



Office of Community Development Weekly Digest

April 15, 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

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Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines

April 15, 2021 [HCRP CARES Act \(ESG-CV\) Status Reports Due](#)

OCD Meetings and Training Events

April 21, 2021 [PY 2021 Community Development Program Application Training](#)

May 5, 2021 [Draft CDBG-DR Program Action Plan First Amendment Public Hearing](#)

Other Training and Professional Development Events

April 28, 2021 [OCCD 2021 Virtual Spring Meeting](#)

New and Updated Items

COVID-19 Items

- [Governor's Office Coalition Communication: Local Government](#)

Administrative Items

- No new items

Active OCEAN users receive the OCD Weekly Digest. OCD does not maintain a separate mailing list. 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.

As part of an ongoing effort to move to paperless operations, we encourage grantees to send all correspondence via email to your program representative or ocd@development.ohio.gov and copy your program representative. Since the physical office is closed to employees, items mailed to our physical address will not be received in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact your [program representative](#).

For HOME-funded Grants: When submitting a status report, if you receive an error message about unexpended HOME funds, click *Cancel* to clear the message and submit the report.

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

Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act Status Reports Due Today

Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act status reports are due Thursday, April 15, 2021. 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 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 as well as supplemental funding for Round 1 Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) CARES grantees for emergency shelter, alternate shelter, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing. For more information, including how to apply, click [here](#) to download the updated 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 to pay for expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on these resources, visit the [Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program web page](#). If you would like the Ohio Office of Budget and Management to assist in reviewing proposals or eligible uses, email grants@obm.ohio.gov.

Administrative Updates

New Community Development Analyst – Tom Perry

Tom Perry joined Development as a Community Development Analyst in the Office of Community Development on April 7, 2021. Prior to joining Development, he was the executive assistant to the Mayor of Norwood where he applied for and administered Community Development Block Grant funds for the City of Norwood. Tom holds a Master of Public Administration from Northern Kentucky University and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Bowling Green State University.

PY 2021 Income Limits Now Onl

sets income limits that determine eligibility for assisted housing programs including the Public Housing, Section 8 project-based, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, Section 202 housing for the elderly, and Section 811 housing for persons with disabilities programs

PY 2021 Community Development Programs Application Training Wednesday

On Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 1 p.m., OCD will conduct an application training via Webex for the PY 2021 Community Development Programs to review the application requirements. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. To register, click [here](#).

PY 2021 CHIP Application Instructions, Attachments and Q&A Online

The final version the PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program application instructions and programmatic information along with application attachments are now available on the TA site [here](#). PY 2021 CHIP Program application questions and answers are available on the TA site [here](#). The application is scheduled to open on April 27, 2021. The submission deadline is **Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

CHIP Program Virtual Technical Assistance Available

The Residential Revitalization staff is providing virtual technical assistance to CHIP grantees. We highly encourage CHIP Program Rehabilitation Specialists to schedule a virtual technical assistance visit for project scope of work and specifications. Contact [your program representative](#) for more information or to schedule a session.

OCD Partner Information

Limited PPE available through the Ohio Department of Public Safety

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) has a limited quantity of personal protective equipment (PPE) available to communities and nonprofit organizations. To request PPE, email esf6@dps.ohio.gov with the following information:

- Type and quantity of PPE requested
- Contact information
 - Names of your organization's contact person. (ODPS suggests multiple contacts)
 - Contact(s) phone number or e-mail address
 - Organization's hours of operation and any special delivery instructions
 - Date and time of pick up or delivery
 - For PPE deliveries, answer the following questions:
 - Is there a loading ramp at the delivery location?
 - Does the delivery location have personnel to unload the PPE?
 - Does the delivery location have equipment to unload the PPE?

For additional information or questions, e-mail esf6@dps.ohio.gov.

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