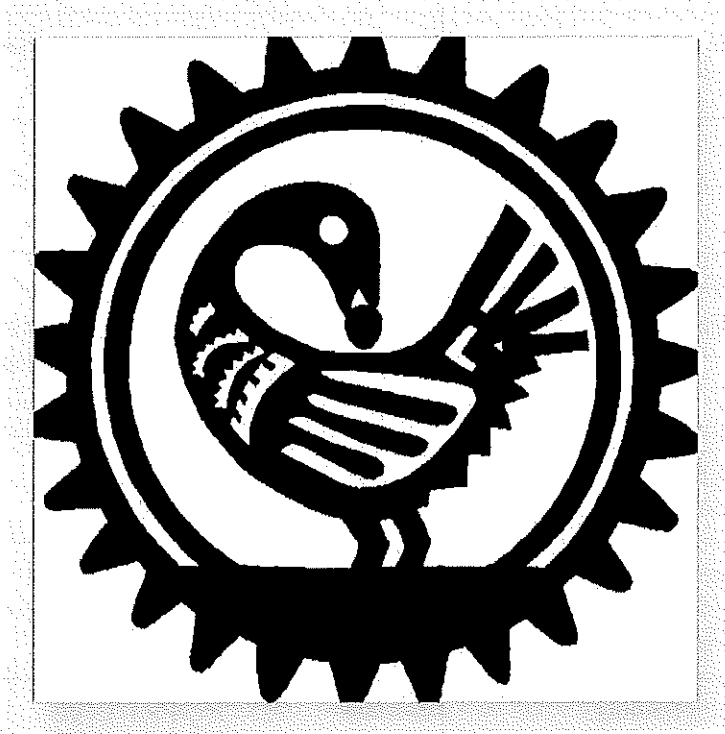


Juneteenth Oberlin, Inc.

“African Americans: The Struggle, The fight for freedom, And Still Yet Invisible”



**CITY OF OBERLIN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION FUNDING APPLICATION
Calendar Year 2021**

***We have two models of the festival depending on Covid-19**

Name of Organization: Juneteenth Oberlin, Inc.	
Contact Name: Valerie Lawson	Phone: 440-774-4327
Service Address: M.P.O. Box 604 Oberlin, Ohio 44074	Business Address if different from Service Address:
Phone: 440-770-4327	Phone: 440-774-4327
***Is your organization part of a larger Federal, State, or Other Agency, Organization, or Group?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO yes (Circle One) Juneteenth, tentatively waiting approval for a new fiscal agent Juneteenth as of February 15 th will have a new fiscal agent or will be its own entity for this festival only.
If YES, what is the name and total annual budget of the larger Agency, Organization, or Group?	
What is your local organization's annual budget?	10,000
What amount/percentage goes towards Admin.?	\$0
Prior year (2020) City of Oberlin funding	\$4,500 5,180.00
Current year (2021 request	\$6,800
Estimated number of individuals you expect to serve	2,500 or more
How many Oberlin residents?	2,250 90%Total
Cost related to serving Oberlin resident:	\$ 10,000
If circled "yes" to the above question identified with ***, what amount of funding is received to serve Oberlin residents from Federal, State or Other agency?	Not applicable
Do other Cities, Townships, Villages, or other governmental unit (not already identified above) provide funding to your organization?	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO (Circle one)

NOTE: Our insurance renews in May, once it renews we will send the documentation to the city. We still have the insurance from last year, and we will get a new notice in May, 2021.



Oberlin, OH—The Juneteenth Oberlin Executive Board is proud to present this year’s annual Juneteenth Celebration Festival, **“African Americans: The Struggle, The Fight for Freedom, And Still Yet Invisible”** on Saturday, June 19th, 2021, from 9 am to 6 pm.

This Juneteenth—originally June 19th, 1865—is considered the date when the last enslaved people in America were freed. Although the rumors of freedom were widespread prior to this, actual emancipation did not come in Texas until June 19th, two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1st, 1863. Juneteenth symbolizes the end of slavery and the beginning of freedom. While its roots are in Texas, Juneteenth has become a day to celebrate freedom all over the United States. Oberlin’s history of commitment to abolition and the cause of freedom make the community uniquely qualified to celebrate Juneteenth.

- This year we will have two different programs depending on Covid. If the covid protols are more relax because cases are lower, and we have proper safety protocols we will do Model 1. If Covid is still to high and more regulations are in effect we will go to model 2.

Covid Model 1: We are going to do a drive by festival with a parade and drive through vendors. People will drive through with their masks to view the parade and order from food trucks. We are going to have traffic movers who will be moving the crowd of people. We will make sure that the food is not near the parade. Safety protocols will mean people will order the food in their cars and the vendors will bring the food to the car windows. The vendors will be in the parking spots across the street from the stores, near Tappans Square. During the parade each group is separated by cars, there will be more than 6 feet distance. There will be no stage. They can stop for one minute and do a little performance at the end and then the performers will have to disperse. People will only be able to watch the parade from their cars. There will be minimal people on the streets, and we are not encouraging foot traffic. On the same day at 6:30pm we will have The Maafa Ceremony and Potters Field event entitled **Celebrating African American Women of Oberlin in the Journey from Bondage and as Pioneers to Freedom: “The Making of Herstory Rooted in the Emergence of the Oberlin Community.”**

Covid Model 2: If for some reason the city says that we can not do the drive by festival, we are just going to do the Maafa and Potters Field Cemetery events. In this case the events will be on Saturday June, 19th, 2021 starting with the Maafa at 6:30pm, followed by the Potters Field Cemetery event that will end at dusk. We will have a few (1 or 2) vendors near the reservoir.

