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### The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council: Notice of Funding Availability

Ohio DD Council Seeks Applicants for \$1.3 Million in New Grant Opportunities. [Apply today!](#)  
**Deadline for Grant Applications Oct 7, 2011.**

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council is pleased to announce it has released its 2012-2016 Notice of Funds Available (NOFA). The Council has worked for approximately two years developing a Five-Year State Plan on Developmental Disabilities to create grants that improve advocacy, capacity building, and systems change activities in Ohio .

Applicants interested in applying for a DD Council grant can learn how to apply and ask questions about projects contained in the NOFA at one of two Bidder's Conferences being hosted in Columbus and Cambridge in August. Details about each Bidder's Conference, including registration, can be found on the Council's website at [www.ddc.ohio.gov/whatsnew.htm](http://www.ddc.ohio.gov/whatsnew.htm). Attendants will also receive a "Proposal Kit" that includes State Plan Language, Grantee Guidelines, and Application Instructions, along with other important materials.

The projects listed in this NOFA identify the total federal investment over the five-year plan as well as the first-year award amount. All applications for Council grants will be available on the Council's online grant submission program: DD Suite 4.0 ([www.ddsuite.org](http://www.ddsuite.org)). The deadline for applications will be Friday, October 7, 2011.

**Application Instructions and Procedures:** Grant applications will be processed using the online submission process. Training on the new submission process are available by contacting Paul Jarvis at 614-644-5545 or email at [paul.jarvis@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:paul.jarvis@dodd.ohio.gov). See Page: for a description of this notice.

## Ohio Somali Leader to Meet U.S. Secretary of State at the State Department

**By Mark Ferenchik**

*The Columbus Dispatch*

A local Somali leader has been invited to an event for young Muslim leaders on Wednesday at the U.S. State Department in Washington.

Jibril Mohamed who leads the Somali Community Access Network in Columbus, was one of about 50 people nationwide invited to attend and share ideas about improving their communities.

Mohamed works with local young people in an effort to steer them away from crime and extremism. He is on Ohio State University's Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board. SomaliCAN also helps organize graduation programs for local Somali students.

Mohamed and others have recently worked on efforts to raise money in Columbus to help the victims of the famine in Somalia and the Horn of Africa. Mohamed said more than \$60,000 has been raised.

Mohamed said he and Sahid Ali, the English-as-a-second-language coordinator for Columbus schools, plan to travel to Kenya next summer to speak to Somali leaders about their leadership efforts here.

"Muslims in the U.S. can reach back to their countries of origin and motivate young leaders to be able to understand democratic values," Mohamed said.

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## Hoggaamiyaha Soomaalida Ohio oo kula Kulmaya Clinton D.C.

**Qore Mark Ferenchik**

*The Columbus Dispatch*

Madaxa hay'adda SomaliCAN ayaa lagu casuumay xaflad ay u qabanayso Hillary Clinton hoggaamiyeyaal Muslimiin ah oo da' yar oo arbacada ka dhacaysa Wasaaradda Arrimaha Dibadda, Washington, D.C. Jibril Mohamed oo madax ka ah jaaliyadda Soomaalida Ohio ayaa ka mid ah 50 qof oo dalkoo dhan looga yeeray si ay afkaartooda ku saabsan hagaajinta bulshada u gudbiyaan. Ina Aw Maxamed wuxuu la shaqeeyaa dhallinyarada degaankan si uu uga fogeeyo dembiyada iyo xagjirnimada. Wuxuu ka tirsan yahay Guddiga Ka Hortagga Qalalaasaha Dhallinta ee jaamacadda Ohio State University (OYVPAB).

SomaliCAN waxay kaloo soo qabanqaabisaa xaflado qalinjebin ah oo ay u dhigto ardayda dugsiyada sare iyo jaamacadaha. Jibril iyo dad kale ayaa dhowaan ka shaqeeyey dadaal lacag looga ururinayey Columbus si loo caawiyo dadka ay aafeysay abaarta Soomaaliya iyo Geeska Afrika. Wuxuu sheegay Jibril in la ururiyey in ka badan 60,000.

