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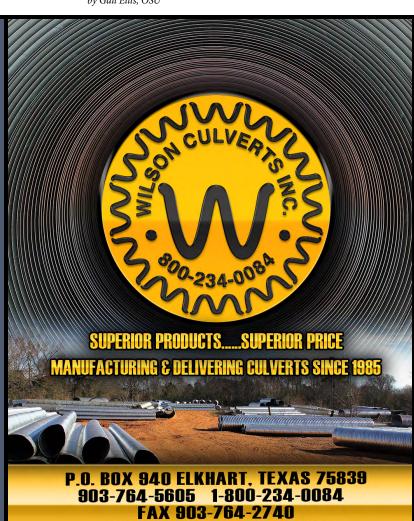


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# ACCO's New Grant Page

#### Author: Chris Schroder, ACCO Executive Director

I am circling back to an item I have discussed for a couple of months. ACCO has created a new page on our website dedicated to grants and funding opportunities available to counties. It seems that grants are becoming more common at both the state and federal level. There are an estimated 1,900 grants available just at the federal level alone.

When most people think of grants, they think of transportation. But these grants cover a wide variety of services such as used tires, equipment, recycling, community arts, agriculture, wastewater, and much more.

Grant Program	Brief Summary	Granting Entity	Contact	Application Open	Application Due Date
Community Arts Grants	Provides up to \$2,500 to help eligible organizations provide festivals, exhibits and performances that impact their communities.	Oklahoma Arts Council	Martyna Sandoval 405-521-2040	May be Submitted at Any Time	May be Submitted at Any Time
Community Revitalization Program	Provides assistance for the assessment and cleanup of sites or buildings with environmental hazards like asbestos and lead based paint.	Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality	Trenton Wilhelm (405) 702- 5108 trenton.wilhelm@deq.ok.gov	Year Round	Year Round
County Road Machinery and Equipment	A state funded lease-purchase program for county equipment.	Oklahoma Department of Transportation / County Advisory Board (CAB)	Jessica Kratchmer: 405-215-1372	8-1-23	10-1-23
Emergency and Transportation Revolving Fund (Loan Program)	Program provides interest free loans for road and bridge projects. The ETR Fund functions as a "infrastructure bank" helping counties with cash flow.	Oklahoma Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board (OCCEDB)	Melinda Anoatubby 580-235-2688	Continuously	None

With grants being more prevalent than ever before, this webpage attempts to gather them all in one location. These grants come in all sizes and range from simple applications to those that are more complex. Regardless, securing these funds can be a transformation for your county while protecting your general fund and maintenance dollars.

It's our hope this webpage can be a one stop shop for funding opportunities. The grants are divided into two categories: state and federal. Each grant has a link that provides a description of the grant, who is eligible, how to apply, who to contact, etc.

We hope this can be a service to you and will continue to add grants as we become aware. Follow this link https://www.okacco.com/grants.html to visit the page or go to okacco.com and click on the grants tab.



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# Mitchell named head of ODOT's Local Government Division

Matthew Mitchell was named the Local Government Division Engineer for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in August. He will be responsible for all interactions and projects partnered with local governments, including county roads and bridges, sidewalks and bicycle paths. This position also implements the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges program and coordinates with county commissioners on projects using state and federal funds.

Mitchell most recently served as the rural construction engineer for ODOT's District 4 in central and north central Oklahoma. He first joined the department as an inspectorwith the Stillwater Residency in 2009. While attending OSU, he worked with the Oklahoma State University Roadway Design Squad starting in 2011. Mitchell's other previous department roles include District 4 bridge engineer, District 4 area maintenance engineer and Stillwater resident engineer.

A graduate of OSU, Mitchell holds Bachelor's degrees in Biological Sciences and Civil Engineeringand is a member of the Oklahoma Association of County Engineers and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. He also serves on the City of Stillwater Drainage Appeal Board.

Mitchell and his wife, Jenn, currently reside in Stillwater with their two daughters.



