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TO: Eligible FY 2011 Microenterprise Business Development Program Applicants

FROM: Michael A. Hiler, Office Chief, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships

SUBJECT: FY 2011 Microenterprise Business Development Program Notice of Funding Availability and Training

In FY 2011, the Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP) will distribute Ohio Housing Trust Fund/Community Development Corporation funds through the Microenterprise Business Development Program. Microenterprises are commonly defined as for-profit entities with five or fewer employees, one of whom owns the business. Microenterprises do not generally have access to the commercial banking sector. Therefore, this program intends to provide the initial funding for local communities and nonprofit organizations to further develop a local environment that encourages microenterprise business development, and to provide low- to moderate-income persons with access to capital for business development and self-employment. The Microenterprise Business Development Program application submission deadline is Friday, August 5, 2011 at 5 p.m.

Training

On June 29, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., OHCP will conduct the Microenterprise Business Development Program Application Training at the 31st floor Conference Center of the Riffe Center at 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the training is to discuss the FY 2011 application process.

Internet Assistance

To assist applicants, the following documents are posted or will be posted on the Web sites listed below:

- Draft FY 2011 Ohio Consolidated Plan:
<http://www.development.ohio.gov/cdd/ohcp/publications.htm>;
- FY 2011 Microenterprise Business Development Program application is expected to be posted on or about June 17, 2011:
<http://www.development.ohio.gov/cdd/ohcp/applications.htm>; and
- Environmental Review Process for General Administration, Fair Housing, and Planning Activities Funded With Administrative Dollars Policy (OHCP Notice 06-01):
<http://www.development.ohio.gov/cdd/ohcp/PolicyNotices.htm>.

In order to register for the training, or if you have any questions regarding the Microenterprise Business Development Program, please contact **Matthew LaMantia**, by phone at (614) 466-2285 or by email at matthew.lamantia@development.ohio.gov.

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