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Tuesday, July 27, 2021 Fairfield County Commission Awards Fairfield County Agricultural Society with

American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds Subgrant

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners announced an American Rescue Plan (ARP) subgrant award to the Fairfield County Agricultural Society in the amount of \$500,000.

The purpose of the subgrant is to support projects that address the negative impact to the tourism and travel industry from not being able to hold a County Fair during the COVID19 pandemic and to support the County Fair as part of the tourism and travel industry, ultimately benefitting the Fairfield County economy as the community comes out of the pandemic and recovers from the public health emergency. The ARP subgrant will be used for fair operations in 2021 and 2022 as well as to paint historical buildings at the fairgrounds, improve technology, and repave a small portion of road that was used when the Ed Sands building served as a vaccination site.

Commissioner Dave Levacy, Board President, stated, "The County Fair's importance dates back to a history when people loved to get together and celebrate. They celebrated successful learning and showed their best harvest, livestock, and crafts. The County Fair is a celebration everyone looks forward to – and that is something we need as we collectively come out of the pandemic. This is a time of hope."

The 2021 Fairfield County Fair will be held October 10th through the 16th. The Commission is excited to have the fair back for 2021 after being canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

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