



June 3, 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

No new items

OCD Meetings and Training Events

No new items

Other Training and Professional Development Events

May 19 - June 10, 2021	Lead Safe Housing Rule Webinar Series: Subparts J and K Series
	URA the HUD Way
July 28 – 29, 2021	OCCD Virtual Summer Meeting

New and Updated Items

COVID-19 Items

- No new items

Administrative Items

- [Guidance for completing Community Development Program applications in OCEAN](#)

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

Updated CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program and Reporting Guidelines Online

The Office of Community Development updated the CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program guidelines and provided guidance for grantees that want to use their third-party systems to report CDBG-CV outcomes. Click [here](#) for the updated guidelines, reporting requirements and reporting template.

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

Changes to Income Eligibility Calculator for PY 2021

On June 1, 2021, HUD updated the CPD Income Eligibility Calculator to reflect the PY 2021 Income Limits. **The update affects current and prior calculations for CDBG, HOME, CDBG-DR, HOPWA, and Housing Trust Fund.** Current calculations in progress, and previously completed calculations based on FY 2020 Income Limits, will update based on the new income limits for 2021.

HUD strongly suggests making copies of your prior calculations for your records **before** they are updated by the PY 2021 on June 1, 2021. Once the Income Calculator is updated with the PY 2021 Income Limits, all calculations currently in a user's dashboard in the CPD Income Eligibility Calculator, as well as calculations completed going forward, will use the FY 2021 Income Limits for the purposes of determining eligibility. To access the Income Eligibility Calculator, click [here](#).

SFY 2021 Fiscal Shutdown Begins June 15th

Each year in June, The State Accounting Office shuts down all payment processing for several weeks to begin the fiscal year closeout process.

Grantees should carefully consider their funding needs for the period from June 15, 2021, to July 1, 2021, to avoid payment delays and/or cash shortages during the shutdown period. In order to receive funds before this year-end shutdown begins, you must submit requests to draw funds **before 5 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2021**. Any draw requests received after this time will not be processed for payment until July 1, 2021.

Section 3 Labor Hours Reporting Requirement

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, requires grantees to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by using HUD financial assistance are directed to low- and very low-income persons and to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons to the greatest extent feasible. HUD recently 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. Beginning in PY 2021, grantees will have to collect and report labor hours for “Section 3 Workers” and “Targeted Section 3 Workers” for each activity subject to Section 3 requirements. This requirement only applies to grants issued on or after July 1, 2021.

To meet this new reporting requirement, OCD is developing a solution for grantees to report labor hours in Salesforce. Once completed, OCD will provide grantees with instruction on how to enter the data. As HUD releases more clarification on these reporting requirements, OCD will share this information with grantees. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Allen at timothy.allen@development.ohio.gov.

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 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](#).

Ohio Vax-a-Million

The Ohio Department of Health is giving Ohioans a shot at \$1 million when they get their COVID-19 vaccination. Ohioans aged 12-17 get a shot at a full, four-year scholarship including room and board, tuition, and books, to any Ohio state college or university with Ohio Vax-a-Million. The Ohio Vax-a-Million entry period runs May 18 through June 20. Get your shot and enter at ohiovoxamillion.com or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.



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