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Continuum of Care Updates

Currently, we have no news as to when the Continuum of Care Application from HUD will be released. I know many of you have been calling and requesting an update, and unfortunately, we still do not know when HUD will be ready to release it.

Legislative Updates

Ohio HB 209 – Last year, many of you supported our efforts to limit the amount of interest that Payday Lending businesses charge their consumers. As you may recall, the General assembly enacted a law last year capping payday loans at 28%. The Payday Lenders then brought the issue to the voters last November, and the voters supported the 28% cap on interest rates. While over half of the Payday stores in Ohio have closed, many others have repackaged their services using the Small Loan Act and Mortgage Loan Act. Neither the legislators nor our allies knew that the industry would use technicalities in these Acts to continue their business. Hearings started Wednesday on HB 209 to shore up the law that was passed last year.



Senate Passes FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. This bill provides \$45.8 billion for HUD, including \$18.1 billion for Section 8 tenant-based vouchers and \$8.1 billion for the Section 8 project-based rental assistance program. The Senate appropriations bill largely mirrors the House bill, it will now move into conference for final funding resolutions.

Senators Introduce Energy Efficiency Tax Credit Improvements.

This legislation would provide tax incentives for the creation of new, substantially rehabilitated and manufactured homeless as well as commercial buildings that are energy efficient. There is also information about enhancements that would work with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.



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HUD Releases Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Programs NOFAs

Healthy Homes Demonstration – this demonstration project would fund cooperative agreements to improve methods for the identification and control of multiple residential health and safety hazards. The purpose of this grant is to develop, demonstrate, and evaluate cost-effective, preventative measures to correct multiple residential safety and health hazards that produce diseases and injuries in children and other sensitive subgroups such as the elderly, with a particular focus on low-income households. Deadline is November 24, 2009. For additional information, see:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=49606>

Lead Hazard Control Capacity Building Grant Program – The purpose of this grant is to assist states, Federally-recognized Native American Tribes, cities, counties/parishes, or other units of local government which have not received a HUD lead hazard control grant or been a sub-recipient of such a grant in developing the infrastructure necessary to undertake comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing. Deadline is November 19, 2009. For additional information, see:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa09/grplead.cfm>

Green and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program – the purpose of this grant is to fund cooperative agreements to improve out knowledge of the effects green building has on: 1. Indoor environmental quality, and 2. Occupant health, with a particular focus on children and other sensitive populations in low-income households. Deadline for this grant is November 17, 2009. Copies of the published NOFA and application forms may be downloaded from the HUD website at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa09/grplead.cfm>

Funding Opportunities

The Mary Byron Project's Celebrating Solutions Awards recognize the pioneering efforts of organizations that demonstrate an innovative approach to confronting the root causes of domestic violence. The Project provides awards of \$10,000 each to four programs that can serve as domestic violence prevention models throughout the United States. Nonprofit organizations and government agencies that provide programs addressing the issue of domestic violence and have been operating for a minimum of three years are eligible for the awards. The nomination deadline is November 17, 2009. Nomination forms may be downloaded from <http://marybyronproject.org>

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