Office of Community Development Weekly Digest

November 19, 2020

Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines	
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Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines	
No new items	
OCD Meetings and Training Events	
November 19, 2020	HOPWA Con Plan Advisory Committee Meeting
November 24, 2020	PY 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (CARES Act) CDBG-CV Rounds 2 and 3 Virtual Public Hearing
Other Training and Professional Development Events	
No new items	

New and Updated Items
COVID-19 Items
• Webinar: CARES Act Targets of Opportunity Program
Other Items
• REVISED: 19-05: HOME Program Project Draws and Adjustment Restriction
• Memo: Draft PY 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (CARES Act) CDBG-CV Rounds 2 and 3
• Draft PY 2019 Annual Action Plan (CARES Act) CDBG-CV Rounds 2 and 3 Substantial Amendment

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 not be received in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact your program representative.

COVID-19 Administrative Updates

Target of Opportunity CARES Act Program Guidelines Online

A new webinar on the Target of Opportunity CARES Act Program is now available on the TA site. The webinar discusses program guidelines, funding and the application process. To access the recording, click here.

For the PY 2020 Target of Opportunity CARES Act Program (CDBG-CV) application checklist and list of attachments click here. Interested applicants can access the pre-application here and a running list of program questions and answers here. Pre-applications should be emailed to ocd@development.ohio.gov.

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 November 24, 2020, OCD will hold a virtual public hearing for a substantial amendment to the PY 2019 Ohio Annual Action Plan. The draft plan is available on Development's website here. To register for the virtual hearing, click here.

Revised: HOME Program Project Draws and Adjustment Restriction

OCD issued a revised version of Program Policy 19-05: HOME Program Project Draws and Adjustment Restriction. Under the revised policy, grantees will not be able to draw returned HOME funds for one project to use on another project. Returned HOME funds will be cancelled from the grant. To access the revised notice, click here.

PY 2020 Critical Infrastructure Program Round 2

Eligible applicants interested in applying for Round 2 PY 2020 Critical Infrastructure Program funding are required to submit a pre-application to OCD for review by **December 16, 2020**. Upon approval, OCD will open a full application for the applicant in OCEAN to submit by **January 13, 2021**. OCD will accept pre-applications on a rolling basis and will consider new requests until all available PY 2020 funds are expended. To access the pre-application, click here.

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OCD Partner Information

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.

COHHIO Soliciting Balance of State Continuum of Care Board and Committee Members

The Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio (COHHIO) is seeking board and committee members for the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC). For the 2020-2021 term, 10 Homeless Planning Regions must select a new representative to serve on the Ohio BoSCoC. For more information about the board and its committees and the application process, click here.

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