



## Ohio Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2

### Summary

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#### Background

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Congress allocated \$2 billion to Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 2. The NSP 2 funds will be awarded competitively to eligible local governments, states and nonprofit organizations. The application submission deadline is July 17, 2009.

#### Funding Request

The Ohio Department of Development's (ODOD's) Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP) will submit an NSP 2 application on behalf of the State of Ohio requesting approximately \$50 million.

#### Eligible Activities

The funds must be expended to: establish financing mechanisms for the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed upon homes and residential properties, including such mechanisms as soft-second, loan loss reserves and shared-equity loans for low- and moderate-income homebuyers; purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon, in order to sell, rent or redevelop such homes and properties; establish land banks for homes and residential properties that have been foreclosed upon; demolish blighted structures and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing.

#### Ohio's Needs Analysis

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided the State of Ohio with a dataset that rated every Census tract in Ohio based on percent and number of foreclosures to determine a "foreclosure" risk score and a combination of 90-day vacancy rates and foreclosure rates to determine a "vacancy" risk score. Based on those factors, the Census tracts were then assigned a foreclosure risk score and a vacancy risk score between 1 and 20.

At that time, ODOD contacted Ohio's entitlement communities, with an indicated need, to determine if the community would be submitting an NSP 2 application directly to HUD. After the Census tracts in entitlement communities planning to apply directly to HUD for NSP 2 funds were removed from ODOD's eligible dataset, the remaining Census tracts were ranked, based on the number of eligible Census tracts and the percent of eligible Census tracts in the county that met either the foreclosure or vacancy score threshold of a score of 18 or higher.

Using this ranking system, ODOD determined that the areas of greatest need in Ohio were counties where four or more Census tracts or at least 33 percent of all the Census tracts in the county scored a foreclosure risk score or vacancy risk score of 18 or higher.

In total, 33 counties and 176 Census tracts met Ohio's criteria for areas of greatest need and Ohio will apply for NSP 2 funds to assist households living in those Census tracts (see attached map and list). Census tracts in 18 other counties met the foreclosure or vacancy score threshold of 18 or higher and an entitlement community will apply directly to HUD for NSP 2 funds to assist the households in those Census tracts. There were not an adequate number or percentage of eligible Census tracts in 37 counties to include those counties in Ohio's application and those counties will not be included in Ohio's application and will not be included in an NSP 2 application to HUD.

## Program Administration

If the State of Ohio's application is approved, the NSP 2 funds will be awarded to the following seven nonprofit organizations with housing-related experience (see attached map):

- **Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area**  
719 South Main Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402-2709  
Telephone Number: (937) 341-5000  
E-Mail Address: [joycep@cap-dayton.org](mailto:joycep@cap-dayton.org)  
NSP 2 Administrative Area: Darke County
- **Community Action Commission of Fayette County**  
324 East Court Street  
Washington Court House, Ohio 43160-1492  
Telephone Number: (740) 335-7282  
E-Mail Address: [debbieann345@yahoo.com](mailto:debbieann345@yahoo.com)  
NSP 2 Administrative Area: Adams, Brown, Clinton, Fayette and Highland Counties
- **Community Action Program Committee of Meigs and Gallia Counties**  
8010 North State Route 7  
P.O. Box 272  
Cheshire, Ohio 45620-0272  
Telephone Number: (740) 367-7341  
E-Mail Address: [tervarian@yahoo.com](mailto:tervarian@yahoo.com)  
NSP 2 Administrative Area: Meigs, Pike, Scioto and Vinton Counties
- **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Telephone Number: (614) 228-2663  
E-Mail Address: [cjourdan@morpc.org](mailto:cjourdan@morpc.org)  
NSP 2 Administrative Area: Fairfield, Licking, Perry and Ross Counties
- **Neighborhood Development Services, Incorporated**  
120 East Main Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
Telephone Number: (330) 297-6400  
E-Mail Address: [esadaj@ndsohio.org](mailto:esadaj@ndsohio.org)  
NSP 2 Administrative Area: Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Medina and Portage Counties
- **Ohio Regional Development Corporation**  
120 ½ South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Coshocton, Ohio 43812  
Telephone Number: (740) 947-2853  
E-Mail Address: [dale@ordevelopment.com](mailto:dale@ordevelopment.com)  
NSP 2 Administrative Area: Belmont, Crawford, Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Morrow and Muskingum Counties
- **WSOS Community Action Commission**  
109 South Front Street  
Fremont, Ohio 43420  
Telephone Number: (419) 334-8911  
E-Mail Address: [njmccabe@wsos.org](mailto:njmccabe@wsos.org)  
NSP 2 Administrative Area: Allen, Hancock, Marion, Seneca, Putnam, Van Wert and Wood Counties

## **Partners**

To ensure collaboration at the local level, ODOD will require the Ohio NSP 2 award recipients to work in partnership with the Ohio Habitat for Humanity and Ohio Homebuilders Association affiliates at the local level when implementing the program. In addition, ODOD will work with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to ensure leveraging opportunities in Ohio's NSP 2 communities are maximized.

## **Public Comments**

During the period July 2-12, 2009, OHCP will accept written public comments on the State of Ohio's plan to expend the NSP 2 funds. Comments must be delivered to Michael A. Hiler, OHCP, 77 South High Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001 or faxed to (614) 752-4575 by July 12, 2009 at 5 p.m.

## **Questions**

Questions regarding the State of Ohio's plan to request NSP 2 funds should be directed to Doug Harsany, OHCP Residential Revitalization Section Manager, by telephone (614) 466-2285 or by e-mail at [Doug.Harsany@development.ohio.gov](mailto:Doug.Harsany@development.ohio.gov).