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Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Homeless Assistance Grant Training Announcement

OHCP will be holding their annual Homeless Assistance Grant Program Application training on June 3rd, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus.

I would greatly encourage anyone that is a current Homeless Assistance Grant provider to attend this year's training even if you are not due to apply for funding this year. This year's training will focus little time on the actual application; most of this session will discuss updated information on national and state trends and what is going to be expected of current and future OHCP Homeless Assistance Grant providers.

Registration is not required. Those persons with questions about this training, may contact Bob Johnson at 614-752-8096 or Robert.Johnson@development.ohio.gov

If it is possible for you to attend this year's training, I would encourage you to do so.

In The News

Housing Coalition presents Report to the Community - <http://news-herald.com/articles/2011/05/21/news/nh4030320.txt>

Ross, other counties team up to care for homeless in area - <http://www.chillicothe Gazette.com/article/20110526/NEWS01/105260305>

Legislative Updates

House subcommittee considers moving USDA rural housing to HUD. On May 25th a subcommittee held a hearing on a draft bill entitled the FHA Rural Regulatory Improvement Act, which would move USDA's rural housing programs to a new office in HUD headed by a new Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Housing. The bill would institute fees to make the Section 538 program self-supporting and make changes in FHA and Ginnie Mae. The draft bill is posted at http://financialservices.house.gov/UploadedFiles/fha_rural.pdf.



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The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice has new brochures on the **Federal Protections Against National Origin Discrimination**. The brochures are available in 17 languages. The brochures can be found at: <http://www.justice.gov/crt/publications/>. The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice enforces federal laws that prohibit discrimination in: education, employment, housing, lending, public accommodations, law enforcement & police misconduct, voting, and federally-assisted programs. The English version is available at <http://www.justice.gov/crt/publications/natorigin2.pdf> There is also a brochure regarding protecting the civil rights of service members.

SAMHSA has released a set of three videos that discuss **Larkin Street Stories: Serving Homeless LGBTQ Youth**. Each video is approximately 6-9 minutes and offer tips on best practices for providers serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth who are homeless. To watch the videos, go to <http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Channel/Larkin-Street-Stories-681.aspx>

Using Ticket to Work and Employment Networks to Improve Employment Outcomes for Homeless Veterans

Teleseminar on June 1st from 1-2:30 p.m. Go to http://websurvey.syr.edu/nvatc_reg_060111.aspx to register. This teleseminar is for HVRP grantees in an effort to increase the number of homeless veterans involved in the Ticket to Work incentive program administered by the Social Security Administration. Ticket to Work is an employment program for people with disabilities who are Social Security disability beneficiaries who are interested in going to work, but are concerned about jeopardizing their benefits. Bringing the homeless Veteran population into the Social Security Ticket to Work program may increase their employment outcomes, thereby reducing the national disability benefit rolls, and producing workers who contribute to the Social Security Trust Fund.

Child and Family Homelessness: Federal Policy Priorities

The National Center on Family Homelessness will be presenting a webinar on Federal Policy Priorities for 2011-2012 on June 1 from 2-3 p.m. During the webinar, speakers will lay out priorities on issues related to child and family homelessness including access to services and supports, housing, early childhood and education, and mental health. Speakers include: Ellen Bassuk, President and Founder, The National Center on Family Homelessness Sarah Bolton, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Patty Murray Kelly Bovio, Chief Policy and Advocacy Officer, Horizons for Homeless Children Sheila Crowley, President and CEO, National Low Income Housing Coalition Natalie Thompson, Policy Director, Campaign to End Child Homelessness, The National Center on Family Homelessness. To register, go to: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/192086334>



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Upcoming federal grant deadlines:

- *May 27th – SAMHSA Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals*
- *June 2nd – SAMHSA Planning Grants for Expansion of Comprehensive Community Health Centers*
- *June 6th – USDA SNAP Participation Grants*
- *June 23rd – HUD Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Grant*
- *June 24th – HHS-ACF – Street Outreach for Homeless Youth Grant*
- *August 2nd – HOPWA New Project Applications*

Funding Opportunities

The Department of Health and Human Services

(HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is accepting applications for grants through discretionary funds for Community Economic Development (CED). Funds will be awarded to Community Development Corporations that engage in job creation and business development activities targeting low- and moderate-income individuals. This year, funding will be prioritized for organizations that are participating in the Healthy Foods Financing Initiative. The deadline to apply is July 11, 2011. For more information:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCS-EE-0178>

USDA Rural Development Agency has funding available for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program (REDLG). REDLG supports rural small businesses that create or retain jobs. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2011. For more information:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/buspr/redlg.htm>

Enterprise and MetLife Foundation are offering the MetLife Foundations Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing.

Four \$50,000 unrestricted grants will be awarded to exceptional green, senior housing properties with services. To apply, go to:

http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/programs/awards_and_fellowships/awards/metlife_foundation_awards/criteria.asp

Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities

Program. The purpose of this grant is to provide capital funding to PHAs for the construction, rehabilitation or purchase of facilities to provide early childhood education, adult education, and/or job training programs for public housing residents. For more information:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=96374> Grant due July 11, 2011.

Section 538 Loan Guarantees Available. Lenders can apply by December 30th for multifamily rental housing loan guarantees. See www.grants.gov - or Federal Register 5/26/11 for more details.