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See what is new on our website!! Go to www.cohhio.org

In an attempt to keep you updated about new items on our website, we will periodically include information in COHHIO Updates about additions.

- See http://www.cohhio.org/programs_tenants_outreach.php for information about the MacArthur Foundation Award
- See <http://www.cohhio.org/advocacy.php> for information on our advocacy efforts including our new foreclosure prevention coalition Keep Your Keys Coalition
- See http://www.cohhio.org/programs_yep.php to download the 2009 Youth Leadership Award Application
- We recently updated our Ohio Directory of Services and Assistance, see http://www.cohhio.org/info_ods.php as a reference guide to other providers throughout the state
- Finally, we are updating our website with each of the COHHIO Updates that are being sent out for you, see http://www.cohhio.org/news_events.php for those updates, newsletters and other events

Upcoming COHHIO Trainings

Strategies of Helping Homeless Persons Access Mainstream Resources

March 19, 2009

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- To watch the training, please register your seat now at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/995038039>
- To listen to training, please call 1-866-264-5089 on March 19, 2009 by 11:00 a.m. and enter conference code 9794328

The third session in this series is Strategies of Helping Homeless Persons Access Mainstream Resources. This session will discuss strategies of linking persons to resources outside of the homeless system to gain self-sufficiency and benefits.



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Transitioning People from Transitional to Permanent Housing April 16, 2009

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- To watch the training, please register your seat now at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/393750704>
- To listen to training, please call 1-866-264-5089 on April 16, 2009 by 11:00 a.m. and enter conference code 9794328

The fourth session in this series is Transitioning People from Transitional to Permanent Housing. This session will discuss strategies of aiding households to have a successful outcome of

Announcing the Opening of the Spring 2009 Grant Round on March 16, Enterprise will award a total of \$500,000 to developments committed to providing green affordable housing. Grant awards will range between \$20,000 and \$75,000 per project. The online application is due on or before April 20. Awards are expected to be made by mid-June. Grant guidelines and application are available at www.greencommunitiesonline.org For information related to the application, call 410.715.7433 or email greencommunities@enterprisecommunity.org



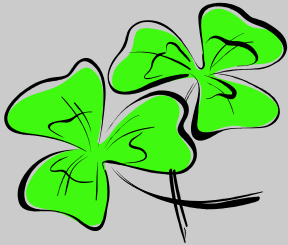
Omnibus Budget Highlights

President Obama signed the FY 2009 Omnibus Budget on March 11th. The following programs received budget increases:

- Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)
- Health Care for the Homeless
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
- Community Services Block Grant
- Mc-Kinney-Vento program for the education of homeless children and youth
- Rural Rental Assistance Program
- Rural Community Facilities Program Account
- Department of Labor's Veterans Employment Training
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- Job Corps
- YouthBuild
- Second Chance Program
- FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness



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WISH YOUR WAY

GOOD HEALTH,
GOOD LUCK,
AND HAPPINESS

FOR TODAY AND
EVERY DAY.

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Highlights of the increases at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are provided here.

Homeless Assistance Grants. \$1.67 billion in record resources are in the new budget for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants, which are funded about \$90 million above the 2008 level. At least 30% of the awarded funds, with the exception of renewals of Shelter Plus Care, will continue to be for permanent housing.

Homeless Veterans Demonstration. The funds include a new \$10 million HUD-VA-DOL interagency collaboration urban and rural veterans demonstration on preventing homelessness. More details are below.

New Research on Prevention and Youth. \$3 million of the HUD funds are to be used to conduct research on homeless issues, including homeless prevention and youth homelessness. At least \$500,000 is to be invested for research on housing models for homeless youth aged 16-24.

Demonstration Programs. The budget also addresses the renewal of demonstration awards, such as the recently awarded demonstration grants for rapid rehousing for families, by providing that the Secretary may renew grants made under the demonstration program and may treat such original grants and any renewal grants as if these grants were made under the Supportive Housing Program.

HUD-VASH. \$75 million is included for an estimated 10,000 new vouchers in the HUD-VASH program for homeless veterans.

Family Unification Program. \$20 million is included for rental vouchers for the Family Unification Program (FUP), which can also serve aging out foster care youth.

Section 8 Vouchers. \$16.8 billion is included for Section 8 Tenant Based vouchers which is a \$341 million increase over last year. Project Based vouchers were funded at \$7.1 billion, an increase of \$668 million above 2008.

Other HUD Programs. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) is funded at \$310 million, a \$10 million increase. **HOME** is funded at \$1.8 billion, an increase of \$121 million. **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)** formula funds for community and economic development were funded at \$3.9 billion, or \$34 million above 2008.

Housing for Elderly and Disabled. HUD's **Housing for the Elderly** program is funded at \$765 million, or \$30 million over the FY 2008 level. **Housing for Persons with Disabilities** is funded at \$250 million, \$13 million above the FY 2008 level to buy, rehabilitate, and build housing