

COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A Log

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April 17, 2020 2:21 PM from Jeffery Quarles to all participants: Here is a link to reference for GPD information for COVID-19 GPD Provider website www.va.gov/homeless/gpd_providerwebsite.asp

April 17, 2020 2:31 PM from Renee Speaker to all participants: Good Afternoon Everyone!

April 17, 2020 2:31 PM from J. Owen to all participants: The sound quality seems worse than usual. Is there a phone number that people can call in?

April 17, 2020 2:32 PM from cassie sipos-haas to all participants: What is the call in number?

April 17, 2020 2:33 PM from John Shereikis to all participants: 415-655-0002

April 17, 2020 2:33 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all participants: @J. Owen. Better now?

April 17, 2020 2:33 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all participants: It's best if you can broadcast the audio through your computer using the Audio Broadcast icon at the bottom center of your screen. If you don't see the Audio Broadcast button there is a Communicate > Audio connection menu at the top of the screen.

April 17, 2020 2:33 PM from John Shereikis to all participants: 610 976 677#

April 17, 2020 2:33 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: thanks, john!

April 17, 2020 2:33 PM from Suzie Tolmie to all participants: Default is "Host" for Chatbox. You have to scroll down to the very bottom to find "All Participants"

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April 17, 2020 2:33 PM from cassie sipos-haas to all participants: Thank you!

April 17, 2020 2:33 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Link to previous office hours content: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/office-hours-covid-19-planning-response-for-homeless-assistance-providers-fridays/>

April 17, 2020 2:34 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Thanks, Suzie!

April 17, 2020 2:35 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Eleanor Vincent to all attendees:

In the absence of testing individuals who are currently homeless, does HUD have any guidance related to moving individuals into 2 BR units where one of the bedrooms is currently occupied? In other words if the vacancy is held longer as a result of current pandemic, will HUD vacancy payment protocol related to vacancies greater than 30 days remain in effect?

April 17, 2020 2:35 PM from Harvinder Kaur Makkar to all participants: Hello Everyone. Harvinder from GA Department of Community Affairs HOPWA Program

April 17, 2020 2:35 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Link to CDC guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html>

April 17, 2020 2:35 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Link to CDC guidance (unsheltered): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/unsheltered-homelessness.html>

April 17, 2020 2:35 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Stephen Piasecki to all attendees:

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There is a big rent strike planned in NY and PA for May first. What can CoCs do to mitigate loss include in PSH programs?

April 17, 2020 2:37 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Rikki Gardner to all attendees:

repeat the guidance about children please

April 17, 2020 2:37 PM from J. Owen to all participants: @Jeanne Goodman It's better via phone, thanks.

April 17, 2020 2:37 PM from Harvinder Kaur Makkar to all participants: Not to use mask for children below 2 years old

April 17, 2020 2:37 PM from Julie Steiner to all participants: is there more info about people who have already had COVID-19 and whether they are really immune and can go out in public safely

April 17, 2020 2:38 PM from Dana Derderian-Ibarra to all participants: In regards to HQS inspections, if our certified HQS employee is not conducting the actual virtual inspection and instead we are getting a video from the landlord are you expecting the certified HQS inspector to still sign off on something he hasn't seen in person or can he wait to sign off until he can actually go out in person after the shelter in place is lifted?

April 17, 2020 2:39 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Christina Yasav to all attendees:

question for other attendees- are your communities providing toilet and hygiene stations and if so, are they staffed? can you share some wisdom on how those resources got set up?

April 17, 2020 2:40 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Eleanor Vincent to all attendees:

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Thank you. To clarify question about moving individuals into 2 BR unit where one room is currently occupied, this scenario is specifically for individuals coming into PSH from shelters, streets, or other places where they may have been at high risk of infection and are asymptomatic so not eligible for testing.

April 17, 2020 2:41 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Brenda Chamberlain to all attendees:

Does anyone have mobile shower unit information for where to purchase one, or request one?

April 17, 2020 2:41 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to all participants:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

April 17, 2020 2:42 PM from Curtis Stauffer to all participants: @brendachamberlain
I'd recommend contacting your local emergency management official

April 17, 2020 2:42 PM from Desirae Stermer to all participants: For the CoC waiver regarding the year lease- Can a voucher be used in a R&B if that operator will complete a one month or more lease?