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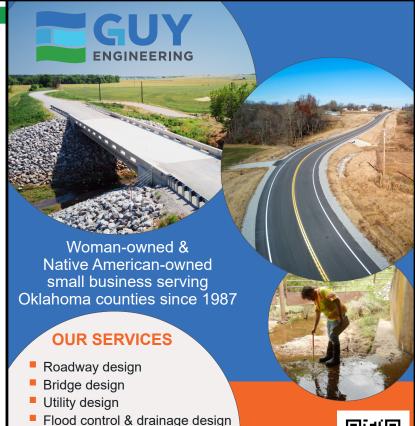
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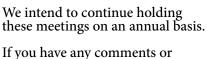


#### **ACCO District Meetings**

#### Author: Randy Robinson, OCCEDB Executive Director

We're approaching our last, 8th, ACCO district meeting for this summer. This week, our District 3 meeting will take place in Hugo. We've already had meetings in Alva, Clinton, Duncan, Bartlesville, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, and Shawnee covering various topics related to ACCO insurance programs (SIG/SIF), Safety and Loss Control, CDL's, Legislation, Interim Studies, Solid Waste Program, Crash Facts information, County Highway Funding and Disaster documentation.

The key attendees at most of these meetings have been Chris Schroder, Dusty Birdsong, Dale Frech, Melinda Anoatubby, and myself. State Legislators and staff from our state's congressional delegation also attended. These gatherings benefit both us and the County Commissioners. They provide valuable insights into the specific issues faced in local areas.



suggestions concerning these meetings, please email them to me, randyr@okacco.com.

Thank you



ACCO District 3 meeting, Hugo



Left to right – Carl Newton, State Representative; Casey Murdock, State Senator, Randy McMurphy, Woods County Commissioner; Max Hess, Grant County Commissioner



ACCO District 2 meeting, Muskogee



ACCO District 7 meeting, Clinton



ACCO District 6 meeting, Duncan



Left to right – Robert Endicott, Cherokee Nation; Jim Rogers, Sequoyah County Commissioner; Blake Cowboy Stephens, State Senator, Larry Wood, Adair County Commissioner; Clif Hall, Cherokee County Commissioner



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# Ensuring Safety and Security: The Vital Role of Staffing Analysis in Correctional Facilities

Author: Joe Koerner, ACCO Director of Training

Correctional facilities play a critical role in society by ensuring the safe and secure confinement of individuals who have been deemed a threat to public safety. Maintaining a well-functioning and secure environment within these facilities requires meticulous planning, effective management, and most importantly, a comprehensive staffing analysis. As a jail administrator, I firmly believe that staffing analysis is an indispensable tool for enhancing safety and security measures within correctional facilities. In this article, we will explore the importance of staffing analysis and its significant impact on maintaining order and promoting the well-being of both staff and inmates.

1. Promoting Staff Safety

The safety of correctional staff is paramount, as they work in a highly challenging and potentially volatile environment. By conducting a staffing analysis, we can determine the appropriate staff-to-inmate ratio that ensures optimal safety for our personnel. Adequate staffing levels allow for enhanced supervision, quick response times during emergencies, and effective control over potential disturbances. Furthermore, a comprehensive analysis can identify critical areas that require increased staffing, such as intake and booking processes, medical facilities, or housing units with a high-risk inmate population. By addressing these specific needs, we can mitigate risks and prevent incidents that could jeopardize the safety and well-being of staff members.

2. Preventing Inmate-on-Inmate Violence

Correctional facilities are inherently prone to inmate-on-inmate violence, which can pose significant challenges to safety and security. Staffing analysis allows administrators to identify potential flashpoints and anticipate areas of concern where conflicts may arise. By deploying an adequate number of well-trained staff members in these identified areas, we can deter potential altercations and swiftly intervene to prevent them from escalating. Moreover, proper staff distribution facilitates effective monitoring of inmate activities, ensuring that potential issues are identified and addressed in a timely manner. This proactive approach helps to foster a safer environment for both staff and inmates.

3. Mitigating Contraband Risks

Contraband, including drugs, weapons, and cell phones, poses a grave threat to the safety and security of correctional facilities. By conducting a staffing analysis, administrators can identify areas and activities that are vulnerable to contraband smuggling. Adequate staffing levels facilitate the implementation of comprehensive search procedures, thorough inspections, and effective monitoring systems, reducing the chances of contraband entering the facility. Additionally, well-staffed control points and screening areas enhance the facility's ability to detect and prevent the circulation of contraband among inmates, significantly minimizing the potential for violence or illicit activities.

4. Ensuring Effective Emergency Response

Correctional facilities must be prepared to handle emergencies swiftly and efficiently. Staffing analysis plays a crucial role in determining the number of trained staff members available to respond to various incidents, such as fights, medical emergencies, or natural disasters. By evaluating historical data, facility layout, and anticipated risks, administrators can identify potential gaps in emergency response coverage. By addressing these gaps through appropriate staffing adjustments, we can minimize response times, ensure the safety of staff and inmates, and mitigate the impact of emergencies within the facility.

