What's New

April 7, 2022

- OCCD's Fair Housing Training is May 10-11. *Upcoming Events & Grant Deadlines.*

- HUD is Hosting a Series of Trainings on Mental Health. *Upcoming Events & Grant Deadlines.*

- Reminder of Procurement Requirements for Federally Funded OCD Programs. *Administrative Updates.*

- PY 2022 CDBG Program Application Training on April 20. *Administrative Updates.*

- Reminder to submit your projects for National Community Development Week. *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 ocd@development.ohio.gov. **DO NOT submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk.**

Upcoming Events & Grant Deadlines

OCD Grant and Application Deadlines

April 15, 2022	HCRP CARES Act Status Reports Due
June 15, 2022	CDBG Community Development Program Applications Due

June 22, 2022   CHIP Program Applications Due

Other Training and Professional Development Events

April 20, 2022   PY 2022 CDBG Program Application Training

April 27, 2022   OCCD Spring Meeting

April 28, 2022   PY 2022 CHIP Program Application Training

May 3-12, 2022   Litigating Fair Housing Cases

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 25, 2022   Now What? Mental Health Issues in Post-COVID America *Access code: 6268721#*

May 23-26, 2022   Basics of Fair Housing

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
Overview of Procurement Requirements for Federally Funded OCD Programs

OCD issued [Program Policy 21-03](#) 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 [Program Representative](#).

OCD CDBG Application Training Webinar

PY 2022 CDBG application training will be held virtually on April 20th, at 1:30 p.m.

Attendees can [register prior to the event here](#).

Residential Revitalization Housing Representative Service Area Map Updated

The Office of Community Development has updated its Housing Program Service Area Map to include new staff members. The map includes county information regarding their residential revitalization housing program representative, and [can be found here.](#)

Welcome OCD's New Housing Grant Analyst

Marcia Walters is the new Housing Grant Analyst in the Office of Community Development.

Prior to joining Development, she was the Housing Specialist at Great Lakes Community Action Partnerships where she was involved in 10 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program partnership grants. Marcia has 15 years of CHIP Program experience, as well as experience in weatherization programs and community planning. Marcia holds a bachelor's degree from Tiffin University and an associate degree in business management. She is also a certified HOME program specialist.

PY 2022 CHIP Program Application Training

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 [register prior to the event here](#).

Attendees can join via phone by dialing 408-418-9388 Access code: 2331 231 5150

Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act Status Reports Due

Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act status reports are due Friday, April 15, 2022. Grantees must complete and upload either an Emergency Shelter or Housing Stability ESG-CV Expense Report in OCEAN. Click here to download the report templates.

PY 2022 Annual Action Plan / National Housing Trust Fund Public Hearing

The comment period for the PY 2022 AAP/ NHTF Plan began April 4. For more information or to get the link to join the meeting, please visit the Development website here. Please note: The revised HOME-ARPA Allocation Plan will undergo an additional 15-day public comment period. More information on this will be posted in the future.

Community Development Program Allocations

Program Year 2022 Community Development allocations are live on the TA site. Please visit the webpage for more information or contact your program representative.

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.

Updated Lead Accreditation Training Grant Program Brochure

The Lead Accreditation Training Grant Program brochure has been updated to reflect changes to the available training opportunities and provider list. Click here to view the updated brochure.

Available Funding

[Ohio Nonprofit Hospitals & Schools Energy Efficiency Grant](#)

[Community Development Block Grant Funds](#)

[PY 2022 Community Development Programs](#)

[PY 2020 Round 2 Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act Program](#)

[Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program](#)

OCD Partner Information

National Community Development Week - April 11-15

Each year, during Congress' spring recess, communities across the nation celebrate Community Development Week. It is an opportunity for you to showcase your communities' accomplishments and projects and educate residents, business owners and elected officials about the CDBG, HOME and other community development programs through Development and how they improve the quality of life for all.

The work you do locally helps to strengthen communities across Ohio. We encourage you to participate in Community Development Week this year. The Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCDA) has a planning guidebook for the week. COSCDA also has resources and ideas for events and outreach you can do locally. For more information, [click here](#).

If your community is planning any activities or events during the week, please contact your [program representative](#) with more information. We would like to highlight the change you're making in the communities where you live and work.

Brownfield Remediation Program Round 2 Applications Open for Eligible Counties.

The [Brownfield Remediation Program](#) 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 [development.ohio.gov/brownfield](#). Round 2 applications close **April 30**. Program guidelines and frequently asked questions can be found on the program website. Additional questions can be sent to [redevelopment@development.ohio.gov](#).

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 sign up here. 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 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.