April 17, 2020 2:42 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: @brenda
chamberlain we got ours from Royal Restrooms

April 17, 2020 2:44 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to all participants: William, you are breaking up

April 17, 2020 2:44 PM from Aaron Weaver to all panelists: @Dana Derderian-Ibarra, for initial HQS inspections, the certificated inspector need not be the individual making the recording. Rather, the inspector could review the recording provided by the landlord during the waiver period. Once the waiver period has ended, the certified inspector should then conduct an in-person inspection of the unit.

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April 17, 2020 2:45 PM from glen bae to all participants: Are there federal resources that can be used to fund testing at the local government level? Some jurisdictions are considering using CDBG to fund testing programs, before exploring other programs that may be able to reimburse them as well.

April 17, 2020 2:45 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: our city is providing the portolets and handwashing stations. We have a collaborative call with our city and the shelter and services providers daily and we asked for that assistance during those collaborative calls

April 17, 2020 2:45 PM from Dana Derderian-Ibarra to all participants: Thank you @Aaron Weaver!

April 17, 2020 2:45 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: For CoC Program recipients who request grant amendments, will those amendments be time-limited, carry forward for future grant periods, etc.?

April 17, 2020 2:45 PM from Sandra Johnson to all participants: Bad audio

April 17, 2020 2:46 PM from Whitney McGinniss to all participants: audio is breaking up for me also

April 17, 2020 2:46 PM from Lauren Knott to all participants: How does HUD expect communities to document at risk status for ESG during an eviction moratorium?

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April 17, 2020 2:47 PM from Josh Levin to all participants: when you say the landlord "can't" evict a client with a CoC subsidy, what does that mean in terms of actual enforcement?

April 17, 2020 2:47 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: Were the slides from the last Office Hours posted on the website yet? I couldn't find them

April 17, 2020 2:47 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: William, I think it may make sense for you to call in on your phone. (It looks like you might be using computer audio). You were breaking up pretty badly.

April 17, 2020 2:47 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Caro Laura to all attendees:

How much longer is this particular presentation? Audio too bad to follow...

from lisa STEELE to all attendees:

What will the time frame be to spend down funds from the COVID-19 ESG Relief funds?

April 17, 2020 2:47 PM from Bridgett Moore to all participants: Can the landlord request past rent fees once the moratorium is ended?

April 17, 2020 2:48 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Dana Derderian-Ibarra, one last item regarding your HQS question, the CoC program does not require the inspector be "certified" just that they have taken the lead visual training.

April 17, 2020 2:48 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Caro Laura to all attendees:

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April 17, 2020 2:48 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: @Angel, yep they're here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/covid-19-planning-response-office-hours-mega-waiver-and-cares-act/>

April 17, 2020 2:48 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Shaye Rabold to all attendees:

Is there a document from HUD or another federal entity that specifically states eviction moratorium applies to CoC and ESG programs?

April 17, 2020 2:48 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: Thank you Natalie!

April 17, 2020 2:48 PM from Kristi Schott to all participants: Can you send a link to the lead visual training

April 17, 2020 2:49 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: No problem at all!

April 17, 2020 2:49 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: Makes sense, Christina, we are all spaced oddly these days...

April 17, 2020 2:50 PM from Josh Levin to all participants: 6 pixels apart :)

April 17, 2020 2:51 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from kelly sanford to all attendees:

I work at a DV shelter. We operate a TH to PH program. With TH operating in rooms at our shelter. We have a case of COVID19 in our shelter. Will HUD funding cover temporary shelter at a hotel for those fleeing DV? Sending an infected client to an isolation center really raises security concerns.

from Emma Elliott to all attendees:

Are electronic signatures permissible?

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April 17, 2020 2:51 PM from Kurt Runge to all participants: Any news regarding the timeframe or status of the annual CoC NOFA competition?

April 17, 2020 2:52 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: I'm now more confused about PSH disability documentation waiver

April 17, 2020 2:52 PM from Kate Bennett to all participants: Do we need to send our emergency record keeping protocols to our field offices?

April 17, 2020 2:52 PM from Kate Bennett to all participants: or just request of use of waivers is sufficient?

