



September 24, 2020

**Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines**  
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**Grant Administration Dates**

October 28, 2020	Housing Assistance Grant Program Application Submission Deadline
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**OCD Meetings and Training Events**

No new events	
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**Other Training and Professional Development Events**

September 29, 2020	<a href="#">Understanding Landlord Tenant Law and Subsidized Housing</a>
October 6, 2020	<a href="#">Racial Equity and Housing Justice During and After COVID-19 with Ta-Nehisi Coates</a>
October 9, 2020	<a href="#">Organizing Showers &amp; Hygiene Access for People Living Outside</a>
October 14, 2020	<a href="#">Tenant Readiness</a>
October 15, 2020	<a href="#">Telehealth Considerations and Strategies for Special and Vulnerable Populations</a>
October 27, 2020	<a href="#">Uniform Relocation Assistance Virtual Training</a>
October 28-29, 2020	<a href="#">OCCD Virtual Fall Meeting</a>
November 10, 2020	<a href="#">Eviction Prevention</a>

**New and Updated TA Site Items**

**COVID-19 Items**

- No new items

**Other Items**

- No new items

**Administrative 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](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, OCD encourages 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**

### **COVID-19 Targets of Opportunity Pre-Application and FAQs**

The pre-application for the Targets of Opportunity Program funded with CARES Act dollars is and a running list of questions and answers are also available on the TA site. To access the pre-application, click [here](#) and for questions and answers, click [here](#). Pre-application forms 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.

## **Weekly Updates**

### **Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Reports Due Wednesday**

For the reporting period April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, grantees must enter Notice of Contract Award (NOCA) data in OCEAN and submit Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report (SALSER) forms via email to Sheilah Bradshaw by **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Census 2020 Deadline is Wednesday**

**The deadline for people to submit their 2020 Census form is this coming Wednesday, September 30, 2020.** The state is currently at a 70.2% self-response rate. Please continue to remind residents in your community to participate in the Census. It takes 10 minutes, but it impacts the next 10 years. The Census is easy, safe, and important. 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. If you have questions about the census, email [OhioCensus2020@development.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioCensus2020@development.ohio.gov).

### **Emailed OCEAN User Agreements Requests Now Accepted**

Effective immediately, OCD is no longer requiring grantees to mail a hard copy of the completed OCEAN User Agreement form. Grantees will need to continue to have the form **signed by the chief elected/executive official and notarized** for OCD to accept an electronic submission. Completed forms should be emailed to [ocd@development.ohio.gov](mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov). For the updated form and instructions, click [here](#).

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## **PY 2020 Housing Assistance Grant Program Application Information Online**

The PY 2020 Housing Assistance Grant Program application documents are now available on the TA site. The application will open on September 9, 2020 and is due **Wednesday, October 28, 2020, by 11:59 p.m.** Application documents and training are available on the TA site [here](#).

## **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](#).

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## **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](#).

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