



Office of Community Development Weekly Digest

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The Weekly Digest is Moving!

Starting next Thursday, February 10, the weekly digest will be sent from the email management system, GovDelivery. Please add OhioDepartmentofDevelopment@public.govdelivery.com to your contacts or Safe Sender List to ensure continued delivery. If you do not receive next week's digest, please check you clutter and spam folders.

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)

Other Training and Professional Development Events

February 1-16, 2022	Housing Rehab Specialist Training
February 8, 2022	Rapid Rehousing Roundtable Discussion Series: Assertive Engagement in Practice
February 15, 2022	Rapid Rehousing Roundtable Discussion Series: Landlord Engagement and Unit Acquisition
February 22, 2022	Rapid Rehousing Roundtable Discussion Series: Rapid Resolution/Rapid Exit
February 23, 2022	IRS 1040 Method - Income Determinations
March 1, 2022	Rapid Rehousing 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

(Click link to learn more)

[Avoid Compliance Pitfalls with SS income](#)

[Basically CDBG Online](#)

[Tiny Chat: Fair Housing](#)

[URA the HUD Way](#)

New and Updated Items

COVID-19 Items

- No new items

Administrative Items

- [Floodplain and Wetland Public Notice Formats](#) (updated)
- [Environmental Review Technical Assistance](#) (updated)
- [Fair Housing Basics](#) (updated)
- [Civil Rights Technical Assistance for Supportive Housing Grantees](#)
- [Additional Resources](#) (updated)
- [Accessibility and Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications](#) (updated)

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

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. Further 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.

Position Open for Manager of Community Investments

OCD is hiring a Manager of Community Investments. This role oversees the Community Investments Office; plans, directs and coordinates grant management of approximately 250 grants each fiscal year to communities and nonprofit organizations; and coordinates with other section managers and staff to ensure effective communications regarding programmatic and administrative development. See the [Job Posting](#) for more information or to apply.

Final Performance Reports (FPR) for HOME-funded grants

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

OCD Partner Information

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.

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/>.

The logo for the state of Ohio, featuring a red outline of the state and the word "Ohio" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

The logo for the Ohio Department of Development, featuring the words "Department of Development" in a bold, dark grey, sans-serif font.

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