



Community Services Division Office of Housing Support

TO: Patrick Smith, Chief, Community Services Division

FROM: Jule Jarrell, Deputy Chief, Office of Housing Support (OHS)

DATE: June 25, 2024

RE: State Fiscal Year 2025 Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) Allocation Memo

Background:

The Ohio Department of Development administers the Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF), which provides funding for a full range of housing activities, including rental assistance, housing counseling, homebuyer assistance, handicapped accessibility modifications, rehabilitation, home repair and new construction. All programs funded by the Ohio Housing Trust Fund are focused on low-income Ohioans.

Purpose:

The Office of Housing Support (OHS) is providing the final recommendation below for allocating OHTF dollars during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 (see "Attachment 1"). The final funding recommendation is based on a review and approval of the preliminary SFY 2024 OHTF budget by the OHTF Advisory Committee at the June 17, 2024, OHTF Advisory Committee meeting. A total of \$55 million has been recommended for funding for SFY 2025. The allocation is from recordation fees, program income, recaptured and/or cancelled grants and carryover funds (see "Attachment 2").

OHTF Advisory Committee Recommendation:

All Committee members present at the June 17, 2024, meeting approved the attached \$55 million SFY 2025 OHTF funding recommendation. In addition, the OHTF Advisory Committee approved the funding recommendation for the seven SFY 2025 OHTF Special Projects Grant Program applications (see "Attachment 3") totaling \$2,727,000 recommended for funding, along with the Community Development Corporation Set-Aside applications (see below). These regional and statewide projects will principally benefit individuals with incomes at or below 50% of the area median income.

Community Development Corporation Set-Aside (ORC 174) Funding Recommendations:

The OHTF appropriation authority is restricted by Ohio Revised Code Section 174.02, as follows: *Not more than five per cent of the current year appropriation authority for the fund shall be allocated between grants to community development corporations for the community development corporation grant program and grants and loans to the Ohio community development finance fund, a private nonprofit corporation.*

In SFY 2025, the Ohio Department of Development will provide an allocation to community development corporations (CDC) and the Ohio Community Development Finance Fund (CDFF). The CDC set-aside funding recommendations included in Attachment 1 are as follows:

- Community Development Finance Fund: \$1,735,000
- Microenterprise Business Development Program: \$750,000
- Training and Technical Assistance: \$200,000



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Additional OHTF Information:

In addition to improving housing conditions and availability across Ohio, allocating OHTF dollars will stimulate local economies as contractors repair, rehabilitate or construct homes; businesses receive small microbusiness loans to encourage business start-ups and job creation; and grantees provide supportive services to prevent homelessness. More information regarding project narratives is included in the OHTF Annual Reports located on Development's [website](#).

The Ohio General Assembly set the SFY 2025 OHTF appropriation level at \$65 million as part of the FY2024/2025 Ohio biennial budget.

Questions regarding the final SFY 2025 OHTF funding recommendation should be directed to Ian Thomas, Office of Housing Support at ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.

Approved By:

Name:

Date:



