

**COVID-19 Office Hours for ESG State Recipients: Chat and Q&A Log
May 4th, 2020**

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May 4, 2020 2:04 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: Hooray for State ESG Recipients. We're not afraid of a good challenge.

May 4, 2020 2:04 PM from Aaron Weaver to host (privately): Ok. Thanks Thomas. She's in the car so that's probably why it was so loud. No worries. I think she can still listen in.

May 4, 2020 2:04 PM from Abby Miller to all participants: Agreed Shaye!

May 4, 2020 2:05 PM from Nora Lally to all participants: That's the spirit, @Shaye!

May 4, 2020 2:05 PM from Kenzie Strubank to all participants: Hooray is right, Shaye!

May 4, 2020 2:06 PM from Bob Buzzas to all participants: Did I hear that there would be update on the remaining ESG allocations?

May 4, 2020 2:06 PM from Sylvia Bolivar to host & presenter: when do you think that HUD will be able to provide guidance on hazard play?

May 4, 2020 2:08 PM from Kexin Ma to all participants: A lot of the local ESG recipients already RFP their ESG funds. When will(or expect) non-ESG districts hear from the State regarding for these fundings?

May 4, 2020 2:08 PM from Ahong Cha to all participants: Are there HUD SNAPs definitions for "prepare, prevent and respond" or guidelines available?

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May 4, 2020 2:09 PM from Debby Rieff to all participants: Can you speak on if there will be additional waves of ESG allocations?

May 4, 2020 2:09 PM from Curtis Stauffer to all participants: Excited to learn if states can administer ESGCV programs themselves- that will help alot with planning!

May 4, 2020 2:09 PM from Rikki Gardner to all participants: Ditto to @Ahong Cha's question.

May 4, 2020 2:10 PM from Isaac Wengerd to all participants: I'm hoping HUD will not attempt to put narrower restrictions on the eligible program activities than wha is allowed in the actual LEGISLATION which says "prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, among individuals

and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus

under the Emergency Solutions Grants program as authorized under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.),

May 4, 2020 2:10 PM from Lorie Williams to all panelists: In reference to the waiver regarding the restriction of rental assistance to Units with rent at or below FMR, when does the count for the six month period start? Can more information be provided on how that waiver works?

May 4, 2020 2:11 PM from monaco taylor to host & presenter: Can Rapid Rehousing use ESG to assist with rent arrears or preventing eviction due reduction/loss of income during COVID

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May 4, 2020 2:11 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Debby Rieff, yes, there will be additional ESG-CV allocations, beyond those already announced.

May 4, 2020 2:11 PM from Kristin Zakoor to all participants: How should we be tracking this funding in HMIS? If some agencies already receive ESG funding, should we just add this new grant to that project? Or should we be creating a separate (new) project in HMIS for this specific funding source?

May 4, 2020 2:12 PM from Isaac Wengerd to all participants: One of the biggest impacts of coronavirus impacts on homeless or low-income/at-risk persons will be economic and housing in nature. So while we are getting a ton of pressure to focus this on quarantine/isolation beds, but many persons experiencing homelessness will need to follow under the "support additional homeless assistance and prevention activities to mitigate impacts created by coronavirus" - Especially in a state where testing is limited and we may never know all the people who have coronavirus . . .

May 4, 2020 2:13 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: All webinar materials will be posted here, within 2-3 business days:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-webinars-and-office-hours>. Materials will include a recording, slides and copies of the chat and q&a log.

May 4, 2020 2:13 PM from Lorie Williams to all participants: In reference to the waiver regarding the restriction of rental assistance to Units with rent at or below FMR, when does the count for the six month period start? There was no date on the notice. Can more information be provided on how that waiver works?

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May 4, 2020 2:13 PM from martha kenton to all participants: How does HUD plan to monitor if localities are following principles of equity and effective use of resources?

May 4, 2020 2:15 PM from Shonda Gray to host (privately): \

May 4, 2020 2:15 PM from andrea curtis to all participants: If we have unsheltered folks and shelter capacity, is it appropriate to use motel/hotel vouchers to house the unshelter folks, if they are unwilling or unable to go to a shelter?

May 4, 2020 2:15 PM from Shonda Gray to host (privately): \\\

May 4, 2020 2:16 PM from Nora Lally to all participants: @Andrea -- yes, non-congregate shelters in hotels/motels is appropriate.

