What's New

March 3, 2022

- OCCD's CDBG Basics Training is March 28-April 5. *Other Training*

- OCCD Spring Meeting is on April 27 in a hybrid format. Registration coming soon. *Other Training*

- Ohio Nonprofit Hospitals & Schools Energy Efficiency Grant funding available. *Administrative Updates.*

- A updated Lead Accreditation Training Grant Program brochure is available. *Administrative Updates.*

- Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) programs grant agreements are delayed. *Administrative Updates.*

- Brownfield Remediation Program Round 2 applications are now open to eligible communities. *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

June 15, 2022   CDBG Community Development Program applications due

Other Training and Professional Development Events

March 10, 2022	Conquering Compliance - Part 5 Income Determinations
March 23, 2022	Income and Assets in a Tech Driven Economy
March 28-April 5, 2022	OCCD's CDBG Basics Training
April 27, 2022	OCCD Spring Meeting

Virtual Trainings

Avoid Compliance Pitfalls with SS Income

Basically CDBG Online

Tiny Chat: Fair Housing

URA the HUD Way

Administrative Updates

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.

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 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.

OCD Partner Information

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 redevelopment@development.ohio.gov.

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.

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).

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.