



**Community Services Division  
Office of Community Development**

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TO: Supportive Housing Program Applicants  
FROM: Michael A. Hiler, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development  
SUBJECT: PY 2016 Supportive Housing Program Application and Training Notice

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The Supportive Housing Program funds project-based, transitional housing programs that provide temporary housing and services for high-barrier persons who are homeless and permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with disabilities. Funding will be allocated through a competitive application process, and the available funding for Program Year (PY) 2016 will be determined by late April. Priority will be given to programs that target high-barrier persons and adopt Housing First principles. The Office of Community Development (OCD) will rate applications based on the following criteria:

- Administrative capacity;
- Program design;
- Targeting;
- Need;
- HMIS data quality/outcomes;
- Program feasibility; and
- Budget accuracy/reasonableness.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, local governments, public housing authorities and eligible applicant consortia for project-based transitional housing and permanent supportive housing activities that meet homeless families' and individuals' housing needs.

PY 2015 Homeless Assistance Grant Program award recipients that received a two-year award are **not eligible** to apply for PY 2016 Supportive Housing 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 Supportive Housing Program application will be available to applicants in mid-May. Applicants must submit the PY 2016 Supportive Housing Program application in OCEAN by **Friday, July 1, 2016, at 11:59p.m. EST.**

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