May 4, 2020 2:16 PM from Karen DeBlasio to all participants: @Lorie Williams- the waiver memo is dated 3/31/2020 (it's in the signature of Mr. Gibbs and is tiny) the six months period begins on the date of the memo.

May 4, 2020 2:17 PM from andrea curtis to all participants: In order to use ESG-CV funds, do our public health departments need to approve the use of non-congregate shelter for vulnerable individuals?

May 4, 2020 2:18 PM from Alejandra Saucedo to all participants: Can ESG funds help with rental assistance on City owned properties?

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May 4, 2020 2:18 PM from Kayron Walker Sr to all participants: Hello my name is Kayron Walker Sr. of Jurupa Valley, California. and have a great issue in getting my city officials to act. can you email any contacts that would be beneficial for the residents that I am blessed in serving. please and thank you

May 4, 2020 2:18 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: Will Certifications of Local Approval for Non-Profit Orgs receiveing funds from State Recipients for the ES component still be required for ESG-CV funds?

May 4, 2020 2:18 PM from Lisa Coffman to all participants: @Mr. Walker, Sr. - thank you for your message. I am sending you an e-mail right now.

May 4, 2020 2:20 PM from andrea curtis to all participants: In order to use ESG-CV funds to house vulnerable folks in motel/hotel vouchers, do our public health departments need to approve/issue a public health order to use non-congregate shelter for vulnerable individuals? The local and state public health departments in our state have not issued this order, and they may not do so.

May 4, 2020 2:21 PM from Mandy Reagan to all participants: Where can I find the updated ESG-CV certs needed for the substantial amendment?

May 4, 2020 2:23 PM from stephanie brumfield to host (privately): how many months do we assist Homeless Prevention clients with? Specially the ones at 50% AMI

May 4, 2020 2:23 PM from Whitney Patterson to all participants: If a state includes many CoCs, do you have recommendations for how to allow for flexibility for allocating ESG-CV funds depending on each CoC's needs and models?

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May 4, 2020 2:26 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from lisa steele to all attendees:

Will there be more guidance on what needs specifically needs to be included/updated in the substantial amendedment in the Action Plan and how to do this? Is it required to do this at the same time as CDBG?

May 4, 2020 2:26 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Maude Cumming to all attendees:

can funds be used as bridge funding for psh

May 4, 2020 2:26 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Mandy Reagan, these will be uploaded to HUDEXchange.info

May 4, 2020 2:27 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Stuart Campbell to all attendees:

We would benefit from getting direct guidance from HUD as to why using these funds for permanent housing is better than hotel/motel as perm. housing is not considered an "emergency response".

May 4, 2020 2:27 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Christina Soulard to all attendees:

Is the RRH component still at 30% AMI?

May 4, 2020 2:27 PM from Dale Zuchlewski to all participants: Do ESG recipients still have to certify that they won't discharge people from an instintution into homelessness?

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May 4, 2020 2:27 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Sarah Lim to all attendees:

Hi, we have not received an email invitation for technical assistance for ESG grantees. I submitted a question to AAQ as well. How can we sign up for the technical assistance?

May 4, 2020 2:27 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from cynthia emoto to all attendees:

My apology, earlier than later - I may have to leave the mtg early...hope it will not be a problem. :-)

May 4, 2020 2:28 PM from Mandy Reagan to all participants: @Aaron Weaver Thank you! Do we have a timeline?

May 4, 2020 2:28 PM from Julie Montgomery to all participants: I have the same question as Lisa (and Mandy), when can we expect the guidance and updated certificates on HUD Exchange? We are submitting our substantial amendment with CDBG and HOPWA programs and are trying to figure out how quickly we can get it submitted.

May 4, 2020 2:28 PM from Nora Lally to all participants: @Lisa --yes, HUD is currently working to get that guidance out soon.

May 4, 2020 2:29 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Rhonda Harding-Hill to all attendees:

Is it allowable to submit a substantial amendment for PY20 ESG Action Plan without CDBG, HOPWA and HOME included? Citizen Participation not required?

