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HUD SECRETARY DONOVAN ANNOUNCES \$216 MILLION IN HOMELESS GRANTS *Grants represent historic investment to confront rural homelessness* (Thursday, April 28, 2011)

WASHINGTON – U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan awarded more than \$216 million to nearly 700 new homeless programs across the country. The grants announced today are \$26 million more than last year's grants and, combined with renewal funding announced earlier this year, represents the most homelessness assistance ever awarded by HUD. HUD is also continuing to confront rural homelessness by targeting a record \$16.4 million to 87 never-before-funded programs in less populated areas of the country (see attached list of the local programs awarded grants today or **visit HUD's website** - http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/homeless/budget/new2010)

In January, HUD awarded more than \$1.4 billion in *Continuum of Care* grants to renew funding to 7,000 existing local homeless programs. The funding announced today will invest in local projects which have never before received HUD homeless funds, providing critically needed housing and support services to an estimated 21,000 homeless individuals and families. Though homelessness is largely an urban phenomenon, HUD is reserving record funding to meet the unique challenges faced by homeless individuals and families living in rural areas.

"Today, we build on the Obama Administration's goal to prevent and end homelessness in America," said Donovan. "This funding will make a significant impact in the lives of thousands of people and provide resources to bring them towards the road of independence."

HUD's *Continuum of Care* grants fund a wide range of transitional and permanent housing programs as well as supportive services such as job training, case management, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. Street outreach and assessment programs to transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons and families are also funded through these grants. *Continuum of Care* programs include:

Supportive Housing Program (SHP) offers housing and supportive services to allow homeless persons to live as independently as possible.

Shelter Plus Care (S+C) provides housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless persons with disabilities, (primarily those with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases) and their families who were living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g., streets) or in emergency shelters.

Single-Room Occupancy Program (SRO) provides rental assistance for homeless persons in one-person housing units that contain small kitchens, bathrooms, or both.

Last year, 19 federal agencies in the Obama Administration announced a plan to end all homelessness through, Opening, an unprecedented federal strategy to end veteran and chronic homelessness by 2015, and to end homelessness among children, families, and youth by 2020. In addition to the *Continuum of Care* grant program, HUD's new ***Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Program*** made possible through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* is making a major contribution to the *Opening Doors* strategy. To date, HPRP has allocated \$1.5 billion to prevent more than 875,000 people from falling into homelessness or to rapidly re-house them if they do.

HUD's homelessness grants are reducing long-term or chronic homelessness in America. Based on the Department's latest Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), chronic homelessness has declined by 30 percent since 2006. This decline is directly attributed to HUD's homeless grants helping to create significantly more permanent housing for those who might otherwise be living on the streets. It was also reported in the AHAR that the number of homeless families increased for the second consecutive year, almost certainly due to the ongoing effects of the recession. See last two pages of COHHIO Updates for new Ohio CoC projects.



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Continuum of Care Updates

Scott Gary recently participated in a conference call concerning the CoC with Secretary Donovan, Fred Karnas, and Ann Oliva. Here are the highlights from that call:

- HEARTH Regulations will be released in 6 pieces – homeless definition, ESG, HMIS, CoC, ConPlan, and Rural Program. HUD's desire was to at least get the HEARTH requirements into the ESG program for 2011. No word yet about including the HEARTH regulations in the CoC application.
- HUD hopes to issue directions about the ConPlan amendment requirements for the new ESG program as it will include HEARTH requirements of including funds for homelessness prevention. HUD also mentioned possible coordination with HOME funds so that a separate process would not be necessary.
- HUD expects that the homelessness definition and ESG regulations to be issued within 2 months.
- The 2011 CoC application will be in two parts again this year (registration and actual application). It is anticipated that the registration process should be open within 60 days. ** For BOSCO communities, ODOD takes care of the registration for all BOSCO projects/communities.

