



# Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission


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## MEMO

TO: FEDERAL GRANT/LOAN APPLICANTS AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

FROM: JOHN W. HEMMINGS III, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 

DATE: MAY 21, 2009

RE: TERMINATION OF OVRDC AREA-WIDE CLEARINGHOUSE FUNCTION  
RELATED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

Please be advised that the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC) Executive Committee voted at its February 26, 2009 meeting to terminate immediately its Area-wide Clearinghouse function related to the Intergovernmental Review Process for soliciting comments on all applications for all federal funds. The termination of the OVRDC Area-wide Clearinghouse function impacts federal applications affecting Adams, Brown, Clermont, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton Counties in southern Ohio.

In a letter dated March 21, 1997 and signed by Governor George V. Voinovich, Ohio's participation as a State Clearinghouse and Single Point of Contact was discontinued. Executive Order 97-1066V, which became effective April 1, 1997, **encouraged** all applicants for all federal funds to communicate with the local/regional impacted clearinghouse regarding their applications, and for the area-wide clearinghouse, **at its discretion**, to transmit comments and project evaluations on such applications to the federal funding agency. Since this change in 1997, OVRDC has continued to receive fewer federal applications for review and the process has become ineffective.

No further correspondence will be provided by OVRDC to applicants concerning their federal applications for assistance. Please provide a copy of this memo with all of your federal applications in order to inform the federal agency for which you are seeking funds that there is no area-wide clearinghouse for the intergovernmental review process for the affected area of your application.

Please be advised that Clermont County is also covered by the area-wide clearinghouse of Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) in Cincinnati, Ohio and Lawrence County is also covered by the area-wide clearinghouse of KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission in Huntington, West Virginia. Applicants for federal funds for projects affecting either Clermont or Lawrence Counties should consult these agencies about their Intergovernmental Review Process.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (740) 947-2853 or (800) 223-7491 or [jhemmings@ovrdc.org](mailto:jhemmings@ovrdc.org).

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