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TO: Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Eligible Applicants

FROM: Michael A. Hiler, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development

SUBJECT: PY 2015 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Notice of Funding Availability and Application Training Notification

For PY 2015, the Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development expects to allocate approximately \$20.4 million through the Community Development Block Grant State Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program to the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program. The PY 2015 CHIP Program funds will be distributed to eligible single community or partnership applicants in one competitive funding round. The CHIP Program online application **submission deadline is Friday, May 1, 2015, at 11:59 p.m.**

Eligible Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program communities include:

- Non-entitlement/non-participating jurisdictions (cities and counties) with an approved Community Housing Improvement Strategy (CHIS) and CHIP Policy and Procedures Manual (eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Ohio Housing Trust Fund, and HOME funds);
- Non-entitlement cities and counties that are part of a participating jurisdiction consortium, as defined by the HOME Program regulations, with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-approved Consolidated Plan, an approved Strategies Element (Section 4 of the CHIS), and an approved CHIP Policy and Procedures Manual (eligible to receive Ohio Housing Trust Fund and CDBG funds [communities with a HOME allocation of more than \$400,000 from HUD per year are eligible for a maximum CHIP Program award of \$250,000]). Such jurisdictions are eligible to apply for funding as a single applicant only; and
- Entitlement/non-participating jurisdictions with an approved Consolidated Plan, an approved Strategies Element (Section 4 of the CHIS), and an approved CHIP Policy and Procedures Manual (eligible to receive HOME funds [communities with a CDBG allocation of more than \$400,000 from HUD per year are eligible for a maximum CHIP award of \$250,000]). Such jurisdictions are eligible to apply for funding as a single applicant only.

NOTE: Jurisdictions are eligible for PY 2015 CHIP Program funding **only if** they were eligible to apply for PY 2012 or 2013 funding under the Community Housing Improvement Program by means of having an approved Community Housing Improvement Strategy and Community Housing Improvement Program Policy and Procedures Manual or, for Entitlement Communities, an approved Consolidated Plan and the Strategies element (Section 4) of the CHIS. Instructions for the CHIS and Policy and Procedure Manual may be found on the following Office of Community Development web page on the Ohio Development Services' website: http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_affordhousing.htm.

PY 2015 CHIP Program Application Training Materials

The PY 2015 CHIP Program application training will take place Tuesday, January 20, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During the training, staff will distribute and explain in detail the application materials. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the training. There is no registration for the training and the training will be held at:

Embassy Suites - Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, Ohio 43017

The PY 2015 CHIP Program application materials will be available online after January 26, 2015. Interested applicants who are unable to attend the training may obtain a copy of the CHIP Program application materials at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_CHIP.htm or by contacting the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development at (614) 466-2285. Eligible applicants will be able to access the online application beginning April 1, 2015. All applications **must** be submitted electronically through OCEAN. The application deadline is May 1, 2015, at 11:59 p.m.

Application Planning Process

Jurisdictions applying for funding are required to determine their housing needs through an application planning process. Instructions and required forms to be used for completing this process will be available online at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_CHIP.htm.

Citizens' Participation

CHIP Program applicants are required to conduct two public hearings; one general public hearing regarding all Community Development Block Grant/HOME-funded programs the applicant administers; and one application-specific public hearing for each proposed program, such as the CHIP Program.

Each jurisdiction applying under a partnership application must hold their second public hearing within their jurisdiction. Exception: If the partnership consists of jurisdictions contained within one county, combined public hearings (first and second) will be permitted providing that the hearing times and locations are convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries and accommodate for persons with disabilities. Each jurisdiction must be clearly represented in the public hearing minutes.

The **applicant community** of any partnership application, regardless of the jurisdiction composition, may combine their first public hearing with the partnership's Housing Advisory Committee meeting.

The State of Ohio's Draft Consolidated Plan will be available on the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development website after February 27, 2015, at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_ocp.htm. The Consolidated Plan public hearing meeting will be held March 12, 2015, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at:

77 South High Street
Room 1960
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development at (614) 466-2285.

ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES

The following communities are eligible for PY 2015 CHIP Program Funding if they did not receive PY 2014 CHIP Program funds as an applicant or partner.

PY 2015 CHIP CDBG and OHTF Eligible Communities

Cortland	Trumbull County
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PY 2015 CHIP HOME Eligible Communities

Clermont County	Lancaster	Sandusky
Elyria	Marietta	Steubenville
Fairborn	Newark	Warren County
Kent		

PY 2015 CHIP CDBG, OHTF and HOME Eligible Counties

Adams	Coshocton	Hancock	Lorain	Ottawa	Tuscarawas
Allen	Crawford	Hardin	Lucas	Paulding	Union
Ashland	Darke	Harrison	Madison	Perry	Van Wert
Ashtabula	Defiance	Henry	Mahoning	Pickaway	Vinton
Athens	Delaware	Highland	Medina	Pike	Washington
Auglaize	Erie	Hocking	Meigs	Portage	Wayne
Belmont	Fairfield	Holmes	Mercer	Preble	Williams
Brown	Fayette	Huron	Miami	Putnam	Wood
Carroll	Fulton	Jackson	Monroe	Ross	Wyandot
Champaign	Gallia	Jefferson	Morgan	Sandusky	
Clark	Geauga	Knox	Morrow	Scioto	
Clinton	Greene	Licking	Muskingum	Seneca	
Columbiana	Guernsey	Logan	Noble	Shelby	

PY 2015 CHIP CDBG, OHTF and HOME Eligible Cities with Population over 15,000

Ashland	Chillicothe	Marysville	North Ridgeville	Sidney	Xenia
Ashtabula	Defiance	Medina	Norwalk	Streetsboro	Zanesville
Athens	Delaware	Mount Vernon	Oregon	Tiffin	
Aurora	Fremont	New Philadelphia	Piqua	Wadsworth	
Brunswick	Marion	Niles	Portsmouth	Wooster	

PY 2015 CHIP CDBG, OHTF and HOME Eligible Cities with Population under 15,000

Bellefontaine	Coshocton	Greenville	Nelsonville	Shelby	Vermilion
Belpre	Dover	Hillsboro	Northwood	St. Clairsville	Washington C.H.
Bryan	East Liverpool	Jackson	Oberlin	Struthers	Wellston
Bucyrus	Eaton	Kenton	Pataskala	Toronto	Wilmington
Cambridge	Fostoria	Logan	Port Clinton	Uhrichsville	
Campbell	Galion	London	Ravenna	Upper Sandusky	
Circleville	Geneva	Martins Ferry	Salem	Urbana	
Conneaut	Girard	Napoleon	Sheffield Lake	Van Wert	