



What's New

March 24, 2022

- Community Development Program Allocations are now available. *Administrative Updates.*
- Reminder: Contract Activity and Labor Standards Enforcement reporting is due March 31. *Administrative Updates.*
- 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

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| June 15, 2022 | CDBG Community Development Program applications due |
| June 22, 2022 | CHIP Program applications due |

Other Training and Professional Development Events

March
28-April [OCCD's CDBG Basics Training](#)
5, 2022

April
27, [OCCD Spring Meeting](#)
2022

Virtual Trainings

[Avoid Compliance Pitfalls with SS Income](#)

[Basically CDBG Online](#)

[Tiny Chat: Fair Housing](#)

[URA the HUD Way](#)

Administrative Updates

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.

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 by **March 31, 2022**.

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.

Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit Information Now Available

HUD recently released new guidance on the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Please visit the [TA site](#) or go to [HUD Exchange](#) 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](#).

Supportive Housing Service Area Map Updated

The Office of Community Development (OCD) has updated its Supportive Housing Service Area Map to include all new staff members, including our new supportive housing manager, Christina Blair. This map provides each county with information regarding their supportive housing program grants manager, and [can be found here](#).

Ohio Nonprofit Hospitals & Schools Energy Efficiency Grant Funding Available

Applications for the Ohio Nonprofit Hospitals & Schools Energy Efficiency Grant program are open. The program helps Ohio nonprofit hospitals and K-12 public school districts implement energy efficiency improvements to lower energy use and costs. Eligible applicants receive low-interest financing to install efficiency measures that reduce energy by at least 15%. [Click here for more information and to apply](#).

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.](#)

Options for SHP and HCRP Grantees

The Office of Community Development (OCD) has been delayed in issuing grant agreements for the PY2021 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) programs.

OCD will issue PY 2021 HCRP and SHP state funded grants in May following Controlling Board approval. Grantees that receive federal funds can expect grant agreements by early April. The grant start date will be January 1, 2022, and grantees will be able to charge expenditures incurred on or after that date to their PY 2021 grant.

PY 2019 SHP grantees and PY 2019 state funded HCRP grantees experiencing cash flow issues are encouraged to request extensions to expend any remaining funds from those grants. HCRP CARES grantees can utilize those grant funds to ensure continued uninterrupted operations and are encouraged to request amendments if they need additional funding.

Contact your Supportive Housing Liaison for more information.

Program Year 2022 NOFA for Community Development Programs

PY 2022 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Community Development Programs has been published. For estimated funding and application deadlines, [please see the NOFA here.](#)

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>.

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

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 Now Open for Eligible Counties.

The [Brownfield Remediation Program](#) provides grants for the remediation of brownfield sites throughout Ohio. Nearly \$350 million in funds is available through three rounds of funding. A \$1 million set-aside per county will be available until June 30, 2022.

Round 2 funding is only available for counties who did not meet their \$1 million county set-aside in Round 1. Applications can be submitted for remaining set-asides available. Any requests over the remaining county set-aside will be eligible to apply in Round 3.

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 redvelopment@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 or Tim Allen at 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 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.