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Attachment 1



Ohio Housing Trust Fund State Fiscal Year 2025 Allocation

| Programs | | Allocation at \$55,000,000 |
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| <u>Resident Services Coordinator Program (Restricted)</u> | | |
| Funds Allocated to the Program: | \$ 250,000 | |
| Administrative Funds (Share of 5% Cap.) | \$ 12,500 | |
| Resident Services Coordinator Total | | \$ 262,500 |
| <u>CDC Grant Program (5%) (Restricted)</u> | | |
| Community Development Finance Fund: | \$ 1,735,000 | |
| Microenterprise Business Development Program: | \$ 750,000 | |
| Training and Technical Assistance Funds: | \$ 200,000 | |
| | | \$ 2,685,000 |
| <u>Homeless Crisis Response Program</u> | | |
| Restricted Homeless Asst. (ESGP) Funds (10% of appropriation): | \$ 6,500,000 | |
| Homeless Crisis Response Prog (Unrestricted): | \$ 7,778,400 | |
| Homeless Crisis Response Program Total: | | \$ 14,278,400 |
| Supportive Housing Program | | \$ 10,795,000 |
| Housing Assistance Grant Program | | \$ 6,800,000 |
| <u>Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)</u> | | |
| <u>Special Projects Grant Program</u> | | |
| COHHIO (TTA, CE, HEFH, YHI & CoC Planning Grant Match) | \$ 500,000 | |
| Habitat for Humanity of Ohio | \$ 1,000,000 | |
| Licking County Coalition for Housing | \$ 200,000 | |
| Medina MHA | \$ 600,000 | |
| Ohio CDCA IDA | \$ 82,000 | |
| Ohio CDCA VISTA | \$ 145,000 | |
| Ohio Domestic Violence Network | \$ 200,000 | |
| Special Projects Grant Program Total | | \$ 2,727,000 |
| Shelter Repair Target of Opportunity Program | | \$ 100,000 |
| Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP) Awarded to OHFA | | \$ 14,605,000 |
| General Administration (5%) (Shared by Development and OHFA) | | \$ 2,747,100 |
| Total OHTF Funds Allocated | Recommended | \$ 55,000,000 |



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Ohio Department of Development Lifetime Collection Summary of Ohio Housing Trust Fund Recorder Fees

| Collection of Funds Date | | Date Funds are Due | | Amount Received |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
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| SFY 2024 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2023 | July 31, 2023 | \$ | 10,398,259.11 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2023 | October 31, 2023 | \$ | 11,427,025.76 |
| 4th Quarter* | December 31, 2023 | January 31, 2024 | \$ | 10,088,664 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2024 | April 30, 2024 | not collected | |
| Total Collected in SFY 2024 | | | \$ | 31,913,949.22 |

* 6 counties have yet to report Collections

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| SFY 2023 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2022 | July 31, 2022 | \$ | 14,467,065.25 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2022 | October 31, 2022 | \$ | 12,627,920.57 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2022 | January 31, 2023 | \$ | 10,726,883 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2023 | April 30, 2023 | \$ | 7,813,551 |
| Total Collected in SFY 2023 | | | \$ | 45,635,419.54 |

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| SFY 2022 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2021 | July 31, 2021 | \$ | 17,474,146.93 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2021 | October 31, 2021 | \$ | 17,212,459.13 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2021 | January 31, 2022 | \$ | 19,589,308.48 |
| 1st Quarter* | March 31, 2022 | April 30, 2022 | \$ | 14,406,122.51 |
| Total Collected in SFY 2022 | | | \$ | 68,682,037.05 |

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| SFY 2021 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2020 | July 31, 2020 | \$ | 14,908,611.60 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2020 | October 31, 2020 | \$ | 16,680,903.51 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2020 | January 31, 2021 | \$ | 16,691,495.58 |
| 1st Quarter* | March 31, 2021 | April 30, 2021 | \$ | 16,110,897.93 |
| Total Collected in SFY 2021 | | | \$ | 64,391,908.62 |

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| SFY 2020 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2019 | July 31, 2019 | \$ | 11,363,283.86 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2019 | October 31, 2019 | \$ | 12,483,863.90 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2019 | January 31, 2020 | \$ | 13,506,561.99 |