Jibril wuxuu kaloo sheegay in isaga iyo Sahid Ali oo ah madaxa ESL-ka ee dugsiyada Columbus ay u safrayaan Kenya xagaaga dambe si ay ugala hadlaan madaxda Soomaalida dadaalka ay halkan ka wadaan.

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“Muslims in the U.S. can reach back to their countries of origin and motivate young leaders to be able to understand democratic values,” Mohamed said.

The State Department in 2009 appointed the first special representative to Muslim communities to help build better relationships with Muslims around the world. Mohamed attended a similar State Department event last year.

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“Muslimiinta Maraykanku waxay gacan ka geysan karaan in ay ka caawiyaan hoggaamiyeyaasha da’da yare e dalalka ay ka soo jeedaan in ay gartaan mabaadii’da xornimada.

Wasaaradda Arrimaha Dibadda ayaa 2009 markii u horreysay magacowday Wakiil Gaar ah oo u qaabilsan dadyowga Muslimka ah si loola yeesho xiriir wanaagsan Muslimiinta caalamka oo dhan. Jibril wuxuu ka qayb galay xaflad tan la mid ah oo lagu qabtay Wasaaradda Dibadda sannadkii hore.

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Notice of Funding Availability: Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council  
For a Complete List of Opportunities Visit [www.ddc.ohio.gov](http://www.ddc.ohio.gov)

**ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ANYTIME**

Project Term: 2012-2016

Federal Investment: \$1,090,000

2012 Award: \$109,000 per recipient

Council will invest in two projects at different locations in the state, preferably in one rural area and one urban center. These projects will collaborate with public and/or private entities to leverage additional funds to demonstrate how transportation services can be provided to people with disabilities any time or to create services where there aren't any.

Committee: Community Living

Required Match: \$363,333

2012 Match: \$36,333 per recipient

As a result of this project, there will be accessible and affordable transportation services for people with disabilities whenever needed or wanted, regardless of time of day. If accessible and affordable transportation isn't available, then it will be created. Staff: Fatica Ayers, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5543; [fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:fatica.ayers@dodd.ohio.gov)

**COORDINATING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN DUAL DIAGNOSIS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MI/DD**

Project Term: 2012-2016

Federal Investment: \$375,000

2012 Award: \$ 75,000

This project will provide statewide training on effective and appropriate services for individuals with the dual diagnosis of mental illness and developmental disabilities (MI/DD). Due to a current lack of training for mental health and developmental disabilities, dually diagnosed individuals are often under-diagnosed or misdiagnosed, causing inappropriate services, or interruption and/or denial of needed treatment and services. The project will require collaboration among multiple agencies to meet the needs of infants, toddlers, children, teenagers, young adults, adults or the elderly. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

Committee: Health & Employment

Required Match: \$125,000

2012 Match: \$ 25,000

**CHOICE OF EMPLOYMENT**

Project Term: 2012-2016

Federal Investment: \$500,000

2012 Award: \$100,000

The Choice of Employment grant is an employment training grant intended for individuals with developmental disabilities who are 16 years old or older. The project will focus on improving competitive employment skills of transition age youth in skills and trades that are preferred by program participants. Collaboration among agencies will be vital to developing new approaches and opportunities for transition-age youth. This project must adhere to Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work and the Ohio Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities rules and regulations. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

Committee: Health & Employment

Required Match: \$166,667

2012 Match: \$ 33,333

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### SELF DETERMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – MICRO ENTERPRISES

Project Term: 2012-2016

Committee: Health & Employment

Federal Investment: \$375,000

Required Match: \$125,000

2012 Award: \$ 75,000

2012 Match: \$ 25,000

This is a training, advocacy and research grant to demonstrate alternatives to traditional employment, including, but not limited to: supported employment, self-employment, supported entrepreneurship, job carving and restructuring, development of micro-boards, micro-enterprises, paying employers to provide supported employment, and the use of personal agents, individual vouchers, training accounts, and personal budgets. It will also provide people with developmental disabilities non-traditional opportunities to produce income. The grantee will have to adhere to the Social Security Administration Ticket to Work and the Ohio Medicaid Buy-In rules and regulations. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

