

What's New

April 28, 2022

- The period to submit public comments for the HOME-ARPA Allocation Plan ends May 2. Administrative Updates.
- OCCD Nonprofit Back to Basics 101 Training is March 24. Other Training and Professional Development Events.
- The funding deadline for ESG-CV funds has been extended. *Administrative Updates*.
- 2022 Job Certification Toolkit is available. Administrative Updates.
- Brownfield Remediation Program Round 2 application deadline has been extended. OCD Partner Information

Our offices are closed on the weekend. If you think you'll need to access OCEAN during that time, make sure you can log in by **12 p.m. Friday**.

For password resets, email <u>ocd@development.ohio.gov</u>. **DO NOT submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk.**

Upcoming Events & Grant Deadlines OCD Grant and Application Deadlines

June 15, 2022

CDBG Community Development Program Applications Due

June 22, 2022 CHIP Program Applications Due

Other Training and Professional Development Events

April 28, 2022 PY 2022 CHIP Program Application Training

May 3-12, 2022 <u>Litigating Fair Housing Cases</u>

May 4, 2022 Mental Health 101: Overview of Mental Health Issues in the

Modern World Access code: 4670871#

May 10-11, 2022 OCCD Fair Housing Training

May 11, 2022 988 is Not a Joke – National Suicide Prevention Hotline

Launch Access code: 8477433#

May 18, 2022 Get Help: Reducing Stigma Associated with Mental

Health Access code: 5955873#

May 24, 2022 OCCD Nonprofit Back to Basics 101 Training

May 25, 2022 Now What? Mental Health Issues in Post-COVID

America Access code: 6268721#

May 23-26, 2022 <u>Basics of Fair Housing</u>

June 6-9, 2022 Fundamentals of Fair Housing - Intake

Virtual Trainings

Avoid Compliance Pitfalls with SS Income

Basically CDBG Online

Tiny Chat: Fair Housing

URA the HUD Way

Administrative Updates

ESG-CV Funding Extension

HUD has extended ESG-CV funding. In order to take full advantage of the extension, the state must meet the 50% expenditure deadline by June 12. Grantees are encouraged to submit an amendment to request additional funds if they are low on or out of funding.

Grantees facing challenges spending their funds should consider submitting an amendment revising their plan to ensure that they can utilize funds more effectively, and to avoid a loss

of funds through a reallocation process. The Ohio Department of Development is open to utilizing funds for adding staff for coordinated entry, landlord retention and recruitment, and other necessary adaptations. The 35% cap on supportive services has also been removed. Grantees may increase staff salaries to remain competitive in the job market. Please contact your grant manager to discuss challenges to see if your needs are eligible under the regulations.

ESG-CV expenditure deadline changes:

- Recipients must expend all amounts awarded through their first and second allocations of ESG-CV funds by September 30, 2023
- Administration and HMIS funds necessary for ESG-CV closeout must be expended by December 31, 2023
- If a recipient receives additional funds through reallocation, all of those funds must be expended by June 30, 2024

ESG-CV grantees not submitting amendments will receive an extension to continue operations through 9/30/2023 in May. The timing extension amendments will be completed by Grant Managers on grants not otherwise modified but will require a new grant agreement be signed.

For more information about requesting additional HCRP ESG-CV or TOPP funds, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

2022 Job Certification Toolkit Available

The 2022 Job Certification Toolkit has been released and is available for use (effective 4/18/22). Information on the toolkit can be found here or on the TA Site here.

Street Outreach Program Grant Funding Available through HHS

The Street Outreach Program (SOP) provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, prostitution, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of human trafficking in persons. These services, targeted in areas where street youth congregate, are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices and providing them access to shelter as well as basic needs, including food, hygiene packages and information on a rage of available services. Applications are due by May 19. View more information and apply.

Amended HOME-ARPA DRAFT Allocation Plan and Memo Posted

OCD has released an amended DRAFT HOME-ARPA Allocation Plan, as well as an amended memo, providing information on the next round of public comment. To submit a comment for the record, please visit Development's website here.

PY 2022 CHIP Program Application Training

DRAFT PY 2022 CHIP Application Posted

To assist with the planning process, OCD has posted the <u>DRAFT of the CHIP</u> <u>Application for PY 2022 on our TA site</u>. The Application Alternative Form for Option of Past Performance Expunged has also been posted for use as well. Please keep in mind, this is the DRAFT of the application and is only provided for planning purposes. The final version of the application will be posted soon.

 PY 2022 CHIP Program Application Training will be held virtually on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. A draft version of the application will be posted prior to the training.

Attendees can <u>register prior to the event here</u>. Attendees can join via phone by dialing 408-418-9388 Access code: 2331 231 5150

Overview of Procurement Requirements for Federally Funded OCD Programs

OCD issued <u>Program Policy 21-03</u> effective July 1, 2021. Changes to the policy can impact how grantees procure administrators for federally funded OCD Programs. An overview of the updates from OCD Program Policy 20-02 are as follows:

- Cooperative Purchasing section (added ORC 9.48 item);
- Interagency Agreement section (does not allow for non-competitive procurement of a Community Action Agency, Community Improvement Corporation, or Economic Development Corporation); and
- The Section 3 section (updated to reflect new HUD rule).

If you have questions regarding the policy, please contact your <u>Program Representative</u>.

Important Information for CHIP Program Grantees

Many CHIP Program Grantees are out of compliance with OCD Program Policy 18-02. After drawing all funds for a project site address, grantees must ensure that site address is in *Complete* status in OCEAN. All grantees should immediately review their address status and complete any addresses out of compliance. Please see OCD Program Policy 18-02 for more information.

Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program Applications Due

Applications for the PY 2022 CHIP program are due on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The instructions for required planning process and documents have been posted to the website here.

Available Funding

Street Outreach Program Grant through HHS

Ohio Nonprofit Hospitals & Schools Energy Efficiency Grant

Community Development Block Grant Funds

PY 2022 Community Development Programs

Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) Funding

Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program

OCD Partner Information

Brownfield Remediation Program Round 2 Application Deadline Extended.

The application deadline for Round 2 of the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program has been extended from April 30, 2022, to May 31, 2022.

The <u>Brownfield Remediation Program</u> provides grants for the remediation of brownfield sites throughout Ohio. Round 2 funding is only available for counties who did not meet their \$1 million county set-aside in Round 1.

Eligible counties and remaining set-asides can be found on <u>development.ohio.gov/brownfield</u>. Program guidelines and frequently asked questions can be found on the program website. Additional questions can be sent to <u>redevelopment@development.ohio.gov</u>.

Administrative Items

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 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

OCD Weekly Digest Delivery

Active OCEAN users automatically receive the OCD Weekly Digest.

Please add OhioDepartmentofDevelopment@public.govdelivery.com to your contacts or Safe Sender List to ensure continued delivery of the Weekly Digest. If you have issues receiving the digest, please check you clutter and spam folders.

If you would like to sign up to receive the Digest directly, you can <u>sign up here</u>. If you are currently an active OCEAN User, you do not need to complete the form. You will continue to receive the weekly email.

OCEAN Help

Check your OCEAN profile and ensure your email address is correct. Click <u>here</u> for the Quick Reference Guide to update your information. Remember to use Internet Explorer when using OCEAN.

If you need assistance navigating OCEAN, <u>do not submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk</u>. Email your program representative with the <u>grant number and screen shots of the issue</u>.

