



Community Services Division
Office of Community Development

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TO: Homeless Crisis Response Program Applicants

FROM: Michael A. Hiler, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development

SUBJECT:  PY 2016 Homeless Crisis Response Program Application and Training Notice

The Homeless Crisis Response Program funds programs that prevent individuals and families from entering homelessness, provide for emergency shelter operations and rapidly move persons from homelessness to permanent housing. The program consists of two components: 1) emergency shelter operations; and 2) housing stability, including homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities.

Provided sufficient funds are available, emergency shelter programs currently funded by the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development (OCD) and in good standing are guaranteed a renewal of 85 percent of the agency's previous grant award. OCD will consider requests greater than the renewal award provided the agency submits a completed application for additional funding. Emergency shelters not currently funded by OCD may apply competitively through the Program Year (PY) 2016 Homeless Crisis Response Program application process. Funding for the PY 2016 Homeless Crisis Response Program will be determined by late April.

OCD will rate applications based on the following criteria:

- Proposal content;
- Outcomes;
- Collaboration;
- Targeting and need;
- Capacity;
- HMIS data quality; and
- Effectiveness.

The Housing Stability component of the Homeless Crisis Response Program will be awarded to state-appointed nonprofit organizations and local units of government for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities on an allocation basis. Each Homeless Planning Region in the state has a single OCD-designated entity as the lead agency which will be eligible to apply for the Housing Stability Program funding.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and units of local government for emergency shelter activities, and state-appointed nonprofit organizations and local units of government for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities.

PY 2015 Homeless Crisis Response Program emergency shelter award recipients that received a two-year award are **not eligible** to apply for PY 2016 Homeless Crisis Response Program funds, unless the applicant requests a waiver and it is approved by OCD. All waiver requests must be submitted in writing and received by OCD on or before **Wednesday, June 1, 2016, by 5 p.m. EST.**

Application Training and Submission

OCD implemented an online grant management system in PY 2014. Training for the online application process will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at:

Ohio Department of Transportation Auditorium
1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Additional details about the training will be posted on ODSA's website in April. OCD staff will be available for any technical assistance pertaining to the application or the online system after May 2, 2016.

The Homeless Crisis Response Program application will be available to applicants in mid-May. Applicants must submit the PY 2016 Homeless Crisis Response Program application in OCEAN by **Friday, July 1, 2016, at 11:59p.m. EST.**

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