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May 4, 2020 2:30 PM from Tom Coates to all participants: Feedback please: Can I use ESG-CV to hire and train shelter guests and formerly homeless in our PSH to become a Disinfecting/Sanating Team to contract out to other homeless programs and essential businesses? Homeless programs are spending a small fortune hiring professional contractors...I'd rather see the funds go to our peeps

May 4, 2020 2:34 PM from Lorie Williams to all participants: Thank you Karen Deblasio. My follow-up question related to the waive regarding restriction of Rental Assistance to Units with Rent at or below FMR. Does this mean that an individual who request this assistance in August 2020 can still receive the approved number of months of rental assistance (short or medium term)? After that, we will no longer be able to serve them because they are above the FMR? Hope this makes sense!!

May 4, 2020 2:36 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: We're going to have to pick up the pace

May 4, 2020 2:36 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Rhonda Harding-Hill to all attendees:

Is it allowable to submit a substantial amendment for PY20 ESG Action Plan without CDBG, HOPWA and HOME included? Citizen Participation not required?

May 4, 2020 2:37 PM from Nora Lally to all participants: @Tom Coastes -- I love that idea. CDBG-Economic Development might be a great source for that use.

May 4, 2020 2:38 PM from Tom Coates to all participants: Thanx Nora...

May 4, 2020 2:38 PM from Julianne Geddis to all participants: I agree that increasing the length of the RRH program would be great, as would increasing RRH

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staff. However, where would the funding come from? We are already running out of funds for the current FY.

May 4, 2020 2:41 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: Lot of good question, and we're running a bit behind. William, can we skip eviction moratorium?

May 4, 2020 2:41 PM from William Snow to all panelists: Yes

May 4, 2020 2:41 PM from Wayne Scallon to all participants: What is considered an HMIS upgrade/improvement?

May 4, 2020 2:41 PM from Sylvia Bolivar to all panelists: can you talk about using funds for ppe. what is permissible? do we need to worry about procurement?

May 4, 2020 2:42 PM from Lorie Williams to all participants: Karen DeBlasio - Yes, thank you.

May 4, 2020 2:42 PM from Curtis Stauffer to all participants: What guidance does SNAPS have on the "special considerations" for rural areas just mentioned? thanks!

May 4, 2020 2:44 PM from Ahong Cha to all participants: Is engagement considered "contacts" (ESG language to HMIS language) and case mangement considered "engagement"?

May 4, 2020 2:45 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: Marlisa, we're skipping eviction moratorium. Also, can you glide through the keys to success section?

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May 4, 2020 2:45 PM from Shonda Gray to all participants: Is there a maximum length of stay for persons in hotels?

May 4, 2020 2:46 PM from Marlisa Grogan to all panelists: Yes - will do!

May 4, 2020 2:46 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: Tom and Natalie, after we're done presenting, and during the Q&A, can you rotate through the keys to success slides as well as the resource slides?

May 4, 2020 2:47 PM from Natalie Matthews to all panelists: @Norm, will do

May 4, 2020 2:47 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: thx

May 4, 2020 2:48 PM from Suzie Tolmie to host (privately): Should entitlement communities be preparing to request ESG funding from the states, for either the current allocations or 2nd wave? I imagine each state's process will be unique.

May 4, 2020 2:48 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Stuart Campbell, there are essentially two phases to the COVID-19 pandemic that communities need to consider when developing their response: the immediate need, and the recovery. The emphasis on a permanent housing solution is to prevent a situation where a grantee's response is designed with only the first phase in-mind.

May 4, 2020 2:49 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: @Panelist, just in case you aren't aware. I'm helping Tommy Joe and Natalie by sending you messages that are sent to All Attendees (which are hidden from panelists) -Jeanne

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May 4, 2020 2:49 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from John Gilvar to all attendees:

Could the modifications of the CE assessment/prioritization process be designed to create some lanes in terms of the anticipated length of assistance and intensity of services for people in congregate or non-congregate shelters? Wouldn't such an approach potentially help in avoiding premature and undesired exits from RRH for high-needs people? If EVERY person referred to RRH is assumed, at the starting point, to need only short-term assistance and light-touch support until proven otherwise, won't that increase the chances of missed issues in light of increased pressure on case management infrastructure?

May 4, 2020 2:50 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Stuart RE: 2 phases - that is a good way to think about the response. Many of you are deep in the response to avoid the spread of COVID-19. But we anticipate shifting to rehousing those that are being served. That will certainly occupy a lot of later response.

May 4, 2020 2:50 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Suzie Tolmie to all attendees:

Should entitlement communities be preparing to request ESG funding from the states, for either the current allocations or 2nd wave? I imagine each state's process will be unique.

