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TO: Supportive Housing Program Applicants

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

SUBJECT: PY 2015 Supportive Housing Program Application and Training Notice

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The Supportive Housing Program funds project-based, transitional housing programs that provide temporary housing and services for high-barrier persons who are homeless and permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities. Funding will be allocated through a competitive grant process. Priority will be given to programs that target high-barrier persons and adopt Housing First principles. The Ohio Development Services Agency's (ODSA) Office of Community Development (OCD) will rate applications based on the following criteria:

- Administrative capacity;
- Program design;
- Targeting;
- Need;
- HMIS data quality/outcomes;
- Program feasibility; and
- Budget accuracy/reasonableness.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, local governments, public housing authorities and eligible applicant consortia for project-based transitional housing and permanent supportive housing activities that meet homeless families' and individuals' housing needs.

PY 2014 Homeless Assistance Grant Program award recipients that received a two-year award are **not eligible** to apply for PY 2015 Supportive Housing funds, unless the applicant requests a waiver and it is approved by the Ohio Development Services Agency. All waiver requests must be submitted in writing and received by the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development on or before **Monday, June 8, 2015, by 5 p.m. EST.**

An application training will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at the Ohio Department of Transportation Auditorium, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Additional details about the training will be posted on ODSA's website in late April.

OCD implemented an online grant management system in PY 2014. Training on the new system and application completion will be covered at the May 26<sup>th</sup> training. OCD will also host a supplemental introductory training session on the online system at the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio's (COHHIO) Annual Conference on Monday, April 13, 2015. Attendance at this session is optional, but it is an opportunity to learn about the system. OCD staff will be available for any technical assistance pertaining to the application or the online system after May 26, 2015.

The Supportive Housing Program application will be available to applicants starting June 1, 2015. Applicants must submit final PY 2015 electronically through OCEAN by **Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at 11:59p.m. EST.**

Funding for the PY 2015 Supportive Housing Program has not been determined. OCD expects to have an approximate funding level by late April.

Questions should be directed to Robert Johnson, Supportive Housing Specialist, at 614-752-8096 or [Robert.Johnson@development.ohio.gov](mailto:Robert.Johnson@development.ohio.gov).