



DATE: July 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Letter of Interest for Program Year 2016 New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance
Program Funding

The New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program provides funds to units of local government, or consortia of units of local government, to affirmatively further fair housing and eliminate impediments to fair housing. These actions are in addition to a grantee's Standard Fair Housing Program, which is required as part of the Office of Community Development's Community Development Program and Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program applications. New Horizons fair housing strategies are based on locally assessed needs, and further the State's fair housing goals. Eligible jurisdictions include direct Community Development Program Allocation cities and counties.

Communities interested in submitting an application for the Program Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program must submit a Letter of Interest to the Office of Community Development. The Letter of Interest must include:

- A brief description of the proposed project and how it will affirmatively further fair housing beyond activities listed in the community's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and/or CHIP Standard Fair Housing Program;
- The target area for the project and population the project will benefit (LMI, Limited Clientele, Area Wide);
- A summary of other funds committed to the project;
- Name, address, telephone number and email address of the community's Chief Elected Official; and
- Name, address, telephone number and email address of the community's grant writer.

The Office of Community Development will send eligible communities instructions on how to complete an online application. **Access to the online application does not guarantee funding.** The Office of Community Development will notify communities that are not eligible to apply for New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program funding, and provide information on how to coordinate with their county of jurisdiction to submit an application.

Questions regarding the Letter of Interest and/or the New Horizons Fair Housing Assistance Program should be directed to Sheilah Bradshaw at (614) 466-2285 or Sheilah.Bradshaw@development.ohio.gov.