



## What's New

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**February 17, 2022**

- Community Development Block Grant funds are now available. *Administrative Updates*
- OCD has a New Supportive Housing Manager, Christina Blair. *Administrative Updates*
- Contract Activity and Labor Standards Enforcement Reporting is due March 31. *Administrative Updates*

*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](mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov). **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

### Other Training and Professional Development Events

February 22, 2022	<a href="#">RRH Roundtable Discussion Series: Rapid Resolution/Rapid Exit</a>
February 23, 2022	<a href="#">IRS 1040 Method - Income Determinations</a>
March 1, 2022	<a href="#">RRH Roundtable Discussion Series: Innovation in RRH</a>
March 10, 2022	<a href="#">Conquering Compliance - Part 5 Income Determinations</a>
March 23, 2022	<a href="#">Income and Assets in a Tech Driven Economy</a>

## Virtual Trainings

[Avoid Compliance Pitfalls with SS Income](#)

[Basically CDBG Online](#)

[Tiny Chat: Fair Housing](#)

[URA the HUD Way](#)

## Administrative Updates

### Community Development Block Grant Funds Available

OCD has released a Notice of Funding Availability for Community Development Programs for Program Year 2022. For more information and how to apply, visit <https://development.force.com/OCDTA/s/article/PY-2022-Notice-of-Funding-Availability-for-Community-Development-Programs>.

### Welcome OCD's New Supportive Housing Manager

Christina Blair is the new Manager of Supportive Housing in the Office of Community Development.

Christina has served in numerous housing and homelessness roles throughout her career. She started her career volunteering at a domestic violence shelter, where she later served as director. In 2006, she joined the Community Action Commission of Fayette County (CAC) where she worked as an employment counselor at the homeless shelter and was later promoted to the Homeless Crisis Response Program. Using the coalition model, Christina led Fayette, Highland, Clinton, Ross, and Pickaway Counties and developed

several new programs within the homeless department, including the development of permanent supportive housing.

In 2013, Christina started at the Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio serving as the coordinator for the 80 most rural counties of the Balance of State Continuum of Care. She has also held roles in affordable housing service coordination and at a startup women's economic empowerment program.

In 2016, Christina joined the Faith in Recovery Coalition in Fayette County, which had been hard-hit by the opioid epidemic. In 2021, the coalition had reduced overdose deaths by over half and implemented several projects utilizing the peer support model.

Christina has a Master of Public Administration and Social and Behavioral Sciences degree.

## **Contract Activity and Labor Standards Enforcement Reporting Due March 31**

OCD collects data regarding contract activity and labor standards enforcement for all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and federal Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants, and provides cumulative reports semi-annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Grantees will enter Notice of Contract Award (NOCA) data directly in OCEAN and will submit Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report (SALSER) forms via email.

The [NOCA Quick Reference Guide](#) is available on the [OCD Quick Reference Guide](#) webpage. Grantees must enter NOCA data for all previously unreported contracts by **March 31, 2022**.

The [SALSER form](#) is available on OCD's Federal Labor Standards [webpage](#). Please use this form to report all labor standards enforcement that occurred during Period 1: *October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022*. Grantees may only submit one SALSER per grant. Please submit the completed SALSER forms via email to Sheilah Bradshaw at [Sheilah.Bradshaw@development.ohio.gov](mailto:Sheilah.Bradshaw@development.ohio.gov) by **March 31, 2022**.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Cecilia.Castillo@development.ohio.gov) or Tim Allen at [TimothyM.Allen@development.ohio.gov](mailto:TimothyM.Allen@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](mailto: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.

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