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Community Services Division
Office of Community Development

Memorandum for File

DATE: January 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Recommendations for PY 2015 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program Awards

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The Office of Community Development (OCD) recommends that the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) award $1,266,159 of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA) Program dollars to the three agencies listed below:

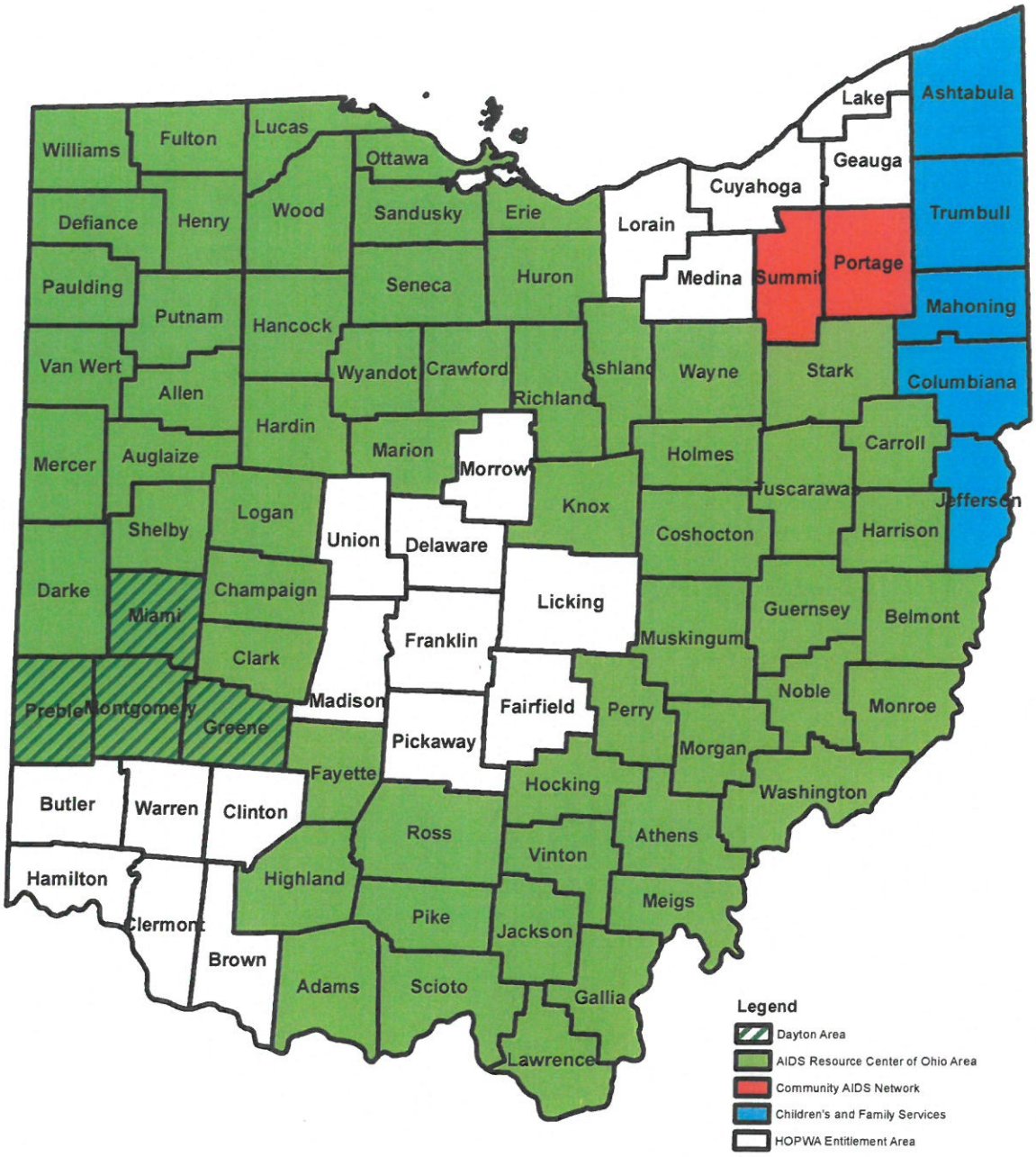
Organization	County	Award Amount
Community AIDS Network	Summit	$252,800
AIDS Resource Center Ohio	Montgomery, Lucas, Richland, Athens, Stark	$948,359
COMPASS Family	Mahoning	$65,000
Total		**$1,266,159**

Background

This program is designed to provide the state with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases and their families.

Ohio received a formula allocation of $1,266,159, none of which will be used toward the state's program administration costs. This includes $286,986 to be used in the Dayton service area comprised of Preble, Miami, Montgomery and Greene counties. HUD permitted the city of Dayton to partner with ODSA to administer its award thereby significantly reducing administrative costs. This partnership resulted in a more efficient service delivery since AIDS Resource Center Ohio provides services in the Dayton area as well as 58 other counties throughout the state.

Since the HOPWA program's inception, OCD attempted to design a program to maximize coordination with other local providers and promote strategies to provide long-term strategies for meeting the needs of persons with AIDS or HIV-related diseases. In an effort to help meet these goals and in preparation for the PY 2015 round of funding, OCD staff met with members of the HOPWA Advisory Committee, which consists of representatives from projects throughout the state, the Columbus Health Department, the Ohio Department of Health, and other housing providers.

The HOPWA Advisory Committee recommended a program that continues to focus on housing-related issues and costs, but maintains the flexibility essential to enabling local communities to design an effective, efficient program that meets their needs. The needs include housing and supportive services (especially limited case management) not paid for with other sources, including Ryan White or Medicaid. Ryan White funds, administered by the Ohio Department of Health, have historically provided direct assistance to people in the form of third-party payments for items such as medical costs, home health nurses, case management, etc. Recently, the Ryan White funds have been directed to medical costs only. While HOPWA funds are designed to meet clients' needs in a comprehensive manner, OCD placed a priority on housing-related costs.

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