



## What's New

**March 31, 2022**

- Contract Activity and Labor Standards Enforcement Reporting Due Today, March 31. *Administrative Updates.*
- HCRP CARES Act Status Reports Due April 15. *Administrative Updates.*
- Fair Housing Trainings Available. *Upcoming Events & Grant Deadlines.*
- Updated Residential Revitalization Housing Representative Service Area Map Available. *Administrative Updates.*
- OCD has a New Housing Grant Analyst, Marcia Walters. *Administrative Updates.*
- PY 2022 CHIP Program Application Training on April 28. *Administrative Updates.*
- Upcoming PY 2022 Annual Action Plan / National Housing Trust Fund Public Hearing. *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

April 15, 2022	HCRP CARES Act Status Reports Due
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 5, 2022	<a href="#">OCCD's CDBG Basics Training</a>
April 27, 2022	<a href="#">OCCD Spring Meeting</a>
May 3-12, 2022	<a href="#">Litigating Fair Housing Cases</a>
May 23-26, 2022	<a href="#">Basics of Fair Housing</a>
June 6-9, 2022	<a href="#">Fundamentals of Fair Housing - Intake</a>

## Virtual Trainings

[Avoid Compliance Pitfalls with SS Income](#)

[Basically CDBG Online](#)

[Tiny Chat: Fair Housing](#)

[URA the HUD Way](#)

## Administrative Updates

### Contract Activity and Labor Standards Enforcement Reporting Due Today, 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**.

## **Residential Revitalization Housing Representative Service Area Map Updated**

The Office of Community Development has updated its Housing Program Service Area Map to include new staff members. The map includes county information regarding their residential revitalization housing program representative, and [can be found here](#).

## **Welcome OCD's New Housing Grant Analyst**

Marcia Walters is the new Housing Grant Analyst in the Office of Community Development.

Prior to joining Development, she was the Housing Specialist at Great Lakes Community Action Partnerships where she was involved in 10 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program partnership grants. Marcia has 15 years of CHIP Program experience, as well as experience in weatherization programs and community planning. Marcia holds a bachelor's degree from Tiffin University and an associate degree in business management. She is also a certified HOME program specialist.

## **PY 2022 CHIP Program Application Training**

PY 2022 CHIP Program Application Training will be held virtually on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. A draft version of the application will be posted prior to the training.

Attendees can [register prior to the event here](#).

Attendees can join via phone by dialing 408-418-9388 Access code: 2331 231 5150

## **Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act Status Reports Due**

Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act status reports are due Friday, April 15, 2022. Grantees must complete and upload either an Emergency Shelter or Housing Stability ESG-CV Expense Report in OCEAN. [Click here to download the report templates](#).

## **PY 2022 Annual Action Plan / National Housing Trust Fund Public Hearing**

The comment period for the PY 2022 AAP/ NHTF Plan begins April 4. For more information or to get the link to join the meeting, please [visit the Development website here](#). Please note: The revised HOME-ARPA Allocation Plan will undergo an additional 15-day public comment period. More information on this will be posted in the future.

## 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.

## 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.](#)

## Available Funding

[Community Development Block Grant Funds](#)

[PY 2022 Community Development Programs](#)

[PY 2020 Round 2 Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act Program](#)

[Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program](#)

## 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 (COSFDA) has a planning guidebook for the week. COSFDA 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 Open for Eligible Counties.

The [Brownfield Remediation Program](#) provides grants for the remediation of brownfield sites throughout Ohio. Round 2 funding is only available for counties who did not meet their \$1 million county set-aside in Round 1.

Eligible counties and remaining set-asides can be found on [development.ohio.gov/brownfield](http://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](mailto: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](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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