

ESG-CV Notice Office Hours for State Recipients
Thursday September 10, 2020
Chat and Q&A

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September 10, 2020 from sandra johnson to everyone: 2:36 PM What can be used instead of eviction notice since the moratorium has been implemented for homelessness prevention.

September 10, 2020 from Angela Susten to everyone: 2:38 PM Previously we were advised that documentation to show a community is PPR with ESG funds was not necessary because making sure households are off the streets and housed is PPR. Is this still the case? And if so, how would regular annual ESG (blue pie piece) show that they are using funds for PPR?

September 10, 2020 from William Snow to everyone: 2:43 PM @ Sandra - RE: eviction notice. There are different ways to document eviction depending on the definition you are trying to use to qualify people. Documentation does not need to be the equivalent of a court-ordered eviction action. If the landlord notification provides a way for the tenant to remedy the situation and avoid eviction (e.g., paying the overdue rent balance), documentation must also substantiate that the applicant cannot meet the terms of avoiding eviction. Where source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, a written statement by intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain the required evidence would be considered acceptable evidence. Intake worker notes should demonstrate that they have exercised due diligence in attempting to obtain a higher level of documentation. This is outlined in our prevention resource: hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Grants-Management-ESG-Homelessness-Prevention-Eligibility-During-Eviction-Moratoria.pdf

September 10, 2020 from Denise Albertson to everyone: 2:44 PM Please repeat what the limitations are that apply for substantial amendments done prior to 9/1/20

September 10, 2020 from Curtis Stauffer to everyone: 2:48 PM If amendments already approved for state recipient for both ESG-CV allocations and are in IDIS, but state needs to submit new certifications to allow for direct state provision of ESG services (that were specified in approved plan "if allowed by future ESG CV Notice or waivers") does need to submit new certifications negate the pre-9/1 approval status and make limitations apply?

September 10, 2020 from Denise Albertson to everyone: 2:48 PM Isn't everything subrecipients are doing during this pandemic whether they are using CV funding or

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traditional funding being done to prevent, prepare for or respond to coronavirus? So wouldn't the ESG 20 allocation of traditional ESG automatically be subject to the ESG-CV Notice, waivers & flexibilities? How do we document that to be able to use these waivers & flexibilities for traditional ESG funding?

September 10, 2020 from sandra johnson to everyone: 2:53 PM Just for clarification, if a landlord states that an individual will be evicted after the moratorium has ended, can we be proactive to prevent eviction?

September 10, 2020 from William Snow to everyone: 2:57 PM @ Sandra - the different definitions requires that you demonstrate the eviction will happen within 21 or 14 days (depending on the definition you are using).

September 10, 2020 from William Snow to everyone: 2:57 PM @Denise - RE: normal ESG. No - we don't make the assumption that normal ESG funds are being used for COVID-19. It is likely that there is an intersection in mos instances but do not assume that. Activity descriptions in IDIS for normal grants will have to include language identifying the connection (prevent, prepare, respond) to COVID. There are some activities, like some RRH programs or other activities that may not be necessarily impacted by COVID. The key is not to assume that HUD knows this. Document this in IDIS and in your local records that actions are tied to preparing for, preventing, and responding to COVID-19. Marlisa is going over some of these concepts as well right now.

September 10, 2020 from Denise Albertson to everyone: 3:01 PM Does using the date of an Executive Order by our Governor declaring a state of emergency in our state due to coronavirus document the start date for us?

September 10, 2020 from Don Watt to everyone: 3:12 PM Section F. 10. of the CARES Act Guidance (page 18) under Provision of Supportive Services" indicates that "individuals and families experiencing homelessness must not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition of receiving shelter, rental assistance or other services..." Does this mean that all shelters receiving CV assistance must be no barrier shelters and/or programs?

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September 10, 2020 from Denise Albertson to everyone: 3:14 PM If charging out overhead costs directly to RRH or HP - what activity would that fall under? These activities are usually associated to a client so would there need to be some type of "misc" activity under RRH/HP to be able to expense these items to?

September 10, 2020 from Lorie Williams to everyone: 3:17 PM I may have missed this question and response. Did the number of days an individual can be placed in a hotel increase using ESG COVID funds?

September 10, 2020 from Laura French to everyone: 3:20 PM So all TES must end by 1/31/2022 unless an extension is granted. But if we received our allocations before 9/1, our regular year round shelters may still be funded if necessary without an extension requests, as discussed during the pie slide?

September 10, 2020 from Denise Albertson to everyone: 3:21 PM Are landlord incentives on a per client basis.

September 10, 2020 from Naomi Cantu to everyone: 3:23 PM Can we pay for bond or renters insurance?

September 10, 2020 from Kenzie Strubank to everyone: 3:25 PM If any agency is providing hotel/motel vouchers in several other counties where the physical emergency shelter does not exist, is a certification of local approval needed for ever single local jurisdiction? This question is in reference to a traditional (not temporary) shelter.

September 10, 2020 from Sandra Johnson to everyone: 3:26PM What's the duration of stay for hotel/motel stay to be paid by COVID?

September 10, 2020 from Lorie Williams to everyone: 3:26PM In reference to the discussion regarding a hotel for spacing due to voids, it appears that there is no time limit for the stay. Is this correct?

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September 10, 2020 from Shonda Gray to everyone: 3:31PM Can you provide an example of the types of eligible expenses for volunteer incentives?

September 10, 2020 from Shaye Rabold to everyone: 3:32 PM If the landlord gives the notice to evict, but it can't be enforced yet because of the moratorium, does it still count as eligible for prevention?

