

January 14, 2021

Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines (click underlined text for more information on the Internet) Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines	
January 15, 2021	HCRP CARES Act (ESG-CV) Status Reports Due
OCD Meetings and Training Events	
January 21, 2021	Draft Program Year (PY) 2019 Ohio Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (CARES Act) ESG-CV Round 2 Public Hearing
Other Training and Professional Development Events	
January 19, 2021	The Ohio. Find It Here. Co-Op Advertising Program Webinar
January 20, 2021	Racial Equity and Homelessness 101
January 27 - 28, 2021	OCCD 2021 Virtual Winter Meeting
February 10, 2021	All About Household Assets and Working with Gig Income

New and Updated Items

COVID-19 Items

- Governor's Office Coalition Communication: Local Government
- <u>CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program Questions and Answers General</u>
- <u>CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program Questions and Answers Grant Administration</u>
- <u>PY 2020 CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program Application Documents</u> (updated)

Other Items

• SFY 2022 Ohio Housing Trust Fund Special Projects Grant Program Application Notice

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</u> <u>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 <u>ocd@development.ohio.gov</u> a safe sender. Also, check your OCEAN profile and ensure your email address is correct. Click <u>here</u> for the Quick Reference Guide to update your information. Remember to use Internet Explorer when using OCEAN. If

you need assistance navigating OCEAN, <u>do not submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk</u>. Email your program representative with the <u>grant number and screen shots of the issue</u>.

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 <u>ocd@development.ohio.gov</u> 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 <u>program representative</u>.

COVID-19 Administrative Updates

CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program Questions and Answers Online

On January 6, 2021, OCD hosted a live question and answer session about the CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program. Questions received prior to and during the event are now available on the TA site. As we receive more questions, we will update the posts. Click <u>here</u> to view general questions about the program and <u>here</u> for questions regarding grant administration.

HCRP CARES Act Status Reports Due Tomorrow

Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) CARES Act status reports are due Friday, January 15, 2021. Grantees must complete and upload either an Emergency Shelter or Housing Stability ESG-CV Expense Report in OCEAN. Click <u>here</u> to download the report templates.

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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>Coronavirus Relief Fund Local</u> <u>Government Assistance Program web page</u>. If you would like the Ohio Office of Budget and Management to assist in reviewing proposals or eligible uses, email <u>grants@obm.ohio.gov</u>.

Environmental Review Process

Until further notice, grantees must submit environmental review Request for Release of Funds and/or Certification documentation via email to <u>ocd@development.ohio.gov</u>. 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 <u>Cecilia.Castillo@development.ohio.gov</u> or Tim Allen at <u>TimothyM.Allen@development.ohio.gov</u> if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Grant Administration Updates

Virtual Public Hearing: PY 2019 Annual Action Plan 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.

Open Analyst Positions in the Office of Community Development

The Office of Community Development has an opening for a Community Development Analyst position in the Community Investments section and a Housing Grant Analyst in the Residential Revitalization section. For detailed information about the Community Development Analyst position including how to apply, click <u>here</u>. For more information about the Housing Grant Analyst position, click <u>here</u>.

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OCD Partner Information

The Ohio. Find It Here. Co-Op Advertising Program

The Ohio. Find It Here. Co-Op Advertising Program provides tourism industry members the opportunity to purchase advertising such as paid social, digital, paid search, broadcast radio, etc., that have been vetted by our media experts and which deliver upon the target segments and markets most relevant to your business or entity. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.





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