This year the Potter’s Field Memorial Service will be entitled **Celebrating African American Women of Oberlin in the Journey from Bondage and as Pioneers to Freedom: “The Making of Herstory Rooted in the Emergence of the Oberlin Community.”** There will be a small flower ceremony on Saturday, June 19th, 2021 at 7:30 pm - dusk. A dedication of the Potter’s Field gravestone will take place at the Maafa remembrance ceremony. We will honor and share the histories of these African American women in a booklet.

Maafa, also known as the Holocaust of Enslavement, is a national celebration commemorating the pain, suffering, and loss of life of Africans in the Diaspora. This year **“African Americans: The Struggle, The Fight for Freedom, And Still Yet Invisible”** commemoration will be held at Westwood Cemetery in Oberlin at 6:30 pm - 7:30pm Saturday June 19th, 2021. We are going to go out and clean the graves of the African Americans buried at Potter’s Field and put reefs on their graves. We will dedicate a headstone to one of the African Americans that were buried behind the people who’s estate they worked for but does not have any marker. We commemorate African Americans buried in Potters Field by placing flower reefs to recognize the movers and shakers who owned businesses in Oberlin, and were prominent Black members of the Oberlin Community. The Maafa will focus on the more present day African Americans - focusing on the 20th century.

This year the Chairwoman of Juneteenth will be Ms. Valerie Lawson who is an Oberlin native. We are a community festival and would like to acknowledge the following organizations for their support; City of Oberlin, local churches who are providing a lot of in-kind support this year, Oberlin College, the Oberlin Rotary, Oberlin Public Library, and the Oberlin Business Partnership. We are currently looking for volunteers and booth vendors to make this a successful community festival. Booth applications will be available by April 1st, 2021 at the Oberlin Public Library, or online on our website (www.juneteenthoberlin.com). Please send completed booth application to M.P.O. 604 Oberlin, OH 44074. For additional information please contact Ms. Valerie Lawson by phone at 440-774-4327.

[Juneteenth Oberlin, Inc. is a nonprofit organization.]



Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 19th 2021, Tappan Square Oberlin, OH

Event Time***	Start	Main Stage	Park	Parade
9:00am		Festival begins with vendors		
12:00 noon			Parade approaches	Parade
6:30pm		Maafa Begins		
7:30pm		Potter's Field Ceremony begins		

Did Your Organization receive City of Oberlin funding in the prior calendar year? *YES NO (Circle one)

These funds were utilized to bring performance artists, and to purchase materials for the event. The event was a success because of the funding support.

Are these funds and service currently also provided by some other agency, group, or organization in Oberlin?

YES NO (Circle one)

Juneteenth Board Members: Valerie Lawson will serve as Chairperson and Ms. Adenike Sharpley, Ms. Margaret Christian, Ms. Gail Abrams. The honorary Board Members are: Ms. Che Gonzalez, and Ms. Linda Isabell. Other Board Members include Ms. Annessa Wyman on parade curation. We will also be supported by three Oberlin College alumni: Nani Borges OC'19, Donny Edmund OC'16, and Francisca Chaidez- Gutierrez OC'05.

Juneteenth Oberlin Inc. Itemized Budget Proposal 2021

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	Detailed	Oberlin Communit	Donations/In kind		
1 Juneteenth 2021 Budget.					
2 Potter's Field/ Moafa					
3 Flowers (for benches and to place reefs on headstones of 50 people)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			
4 Libation supplies	\$25.00	\$25			
5 Booklets (\$10 each 50 booklets)	\$500.00	\$500.00			
6					
7 Graveyard Historian	\$300.00	\$300			
8 Reverend Dickerson	\$300	\$300			
9 Daniel Spearman	\$100	\$100			
10 Dedication Monument	\$1,500	\$1,500			
11 Monument Set	\$100	\$100			
12 Candles	\$10	\$10			
13 Juneteenth					
14 Reverend Dickerson					
15 John Seyfried donation	\$200.00		\$200 (Ade's Place)		
16 Clown	\$100.00	\$100.00			
17 Sachas for Women Honorees	\$150.00	\$150.00			
18					
19 Set up/Clean up					
20 Advertisement	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00			\$500.00
21 Printing	\$200.00	\$200.00			
22 Website	\$100.00	\$100.00			
23 Insurance	\$700.00	\$700.00			
24 Candy	\$200.00	\$200			
25 Labor/Help	\$200.00	\$200.00			
26 Total:	\$8,215.00	\$7,515.00			\$700