### STATE OF OHIO SELF ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION

Project Term: 2012-2016

Committee: Leadership Development

Federal Investment: \$193,750

Required Match: \$ 64,583

2012 Award: \$ 38,750

2012 Match: \$ 12,917

The DD Act requires every Developmental Disabilities Council to address establishing or strengthening a program for the direct funding of a statewide Self Advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities. According to the 2009 Census Bureau, 13.4% of Ohioans have a disability, emphasizing a need for improved collaboration among agencies to establish or strengthen such a program. This grantee will collaborate with all self advocacy organizations to represent self-advocates in Ohio. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

### SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES IN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Project Term: 2012-2016

Committee: Leadership Development

Federal Investment: \$193,750

Required Match: \$ 64,583

2012 Award: \$ 38,750

2012 Match: \$ 12,917

The DD Act requires every Developmental Disabilities Council to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders. This is a grant to support leadership training of individuals with developmental disabilities led by individuals with developmental disabilities. Staff: Teri Clark, Policy Analyst; (614) 644-5542; [teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:teri.clark@dodd.ohio.gov)

### AMISH COMMUNITY PROJECT

Project Term: 2012-2016

Committee: Outreach

Federal Investment: \$100,000

Required Match: \$ 33,333

2012 Award: \$ 20,000

2012 Match: \$ 6,667

This research project will focus on the rare, unique and serious genetic disorders that increase mortality and disability among the Amish population. Through collaboration, the successful applicant and Council each will identify and examine issues related to:

- Disability Issues / Services Available
- Research and Data collection / Treatment and Diagnosis
- Social Behaviors / Life Styles
- Prevention and Quality of Life

# Famine in Somalia: Was it Always Like This?

Jibril Mohamed, Executive Director- SomaliCAN

Jibril Mohamed, CEO of SomaliCAN, provides a summary of the current situation in Somalia, his childhood memories of a better and more peaceful Somalia, and his hope for a future prosperous Somalia.

“Was Somalia always like this?” I heard this question posed frequently on the media networks. My homeland, the land of my sweet childhood memories was now associated with horrific images of people starving, crying...hurting.

So far, more than 29,000 children have died and more than 12 million Somalis are at risk of starvation in the Horn of Africa. The current famine and the previous one in 1992 are the result of a meaningless war that began in 1991 when the last effective government of Somalia was ousted from power by aimless warlords who mobilized their clansmen to create chaos.

Somalia was in better shape than the grim situation that has become the norm for the past two decades, and I have hope that the future is much brighter than this.

Somalia joined the League of Nations in 1960. In the first 30 years of its existence, the country proved itself as a leader in democracy, diplomacy and development. In the 1970s, Somalia had undertaken ambitious development and diplomatic initiatives. The Somali language was written and literacy levels jumped from a meager five percent to more than 60 percent.

Free and compulsory elementary and high school education was introduced. Tertiary education institutions were expanded and more science fields of academic instruction were added to the curriculum. The government made significant investments in agricultural research and productivity to ensure food security for its citizens.

Jobs were created through the commissioning of numerous development projects throughout the nation. Law, order, and security were provided for enterprises to grow and thrive. Export of Somali products such as livestock and agricultural products were promoted and exploration of oil and other natural resources was undertaken.

## My Personal Story:

My family was not the wealthiest but we had enough food, free education, healthcare, and most of all peace and security. I have never known starvation, nor did I ever imagine my younger brother going to bed hungry. The Somalia I knew had stability, hope and undiluted human dignity.

In 1991, when civil war broke out, the simple life I loved was no more. I walked 11 days and 11 nights to find safety in Kenya. I found refuge at the Dadaab Refugee camps where my education was supported by the generous people of the United States.

I started teaching mathematics and business studies at a tender age and I will always remember the malnourished faces of my 320 students who sat under the scorching sun of Dadaab for six hours every day to get an education from a youthful teacher who was considered a wealthy man by the standards of the camp, despite making \$30 a month.

I will never forget the mothers who waited in line to fetch enough water to quench their family's thirst and meet their basic cleaning needs. Today, I am a proud American citizen with access to the corridors of power.

