



October 21, 2021

Our offices are closed on the weekend. If you think you'll need to access OCEAN during that time, make sure you are able to 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 and Grant Deadlines

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#### Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines

October 25, 2021      [PY 2021 Homeless Crisis Response Program \(HCRP\) Application Due](#)

#### OCD Meetings and Training Events

No new items

#### Other Training and Professional Development Events

October 27, 2021      [Draft CDBG-DR Action Plan Second Amendment Public Hearing](#)

October 27-28, 2021      [OCCD Fall Quarterly Meeting](#)

### Virtual Training

(click underlined text for more information)

[Basically CDBG Online](#)

[Tiny Chat: Fair Housing](#)

### New and Updated Items

#### COVID-19 Items

- No new items

#### Administrative Items

- [Service Area Map - Residential Revitalization](#) (updated title and link)
- [Service Area Map – Home Relief Grant](#) (updated map)
- [Guidance](#) (added "URA the HUD Way" Training Modules)
- [Additional Resources](#) (updated System for Award Management (Wage Determinations and Debarred Contractors List))

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](mailto: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.

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](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.

## **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).

## **Administrative Updates**

### **PY 2021 Homeless Crisis Response Program Application Open**

The PY 2021 Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) application is open in OCEAN. Application information and documents are available on the TA site [here](#). The application submission deadline is **Monday, October 25, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST**.

### **Welcome, Ashley**

Ashley Reynolds joined Development as a Special Projects Coordinator on Monday, September 20, 2021, in the Community Services Division's new Office of Division Support. Her primary focus will be on working with stakeholders to create a housing and homelessness plan for the state. Prior to joining Development, Ashley was a public administration intern with the City of Worthington. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Theil College and a master's in public policy from Carnegie Mellon University.

## Happy Retirement, Scott

After 31 years of service, Scott Gary retired from the Department of Development. Scott was the Supportive Housing Manager and a pillar in the homeless and supportive housing community in the state. Scott plans to travel, spend time with his family and continue helping people in recovery during his retirement. If you'd like to contact Scott, he can be reached via email at [moab.bound@yahoo.com](mailto:moab.bound@yahoo.com).



L to r: Gabe Gary, Jarrett Gary, Scott Gary, Director Mihalik

## Changes to the Office of Community Development

Development's Community Services Division created two new offices in response to an influx of COVID-19 federal relief funds and a shift in responsibility: the Office of Division Support and the Office of Energy and Environment.

The Office of Division Support now includes OCD's Training and Technical Assistance staff as the Compliance section. The new section includes both compliance staff from the Offices of Community Assistance and Community Development. The Compliance staff will perform all the same duties for OCD grantees.

The Office of Energy and Environment will be responsible for the weatherization and energy programs and the newly created Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program and upcoming brownfield and demolition programs.

### OCD Partner Information

#### Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program

Governor Mike DeWine announced the launch of the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant program to help fund important water and wastewater infrastructure projects throughout Ohio. The program will provide nearly \$250 million in grant funding to Ohio communities. The application, program guidelines and a list of frequently asked questions can be found at [InvestingInOhiosFuture.Ohio.Gov](http://InvestingInOhiosFuture.Ohio.Gov).

#### Grant Programs to Help Small and Medium-sized Businesses

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced four grant programs to help small and medium-sized businesses recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. 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/>. Ohio Small Business Development Centers and Ohio Minority Business Assistance Centers are staffed with advisors who can help businesses with the application process. The four programs are:

- Food and Beverage Establishment Grant
- Entertainment Venue Grant
- Lodging Grant
- New Small Business Grant

### **The Ohio. Find It Here. Co-Op Advertising Program**

The Ohio. Find It Here. Co-Op Advertising Program provides tourism industry members the opportunity to purchase advertising such as paid social, digital, paid search, broadcast radio, etc., that have been vetted by our media experts and which deliver upon the target segments and markets most relevant to your business or entity. For more information, click [here](#).

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

**Department of  
Development**

**Lydia L. Mihalik**, Director