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Ohio Community Development Corporations Association Receives Assistance to Support Local Entities Helping Low-Income Ohioans

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Community Development Corporations (CDC) Association will receive \$270,000 from the Ohio Department of Development’s Office of Housing and Community Partnerships. The funds will be used to provide training, technical assistance, and project support to local governments and nonprofit organizations that are administering programs designed to create housing opportunities, expand housing services, and improve housing conditions for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

The Ohio CDC Association is a statewide membership organization that engages in capacity-building, advocacy, and public policy development that fosters socially and economically healthy communities.

“These funds help lay the foundation for Ohio communities,” said Mark D. Kvamme, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “We want to ensure that the organization has the training and members it needs to help those Ohioans who are less fortunate.”

The **Ohio CDC Association** will receive a \$160,000 Training and Technical Assistance Grant Program award to conduct community economic development and individual development account training, affordable housing development workshops, and the annual Ohio CDC Conference; and provide technical assistance to local governments and nonprofit organizations.

The organization will also receive a \$110,000 Ohio Housing Trust Fund Discretionary Grant Program award to secure placements for up to nine full-time AmeriCorps/VISTA members who will be directly involved in the development of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Ohioans. The VISTA members are expected develop affordable housing for 175 clients, council 400 clients, and assist nine nonprofit organizations with grant writing, affordable housing management, and the development of a vacant properties database.

*The **Office of Housing and Community Partnerships** provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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