Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
New Materials and Guidance Available

Purpose of this Listserv Message
This message informs CoC members of the availability of guidance documents related to COVID-19 preparedness.

Target Audience
All homeless assistance projects in the Ohio BoSCoC.

COVID-19 Planning and Response Guidance for Ohio BoSCoC Providers
The Ohio BoSCoC team has posted the following new resources to the Ohio BoSCoC webpage at https://cohhio.org/boscoc/covid19/

- CSH Guidance for Supportive Housing Providers re: COVID-19
- Sample Home Visit Guidance During COVID-19 Pandemic
    - Remember, the Ohio BoSCoC **STRONGL**Y encourages all home-based and in-person case management to be suspended
- FAQ for COVID-19 Preparedness for Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Assistance Providers
- Announcement of Availability of Housing Subsidies in the Community Transition Program

Unit Inspections
The CoC team has confirmed that at this time neither ODSA's HCRP nor HUD's CoC Program has waived or provided flexibility around housing inspection requirements for projects like Rapid Re-Housing or Permanent Supportive Housing. However, the CoC team believes more guidance around this should be available soon.

ODSA HCRP Guidance
ODSA has communicated the following to HCRP Lead agencies:

> While efforts are under way to better understand the needs of local organizations through the nine Continua of Care, please provide information about specific needs to OCD. If your agency needs to modify its current budget to allow for greater expenditures to meet the agency's response to COVID-19, coordinate with your grant manager to expedite a grant amendment. While this does not change the amount of your award, it may allow some agencies to be more responsive. To avoid any delays, you can implement activities prior to approval of the grant amendment.
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> Providers of HCRP funds for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance may perform virtual meetings with clients to the extent possible. As such, partner agencies will need to coordinate with the Lead Agency to determine parameters on how such a process would work within the Region.
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> As more information is available, OCD will make it available. In the interim, please communicate directly with your grant manager or me, via email at scott.gary@development.ohio.gov.

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