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July 16, 2024

TO: Ohio Department of Development Award Recipients and Affiliates

FROM: Julie Jarrell, Deputy Chief, Office of Housing Support

SUBJECT: PY25-29 Ohio Consolidated Plan and PY25 Annual Action Plan Citizen Participation Process, Draft PY23

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), Draft PY24 Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Substantial Amendment and Performance Report Comment Period, and SFY26 Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF)

Needs Hearing Notice

The **Ohio Consolidated Plan** governs how Development will distribute federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including funds from the following programs that the state receives annually:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program
- National Housing Trust Fund

A description of *current* policies, programs and activities assisted with the HUD funds is listed in the **PY 2024 Ohio Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan** available on the Ohio Consolidated Plan web page at

https://development.ohio.gov/community/community-resources/ohio-consolidated-plan. Information regarding HUD program regulations and requirements can be found on HUD's Office of Planning and Community Development (CPD) home page at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning.

Below are the opportunities for commenting on draft plans that will be posted to Development's site at https://development.ohio.gov/community/community-resources/ohio-consolidated-plan, as well as opportunities to comment on needs associated with the *Draft PY2025 -2029 Ohio Consolidated Plan and Draft PY 2025 Annual Action Plan* and the *Ohio Housing Trust Fund*. It should be noted that all hearings included in this memo will start immediately in the order listed below with the *PY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Public Hearing on Needs Issues and Opportunity for Public Comment of the Draft PY23 CAPER taking place first.*

PY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Public Hearing on Needs Issues and Opportunity for Public Comment of the Draft PY23 CAPER

Sept. 10, 2024 10:30 a.m. Room 1924 Riffe Center 77 South High Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Development conducts the **Consolidated Plan Public Hearing on Needs Issues** to receive comments regarding Development-administered Housing and Urban Development programs. Comments may be submitted during the public hearing or by email to Ian Thomas at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 21, 2024.

By Sept. 6, 2024, Development will post the *Draft PY 2023 Ohio CAPER* on the Ohio Consolidated Plan web page at https://development.ohio.gov/community/community-resources/ohio-consolidated-plan. Public comments regarding the *Draft PY 2023 Ohio CAPER* will be accepted during the hearing or any time during the 15-day comment period from Sept. 6 - 21, 2024. Comments may be emailed to Ian Thomas at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 21, 2024.

Needs Survey

In addition to the Public Hearing on Needs and related comment period, a public survey is available on Development's Ohio Consolidated Plan webpage under the 'Citizen Participation' tab at https://development.ohio.gov/community/community-resources/ohio-consolidated-plan to determine the community/economic development, affordable housing and supportive housing needs across the state.

Click here for the community and economic development survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25-29ConPlanED
Click here for the supportive housing/homelessness survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25-29ConPlanSHHomelessness
Click here for the housing needs survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25-29ConPlanHousing

RHP Action Plan Substantial Amendment Public Comment Period and Public Hearing and Availability of RHP Annual Summary Report

As a result of HUD allocating \$1,322,915 in PY 2024 RHP funds to the state of Ohio along with a proposed change of activity, the state is required to undergo a public participation process to amend the approved *RHP Action Plan*. Development will allow interested parties to submit written testimony via email to lan.Thomas@development.ohio.gov any time during the 15-day public comment period beginning Sept. 6, 2024. Interested parties must submit written comments no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 21, 2024. Questions regarding the plan or comment process should be emailed to Ian Thomas at lan.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.

Development will hold a public hearing on the *Draft RHP Action Plan Substantial Amendment* on Sept. 10, 2024, in Columbus, at the location listed below immediately following the *PY 2025-29 Consolidated Plan Public Hearing on Needs Issues and Opportunity for Public Comment of the Draft PY23 CAPER*. Interested parties can submit oral or written testimony at that time. Questions regarding the plans or comment process should be emailed to Ian Thomas at lan.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.

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It should be noted that the *RHP Annual Performance Report* will be made available for a 15 day public comment period from Oct. 1 – 15, 2024, at https://development.ohio.gov/community/community-resources/ohio-consolidated-plan

SFY 2026 OHTF Public Hearing on Needs Issues

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Development conducts the *OHTF Public Hearing on Needs Issues* to receive comments regarding Development-administered OHTF programs. Comments may be submitted during the public hearing or by email to Ian Thomas at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 21, 2024. The hearing will take place immediately following the *RHP Action Plan Substantial Amendment Public Comment Period and Public Hearing*.

Ohio Consolidated Plan Advisory Group Meetings

In addition to the public participation opportunities to comment on draft plans and address various need, the **PY 2025-2029 Ohio Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Program Advisory Group (PAG)** meetings provide an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss and comment on specific policies and requirements pertaining to current Development-administered programs. The following meetings have been tentatively scheduled to take place from Oct. 17-24, 2024:

- Community Housing Impact and Preservation and Housing Assistance Grant Program Kellie Jones (kellie.jones@development.ohio.gov)
- Supportive Housing and Homelessness Programs Tayler Jessup (tayler.jessup@development.ohio.gov)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program Tayler Jessup (tayler.jessup@development.ohio.gov)
- Community Development Programs, Economic Development Loan and Infrastructure Program Ben Kepple (benjamin.kepple@development.ohio.gov)
- Fair Housing Marcus Duemmel (marcus.duemmel@development.ohio.gov)

The Housing Development Assistance Program PAG meeting will be held during the <u>Ohio Housing Finance Agency's Annual Conference</u>.

Interested parties who would like to participate on one or more **PY 2025 Ohio Consolidated Plan PAGs** should email the designated staff representative listed above by Aug. 30, 2024, indicating the program area(s) of interest and the organization or community the interested party will represent. Meetings are open to the public.

Ohio Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Public Hearing

March 13, 2025* TBD 77 South High Street, Room TBD Columbus, Ohio 43215

A public hearing on the Draft PY 2025-2029 Ohio Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice is an opportunity for Development to receive public comments during the 30-day comment period from Feb. 28, 2025, to March 31, 2025. Comments should be directed to Ian Thomas at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.

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Questions regarding the citizen participation process for all items listed above should be directed to Ian Thomas at lan.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.