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| 1st Quarter* | March 31, 2020 | April 30, 2020 | \$ | 11,409,902.44 |
| Total Collected in SFY 2020 | | | \$ | 48,763,612.19 |
| 1st Qtr payments from 4 counties were included in the SFY2021 2nd Qtr Collections. | | | | |
| SFY 2019 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2018 | July 31, 2018 | \$ | 12,067,847.69 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2018 | October 31, 2018 | \$ | 11,225,961.00 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2018 | January 31, 2019 | \$ | 10,801,765.92 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2019 | April 30, 2019 | \$ | 8,910,052.36 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2019 | | | \$ | 43,005,626.97 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2019 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |
| Total Collected in SFY 2019 | | | \$ | 43,005,626.97 |
| 1st Quarter payments from Clinton, Geauga and Pickaway were included in SFY2020 Collections. | | | | |
| SFY 2018 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2017 | July 31, 2017 | \$ | 11,859,462.85 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2017 | October 31, 2017 | \$ | 11,858,868.49 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2017 | January 31, 2018 | \$ | 11,582,211.40 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2018 | April 30, 2018 | \$ | 9,797,562.63 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2018 | | | \$ | 45,098,105.37 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2018 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |
| Total Collected in SFY 2018 | | | \$ | 45,098,105.37 |
| *1st Qtr Payments from Monroe and Morrow counties were included as part of 2nd Qtr SFY19 Collections | | | | |
| SFY 2017 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2016 | July 31, 2016 | \$ | 11,817,366.49 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2016 | October 31, 2016 | \$ | 12,337,614.36 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2016 | January 31, 2017 | \$ | 12,111,622.97 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2017 | April 30, 2017 | \$ | 10,671,719.87 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2017 | | | \$ | 46,938,323.69 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2017 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |
| Total Collected in SFY 2017 | | | \$ | 46,938,323.69 |
| SFY 2016 | | | | |
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2015 | July 31, 2015 | \$ | 11,418,734.46 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2015 | October 31, 2015 | \$ | 11,695,212.29 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2015 | January 31, 2016 | \$ | 11,098,758.99 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2016 | April 30, 2016 | \$ | 9,995,842.65 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2016 | | | \$ | 44,208,548.39 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2016 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |



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| Total Collected in SFY 2016 | \$ | 44,208,548.39 |
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SFY 2015

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| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2014 | July 31, 2014 | \$ | 11,169,169.29 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2014 | October 31, 2014 | \$ | 11,118,996.63 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2014 | January 31, 2015 | \$ | 10,786,012.96 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2015 | April 30, 2015 | \$ | 9,588,709.72 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2015 | | | \$ | 42,662,888.60 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2015 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |

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| Total Collected in SFY 2015 | \$ | 42,662,888.60 |
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SFY 2014

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| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2013 | July 31, 2013 | \$ | 14,549,083.87 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2013 | October 31, 2013 | \$ | 13,939,892.61 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2013 | January 31, 2014 | \$ | 11,589,557.46 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2014 | April 30, 2014 | \$ | 8,981,001.31 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2014 | | | \$ | 49,059,535.25 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2014 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |

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| Total Collected in SFY 2014 | \$ | 49,059,535.25 |
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SFY 2013

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| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2012 | July 31, 2012 | \$ | 13,070,548.78 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2012 | October 31, 2012 | \$ | 13,324,738.57 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2012 | January 31, 2013 | \$ | 14,119,855.18 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2013 | April 30, 2013 | \$ | 9,484,857.47 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2013 | | | \$ | 50,000,000.00 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2013 in excess of the \$50 million cap (1st Quarter): | | | \$ | 3,711,762.71 |

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| Total Collected in SFY 2013 | \$ | 53,711,762.71 |
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SFY 2012

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| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2011 | July 31, 2011 | \$ | 9,623,474.99 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2011 | October 31, 2011 | \$ | 10,541,438.29 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2011 | January 31, 2012 | \$ | 11,976,620.40 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2012 | April 30, 2012 | \$ | 11,656,688.95 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2012 | | | \$ | 43,798,222.63 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2012 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |

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| Total Collected in SFY 2012 | \$ | 43,798,222.63 |
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| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2010 | July 31, 2010 | \$ | 10,514,495.38 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2010 | October 31, 2010 | \$ | 11,116,098.21 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2010 | January 31, 2011 | \$ | 12,234,482.35 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2011 | April 30, 2011 | \$ | 10,444,666.63 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2011 | | | \$ | 44,309,742.57 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2011 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |
| Total Collected in SFY 2011 | | | \$ | 44,309,742.57 |

