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\$5 million awarded by The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to the Ohio Preservation Compact – Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, and COHHIO for preserving affordable rental housing. See our website www.cohhio.org for more details.

Tenant hotline for those facing foreclosures! Pledging support for two tenant protection bills moving forward in the Ohio Senate and House, COHHIO is making available a hotline (1-866-966-8727) to low-income tenants who face eviction because of landlord foreclosure. The hotline will provide instructions on how at-risk tenants may connect with legal aid attorneys in their area.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is now accepting applications for 2 FY2009 grant programs that can fund services in supportive housing, including grants from the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) for Services in Supportive Housing, and grants from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) for the Treatment for Homeless program. CMHS Grant information can be found at http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/sm_09_007.aspx and CSAT Grant information can be found at http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/ti_09_006.aspx Applications are due by April 17 for CMHS grants and by April 30 for CSAT grants.

Help at-risk youth! grants are offered for youth programs by the ESA Foundation to nonprofit and public agencies. The deadline for applications is **April 15, 2009**. Funding is awarded to support geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit American youth of all races, religions, and genders. For more information go to <http://www.theesa.com/foundation/application.asp>.

The Department of Justice has released a grant opportunity for the Second Chance Act. The grant provides funding to state and local government for demonstration projects to reduce recidivism and promote successful reintegration into the community for ex-offenders. The deadline for applications is April 20, 2009. See www.grants.gov for the application.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness has information on their website regarding "Recommendations: Using the New Prevention and Re-Housing Funds". Please see their website at www.endhomelessness.org for this overview document.

OMB invites comments on its review of regulations. The Office of Management and Budget will accept comments by March 16 on the principles and procedures governing its review of proposed federal regulations, as it develops recommendations for changes requested by President Obama. See *Federal Register*, 2/26/09, p. 8819. Contact Mabel Echols, OMB, 202-395-6880.



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Allocation of stimulus funding begins, web resources

established. A summary of the American Recovery and Revitalization Act's changes to HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program is posted at

http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/public_policy/legislative.asp#neighborhood HUD's use of NSP and other funds, including allocations to

specific places, is described at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery> and its homelessness prevention plans are at <http://www.hudhre.info>.

Information about USDA's allocation of new Section 502 direct and guaranteed funds should become available at

<http://www.usda.gov/recovery>. The Administration's site for the entire federal government's recovery efforts is <http://www.recovery.gov>.

HUDCLIPS website changed again. The site providing access to HUD policies, procedures, notices, and more is now

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/index.cfm>

Obama budget outline for 2010 released. Housing programs fared well in the summary of President Obama's first budget, released February 26. Full details are coming in April. No details were available on USDA housing, but HUD programs would include \$4.5 billion for CDBG, a first ever \$1 billion for the National Housing Trust Fund, increased funding for Housing Choice Vouchers and Project-Based Rental Assistance, a new energy innovation fund, and a New Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (for "transformative interventions in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty"). The outline states, without details, that reforms to HUD's Rural Housing and Economic Development program will be suggested. Budget documents are available at

Enterprise Community will be holding two upcoming events regarding housing funding. The first is an **Overview of Housing Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**. Will provide an overview of the programs, funding levels, and how these resources can be utilized. It will be held on March 10th at 2:00 p.m. The second is **Changes and Updates to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**. It is being held on March 11th at 3:00 p.m. It will provide an analysis of changes and updates made to NSP in the ARRA of 2009. Go to their website to register for the events

http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/training_and_events/live_online_events/

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