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## VCB Announces Recipients of 2018 Grant Assistance Program

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (March 30, 2018) – The Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau recently announced 11 local organizations are recipients of the 2018 Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

Now in its fifth year, the program helps qualified non-profit area tourism events, organizations, and businesses to "fill in the gap." The grant program assists qualified non-profit organizations with the advertising and promotion of activities which directly increase lodging occupancy in designated periods throughout the year, create positive image building publicity for the Cambridge/ Guernsey County area, and enhance the tourism environment in the area.

## This year's recipients are:

- Cambridge Lions Club
- Cambridge Main Street
- Dickens Victorian Village
- Guernsey County Agricultural Society
- Guernsey County Community Improvement Corporation
- Guernsey County Historical Society
- National Cambridge Collectors, Inc.
- National Whitetail Deer Education Center
- Byesville Gus Macker
- The Living Word Outdoor Drama
- Ohio Arts & Crafts Foundation

The VCB has committed over \$45,000 in their 2018 budget for the marketing of events and promotions which exhibit positive tourism potential.

The goals of the program are simple:

- Increase overnight stays in Cambridge/Guernsey County
- Promote a positive image and increased visibility of the county's attractions
- Increase expenditures by visitors to Cambridge/Guernsey County
- Provide programs and activities beneficial to drawing additional tourists from a 100+ mile radius
- Feature new or expanded events, projects or programs

Grants were made available from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000 and were contingent upon the amount of overnight stays the event, project or program generates.

For more information, contact the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or log onto <u>VisitGuernseyCounty.com</u>.