CORPO Committee met on May 5. See the recap of the Committee action items below.

- ❖ [Resolution 1 – 25](#) adopted the 2026 [CORPO Planning Work Program](#).
- ❖ [Resolution 2 – 25](#) adopted the new CORPO Committee Bylaws, which will now be reviewed by the MORPC legal team and then go for adoption by the Commission.
- ❖ [Resolution 3 – 25](#) approved the [2026 – 2029 CORPO Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#).
- ❖ [Resolution 4 – 25](#) approved requested budget increases for two projects that received [CORPO Dedicated Funds](#) awards.
- ❖ [Resolution 5 – 25](#) approved the [Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds](#) for the 2026 – 2027 funding cycle.

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Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway & Union Counties



## Funding Applications and Opportunities

CORPO Staff are available to assist with funding applications and technical assistance.

- ❖ **Township Safety Sign Program, ODOT**- Up to \$50K in signs, posts, and hardware to improve the safety of their roadways based on previous 5 years crash history. Any township which has not previously been funded is eligible to apply. A reminder will be emailed to eligible CORPO townships. The deadline to apply is **June 6**.
- ❖ **Small City Program, ODOT**- This program provides federal funds to small cities with populations from 5,000 to 24,999 that are not located within a MPO's boundaries. This program may be used for any road, safety, or signal project on the Federal-aid system, with a project funding limit of \$2 million per project. **Eligible cities in CORPO are Circleville, London, and Mt. Vernon. The deadline to apply is June 15.**
- ❖ **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), USDOT**- 2 types of grants available- Planning & Demonstration and Implementation. Planning & Demonstration funds action plans, as well as supplemental planning activities and demonstration activities in support of an action plan. Implementation grants fund projects to implement actions identified in a safety action plan. [Reference the CORPO Safety Action here](#). The application deadline is **June 26**.
- ❖ **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Abbreviated Safety Application, ODOT**- This program is intended to fund potentially less complex safety improvements quickly. Eligible projects need to be simple (under \$500,000 and must be constructed within 2 years), utilize proven safety countermeasures, and be in a location with 3 crashes per year. Applications are due for review 4 times per year and the next window closes **June 30**.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ ODOT is hosting **Stakeholder Workshops** for its long-range transportation plan, **Access Ohio 2050**, throughout May. [Details and a survey link are available here](#).
- ❖ MORPC is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> of a forum series, [Securing our Energy Future: Landscape of Energy Planning](#) on **May 15**, 12:30-2:30 pm and it includes speakers to discuss the rise of data centers, spike in energy demand, and how best to prepare for large economic opportunities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event of the forum series, titled **Energy Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development at MORPC**, will be **June 5**. Questions to [bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org).
- ❖ MORPC is hosting the [STEPZ Workshop](#) for planning staff on **May 20**, 9 am – 2:30 PM. The workshop is designed for planning staff to strengthen their understanding of zoning processes, development challenges, and strategic growth management. Questions to [talam@morpc.org](mailto:talam@morpc.org).
- ❖ The first **Rural Forum Series 2025**, [Dynamic Community Engagement](#) is **May 21** in Canal Winchester. The forum includes subject matter experts, interactive sessions, and keynote lunch. Questions to [eleuby@morpc.org](mailto:eleuby@morpc.org).
- ❖ MORPC and partners will host the [Transportation Innovation Forum](#) on **June 4**, noon – 4:30 PM at OSU Vitria on the Square to provide a platform for engaging conversations on innovative transportation systems. The forum will include two plenary sessions and 3 breakout sessions focused on innovation in the public sector, supply chain and freight, and transit.