

TO: Community Reinvestment Area Housing Officers

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SUBJECT: The 2015 Pre-1994 Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Program Annual Report

The 2015 Pre-1994 CRA annual reporting period has begun. This year the Ohio Development Services Agency (Development) will again ask for updated contact information for each Housing Officer and will request that all finalized reports be sent to Development by email. These changes are designed to provide more efficient communication between Development and your community, increase the visibility of your community's CRA by adding it to the Development website and to transition towards electronic annual reporting.

The 2015 Pre-1994 CRA Annual Report is available in Excel format on Development's website at http://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_comreinvest.htm. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3735.69(B), any municipal corporation or county that has created a CRA prior to July 1, 1994 is required to submit to Development an annual status report summarizing the activities and projects that have been granted a real property tax exemption within the CRA. This report is to address all active CRA exemptions during 2015 including projects certified by the Housing Officer to the County Auditor through December 31, 2015. Complete one report form for each Pre-1994 CRA in your jurisdiction. Please make all entries for a given CRA area on the same reporting form.

Please note that pursuant to ORC Section 3635.672, CRAs created after July 1, 1994 and Pre-1994 CRAs invoking the new rules are required to be confirmed by Development and receive a more extensive reporting format. In completing the 2015 Pre-1994 CRA Annual Report, please provide the best available information for the period ending December 31, 2015. In many instances, the property owner or tenants may need to be contacted to verify information, including job creation figures.

The 2015 Pre-1994 CRA Annual Report must be submitted to Development on or before March 31, 2016. Please send completed reports via email to daniel.strasser@development.ohio.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership with Development regarding the annual reporting process. If you have any additional questions, please contact Daniel Strasser, Tax Incentives Analyst, at daniel.strasser@development.ohio.gov.