



March 25, 2021

Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines

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Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines

March 31, 2021 [Contract Activity and Labor Standards Enforcement Reporting Due](#)

OCD Meetings and Training Events

No new items

Other Training and Professional Development Events

March 29, 2021 [CDBG Basics Virtual Training](#) (multiple dates available)

April 5 - 7, 2021 [2021 Housing Ohio Conference](#)

New and Updated Items

COVID-19 Items

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

Administrative Items

- [Policy Notice 21-02: Finance Mechanisms](#)
- [PY 2020 Economic Development Program Application Documents](#) (updated)
- [Economic Development Job Creation Certification](#) (formerly ‘Economic Development Program Documents’)
- [Closing Binder Documents](#) (updated)

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

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 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](#).

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

OCD Staff Updates

During the last few months we've experienced a few staff changes. **Matt LaMantia** is continuing his career at HUD as the Director, Office of Community Planning & Development - Columbus Field Office. **Shana Garrett** was promoted to OCD's Deputy Chief.

Lena Osborne and Haley Lupton are also continuing their careers with new organizations. We will be hiring new staff soon.

Contract Activity and Labor Standards Reporting

For the reporting period October 1, 2020 to March 31, 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 **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**. For more information, click [here](#).

PY 2020 Critical Infrastructure Round 2 Awards Online

OCD awarded \$5,106,200 to 9 communities for the completion of 11 public facility improvement projects through Round 2 of the PY 2020 Critical Infrastructure Program. Awardees expect to improve four water facilities, four flood and drainage facilities, two sewer facilities, and one

bridge replacement project. The applications leverage approximately \$2.8 million in other public and private funds, including \$17,634 from local Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds (RLF). For more information, click [here](#).

PY 2021 Draft CHIP Application Instructions Available Online

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

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.

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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