Staffing analysis is an indispensable tool for jail administrators to ensure the safety and security of correctional facilities. By carefully evaluating staffing levels, identifying vulnerabilities, and implementing targeted measures, administrators can create an environment that is conducive to maintaining order, preventing violence, and safeguarding the well-being of both staff and inmates. Investing in comprehensive staffing analysis demonstrates our commitment to effective correctional management and serves as a testament to our unwavering dedication to public safety.



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#### New Funding Available for Storm Debris Assistance

#### Author: Melinda Anoatubby, OCCEDB Transportation Programs Administrator

DEQ is piloting a new program through OCCEDB for Storm Debris Cleanup Assistance. The program allows counties to clean up debris located within county right-of-way, after a natural disaster has occurred. Counties reimbursement will be based on the current FEMA rates for employees, equipment, etc. Before and after pictures of the clean-up site will be required. Once the site has been cleaned up, the before and after pictures and a total of all associated costs will be forwarded to OCCEDB for reimbursement.

A natural disaster must occur and be declared by one of the following:

The Board of County Commissioners

II. State of Oklahoma

III. Federal

Definition: Natural disasters include all types of severe weather, which have the potential to pose a significant threat to human health and safety, property, critical infrastructure, and security. This assistance program prepares counties for a variety of natural disasters, including winter storms, floods, tornados, wildfires, earthquakes, high winds or any combination thereof.

Types of allowable reimbursement

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Illegal Dump - INVOICES D	UE MAY 31, 202			
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Atoka 3	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Bryan 2	Illegal Dump		3,000.00	
Bryan 3	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Caddo 3	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Cherokee 1	Illegal Dump	_	3,200.00	
Cherokee 3	Illegal Dump		3,200.00	
Choctaw 1	Illegal Dump	_	4,200.00	
Choctaw 2	Illegal Dump		4,200.00	
Choctaw 3	Illegal Dump		4,200.00	
Cimarron 2	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Coal 2	Illegal Dump		4,200.00	
Coal 3	Illegal Dump	_	4,200.00	
Cotton 1	Illegal Dump		2,000.00	
Cotton 2	Illegal Dump		2,000.00	
Cotton 3	Illegal Dump		2,000.00	
Creek 1	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Creek 2	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Garvin 2	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Grady 3	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Grant 1	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Grant 2	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Grant 3	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Hughes 1	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Johnston 1	Illegal Dump		3,000.00	
Johnston 2	Illegal Dump		3,000.00	
Johston 3	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Kay 3	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Kiowa 1	Illegal Dump	·	2,500.00	
Latimer 1	Illegal Dump	_	4,200.00	
Latimer 2	Illegal Dump	·	4,200.00	
Latimer 3	Illegal Dump		4,200.00	
Linclon 1	Illegal Dump	·	2,500.00	
Linclon 2	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Linclon 3	Illegal Dump		3,000.00	
Logan 1	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
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Logan 3	Illegal Dump	_	4,200.00	
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McIntosh 2	Illegal Dump		4,200.00	
Murray 1	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Murray 2	Illegal Dump		4,200.00	

llegal Dump - INVOICES DUE MAY 31, 2024				
Murray 3	Illegal Dump	\$	2,500.00	
Nuskogee 1	Illegal Dump	\$	2,500.00	
Nuskogee 2	Illegal Dump	\$	3,000.00	
Auskogee 3	Illegal Dump		4,000.00	
Noble 1	Illegal Dump	\$	2,000.00	
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Okfuskee 2	Illegal Dump	\$	2,500.00	
Okfuskee 3	Illegal Dump		2,500.00	
Oklahoma #1	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Okmulgee 3	Illegal Dump	\$	2,500.00	
Osage 2	Illegal Dump	\$	3,500.00	
Pawnee 1	Illegal Dump	\$	3,500.00	
Pawnee 2	Illegal Dump		4,000.00	
Pawnee 3	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
ayne 1	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Payne 2	Illegal Dump	\$	1,500.00	
Payne 3	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Pottawatomie 3	Illegal Dump	\$	3,000.00	
Rogers 1	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Rogers 2	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Rogers 3	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
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Seminole 2	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Seminole 3	Illegal Dump	\$	3,000.00	
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ulsa 2	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
ulsa 3	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Vagoner 1	Illegal Dump		4,200.00	
Vagoner 2	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Vagoner 3	Illegal Dump		4,200.00	
Vashita 1	Illegal Dump	\$	4,200.00	
Vashita 3	Illegal Dump	\$	2,000.00	
Voods 2	Illegal Dump	\$	2,000.00	

