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To: ADAMH/ADAS/CMH Boards
From: Tracy J. Plouck, Director
CC: Behavioral Health Stakeholders
Date: May 14, 2014
RE: FY 15-16 Capital Project Requests

Now that the state's capital budget, House Bill 497, has officially been signed by Governor Kasich, the time has come to take the next steps in the OhioMHAS capital planning process. I am very excited that \$15 million is included in the capital bill to address community capital needs. This is the largest investment in community resources for the behavioral health system since 1995. These funds also represent the first time that AoD projects will be considered for this community capital funding allocation. This milestone signifies yet another opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of the department consolidation as barriers between systems are broken down, and we can now look at making the most out of available resources and putting funds toward what a community most needs.

Looking back at the FY13-14 biennium, housing was the department's articulated priority, and the \$10 million appropriated for community capital is being spent exclusively on that category. I am pleased to report that these appropriations leveraged approximately \$46 million in match from other financing sources and when the projects are complete we will have created or preserved over 430 units of housing for Ohioans with serious and persistent mental illness or addictions.

OhioMHAS' partnership with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) played a key role in getting the most out of the state capital investment over the last biennium. I am pleased to announce that the department intends to partner once again this year with OHFA to renovate and preserve over 100 units of OhioMHAS capital-funded housing and will set aside \$1 million in capital to attract at least \$3 million in OHFA funds.

For FY 15-16, housing has again been identified as the OhioMHAS highest priority for capital funds, but other project submissions that are the number one priority locally will also be considered. The OhioMHAS capital office is requesting that each board review its original capital project submission and provide further information/update about its top capital request. Legislation currently under discussion may change the planning process if passed, but at this time, the department is not making any major changes until the final outcome of the debate is known.

Boards should use the attached form on page 3 of this communication to answer questions about the project that should be considered the number one priority. Please submit this form by June 20, 2014 to Doug Bailey at Doug.Bailey@mha.ohio.gov.

If a new project has come to the local board's attention that has not yet been submitted to OhioMHAS' capital office, it can still be submitted as a number one priority project. A priority project can also be submitted by boards that did not submit any capital plan last fall. Simply fill out the attached form to provide the capital office with information on this new opportunity. This form also provides an opportunity to update information originally submitted about the top priority project, such as identified site and match commitments.

Please note that any project (housing or any other type) will be limited to \$500,000 or 50% of total project costs, whichever is less. In order to stretch state dollars, identification of other resources and leveraging non-OhioMHAS funds is encouraged. Many applicants were successful last biennium in leveraging other resources to execute their projects and accomplish local goals.

OhioMHAS intends to review the information submitted and prioritize projects for funding based on readiness to start in order to increase the stock of housing and meet local needs as quickly as possible. Please keep the capital office up-to-date about those projects that do not immediately have financial match and construction site available so that they can be considered for future funding, if available.

Attachment: FY 15-16 Priority Capital Request



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FY 15-16 Priority Capital Request

Board Name:

Project Developer (agency) Name:

Number of units and a description of the project:

Total project cost:

The amount requested from OhioMHAS:

The source(s) of local match and availability date for each:

Specific address and/or parcel #:

Estimate and sources of operating budget for the project (attach spreadsheet):

Status of site control (purchase contract or option):

Site zoning/any planning issues:

Site appraisal and any Phase I Environmental Report:

The expected groundbreaking/purchase date:

BOARDS: Please return this form to Doug.Bailey@mha.ohio.gov by June 20, 2014