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TO: Eligible FY 2012 Microenterprise Business Development Program Applicants

FROM: Michael A. Hiler, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development

SUBJECT: FY 2012 Microenterprise Business Development Program Notice of Funding Availability and Training

In FY 2012, the Office of Community Development (OCD) will distribute Ohio Housing Trust Fund/Community Development Corporation funds through the Microenterprise Business Development Program. Microenterprises are commonly defined as for-profit entities with five or fewer employees, one of whom owns the business. Microenterprises do not generally have access to the commercial banking sector. Therefore, this program intends to provide the initial funding for local communities and nonprofit organizations to further develop a local environment that encourages microenterprise business development, and to provide low- to moderate-income persons with access to capital for business development and self-employment. The Microenterprise Business Development Program application submission deadline is Friday, August 3, 2012 at 5 p.m.

Training

On July 10, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. OCD will conduct the Microenterprise Business Development Program Application Training at the 31st floor Conference Center of the Riffe Center at 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the training is to discuss the FY 2012 application process.

Internet Assistance

To assist applicants, the following documents are posted or will be posted on the websites listed below:

- Draft FY 2012 Ohio Consolidated Plan
<http://www.development.ohio.gov/cdd/ohcp/publications.htm>; and
- FY 2012 Microenterprise Business Development Program Application is expected to be posted on or about June 22, 2012
<http://www.development.ohio.gov/cdd/ohcp/applications.htm>;

If you would like to register for the training or have questions regarding the Microenterprise Business Development Program, please contact **Matthew LaMantia**, at (614) 466-2285 or email Matthew.Lamantia@development.ohio.gov.

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