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TO: Office of Community Development (OCD) Award Recipients and Affiliates

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

SUBJECT:  Program Year (PY) 2015 – PY 2019 Ohio Consolidated Plan and PY 2015 Annual Action Plan Citizen Participation Process

The Ohio Development Services Agency's (ODSA) Office of Community Development (OCD) is responsible for drafting the **Program Year (PY) 2015 – PY 2019 Ohio Consolidated Plan and PY 2015 Annual Action Plan**. This memo provides an outline of the **Program Year (PY) 2015 – PY 2019 Ohio Consolidated Plan and PY 2015 Annual Action Plan** drafting process and explains the citizen participation opportunities.

Public Hearing on Needs

On September 11, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., OCD will conduct the **Public Hearing on Needs Issues** in Room 1932 on the 19th Floor of the Vern Riffe Center located at 77 South High Street in Columbus. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments regarding OCD-administered programs. This year the state will also update the PY 2015 - 2019 Needs Assessment and Strategy. OCD will post the Needs Assessment section of the document for review and comment on the OCD website on September 2, 2014. Verbal and written comments may be submitted during the hearing. Written comments also may be submitted by 5 p.m. on September 17, 2014, to Ian Thomas, Planner, Office of Community Development, 77 South High Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by email at Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

On or about September 2, 2014, OCD will post the **PY 2013 Ohio Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)** on OCD's website at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_ocp.htm. Copies of the **PY 2013 Ohio CAPER** will be available during the **Public Hearing on Needs Issues**. Public comments regarding the **PY 2013 Ohio CAPER** will be accepted during the hearing or any time during the 15-day comment period, from September 2 to September 17, 2014. Comments should be submitted to Ian Thomas, no later than 5 p.m. on September 17, 2014, at the mailing or e-mail address listed above.

Ohio Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee Meetings

On October 14 and 15, 2014, the **PY 2015 Ohio Consolidated Plan** Program Advisory Committee meetings will be held at the Creekside Conference and Event Center in Gahanna, Ohio. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss and comment on specific policies and requirements pertaining to current OCD programs, covering the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program, Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP), Supportive Housing and Homelessness Programs, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA), Community Development Program, Economic Development Loan and Infrastructure Program, Comprehensive Downtown Revitalization Program and Fair Housing. If you or your staff would like to serve on one or more of the **PY 2015 Ohio Consolidated Plan** Program Advisory Committees, please send a letter to Ian Thomas at the above-listed address by September 2, 2014, indicating your program area of interest and which organization or community you are representing. An organization or community will be allowed to have one representative serve on a particular committee. Committee participation will be solicited by invitation due to space limitations. Meetings are open to the public, if there is sufficient space.

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Ohio Consolidated Plan Public Hearing

A public hearing on the ***Draft PY 2015 – PY 2019 Ohio Consolidated Plan and PY 2015 Annual Action Plan*** is tentatively scheduled for March 12, 2015 in Room 1932 on the 19th Floor of the Riffe Center located at 77 South High Street in Columbus. Please check with OCD two weeks prior to the hearing for confirmation. In addition, OCD will receive public comments on the draft plan during the 30-day comment period from February 27 to March 30, 2015. Comments should be submitted to Ian Thomas at the mailing or e-mail address listed above.

Background

The ***Ohio Consolidated Plan*** governs how OCD distributes approximately \$66 million in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program. A description of current policies, programs and activities assisted with the HUD funds is available in the ***PY 2014 Ohio Consolidated Plan*** available on OCD's website at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_ocp.htm. Information regarding the HUD program regulations and requirements can be found on HUD's website at <http://www.hud.gov/assist/siteindex.cfm>.

Questions

Questions regarding the ***Program Year (PY) 2015 – PY 2019 Ohio Consolidated Plan and PY 2015 Annual Action Plan*** citizen participation process should be submitted to Ian Thomas at (614) 466-8744 or Ian.Thomas@development.ohio.gov.

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