SFY 2010

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| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2009 | July 31, 2009 | \$ | 11,606,821.68 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2009 | October 31, 2009 | \$ | 11,154,263.00 |
| 4th Quarter* | December 31, 2009 | January 31, 2010 | \$ | 10,748,808.24 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2010 | April 30, 2010 | \$ | 8,842,956.99 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2009 | | | \$ | 42,352,849.91 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2010 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |
| Total Collected in SFY 2010 | | | \$ | 42,352,849.91 |

* Three counties submitted 1st quarter fees in July 2010 - Amount is reflected in SFY 2011 collections.

SFY 2009

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| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2008 | July 31, 2008 | \$ | 11,606,103.22 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2008 | October 31, 2008 | \$ | 9,777,245.00 |
| 4th Quarter* | December 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 | \$ | 8,178,920.04 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2009 | April 30, 2009 | \$ | 10,016,360.04 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2009 | | | \$ | 39,578,628.30 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2009 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |
| Total Collected in SFY 2009 | | | \$ | 39,578,628.30 |

* One county submitted the 4th quarter recorder fees in the 1st quarter of SFY 2010 - Amount is reflected in SFY 2010.

SFY 2008

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|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 2nd Quarter* | June 30, 2007 | July 31, 2007 | \$ | 14,194,040.71 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2007 | October 31, 2007 | \$ | 13,141,993.94 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2007 | January 31, 2008 | \$ | 11,610,997.96 |
| 1st Quarter* | March 31, 2008 | April 30, 2008 | \$ | 10,955,314.59 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2008 | | | \$ | 49,902,347.20 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2008 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | - |
| Total Collected in SFY 2008 | | | \$ | 49,902,347.20 |

* One county submitted the fees for the 1st quarter and 2nd quarter recorder fees in the 3rd quarter of SFY 2008.

SFY 2007

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| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2006 | July 31, 2006 | \$ | 17,108,971.00 |
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| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2006 | October 31, 2006 | \$ | 16,017,051.73 |
| 4th Quarter* | December 31, 2006 | January 31, 2007 | \$ | 14,772,345.79 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2007 | April 30, 2007 | \$ | 2,101,631.48 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2007 | | | \$ | 50,000,000.00 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2007 in excess of the \$50 million cap (1st Quarter):* | | | \$ | 10,681,332.52 |
| Total Collected in SFY 2007 | | | \$ | 60,681,332.52 |

* One county submitted the 4th quarter recorder fees in the 1st quarter of SFY 2008 - Amount is reflected in SFY 2008.

SFY 2006

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|---|--------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2005 | July 31, 2005 | \$ | 18,449,349.01 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2005 | October 31, 2005 | \$ | 18,969,411.19 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2005 | January 31, 2006 | \$ | 12,581,239.80 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2006 | April 30, 2006 | \$ | - |
| Subtotal for SFY 2006 | | | \$ | 50,000,000.00 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2006 in excess of the \$50 million cap (4th Quarter):* | | | \$ | 4,865,690.29 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2006 in excess of the \$50 million cap (1st Quarter): | | | \$ | 15,098,692.94 |
| Total Collected in SFY 2006 | | | \$ | 69,964,383.23 |

* One county did not submit the 3rd quarter recorder fees until the 4th quarter of SFY 2006.

SFY 2005

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|---|--------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2004 | July 31, 2004 | \$ | 21,079,398.41 |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2004 | October 31, 2004 | \$ | 19,921,244.77 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2004 | January 31, 2005 | \$ | 8,999,356.82 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2005 | April 30, 2005 | \$ | - |
| Subtotal for SFY 2005 | | | \$ | 50,000,000.00 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2005 in excess of the \$50 million cap (4th Quarter): | | | \$ | 8,400,361.62 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2005 in excess of the \$50 million cap (1st Quarter):* | | | \$ | 14,649,306.49 |
| Total Collected in SFY 2005 | | | \$ | 73,049,668.11 |

* Three counties did not submit the 1st quarter recorder fees until the 2nd quarter of SFY 2006.

