Office of Community Development
Weekly Digest

December 31, 2020

Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines
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Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines
No new items

OCD Meetings and Training Events
January 6, 2021
January 21, 2021

Other Training and Professional Development Events
No new items

New and Updated Items

COVID-19 Items

- [Governor's Office Coalition Communication: Local Government](#)
- [PY 2020 Supportive Housing Programs Grant Implementation Training](#) *(updated)*

Other Items

- [PY 2020 Supportive Housing Programs Grant Implementation Training](#) *(updated)*
- [PY 2020 Supportive Housing Programs Grant Implementation Files](#)

Our offices are closed on the weekend. If you think you'll need to access OCEAN during that time, make sure you can log in by 12 p.m. Friday. For password resets <u>do not submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk.</u> If you need to reset your password email <u>ocd@development.ohio.gov</u>.

Active OCEAN users receive the OCD Weekly Digest. OCD does not maintain a separate mailing list. If you are an active OCEAN user and not receiving the Digest, please check with your administrator and make ocd@development.ohio.gov a safe sender. Also, check your OCEAN profile and ensure your email address is correct. Click here for the Quick Reference Guide to update your information. Remember to use Internet Explorer when using OCEAN. If you need assistance navigating OCEAN, **do not submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk**. Email your program representative with the grant number and screen shots of the issue.

As part of an ongoing effort to move to paperless operations, we encourage grantees to send all correspondence via email to your program representative or ocd@development.ohio.gov and copy your program representative. Since the physical office is closed to employees, items

mailed to our physical address will <u>not</u> be received in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact your [program representative](#).

COVID-19 Administrative Updates

Virtual Home Relief Grant Program Q&A Session

The Office of Community Development with the Office of Community Assistance will host a question-and-answer session on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. During the session, staff will answer questions about applying for and administering the CARES Act Home Relief Grant Program (CDBG-CV). To register for the session, click [here](#).

Governor's Office COVID-19 Fact Sheets

The Governor's Office created fact sheets called Coalition Communication to help targeted Ohio industries communicate about COVID-19 in the community. These fact sheets contain resources, talking points, and social media posts for each industry and are published weekly. Click [here](#) for the current Local Government and Business versions.

Round 1 Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) Program Phase 2 Funding Availability

As part of Round 1 of the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) Program, the Office of Community Development reserved funding for a second phase to address continuing support in target areas that need it most as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. **Phase 2 funding is only available to current Round 1 ESG-CV grantees.** For more information, click [here](#).

Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program

The State of Ohio, through the Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program, provides financial assistance to local governments to pay for expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on these resources, visit the [Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program web page](#). If you would like the Ohio Office of Budget and Management to assist in reviewing proposals or eligible uses, email grants@obm.ohio.gov.

Environmental Review Process

Until further notice, grantees must submit environmental review Request for Release of Funds and/or Certification documentation via email to ocd@development.ohio.gov. Grantees may view and download Project-Specific Release of Environmental Conditions documents in OCEAN. OCD will not mail hard copies of these documents. Please email Cecilia Castillo at Cecilia.Castillo@development.ohio.gov or Tim Allen at TimothyM.Allen@development.ohio.gov if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Grant Administration Updates

Virtual Public Hearing: PY 2019 Substantial Amendment

On January 21, 2021, OCD will hold a virtual public hearing for a substantial amendment to the PY 2019 Ohio Annual Action Plan for Round 2 CARES Act Emergency Solution Grant (ESG-CV) funding. The draft substantial amendment will be available on Development's website by mid-January. To register for the virtual hearing, click [here](#).

PY 2020 Supportive Housing Program Implementation Training Now Online

On December 15, 2020, OCD hosted the Supportive Housing Program grant implementation

training for grantees who received funding through the Round 1 Homeless Crisis Response Program ESG-CV CARES Act Program and PY 2020 Supportive Housing and Homeless Crisis Response Programs (grants beginning January 1, 2021). To access the recording and documents, click here.

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OCD Partner Information

Housing Now for Homeless Families
COHHIO is seeking proposals from eligible nonprofit organizations to administer projects that provide Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Homeless Prevention (HP) assistance to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible families with children who are experiencing homelessness. For more information, click here.

Nonprofit Reimbursing Relief Grants
The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is providing up to $25 million in federal CARES Act grants to nonprofit agencies that serve low-income Ohioans and have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, click here.

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