County / Entity	Project	Awarded amount		
Equipment - INVO	CES DUE 2/28/24			
Seminole 3	Chipper	\$	30,000.00	
Latimer 2	Chipper	\$	30,000.00	
Ottawa 1	Chipper	\$	30,000.00	
Okmulgee 1	Chipper	\$	10,000.00	
Stephens 1	Chipper	\$	30,000.00	
Coal 1	Chipper	\$	30,000.00	
Leflore 3	Chipper	\$	30,000.00	
Payne 3	Chipper	\$	28,000.00	
Oklahoma 3	Chipper	\$	25,000.00	

County / Entity	Project	Awarded amount
SW Equipment / Ch	nainsaw- INVOIC	ES DUE 2/28/24
Adair 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Adair 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Adair 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Alfalfa 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Beaver 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Beaver 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Bryan 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Caddo 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Cimarron 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Cleveland 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Coal 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Coal 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Custer 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Craig 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Creek 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Creek 2	Chainsaws	\$600.00
Dewey 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Garvin 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Grant 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Jefferson 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Kiowa 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Latimer 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Latimer 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Latimer 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Linclon 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Linclon 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Logan 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Major 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00
Marshall 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00

Trash Cop- REPORTS DUE 2/28/24				
Trash Cop	\$	4,500.00		
Trash Cop	\$	4,500.00		
	Trash Cop	Trash Cop \$		

Project

County / Entity

County / Entity	Project	Awarded amount			
SW Equipment / Chainsaw- INVOICES DUE 2/28/24					
Mayes 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
McIntosh 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
McIntosh 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Muskogee 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00 \$ 1,500.00			
Muskogee 2	Chainsaws				
Nowata 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Okfuskee 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Oklahoma #1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Oklahoma #3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Okmulgee 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Okmulgee 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Ottawa 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Ottawa 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Ottawa 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Pawnee 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Pawnee 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Pontotoc 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Pontotoc 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Pottawatomie 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Texas 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Texas 2	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Texas 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Tulsa 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Woods 1	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.00			
Woodward 3	Chainsaws	\$ 1,500.08			
•	Contract amount				
	with admin	\$ 655,000.00			
	Contract amount				
	without admin	\$ 620,000.00			



#### **2023 Solid Waste Summary**

Author: Melinda Anoatubby, OCCEDB Transportation Programs Administrator

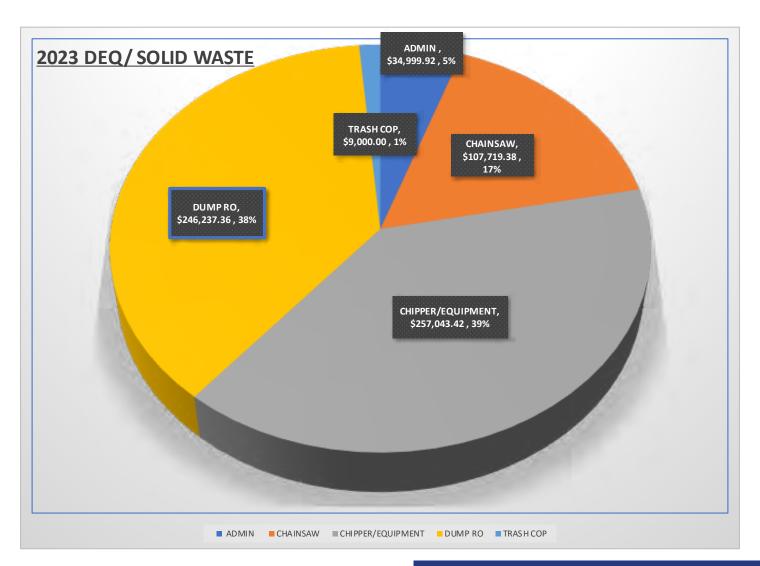
A total of 53 participating counties received funding for FY 2023.

