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Notice of Funds Available

Technical Assistance for CED Projects

The Ohio CDC Association (OCDCA) has funding to provide technical assistance to community economic development projects sponsored by nonprofit community-based organizations and local governments. Resources are being provided by The Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP) of the Ohio Department of Development through a training and technical assistance grant to OCDCA through the CDC Program of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

Assistance, in the form of OCDCA staff or consultants paid by OCDCA, will be provided to nonprofit organizations and local governments that have projects in concept development or in the planning stages in the area of community economic development. Development of strategic plans for CED activities (for either an organization or a community) is also eligible for technical assistance.

Areas of technical assistance may include but are not limited to: how to get started in community economic development, small business lending, commercial real estate development; initiating and operating a small business incubator, creating businesses to employ low income individuals, real estate financing, brownfields restoration, assistance with applications for CED funding and financing, and working with financial institutions.

Projects must benefit low- to moderate-income residents of the neighborhood or community. Technical assistance will be a maximum of \$3,000 per group.

To secure assistance you must:

- 1) Submit to the OCDCA a letter that requests technical assistance and broadly describes the type(s) of assistance needed. This letter should not be more than one page. The request can be e-mailed.
- 2) Complete a self-assessment form. This form asks for information about your CED activities.
- 3) Enter into a contract with the Ohio CDC Association (the Technical Plan for Assistance) to cooperate with the technical assistance provider and the Association, and to follow through on recommendations from the technical assistance consultant.

Requests will be processed in the order in which they are received. The actual delivery time of technical assistance varies, depending upon the organization and technical assistance provider. If you have questions or need additional information, please call Amy J. Rosenthal at the Ohio CDC Association (614) 461-6392 ext. 204 or e-mail to arosenal@ohiocdc.org.