

October 29, 2014

TO: PY 2015 Economic Development Program Advisory Committee Members

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SUBJECT: PY 2015 Economic Development Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

On October 14, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the PY 2015 Economic Development Program Advisory Committee met at the Creekside Conference and Event Center in Gahanna. The following is a summary of the major topics discussed during the meeting.

Introduction

- Michael Kinninger, Office of Community Development (OCD), Economic Development Coordinator, and Joshua Roth, OCD, Community Development Analyst, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- Introductions were made, the agenda was reviewed, and the contents of the committee member packets were presented.
- Mary R. Oakley, Manager of the Economic and Appalachian Development (E&AD) Section within OCD, provided an update on staffing within the section. Joshua Roth replaced Michael Novakov as the RLF Coordinator.

PY 2013 Program Update

- Mr. Kinninger provided an overview of the PY 2013 Economic Development Program as well as provided a brief overview of program years 2009 – 2012. In PY 2013, nine (9) projects were approved totaling \$2,754,100. The nine projects are expected to leverage \$201.9 million in public and private investment and create and/or retain 343 jobs, 203 or 59.2 percent of which are to be for persons of low- and moderate-income (LMI).
- Mr. Kinninger also provided a status report on the FY 2014 Economic Development Program. As of the meeting date, two projects had been approved totaling \$411,500.
- Mr. Roth next provided a summary of the PY 2013 Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program. 24 projects expected to create and/or retain 255 jobs were approved. A total of \$1.8 million in RLF funds was loaned. Waivers for another \$2.1 million in expenditures were approved.
- Ms. Oakley provided a status report on the PY 2013 CDBG Discretionary Program. Two projects were funded totaling \$420,000. The projects proposed to leverage \$527,040 in additional funds and to benefit a total of 4,177 individuals.

PY 2015 Planning Update

- Mr. Roth announced that RLF administrative agreements will be mailed before the end of 2014 and will cover calendar years 2015-2017. The new administrative agreements will require communities to consolidate Microenterprise, Downtown, and Economic Development CDBG Revolving Loan Funds into a single account by December 31, 2015. Mr. Roth also announced that any activities funded by the newly consolidated CDBG RLF account will be reported in OCEAN. OCEAN reporting is anticipated to begin July 1, 2015.
- The committee proposed to simplify the CDBG Economic Development application for projects in which CDBG is proposed to solely fund off-site, public infrastructure.

- A proposal was made to more holistically consider job quality when evaluating CDBG Economic Development applications. In addition to average starting wage of created jobs, the committee suggested OCD should consider likelihood of promotion and whether employment is likely to result in a career path.
- Ms. Oakley presented a new planning requirement proposed to become effective for the 2015 Program Year—the Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS). The CDIS would require all Community Development Allocation communities to notify eligible jurisdictions and neighborhoods about the existence of OCD's CDBG Community Development Programs. Communities would also be required prioritize local projects and evaluate how CDBG-funded programs may assist with each project—including the CDBG Economic Development and CDBG Discretionary Programs.

Training Needs and Recommendations

- Ms. Oakley noted the biannual Community Development Conference will be held at Sawmill Creek Resort and Conference Center November 19-21, 2014.

Other Policy or Program Issues

- There were no additional issues or comments from the attendees.

The PY 2015 Economic Development Program Advisory Committee adjourned at noon.



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Creekside Conference and Event Center
October 14, 2014

ATTENDANCE LIST

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Organization</u> |
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| Matt Cordonnier | Hancock Regional Planning Commission |
| Mary Crockett | City of Xenia |
| Matt Davis | Maumee Valley Planning Organization |
| Lauren Falcone | Poggemeyer Design Group |
| Ben Kenny | WSOS Community Action |
| Ben Kepple | ODSA/OCD |
| Michael Kinninger | ODSA/OCD |
| Timothy Leasure | ODSA/OCD |
| Jeff Marshall | Darke County |
| Jason McDonald | Lorain County |
| Jonathan Millea | City of Wooster |
| Dennis Miller | Maumee Valley Planning Organization |
| Michael Norton-Smith | ODSA/OCD |
| Mary R. Oakley | ODSA/OCD |
| David J. Pasquariello | ODSA/OCD |
| Carolyn Thurman | ODSA/OCD |
| Jeannette Wierzbicki | Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association |
| David Wright | Fulton County |
| Melissa Zoller | Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District |