May 4, 2020 2:51 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Jessica Izquierdo to all attendees:

Where can we get that SSVF screening tool?

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May 4, 2020 2:51 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: @John, you definitely can create lanes in terms of anticipated length of assistance and intensity of services through CE and prioritization.

May 4, 2020 2:51 PM from Tara Ozes to all participants: Is HUD considering a waiver of the 2020 Coordinated Entry Evaluation requirement? Due to COVID, CoC/ESG providers participating in CE have very low capacity to participate in evaluation processes, such as conducting focus groups to gather feedback. Will the requirement this year be waived?

May 4, 2020 2:51 PM from Jennifer Hill to all participants: HP: "but for" criteria makes it sound like we can't do any HP rent assistance until eviction moratoria go away. Is that the case? We don't want people to be 5-6 months behind before we can help.

May 4, 2020 2:52 PM from Sarah Lim to all participants: What are other CARES Act resources for prevention?

May 4, 2020 2:52 PM from Curtis Erdmann to all participants: I believe this was answered during the webinar, but to confirm: Can states and localities that receive FEMA PA funds use ESG-CV or CDBG-CV to cover the 25% local share? I have not seen FEMA or HUD guidance specifically addressing this issue.

May 4, 2020 2:53 PM from Nichele Carver to all participants: ESG Cares Act-HP still needs to follow ESG HP rules correct? 14 days or less from becoming homeless

May 4, 2020 2:53 PM from Sylvia Bolivar to all panelists: will you email the powerpoint presentation?

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May 4, 2020 2:54 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Sylvia Bolivar, this resource may be helpful:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Eligible-ESG-Program-Costs-for-Infectious-Disease-Preparedness.pdf>. In terms of procurement, guidance is forthcoming.

May 4, 2020 2:54 PM from Mandy Reagan to all participants: SSVF Screening Tool: @Jessical
https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/?page=/official_guide/forms LAst form under "Housing Status".

May 4, 2020 2:55 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: Abby, I can cover

May 4, 2020 2:55 PM from Norm Suchar to all participants: @John, you definitely can create lanes in terms of anticipated length of assistance and intensity of services through CE and prioritization.

May 4, 2020 2:55 PM from Jennifer Hill to all participants: How should rates of COVID cases (community transmission etc) impact state formulas for how state ESG is allocated geographically? Or is it advisable to stick to the same formulas a state ESG recipients has used in the past?

May 4, 2020 2:55 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Maria Verdeja to all attendees:

Can inspections be done virtually, both for ESG-CV HP or for regular ESG HP funded programs?

May 4, 2020 2:55 PM from Mandy Reagan to all participants: @Jessical I have reformatted the SSVF tool for our ESG subrecipients I can share

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May 4, 2020 2:56 PM from Sarah Lim to all participants: @Mady, could you share the SSVF tool with me, too? Thank you so much!

May 4, 2020 2:57 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Lee Tabor to all attendees:

@Mandy, me too.

May 4, 2020 2:57 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Suzie Tolmie to all attendees:

Link to that resource pls?

May 4, 2020 2:57 PM from steve whitson to all participants: Do the obligation periods (60 and 120 days) still apply? If we are to roll out in stages, the obligation periods will affect that.

May 4, 2020 2:57 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Jessica Izquierdo to all attendees:

Thank you Mandy Reagan. Please send the SSVF ESG formatted to Really appreciate it!

May 4, 2020 2:59 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Pam Keen to all attendees:

Mandy, me too at Thank you.

May 4, 2020 2:59 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from shay grier to all attendees:

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@Mandy can you please share your SSVF tool with me as well?

May 4, 2020 2:59 PM from Christiana Tugman to all participants: Thank you Mandy! Send to

May 4, 2020 2:59 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Christina Soulard to all attendees:

@Mandy, same for me please!

May 4, 2020 3:00 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Teresa Reinders to all attendees:

@Mandy, could you share SSVF tool with me as well please Thank you!

May 4, 2020 3:00 PM from andrea curtis to all participants: According to 576.203(a), states have 60 days to obligate ESG funds after a grant agreement is signed. Is that requirement waived so that we can roll out ESG-CV funding in stages?

May 4, 2020 3:00 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Curtis Erdmann, both ESG-CV and CDBG-CV can be used for the 25% local share.

May 4, 2020 3:01 PM from Shonda Gray to all participants: @Mandy, I would also like a copy of your SSVF tool. Pls & thank you.