SFY 2004

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|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 2nd Quarter | June 30, 2003 | July 31, 2003 | N/A | |
| 3rd Quarter | September 30, 2003 | October 31, 2003 | \$ | 18,185,197.82 |
| 4th Quarter | December 31, 2003 | January 31, 2004 | \$ | 22,251,604.02 |
| 1st Quarter | March 31, 2004 | April 30, 2004 | \$ | 9,563,198.16 |
| Subtotal for SFY 2004 | | | \$ | 50,000,000.00 |
| Funds collected in SFY 2004 in excess of the \$50 million cap: | | | \$ | 8,799,488.00 |
| Total Collected in SFY 2004 | | | \$ | 58,799,488.00 |



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| Lifetime Collections | \$ 1,066,508,380.07 |
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Attachment 3



SFY 2025 OHTF Special Project Grant Funding Recommendations

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| Applicant: | Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) |
| Project: | Housing Education and Fair Housing Projects, Youth Housing Initiative, Training and Technical Assistance/BOSCOC Coordinated Entry Program and the CoC Planning Grant Match |
| Requested Amount: | \$500,000 |
| Recommended Amount: | \$500,000 |
| Project Description: | <p><u>Homelessness and Housing Technical Assistance and Training</u></p> <p>COHHIO provides quality, evidence-supported learning opportunities that promote the use of best practices to address homelessness and provide housing. We do this by identifying and building on the strengths of seasoned experts and emerging leaders who work every day within local, regional and state homelessness systems. Our training and TA offerings reflect important lessons learned through practice and research and are developed with different learning styles and needs of the audience in mind.</p> <p><u>Youth Housing Initiative</u></p> <p>COHHIO's Youth Housing Initiative will focus on addressing gaps and enhancing services and housing efforts for transition age youth through continued collaboration with homeless youth providers and stakeholders and the provision of on-going training and technical assistance.</p> <p><u>Housing Education and Fair Housing Program</u></p> <p>Combining traditional work on Ohio Tenant Landlord Law and work with the Housing Information Line, COHHIO intends to continue its work around fair housing. COHHIO will collaborate with the fair housing organizations across the state when appropriate so that the collective voice will be a stronger voice on fair housing issues. Training and technical assistance activities will continue to be targeted to every corner of the state. COHHIO will continue to reach a broader audience presenting at statewide conferences and trainings where participants hail from all over the state. COHHIO will continue the toll-free Housing Information Line through 2024 and decide how best to continue offering these valuable services into the future. COHHIO is the only provider in the state offering such an informational service to renters and landlords across the state so finding efficient ways to implement and effective evaluation of this service is vital to its continued success.</p> <p><u>CoC Planning Grant Match</u></p> <p>Each year, HUD requires match funds to support the CoC planning grant. Development has provided this match as cash for the last two HUD rounds and has committed to provide cash match again for the FY23 CoC Planning grant award, which will start 4/1/2025 and end 5/31/2026. This match commitment is \$85,000.</p> |
| Applicant: | Habitat for Humanity of Ohio |
| Project: | Habitat for Ohio |



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Requested Amount: \$1,000,000

Recommended Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Description: The Habitat for Humanity of Ohio (HFH) submitted a SFY 2025 OHTF Special Project application to provide funding for homeownership opportunities to low-and moderate-income households. The program incorporates a community-wide approach to improve and provide affordable housing and strengthen neighborhoods through community collaboration. Collaboration efforts include either donated or discounted materials from local businesses and the families themselves that invest in the home by providing sweat equity.

HFH has indicated in the application that over \$1 million in matching funds has been committed to the project, which far exceeds the dollar-to-dollar match requirement. The project proposal has projected to construct a minimum of 30 habitat homes throughout the state, with 50% of the program award prioritized for rural areas of the state. HFH of Ohio funds affiliates throughout Ohio that are not eligible under the office of Community Development's Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program. HFH of Ohio requested a waiver to exceed the funding limit along with a waiver to serve persons at or below 80% area median income.

