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TO: Office of Community Development Award Recipients and Affiliates

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2014 Ohio Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Process

The Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development is responsible for drafting the **Fiscal Year 2014 Ohio Consolidated Plan**. This memo provides an outline of the **Fiscal Year 2014 Ohio Consolidated Plan** drafting process and explains the citizen participation opportunities.

Public Hearing on Needs

On September 10, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., the Office 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 Office-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 9, 2013**, to Ian Thomas, Planner, Office of Community Development, 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 2, 2013, the **Fiscal Year 2012 Ohio Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report** will be posted on the Ohio Development Services Agency's website at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_ocp.htm. Copies of the **Fiscal Year 2012 Ohio Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report** also will be available during the **Public Hearing on Needs Issues**. Public comments regarding the **Fiscal Year 2012 Ohio Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report** will be accepted during the hearing, or any time during the 15-day comment period (September 2-17, 2013). Comments should be mailed or emailed to Ian Thomas **no later than 5 p.m. on September 17, 2013**, at the mailing address/email address listed above.

Ohio Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee Meetings

On October 1 and 2, 2013, the **Fiscal Year 2014 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 Office of Community Development programs, covering the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), the Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP), the Supportive Housing, Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Assistance Programs, the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA), the Community Development Program, the Economic Development Loan and Infrastructure Program, the Community Development Corporations Microenterprise Program and Fair Housing. If you or your staff would like to serve on one or more of the **Fiscal Year 2014 Ohio Consolidated Plan** Program Advisory Committees, please send a letter to Ian Thomas at the above-listed address **by September 2, 2013** 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 ***Fiscal Year 2014 Draft Ohio Consolidated Plan*** is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2014 (please check with the Office of Community Development 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, the Office will receive public comments on the draft plan during the 30-day comment period, February 28 – March 31, 2014. Comments should be directed to Ian Thomas at the address and email address previously listed.

Background

The ***Ohio Consolidated Plan*** governs the distribution of approximately \$64 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 Solutions 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 ***Fiscal Year 2013 Ohio Consolidated Plan*** available on the Ohio Development Services Agency's website at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_occup.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 ***Fiscal Year 2014 Ohio Consolidated Plan*** citizen participation process should be directed to [Ian Thomas](#) at (614) 466-8744.

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