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Funding Opportunity Available for Ohio Communities

Local Government Innovation Fund announces Round 4 Loan Applications

COLUMBUS –The Ohio Development Services Agency is now accepting Round 4 applications for its Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF). The program is designed to provide financial assistance to local governments for planning and implementing projects that improve the efficiency of delivering community services. LGIF encourages collaboration at the local level to reduce the cost of providing services while maintaining or increasing service levels.

“This program helps foster relationships and spur discussions among communities that will reap long-term savings for taxpayers,” said Christiane Schmenk, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Applications are due to the Office of Redevelopment by 5 p.m. on December 3, 2012. The Office of Redevelopment, which administers the program, welcomes any calls with questions. Program Manager, Nicole Bent, can be reached at (614) 644-6552.

The LGIF program will award up to \$100,000 in loan assistance per entity for demonstration projects, and up to \$500,000 in loan assistance for collaborative demonstration projects.

For a loan application or more information on the program, visit http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_localgovfund.htm.

*The **Office of Redevelopment**, located within the Ohio Development Services Agency’s Community Services Division, assists communities with place-based redevelopment which creates wealth from personal, business, and community successes. The Office works to identify the resources and financing necessary to enhance the economic viability of local communities.*

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