HUD HPRP Trainings

HPRP Areas of Common Monitoring Findings and Concerns

On **Tuesday, May 17th at 3:30 pm (EDT)** and again on **Thursday, May 19th at 11:00 am (EDT)**, HUD will host a webinar highlighting some of the most common concerns and issues that arise during HUD monitoring reviews of HPRP grantees. The goals of the webinar are to:

- § prepare grantees for being monitored by HUD,
- § to train on proper subgrantee monitoring, and
- § to answer common questions about HPRP monitoring.

Audience: HPRP grantee program managers and staff, and HPRP subgrantee managers and staff responsible for case files.

Dates and Registration:

Tuesday, May 17th, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm EDT

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/215331072>

OR

Thursday, May 19th, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm EDT

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/879680840>

Register now using the link above to reserve your seat. You will then be emailed another link and further instructions. Also, be sure to log on to the webinar ten minutes early to download the GoToWebinar software. Finally, note that you may listen to the webinar either through your computer's speakers or by calling into a toll number.



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***COHHIO's
Mission Statement***

COHHIO is a statewide advocacy group and service providers network dedicated to ending homelessness and ensuring that all Ohioans have decent, safe, fair, affordable housing, especially those with low-income and special needs.

HUD HPRP Trainings - Continued

HUD's Year 1 HPRP APR: Lessons Learned and Next Steps

In January 2011, HPRP grantees submitted to HUD their Year 1 HPRP APRs. On **Tuesday, May 24th at 11:30 am (EDT)** and again on **Thursday, May 26th at 3:30 pm (EDT)**, HUD will host a webinar reviewing "lessons learned" from this process, to inform grantees' submissions of the HPRP APR in Years 2 and 3. Topics will include:

- common errors on APR questions,
- common issues with HMIS affecting APR data,
- suggestions for reducing errors and improving the quality of the data submitted to HUD,
- a review of some of the commonly misunderstood reporting concepts, and
- some national outcomes from the first year of HPRP.

Audience: HPRP grantee staff responsible for APR submission; HPRP subgrantee staff who enter data in HMIS and/or are responsible for submitting data to the HPRP grantee; other key reporting staff and stakeholders, including HMIS vendors, HMIS System Administrators, etc.

Dates and Registration:

Tuesday, May 24th, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm EDT

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/535358160>

OR

Thursday, May 26th, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm EDT

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/987771976>

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Ramping Down HPRP

As we pass the mid-point for HPRP, many grantees are beginning to ramp-down HPRP and plan for grant closeout. This webinar will present key issues and strategies for grantees to consider as they enter the final stages of HPRP, including:

- Planning a smooth and orderly close-out with subgrantees and for the grant overall;
- Tapering off services and housing supports in a manner that ensure participants successfully transition off of HPRP and maintain housing; and
- Identifying HPRP-funded activities that have had the greatest impact and are a priority for continuing via other funding opportunities.

Audience: Grantee and subgrantee program managers and planners

Dates and Registration: Dates/times to be announced.



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CSH and NAEH are co-hosting a conference call on Thursday, May 5th at 3:00 p.m. to discuss SAMHSA's FY 2011 Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals Grants. This is an opportunity for prospective applicants to learn more about the request for applications for this new funding source for services. To register for this online event, go to: http://us.meeting-stream.com/corporationforsupportivehousing_050511/

Funding Opportunities

The **Mary Kay Foundation** is committed to ending the epidemic of domestic violence by providing grants to women's shelters throughout the United States. Each year, the Foundation's Shelter Grant Program awards grants of \$20,000 to at least one domestic violence shelter in every state; remaining funds are distributed based on state population. Applying organizations must offer immediate overnight housing to women and children affected by domestic violence. The grants provided by the Foundation may be used for the operating budget of the shelter, with the exception of staff travel. The application deadline is June 30, 2011. Visit the Foundation's website to review the funding guidelines and download the application forms -