May 4, 2020 3:01 PM from Don Watt to all participants: We are getting concerns from some nonprofits regarding the \$750K cap in federal funding that would require them to get a full audit. They are concerned with the costs. Is there any prospect of getting a waiver of that cap from the appropriate entity to help get this COVID funding out the door?

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May 4, 2020 3:01 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Maria Verdeja to all attendees:

SSVF tool please...

May 4, 2020 3:02 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: Regarding the recent job training question, grantees may also want to look into utilizing CDBG-CV funds for economic development projects including job training.

May 4, 2020 3:02 PM from Kristin Zakoor to all participants: We keep hearing on this call that grantees should be using HMIS data to help analyze their data and make informed decisions but as an HMIS Lead we have not been given guidance on how to properly set this funding up in the system. Many of our agencies in HMIS are already either State or City/County recipients and we need to know if we should just add this grant to their existing ESG projects OR do we need to create new projects that are just used for participants affected by COVID-19?

May 4, 2020 3:02 PM from UU8rdpN+75KzrGUJFtqWD+DkV2IQ7RRI Crandall to all participants: Could a state recipient directly administer ESGCV programs if there is no local eligible entity that has current capacity? Outreach, RFP and request for local partners yielded no responses.

May 4, 2020 3:03 PM from Marion Goulbourne to all participants: @ Mandy can you share the SSVF tool with me please?

May 4, 2020 3:03 PM from Rikki Gardner to all participants: @Brett Esders - thank you for that answer about thinking "broadly." Keeping people safe is the goal.

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May 4, 2020 3:03 PM from Annette Pieniazek to all participants: When will funds begin disbursement?

May 4, 2020 3:04 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to all participants: @Kristin Zakor <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HMIS-Project-Setup-and-Inventory-Changes-during-an-Infectious-Disease-Outbreak.pdf>

May 4, 2020 3:05 PM from Tera Bivens to all participants: Are we waiting for the guidance and certifications before starting the amendment

May 4, 2020 3:05 PM from Sylvia Bolivar to all panelists: We are looking at submitting our 2020 consolidated plan and including the covid special allocations in our 2020 annual action plan. rather than to a previous approved plan. do you have any feedback or recommendations?

May 4, 2020 3:06 PM from Kexin Ma to all participants: Just want to clarify, Does the Mega Waiver apply to ESG CV funds?

May 4, 2020 3:06 PM from Stephanie Hershberger to all participants:
@Mandy, if you don't mind can you send the SSVF tool to I would really appreciate it!

May 4, 2020 3:06 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: please consider a flow chart for 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans and needed CV funds amendments. It's a little confusing if and when both need to be amended.

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May 4, 2020 3:07 PM from Dale Zuchlewski to all participants: Do ESG recipients still have to certify they won't discharge people from institutions into homelessness?

May 4, 2020 3:07 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Kexin RE: mega waiver application - the mega waiver does not apply to the ESG-CV funds at this time. We are hoping to extend it to cover ESG-CV funds in the future though. Stay tuned.

May 4, 2020 3:08 PM from Alejandra Saucedo to all panelists: Can ESG funds help with rental assistance for City owned properties?

May 4, 2020 3:08 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from stephanie brumfield to all attendees:

I think everyone needs a sample of the SSVP tool from Mandy.

May 4, 2020 3:08 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Maria Verdeja to all attendees:

Are HQS inspections required for ESG-CV HP or regular ESG HP programs? Any waivers to do virtually?

May 4, 2020 3:08 PM from Nora Lally to all participants: Thanks @Shaye. Excellent suggestion. It is A LOT to keep straight.

May 4, 2020 3:09 PM from Sylvia Bolivar to all panelists: can you talk about subawarding to CoC?

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May 4, 2020 3:10 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: @Maria Verdeja - ESG requires habitability inspections (not HQS), guidance was in the last office hours calls that habitability inspections are always allowed to be done virtually. <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3766/esg-minimum-habitability-standards-for-emergency-shelters-and-permanent-housing/>

May 4, 2020 3:10 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Maria Verdeja to all attendees:

Can income be done through self-certification?

May 4, 2020 3:10 PM from Julie Eberbach to all participants: @Kristin Zakoor I don't know if this is helpful, but we are planning on setting up dedicated programs for ESGCV assistance in our HMIS. We are interested in understanding the impact of the dollars and without a dedicated project, we believe it will be possible to do this. We decide not to wait for guidance on this, as we thought it important to craft our system to meet our local planning needs and also believe we will be able to shore up subtle differences in guidance through reporting.

