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State Approves Funding for Resident Services Coordinator Program *Benefiting more than 1,400 low-income elderly and disabled Ohioans*

COLUMBUS – Today, the State Controlling Board approved \$315,000 from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund for the Residential Services Coordinator Program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Aging. The Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development administers the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

"We are happy to partner with the Ohio Department of Aging on the Residential Services Coordinator Program to help elderly and disabled Ohioans maintain their independence," said Christiane Schmenk, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "This program ensures that our citizens receive the valuable services that help them lead productive and fulfilling lives."

The **Resident Services Coordinator Program** received \$315,000 from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund to help elderly and low-income disabled Ohioans identify and obtain services in the local community that allow them to live independently. The resident service coordinators help tenants maintain their apartments as well as increase access to housing for people with disabilities. This funding will assist approximately 1,463 low-income elderly and disabled Ohioans.

As part of the award, \$300,000 will be distributed by the Ohio Department of Aging to nonprofit organizations that serve 17 properties that are recipients of Ohio Housing Tax Credit financing or were part of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's project-based Section 8 portfolio. The remaining \$15,000 will be used for administrative costs.

The Ohio Department of Aging is responsible for selecting the award recipients, monitoring the sites, collecting the reports, and providing technical assistance to the resident service coordinators and their supervisors.

*The **Office of Community Development**, located within the Ohio Department of Development's Community Services Division, 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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