



November 5, 2020

### Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines

(click underlined text for more information on the Internet)

#### Grant Administration Dates

No new items

#### OCD Meetings and Training Events

November 24, 2020	<a href="#">PY 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (CARES Act)</a> <a href="#">CDBG-CV Rounds 2 and 3 Virtual Public Hearing</a>
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#### Other Training and Professional Development Events

November 3-5, 2020	<a href="#">Consolidated Plan Program Advisory Committee Meetings</a>
November 10, 2020	<a href="#">Eviction Prevention</a>

### New and Updated Items

#### COVID-19 Items

- No new items

#### Other Items

- [20-02 - Procurement Requirements for Federally Funded OCD Programs](#) *(updated)*
- [Procurement Summary: HUD-funded Programs](#)
- [Additional Notice Formats](#) *(updated)*
- [Categorical Exclusion Subject to Section 58.5 Activity Toolkit](#) *(updated)*
- [Environmental Assessment Activity Toolkit](#) *(updated)*
- [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing \(AFFH\)](#) *(updated)*
- [Fair Housing Basics](#) *(updated)*

### OCD 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](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.

## OCD Encourages Electronic Communication

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

### 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).

### Program Policy Notice for Duplication of Benefits

New program policy notices are available on the TA site. Policy Notice 20-05, *CDBG-CV Duplication of Benefits Policy and Procedures* outlines procedures to ensure people or entities receiving assistance as a result of COVID-19 do not receive them from multiple sources for the same purpose, and the total assistance does not exceed total need. To access the OCD Program Policy Notices, click [here](#).

### Target of Opportunity CARES Act Application Documents Online

The application documents for the PY 2020 Target of Opportunity CARES Act Program (CDBG-CV) are available on the TA site. To view the application checklist and list of attachments click [here](#). Interested applicants can access the pre-application for the Target of Opportunity CDBG-CV Program funding by clicking [here](#) for the pre-application and [here](#) for a running list of questions and answers. Pre-applications should be emailed to [ocd@development.ohio.gov](mailto:ocd@development.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

### 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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OCEAN. OCD will not mail hard copies of these documents. If you have any questions regarding the environmental review process 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.

### **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](#).

The logo for the state of Ohio, featuring a red outline of the state and the word "Ohio" in a bold, dark red serif font.

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**Jon Husted**, Lt. Governor

**Development  
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