



September 3, 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

September 10, 2020	PY 2020 Ohio Consolidated Plan Public Hearing on Needs
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Other Training and Professional Development Events

September 5, 2020	Fair Housing 101 - Part III: Using Community Assets
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September 22-23, 2020	Financial Management for OCD Non-Profits
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New and Updated TA Site Items

COVID-19 Items

- No new items

Other Items

- No new items

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

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

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](#).

Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Reports

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](#).

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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Census 2020

The deadline for people to submit their form is September 30, 2020. Please continue to remind your residents to participate in the 2020 Census. 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. 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.

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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