



Franklin County

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

2022

STATE OF THE COUNTY REPORT

Every Resident, Every Day.



Welcome Letter


To our Franklin County Neighbors:

Welcome to the 2022 Franklin County State of the County report. We, at the Franklin County Board of Commissioners are proud of the work our county government does every day. We aim to provide the best public service to each of our residents.

The past year has continued to be filled with challenges for all of us – individually and as a community - as COVID-19 has continued. Our focus has been in helping our county navigate COVID-19, both through a public health lens and addressing its devastating consequences. The Board of Commissioners has teamed up with Franklin County Public Health and other community partners to help distribute vaccines as well as educate residents on their importance.

The Board of Commissioners provided assistance to our residents and our businesses to help them recover from COVID-19's impact. This report highlights a few initiatives, including grants and loans to small businesses, rental and mortgage assistance to families, and the distribution of COVID-19 home test kits. The report provides information about how our county hopes to use funding from the American Rescue Plan to help our community in the years to come.

Despite the pandemic, Franklin County continues to prosper. Our county is the largest county in Ohio as well as the only large urban county in the Midwest that is steadily growing. In the past ten years, our population has increased by nearly 20 percent and our population is projected to increase by hundreds of thousands of more people in the coming decades. Our region is home to thirteen colleges and universities, sixteen Fortune 1,000 companies and it is the number-one area in the Midwest for job growth. However, we know that many Central Ohio families are not able to get ahead, due to systematic barriers, no matter how hard they work. Furthermore, we know that our black and brown families face additional hurdles to succeed. The work of Franklin County's government is to help those families thrive, and not just survive.



The Franklin County government touches the lives of every one of our residents. We strive to best serve our residents – by being prudent fiscal agents with our community's tax dollars and helping uplift our residents in need.



Welcome Letter

We provide resources to families and individuals to meet their immediate needs as well as assistance to individuals to help them move up the economic mobility ladder. Our county Job and Family Services agency works with thousands of individuals and families to provide educational opportunities, family supports, workforce development, and emergency aid. Our Child Support division supports nearly 85,000 children, while our Office on Aging helps thousands of older residents by helping them stay in their own homes and delivering hot meals to their front doors. Franklin County helps support job growth through our Economic Development and Planning agency, supports non-profit agencies with our Community Partnership grants, and assists residents returning from incarceration with the resources they need to succeed with our Justice Policy and Programs team.

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Erica C. Crawley
Board of Commissioners President





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Community Safety, Security & Effective Justice

The general responsibilities of security and justice are among the most basic and most important that any county shoulders.

Nothing else can work well in the community if it isn't safe, and the commissioners' core principle committing to **Community Safety, Security, and Effective Justice** is one that they take very seriously. Almost 60% of the county's General Fund budget supports safety, security, and justice initiatives and agencies such as the sheriff, court systems, county jail, and the commissioners' office of Justice Policy and Programs.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

The Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, or EMA, coordinates disaster planning, education, warning, response, and recovery efforts in order to prepare and protect the residents of Franklin County before, during, and after natural and man-made disasters.

One of the things that EMA has been busiest with this year is the **ongoing COVID-19 response**, with which it has worked very closely with the commissioners and **Franklin County Public Health**.



The EMA's Emergency Operations Center continues to monitor daily COVID cases, statistics, and the availability of hospital rooms and ventilators, as well as managing requests for at-home test kits and distributing more than eight million pieces of personal protective equipment.



Community Safety, Security & Effective Justice

2021 EMA PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION

3,700,310

MASKS

4,832,000

GLOVES

75,300

GOWNS

122,030

FACE SHEILDS



EMA also oversees the Franklin County Medical Reserve Corp, the expansion of our community's Emergency Communications Radio System, and won an award as the first county "super-user" of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's new secure nationwide communications network.

COMPLEX COORDINATED TERRORIST ATTACK EXERCISE

In August of last year, the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security put on the largest emergency response exercise Central Ohio has ever seen, testing our community's ability to respond to a large-scale terrorist attack spread across multiple locations.

Franklin County was one of **28 sites around the nation** to receive a grant for such an exercise, which simulated several coordinated attacks **with volunteer actor "victims" at multiple locations.**



Community Safety, Security & Effective Justice



MORE THAN 80

public safety agencies took part in an exercise to prepare in case of a terrorist attack.

Responders had to quickly set up command posts and manage the deployment of patrol officers, SWAT teams, bomb squads, hazmat teams, and medical first responders--all from different departments. The whole exercise was overseen from EMA's Emergency Operations Center, and the ability of the various agencies to communicate and work together was tested in a real-world scenario. An extensive after-action report identified strengths and weaknesses to help the community better prepare for a terrorist attack.

One of the things that Ohio counties are constitutionally required to do is operate jail facilities.

Franklin County has two jails but is replacing the downtown jail, which was built more than 50 years ago and designed for an outdated model of corrections. **The new jail on Fisher Road will open in 2022, and is designed both with safety in mind and to reduce recidivism.**





Community Safety, Security & Effective Justice

CORONER

The Franklin County Coroner also just moved into a new state-of-the-art Forensic Science Center in the southwest part of our county.

The new facility is much larger and better-equipped than the previous one, and allows the coroner's team to perform more post-mortem examinations and process samples in the on-site lab much faster than before.



CORONER CASES BY YEAR





Community Safety, Security & Effective Justice

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

The commissioners' Office of Justice Policy and Programs serves as the Metropolitan County Criminal Justice Services Agency for Franklin County and coordinates with the county's Criminal Justice Planning Board.



Its team members oversee reentry planning for incarcerated residents returning to the community, intimate partner violence prevention, the national data driven Justice initiative called Stepping Up, and also incorporates CASA of Franklin County, the Court Appointed Special Advocates program that looks out for the best interests of children who don't have anyone else to speak for them.

In 2021, the office of Justice Policy and Programs opened a first-of-its-kind Rapid Resource Center in the county jail.



The Rapid Resource Center

Provides services directly to individuals or the family members of people who are being released from jail.