<http://www.mkacf.org/Pages/ShelterGrantProgram.aspx>

The purpose of the **MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing**, administered by Enterprise Community Partners, is to recognize nonprofit organizations and Tribes/Tribally Designated Housing Entities that show exemplary leadership, innovation, and quality service delivery in affordable senior housing. The goals of the program are to showcase models of excellence in the design, operation, and property management of affordable, green senior housing; increase understanding of how to achieve success in providing high-quality independent living for seniors; provide financial support for agencies that exhibit excellence in green and service-enriched senior housing; and disseminate models of exemplary green, senior independent living. Four grants of \$50,000 will be awarded. The application deadline is May 31, 2011. Visit the Enterprise Community Partners' website to review the program guidelines and submit an online application -

http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/programs/awards_and_fellowships/awards/metlife_foundation_awards/

The **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)** has announced the 2011 Competition for Community-Based Substance Abuse Initiatives. The program seeks to strengthen substance abuse coalitions targeting economically distressed counties in twelve states of the Appalachia region. Participating coalitions must plan to either add at least one new stakeholder, or significantly strengthen the involvement of one existing stakeholder. Thirty coalitions will receive training, technical assistance, and \$5,000 grants to support new substance abuse initiatives. Letters of interest must be submitted via email by May 16, 2011. Visit the ARC website to download the application packet, which includes a list of eligible counties -

<http://www.arc.gov/funding/RequestsforProposalsforProjectGrants.asp>



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Funding Opportunities – Continued

HUD has announced the availability of funds for the **Housing Choice Voucher Family Self Sufficiency Program** for PHAs to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the HCV program with public and private resources to enable participating families to increase earned income and financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency. **Deadline: 6/8/2011.** For more on this program, see <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opId=89155>.

HUD has issued a NOFA for the **Healthy Homes Production Program** for nonprofits and others to identify and correct significant housing-related health and safety hazards in privately owned, low-income rental or owner occupied housing. **Deadline: 6/9/2011.** For more information, visit http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/nofa11/grphealthyhomes.

HUD has issued a NOFA for the **Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program** to nonprofits for the development and operation of supportive housing for very low-income persons with disabilities who are at least 18 years old. **Deadline for applications: 6/23/2011.** For more on this opportunity, go to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grp811.cfm>.

HUD has also issued a NOFA for the Public and Indian Housing **Family Self-Sufficiency Program under the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program (PH FSS)** for PHAs to serve residents of conventional public housing. **Deadline: 6/29/2011.** For more information, visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&opId=89173>.

USDA has announced the availability of funds for the **Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program** projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. **Deadline to apply is 6/30/2011.** For more information, eligibility criteria, and an application, go to <http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2011/02/14/2011-3198/inviting-applications-for-the-rural-economic-development-loan-and-grant-program-for-fiscal-year-2011>.

HUD has issued a NOFA for the **Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators** program for PHAs, nonprofits, and others to coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help Public and Indian housing residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. **Deadline: 7/13/2011.** For more information, visit http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/grpross-sc.



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OHFA Approves over \$3.9 Million for Affordable Housing

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency approved \$1.9 million in funding through the Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP) to provide flexible, low-interest financing for affordable housing developments – funding for HDAP comes from the federal HOME program and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF). Another \$2 million in funding was approved through the Housing Development Loan (HDL) Program, which is funded through unclaimed funds from the Ohio Department of Commerce. The projects awarded funding:

- Pontalba Apartments in The Plains - \$500,000 from HDAP
- South Oak Apartments in London - \$580,000 from HDAP
- Sylvania Senior Residence in Sylvania - \$850,000 HDAP and \$2,000,000 from HDL.

Out of Reach 2011

National Low Income Housing Coalition released its Out of Reach 2011 report today, May 2nd. This annual report contains a side-by-side comparison of wages and rents in every county, Metropolitan Area, combined with nonmetropolitan area and state in the U.S.

