Office of Community Development Weekly Digest

February 4, 2021

Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines	
(click underlined text for more information on the Internet)	
Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines	
No new items	
OCD Meetings and Training Events	
No new items	
Other Training and Professional Development Events	
February 10, 2021	All About Household Assets and Working with Gig Income

New and Updated Items
COVID-19 Items
• Governor's Office Coalition Communication: Local Government
Other Items
• PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Notice of Funding Availability and Application Notification

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 <u>do not submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk.</u> If you need to reset your password email <u>ocd@development.ohio.gov</u>.

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, **<u>do not submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk</u>**. Email your program representative with the <u>grant number and screen shots of the issue</u>.

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 <u>not</u> 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.

COVID-19 Administrative Updates

Round 1 Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) Program Phase 2 Funding Availability

As part of Round 1 of the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) Program, the Office of Community Development reserved funding for a second phase to address continuing support in target areas that need it most as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. **Phase 2 funding is only available to current Round 1 ESG-CV grantees.** For more information, click here.

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.

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.

Grant Administration Updates

Citizen Participation Requirements for PY 2021

For all grantees applying for OCD grants in PY 2021, the citizen participation requirements are back to the 30-day minimum for public comment periods per HUD regulations. We encourage grantees to hold public hearings virtually, however, grantees must provide the community with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment. Click here to read HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development memo.

Open Analyst Positions in the Office of Community Development

The Office of Community Development has an opening for a Community Development Analyst position in the Community Investments section and a Housing Grant Analyst in the Residential Revitalization section. For detailed information about the Community Development Analyst position including how to apply, click here. For more information about the Housing Grant Analyst position, click here.

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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.

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.

Housing Now for Homeless Families

The Housing Now for Homeless Families (HNHF) Program offers grants to local nonprofits that provide temporary financial assistance and supportive services to rehouse families with children that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. HNHF grants are administered by COHHIO and funded by federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funding provided by the State of Ohio. To access the program referral map please follow this link. https://cohhio.org/housing-now-for-homeless-families/.