Community Safety, Security & Effective Justice

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

NARCAN DISTRIBUTED

1,928 Narcan kits were distributed to at-risk individuals released from Franklin County jails

2,103 SURVIVORS

of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking received victim services

THE RAPID RESOURCE CENTER

at the Jackson Pike Correctional Facility linked 1,141 people to benefits, clothing and more

JPP'S PATHWAYS PROGRAM

which provides case management services, assisted 80 women and 93 men prior to their release

TRAINING

was provided to 550 justice practitioners on the dynamics of domestic violence services

675 VULNERABLE YOUTH

who were abused or neglected and had proceedings with the Domestic and Juvenile Court were represented by CASA volunteers

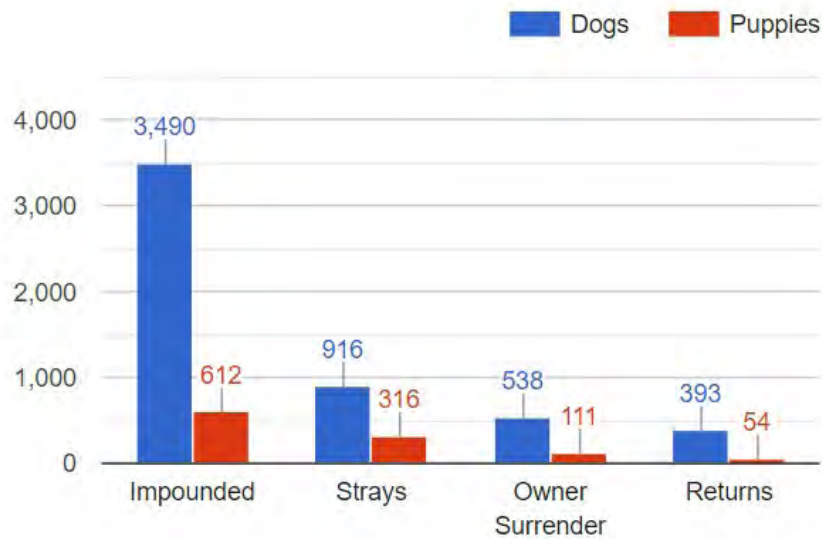


Community Safety, Security & Effective Justice

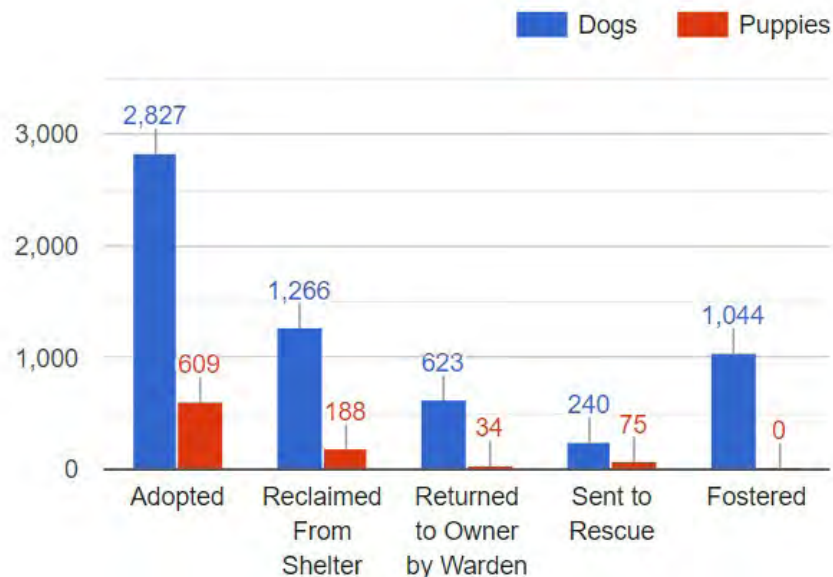
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

The Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center falls under the commissioners' department of Animal Care and Control, which enforces the laws related to dog ownership in order to keep the public safe as well as providing compassionate care and adoption services for the animals at our dog shelter.

INCOMING



OUTGOING





Community Safety, Security & Effective Justice





Job Creation, Strategic Economic Development, & Fiscal Security

A thriving economy and livable neighborhoods are pillars of any strong community, and growing that economy and ensuring that there are high quality jobs and affordable places for residents to live is one of the commissioners' primary focuses.

The county team engages in a lot of traditional economic development, and also supports our economy in other ways such as by working to bring large events to our convention center and sports venues, and also **by providing direct support to small businesses struggling in the pandemic economy, and investing heavily in affordable housing.**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

The commissioners' Department of Economic Development and Planning provides funding and technical assistance to support community development in Franklin County, as well as providing community planning, zoning, and code enforcement in unincorporated areas of the county.

787

ZONING APPLICATIONS

5,471

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

3,532

BUILDING PERMITS

124

NEW HOME PERMITS

\$707,289

BUILDING RECEIPTS

The county's economic development team engages in direct support to small businesses struggling in the pandemic economy, and investing heavily in affordable housing.



Job Creation, Strategic Economic Development, & Fiscal Security

This year, like many county agencies, the department of Economic Development and Planning has been focused largely on COVID-19 relief for Franklin County residents and businesses, including:

\$3,654,387

in grants and loans to small businesses

\$3,215,630

to support the homeless and prevent residents from becoming homeless

\$500,000

in workforce training for people who lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic

\$500,000

to provide 10,000 computers and internet hotspots (**with pre-paid broadband access**) to low-income students learning from home during the pandemic

\$700,000

in foreclosure prevention funds for people who lost jobs during the pandemic

\$411,730

for services to refugees and immigrants



Job Creation, Strategic Economic Development, & Fiscal Security

HOME PROGRAM

The agency also distributes federal Housing and Urban Development funds to support local community development and affordable housing. **Among these, our HOME program consistently ranks among the top in the nation in terms of leveraging its annual allocation. Other HUD funding highlights include:**

140

BUSINESSES ASSISTED

11,200

FAMILIES ASSISTED

210

HOMES CONSTRUCTED OR
REHABILITATED

18,750

TOOL RENTALS PROVIDED

3,175

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH
FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE

14

INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED
WITH DOWN PAYMENT
ASSISTANCE

One of the challenges of living in a thriving, growing community is the lack of affordable places for people to live in neighborhoods with transportation, jobs, shopping, and good schools.

The commissioners invest more than **\$23 million per year in affordable housing**. Touchstone Fields complex, which provides 50 affordable units, and seven other projects were in development last year.

TOUCHSTONE FIELDS COMPLEX





Job Creation, Strategic Economic Development, & Fiscal Security



McKinley Manor represents a public/private partnership to develop **44 new affordable housing units for low-income seniors**.

