COHHIO
Coalition on Homelessness
and Housing in Ohio

This fact sheet covers new resources available to respond to homelessness during the COVID-19 crisis.

- CARES-ESG
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- OHFA-RRHP
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	Homeless Prevention	Emergency Shelter	Q/I Shelter	Rehousing
CARES-ESG	X	X	X	X
CARES-CDBG	X			X
COHHIO Pandemic Emergency Fund	X	X	X	X
FEMA Public Assistance			X	
OHFA-RRHP	X			X
TANF-RRHP	X			X

Source name:	**CARES-ESG** (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Emergency Solutions Grant)
Funding available:	HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) posted on April 1 the FY20 CARES Act supplemental funding to states and local governments
Grant award:	Formula
Time frame:	Through 9/30/22
Eligible uses:	A broad range of activities for people who are homeless or who are at risk of homelessness, which includes anyone with income below 50 percent of area median income. The new law eliminates requirements for matching funds, local planning, and procurement standards, as well as the cap on shelter funding and habitability and environmental review standards for temporary emergency shelters. The new law also allows up to ten percent of the funding to be used for administration.
How distributed:	State of Ohio and local jurisdictions that receive formula grants

Source name:	**CARES-CDBG** (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act – Community Development Block Grant)
Funding available:	HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) posted on April 1 the FY20 CARES Act supplemental funding to states and local governments
Grant award:	Formula
Time frame:	
Eligible uses:	A broad range of activities for community and economic development needs in response to the pandemic. Categories are planning and administrative activities; public works and public facilities; housing-related activities; public services; economic development; and acquisition, demolition, and disposition of real property. The new law waives some requirements from the usual program, including the cap on use of funds public services. Programs that provide homeless prevention or rehousing can serve people who are homeless or who are at risk of homelessness can receive up to 3 months of emergency rental, mortgage or utility assistance.
How distributed:	State of Ohio and local jurisdictions that receive formula grants; state funds can only be used in jurisdictions that did not receive a direct allotment.

Source name:	**COHHIO Pandemic Emergency Fund**
Funding available:	$1M
Grant award:	$500-50,000
Time frame:	now until funds exhausted
Eligible uses:	supplies, shelter expansion, other uses
How distributed:	application to COHHIO

Source name:	**FEMA Public Assistance**
Funding available:	Not specified
Grant award:	Reimbursable for eligible costs; FEMA assistance provided at a 75 percent federal cost share (25% match required)
Time frame:	Timeframe for the national disaster
Eligible uses:	Emergency Protective Measures, including medical sheltering. Further information about eligible emergency protective measures can be found in the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, FP 104-009-2 (April 2018).
How distributed:	Reimbursement requested through Local Emergency Management Agencies to OEMA

Source name:	**OHFA-RRHP** (Ohio Housing Finance Agency Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention)
Funding available:	$5M
Grant award:	Determined by the Continuum of Care
Time frame:	December 31, 2020

Eligible uses:	Rapid rehousing, homeless prevention and rental assistance for homeless families and individuals. Funds may also be used to provide alternative shelter that supports alignment with CDC regulations. CoCs will determine local uses and award processes.
How distributed:	OHFA made direct allocations to 8 Metropolitan Continuums of Care and the Balance of State CoC

Source name:	**TANF-RRHP** (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention)
Funding available:	$1.25M
Grant award:	Determined by competitive award and some by application of needs through COHHIO's Pandemic Emergency Fund
Time frame:	Now until funds are exhausted or June 30, 2020 – whichever comes first.
Eligible uses:	Rapid rehousing and homeless prevention for homeless families; Assistance is maximum of four months of housing cost including supportive services
How distributed:	Reimbursement through contract with COHHIO