



What's New

February 10, 2022

- The Weekly Digest has moved! Please add OhioDepartmentofDevelopment@public.govdelivery.com to your contacts or Safe Sender List to ensure continued delivery.
- A new case management and workforce development program is available for young adults through the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. See OCD Partner Information for more details.

*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

No upcoming grant or application deadlines.

Other Training and Professional Development Events

February 1-16, 2022

[Housing Rehab Specialist Training](#)

February 15, 2022	Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Roundtable Discussion Series: Landlord Engagement and Unit Acquisition
February 22, 2022	RRH Roundtable Discussion Series: Rapid Resolution/Rapid Exit
February 23, 2022	IRS 1040 Method - Income Determinations
March 1, 2022	RRH Roundtable Discussion Series: Innovation in RRH
March 10, 2022	Conquering Compliance - Part 5 Income Determinations
March 23, 2022	Income and Assets in a Tech Driven Economy

Virtual Trainings

[Avoid Compliance Pitfalls with SS Income](#)

[Basically CDBG Online](#)

[Tiny Chat: Fair Housing](#)

[URA the HUD Way](#)

Administrative Updates

CDBG-CV Applications Closed

OCD has officially committed the remainder of its Community Development Block Grant CARES (CDBG-CV) funds. Funds were administered by applications on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis. Additional applications for funding through the CDBG-CV will not be accepted or awarded.

These funds are separate from Emergency Solutions Grant CARES (ESG-CV) funds that are overseen by OCD's Supportive Housing section. Those funds are still available. Please contact OCD or a member of Supportive Housing for more information and how to apply.

Final Performance Reports for HOME-Funded Grants Due

The validation error for unexpended HOME funds has been removed in OCEAN. Please submit final performance reports for applicable Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program grants immediately.

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.

OCD Partner Information

Case Management and Workforce Development Program Available for Young Adults

The Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) is available to young adults, ages 14-24 through the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. The program is available across Ohio and targets homeless and runaway young adults. A wide variety of services are available, including supportive services (rent, utilities, transportation, childcare, clothing, and computer equipment), paid work experiences, career counseling, tutoring, postsecondary tuition assistance, financial literacy training, mentoring, drop-out recovery, and job placement.

Funding is provided by Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds to serve young adults. Please contact your [local CCMEP contact](#) to refer low-income young adults.

Funding Opportunities Available to Clean Up Blighted and Vacant Sites

The Demolition and Site Revitalization Program provides grants for the demolition of commercial and residential buildings and the revitalization of surrounding properties. Nearly \$150 million in funds are available. A \$500,000 set-aside per county will be available until June 30, 2022. Remaining funds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Program guidelines are available at [Development.Ohio.Gov/Demolition](https://development.ohio.gov/demolition).

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. Program guidelines, terms and conditions, and required documentation for all four programs are available now at <https://businesshelp.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 or Tim Allen at TimothyM.Allen@development.ohio.gov if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

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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.