Situated in Franklinton, these homes are convenient to public transportation and steps from neighborhood amenities, and **will allow some of our older residents to remain in a community where they have lived for many years.**

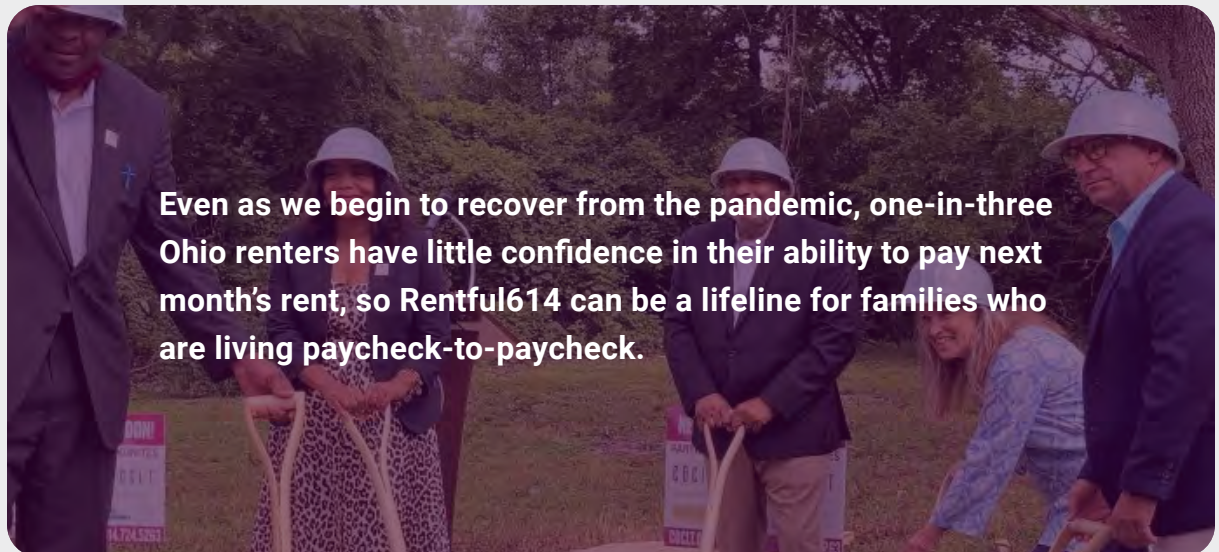
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Name	Location	Group	Unit	Amount
Enclave on Main	E Main St; City of Whitehall	Woda-Cooper	102	\$1,350,000.00
Starling Yard	W Broad St; Franklinton Area Commission	Woda-Cooper	97	\$1,350,000.00
Easton Place Homes Phase 2	Stelzer Rd; Northeast Area Commission	Homeport	100	\$1,350,000.00
The Reserve at Woodland (Maryland Ave)	Near East Area Commission	Connect Realty	74	\$1,350,000.00
West Broad 2021	Westland Area Commission	National Church Residents	92	\$1,350,000.00
McKinley Manor	W Broad St; Franklinton Area Commission	CMHA	44	\$660,000.00
Berwyn East Place	Livingston Ave; Mideast Area Commission	National Church Residents	88	\$1,320,000.00
Sub-Total			597	\$8,730,000.00



Job Creation, Strategic Economic Development, & Fiscal Security

In addition to the rental and mortgage assistance the commissioners have been providing throughout the pandemic, **their Economic Development and Planning team has also launched Rentful614**, a simple and easy-to-access website that connects Franklin County residents and their landlords with programs aimed at keeping them in or from losing their homes.



Even as we begin to recover from the pandemic, one-in-three Ohio renters have little confidence in their ability to pay next month's rent, so Rentful614 can be a lifeline for families who are living paycheck-to-paycheck.



Job Creation, Strategic Economic Development, & Fiscal Security

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Travel and tourism are important parts of the Franklin County economy, **accounting for nearly 80,000 jobs** in the hospitality industry and \$7.6 billion in local spending each year.

The commissioners provide annual financial support to Experience Columbus and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission to help attract the more-than 43 million yearly visitors who contribute more than \$1.3 billion in taxes, and to One Columbus, the economic development organization for our 11-county region.

Franklin County even owns **the Columbus Clippers**, a Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians, and is the only county in America to own a baseball team and the park they play in. Huntington Park welcomes more than half a million fans each year, and the Clippers are ranked as one of the most valuable minor league teams in the country.





Racial Equity

In 2020, the commissioners added the pursuit of Racial Equity as one of their core principles of good governance.

It is a recognition that, while opportunities abound in Franklin County, they aren't equally available to everyone, and that **the American Dream isn't actually available to all Americans.**

Racial disparities in education, income, health, and economic mobility are keeping our community from realizing its full potential.

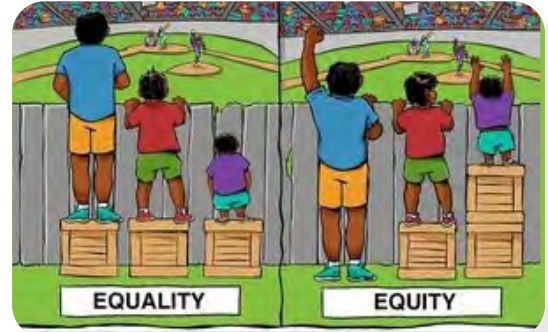


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OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The commissioners created the county Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in 2020 to begin to address **systemic inequities and disparities throughout the county by developing and implementing changes in internal and external policy and practices.**

The office focuses on county processes for contracting, as well as hiring, promotion, and discipline, and began its work with Implicit Bias and Cultural Competency Trainings for BOC employees, and a comprehensive Cultural Climate Audit **to study the organization's demographics, cultural competence, structural accountability, and culture of inclusivity.**



The results offer a roadmap for improvement and a benchmark against which future improvements can be measured.



Racial Equity

DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION GOALS

our highest priorities and fundamental driving forces.



HOW WE'RE WORKING TO AFFECT CHANGE

using principle ways to carry out those goals.



The Racial Equity Council was formed in 2021 with representatives from each of the commissioners' agencies to lead the office's internal discussion of race and inequity, and to create recommendations to improve our office's climate, accessibility, and inclusivity.



