Office of Community Development Weekly Digest

September 30, 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 <u>12 p.m. Friday</u>.

For password resets, email <u>ocd@development.ohio.gov.</u> <u>DO NOT submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk.</u>

Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines (click underlined text for more information)	
Upcoming OCD Grant and Application Deadlines	
September 30, 2021	Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report (SALSER) Forms Due
October 13, 2021	PY 2021 Housing Assistance Grant Program Application Due
October 15, 2021	Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act Status Reports Due
October 25, 2021	PY 2021 Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) Application Due
OCD Meetings and Training Events	
No new items	
Other Training and Professional Development Events	
October 6-8, 2021	[Ohio CDC Association Annual Conference](#)

Virtual Training (click underlined text for more information)
[Basically CDBG Online](#)
[Tiny Chat: Fair Housing](#)

New and Updated Items
COVID-19 Items
• No new items
Administrative Items
• No new items

Active OCEAN users automatically receive the OCD Weekly Digest.

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.

If you would like to sign up to receive the Digest directly, you can [sign up here](). If you are currently an active OCEAN User, you do not need to complete the form. You will continue to receive the weekly email when a new edition is posted. Click here to submit your information.

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.

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

Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act Status Reports

Homeless Crisis Response Program CARES Act status reports are due Friday, October 15, 2021. Grantees must complete and upload either an Emergency Shelter or Housing Stability ESG-CV Expense Report in OCEAN. Click [here]() to download the report templates.

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

Contract Activity and Labor Standards Reporting Due Today

Today is the deadline to for grantees to enter Notice of Contract Award (NOCA) data in OCEAN and submit Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report (SALSER) forms for the reporting period April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, via email to Sheilah Bradshaw. For more information, click [here]().

PY 2021 Homeless Crisis Response Program Application Now Open

The PY 2021 Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) application is now open in OCEAN. Application information and documents will be uploaded to the TA site here by the end of the week. The application submission deadline is **Monday, October 25, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

PY 2021 Housing Assistance Grant Program Application
The PY 2021 Housing Assistance Grant Program application is now open. Application instructions and attachments are available on the TA site here. The application submission deadline is **Wednesday, October 13, 2021, by 11:59 p.m.**

OCD Partner Information

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program
Governor Mike DeWine announced the launch of the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant program to help fund important water and wastewater infrastructure projects throughout Ohio. The program will provide nearly $250 million in grant funding to Ohio communities. The application, program guidelines and a list of frequently asked questions can be found at InvestingInOhiosFuture.Ohio.Gov.

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

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