



**OHIO 811**

PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE

57 East Main Street | Columbus OH 43215

May 18, 2018

Re: 811 Mainstream Voucher Program NOFA

To: Ohio Public Housing Authorities and Eligible Non-Profit Entities

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811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) state agency partners are extending the opportunity to partner with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and eligible non-profits in applying for 811 Mainstream Vouchers.

### **Background**

Signed in March 2018, Title II of the **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018** authorized \$505 million in Section 811 Mainstream Vouchers, a significant increase over prior years. The 811 Mainstream Voucher Program provides tenant-based vouchers to assist non-elderly individuals with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted a **Notice of Funding Availability** (NOFA) on April 18, 2018, providing up to \$100 million in vouchers to an expected 40 awardees across the nation. The NOFA, which closes on June 18, 2018, encourages eligible applicants to partner with agencies that serve this important population. It includes up to 35 percent of total competitive points—10 for partnerships and 15 for partner agency capacity—for collaborating. To assist in this collaborative effort, the 811 PRA Partners want to provide the opportunity to work together.

### **811 PRA Partners**

The Ohio 811 PRA Program benefits from the strong partnerships between the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). As the lead grantee, OHFA works with owners and developers to designate up to 25 percent of the total units in affordable housing projects it funds for extremely low-income individuals with disabilities. ODM, DODD, and OhioMHAS work with their boards, service providers, and case managers at the local level to match eligible tenants with 811 PRA units as they become available. This program intends to create 485 units for the target population by 2023.

### **Partnership Opportunities**

To assist in securing 811 Mainstream Vouchers across Ohio, 811 PRA partners are interested in serving as a referral source for potential tenants. While PHAs and eligible non-profits must first pull from their existing waitlists, the 811 PRA waitlist could serve as a referral source after matching all eligible individuals on existing waitlists. In doing so, we could help to bolster demand for this resource, assist individuals who on our waitlist who need affordable housing, and ensure a healthy pipeline for 811 Mainstream Vouchers. Additionally, we look forward to discussing any other potential opportunities in which to partner.



### **More Information**

To discuss more about this partnership opportunity, please contact Wes Watkins, 811 Coordinator, at [wwatkins@ohiohome.org](mailto:wwatkins@ohiohome.org). To learn more about the 811 Mainstream Voucher Program, visit HUD's Web site [here](#).