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TO: Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Eligible Applicants

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

SUBJECT: FY 2014 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Notice of Funding Availability and Application Training Notification

For FY 2014, the Office of Community Development expects to allocate approximately \$20.4 million through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) State Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program to the Community Housing Impact and Preservation program. The FY 2014 Community Housing Impact and Preservation funds will be distributed to eligible single community or partnership applicants in one competitive funding round. The Community Housing Impact and Preservation online application **submission deadline is Friday, June 6, 2014, at 11:59 p.m.**

Eligible Community Housing Impact and Preservation communities include:

- Non-entitlement/non-participating jurisdictions (cities and counties) with an approved Community Housing Improvement Strategy (CHIS) and Community Housing Impact and Preservation Policy and Procedures Manual (eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant, 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 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Policy and Procedures Manual (eligible to receive Ohio Housing Trust Fund and Community Development Block Grant funds [communities with a HOME allocation of more than \$400,000 from HUD per year are eligible for a maximum Community Housing Impact and Preservation award of \$250,000]). Such jurisdictions are eligible to apply for funding as single communities 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 single communities only.

NOTE: Jurisdictions are eligible for FY 2014 Community Housing Impact and Preservation funding only if they were eligible to apply for FY 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 Community Housing Improvement Strategy and Policy and Procedure Manual may be found at the following Office of Community Development website:

http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_CHIP.htm

FY 2014 CHIP Application Training Materials

The FY 2014 Community Housing Impact and Preservation application training will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Bromfield Administration Building in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. There is no registration for the training. During the training, application materials will be distributed and explained in detail. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the training. The location for the training is the:

Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
Tel: (614) 728-6201

Interested applicants who are unable to attend the training may obtain a copy of the Community Housing Impact and Preservation application at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_CHIP.htm or by contacting the Office of Community Development at (614) 466-2285. The FY 2014 Community Housing Impact and Preservation application materials will be available online after April 1, 2014. Completed applications **must** be submitted through the online system which will be available beginning May 5, 2014, until the submission deadline of June 6, 2014, at 11:59 p.m.

Application Planning Process

Communities 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 are available online at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_CHIP.htm.

Citizens' Participation

Community Housing Impact and Preservation program applicants are required to conduct two public hearings; one general public hearing regarding all Community Development Block Grant/HOME – funded programs administered by the applicant; and one application-specific public hearing for each program proposed, such as the Community Housing Impact and Preservation 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** 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 Consolidated Plan will be available on our website at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_ocp.htm after February 14, 2014.