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### Grant Writing Services for Fairfield County Townships and Villages

**Lancaster, Ohio** - Under the auspices of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Fairfield County Commissioners have selected Hicks Partners to provide grant writing services for Townships and Villages located in Fairfield County.

Hicks Partners will seek and apply for grants on behalf of townships and villages located in Fairfield County based on feedback received. Hicks Partners will provide technical assistance and planning support to help with problem solving for issues that have arisen from the pandemic and its negative effects to the economy.

An informational meeting for village and township personnel will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at the Fairfield County Government Services Building located at 239 W. Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. An option to attend virtually will be available.

“We are excited work with Fairfield County to help local communities identify and apply for state and federal grants,” said Brian Hicks, President & CEO of Hicks Partners. “This is an extraordinary opportunity for villages and townships in the County to fund worthy projects by leveraging federal or state dollars to pay for most or even all of the costs of a project in some cases. A considerable amount of grant funding is available and we expect even more opportunities to be announced in the coming months.”

Since many villages and townships have limited staffing it can be difficult for them to have the time to find and apply of grants. The Fairfield County Commissioners chose to use ARPA funds to help fill those needs while providing a longer-term approach to recovering from the pandemic.

“The county wants to use these ARPA funds to make sure our communities are built for long-term success in recovering from the pandemic,” Fairfield County Deputy Administrator Aundrea Cordle said. “We have been very strategic in how we use these funds because we want them to have a lasting impact in our county. We believe Hicks Partners will be a great resource for our villages and townships in identifying needs for their communities and securing grants to help meet those needs.”

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About Hicks Partners:

Based in Columbus, Ohio, Hicks Partners has successfully coordinated economic development and grant pursuits and applications since their establishment more than 18 years ago utilizing their team’s breadth of experience. The Hicks Partners team delivers a comprehensive approach to ensure client’s needs are met by providing more than nine decades of combined experience and tenacity to accomplish results throughout all branches and levels of government. Their cross-functional team is dedicated to achieving their client’s objectives while drawing on their established grant writing experience, and policy and communications expertise at the regional, state, and federal levels of government.

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