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# COHHIO UPDATES



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## Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care – 2010 Intensive Application Training

Join us for a Webinar on February 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/749774778>

COHHIO will be providing intensive 2010 BOSCoC Application training on February 16, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for any new or first time renewing project applicants. This training will provide specific information on what should be answered in the various parts of the CoC application, helpful hints, and answer questions that programs have as they prepare their 2010 application. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar

## HPRP - February 25, 2010

Join us for a Webinar on February 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/260635602>

COHHIO will be providing its second training regarding HPRP implementation. This training will start from the building blocks of determining eligibility, assessing needs, targeting the most needy, and discuss re-certification. This training will also discuss the expectations around what is meant by "but for" and "minimum assistance necessary", along with a plethora of questions we have received around that process of enrolling someone into HPRP. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

On Thursday, February 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. ET, the **National Alliance to End Homelessness** will host a webinar to explore how **TANF Emergency Contingency Funds and the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)** funds are being used to re-house families experiencing homelessness. The Road Home in Salt Lake City, UT provided rapid re-housing assistance to 120 families in the first three months of implementing an initiative funded by HPRP and TANF. Michelle Flynn, Associate Executive Director of Programs for The Road Home, will discuss how the organization forged a partnership with the state TANF agency to pilot a rapid re-housing program to reduce the length of time that families reside in their program's winter overflow shelter program. Ms. Flynn will also discuss how that pilot program informed their current re-housing program model including their existing rental assistance and case management strategy. Ms. Flynn will review lessons learned and program refinements underway to continue Salt Lake City's progress in ending family homelessness. To register go to:  
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/545435739>



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## PATT-MCDANIEL ANNOUNCES \$337,500 IN GRANTS TO HOUSING NONPROFITS

**COLUMBUS** -- Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of the Ohio Department of Development, today announced that Habitat for Humanity of Ohio and the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio will receive grants totaling \$337,500 through the Ohio Housing Trust Fund Discretionary Grant Program, administered by the Department's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.

"We are proud of the work of the Coalition and Habitat for Humanity to improve the quality of life for our citizens," Patt-McDaniel said. "These grants are important resources that will help these organizations to carry out their missions of ending homelessness and promoting affordable housing throughout the state."

**Habitat for Humanity of Ohio** will receive a \$200,000 grant to distribute funds to 19 local Habitat affiliates. The affiliates are expected to construct 20 single-family homes, housing approximately 60 individuals. The income of participating families will be at or below 50 percent of the area median income. The benefiting families will also help build Habitat homes. The project is estimated to leverage \$1.55 million of local funds, including donations of building material and labor.

The **Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio** will receive a \$137,500 grant to continue the Preserving Ohio's Affordable Housing Project and Youth Empowerment Program by providing at-risk property tenants with access to a toll-free fair housing rights hotline, establishing five tenant organizations, conducting youth trainings and rental rights/fair housing workshops, and coordinating activities with 325 youth and 75 service providers. In addition, Ohio Preservation Network subscribers will receive weekly email updates and housing developers, public officials, and stakeholders will be provided with technical assistance to support housing projects. The project is estimated to assist 1,299 households statewide.

*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 which benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*





*COHHIO's  
Mission Statement  
COHHIO is a  
statewide advocacy  
group and service  
providers network  
dedicated to ending  
homelessness and  
ensuring that all  
Ohioans have decent,  
safe, fair, affordable  
housing, especially  
those with low-income  
and special needs.*

## PATT-MCDANIEL ANNOUNCES \$4 MILLION IN HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS 26 Nonprofits Awarded Funding

COLUMBUS -- Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of the Ohio Department of Development, today announced that 26 nonprofit organizations were awarded a total of \$4 million from the Housing Assistance Grant Program administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships. The grants were approved today by the State Controlling Board and will provide services in 57 Ohio counties. With the funds, approximately 1,360 homes will be repaired, 60 households will be provided down payment assistance, 250 households will be provided homebuyer counseling, and \$4.2 million is expected to be leveraged.

"Many Ohioans are in need of housing support," said Patt-McDaniel. "We are pleased to offer these grants to commendable nonprofits that will help our citizens meet their housing needs ranging from emergency home repairs such as furnace replacement and roof restoration, and handicapped accessibility."

The Housing Assistance Grant Program provides grants through a competitive application process to eligible nonprofit applicants to promote affordable housing opportunities and improve housing conditions for low-income individuals and families.

The Housing Assistance Grant Program is funded with Ohio Housing Trust Fund dollars.

