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Ohio Cemeteries Receive Help with Maintenance Needs Though Department of Commerce Grant

The Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing is awarding \$75,357 to 65 cemeteries in 34 counties throughout Ohio through the new Cemetery Grant Fund.

The fund defrays the costs of exceptional cemetery maintenance or training cemetery personnel in the maintenance and operation of a cemetery. In March 2017, Representative Dick Stein (R-Norwalk) introduced [House Bill 168](#), including the Cemetery Grant Fund, which passed into law and became effective Oct. 29, 2018.

"The maintenance of cemetery grounds varies widely, and many cemeteries will be able to use these funds to repair damages from the devastating tornadoes that ravaged part of our state earlier this year, even preventing injury from monuments on the verge of collapsing," said Department of Commerce Director Sheryl Maxfield. "This new grant fund will be instrumental in helping so many Ohio cemeteries."

The Division received more than \$300,000 in requests for the \$80,000 in available funding.

"This was a very competitive funding round, requiring us to make some very difficult decisions regarding who will receive awards," said Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing Superintendent Anne Petit. "I want to encourage cemeteries that did not receive funding this year to reapply next year."

Registered, non-profit cemeteries may apply for the grant, which is funded by \$1 of every \$2.50 from the burial permit fees received by the Division.

Superintendent Petit will make visits at the end of October to some of the awardees' cemeteries to present ceremonial grant checks. We will be sending notices when they are scheduled in the coming weeks if you would like to attend.

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2019 Cemetery Grant Fund Recipients

Operator	Cemetery Name	County	Purpose	Amount
Tiffin Twp.	West Union Cemetery	Adams	Sign Maintenance	\$1,000
Franklin Twp.	Locust Grove Cemetery	Adams	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Jackson Twp.	Polk Cemetery	Ashland	Drainage Project	\$1,000
Perry Twp.	Redhaw Cemetery	Ashland	Cemetery Records Maintenance	\$1,000
Wayne Twp.	Hayes Cemetery	Ashtabula	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Harpersfield Twp.	Harpersfield Cemetery	Ashtabula	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Saybrook Twp.	Saybrook Center Road Cemetery	Ashtabula	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Cherry Valley Twp.	Cherry Valley Cemetery	Ashtabula	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
York Twp.	Greenlawn Cemetery	Athens	Tree Removal	\$1,000
St. Joseph's Cemetery Assoc.	St. Joseph's Cemetery	Auglaize	Railroad Screening Project	\$2,500
Byrd Twp.	Decatur Cemetery	Brown	Storage Building Maintenance	\$1,000
Union Twp.	Mt. Moriah Cemetery	Clermont	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Washington Twp.	Mt. Olivet Calvary Cemetery	Clermont	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Village of East Palestine	Glenview Cemetery	Columbiana	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Monroe Twp.	Spring Mt. Cemetery	Coshocton	Cemetery Surveying and Plotting	\$1,000
City of Euclid	Euclid Cemetery	Cuyahoga	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Union Cemetery Trustees	Mayfield Twp. Union Cemetery	Cuyahoga	Driveway Maintenance	\$1,000
Berkshire Twp.	Berkshire Cemetery	Delaware	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Troy Twp.	Marlborough Cemetery	Delaware	Tree Maintenance	\$950
German Twp.	Johnson Cemetery	Fulton	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Village of Archbold	Archbold Cemetery	Fulton	Monument Maintenance	\$3,000
Pleasant View Union	Pleasant View Union Cemetery	Fulton	Cemetery Records Maintenance	\$1,000
Munson Twp.	Fowlers Mill Cemetery	Geauga	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Bainbridge Twp.	Restland Cemetery	Geauga	Cemetery Records Maintenance	\$1,000
Delaware Twp.	Mt. Blanchard Cemetery	Hancock	Monument Maintenance	\$3,500
Blanchard Twp.	Benton Ridge Cemetery	Hancock	Permanent Lot Markers	\$1,000
Washington Twp.	Collison Cemetery Ewing Cemetery Ilesboro Cemetery Meldrim Cemetery Olive Branch Cemetery Prospect Cemetery Strawn Cemetery	Hocking	Cemetery Records Maintenance	\$1,000
Morris Twp.	Union-Loree Morris Chapel Cemetery	Knox	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Clay Twp.	Methodist Cemetery	Knox	New Cemetery Entrance	\$1,000
Concord Twp.	Concord Twp. Cemetery	Lake	Demolition	\$1,000
Penfield Twp.	Penfield Twp. Cemetery	Lorain	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000

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Camden Twp.	Camden Twp.	Lorain	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Green Camp Twp.	Green Camp Cemetery Mt. Olive Cemetery Zieg Cemetery	Marion	Equipment Purchase	\$1,000
Medina Twp.	Medina Twp. Fenn Rd. Cemetery	Medina	Monument Maintenance	\$975
Chatham Twp. Board of Trustees	Chatham Cemetery	Medina	Purchase of a Tombstone Jack	\$1,000
Brunswick Hills Twp.	Townline Cemetery	Medina	Tree Maintenance	\$1,000
Hinckley Twp.	Ridge Cemetery	Medina	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Liberty Twp.	Kessler Cemetery	Mercer	Driveway Maintenance	\$509
Newberry Twp.	Highland Cemetery	Miami	The Mausoleum Repair	\$3,500
Willow View Cemetery Assoc.	Willowview Cemetery Assoc.	Montgomery	Monument Maintenance from Tornado Damage	\$1,000
Dayton Memorial Park	Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery	Montgomery	Tree Maintenance from Tornado Damage	\$5,000
Hillgrove Union Cemetery Board	Hillgrove Cemetery	Montgomery	Tree Planting and Maintenance	\$998
North Bloomfield Twp.	Ebenezer Cemetery	Morrow	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Ravenna Twp.	Grandview Memorial Cemetery	Portage	Cemetery Signage	\$1,450
Village of Bellville	Bellville Cemetery	Richland	Collapsing Mausoleum, Shed Removal and Monument Maintenance	\$3,000
Woodville Twp.	Woodville Cemetery	Sandusky	Monument Maintenance	\$1,000
Pleasant Union Cemetery Assoc.	Pleasant Union Cemetery	Seneca	Fence Preservation	\$1,000
Liberty Twp.	Liberty Cemetery	Seneca	Driveway Maintenance	\$1,000
Newman's Creek Cemetery Assoc.	Newmans Creek Cemetery	Stark	Driveway Maintenance	\$1,000
Tuscarawas Twp.	East Greenville Cemetery	Stark	Driveway Maintenance	\$1,000
Lexington Twp.	Lexington Twp. Cemetery New Section	Stark	Driveway Maintenance	\$1,000
Pike Twp.	Melscheimer Cemetery	Stark	Tree Maintenance	\$1,000
City of Hudson	Markillie Cemetery	Summit	Tree Removal	\$1,000
Champion Twp.	Champion Twp. Cemetery	Trumbull	Chapel Maintenance	\$5,000
Millcreek Twp.	Watkins Cemetery	Union	Tree Maintenance	\$1,000
Fairfield Twp.	Union Cemetery	Washington	Fence Preservation	\$1,000
Webster Twp.	Webster Twp. Cemetery	Wood	Cemetery Records Maintenance	\$975

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