



Community Development Update

SUMMER 2013

Registration Opens for the 2013 Housing Conference

The Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development, in cooperation with the Ohio Conference of Community Development, will hold the 2013 Housing Conference November 20 - 22, at the Sawmill Creek Resort and Conference Center in Huron.



principles and other specific sessions helpful in facilitating best practices for the administration of state and federal grant activities.

Registration is open and conference sessions, registration details and resort information are available [online](#) or by contacting [Bill Bope](#) in the Office of Community Development's Residential Revitalization Section at (614) 466-2285.



The conference will provide training sessions for grant administrators and rehabilitation

specialists of the Community Housing Improvement Program.

Participants will be updated on requirements for HOME regulations, environmental review processes, fiscal grant management and auditing

Conference Sponsors



Director's Awards for Excellence in Housing

The Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development is seeking nominations for the 2013 *Director's Awards for Excellence in Housing*. Grant administrators and chief executive officers that manage Community Housing Improvement Program and Neighborhood Stabilization Program grants in communities that received funds from the Office of Community Development may submit nominations of successfully completed projects.

Eligible nominations must describe the significant impact on the overall community and how the project benefited its citizens, in particular, low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

Nominations can be submitted on the Office of Community Development's **Grantee Success Stories** [web page](#). **September 15, 2013** is the deadline for submitting nominations.

Selected nominees will be honored at a ceremony during the 2013 Housing Conference luncheon at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

New Leadership in the Community Services Division



In May, Sadicka White joined the Ohio Development Services Agency team as the Chief of the Community Services Division.

As chief of the Division, White oversees the programs and services housed within the Office of Community Assistance, the Office of Community Development, the Office of Energy and the Office of Redevelopment.

She brings an extensive background in management and administration and is well-known in the development community in central Ohio. White began her career in community development activities in the city of Lima and more recently served as the Director of Planning and Development for the city of Gahanna.

Director Goodman and White look forward to learning first-hand how your communities are making an impact on the lives of low- and moderate-income Ohioans.

Look for a column from Ms. White in our winter issue

Program Policy Notice Updates

We have updated Program Policy Notices to provide clarity for grant administrators that manage state and federally funded programs administered by the Office of Community Development.

The Program Policy Notices listed below became effective July 1, 2013:

1. OCD 13-01 – Finance Mechanisms (replaces OCD 09-03)
2. OCD 13-02 – Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management (replaces OCD 09-04)
3. OCD 13-03 – Income Survey Requirements (replaces OCD 08-03)
4. OCD 13-04 – Agreements for Grant Administration
5. OCD 13-05 – Affordability Requirements (replaces OCD 09-02)

Copies of the Program Policy Notices are available [online](#). If you have questions, contact the Office of Community Development at (614) 466-2285.

Fiscal Year 2013 Program Application Deadlines

The deadline to submit applications for **the Fiscal Year 2013 Homeless Crisis Response Program** is **5 p.m. on September 23, 2013**. This program prevents homelessness for low- and moderate-income individuals and families, provides for emergency shelter operations and helps move people from emergency shelters into permanent housing. Application and instructions are available [online](#) and questions regarding the program should be directed to [Jonathan McKay](#) at (614) 466-2285.

The **Fiscal Year 2013 New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program** application is also available [online](#) and must be submitted to the Office of Community Development **no later than May 31, 2014**. (see “Community Development Program” section in left-hand bar). This program provides funds to local governments to affirmatively further fair housing and eliminate impediments to fair housing. Questions regarding the New Horizons Program and the application may be directed to [Joyce Hill](#) at (614) 466-2285.

The **Fiscal Year 2013 Economic Development Program** application and instructions are now available [online](#) for eligible communities. Completed applications should be submitted to the Office of Community Development **no later than June 1, 2014**. Questions regarding the Economic Development Program and the application may be directed to [Michael Kinninger](#) at (614) 466-2285.

The **Fiscal Year 2013 Residential Public Infrastructure Grant** application and instructions are available [online](#) for eligible communities. Completed applications for Fiscal Year 2013 funding should be submitted to the Office of Community Development **no later than June 1, 2014**. Questions regarding the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant application may be directed to [Tim Leasure](#) at (614) 466-2285.

Office of Community Development Address Change

On July 1, the Office of Community Development moved to the 26th floor of the Vern Riffe Center in Columbus. The phone numbers and email addresses for staff remain unchanged. Items being mailed or hand delivered to the Office of Community Development should be sent to the address listed below:

Ohio Development Services Agency
Office of Community Development
77 South High Street, 26th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Phone: (614) 466-2285
Email: OCD@development.ohio.gov

Here to help...

Amanda McCallister and *Carolyn Thurman* have joined the Economic and Appalachian Development Section to serve our constituents in eastern and southern Ohio. The updated service area map of Community Development Program Representatives is available [online](#).

Tim Allen continues to serve as the interim supervisor for the Training and Technical Assistance Section, and *Raymond (Kelan) Craig* joins the team as a Community Development Analyst.

If you need more information on the programs the Office of Community Development administers, call (614) 466-2285.



Community Health Loan Fund

The [Finance Fund](#) has introduced the *Community Health Loan Fund* to provide community-based health care centers access to affordable and flexible financing for expansion, renovation and equipment purchases.

Lending is targeted to health care providers including dentists and behavioral service providers that serve uninsured, underinsured and low-income Ohioans.

For more information about the Community Health Loan Fund, contact [Tara Campbell](#) at (614) 221-1114 extension 16. The Finance Fund receives funding from the Ohio Development Services Agency's Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

Upcoming Events

September 10, 2013 – Public Hearing on Needs for the FY 2014 Draft Ohio Consolidated Plan will be held at the Vern Riffe Center, Room 1932, in Columbus 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Contact [Ian Thomas](#) at (614) 466-2285 for more information.

September 15, 2013 – Deadline for nominations for the 2013 Director's Awards for Excellence in Housing. Nominations can be submitted [online](#). Contact [Ele Garcia](#) at (614) 466-2285 for more information.

October 1–2, 2013 – Meetings will be held at the Creekside Conference Center in Gahanna for the Advisory Committees to develop program recommendations for the FY 2014 Draft Ohio Consolidated Plan. Contact [Ian Thomas](#) at (614) 466-2285 for more information.

October 10–11, 2013 – Ohio CDC Association's 2013 Conference is being held at the Hilton Netherland Hotel in Cincinnati. Conference and registration information are available [online](#).

October 30–31, 2013 – Ohio Conference of Community Development is holding its fall quarterly meeting at the Double Tree Worthington in Columbus. Meeting information and registration details are available [online](#).

November 5–7, 2013 – Ohio Housing Finance Agency and the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing are sponsoring the 15th Annual Ohio Housing Conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Conference and registration information are available [online](#).

November 20, 2013 – The Director's Awards for Excellence in Housing luncheon ceremony will be held in conjunction with the 2013 Housing Conference at Sawmill Creek in Huron.

November 20–22, 2013 – The Ohio Development Services Agency, in cooperation with the Ohio Conference of Community Development, is holding the 2013 Housing Conference at Sawmill Creek Resort and Conference Center in Huron. Conference sessions and registration are available [online](#).

December 2013 – Trainings will take place for grantees receiving funds from the Supportive Housing Program and the Homeless Crisis Response Program. Details and dates for the two trainings will be announced at a later date. For information regarding these programs, contact the Supportive Housing Section at (614) 466-2285.