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TO: Eligible Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program Applicants

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SUBJECT: Program Year 2016 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program Notification of Funding Availability

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In Program Year (PY) 2016, the Office of Community Development (OCD) expects to distribute approximately \$1,291,396 - \$997,488 for the State of Ohio and \$293,908 for the City of Dayton - of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program funds on a competitive basis, to the following eligible applicants:

- Private, nonprofit organizations incorporated with Ohio's Secretary of State and granted 501(c)3 status by the Internal Revenue Service; and
- Units of local government, i.e., counties, cities, townships, villages, etc.

If multiple organizations in a community/area agree to submit one application to serve the entire community/area, a cover letter agreeing to the project, as described in the application, must be signed by the president of the board (nonprofit agencies) or department director (government agencies) of all agencies that will administer a portion of the project. This type of application is considered a community collaborative and will receive a competitive advantage over separate applications serving the same community/area.

### **Program Summary**

The HOPWA Program's primary goal is to provide project sponsors with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting low-income persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases and their families' housing needs. Housing and services that assist low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS to obtain and maintain affordable housing are the program's primary activities.

HOPWA funds may be used to provide:

- Short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to prevent homelessness;
- Acquiring, rehabilitating or constructing permanent housing;
- Tenant-based rental assistance;
- Operating a community residence;
- Permanent housing placement;
- Referral to drug and alcohol abuse treatment and counseling;
- Limited case management;
- Respite care;
- Food and/or nutrition services;

- Activities of daily living;
- Day care;
- Transportation;
- Housing information services; and
- General administration

Applicants must match the requested amount of HOPWA funds at a minimum ratio of 1:1. The maximum grant request is based on the percentage of cases of persons living with an HIV infection diagnosis within the project's service area when compared to the balance of state (areas outside the Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland service areas). Figures promulgated by the Ohio Department of Health are used for this calculation, with a 1.05 and 1.10 adjustment factor for urban and rural counties, respectively. The 2015 *State of Ohio HIV Infections Annual Surveillance Statistics* is available on the Ohio Department of Health's [website](#). The Office of Community Development (OCD) may consider requests for amounts larger than the maximum amount; however, applicants must obtain written approval from OCD.

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