



May 13, 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

New and Updated Items

COVID-19 Items

- [PY 2020 CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program Documents](#) (updated)
- [Targets of Opportunity Pre-Application](#) (updated)

Administrative Items

- [PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation \(CHIP\) Program Application Information](#) (updated)
- [PY 2021 Notice of Funding Availability for OCD-Administered Programs](#) (updated)

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 updated 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

Farewell, Marvin Rudd

After more than 10 years at Development, Marvin Rudd will retire on May 31st. Marvin has worked in the Office of Community Development's Residential Revitalization section for his entire state career. Prior to joining Development, he worked for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. We wish him well in his retirement.

PY 2021 CHIP Application Attachment J Updated

OCD recently updated Attachment J: Activity Elements Spreadsheet. Applicants should use the corrected version for the PY 2021 CHIP Program application. The submission deadline is **Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST**. Application instructions, attachments and

Q&As are available on the TA site. Application instructions and attachments can be found [here](#). Questions and answers are available on the TA site [here](#).

Change in PY 2021 Income Limits Effective Dates

Each year, HUD sets income limits that determine eligibility for assisted housing programs based on Median Family Income estimates and Fair Market Rent area definitions for each metropolitan area, parts of some metropolitan areas, and each non-metropolitan county. **For all programs except those funded with federal Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) dollars, the effective date is June 1, 2021. ESG limits are effective April 1, 2021.** To access the PY 2021 Income Limits, 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.

PY 2021 Community Development Programs Application Information Online

On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, OCD hosted an application training for the PY 2021 Community Development Programs. The webinar and resources are now available on the TA site for applicants. To access the training materials, click [here](#). For application attachments, click [here](#).

Clarification Regarding Finance Mechanisms Policy Notices

In March, OCD posted Policy Notice 21-02: Housing Finance Mechanisms and Housing Affordability Requirements for OCD-Funded Projects, replacing Policy Notice 15-03: Finance Mechanism. This new policy notice is specifically for housing activities completed with federal dollars through all Office of Community Development (OCD) programs. All other activities should refer to [Policy Notice 20-01: Grant Operations and Financial Management Policy and Procedures](#). If you have any questions, contact [your program representative](#).

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

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