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COHHIO UPDATES



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Have You Seen Our Website Lately

COHHIO is always adding things to our website. If you haven't seen it lately, go to www.cohhio.org to see information on our home page about our Annual Conference, American Recovery & Reinvestment Plan, and Statewide Foreclosure Coalition Forming. There is also information added regularly to our Information Resources tab regarding training materials, fact sheets & reports, and information on the 2009 Continuum of Care. We will strive to keep you informed of new additions to the site as they are made.

HUD Continuum of Care Awards Announced

\$1.6 Billion in homeless assistance funding was announced last Thursday by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ohio has much to be proud of, of the 23 Pilot projects for Rapid Re-Housing that were awarded, Ohio had 4 projects: Ohio Balance of State, Hamilton/Cincinnati; Franklin/Columbus; and Montgomery/Dayton.

Just a reminder that each CoC lead organization needs to submit the Statewide Point-In-Time Count data is due on Tuesday. Please submit your data via Survey Monkey — the link is below: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mRy1S2tzA_2bsMxcg_6TLX2bA_3d_3d Your timeliness on completing and submitting this data is deeply appreciated. Thank you to those communities that have already submitted their data.

HAC offers rural homelessness capacity building grants.

Faith- and community-based organizations in rural areas may apply for up to \$15,000 in capacity building funds. Deadline is March 16. HAC is hosting an Audio-Web Conference on February 23, 2009 at 1:00 PM EST to advise participants on the application process. Visit <http://www.ruralhome.org/rhcbfinancehome.php>, call 1-877-842-RHCB, or email Darren Favello, HAC, darren@ruralhome.org

Civil rights in low income housing tax credit program studied.

A review of Qualified Allocation Plans in all 50 states discusses LIHTC program features that can promote new housing opportunities for families and help states meet their obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. *Building Opportunity: Civil Rights Best Practices in the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program* is available from the Poverty and Race Research Action Council at <http://www.prrac.org/LIHTC.php>



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FYI – OHFA HAS RELEASED THEIR ANNUAL PLAN. THE PLAN WILL BE POSTED ON THEIR WEBSITE IN THIS SPRING.

OHFA ALSO APPROVED \$6 MILLION TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED:

- CLEVELAND GREEN HOMES
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- CLIFTON AVENUE HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – SPRINGFIELD
- GIRARD MANOR APARTMENTS
- UNITED NORTH SCHOOL HOMES – TOLEDO
- WILLIAMSPORT TERRACE APARTMENTS

RURAL POVERTY DATA ON FOUNDATION WEBSITE. Spotlight on Poverty, a site launched by several major foundations, includes research on rural poverty as well as relevant news and commentaries in major media. Visit

http://spotlightonpoverty.org/rural_poverty.aspx

Census 2010

It is that time again to start preparing for the Census 2010. Here are 3 things that your organization can do this month to get ready for the Census '10:

1. Put the Census timeline on your calendar
 - Recruitment for local census jobs till March 2009
 - Spring 2009 – census employees go door-to-door to update address lists
 - Fall 2009 – recruitment for Census 2010 operations staff
 - February to March 2010 – questionnaires mailed or delivered
 - April 1, 2010 – CENSUS DAY!!!
 - April to July 2010 – census staff visit households that didn't return questionnaire
2. Advertise Census Jobs in your communications – to find jobs near you, call 1-866-861-2010
3. Find your local Census office – go to www.census.gov/2010census/ for more information and locations

Final Economic Stimulus Law includes 502, NSP, and other housing funds. On February 17, President Barack Obama signed into law H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Revitalization Act of 2009. The final bill provides \$1 billion for USDA direct Section 502 loans and \$10.472 billion for Section 502 guaranteed loans, \$4 billion for public housing, \$1 billion for CDBG, \$2 billion for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and more, as well as funding for rural community facilities, business, and water/wastewater programs. It also requires that at least 10% of the spending for each of the RD community facilities, business, and water/waste programs included in the bill must be allocated to persistent poverty counties (those with poverty rates of 20% or more in the 1980, 1990, and 2000 decennial censuses). (This does not apply to Sec. 502 funding.) Details are available at http://www.ruralhome.org/infoAnnouncements_2009EconRecovery.php