\$655,000 Contract. The funds were spent as

\$9,000.00	1%
\$34,999.92	5%
\$107,719.38	17%
\$246,237.36	38%
\$257,043.42	39%
\$655,000.08	
	\$34,999.92 \$107,719.38 \$246,237.36 \$257,043.42

County/districts were awarded the following:

- Chainsaws 55 counties/districts
- Chippers 10 counties/districts
- Dump Roll Off 51 counties/districts
- Trash Cop 3 counties



# A.C.C.O. – S.I.G. will apply Annual Aggregates to the (LEL) and (EPL) lines of coverage as of July 1st, 2023:

Author: Dusty Birdsong, Administrator, ACCO-SIG/ACCO-SIF

#### What is an Annual Aggregate Limit of Liability?

It is a provision in the liability coverage agreement that caps the maximum payout to an ACCO-SIG member for a series of losses that will ONLY apply to the Law Enforcement Liability (LEL) and Employment Practice Liability (EPL) lines of coverage that occur in a policy term.

**How Does the Annual Aggregate Work?** 

In all previous ACCO-SIG policy terms except for the 2023/2024 policy term there has been no annual aggregate limit of liability in place for these two lines of coverage therefore if a member filed ten 1 million dollar LEL claims in a policy term all ten claims would be covered up to 1 million dollars each. All ACCO-SIG counties currently have a 1 million dollar policy limit that applies to Law Enforcement Liability (LEL) and Employment Practice Liability (EPL) lines of coverage that occur in a policy term.

The below two examples only apply to the LEL line of coverage:

Example #1: ACCO-SIG member county has a 1 million dollar policy limit with a 2 million dollar annual aggregate, if TWO 1 million dollar LEL claims were paid out in the 2023/2024 policy term that members annual aggregate has been exhausted and all LEL claims filed subsequent to exhausting the TWO million dollar annual aggregate limit WILL NOT BE COVERED BY ACCO-SIG, all legal fees, expenses and potential judgements would be the responsibility of the member county for the remaining time frame left in the policy term on all open and non-reported LEL claims.

Exhausting the 2 million dollar annual aggregate could involve more than two 1 million dollar payouts as in the above example.

Example #2: ACCO-SIG member county has a 1 million dollar policy limit with a 2 million dollar annual aggregate, if a member county's first LEL claim had a \$500,000 dollar payout, their second LEL claim there was a \$500,000 payout, their third LEL claim there was a \$500,000 payout and then the county has a fourth LEL claim that cost 1 million dollars, in this example the member county has maxed out their 2 million

dollar annual aggregate limit of liability, the grand total of all 4 LEL claims equals \$2,500,000 million dollars. The county would be responsible for the \$500,000 that exceeds the 2 million dollar annual aggregate along with the cost to pay all non-reported LEL claims for the remaining time frame left in the policy term.

An annual aggregate will protect the ACCO-SIG pool from paying large amounts of pool dollars to a single pool member over a 12 month policy term that is experiencing excessive LEL and EPL claim activity.

It will also keep premiums affordable for those pool members that do not have excessive LEL and EPL claims activity along with stabilizing ACCO-SIG's liability reinsurance from increasing beyond acceptable levels which is what has happened over the last five policy terms.