May 4, 2020 3:10 PM from martha kenton to all participants: @Brett thanks for posting the FAQ's

May 4, 2020 3:10 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: FAQs on using RRH as a bridge to CoC funded PSH: <https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/529/is-an-individual-or-family-that-is-receiving-rapid-re-housing-assistance/> and <https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/530/is-an-individual-or-family-that-is-receiving-rapid-re-housing-assistance/>

May 4, 2020 3:11 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Sylvia Bolivar, submitting the 2020 AAP with your CARES funding is the "cleanest" way to add the funds. By that I mean it wouldn't involve going back to a previous program year that

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may or may not have already ended and likely adding subsequent tranches thereto. However, it will not be the quickest way to utilize the funds. Any new plan submission is subject to a full plan review for which the Field Office is given a statutory 45-day review period. A substantial amendment would only involve review of the amendment proper and would likely take less time for the Field Office to process.

May 4, 2020 3:14 PM from Don Watt to all participants: Currently states cannot directly contract with local PHAs to administer ESG funds. We are considering using some PHAs to administer prevention activities, but do not want to go through a local government to access the PHA. Will the ESG-CV funds have a similar restriction?

May 4, 2020 3:15 PM from Kristin Zakoor to all participants: @Julie Eberback- thank you for sharing that information! We are thinking about doing something similar so it is nice to hear that other are approaching it in that way! Thanks again.

May 4, 2020 3:18 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: For ESG-CV funds, is a substantial amendment needed for both the 2019 and 2020 Action Plans or just one or the other. I believe we have submitted our 2020 plan or are about to, but it has not been approved yet.

May 4, 2020 3:19 PM from Mandy Reagan to all participants: I think I have emailed everyone who asked, but just in case I missed anyone-

May 4, 2020 3:19 PM from Rikki Gardner to all participants: Can regular ESG funds be used to purchase PPE's? Or can only ESG-CV funds be used to purchase PPE's?

May 4, 2020 3:20 PM from Thelma Magallanes to all participants: Can we use ESG CARES Act funding to pay for clothing under the shelter component?

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May 4, 2020 3:20 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Kristin and Julie RE: HMIS setup. We published project setup guidance that applies to the COVID-19 response. You can determine if you need to just add to an existing project, create overflow, or establish a new project. We are finalizing our thinking around what will be required for ESG-CV CAPER reporting. It aligns with this guidance. The one exception is for temporary shelters that are not normally funded under ESG. We will provide more guidance around what that is but you will likely need a new project setup in HMIS for that. Most emergency shelter options currently meet ESG regulations so this will not likely change what you are doing now.
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5994/covid19-hmis-setup-and-data-sharing-practices/>

May 4, 2020 3:20 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Shaye Rabold, you are only required to amend one program year (AAP) for the CARES funding. The fastest way to access the funds would be to amend your most recently approved plan (emphasis on the word approved). If you just submitted your 2020 plan, the most recently approved would be your 2019 plan.

May 4, 2020 3:20 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Mandy Reagan to all participants:

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May 4, 2020 3:20 PM from andrea curtis to all participants: If shelter staff are being asked to provide care/support to Covid positive individuals, may ESG funds be used to provide hotel stays for those staff if they are concerned about vulnerable individuals in their household?

May 4, 2020 3:20 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Thank you, Mandy!

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May 4, 2020 3:21 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Mandy Reagan to all participants:

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May 4, 2020 3:21 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Rosemary Luckett to all attendees:

Do you have an update on when the Notice may be published?

May 4, 2020 3:21 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Maria Verdeja to all attendees:

Is self-certification of income adequate to determine clients income at entry for HP?

May 4, 2020 3:21 PM from Marlisa Grogan to all participants: @Rikki - you can use 'regular' ESG funds as well to purchase PPEs for staff under all components as well as for program participants under emergency shelter and street outreach

May 4, 2020 3:21 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Mollie Lund to all attendees:

Do we have an idea on when guidance will be released?

May 4, 2020 3:21 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: @Aarom Weaver. Thanks. Amending our 2019 plan is what we are currently working on. Just wanted to double check as we are in the process of getting the 2020 one submitted/approved.

