Office of Community Development
Weekly Digest

July 23, 2020

Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines	
(click underlined text for more information on the Internet)	
Grant Administration Dates	
August 6, 2020	Homeless Crisis Response Program Application Deadline
August 20, 2020	Supportive Housing Program Application Deadline
OCD Meetings and Training Events	
No new items	
Other Training and Professional Development Events	
July 29-30, 2020	OCCD Summer Meeting

New and Updated TA Site Items

COVID-19 Items

- No new items

Other Items

- Affordable Housing Program Representative Map *(updated)*
- Community Investments Program Representative Map *(updated)*
- Policy Notice 20-01: Grant Operations and Financial Management Policy and Procedures
- Policy Notice 20-02: Procurement Requirements for Federally Funded OCD Programs
- Policy Notice 20-03: CDBG-DR Duplication of Benefits Policies and Procedures

OCEAN and OCD Updates and Information

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.

OCD Encourages Electronic Communication

As part of an ongoing effort to move to paperless operations, OCD encourages 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

HUD Excludes CARES Act Assistance from Income Determination

HUD released a statement that economic impact payments – stimulus payments – and federal pandemic unemployment compensation through next Friday, July 31, 2020 are to be excluded from income determinations. OCD will provide further guidance in the coming weeks.

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.

Weekly Updates

New Policy Notices Now Available Online

Three new policy notices are now uploaded to the TA site: 20-01: Grant Operations and Financial Management Policy and Procedures; Policy Notice 20-02: Procurement Requirements for Federally Funded OCD Programs and Policy Notice 20-03: CDBG-DR Duplication of Benefits Policies and Procedures. To download the notices, visit the Policy Notices page here.

PY 2020 Homeless Crisis Response Program Application Due August 6

The PY 2020 Homeless Crisis Response Program application is now open. Application documents and training information are available on the TA site here. Applications are due in two weeks **by 11:59 p.m. on August 6, 2020**.

PY 2020 Supportive Housing Program Application

The PY 2020 Supportive Housing Program application will open July 31, 2020. Application information will be available on the TA site soon. The application deadline is August 20, 2020. Application training is available on the TA site here.

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Census 2020

Ohioans have been receiving their invitations to participate in the Census by mail. The 2020 Census is modern and technology will allow Ohioans many ways to respond. The quickest and easiest is online at 2020Census.gov. The site will accept responses in English and 12 non-English languages. Ohioans can also complete the survey by phone.

Participation in the 2020 Census is critical, and you can track your community's participation rate by visiting the 2020 Census website. On this site you can view response rates at the county, city or township level. This is important data as we work to make sure every Ohioan is counted.

Please continue to remind your residents to participate in the 2020 Census. It's something they can do while following the Governor's stay at home order during this health crisis. Remember, the Census will take 10 minutes, but it impacts the next 10 years. The 2020 Census is easy, safe, and important. If you have questions about the census and connecting to your residents during this time, email OhioCensus2020@development.ohio.gov.

Sharing Successes on Development's Social Media Feeds

We're always looking for ways to share your successes in the community. If your community or organization shares projects using Development grant funds on social media, we encourage you to tag Development at @ohiodevelopment or use the hashtags #partnership, #communitydevelopment, #housing, #affordablehousing, and #safehomes. Want to follow Development? Check out our Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram feeds, YouTube channel and Flickr photo stream.

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