



September 2, 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. DO NOT submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk.

Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines

(click underlined text for more information)

Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines

September 15, 2021	CHIP Program Status Reports Due Home Relief Grant Program Status Reports Due Housing Assistance Grant Program Status Reports Due
September 30, 2021	Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report (SALSER) Forms Due

OCD Meetings and Training Events

September 8, 2021	PY 2022 Ohio Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Public Hearing on Needs Issues
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Other Training and Professional Development Events

October 6-8, 2021	Ohio CDC Association Annual Conference
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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

- No new items

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.

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

New OCD Weekly Digest Mailing List

OCD created a new form to allow non-OCEAN users to sign up for the OCD Weekly Digest. If you would like to sign up to receive the Digest directly. 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.

Welcome, Colleen

Colleen Siadik joined Development as a Housing Grant Analyst in the Office of Community on Monday, August 30, 2021. Prior to joining Development, she was a Housing Inspector for the City of Cambridge and has been involved with CHIP programs since 1990 when she started as a contractor. Colleen has more than 20 years of experience as a contractor. She maintains State of Ohio licenses for Lead Risk Assessor, Lead Abatement Contractor, Asbestos Hazard Evaluation Specialist, Asbestos Hazard Abatement Supervisor, and Ohio Manufactured Home Inspector.

PY 2021 Supportive Housing Program Application Due Next Week

The PY 2021 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) application is due **Friday, September 10,**

2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Application information and documents are available on OCD's Technical Assistance website. Click [here](#) to review the application instructions and required documents.

Updated OCEAN User Agreement for File Upload-Download

The Office of Community Development (OCD) added a new feature and role in OCEAN that would allow grantees to send and receive documents to and from OCD, including files with sensitive information.

All organizations must either have a Data Confidentiality Agreement and updated Users & Roles form on file for any user who will upload files to the system or submit an email to ocd@development.ohio.gov to opt out of the User role. To access the new form, click [here](#) and click *OCEAN User Agreement* at the bottom of the page to download and complete the form. If your organization **does not** want to use the File Upload-Download role, please email ocd@development.ohio.gov with your decision. You **do not** need to submit an updated OCEAN User Agreement.

Any organization that has not submitted an updated User Agreement or emailed OCD will have its OCEAN User accounts disabled starting Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Contract Activity and Labor Standards Reporting

For the reporting period April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, grantees must enter Notice of Contract Award (NOCA) data in OCEAN and submit Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report (SALSER) forms via email to Sheilah Bradshaw by **Thursday, September 30, 2021**. For more information, click [here](#).

PY 2021 Housing Assistance Grant Program Application Information Online

The PY 2021 Housing Assistance Grant Program application documents are now available on the TA site. The application will open on September 14, 2021 and is due Wednesday, October 13, 2021, by 11:59 p.m. Application instructions and attachments are available on the TA site [here](#).

Change to HOME-funded Housing Set Up in OCEAN

Due to a new HUD reporting requirement, grantees that received HOME funds must enter the HOME Written Agreement date when setting up a new housing site address in OCEAN. OCD added a field under the *Attachments* section of the Housing Site Address page for the required date. Any addresses currently not in the completed status will need this date field completed by the grantee. Grantees will not be able to submit the address for approval (funding) without the HOME Written Agreement date. Grantees will need to ensure the date is correct: once entered it cannot be edited. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your [housing program representative](#).

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.

The State of Ohio Launches Four New Grant Programs

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced the launch of 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, 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/>. 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, 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, grey, sans-serif font.

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