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May 4, 2020 3:22 PM from Cassy Westmoreland to all participants: Can you point to written language allowing ESG-CV funds to be used as a match for FEMA funds?

May 4, 2020 3:22 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: Will hazard pay be eligible under ESG-CV funding? Will guidance include how to figure hazard pay?

May 4, 2020 3:23 PM from Kristin Zakoor to all participants: @William Snow- thank you for that information! We just want to ensure that the grantees are able to utilize the data effectively and correctly report.

May 4, 2020 3:24 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: in new york as in many states PPE is in short supply. We ask that you consider flexibilities in procurement for PPE.

May 4, 2020 3:24 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: Sorry that missed the requestor: from Sylvia Bolivar to all attendees:

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May 4, 2020 3:26 PM from Claire Shanahan to all participants: We're hearing locally that SSI/VA/SSA recipients with dependents have received a \$1,200 payment, but did not receive the \$500 additional for eligible dependents

May 4, 2020 3:27 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Eudonaise Lewis to all attendees:

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can this help with mortgages?

May 4, 2020 3:27 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Denise Albertson the CARES Act does allow for hazard pay under ESG-CV. I'd imagine (full disclosure - I do not know) information related to calculating this will be included in the forthcoming notice.

May 4, 2020 3:28 PM from Julie Eberbach to all participants: @William Snow and Kristin, I should clarify that I meant to say that we are planning on setting up a ESGCV program for existing ESG projects that we have, and also for any new ESG sub-recipients (along with a new project in that case.). Anyhow, it would probably easier to chat in person about it. Thanks William for sending the link, and we look forward to more instruction.

May 4, 2020 3:31 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to all participants:
Thanks SNAPS Office! All of your office hours webinars have been incredibly helpful!

Q&A Session for COVID-19 Office Hours for ESG State Recipients

-Christina Soulard - 2:07 PM

Q: Is the RRH component still at 30% AMI under CARES?

Priority: N/A-

-Greta Rolland - 2:08 PM

Q: Are the slides available today or do we need to wait for the posting on HUD Exchange?

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Priority: N/A-

-Natalie Matthews - 2:13 PM

A: All webinar materials will be posted here, within 2-3 business days:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-webinars-and-office-hours>. Materials will include a recording, slides and copies of the chat and q&a log.-

-Louise Hubbard - 2:12 PM

Q: how do you proceed if your consolidated plan jurisdiction is state of florida
consolidated plan is the state consolidated plan

Priority: N/A-

-Rhonda Harding-Hill - 2:14 PM

Q: Is it allowable to submit a substantial amendment for PY20 ESG Action Plan without
CDBG, HOPWA and HOME included?

Priority: N/A-

-Christina Soulard - 2:20 PM

Q: Reframing my question for clarification: does the 50% AMI allowance cover literally
homeless households as well as homelessness prevention?

Priority: N/A-

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-Carolyn Mayinja - 2:30 PM

Q: Can CDBG Funds be used for Hotels/Motels

Priority: N/A-

-Carolyn Mayinja - 2:49 PM

Q: How about actual construction of a new Shelter (utilizing CDBG-CV funds). In our community, Covid has exposed how compact and crowded our shelters are. We'd like to construct new shelter to be better prepared for future health crisis

Priority: N/A-

-Sylvia Jimison - 2:52 PM

Q: How are evictions to be handled with ESG CV once towns and cities are opened up?

Priority: N/A-

-steve whitson - 2:59 PM

Q: Will the obligation periods (60 and 120 days) still apply? Rolling out funding in stages will be affected by this.

Priority: N/A-

-Thelma Magallanes - 3:02 PM

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Q: Can we use ESG CARES Act funding to pay for clothing under the shelter component?

Priority: N/A-

-shay grier - 3:06 PM

Q: Has HUD given any relief to the Minimum Habitability Standards for prevention activities?

Priority: N/A-

-Thelma Magallanes - 3:15 PM

Q: Can we use ESG CARES Act funding to pay for clothing under the shelter component?

Priority: N/A-

-Shaye Rabold - 3:17 PM

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Priority: N/A-

-Shaye Rabold - 3:17 PM

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Q: will resubmit my question in the chat, sorry wrong place.

Priority: N/A-

-Ebony Rankin - 3:21 PM

A: Shaye - we monitor the Chat and Q&A-

-Ebony Rankin - 3:21 PM

A: I added your question to the que-