Racial Equity Council



Racial Equity

The Racial Equity Council developed a set of 11 recommendations to ensure that DEI become a part of our DNA, and that Board of Commissioners agencies reflect the community we serve.

- 1 Establish DEI standards and criteria for all Board of Commissioners agencies and community partners
- 2 Create Racial Equity Council sub-groups within the various BOC agencies
- 3 Engage a DEI trauma specialist to work with the board and its agencies
- 4 Create trainings to build empathy, create safe spaces, and generate buy-in and support
- 5 Infuse recruitment and retention efforts with DEI best practices
- 6 Implement and maintain DEI standards for commissioner agencies
- 7 Infuse contracting and purchasing processes with DEI best practices
- 8 Enhance county resident experiences with all agencies
- 9 Showcase the resources available in the community to support all Franklin County partners
- 10 Evaluate external partnerships and build-in equity expectations
- 11 Tell our story about how Franklin County is engraining racial equity into operations and services



Racial Equity

In 2020, the commissioners partnered with the Columbus Urban League to create the **Business Growth and Equity Fund** to provide support for minority-owned businesses, and in 2021, they added nearly \$1 million in additional funding to be divided between grants and loans for small businesses still struggling in the pandemic economy.

THE PROGRAM

drew wide interest with more than 4,300 inquiries

MORE THAN 2,440

of those businesses filed applications within the first month and a half

ZIP CODES

43219 and 43229 had the highest concentration of applicants

THOUGH NOT ELIGIBLE

businesses in several other states applied for the funds, including residents from Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia



Racial Equity

DIVERSITY APPRENTICE PROGRAM

In June of last year, the commissioners partnered with the City of Columbus and our community's convention and visitor's bureau, Experience Columbus, to create a Diversity Apprentice Program **designed to help increase diversity and improve equity in the travel and tourism industry.**



The program is providing hands-on experience in one of three specialty tracks:

Destination, Sports, and Meetings and Events, to a diverse group of apprentices interested in pursuing a career in travel, tourism, and hospitality. Participants will gain exposure to stakeholders such as at the airport, in meeting and event organizations, at attractions, and with government partners, and **at least 36 apprentices are expected to find good careers in the travel industry through the program.**

Outstanding Diversity Organization and Outstanding Diversity Champion

In 2021, Business First recognized Franklin County and Franklin County Administrator Kenneth N. Wilson as Outstanding Diversity Organization and Outstanding Diversity Champion, respectively for all their work in diversity, equity and inclusion.



2021
**DIVERSITY
IN BUSINESS
AWARDS**

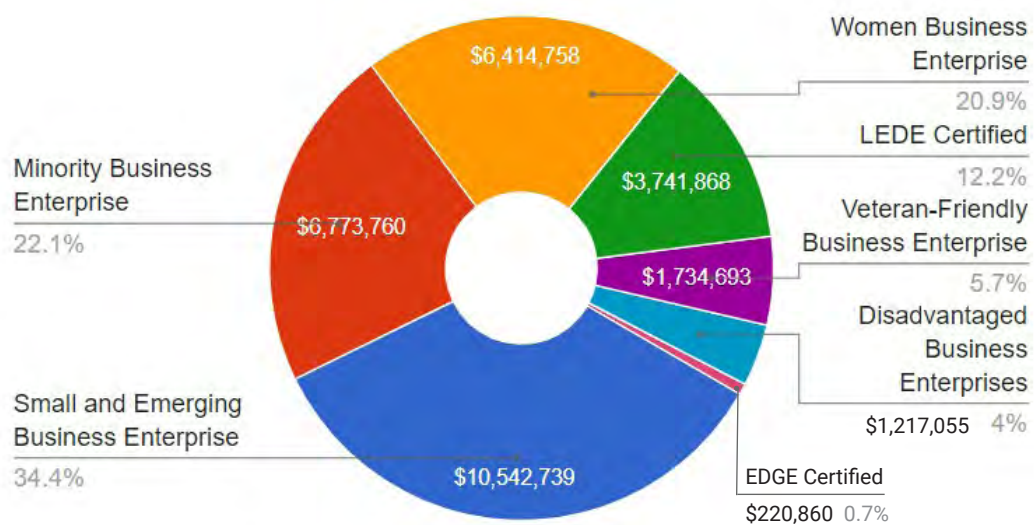


Racial Equity

SMALL AND EMERGING BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

For years, the commissioners' Purchasing Department has worked to increase the diversity of the companies with which the county does business, and **to ensure that they reflect the community that we represent.** A specialized position was created within purchasing to help market the county to small and emerging business enterprises, and small businesses **with owners who are women, minorities, veterans, members of the LGBT community, or economically disadvantaged.**

In 2021, the county had 445 purchase orders with small and emerging business enterprises that were qualified under a number of different systems:





Supportive Health and Human Services

The commissioners' commitment to serving Every Resident Every Day is born out by the many ways that their various agencies provide supportive health and human services to our neighbors throughout the year.

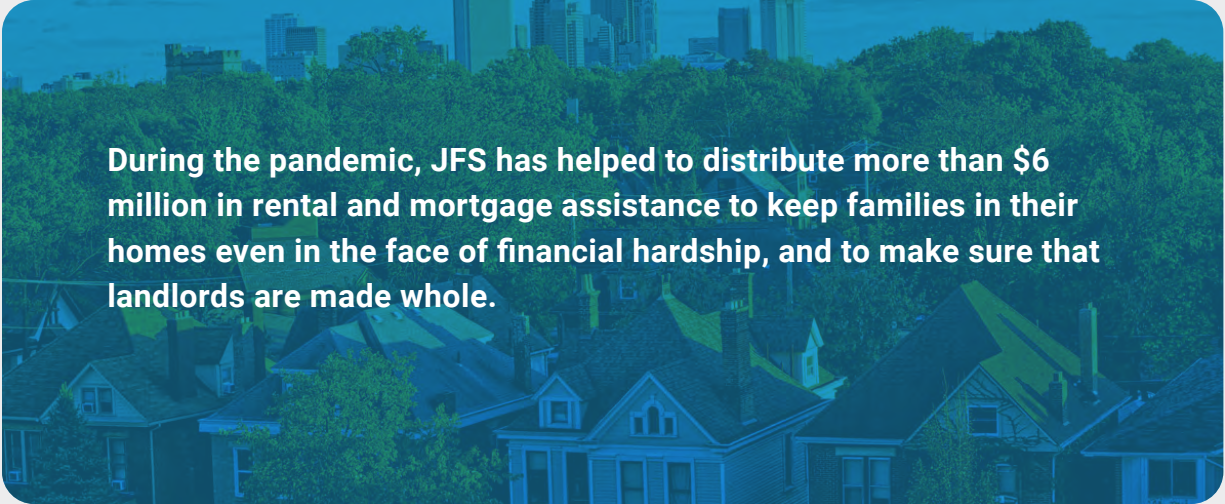
This is one of the ways in which residents interact most frequently and most closely with their county government, with more than a third of county residents served by **Job and Family Services, the Office on Aging, or our Child Support Enforcement agency** each year, and nearly 40% of the county's All Funds budget is devoted to these kinds of services.