On September 7, I will eat dinner with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Last week, I was in a White House conference call to give my ideas on how to access the people who need aid the most. In July, I organized a roundtable discussion of Somali-American community leaders with a high-level USAID delegation led by the Deputy Administrator for Humanitarian Affairs Nancy Lindborg. I also spoke to the USAID Administrator Raj Shah and WFP Executive Director Josette Sheeran. I had one message for them all: do something to get food to the hungry people.

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**Pinnacle Award - NICU Care Transitions Program recognized at 2011 Ohio Association of Health Plans Convention**

CareSource was recognized with a Pinnacle Award at the 2011 Ohio Association of Health Plan's Annual Convention. The Pinnacle Award is presented to the top overall entry in each category. There were only three Pinnacle Award winners. Our Care Management team was recognized with the top honor in the Health Care Programs category for their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Care Transitions Program. The CareSource NICU Care Transitions Program eases the transition for babies in the NICU to home by pairing experienced NICU Case Managers with parents and providers to create a comprehensive transition plan. The program works to safely send high risk infants home and to lower utilization and reduce hospital stays. Congratulations to the Care Management team for their outstanding Care Transitions Program and for being recognized with such a prestigious award.

## Franklin County Children Services

### 2011 Celebration of Fatherhood Summit

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**Workshops/Resource Fair/Town Hall Discussion**

**September 10, 2011 - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Columbus State Community College - Center for Workforce Development - 315 Cleveland Avenue Columbus, OH 43215

**Free Summit Luncheon**

**Sponsored by Franklin County Children's Services**

**Townhall meeting 2:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Featuring Judges, Elected Officials, and Other Decision/Policy Makers**

**To register online, please visit:**

[www.cul.org](http://www.cul.org) or [http://www.newsalemcares.org/2011\\_fatherhood\\_summit](http://www.newsalemcares.org/2011_fatherhood_summit)

**Registration is REQUIRED for free luncheon and closes on Friday, September 2, 2011**

For more information, or to register by phone, please call 614.372.2344

## Famine in Somalia... Continued from Page: 6

The current famine and the one before it were perpetuated by anarchy and violence. In both cases, people are denied access to help by warlords in 1992, and terrorists now. The people of Somalia are victims of these brutal groups. Thousands will not only suffer now, but this will leave an incredible impact on the next generation.

My team at SomaliCAN and I are committed to doing everything to help save lives in Somalia. We are supporting fundraising campaigns, creating awareness on the crisis, advocating for more funding from the U.S. Government by engaging USAID, State Department, White House officials, and doing everything in our capacity to highlight this crisis.

*Jibril Mohamed is the executive director of SomaliCAN, an outreach and advocacy organization based in the United States of America.*

### Central Ohio Community Resources

**Police:**

Emergency: 9-1-1  
Non-emergency: 614-645-4545  
Sheriff: 614-462-3333

**Mental Health Crisis:**

Netcare Access: 614-276-2273

**Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222**

Columbus Health Department  
Free Clinic: 614-240-7430

**Legal Matters:**

Legal Aid Society: 614-241-2001

**Child Abuse and Neglect:**

FCCS: 614-229-7000

**Housing:**

CMHA: 614-421-6000

**Information and Referral:**

HandsOn: 614-221-2555 or 211

**Somali Services****SomaliCAN**

614-489-9226  
[www.SomaliCAN.org](http://www.SomaliCAN.org)

The Omoleky Law Firm  
614-441-5305

**SOMALICAN SERVICES:****Health Communication and Literacy:**

- Patient education
- Prescription access
- Cultural competency training
- Information & Referral

**Community Education:**

- Youth engagement
- Services in Schools
- Advocacy and Support
- Scholarships
- Annual Graduation
- Crime Prevention
- Disaster Preparedness

**SomaliCAN Outreach Newsletter:**

- Monthly bilingual newsletter
- Advertisements
- Articles
- Cultural Competency
- Research
- Legislation
- Developmental Disabilities

**Immigration Services:**

- Green card applications
- Citizenship applications
- Citizenship education

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