Office of Community Development Weekly Digest

July 30, 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	
August 5, 2020	Fair Housing 101 - Part I: Back to Basics
August 19, 2020	Fair Housing 101 - Part II: Fair Lending & Consumer Protection
September 5, 2020	Fair Housing 101 - Part III: Using Community Assets

New and Updated TA Site Items

COVID-19 Items

- No new items

Other Items

- Required Grantee Lead Training

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 not 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 tomorrow 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

Submitting OCEAN User Agreement Forms

Grantees submitting OCEAN User Agreement forms should **email completed forms to ocd@development.ohio.gov in addition to mailing the hard copy**. To help expedite receiving grant agreements with correct CEO and administrator information, OCD suggests grantees send new or updated information as soon as possible.

PY 2020 Homeless Crisis Response Program Application Due Next Week

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

Lead Accreditation Training Grant Program

Development, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health, created the Lead Accreditation Training Grant Program to provide funding for lead workforce development and training activities. The program will subsidize costs for initial and refresher lead trainings. For a list of eligible courses, applicant eligibility and regional lead training providers, click here.

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 Supportive Housing Program Application Opens Tomorrow

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.