



May 6, 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

- No new items

Administrative Items

- [CDBG-CV Home Relief Grant Program Questions and Answers - Grant Administration](#) (updated)
- [PY 2021 Community Development Programs Application Q & A](#)
- [21-02 - Housing Finance Mechanisms and Housing Affordability Requirements for OCD-Funded Projects](#) (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

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

Clarification Regarding Finance Mechanisms Policy Notice

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](#).

PY 2021 CHIP Application Now Open

The PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program application is now open in OCEAN. 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](#).

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](#).

Guidance for Street Improvements Now Available

To provide clarity for grantees on street improvement projects, OCD created a guidance document that covers resurfacing, street rehabilitation and full-depth reconstruction activities. Street resurfacing (paving) is not eligible through the Allocation or Critical Infrastructure Programs and can be funded only as a component of a targeted Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Street reconstruction is eligible as an Allocation, Neighborhood Revitalization or Critical Infrastructure project. For more detailed information, 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

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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