### Housing Assistance Grant Program Award Recipients

County	Amount	Award Recipient	Amount
Ashtabula		Ashtabula County Community Housing Development Organization	\$160,000
Athens		Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development	148,800
Clark		Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield	130,000
Columbiana		Columbiana County Community Action Agency	58,800
Cuyahoga		Community Housing Solutions	540,000
Defiance		Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission	120,000
Franklin		Rebuild Together Central Ohio	118,400
Greene		Sensible Shelter, Incorporated	30,900
Hamilton		Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio	400,000
Hamilton		Over-the Rhine Community Housing	70,100
Hamilton		Resident Home Corporation	40,000
Jackson		Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Incorporated	100,000
Licking		Licking Economic Development Study (LEADS) Community Action Agency	160,000
Logan		Tri-County Community Action Commission (Champaign-Logan-Shelby)	190,000
Lorain		Lorain County Community Action Agency	196,200
Lucas		Ability Center	160,000
Lucas		Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Incorporated	240,000
Lucas		LaGrange Development Corporation	60,000
Lucas		Neighborhood Housing Services of Toledo, Incorporated	400,000
Noble		GMN Tri-County Community Action Commission	128,000
Pickaway		Pickaway County Community Action Organization, Incorporated	70,000
Stark		Area Agency on Aging 10B	192,000
Stark		J.R. Coleman Senior Outreach Center	28,000
Summit		East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation	40,000
Washington		Community Action Program Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, Ohio	70,000
Wayne		Community Action Agency of Wayne and Medina Counties	148,800
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,000,000</b>



## Funding Opportunities

The mission of the **McCormick Foundation** is to advance the ideals of a free, democratic society by investing in our children, communities, and country. The McCormick Veterans Program honors the service of America's veterans by supporting nonprofit organizations that assist veterans in overcoming their unique challenges and successfully re-entering life at home and work. Grants of \$5,000 to \$250,000 are provided to organizations that focus on one of the following five key areas relevant to veterans: mental health (including traumatic brain injury, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and traumatic injuries); family issues (including psychological support for family members of veterans suffering from injuries); shelter and homelessness (including programs to help homeless veterans or provide special needs housing); job and career development (including job training, counseling, and resume preparation); and legal challenges facing our veterans. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the McCormick Foundation website to review the funding guidelines: [http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/veteransprogram/veterans\\_program.aspx](http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/veteransprogram/veterans_program.aspx)



The **Peace Development Fund** was founded on the belief that lasting change will come only when a large amount of people are well informed and empowered to make change. The Fund's Community Organizing Grant Program provides support to U.S.-based groups that are engaged in community organizing work for social justice. Applying organizations must have an annual budget of less than \$250,000. In addition applicants should create a power base that can hold leaders accountable to the people who are affected by their decisions. The maximum grant size for the upcoming grant cycle is \$5,000. The application deadline is March 5, 2010. Visit the Fund's website to download the application guidelines and forms: <http://www.peacedevelopmentfund.org/page/commorg>



The National Center for Family Homelessness recently released *What About You? A Workbook for Those Who Work with Others*. This publication focuses on our need to take care of ourselves while working with others. The activities in this workbook can be used by an individual, with an entire staff, or at staff retreat. The workbook can be accessed on the Homeless Resource Center's website at: <http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/HRC-Webcast-Resources-What-About-You-Tools-to-Promote-Self-Care-47630.aspx?search=Webcast&orgSearchString=Webcast>

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) announced that their first draft of the 2011 Qualified Allocation Plan is now available on their website for review and public comment – [www.ohiohome.org](http://www.ohiohome.org).

The comment period will end on March 14, 2010. Written responses can either be emailed to Arthur Krauer - [akrauer@ohiohome.org](mailto:akrauer@ohiohome.org) or mailed to the following address:  
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If you have any questions, please contact Arthur at 614-387-1656.



### Legislative Updates

President Obama released his proposed FY2011 budget on February 1. The House and Senate will now hold hearings to discuss the proposed budget. The Budget Committees will then write a budget resolution, which must then pass both the House and Senate. The resolution should be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has marked up **SB 1765** that would amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against people experiencing homelessness. Senator Cardin (MD) introduced the bill last October and Representative Johnson (TX) introduced a similar bill in the House.

Rep. Joe Sestak (PA) introduced H.R. 4569, the "Expand Housing for America's Veterans Act." The bill would lower rents for veterans receiving VASH vouchers by amending the US Housing Act of 1937 to change the percentage of a tenant's income that is paid towards rent from 30% to 25%.

Rep. Edward Markey (MA) introduced H.R. 4554, a bill to reauthorize the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for FY11 to FY14.

The AARP Foundation WorkSearch offices in Columbus have received additional Stimulus funding. We are actively recruiting 60 additional individuals for enrollment in Senior Community Service Employment Programs. **Potential participants must be 55 years of age or older, living on low income, and a resident of Franklin, Licking, Delaware, or Madison counties. Interested individuals may call either office for an appointment. The office address' are listed below:**

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