April 17, 2020 2:53 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Shaye Rabold to all attendees:

For eviction moratorium, for both federal and any state ones, can you please tell us what would constitute accepted documentation to make a person eligible for ESG Prevention. In KY, landlords can still post notices, but eviction proceedings in court (which is required for evictions in KY) are halted through the end of June. Will an eviction notice from a landlord without a court order make a person eligible for Prevention. In KY there are required 7 day notices, then 14 and so on. I am basically asking, to meet that 21-day requirement of eviction, does it have to be the final court order approving the eviction?

April 17, 2020 2:53 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: So, instead of 45 days, you have 6 months to get the additional documentation? or, for 6 months, self certification is all you need, if you can't obtain any additional disability documentation?

April 17, 2020 2:53 PM from Brett Esders to all panelists: @Kate - no, you won't need to send your emergency record keeping protocols to your field office. But you will want to keep them on hand - either in program files or client files - for if your grant is monitored so that you can show your HUD monitor why you followed that process during that time.

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April 17, 2020 2:54 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Kate - no, you won't need to send your emergency record keeping protocols to your field office. But you will want to keep them on hand - either in program files or client files - for if your grant is monitored so that you can show your HUD monitor why you followed that process during that time.

April 17, 2020 2:54 PM from William Snow to host (privately): hey Tommy Joe - i switched my audio to phone to hopefully get a better reception

April 17, 2020 2:54 PM from Kate Bennett to all participants: thank you Brett! :)

April 17, 2020 2:54 PM from William Snow to host (privately): not sure if you need to do anything for that

April 17, 2020 2:54 PM from Michael Appel to all participants: How should sub-recipients (i.e. local RRH providers using state or CoC ESG funds) document the in-place waivers. Can we rely on notification from granting agency (actual HUD grantee)?

April 17, 2020 2:54 PM from Shayna Jennings Weider to all participants: Can self-certification of disability be used for individuals transferring from one PSH to another? Historically our community had accepted a format of disability documentation that is not accepted anymore. COVID-19 interrupted our plans to hire a medical professional to screen transfers. Could the waiver be used for transfers during this period?

April 17, 2020 2:55 PM from Lisa Vukov to all participants: Can you please clarify, if a project uses the disability verification waiver, do they need to go back after the 6 month period and obtain disability verification on the clients who were unable to provide?

April 17, 2020 2:55 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @ Lauren and @ Lisa- If you're using intake worker observation - during the 6 month timeframe the intake worker observation of a disability is all that you will need to document a program participant's disability. If you're using the client's own self-certification of a disability that is all you will need for documentation until the public health crisis is over and health officials have lifted special measures like social distances. In both cases, there is no expectation that you go back and obtain third-party documentation.

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April 17, 2020 2:56 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Shaye Rabold to all attendees:

Current HUD Waivers for ESG and CoC regs effective —on last office hours this week, Brett said the waivers apply to current funding and not CARES. I understand that. But, does “current funding” also include ESG 2020 formula allocations set to start July 2020 (for all waivers that expire after that) and for CoC FY19 grants that will start prior to the expiration of CoC waivers.

from Erica Moniz to all attendees:

In the CARES ESG-CV funding, will HUD change the re-evaluation criteria for HP & RRH to 50% AMI also? Currently, both are at 30% (every three months for HP, every year for RRH).

from Christina Yasav to all attendees:

Lisa, previous calls stated that you do not need to go back and get verification

April 17, 2020 2:56 PM from anjeana epps to all participants: are there any of these such waivers in place for coc and hopwa

April 17, 2020 2:56 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: There are ESG program documents that need to be signed by the client in person. I'm assuming these documents must still sign documents before we can provide assistance.

April 17, 2020 2:57 PM from Sandra Johnson to all participants: Is there an Low-Income Income Eligibility 50% chart available on HUD Exchange?

April 17, 2020 2:57 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: I meant the client must still sign the documents in person...

April 17, 2020 2:57 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @ Shaye - usually in transfer situations we require that the original disability documentation from the initial PSH entry (whatever was required at that time) is how you document disability. Unless you cannot obtain that documentation there is no need to go back and re-document disability.

April 17, 2020 2:57 PM from kelly sanford to all participants: Found it

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April 17, 2020 2:57 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: Ditto re news on CoC 2020 NOFA and competition

April 17, 2020 2:58 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Kali Adams to all attendees:

Aaron, you discussed documentation required for the COC PSH waiver usage. Is there any specific documentation required for ESG Subrecipients using ESG Waivers?

