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TO: Office of Community Development (OCD) Award Recipients and Affiliates

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Process

The Ohio Department of Development's (ODOD's) Office of Community Development (OCD) is responsible for drafting the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan**. This memo provides an outline of the **FY 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan** drafting process and explains the citizen participation opportunities.

Public Hearing on Needs

On September 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., OCD will conduct the **Public Hearing on Needs Issues** in Room 1932 on the 19th Floor of the Riffe Center located at 77 South High Street in Columbus. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments regarding OCD-administered programs. Verbal and written comments may be submitted during the hearing. Written comments also may be submitted no later than 5 p.m. September 14, 2012, to Ian Thomas, Planner, OCD, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by email at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

On or about September 3, 2012, the **FY 2011 Ohio Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)** will be posted on OCD's website at <http://www.development.ohio.gov/Community/ohcp/publications.htm>. Copies of the **FY 2011 Ohio CAPER** also will be available during the **Public Hearing on Needs Issues**. Public comments regarding the **FY 2011 Ohio CAPER** will be accepted during the hearing, or any time during the 15-day comment period, -- September 3-18, 2012. Comments should be mailed or e-mailed to Ian Thomas, no later than 5 p.m. on September 18, 2012, at the mailing address/e-mail address listed above.

Ohio Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee Meetings

On October 2 and 3, 2012, the **FY 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan** Program Advisory Committee meetings will be held at the Creekside Conference and Event Center in Gahanna, Ohio. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss and comment on specific policies and requirements pertaining to current OCD programs, covering the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), the Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP), the Supportive Housing and Homelessness Programs, the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA), the Community Development Program, the Economic Development Loan and Infrastructure Program, the Comprehensive Downtown Revitalization Program, the Microenterprise Program and Fair Housing. If you or your staff would like to serve on one or more of the **FY 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan** Program Advisory Committees, please send a letter to Ian Thomas at the above-listed address by September 3, 2012 indicating your program area of interest and which organization or community you are representing. Only one representative of an organization or community will be allowed to serve on a particular committee. Committee participation will be solicited by invitation due to space limitations. Meetings are open to the public, insofar as the meeting space allows.

Ohio Consolidated Plan Public Hearing

A public hearing on the ***Draft FY 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan*** is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2013 (please check with OCD two weeks prior to the hearing for confirmation of the date) in Room 1932 on the 19th Floor of the Riffe Center located at 77 South High Street in Columbus. In addition, OCD will receive public comments on the draft plan during the 30-day comment period, March 1-30, 2013. Comments should be directed to Ian Thomas at the address an e-mail address listed above.

Background

The ***Ohio Consolidated Plan*** governs the distribution of approximately \$58 million in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program. A description of current policies, programs and activities assisted with the HUD funds is available in the ***FY 2012 Ohio Consolidated Plan*** available on OCD's website at <http://development.ohio.gov/community/ohcp/publications.htm>. Information regarding the HUD program regulations and requirements can be found on HUD's website at <http://www.hud.gov/assist/siteindex.cfm>.

Questions

Questions regarding the ***FY 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan*** citizen participation process should be directed to Ian Thomas at (614) 466-8744.

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