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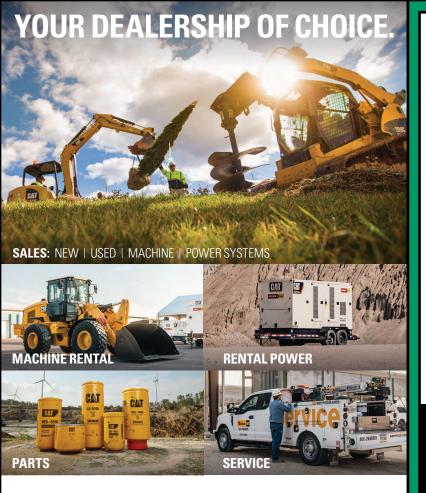
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Wednesday November 1st, 2023		Wedi	nesday November 1st,	2023	
6:30am	Exhibit Hall Early Set Up	OK "F- J"	4:00pm	Registration Closes	
7:30am	Registration Opens	East Lobby	5:30pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Closes</b>	
7:30am	Exhibit Hall Opens	OK "F-J"	5:45pm	Evening Meal	N. Conference Hallway
8:30am	ODOT CAB Meeting	Sooner A & B	7,20,000	Clamary Davida Damid	,
9:30am	County Engineers Meeting	Boomer A & B	7:30pm	Clancy Davis Band	OK "A,B,C"
10:00am	ACCO Ladies	PDR-1	Thu	rsday November 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	2023
10:00am	<b>Educational Session</b>	Oklahoma "E"	7:30am	Registration Opens	East Lobby
	Managing Overtime and Employees in the Public	<u>d</u> Sector	7:30am	Exhibit Hall Opens	OK "F-J"
		00000	7:30am	Visit with your Vendors	OK "F-J"
	Jacob Crawford McAfee & Taft		8:30am	ACCO Board Meeting	University "A"
11:30am	Visit With Your Vendors Lunch on Your Own		8:30am	ACCO SIG/SIF Board Meeting	University "A"
1,30nm	General Session	Oklahoma "E"	10:00am	<b>Educational Session</b>	OK "A, B, C"
1.50pm	1:30pm  General Session  Welcome  ACCO President  Commissioner Jim Rogers, Se			Proper Creation and Operation of Trust Jails	
				Chris Collins,	
	Invocation			Collins Zorn & Wagner, PLLO	
	National Anthem			Jeff Raley, Floyd & Driver Lawfirm	
	Oklahoma Secretary of State	Josh Cockroft	11:30am	OCCEDB Board Meeting	University "A"
	State Auditor Cindy Byrd		11:30am	Lunch on Your Own	
	Senator Jack Stewart			Educational Session	OK "A, B, C"
	ACCO Executive Board Elec	ctions	2:00pm		OK A, b, C
	Notie Lansford, OSU CTP			County Road Issues	
	Chris Schroder, ACCO Execu	ıtive Director		Randy Robinson, OCCEDB	
Following	District Meetings		3:00pm	Exhibit Hall Closes/Teardow	' <b>n</b>
General Session	ACCO District Elections:	2, 4, 6, 8	3:00pm	Registration Closes	
	SIG/SIF District Elections:	3, 4, 6	4:30pm	Ho Ho Ho Bingo & Buffet	OK "E"
	District #1	Oklahoma "E"		MUST BE PAID ATTENDEE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN	
	District #2 District #3 District #4	Oklahoma "A" University "A" University "B"	R	Registration Required For Al Conference Attendees	1

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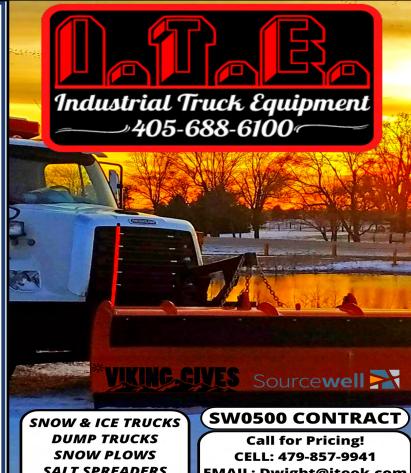








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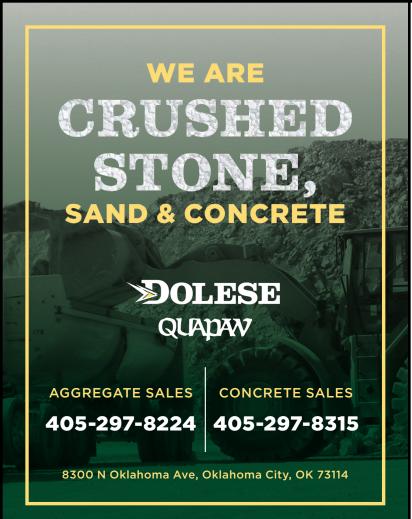
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### Deadline extended for letters of intent to pursue opioid abatement grants

**OKLAHOMA CITY (Sept. 21, 2023)** – Attorney General Gentner Drummond has extended the deadline for letters of intent for political subdivisions interested in pursuing opioid abatement grants. Letters are now due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board announced last month it plans to issue up to \$23 million in grant awards. Under the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act, eligible entities are limited to Oklahoma counties, incorporated municipalities, public school districts, technology school districts, and a public trust solely benefiting one of the political subdivisions.

Letters of intent to the board from eligible participants are required and can be submitted by email to oab@oag.ok.gov. The Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity and a form letter of intent for subdivisions' use can also be found on the Opioid Abatement Board webpage. (https://www.oag.ok.gov/opioid-abatement-board)

Approved use of the grants includes but is not limited to: treatment and recovery programs, assistance with co-occurring disorders and mental health issues, opioid abuse education and

prevention, efforts to ensure proper prescribing of opioids, and strategies to decrease the supply of narcotics.