April 17, 2020 2:58 PM from Christina Yasav to all participants: @kelly all participants is all the way at the bottom

April 17, 2020 2:58 PM from Kelly Sanford to all participants: got t

April 17, 2020 2:59 PM from Samantha Carpio to all participants: Under Waiver for "Limit on Eligible Housing Search and Counseling Services"- What if a CoC does not have this line item in their plan, how would they be able to amend in order to be able to provide rental and utility arrears?

April 17, 2020 2:59 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all participants: @Kelly. Thanks. It's at the bottom of the list of panelists.

April 17, 2020 3:00 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Shaye Rabold to all attendees:

@Brett-your response to me about disability was for someone else I believe--not sure who

April 17, 2020 3:00 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Rebecca Pfeiffer to all attendees:

Do waivers apply to unexpended entitlement FY19 ESG funds if a current contract is in place?

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April 17, 2020 3:00 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Lauren Whitleigh to all attendees:

Does Con Plan waiver apply to 18, 19, and 20. Folks in our community are interpreting that it applies to FY20 only because of the "through end fo 2020" language?

April 17, 2020 3:00 PM from anjeana epps to all participants: the ESG waiver; is there any such waivers in place for COC and Hopwa?

April 17, 2020 3:01 PM from Desirae Stermer to all participants: Regarding the year lease waiver for CoC- Can a voucher be used in a R&B if that operator will complete a one month or more lease?

April 17, 2020 3:01 PM from Whitney Patterson to all participants: Is there any guidance re. how ESG recipients should be consulting with CoCs for use of new ESG funds?

April 17, 2020 3:01 PM from Beverly Arbor to all participants: Is that for HIV STATUS documentation?

April 17, 2020 3:02 PM from Brett Esders to all participants:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/news/hud-issues-availability-of-regulatory-waivers-for-coc-esg-and-hopwa-programs-to-help-prevent-the-spread-of-covid-19-and-mitigate-economic-impacts/>

April 17, 2020 3:03 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Anjeana - yes, the waiver also includes waivers for the HOPWA program. and @ Beverly that includes information about how to document HIV status documentation during this time.

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April 17, 2020 3:03 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Connie Casto to all attendees:

Will there be more waivers for ESG? Re: ESG FMR flexibility – could this include rental assistance and homelessness prevention in the form of rent payments, and not just newly executed leases?

April 17, 2020 3:03 PM from Kurt Runge to all participants: When can we expect to learn more about how the next phase of ESG CARES Act funding will be allocated?

April 17, 2020 3:03 PM from Bridgett Moore to all participants: Thank you Willam for the information.

April 17, 2020 3:04 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Martha Kenton to all attendees:

What years do the ESG waiver apply? Is the 60% Emergency Services cap waived for only years where CARES funding is applied to?

April 17, 2020 3:05 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to all panelists:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5985/infectious-disease-toolkit-for-cocs/>

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April 17, 2020 3:05 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: CFR 576.202(a) says if the ESG recipient is a State, "the recipient must subgrant the remaining funds in its fiscal year grant" to general purpose local gov or private non-profits. This means all ESG funds except for a portion of Admin and possibly HMIS if Lead. Since the CARES ESG-CV funds are not part of the "fiscal year" grant as normal, will State recipients be able to retain some or all of the ESG funds (other than Admin or HMIS) to operate its own program...such as an ESG Prevention program. I know lots of CARES info is forthcoming, but we are asking for planning purposes in the interim so we can hit the ground running.

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April 17, 2020 3:06 PM from Vernett Sherrill to all participants: Have the award letters for FY19 CoC Program been sent to recipients?

April 17, 2020 3:06 PM from Ebony Rankin to all participants: Vernett - not yet - we are working on them

April 17, 2020 3:08 PM from Norm Suchar to all participants: Shaye, I would encourage you to review the Notice that we will publish in the coming weeks. While we don't know exactly what authorities will be in the Notice, that is where we would address issues such as States directly operating ESG-CV programs.

April 17, 2020 3:08 PM from Mollie Lund to all participants: Question from one of our ESG Recipients here in the TX BoS CoC: "We are currently utilizing the FY 2018 AND FY 2019 ESG funding and we are keeping up to date with the all media received regarding ESG COVID. Ever since the coronavirus hit some of our non-profits are struggling obtaining the match for the FY 2018 and FY 2019 ESG funding. Is this something that might be waived?"

