



January 7, 2021

**Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines**

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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 20, 2021      Racial Equity and Homelessness 101

February 10, 2021      All About Household Assets and Working with Gig Income

**New and Updated Items**

**COVID-19 Items**

- Duplication of Benefits Resources
- Service Area Map - Home Relief Grant Program

**Other Items**

- Program Policy Notice 19-02: Qualifying Community Development and Residential Public Infrastructure Projects using Community Development Block Grant National Objectives  
(updated)

**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 do not submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk. If you need to reset your password email [ocd@development.ohio.gov](mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov).**

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](mailto: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](mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov) and

copy your program representative. Since the physical office is closed to employees, items mailed to our physical address will not be received in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact your [program representative](#).

## COVID-19 Administrative Updates

### Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act Status Reports Due Soon

Homeless Crisis Response Program 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 [here](#) 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 [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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Cecilia.Castillo@development.ohio.gov) or Tim Allen at [TimothyM.Allen@development.ohio.gov](mailto:TimothyM.Allen@development.ohio.gov) if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

## Grant Administration Updates

### 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 [here](#). For more information about the Housing Grant Analyst position, click [here](#).

### 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](#).

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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](#).

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