The full list of approved uses can be found at https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocumentasp?CiteID=487122

The total number of grants awarded and amounts for each one, including any caps, are anticipated to be determined based on the number of letters of intent submitted in total and by each category of eligible political subdivisions. The Office of the Attorney General will hold webinars on the application and contract process, with additional details to be released later.

This marks the first distribution of funds for the board, which was established three years ago.

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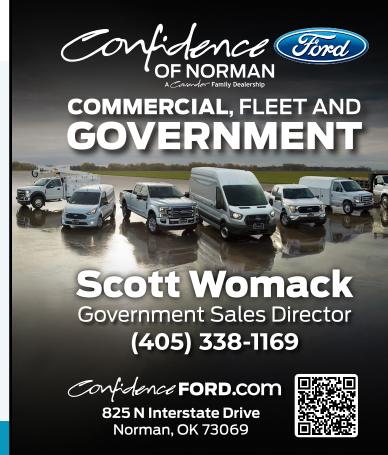
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# Oklahomans encouraged to advocate for broadband service amid first wave of ARPA funding

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A total of \$374 million in broadband infrastructure funding is currently available to Oklahoma broadband service providers to upgrade or install fiber-optic equipment in underserved areas of the state. (Photo by Todd Johnson, OSU Agriculture)

STILLWATER, Okla. – The submission window is now open for broadband service providers to apply for federal funding that will expand and improve Oklahoma broadband infrastructure.

Rural residents lacking access to a quality, high-speed internet connection are encouraged to advocate for broadband service with their qualifying providers.

The Oklahoma Broadband Office announced this month that service providers can compete for \$374 million in grant funding made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act to expand high-speed internet throughout the state. The application portal closes Oct. 9.

"This is the first time we've had any state-level money to help solve this problem," said Brian Whitacre, Oklahoma State University Extension specialist in rural economic development and chair of the Oklahoma Broadband Expansion Council. "Before, we were just relying on federal programs, but this is the first time we're hopefully going to take a big step toward solving this problem."

Whitacre said internet providers must specify the exact locations and buildings where they propose to expand or improve a broadband connection.

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"If your area or house is unserved, you can talk to local providers, such as electric cooperatives, and they can receive priority points for funding," he said. "Be vocal, talk to the provider in your area and tell it you need a connection."

To assist in identifying areas of the state with poor internet service, the Oklahoma Broad Office commissioned a firm to develop an interactive map that reports Oklahoma's current availability, speed and equity of internet service. Residents can zoom to an exact address and view the building's status of underserved, unserved or served. The new map will improve the accuracy of a similar diagram managed by the Federal Communications Commission and allow Oklahoma residents to offer feedback on connectivity data.

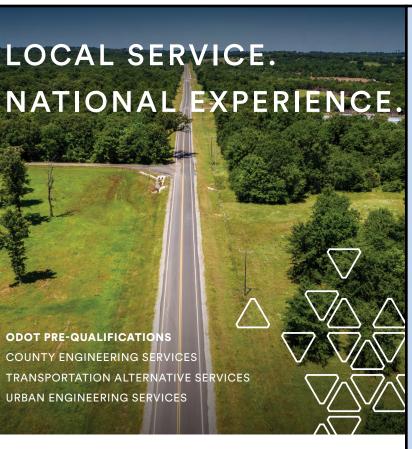
"It's striking that the larger numbers of unserved populations are in eastern Oklahoma, but the higher percentages of unserved individual homes and businesses are in the west," Whitacre said.

Following the Oct. 9 deadline for ARPA proposals, Oklahoma is slated to receive additional rounds of broadband infrastructure funding: \$167.7 million from the ARPA Capital Projects Fund and \$797.4 million in Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment funds.

"The ARPA funds will prioritize areas where a lot of unserved locations can be reached at once," Whitacre said. "The other pot of money will support remote residents in very hard-to-reach areas. Just because you're not connected this time around, we still think we can help you. It will just take a little longer."

To learn more about advocating for broadband improvements and expansion as well as the latest ARPA funding window, visit a local OSU Extension county office or public library.

For additional questions, contact Brian Whitacre in the OSU Department of Agricultural Economics at 405-744-9825 or brian.whitacre@okstate.edu.



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