Applicant:

Licking County Coalition on Housing (LCCH)

Project:

BoSCoC Rapid Rehousing

Requested Amount: \$200,000

Recommended Amount: \$200,000

Project Description: LCCH is requesting \$200,000 for a two-year period to match the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) program funding announced (renewed) January 29, 2024 (see attached cash commitment letter citing the HUD award of \$829,209), a significant increase requiring a larger cash match. The grant period will begin January 1, 2025.

Families are assisted with obtaining an appropriate 1- to 3-bedroom, scattered site rental unit in one of the 80 counties within the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (OBoSCoC). LCCH administers RRHO and coordinates a centralized intake process for homeless families entering the program. LCCH staff work with non-profit homeless service agencies throughout the OBoSCoC by conducting rapid re-housing case management and Housing First training, enrolling partners into the Program, reviewing the Program's eligibility criteria and referral process. Partner agencies then make referrals to RRHO and deliver in-kind case management services to the families, completing paperwork for every family that demonstrates they have met the Program's eligibility criteria, including documentation that the household is homeless, and that they are utilizing Housing First principles related to program entry and participation. LCCH handles all HMIS requirements.

RRHO's financial assistance and supportive service levels are determined through the completion of a VI-SPDAT (HUD-required "vulnerability assessment") tool at the local level, assessing the housing barriers faced by each homeless family and their appropriate homeless program placement. LCCH and community-based case managers work with each homeless family to complete their individualized goal plan



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for housing stability and provide ongoing linkage and referral to other social service agencies, childcare programs, transportation, employment, and other mainstream resources to assist families in achieving housing stability. In 2023, at least 71% of people (adults and children) served in RRHO achieved a successful housing outcome.

Homeless families living in OBoSCoC communities with no or few Rapid Re-Housing program slots are prioritized for the RRHO program. RRHO is a valuable exit strategy for emergency shelters and communities struggling to meet the demand for homeless services.

Applicant:

Medina MHA

Project:

Shelter Operational Costs

Requested Amount:

\$600,000

Recommended Amount:

\$600,000

Project Description:

The Ohio Housing Trust Fund Special Projects Grant Program activity sought in this application is for operating funds for a new Emergency Housing Shelter, the first of its kind in Medina County.

The Shelter, Next Step Up, will be located at 850 Walter Road in Medina, Ohio. Its location is ideal. It is adjacent to retail shopping and personal service businesses, across the street to Job & Family Services and Community Action (same building), less than 300 yards from Hope Recovery, and less 1,000 feet to Veterans Services, Alternative Paths, and Ohio GuideStone.

The Shelter is designed to accommodate men, women, children, and guests' pets. The grounds will include a playground for small children, a pet exercise area, and a covered smoking area (the Shelter will be a smoke-free facility). The Shelter will include laundry facilities for guests' use as well as computer stations and a day room for guests' use. Office space for staff and meeting space for case management purposes are also included in the design.

The Shelter has been designed, and its operational plan coordinated, through considerable public input.

Applicant:

Ohio CDC Association

Project:

AmeriCorps/VISTA Project

Requested Amount:

\$145,000

Recommended Amount:

\$145,000

Project Description:

The OHTF grant has historically supplemented cost-Share VISTAs, and they work specifically on housing-related activities, such as developing and creating homeownership education and counseling programs, foreclosure prevention programs, home improvement and home repair programs, IDA Homeownership programs, supportive housing activities, and activities that address vacant and abandoned properties.

The OCDCA AmeriCorps VISTA Program focuses on building capacity and maximizing



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the resources of our non-profit members performing direct service with low-income clients. Specifically, this program will benefit populations at or below 50 percent of the area median across the state of Ohio. The needs identified in this section are problems the VISTA project will address.