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JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services is the agency responsible for financial and social service programs designed **to ensure that none of our residents are forced to go without basic essentials like food, clothing, shelter, and medical care.**



During the pandemic, JFS has helped to distribute more than \$6 million in rental and mortgage assistance to keep families in their homes even in the face of financial hardship, and to make sure that landlords are made whole.



Supportive Health and Human Services

BUILDING FUTURES AND ROADS2WORK

The agency expanded its Building Futures and Roads2Work programs this year in order to help more low-income residents **get the training they need to join in-demand middle class careers in trucking or the building trades**, and committed more than \$4.5 million to summer programs for young people that include wholesome camps for younger kids and graduation assistance and work readiness programs for older students.



Two new initiatives of the Job and Family Services department this year are programs to address maternal and infant health outcomes, and to provide young people with the tools they need to overcome chronic housing and financial instability.

175,427

FOOD ASSISTANCE
(SNAP) RECIPIENTS

422,774

MEDICAID ENROLLEES

9,929

OHIO WORKS FIRST
ENROLLEES

23,840

PUBLICLY FUNDED
CHILDCARE ENROLLEES

86

ROADS2WORK
GRADUATES

60

BUILDING FUTURES
GRADUATES



Supportive Health and Human Services

WOMEN AT WORK

The pandemic's effects led to job losses across the country and for every demographic, but women have been particularly hard-hit, and **an unprecedented number of women have exited the workforce since spring of 2020.**

Now that the economy is beginning to recover, women in the workforce do not seem to be sharing in that recovery and are finding it difficult to return to jobs that pay as much as they were making before.



In 2021, the commissioners debuted a new program to help women rejoin the workforce following the pandemic called Women @ Work.

OFFICE ON AGING

The commissioners' Office on Aging provides critical services to older residents, and its work has been especially important during the pandemic, which disproportionately affects the elderly.

Older adults have also suffered a disproportionate financial strain during the past two years, and many have **found themselves becoming more and more isolated as social opportunities were cancelled due to safety concerns.**





Supportive Health and Human Services

Throughout the pandemic, the Office on Aging has expanded its home-delivered meals service, and has partnered with Franklin County Public Health to ensure that seniors have access to COVID-19 vaccines and other healthcare.

The agency also funded grants to help older residents access the internet for both social opportunities and to conduct day-to-day business without having to leave home.



OFFICE ON AGING STATISTICS

1,178,284

MILES OF TRANSPORTATION
PROVIDED TO FRANKLIN
COUNTY SENIORS

1,036,632

MEALS DELIVERED TO
SENIORS AT HOME

74,892

HOURS OF HOUSEKEEPING
PROVIDED TO SENIORS

77,330

HOURS OF PERSONAL
AND RESPITE CARE
PROVIDED

10,853

SENIORS ENROLLED IN
OFFICE ON AGING HOME
CARE PROGRAMMING



Supportive Health and Human Services

LEARNING LUNCHBOXES

In 2020, the commissioners entered into a new partnership with the Center for Science and Industry, COSI, to provide entertaining educational activities to students throughout the community who had suddenly found themselves doing school at home and who had few opportunities to do things like visit COSI or participate in other educational activities.



The partnership worked with the Children's Hunger Alliance to add a nutritional component, and Learning Lunchboxes were born. Delivered online and as hands-on kits in underserved neighborhoods where many homes do not have reliable internet access, Learning Lunchboxes help **connect Franklin County kids to STEM learning and set them up for future success in the wider world.**



In 2021, the partnership distributed almost 22,000 Learning Lunchboxes on topics such as Space (in collaboration with NASA), Dinosaurs, Energy (with the U.S. Department of Energy), and The Human Body.



Supportive Health and Human Services

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Each county has a Child Support Enforcement Agency, which **helps families by working to ensure that child support orders are followed** so that children have the resources they need to thrive.



71,374

OPEN CHILD
SUPPORT CASES

80,519

CHILDREN SUPPORTED

\$159,258,124

2021 COLLECTIONS

Regular child support payments reduce child poverty, promote parental responsibility and involvement, and improve children's educational outcomes, and the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency uses innovative policies and programs to keep both parents engaged.



Good Stewardship of Natural Resources, Environmental Sustainability & Civic Engagement

The commissioners are committed to providing good stewardship of natural resources and other environmental sustainability measures to preserve our world for future generations and to help build a more resilient community.

They have created a number of community gardens around the county and support thoughtful community planning, and zoning and code enforcement to improve the quality of life and safety of county residents. They also work hard to engage the residents of Franklin County in their county government to help make sure that our local government is working for all of us.

SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



PROVIDES SAFE WATER

and sewer services in more than 30 separate neighborhoods around the county, operating a water treatment plant and four sewage treatment plants.

4,405

FRANKLIN COUNTY
WATER CUSTOMERS

6,378

FRANKLIN COUNTY
SEWER CUSTOMERS

252,381,507

GALLONS OF CLEAN
WATER DELIVERED TO
CUSTOMERS

524,518 CCF

SEWAGE TREATED



Good Stewardship of Natural Resources, Environmental Sustainability & Civic Engagement



FLEET MANAGEMENT

The commissioners' Fleet Management agency provides purchasing, maintenance, repairs, towing, fuel, and other services for the more-than 500 vehicles belonging to 56 county departments, including those operated by non-commissioner agencies. **That total includes cars, trucks, passenger busses, ATVs, and the sheriff's SWAT and bomb squad vehicles.**



5,056,411

MILES DRIVEN BY
COUNTY VEHICLES

218,236

GALLONS OF FUEL PROVIDED
BY FLEET MANAGEMENT

1,037

OIL CHANGES

459

TIRES REPLACED

46

ALTERNATIVELY
FUELED VEHICLES

36

ALTERNATIVE FUELING
STATIONS



Good Stewardship of Natural Resources, Environmental Sustainability & Civic Engagement

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

The Public Facilities Management team takes care of more than 40 of the county's buildings, from high-rise office towers to the jail, and from the sheriff's firing range to the dog shelter, working to maintain a safe, comfortable environment for county employees and the public to conduct business. **They are also responsible for new construction administration and management for the county.**



The electricity for 71 county facilities is provided by contract via 100% renewable energy sources, and five of the buildings that PFM manages are LEED certified.