September 10, 2020 from Danielle Meister to everyone: 3:39 PM Can volunteer incentives be used to cover stipends/participation costs for people with lived experience to participate in program/CoC leadership

September 10, 2020 from Shonda Gray to everyone: 3:40 PM Does the January 31, 2022 time limite apply only to TES or dies it apply to all emergency shelter activities?

September 10, 2020 from Laura French to everyone: 3:42 PM Can you show the slides that were missed at the beginning?

September 10, 2020 from Meghan Takashima to everyone: 3:42 PM
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Grants-Management-ESG-Homelessness-Prevention-Eligibility-During-Eviction-Moratoria.pdf>

September 10, 2020 from Sarah Isaak to everyone: 3:43 PM does that still apply with the eviction moratorium in place?

September 10, 2020 from Meghan Takashima to everyone: 3:43 PM @Laura, slides will be sent out to the attendees by tomorrow eod.

September 10, 2020 from Sarah Isaak to everyone: 3:45 PM with the moratorium, it sounds like no one could qualify under Category 2. is that correct?

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September 10, 2020 from Lorie Williams to everyone: 3:45 PM Our concern is that the landlords are NOT giving eviction notices because of the moratorium. Past due rent is building up and then they are later evicted. Funding may no longer be available.

September 10, 2020 from Lee Tabor to everyone: 3:45 PM If the space for a TES is purchased with ESG-CV funds, what happens to that space once the TES timeline has completed on January 31, 2022?

September 10, 2020 from kenzie strubank to everyone: 3:46 PM If any agency is providing hotel/motel vouchers in several other counties where the physical emergency shelter does not exist, is a certification of local approval needed for every single local jurisdiction? This question is in reference to a traditional (not temporary) shelter.

September 10, 2020 from SHAYE RABOLD to everyone: 3:47 PM Follow up to that answer about landlord notice only not counting as eligibility for PREV for Homeless Cat 2, does it apply to At-Risk? Sorry I'm doing this from my phone...

September 10, 2020 from Meghan Takashima to everyone: 3:50 PM What's the duration of stay for hotel/motel stay to be paid by COVID

There is no specific time limit for hotel stays. However, due to the high cost of hotels, communities are encouraged to focus on quickly moving households to permanent housing.

September 10, 2020 from Jessica Izquierdo to everyone: 3:50 PM Sorry, didn't post question to 'Everyone': Our State already submitted and got approved a substantial amendment for the first round and is now working on submitting another amendment for the 2nd round of ESG-CV. I am filling out another SF-424 for the 2nd round. Does #18 of the SF-424 need to include the dollar amount for just the 2nd allocation or both the 1st and 2nd round allocations added together?

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September 10, 2020 from gregg mcconkey to everyone: 3:51 PM Can you clarify a comment last week that arrears DO NOT count as months of assistance?

September 10, 2020 from Denise Albertson to everyone: 3:51 PM Under ESG-CV does exiting an institution also include the 90 day rule? They are exiting an institution where they have been for 90 days or less.

September 10, 2020 from Meghan Takashima to everyone: 3:52 PM @Denise, check out the criteria here:
https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/AtRiskofHomelessnessDefinition_Criteria.pdf

September 10, 2020 from William Snow to everyone: 3:52 PM @ Gregg - RE: arrears - if you pay 6 months of arrears and then that same client is approved for RRH. That person is still eligible for 12-months of assistance (or 24-months depending on when you got your substantial amendment approved). The 6 months of arrears does not impact the 12- or 24-month limit on funding for RRH

September 10, 2020 from SHAYE RABOLD to everyone: 3:53 PM If the non profit sub is providing the hotel/motel vouchers in multiple counties, is the certificate still required from each jurisdiction (ugh). I think the answer is yes from what you are saying now...

September 10, 2020 from SHAYE RABOLD to everyone: 3:54 PM Will do the AAQ. Thanks!!!

September 10, 2020 from gregg mcconkey to everyone: 3:54 PM Thanks

September 10, 2020 from Lee Tabor to everyone: 3:55 PM Do we essentially need to wait until the 6 months of rental arrears to be reached before paying HP rental arrears? If they are 4 months behind in rent and we paid it now, and then COVID is still affecting the

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household with the next two months? What is the best way to proceed? Pay now or wait until 6 months is reached... Thanks!

September 10, 2020 from SHAYE RABOLD to everyone: 3:56 PM That would be very unfair to states if the clock had to restart with the new amendment to allow states to directly admin.

September 10, 2020 from kenzie strubank to everyone: 3:56 PM Agreed!!

September 10, 2020 from Christina Soulard to everyone: 3:56 PM Volunteer incentives: I thought I saw a question related to this in the chat but I don't see it now. Is there anything that would prohibit using volunteer incentives to engage folks with lived experience?

September 10, 2020 from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: 3:58 PM RENTERS INSURANCE: ce with HUD funds.

Application fees and fees included in the rent are eligible only if they are paid to the owner and the owner pays for the relevant services for all tenants. For example, an application fee might pay for the costs of processing rental housing applications, or fees included in the monthly rent may pay for services provided to all residents of a rental complex, under a contract entered into by the owner.

In contrast, a 'pass through' fee that an owner uses to purchase services on behalf of individual tenants would not be acceptable. In most situations this help desk is aware of, surety bonds and rental insurance are not provided to an owner, but rather to an individual tenant household. Even if the renter's insurance and surety bond costs are required for all tenants and the owner makes the purchases, if the renter's insurance or surety bonds are purchased on behalf of individual tenants, the costs would not be allowable under the ESG program.

September 10, 2020 from Denise Albertson to everyone: 4:02 PM Adding question to the 6 months of rental arrears not applying to the total months of rental assistance available - this is just a change related to ESG-CV correct?

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September 10, 2020 from SHAYE RABOLD to everyone: 4:04 PM Appreciate you all very much. We know you have tried to account for everything.