



# Resident Development Fund

Strategic Partnerships to Enhance the Lives of Residents



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## Serving Residents in 2020

The year 2020 has challenged all of us with the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic distress, and the frustration of enduring years of racial discrimination and injustice. As we all struggle to adapt to a new and ever-changing environment, many of our low-income neighbors have a heightened vulnerability and are among those most in need of assistance.

This year, OCIC will refocus our strategy as we seek to impact our residents in a meaningful way to provide grant dollars for aide and assistance through the corona-virus pandemic, and resulting economic crisis. We will offer funding to partners seeking Resident Development Fund grants for programmatic support specifically focusing on residents' social, economic, and health implications.

The Carol Mount Peterson Resident Development Fund was named for longtime OCCH Board President and community advocate in honor of her commitment to improve the lives of low income families and individuals.

Funding will be provided in four areas – education and empowerment for youth; health and engagement for seniors, employment advancement for adults; and stability for our most vulnerable residents.

OCIC will offer grants of up to \$50,000 to partners engaging the residents of OCCH properties in the above enrichment program areas. Grants will be made to partners who own properties with OCCH investment to connect resources to the households and families that need it most.



## Who Can Apply?

Owners of OCCH-affiliated affordable housing may apply. Proposed activities must be for residents of a low-income housing tax credit property of which Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing is the investor and asset manager. **Please Note:** Eligible properties must be placed in service and within year 14 of the 15-year compliance period. No disbursements will be made until a project reaches qualified occupancy (100 % lease up).

## Amount

OCIC will award single year grants up to \$30,000, and multi-year grants up to \$50,000 for Programmatic Support. **Special Eligibility Requirements for Multi-year Grants:** Multi-year grant applications will only be accepted from partners with an established history of grant performance with OCIC.

## Grant Timeframe

**Monday, August 3rd:** Deadline to submit RDF grant applications

**Friday, August 14th:** Award Announcements

**Friday, September 4th:** Deadline to sign and return Grant Agreement and W-9

Deadlines to submit Interim Reports, Final Reports, and Final Invoices to close out RDF grant are as follows:

**Interim Report: March 26th 2021**  
**Final Report & Invoice: December 31st 2021**

## Other Conditions

Partners with existing grants must complete those programs and submit all required progress reports before applying for new funding. Partners may not request funding for services or features that were proposed as part of the original submission for housing tax credit financing. Partners may not request funding for items that were included in the original project scope or that would typically be paid through

original sources, reserves, or operating funds.

## Common Application Issues

- Proposed activities do not demonstrate a measurable impact (for example, parties, gift baskets, participation incentives).
- Budget is incomplete, not carefully considered, and/or sources are lacking.
- The applicant has tried to create a program that already exists in the community.
- The proposed budget uses funds for indirect costs (salaries, wages, employee fringe benefits, travel of employees, communication costs such as mailing, telephones, etc).
- Proposed activities do not fit the objectives of the Resident Development Fund and the applicant has not communicated with OCIC prior to submission of the proposal.





## Education and Empowerment for Youth

OCIC supports programs and activities that provide children and youth of OCCH invested properties with opportunities to develop the skills they need to be successful in school and in life. Through the pandemic we want to provide as much relief to students and families to continue to successfully pursue their education and accomplish their goals.

We believe that children and youth participating regularly in quality school related programs are more likely to maintain good grades or improve their educational performance, and develop social and problem-solving skills.

### Preferred Activities Include:

- Resources for students completing at-home e-learning through the pandemic.
- Educational programming for children and youth that promotes literacy and study habits.
- Athletic, arts, and other recreational programming that promotes indoor or outdoor play, nutrition, and wellness while practicing safe social distancing.





## Health & Engagement for Seniors

OCIC supports programs and activities that ensure aging adults and seniors living in OCCH invested properties can live and age in place. Through this pandemic we want to invest in our seniors to ensure we are meeting their needs as it relates to health and wellness.

We believe that delivering programs and activities that maintain or improve functioning in activities of daily living, aging adults and seniors can live safely and longer in their homes.

### Preferred Activities Include:

- Community building activities that help residents nurture trusting and supportive relationships.
- Connections to opportunities for supportive services, social engagement, family connection, and wellness activities and increasing access to health care.

# Employment Advancement for Adults

OCIC supports programs and activities to help residents of OCCH-invested communities achieve their educational, workforce training, and employment goals. Now more than ever this has become increasingly more difficult for residents through the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis.

We believe that adults provided education and workforce services, supports, and opportunities are more likely to get jobs or better jobs and to increase their annual income. Through this pandemic we want to alleviate any stress and barriers in the way of residents achieving their educational and economic empowerment related goals.

## Preferred Activities Include:

- Adult Basic Education & Literacy
- English Proficiency
- Higher Education and Learning for First-Generation and Non-Traditional Students
- Financial Literacy & Asset Building
- Work Skills Training
- Job Search & Placement Assistance







## Stability for Vulnerable Residents

UIC supports programs that assist our most vulnerable populations, including people at risk for homelessness, people facing mental illness, and people with developmental disabilities.

### **Preferred Activities Include:**

- Assistance for navigating access to supportive services and necessities.
- Increasing access to food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries .
- Other innovative initiatives to help vulnerable individuals in crisis.





## EVALUATION

An evaluation team will evaluate proposals and make recommendations to the OCCH Board for final approval of funding.

### 1. IMPACT (50 percent)

Proposed activities must exhibit opportunities resulting in visible and measurable impact in one or priority areas. The review committee will consider the grant narrative and the applicant's ability to connect strategy to outcomes through a plan for monitoring and assessment of key indicators and performance metrics. Impact outcomes must be more robust than number of residents served.

### 2. CAPACITY (25 percent)

The review committee will consider staffing qualifications, current services provided, and past history of grant execution with OCIC.

### 3. LINKAGE TO EXISTING SERVICES (15 percent)

Proposed activities must link to existing services and/or programs provided by community institutions or organizations with history and expertise to implement grant activities.

### 4. BUDGET (10 percent)

Proposals should include a well-conceived budget that is carefully considered. Applicants must provide a complete and balanced list of all sources and uses. Whether the grant activities require finite or ongoing support, applicants must demonstrate a clear path to sustain the program beyond a one-time grant from OCIC.





## Contact Us

If you have questions or if you want to run your ideas past us, please contact Joe Pimmel, Simone Malone, or Sekou Sheriff at [ResidentDevelopmentFundOCIC@occh.org](mailto:ResidentDevelopmentFundOCIC@occh.org) or by phone at (614)-224-8446.



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