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and is a designation awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council for buildings that help save money, improve efficiency, lower carbon emissions, and create healthier places for people to live and work. Construction projects earn points for how well they address carbon, energy, water, waste, transportation, materials, health, and indoor environmental quality, and they can receive one of four LEED classifications: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Certified.

The commissioners have two LEED Gold-certified buildings, and three LEED Silver-certified buildings, including the new Forensic Science Center which opened in 2021 and the county's new jail building that will open in 2022.



Good Stewardship of Natural Resources, Environmental Sustainability & Civic Engagement

A partner agency that works closely with the commissioners and their team to help keep our community clean and green is SWACO, the **Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio**, which operates the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill and offers programs and services designed to help residents and businesses reduce their reliance on the landfill.



LANDFILL WASTE CHARACTERIZATION



The landfill took in more than a million tons of material in 2021, three-quarters of which could possibly have been diverted through composting or recycling, so **SWACO began a new program last year** called Save More Than Food.

SAVE MORE THAN FOOD

An awareness campaign to share the impact that food waste has on the health of our community, economy, and environment.



Good Stewardship of Natural Resources, Environmental Sustainability & Civic Engagement

In addition, SWACO provides hazardous waste disposal, works on the Environmental Crimes Taskforce, offers grants to encourage waste reduction, and partners with local schools to provide recycling infrastructure and education.

50%

Franklin County's current rate
of recycling

34%

National rate of recycling

4-5 pounds

Waste created and sent to
landfill per person each day

50%

2032 Franklin County food
waste reduction goal

75%

2032 Franklin County total
diversion goal

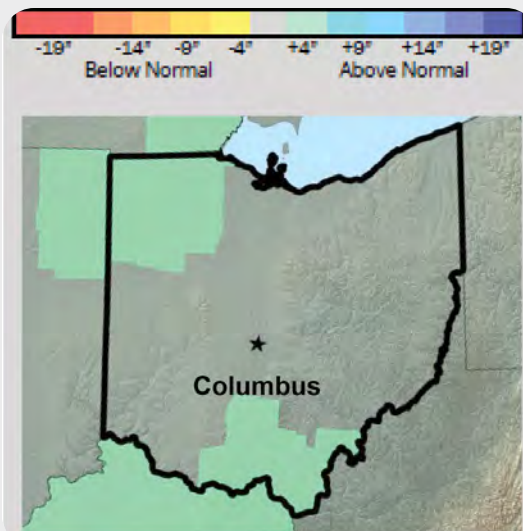


Good Stewardship of Natural Resources, Environmental Sustainability & Civic Engagement

The commissioners also partner very closely with **MORPC, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**, which serves as Central Ohio's regional council and a resource for local officials as they make decisions about economic growth, transportation, energy, and environmental sustainability.



MORPC is working to transform mobility, investing in a sustainable future, and building infrastructure for the modern age. Through programs to help homeowners improve efficiency and lower energy bills, **MORPC is building sustainable neighborhoods** with improved quality of life and tracking community progress through **the Sustainable2050 program**.



WEATHER PATTERNS

Can impact air quality in Central Ohio. During the 2020-21 season, temps were higher than average and precipitation was below average. Despite those conditions, the region didn't experience any high ozone pollution days and environment.

MORPC also oversees the Central Ohio Greenways board and is working to expand the region's 230-mile trail network, and is an invaluable resource for data and maps as the communities in Franklin County work to maximize the return on their public infrastructure investment.



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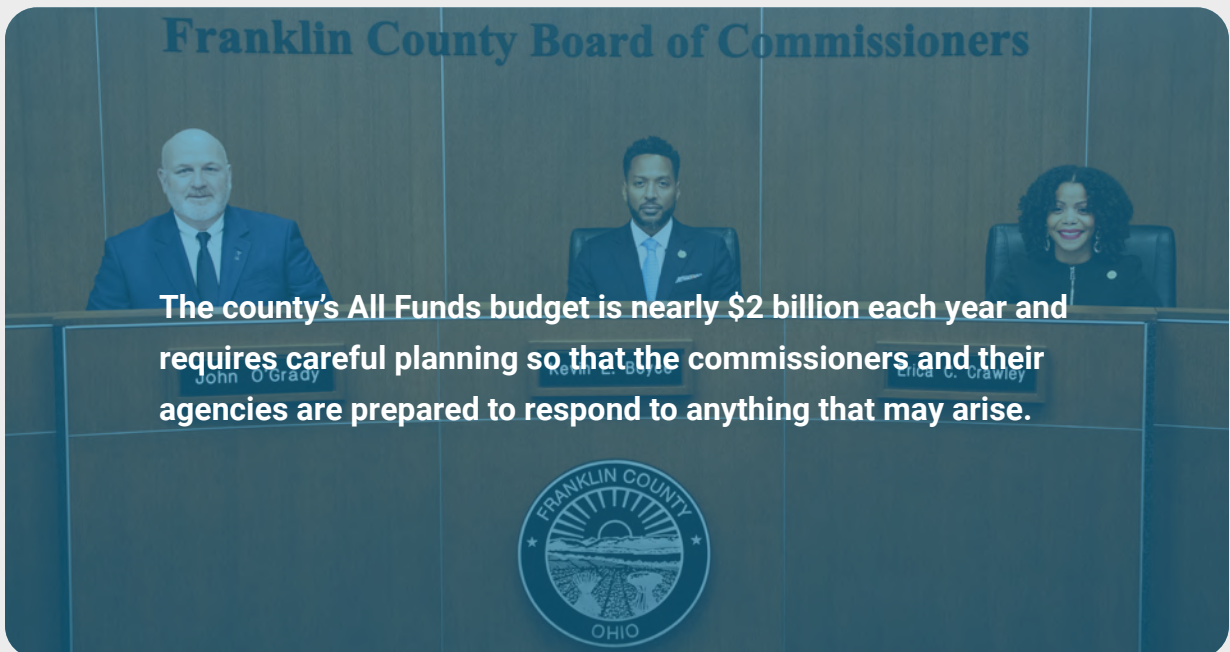
The commissioners' commitment to Efficient, Responsive, and Fiscally Sustainable Government Operations can be found in everything they do.

THE COUNTY'S BUDGET

is carefully balanced each year even in the face of a pandemic, and Franklin County is one of only three percent of local governments that maintains a Double Triple-A credit rating.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

The commissioners are responsible for the entire county budget, including even those of other elected county officials, and they rely on **their Office of Management and Budget to make sure that the funds are available to meet the county's needs both today and tomorrow.**





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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET STATISTICS

39.2%

PORTION OF ALL FUNDS
BUDGET DEVOTED TO
HUMAN SERVICES

59.3%

PORTION OF GENERAL FUND
BUDGET DEVOTED TO SAFETY
AGENCIES AND INITIATIVES

\$87,946,836

AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN GRANTS
SO FAR

\$250,203,655

CASH BALANCE
ON-HAND

\$3,438,856.40

CARES ACT
FUNDING

\$62.5 million

FRANKLIN COUNTY
RAINY DAY FUND

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

The American Rescue Plan was passed by congress and signed by the president in order to help Americans who are suffering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and includes significant resources to support a strong public health response and vaccination strategy, provide direct assistance to families, and deliver resources to local governments for use in their own communities.

The commissioners have created a website to help you keep track of all the ways they're using the American Rescue Plan funding to help our community recover.

Visit Recovery.FranklinCountyOhio.gov to learn more.



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\$265 MILLION

is the amount Franklin County will receive from the American Rescue Plan over the coming years.

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE GRANTS MADE POSSIBLE ALREADY FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS:

\$109,662

was added to a previous \$4.5 million grant for the Summer Jobs and More program linking youth to summer jobs, skills to prepare them for the workplace, and other projects

\$680,000

was used to expand the PrimaryOne Health Center which is located in an underserved neighborhood where few residents have private medical insurance and many are burdened with health concerns

\$55,472

provided summer camp for minority girls ages 12-15

\$1,148,036

funded the Ready 2 Earn Program, providing work readiness and offering some employment with designated non-profit agencies

\$80,585

was added to assistance for economically disadvantaged senior citizens to help them connect to the digital world

\$7,000,000

went to a Mid-Ohio Food Collective campaign to reimagine ending hunger



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\$5,000,000

was provided in economic support for nonprofits that have been hit hard by COVID-19

\$1,125,000

helped fund A Kid Again which provides recreational therapeutic relief for children with life-threatening conditions

\$2,350,000

was used to support the Building Futures and Driving Futures programs which offer training for low-income residents for a variety of in-demand occupations paying middle-class salaries

\$2,537,000

in new funding went to an initiative with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio offering training and help for women returning to the workplace following the pandemic

\$678,000

was granted to Franklin County Department of Public Health for its work on increasing vaccination rates, mask compliance, facility needs, and more

\$500,000

went to the United Way of Central Ohio to work with school districts to improve reading proficiency among third grade students

\$500,000

was used to support the ongoing Learning Lunchbox program project with COSI

\$200,000

to Franklin County Public Health to address health disparities



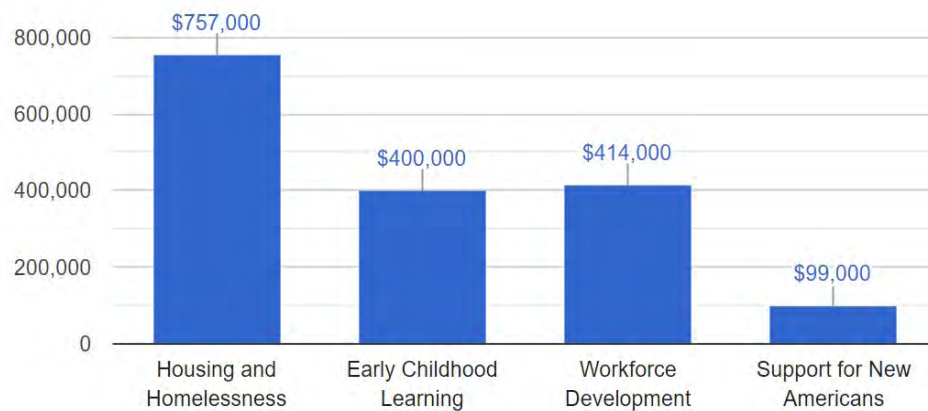
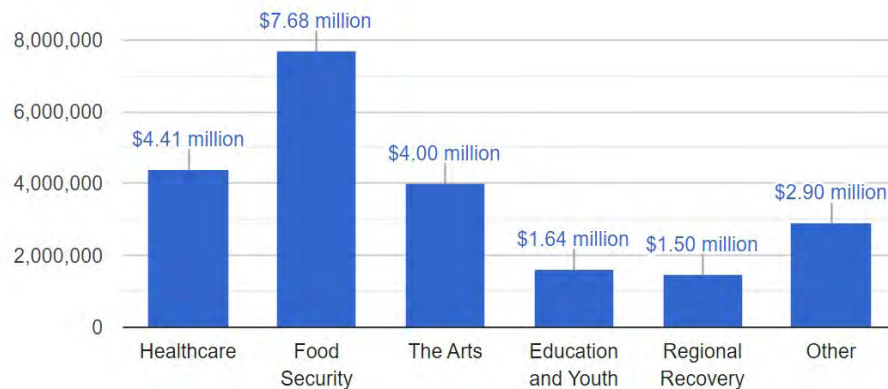
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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Community Partnership Program provides competitive grants to local community-based **nonprofits and other agencies that serve Franklin County residents**. This work has been doubly important during the pandemic when the need for services increased dramatically just as donations to nonprofit agencies were drying up.

In 2021, **Community Partnerships made much more than \$20 million in grants to almost 50 local agencies** such as Equitas Health, the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, Future Ready Columbus, the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Girls On The Run, and the Columbus Diaper Bank.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT TOTALS BY CATEGORY





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BENEFITS TO FRANKLIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The commissioners recognize that their greatest asset is their team. They rely on their **Human Resources department** to help them recruit and retain the best possible workforce to serve our community.

