2019 OBF Grant Program

The second year of the OBF Grant program was successful, with 10 recipient organizations. The total grants awarded totaled $9600. We are very pleased to be able to provide this grant program to Ohio cycling organizations, to educate and encourage cycling in the state. We would like to share pictures of some of the programs that we funded.

The following projects were recipients of the 2019 OBF grant program.

St. Henry Mission Center, St. Henry, OH
Support of Steeplechase Tour, a historic ride through the land of the cross-tipped churches, with stops at 7 churches open to provide tours.

Ohio City Bicycle Coop, Cleveland, OH
Scholarships for students to enroll in Shop Class and Traffic Skills Training to help more OCBC members become professional bike mechanics.

We Are Traffic, Toledo, OH
Provide helmets to children in Sylvania in cooperation with the Sylvania police and fire departments and Toledo Metroparks. “Tickets” issued to kids with and without helmets. Tickets used to receive a reward of an ice cream cone from local businesses and also to pick up a new helmet from the Sylvania fire department.

Bike Miami Valley, Dayton, OH
Production of marketing for their education programs, including Smart Cycling, Bicycle Friendly Driving and How We Roll courses. Another program receiving an OBF grant is Dayton’s Link Access bike sharing program, providing discount passes to local cyclists.

Stark County Bicycle Club, Canton, OH
Provide helmets and lights for youth education programs provided by the club’s Safety Team.
One Village/Project Redeem, Columbus, OH
Providing bicycles to youth attending the Shepard summer camp, which provides academic and recreational activities to participants.

Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, Warren, OH
Provide safety equipment (reflective stickers and leg bands) for Bike Fest event.

Ohio Valley Boy Scout Twilight Camp, Lockbourne, OH
Provide helmets to scouts attending Simon Kenton Council Twilight Camp, which included a bike rodeo. OBF also provided loaner bikes and education for the bike rodeo.

YayBikes!, Columbus, OH
Support for How We Roll bicycle skills training programs provided in Columbus.

Gahanna Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee, Gahanna, OH
Provide parts for the bicycles given to children by the Gahanna Gift Shop, a local church organization that provides gifts at Christmas. Gahanna BTAC gets abandoned bikes from the Gahanna police department and repairs them for the Gift Shop.

Columbus Outdoor Pursuits and Franklinton Cycleworks, Columbus, OH
Provide basic bicycle tools for maintenance courses and safety training to clients of FCW from local health organizations who are using bicycles for transportation.
OBF Membership Report

As of May 2, 2019 we have 130 current paid-up members. 46 of them are Lifetime members. We have 17 bike clubs. The category numbers are:

- Individual 62
- Individual Lifetime 40
- Family 9
- Family Lifetime 2
- Organization 13
- Organization Lifetime 4

Ken Mercurio
OBF Membership Director

Upcoming OBF Schedule

Join us Oct 29-30, 2019 for OBF at OTEC
Don’t miss our OBF Display #106 on the exhibit floor at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference in the Columbus Convention Center, 400 N High St.! View our OBF display immediately to the right as you enter the convention floor. We will represent Ohio’s bicyclists in the largest transportation conference in USA from 7 am to 7 pm on Tuesday, Oct 29 and from 7:30 pm to 1 pm on Wednesday, Oct 30!

Join us Nov 9 for OBF Day at Bicycle Museum of America
7 Monroe Street in New Bremen, Ohio! OBF members will be free! 10 am: Special tour of the largest collection of vintage bicycles in the world, following the history of the bicycle from the Draisienne of 1817 to the present! 11 am: Lunch courtesy of OBF! 12 Noon: OBF meeting in Museum Board Room. (all welcome) ODOT will start the meeting discussing “Your Move Ohio”.

Join us Feb 14 - 15, 2020 for Adventure Summit at WSU
OBF will sponsor the bicycling portion of the Adventure Summit display floor again, and also hold a 12 Noon Saturday, Feb 15 OBF meeting in one of the WSU meeting rooms (during the Summit).

March 14 - 17: OBF Continues Annual Participation in League of American Bicyclists Summit in Arlington, VA

Join us March 27 for the Toledo Metro Area Council of Govts (TMACOG) Transportation Summit from 8 am to 2 pm at Premier Banquet Hall, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd in Toledo. OBF again partners with TMACOG as co-sponsor.

Thanks to Fast Track Cycling, the owners and operators of the Cleveland Velodrome!
Fast Track Cycling hosted OBF in the velodrome on June 8, during our Sixth Annual OBF Day in the Cleveland Velodrome! Fred Monago and Gary Burkholler of Fast Track Cycling gave free track cycling training to all OBF members present. OBF members included Chair Chuck Smith, Communicator Editor Dave Cardarella, and Ken Brasswell.

Your Ohio Bicycle Federation is a founding member of the Cleveland Velodrome, and continues to support this worthwhile project as Fast Track Cycling explores covering the Velodrome to permit use during bad weather.

In return for OBF support, Fast Track Cycling posts a huge OBF banner on the track (note in photo) throughout its track racing season and offers the free track cycling training one day each year for OBF members (OBF Day in Cleveland).

Following the track cycling training in the Velodrome, OBF Board Member Jim Sheehan hosted us for an OBF meeting in his Ohio City Bicycle Co-Op. Prior to the meeting, we shared with Jim and other meeting attendees copies of “Cycling Savvy Street Smarts,” the new bicycle safety education publication funded by OBF. If you are interested in using copies of this handy publication, please contact OBF Secretary Tricia Kovaks at pkovacs@att.net.

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OBF Day in Cleveland
By Chuck Smith, OBF Chair
We want YOU to join our team!

Visitors to www.ohiobike.org can view the Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar to stay abreast of current cycling events, browse safety and efficiency resources, read newsletters, and view crash data assessments as well as road conditions. Whether you are a devoted cyclist, a cycling club owner or member, or if you simply care about protecting the rights of our cyclists everywhere as do we, the Ohio Bicycle Federation is for you. Why not fill out the form below and join us today?

Join below or online at www.ohiobike.org/index.php/join

In 2018, all new members and renewals will receive a custom OBF leg strap. Lifetime members will receive both a free OBF t-shirt and an OBF saddle bag. Those providing Additional Sustaining Support will receive an OBF t-shirt and OBF rear tail light (while supplies last).

Name ____________________________ Apt/Suite/Comp. ______
Address ________________________________ State __________ Zip ______
City ________________________________ Email __________________________
DOB _______________ Phone __________

Do you belong to local bike clubs? Write club name here __________________________

Individual ( ) $20 per year ( ) $300 Lifetime
Family ( ) $25 per year ( ) $350 Lifetime
Organization ( ) $50 per year ( ) $500 Lifetime

Additional Sustaining Support: ( ) $25 ( ) $50 ( ) $75 ( ) $100 Other:_____

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