

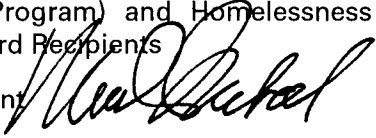


## Department of Development

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TO: FY 2009 Homeless Assistance Grant Program (Homeless Program) and Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Eligible Award Recipients

FROM: Mark Barbash, Interim Director, Ohio Department of Development 

SUBJECT: FY 2009 Homeless Program and HPRP Training Notification and Program Modification Notification

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On June 1, 2009, the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP) will conduct the FY 2009 Homeless Assistance Grant Program (Homeless Program) Application Training, from 9 a.m. to noon, and the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Application Training, from 1 to 4 p.m. The trainings will be conducted at the Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, in Columbus. Directions to the facility are attached and are also posted on <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/maps/pages/odotdirections.aspx>. Lunch is on your own.

### Background

As a result of the enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$26.2 million of HPRP funds to the State of Ohio for distribution to eligible applicants across the state. As the Ohio state agency responsible for administering HUD-awarded funds, OHCP will administer the Ohio HPRP. As an HPRP administrator, OHCP is required to prepare a substantial amendment to the *FY 2008 State of Ohio Consolidated Plan* and seek public comment on the amendment. On May 1, 2009, OHCP plans to post the amendment on <http://development.ohio.gov/cdd/ohcp/HPRP.htm> and will receive public comments during the period May 1-12, 2009.

### Homeless Program

Due to a significant reduction in the amount of Ohio Housing Trust Fund revenues received during the past year, "Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement" will not be an eligible FY 2009 Homeless Program category. Instead, "housing placement" will be an eligible activity within the Direct Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing categories. In addition, emergency rent and utility payments to prevent eviction or utility shut-offs, as well as funds to assist homeless households move quickly to permanent housing, will be available through the HPRP.

### HPRP

HPRP funds must be used to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. At least 60 percent of funds must be spent within two years and all the funds must be spent within three years. Interested applicants should note that collaboration and coordination will be extremely important to ensure the success of an application. For example, the HPRP requires award recipients to coordinate with the local Continuum(s) of Care (CoC) to ensure that HPRP activities are aligned with the CoC's strategies for preventing and ending homelessness; and applicants must receive a certification of approval from the Board(s) of County Commissioners in the HPRP Service Areas.

Questions regarding the June 1, 2009 training sessions should be directed to Scott Gary, OHCP Housing Section Manager, by telephone at (614) 466-9357, or by e-mail at [scott.gary@development.ohio.gov](mailto:scott.gary@development.ohio.gov).

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Attachments

## Directions to the Ohio Department of Transportation

### **1980 West Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43223**

#### From Toledo

Take I-75 South to Findlay

Take OH Route 15 East (Exit #156) to US Route 23 (OH-15 becomes US-23)

Stay on US-23 toward Columbus

Go west on I-270 (for approximately ½ mile) to Route 315 South

Take Route 315 into Columbus (approximately 12 miles)

(you will pass an exit to Broad Street while on Route 315 but traffic is not permitted to exit at that location)

Take I-70 West for approximately 2 miles to the Broad Street exit

Turn left on Broad Street (go approximately ½ mile)

The ODOT campus is at the top of the hill on the right side of the road.

The auditorium is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the two large buildings.

#### From Cleveland

Take I-71 South to Columbus (as you get to downtown Columbus, you will pass an exit for Broad Street, but do not take this exit!)

Take I-70 West for approximately 2.5 miles to the Broad Street exit

Turn left on Broad Street (go approximately ½ mile)

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#### From Bridgeport

Take I-70 West past downtown Columbus (you may see an exit for Broad Street just prior to the heart of downtown, but do not take this exit)

Stay on I-70 West to Broad Street (approximately 2 more miles)

Turn left on Broad Street (go approximately ½ mile)

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#### From Cincinnati

Take I-71 North to I-70 West (near downtown Columbus)

Stay on I-70 West to Broad Street (approximately 2 miles)

Turn left on Broad Street (go approximately ½ mile)

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#### From Springfield

Take I-70 East to Broad Street (approximately 3 miles prior to downtown Columbus)

Turn right on Broad Street (go approximately ½ mile)

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