In addition to Public Employee Retirement benefits and excellent health insurance benefits, **Board of Commissioners employees enjoy a progressive suite of policies designed to allow them to have the best possible work/life balance so that they can focus on their service knowing that their families are taken care of**, including domestic partner benefits, disability programs, an employee assistance program, adoption assistance, and paid family leave to care for a new child or sick loved one.

90%

OF EMPLOYEES WERE
VACCINATED FOR COVID-19

MORE THAN 200

VIRTUAL TRAININGS LAST YEAR THAT
WERE ATTENDED BY 2,200 EMPLOYEES

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

One of the great benefits of working for Franklin County is the commissioners' continued focus on wellness and the series of tools provided for **Board of Commissioners employees and their families to live their best, healthiest, happiest lives.**

The county's wellness program, **ThriveOn**, **focuses on the whole person and the desire that each of us has to "live well"**. Instead of looking for ways that a person should improve to achieve better health, ThriveOn encourages behavior changes made from the desire to live and be well, emphasizing the setting of achievable goals and celebrating one's accomplishments.

THRIVE ON

recognizes that wellness is a lifestyle, not just physical activity and nutrition, but also including emotional and environmental health, and that it is a journey.



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ThriveOn offers a **variety of supports to county employees, including traditional ideas like** gym membership reimbursement, tobacco cessation programing, and financial incentives, but also health coaching, nutrition counseling, maternity support, access to comprehensive cancer resources, dedicated on-call nurses for both physical and emotional health support, and more.

This year, ThriveOn introduced new Wellness Your Way programing with a thoughtful menu of health activities and incentives focusing on physical, emotional, and financial wellbeing, and more than 700 participants registered for the annual Franklin County 5K and ThriveOn Challenge.



This investment by the commissioners in their team has not gone unnoticed, and this year the county was named **Sixth Healthiest Employer in Ohio** for its size and achieved a **gold level award from the Healthy Business Council of Ohio** for healthiest worksites.





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DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY IN 2021

6,494

TOTAL NUMBER
OF PURCHASE
ORDERS

\$375,447,200

TOTAL DOLLAR
AMOUNT OF
PURCHASE ORDERS

445

WITH SMALL AND EMERGING
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
TOTALING \$15,128,516.71

6,866

VENDORS REGISTERED
TO DO BUSINESS WITH
THE COUNTY

HUMAN RESOURCES

288

JOBS POSTED

119

HIRES

2,772

APPLICATIONS
RECEIVED

26

NEW POSITIONS
CREATED

COUNTY PRINT SHOP

1,869,433

ITEMS COPIED OR
PRINTED

\$220,406

SAVINGS BY USING THE COUNTY
PRINT SHOP FOR THESE AND
OTHER PRINTINGS

220,406

ELECTION BALLOTS

COUNTY MAIL ROOM

1,869,433

PIECES OF MAIL
PROCESSED

\$226,316.73

SAVINGS BY USING
THE COUNTY
MAILROOM

SURPLUS AUCTION

\$4,432,708.21

WORTH OF OBSOLETE COUNTY PROPERTY
ITEMS HAS BEEN SOLD VIA INTERNET
AUCTION TO DATE



Directory

Animal Care & Control

(614) 525-3400

Dog Shelter & Adoption Center

(614) 525-3647

[DOGS.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://dogs.franklincountyohio.gov)

Auditor

(614) 525-4663

[FRANKLINCOUNTYAUDITOR.COM](https://franklincountyauditor.com)

Board of Developmental Disabilities

(614) 475-6440

[FCBDD.ORG](https://fcbdd.org)

Board of Elections

(614) 525-3100

[VOTE.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov)

Child Support Enforcement

(614) 525-3275

[SUPPORT.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://support.franklincountyohio.gov)

Children Services

(614) 275-2271

[CHILDRENSERVICES.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov)

Clerk of Courts

(614) 525-3600

[CLERK.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://clerk.franklincountyohio.gov)

Coroner

(614) 525-5290

[CORONER.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://coroner.franklincountyohio.gov)

Court of Appeals

(614) 525-3580

[TENTHDISTRICTCOURT.ORG](https://tenthdistrictcourt.org)

Court of Common Pleas

(614) 525-3453

[FCCOURTS.ORG](https://fccourts.org)

Domestic Relations/Juvenile Branch

(614) 525- 3628

[DRJ.FCCOURTS.ORG](https://drj.fccourts.org)

Economic Development & Planning

(614) 525-3095

[DEVELOPMENT.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://development.franklincountyohio.gov)

Emergency Management & Homeland Security

(614) 794-0213

[FCMHS.ORG](https://fcmhs.org)

Engineer

(614) 525-3030

[FRANKLINCOUNTYENGINEER.ORG](https://franklincountyengineer.org)

Guardianship Services Board

(614) 525- 2279

[GUARDIANSHIP.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://guardianship.franklincountyohio.gov)

Job & Family Services

(614) 233-2000

[JFS.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://jfs.franklincountyohio.gov)

Justice Policy & Programs

(614) 525-5577

[JPP.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://jpp.franklincountyohio.gov)

Law Library

(614) 525-4971

[LAWLIBRARY.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV](https://lawlibrary.franklincountyohio.gov)



Directory

Office on Aging

(614) 525-5230

OFFICEONAGING.ORG

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

(614) 228-2663

MORPC.ORG

Municipal Court (clerk's division)

(614) 645-8346

FCMCCLERK.COM

Municipal Court (judge's division)

(614) 645-8214

MUNICIPALCOURT.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

Probate Court

(614) 525-3894

PROBATE.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

Prosecuting Attorney

(614) 525-3555

PROSECUTOR.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

Public Health

(614) 525-3160

MYFCPH.ORG

Purchasing Department

(614) 525-3750

PURCHASING.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

Recorder

(614) 525-3930

RECORDER.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

Sanitary Engineering

(614) 525-3940

CLEANWATER.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

Sheriff

(614) 525-3333

SHERIFF.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio

(614) 871-5100

SWACO.ORG

Treasurer

(614) 525-3438

TREASURER.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

Veterans Service Commission

(614) 525-2500

VETS.FRANKLINCOUNTYOHIO.GOV