Out of Reach 2011 again includes the calculation of the Housing Wage: the amount a person working full-time must earn to afford the Fair Market Rent on a modest two-bedroom unit. Out of reach also calculates the number of hours one must work at the minimum wage and the average renter wage in order to afford typical rents. To review the report online, visit <http://www.nlihc.org/oor/oor2011/>

The following data produced about Ohio from this report:

Ohio

In Ohio, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$704. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities, without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn \$2,346 monthly or \$28,150 annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into a Housing Wage of \$13.53.

In Ohio, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$7.40. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 73 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, a household must include 1.8 minimum wage earner(s) working 40 hours per week year-round in order to make the two bedroom FMR affordable.

In Ohio, the estimated mean (average) wage for a renter is \$10.76 an hour. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment at this wage, a renter must work 50 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, working 40 hours per week year-round, a household must include 1.3 worker(s) earning the mean renter wage in order to make the two-bedroom FMR affordable.

Monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for an individual are \$674 in Ohio. If SSI represents an individual's sole source of income, \$202 in monthly rent is affordable, while the FMR for a one-bedroom is \$566.

A unit is considered affordable if it costs no more than 30% of the renter's income.

**Fiscal Year 2010
Continuum of Care Competition
Homeless Assistance New Project Award**

State

CoC Name

Project Name

Program

Awarded Amount

OH

OH-500 - Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC

HMIS 2010 EXPANSION	SHP	\$95,645.00
2010 SPC SRA Part 1 PHB	S+C	\$858,060.00
2010 SPC SRA Part 2	S+C	\$422,520.00
2010 Tender Mercies Dana Hotel SRA	S+C	\$441,000.00
IHNGC Transitional Housing Program	SHP	\$529,494.00
Transitional Living Expansion Project	SHP	\$363,258.00
YWCA Women's Transitional Housing Program	SHP	\$423,315.00
Respite Permanent Housing Expansion	SHP	\$314,396.00
OH-500 Total:		\$3,447,878.00

OH-501 - Toledo/Lucas County CoC

Home Base	SHP	\$399,487.00
OH-501 Total:		\$399,487.00

OH-502 - Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC

2010 S+C TRA New Permanent Housing Bonus	S+C	\$302,400.00
Euclid Metro Green	SHP	\$1,318,590.00
OH-502 Total:		\$1,820,990.00

OH-503 - Columbus/Franklin County CoC

Commons at Third	SHP	\$424,210.00
OH-503 Total:		\$424,210.00

OH-504 - Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC

Beatitude House Permanent Supportive Housing Program 2	SHP	\$207,028.00
OH-504 Total:		\$207,028.00

OH-505 - Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC

MVHO Leasing	SHP	\$429,583.00
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State

CoC Name

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Awarded Amount</u>
OH-506 Total:		\$428,683.00

OH-506 - Akron/Baberton/Summit County CoC

The Commons at Madaline Park	SHP	\$878,580.00
Humble Beginnings	SHP	\$360,408.00
BlueHeron II	SHP	\$360,628.00
Commons At Madaline Park Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus	SHP	\$396,824.00
OH-506 Total:		\$1,896,440.00

OH-507 - Ohio Balance of State CoC

Graham Drive Family Housing	S+C	\$164,040.00
Ravenna Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans	SHP	\$37,124.00
Able Housing	SHP	\$624,201.00
Lake County McKinley Grove SPC	S+C	\$430,560.00
Homeless Management Information System Expansion	SHP	\$212,536.00
Shelter Plus Care Vouchers for families	S+C	\$1,395,720.00
OH-507 Total:		\$2,884,181.00

OH-508 - Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC

Shelter Plus Care SMHA - MHRBB	S+C	\$178,920.00
A-FIRST PSH Project	SHP	\$202,003.00
Ots Gibbs Helping Hand Center Inc.	SHP	\$109,922.00
OH-508 Total:		\$490,845.00

OH Total:		\$11,880,442.00
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