



August 19, 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
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

No new items

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

- [Environmental Assessment Activity Toolkit](#) (updated *Environmental Assessment Worksheet*)
- [Contract Activity and Labor Standards Reporting: April to September 2021](#)

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

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

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](#).

Secure Document Upload in OCEAN

In June, the Office of Community Development (OCD) notified grantees that a new feature and role would be available in OCEAN that would allow grantees to send and receive documents to and from OCD. The file upload feature could be used for grant administration and remote monitoring.

In preparation for this new feature, **all** organizations must have a Data Confidentiality Agreement and updated Users & Roles form on file for any user who will upload files to the system. Each organization's Organization Edit User(s) received an email requesting the updated form be completed and returned by **September 1, 2021**.

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 you have any questions about the new process, email ocd@development.ohio.gov.

PY 2021 Supportive Housing Program Application Now Open

The PY 2021 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) application is now open in OCEAN. Application information and documents are now available on OCD's Technical Assistance website. Click [here](#) to review the application instructions and required documents. The application submission deadline for the PY 2021 SHP Program application is **Friday, September 10, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST**.

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](#).

PY 2018 and 2019 CHIP Program Project Limit Increase

Due to the current increase in construction materials, the Office of Community Development (OCD) revised the program activity limits for PY 2018 and PY 2019 CHIP Program grants. Any CHIP Program contracts signed after July 1, 2021, must adhere to the new unit limits. To review the updated limits, click [here](#).

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

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, sans-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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