



August 5, 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

(click underlined text for more information)

### Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines

No new items

### 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

August 13, 2021	<a href="#">Race Equity and Homelessness 101</a> (four-part series)
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## Virtual Training

(click underlined text for more information)

[Basically CDBG Online](#)

## New and Updated Items

### COVID-19 Items

- No new items

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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](#).

### **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 is currently working to add a field under the Attachments section of the Housing Site Address page for the required date. 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](#).

### **Section 3 Labor Hours Reporting Requirement**

HUD issued new Section 3 implementing regulations that introduce “labor hours” as a new metric for measuring the effectiveness of Section 3 efforts. Section 3 requirements apply to HUD-assisted housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public construction projects when the total amount of assistance to the project exceeds \$200,000 and is committed on or after July 1, 2021.

OCD developed a solution for grantees to report labor hours. Program Policy Notice 21-04: Section 3 Policies and Procedures outlines how grantees should enter this information in the system and includes the required forms for reporting. In early August, OCD will host a webinar for grantees. To access the new policy notice and forms, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Tim Allen at [timothy.allen@development.ohio.gov](mailto:timothy.allen@development.ohio.gov).

### **Contractor Search on SAM.gov**

The U.S. General Services Administration released an updated Quick Start Guide to help grantees search for contractors on SAM.gov who have been debarred from performing work in federally funded contracts. The guide is available [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**

### **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](#).



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