

# Ohio House of Representatives COVID-19 Resource Guide

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## Other Federal and State Agency Changes

### **Local Government**

The CARES Act included supplemental appropriations for many purposes in response to COVID-19. These funds will be made available through state and federal agencies. We are awaiting guidance on each program and how the funds will be allocated and made available to state and local governments, healthcare providers, small businesses and individuals. We will continue to update this section as more information is made available.

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDGB)**

CDBG is a flexible program that provides communities and states with funding to provide a wide range of resources to address COVID-19, such as construct medical facilities for testing and treatment, acquire a motel or hotel building to expand capacity of hospitals to accommodate isolation of patients during recovery, support businesses manufacturing medical supplies, etc. Each grantee will decide under program guidance how the money will be spent.

Press Release: [https://www.hud.gov/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/HUD\\_No\\_20\\_049](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_20_049)

Grant Breakdown: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/budget/fy20/](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/budget/fy20/)

### **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)**

ESG funds will enable state and local governments to address coronavirus among the homeless population as well as provide state and local governments with homelessness prevention funding for individuals and families who would otherwise become homeless due to coronavirus. Some examples include build more emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, operate emergency shelters by providing maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation, prevent individuals from becoming homeless and rapidly rehouse homeless individuals. Each grantee will decide under program guidance how the money will be spent.

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### **Housing Opportunities for Person with Aids (HOPWA)**

HOPWA is dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS by giving grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income

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*\*New Information Added 5/2/2020\**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANTS:**

Governor DeWine announced that nearly \$16 million in grant funding is now available for local law enforcement agencies, probation and parole offices, local courts, victim service providers, and adult, juvenile, and community corrections agencies.

This funding was awarded to the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, as part of the CARES Act and will support agencies in:

- Taking measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 such as purchasing cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment
- Taking measures to prepare for COVID-19 such as supporting proper planning, staffing, and communications to ensure effective operations and maintain the safety of criminal justice employees, citizens, and correctional populations
- Taking measures to respond to the spread of COVID-19 such as medical visits, hospitalizations, purchasing medical supplies, and securing alternative housing

OCJS will accept applications on a continual basis while funding is available, and there is no cap. For more information, please visit [www.ocjs.ohio.gov](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov).