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## OHIO OPEN RECORDS ACT REQUEST

## SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Ohio Housing Finance Agency 57 E. Main Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Ohio Open Records Act Request for Information

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Ohio Open Records Act, Ohio Revised Code 149.43, I am requesting records related to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's (OHFA) decisions to release developments funded by the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program since 1986 from their mandatory low income use restrictive covenants.

In this request, we are not seeking records related to releases of restrictive covenants for lease purchase developments.

We are seeking the following documents:

- 1. Records reflecting any development funded since 1986 through LIHTC that OHFA has released from its low income use restrictive covenant prior to the expiration of the extended use period.
- For any development identified in response to request 1, any and all records reflecting OHFA's deliberation and decision to release the low income use restrictive covenant.
- Records reflecting any development funded since 1986 through LIHTC that has been released from its low income use restrictive covenant as a result of foreclosure.
- Records reflecting any and all requests to OHFA from developments funded since 1986 for a release of the low income use restrictive covenant in which OHFA rejected the request.

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- For any development identified in response to request 4, any and all records reflecting OHFA's deliberation and decision to reject the release request.
- 6. Records regarding LIHTC developments for which OHFA was unable to present a qualified contract for the acquisition of the low-income portion of the building by any person who will continue to operate such portion as a qualified low-income building, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 42(h)(6)(E)(i)(II).
- 7. Records reflecting discussion by the OHFA Board about requests for release of a development's low income use restrictive covenant, including, but not limited to any agenda items, OHFA Board resolutions, reports or other records that address the release of low income use restrictive covenants.

With respect to these requests, we are not seeking the names or individual financial information, such as individual Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, tax returns, personal income and credit scores, for any homeowners or borrowers.

We make this request as attorneys the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, LLC, which is a non-profit legal aid law firm that serves the public interest for low-income Ohioans. Therefore, we request a waiver of all fees associated with this request because we do not seek this request for pecuniary gain or commercial purposes.

If a waiver of all fees associated with this request is not possible the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, LLC will pay all reasonable costs permitted by statute. At this time, we agree to pay \$25.00 for the applicable and reasonable costs permitted by statute. If a fee is assessed, the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, LLC requests that a detailed bill be attached with the fee request.

Please mail copies of all items requested herein to the following address:

Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio c/o Steven R. Sharpe 10 Journal Square, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Hamilton, Ohio 45011 Please do not hesitate to refer any questions or concerns to ssharpe@lascinti.org.

We thank you in advance for your attention to this request

Sincerely

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