



Office of Community Development Weekly Digest

December 2, 2021

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 and Grant Deadlines

(click underlined text for more information)

Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines

No new items

OCD Meetings and Training Events

No new events

Other Training and Professional Development Events

December 7-8, 2021 [Financial Management of Grants](#)

December 15, 2021 [Getting Ready for the Audit](#)

Virtual Training

(click underlined text for more information)

[Basically CDBG Online](#)

[Tiny Chat: Fair Housing](#)

[URA the HUD Way](#)

New and Updated Items

COVID-19 Items

- No new items

Administrative Items

- [Section 3](#) (updated Section 3 Procedures Summary form)

Active OCEAN users automatically receive the OCD Weekly Digest.

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.

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 when a new edition is posted. Click here to submit your information.

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](#).

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.

COVID-19 Administrative Updates

PY 2020 Round 2 Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) Program Funding Availability

The Office of Community Development has funds available through Round 2 of the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) for renovation and street outreach. Supplemental funding for Round 1 Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) CARES grantees for emergency shelter, alternate shelter, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing is also available. For more information, including how to apply, click [here](#) to download the forms.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program

The State of Ohio, through the Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program, provides financial assistance to local governments for expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on these resources, visit their [webpage](#). For assistance in reviewing proposals or eligible uses, contact the Office of Budget and Management at grants@obm.ohio.gov.

Administrative Updates

New Ohio Department of Development Website

The Ohio Department of Development has launched a [new webpage](#). Any pages you have bookmarked will need to be updated. You can find the new site at development.ohio.gov.

PY 2020 CHIP Milestones Updates

PY 2020 CHIP Program Milestones have been updated. All milestones occurring in 2022 are suspended. The February 28, 2023 work completion deadline and April 30, 2023 grant end date will remain. Click [here](#) to access the PY 2020 CHIP Milestones chart.

OCD Partner Information

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program

The Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant program will help fund important water and wastewater infrastructure projects throughout Ohio. The program will provide nearly \$250 million in grant funding to Ohio communities.

Governor DeWine has announced the first [two rounds of funding](#), awarding nearly \$137 million to Ohio communities.

The application, program guidelines and a list of frequently asked questions can be found at InvestingInOhiosFuture.Ohio.Gov.

Grant and Loan Programs Available to Ohio Businesses

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced grant and loan programs to help small, medium and minority-owned businesses recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and help women and minority overcome obstacles to establishment and growth.

The [Women's Business Enterprise Loan Program](#) offers loans from \$45,000 up to \$500,000 at interest rates up to 3%. Loans can be repaid within 10 years for equipment and machinery and 15 years for owner-occupied real estate. Businesses must be at least 51% under ownership and control by women or be certified as a Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) in Ohio.

The [Ohio Micro-Loan Program](#) offers loans of \$10,000 up to \$45,000 at zero percent interest. Loans will be repaid within five years for permanent working capital and seven years for equipment. Businesses must be certified in Ohio as either a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or a Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE).

Four business grant programs are available as well:

- Food and Beverage Establishment Grant
- Entertainment Venue Grant
- Lodging Grant
- New Small Business Grant

The programs will provide \$155 million in grant funding to businesses that opened in 2020, food and beverage establishments, entertainment venues, and lodging venues. The funds were made available by the Ohio General Assembly as part of Senate Bill 108 and Senate Bill 109 in May.

All four programs will be administered by the Ohio Department of Development, formally Ohio Development Services Agency. Program guidelines, terms and conditions, and required documentation for all four programs are available now at <https://businesshelp.ohio.gov/>.



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