



September 9, 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](mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov). DO NOT submit a ticket to the OCEAN Help Desk.

### Upcoming Events and Grant Deadlines

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September 15, 2021	CHIP Program Status Reports Due Home Relief Grant Program Status Reports Due Housing Assistance Grant Program Status Reports Due
September 30, 2021	Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report (SALSER) Forms 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

- [Section 3](#) (updated to include HUD Notice CPD-21-09: Final Rule Requirements)

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](mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov) a safe sender.

OCD created a new form to allow non-OCEAN users to sign up for the OCD Weekly Digest. If you would like to sign up to receive the Digest directly. 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](mailto: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](mailto:Cecilia.Castillo@development.ohio.gov) or Tim Allen at [TimothyM.Allen@development.ohio.gov](mailto: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 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](mailto:grants@obm.ohio.gov).

## **Administrative Updates**

### **PY 2021 Supportive Housing Program Application Due Tomorrow**

The PY 2021 Supportive Housing Program (SHP) application is due **tomorrow, September 10, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST**. Application information and documents are available on OCD's Technical Assistance website. Click [here](#) to review the application instructions and required documents.

### **PY 2021 Housing Assistance Grant Program Application Information Online**

The PY 2021 Housing Assistance Grant Program application documents are now available on the TA site. The application will open on September 14, 2021, and is due **Wednesday, October 13, 2021, by 11:59 p.m.** Application instructions and attachments are available on the TA site [here](#).

### **Updated OCEAN User Agreement for File Upload-Download**

The Office of Community Development (OCD) added a new feature and role in OCEAN that would allow grantees to send and receive documents to and from OCD, including files with sensitive information.

All organizations must either have a Data Confidentiality Agreement and updated Users & Roles form on file for any user who will upload files to the system or submit an email to [ocd@development.ohio.gov](mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov) to opt out of the User role. To access the new form, click [here](#) and click *OCEAN User Agreement* at the bottom of the page to download and complete the form.

If your organization **does not** have an open grant through OCD or want to use the File Upload-Download role, please email [ocd@development.ohio.gov](mailto:ocd@development.ohio.gov). You **do not** need to submit an updated OCEAN User Agreement.

**Starting Wednesday, September 8, 2021, OCD will begin disable all organization's accounts that have not submitted an updated User Agreement or emailed OCD to opt out. We will reinstate accounts once we receive either the updated User Agreement or email to opt out.**

### **Contract Activity and Labor Standards Reporting**

For the reporting period April 1, 2021, to September 30, 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 **Thursday, September 30, 2021**. For more information, click [here](#).

### **New OCD Weekly Digest Mailing List**

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### **Change to HOME-funded Housing Set Up in OCEAN**

Due to a new HUD reporting requirement, grantees that received HOME funds must enter the HOME Written Agreement date when setting up a new housing site address in OCEAN. OCD added a field under the *Attachments* section of the Housing Site Address page for the required date. Any addresses currently not in the completed status will need this date field completed by the grantee. Grantees will not be able to submit the address for approval (funding) without the HOME Written Agreement date. Grantees will need to ensure the date is correct: once entered it cannot be edited. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your [housing program representative](#).

## **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](http://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

### **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](#).

The logo for the state of Ohio, featuring a red outline of the state and the word "Ohio" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

**Mike DeWine**, Governor  
**Jon Husted**, Lt. Governor

The logo for the Ohio Department of Development, featuring the words "Department of Development" in a bold, grey, sans-serif font.

**Lydia L. Mihalik**, Director