Based on program guidelines, the Ohio Department of Development (Development) and OHTF do not offer any other funding source for this program. As a statewide program intermediary, the Special Projects Program is the only source for this critical work. With this funding, VISTA members will assist with developing 200 new constructions or rehabilitated affordable housing units. All beneficiaries will be from the LMI community (50% AMI).

This funding over the years has served individuals in over half of Ohio's counties – this year's funding will serve individuals in Athens, Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Lorain, Montgomery, Perry and Summit, and surrounding counties. The OCDCA VISTA Project allows OCDCA members to focus on the internal organizational capacity that increases the organization's ability to provide affordable housing services to the LMI community. Our members face the challenge many non-profits face: a lot to do and not enough people. This means that improving tools, equipment, and other resources to provide to the LMI community effectively takes a back seat to more pressing concerns of the organization.

Members and sites are provided with program training pertaining to managing the program and necessary requirements to collect outcomes. OCDCA provides the platform for members and sites to effectively track and report member activities. We expect these activities will result in the development of 200 affordable housing units, and increased levels of knowledge for 800 LMI individuals (50% AMI) who will have been assisted to prevent foreclosure or assisted with home repair.

Applicant:

Project:

Requested Amount:

Recommended Amount:

Project Description:

Ohio CDC Association

IDA

\$82,000

\$82,000

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are a match-savings program designed to help low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals gain wealth through the accrual of assets (home, microbusiness, and education) and the adoption of financial empowerment behaviors like life-long saving and investing. This program will support 20 IDA LMI participant-savers with match funding for their first home down payment assistance or home repair projects. We anticipate 10 accounts will be used for home repair. Due to the incredibly tight housing market, we found that decent inventory affordable to people at or below 50% AMI is extremely low. Given that, we request to be able to serve participants up to 80% AMI, who also need additional support finding housing in the tight market. This funding will serve individuals in Butler, Licking, Montgomery, Medina, Cuyahoga, Franklin, and Summit, Counties. The IDA project timeline will run from January 1, 2025, through the end of 2026.



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IDAs not only give potential homeowners down payment assistance toward the purchase of a first home or home repair projects but participants are also trained to become savvy consumers, savers, and investors. Moreover, they leave the program thoroughly prepared and eager to participate in other strategies.

Ohio CDC Association offers the only statewide project designed to promote homeownership by saving and investing. IDA is a way to fill the gap with knowledge as well as an opportunity to permanently change behavior. IDAs focus on building capacity and maximizing the resources of our non-profit members performing direct service with low-income clients. Based on program guidelines, the Ohio Department of Development (Development) and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) do not offer any other funding source for this program. For example, OCDCA's IDA program doesn't qualify for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. As a statewide program intermediary, the Special Projects Program is the only source for this critical work.

Applicant:

Project:

Requested Amount:

Recommended Amount:

Project Description:

Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN)

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing

\$200,000

\$200,000

This project would provide Homeless Prevention (HP) assistance to survivors to prevent eviction and maintain housing stability as they continue to rebuild their lives. The project could also provide Rapid Rehousing assistance to survivors who need assistance with the first month's rent and deposit to obtain housing. This would assist with affordability for the survivor, as they lack the resources to pay the upfront costs associated with obtaining housing and reduce barriers to permanent housing.

Homeless Prevention funding would be available to survivors in all Balance of State (BoS) counties, but most of the assistance would be used for survivors in BoS Housing Regions 1-2, 4-14, and 17. These are the Housing Regions that ODVN currently has subrecipients in for the HUD CoC REACH Rapid Rehousing Program that ODVN operates. The subrecipients in these counties have experience with various Housing Programs and would have the capacity to help execute the project as soon as funds were available. This project would fill an unmet need or gap by providing additional Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing assistance to communities across the state that lack resources to assist survivors. Of the 14 Housing Regions ODVN currently serves in, 23 counties are a part of the 32 county Appalachian Region.