

## Plenary Session

### Housing Program Overview and Update

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# DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program Income**  
OCD is proposing to utilize a discretionary funding method for allocating NSP program income.

# HOUSING PROGRAM

## Housing Planning Work Group Process

- Process started in January 2013
- OCD organized Planning Work Groups to review the current allocation of funds and design of the housing program

# Housing Planning Workgroup Process

- 31 stakeholders volunteered to participate and were assigned to 3 PWGs
- OCD staff were assigned to serve as facilitators and subject matter experts
- PWGs were required to devise a proposal for two funding scenarios
  - Minimum bare bones budget
  - Ideal budget

# Housing Planning Work Group Process

- Each PWG was required to present their proposed funding scenarios at the Summer OCCD Meeting
- OCD staff reviewed the proposals to identify unique ideas and common themes

# Planning Work Group Common Themes

- Develop a Moderate Rehabilitation activity
- Revise the Residential Rehabilitation Standards (RRS) to be less stringent

# Planning Work Group Unique Ideas

- Develop a Rental Repair activity
- Program Timeline Changes
- Offer two separate programs
  - Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program – focuses on housing stock
  - Residential Impact Program – focuses on the needs and services for the resident

# Planning Work Group Unique Ideas

- Funding limits based on population
- Set-Aside for neighborhood targeting
- Address more special need populations
- Educational component for all activities
- Opt-out option for application submission
- Encourage/Incentivize more effective engagement and collaboration amongst all local service providers

# OCD HOUSING PROGRAM

## Proposed Ideas

- New program name: Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program
- New program mission: Through an efficient, flexible, and impactful approach, the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program will partner with Ohio communities to preserve and improve the affordable housing stock for low- and moderate-income Ohioans, strengthen neighborhoods, and support community collaboration.

# OCD Proposed Ideas

Based on Planning Work Groups and Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee Meetings:

- Grant Ceiling: To be determined upon structure of application
  - Single CHIP-eligible community applicant
  - Partnership applicant (multiple CHIP-eligible communities)
    - Incentivize partnerships

# OCD Proposed Ideas

- Eligible Jurisdictions: Jurisdictions are eligible for FY 2014 Community Housing Impact and Preservation funding if they were eligible to have applied for FY 2013 funding under the Community Housing Improvement Program by means of having an approved Community Housing Improvement Strategy (CHIS) and CHIP Policy and Procedures Manual (eligible to receive CDBG, OHTF and HOME funds).

# OCD Proposed Ideas

- Grant ceilings for cities may be set at different levels based upon population.
- Grant ceilings for non-entitlement cities and counties that are part of a participating jurisdiction consortium and entitlement/non-participating jurisdictions will remain the same as FY 2013 funding. Such jurisdictions are not eligible to apply for funding under a partnership.

# OCD Proposed Ideas

- Eligible jurisdictions who received FY 2013 CHIP funding may join a partnership for FY 2014, but will only receive half of the maximum award for their jurisdiction, should the application be funded.
- All other jurisdictions within the partnership will be eligible for the maximum award.

# OCD Proposed Ideas

- **Eligible Project Categories with Activities:**
  - **Owner Occupied Assistance**
    - **Owner Rehabilitation**
    - **Owner Home Repair**
  - **Homeownership Assistance**
    - **Homeownership (Down Payment Assistance/Rehabilitation or DPA only)**
    - **New Construction with Habitat for Humanity**
  - **Rental Occupied Assistance**
    - **Rental Rehabilitation**
    - **Rental Home Repair**
  - **Tenant Based Rental Assistance**
  - **Administration and Fair Housing**

# Application

- Application will be submitted online
- Proposed Application Training Date: TBD in March 2014
- Proposed Application Submission Date: May 2, 2014
- Grant Award : September 1, 2014
- Program Period: September 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016

# OCD Proposed Ideas

- Rating Criteria: The Office of Community Development will rate applications based upon the efficiency of the proposed program through
  - Cost effectiveness
  - Collaboration
  - Partnership development
  - Community administrative capacity
  - Current and past performance

# OCD Proposed Ideas

- Demonstration that the proposed program will meet the needs of the community.
  - An averaged assessment of the applicant's level of distress.

# OCD Proposed Ideas

- **Property Standards:** The Office of Community Development will revise the State of Ohio Residential Rehabilitation Standards to a standard more in line with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's minimum property standards.

# OCD Proposed Ideas

- Collaboration Efforts:
  - A component to incentivize community collaboration with organizations such as Community Action Agencies, Continuum of Care Representatives, and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.
  - Applicants should demonstrate strategic partnerships that would strengthen the success of the program while maximizing efficiency.

# PROPOSED PLANNING PROCESS

## Purpose & Goal

- Replace the Community Assessment Strategy (CAS) and Community Housing Improvement Strategy (CHIS) for FY 2015.
- Provide a mechanism for local communities to holistically prioritize community investment through citizen participation.
- Provide OCD with a standardized way to identify community needs and desires across the State.
- *Not intended to replace or duplicate locally initiated planning processes (i.e. Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, etc...)*

# Community Development Advisory Committee

- Standing Committee appointed by the Prime Grantee and made up of local stakeholders from a defined set of organizations and groups.
- Will meet at minimum at least biennially
- Will have at least two required sub-committees: Housing and Public Facilities & Services
- Additional sub-committees or work groups are at the discretion of the grantee.
- OCD will provide a framework for discussion but the conversation will be local.

# Community Development Advisory Committee Recommendations

- The product of the committee will be local programmatic, policy, target area, and project recommendations in the areas of:
  - Affordable Housing
  - Homelessness & Supportive Housing
  - Neighborhood Revitalization
  - Downtown Revitalization
  - Residential Public Infrastructure
  - Critical Infrastructure
  - Other Public Infrastructure and Service Needs
  - Assessment of Fair Housing

# Community Development Investment Strategy

- Within a framework defined by OCD, the grantee will develop an investment strategy, identifying specific projects and programs, based on the feedback of the Community Development Advisory Committee and the grantee's input.
- The draft Community Development Investment Strategy (CDIS) must be presented to the community through a public hearing.
- An updated CDIS must be submitted to OCD at least biennially.
- OCD application scoring will heavily factor conformance between with the current CDIS.

# Other considerations

- The CDIS is intended to be compact and concise while illustrating evidence of public participation, program and project prioritization, and stakeholder input. Narrative will be minimized .
- CHIP only and former Direct Cities must participate in the prime grantees Community Development Advisory Committee, conduct their own program specific advisory committee, and submit a program specific CDIS to the prime grantee to be included as an addendum to the CDIS.
- Fair Housing, including the current Analysis of Impediments and Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AI/AFFH) must be discussed by the CDAC and the current AI/AFFH must be included as an addendum to the CDIS.
- Will be implemented with the FY 2015 program year beginning July 1, 2015.

## Questions?

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