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**April is
National Fair
Housing Month**

Count Down To Homeless Grants

If your local Continuum of Care (CoC)/Housing Coalition hasn't started talking about what new/renewal HUD Continuum of Care or ODOD Homeless Assistance Grant projects will be requesting funding this year – it is the time to start having those discussions.

If programs are planning renewal project applications this year – your local CoC should be reviewing:

- Budgets,
- Performance outcomes and outputs (number of households served, percentage of households moving into permanent housing, percentage of households that remain housed for 7 months or more, percentage of households with employment at exit, etc.),
- Ability to meet the needs of the homeless households,
- Active participation in the local CoC,
- HMIS compliance,
- Collaboration with other CoC members, etc.

If a local CoC member is planning to submit a new project to either HUD or ODOD, then the CoC should be reviewing:

- Proposed applicant and sponsor's experience with this type or similar program,
- Extent to which the project fills a gap in service – type of homeless program; proposed population; number of units; etc.,
- Proposed budget – accuracy and reasonableness,
- Capacity to execute the grant,
- Collaboration with other CoC members,
- Active participation in the local CoC,
- Whether it is not a duplication of services, etc.

These are just a few of the areas that we suggest that local CoC's review and discuss before providing the "sign-off" for projects to either the CoC lead agency for HUD's CoC projects or ODOD. Local CoC members should be well versed about these and other issues regarding programs that serve the homeless and those at risk for homelessness.



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**Don't Forget to
Register for our
Housing Ohio 2009
Conference**
<http://www.cohhio.org/conference.php>

Lunch and Learn Series – Case Management for Supportive Housing

Supportive services are the essential factors in supportive housing that assist homeless to secure, obtain, and maintain housing. Each session of the Lunch and Learn Series - Case Management for Supportive Housing will cover a different topic in depth that will aide case managers to better serve their consumers.

The sessions scheduled for April and May are specifically targeted to aiding programs that are working on two of the main outcomes for HUD Continuum of Care Projects – transitioning people from transitional to permanent housing and helping consumers gain employment. All programs that are receiving HUD Continuum of Care funding are urged to participate in these two upcoming sessions.

Transitioning People from Transitional to Permanent Housing

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/393750704>

- To listen to training, please call 1-866-264-5089 on April 16th by 11:00 a.m. and enter conference code 9794328

Presenters: Ragan Claypool – WSOS Community Action, Becky Hammond Pickaway Community Action, and Sue Watlov Phillips – Elim Transitional Housing, MN

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2009

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

Strategies of Helping Homeless Persons Find & Keep Employment

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/992750625>

- To listen to training, please call 1-866-264-5089 on May 21st by 11:00 a.m. and enter conference code 9794328

Presenters: Debbie Becker and Sarah Swanson – Dartmouth College

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.



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Legislative Updates

AmeriCorps expansion to include housing work. H.R. 1388, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, would greatly increase the number of AmeriCorps workers and would make a number of affordable housing activities eligible for the program. It passed the House on March 18 and the Senate on March 26, and a compromise version is expected to be adopted this week. H.R. 1388 is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov>

Save the Date

Ohio Fair Housing Law Training – April 29, 2009
The State Library of Ohio
274 E. First Ave., Conference Room D - Columbus, OH 43201
(614) 644-7061
For directions - <http://library.ohio.gov/marketing/directions#map>

This workshop is a basic introduction to Ohio's fair housing law. The workshop is designed for those who want a basic understanding of Ohio's fair housing law and those who would like an update on the law. The Ohio Civil Rights Commission will instruct the sessions. The agenda will include the:

- Background of equal opportunity in Ohio;
- What groups are protected;
- What properties are covered and exempted by the law;
- Discriminatory housing practices;
- Reasonable accommodations and modifications;
- Remedies;
- Substantial Equivalency, and
- Future of Fair Housing in Ohio

Governor's Office on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

The GOFBCI has contracted with four agencies across the state to provide Capacity Building trainings and grants. Each of the four regions (SW, NE, NW, & SE) has various trainings set up each quarter across the state. To find out about your local trainings, please see the GOFBCI's website -

<http://governor.ohio.gov/Projects/OCCPOTTP/tabid/217/Default.aspx>

Training topics include: establishing your organization, board development, financial management, grant writing, fund development, outcomes management, and human resources and volunteers. Workshops are free for faith-based and community-based organizations.

Funding Opportunities

SAMHSA is accepting applications for two grants. The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) for Services in Supporting Housing as well as grants from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) for the Treatment of Homeless. There is now \$16.34 million (up from \$1.5 M).

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=45416>