



# CITY OF KENT, OHIO

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April 28, 2022

Honorable Members of the Ohio General Assembly:

The Mayor and I are writing on behalf of the Kent City Council to urge your opposition to Ohio House Bills 616 and 454.

HB616 proposes to restrict teaching on race, gender and diversity in Ohio's K-12 schools which we view as an unprecedented use of public education to advance a political agenda through regulation of local curriculum and instruction. The bill undermines local control and takes steps down the slippery slope of using public education to promote exclusion and intolerance by suppressing dialogue and perpetuating an insular view of history.

As leaders in the Kent community, we stand united in our commitment to promote inclusion and to be a welcoming place for all. Legislation that seeks to marginalize people by restricting understanding of race, class, gender, sexuality, etc., must not be allowed to dismantle our community for political gain – and we ask for you to join us in opposition to HB616.

HB454 proposes to ban medical and mental health care for minors in the LGBTQ+ community. Withholding medical care for political purposes is contrary to our commitment to care for all individuals equally. In responding to 911 calls in our community, the singular goal is ensuring the best care, and we expect no less from our State laws. The idea of State based bigotry is reprehensible and we need you to join us in opposition to HB454

Legislation like HB454 and HB616 seek to erase valued members of our community from our classrooms and deny full access to life saving medical care, ultimately impairing our ability to fully embrace, support, and affirm all students and all members of our community. We need your help to make sure students and community members can learn, work and live with dignity, respect, free from fear and violence, and protected from prejudice by opposing HB616 and HB454.

We implore our State legislators to vote these bills down and to vocally speak up against the divisiveness they cause in Ohio. In these challenging times it is more important than ever that we work together to speak out against any attack on the foundational principles of our democracy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry T. Fiala".

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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor, City of Kent

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Ruller".

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Dave Ruller  
City Manager, City of Kent

Cc: Honorable Members of Kent City Council  
Hope Jones, Law Director  
Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council



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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**DATE:** May 2, 2022  
**To:** Dave Ruller, City Manager  
**From:** Kathy Petsko, Grants & Neighborhood Programs Coordinator  
**Re:** PY2022 Community Housing and Impact (CHIP) Program Grant Application

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The Community Development Department is working on developing a proposal to submit to the State of Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Community Development, requesting Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) grant assistance. The CHIP program is a competitive grant application process that provides funding for housing related activities that promote safe and decent housing for low and moderate income persons.

The City has been a recipient of CHIP funds in numerous prior funding cycles and has utilized the grant funds primarily to support owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects. Staff will be requesting \$250,000, which is the funding level awarded to the City in the last two grant funding cycles (PY2015, PY2019), and the Community Development Department is proposing to use the grant funds, if awarded, for the continuation of owner-occupied housing rehabilitation activities.

The grant proposal is due June 22, 2022 and will need to include a copy of legislation authorizing the submission of the grant application. I am respectfully requesting that you present this unauthorized item at the May 18, 2022 Council meeting for review and approval so the City can finalize the CHIP PY2022 grant proposal and submit prior to the June deadline.

Please let me know if you need any additional information to have this item added to the agenda.

Thank you.

Cc: Hope Jones, Law Director  
Bridget Susel, Community Development Director  
Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council  
CHIP 2022 Application file

TO: Dave Ruller  
FROM: Angela Manley, Parks and Recreation Director  
DATE: May 9, 2022  
RE: Kent Parks and Recreation Donation

The Kent Parks & Recreation Department has received the following donation to be used for Kent Parks and Recreation beautification:

Henry V. and Frances W. Christenson Charitable Foundation - \$1,500.00

The check has been forwarded to Budget and Finance and will be held until Council formally accepts the donation. Please request the necessary authorization from City Council to accept this donation and to allow Budget & Finance to appropriate the same amount to this account number (106-03-53-301-7420) in the Parks & Recreation Fund. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

CC:  
Budget & Finance  
Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council  
Kent Parks & Recreation Board



## KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORT MARCH 2022

### FIRE INCIDENT RESPONSE INFORMATION

#### Summary of Fire Incident Alarms

	CURRENT PERIOD			YEAR TO DATE		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
City of Kent	71	74	57	197	165	148
Kent State University	29	5	5	95	25	50
Franklin Township	12	19	12	46	41	34
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mutual Aid Given	4	5	1	15	11	11
<b>Total Fire Incident Alarms</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>244</b>

#### Summary of Mutual Aid Received by Location

City of Kent	2	3	0	4	4	1
Kent State University	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin Township	0	0	0	1	1	0
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Mutual Aid</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RESPONSE INFORMATION

#### Summary of Emergency Medical Service Responses

	CURRENT PERIOD			YEAR TO DATE		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
City of Kent	237	216	233	715	679	652
Kent State University	33	10	14	80	27	71
Franklin Township	47	65	46	143	151	119
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	2	0	1	4	2
Mutual Aid Given	1	4	1	4	8	7
<b>Total Emergency Medical Service Responses</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>851</b>

#### Summary of Mutual Aid Received by Location

City of Kent	4	0	1	4	1	3
Kent State University	0	1	0	0	2	0
Franklin Township	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Mutual Aid</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

### TOTAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RESPONSE INCIDENTS

	<b>434</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>1296</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>1095</b>
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### TOTAL ALL RESPONSES , INCLUDING MUTUAL AID

	<b>440</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>1305</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>1099</b>
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