April 17, 2020 3:08 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Shaye re: documentation of the eviction moratorium: HUD posted a document today stating that the eviction moratorium applies to the CoC and ESG programs. HUD may provide additional updates to that document in addition to providing flyers that can be used to inform those you serve of their rights. <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Eviction-Moratorium-Impact-on-ESG-and-CoC-Programs.pdf>.

April 17, 2020 3:09 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: Ditto re when CARES act funding rounds will be allocated

April 17, 2020 3:09 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Kali, subrecipients should ensure that the client level documentation is present in affected files. Additionally, I'd advise subrecipients to work closely with the recipient (entitlement jurisdiction receiving an ESG allocation) to develop a set of emergency recordkeeping policies and procedures for each waiver they utilize.

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April 17, 2020 3:09 PM from John Demboski to all participants: Would love to know more about how enhanced SSVF funding to support VASH will interface with the local VA VASH case managers and staff.

April 17, 2020 3:10 PM from Vernet Sherrill to all participants: Thank you. We are concern because we do not have all of our grant agreements and we have projects that have expired.

April 17, 2020 3:10 PM from Norm Suchar to all participants: Mollie: Regarding the question of match in ESG that is not part of the special COVID allocation: I would encourage you to review the Notice that we will publish in the coming weeks. While we don't know exactly what authorities will be in the Notice, that is where we would address that issue.

April 17, 2020 3:10 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: @William Snow - that link does not work...

April 17, 2020 3:11 PM from Mollie Lund to all participants: Thanks Norm!

April 17, 2020 3:12 PM from David Whisnant to all participants: Should we have received the grant agreement for ESG/HOPWA Covid funds by now? I understand that some other entitlements in GA have received, but we are still waiting.

April 17, 2020 3:12 PM from HUD to all participants: What's the best next step

April 17, 2020 3:12 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: @Denise, it's working on my end. please try again: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Eviction-Moratorium-Impact-on-ESG-and-CoC-Programs.pdf>

April 17, 2020 3:12 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: CoC Program funds can also be used to pay for phones so that program participants can receive services - see the FAQ we published yesterday for the details - <https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/3709/may-recipients-and-subrecipients-of-coc-program-funds-purchase-cell-phones/>

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April 17, 2020 3:13 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: @Natalie - the link you posted worked for me. Thank you!

April 17, 2020 3:13 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: march 31

April 17, 2020 3:14 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: Best next step - release the next round of ESG funding as quickly as possible, please

April 17, 2020 3:15 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: @Denise: Great!

April 17, 2020 3:15 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Marion Goulbourne to all attendees:

CoC Program funds can also be used to pay for phones so that program participants can receive services. can ESG Funds also be used for this ?

April 17, 2020 3:15 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: Will CoC Program grant amendments to respond to COVID-19 be permanent amendments, or be limited to the grant period for which they are made? In other words, when new grant period rolls around, will the budget return to its original version, or will the budget amendment continue from this grant period to the next?

April 17, 2020 3:15 PM from anjeana epps to all participants: thank you Brett Esders

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April 17, 2020 3:16 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Marion - re: phones, we haven't published anything on ESG yet. But stay tuned. More information coming out every day about flexibilities for funds.

April 17, 2020 3:17 PM from Samantha Carpio to all participants: Can you please put the link in the chat?

April 17, 2020 3:17 PM from Jeanne Goodman to all panelists: from Aubrey Sitler to all attendees:

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>

April 17, 2020 3:18 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to all participants:
https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_ProviderWebsite.asp

April 17, 2020 3:21 PM from Vernett Sherrill to all participants: How much ESG Homeless Prevention back rent assistance can be granted?

April 17, 2020 3:22 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Lauren Whitleigh, No, COVID-19 related amendments to CoC grants are limited to the grant period (not to exceed one year).

April 17, 2020 3:23 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @ Vernett - currently ESG rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention assistance can pay for 6 months of rental arrears.

April 17, 2020 3:24 PM from Vernett Sherrill to all participants: Thank you Brett!

April 17, 2020 3:24 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: Will ESG be able to pay 6 months of arrears PLUS a few months of assistance moving forward, especially for those who have lost their jobs

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April 17, 2020 3:24 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @ Vernett - also, one of the waivers allowed under the CoC Program is to allow CoC Program funds to pay for up to 6 months of rental arrears

April 17, 2020 3:25 PM from Ron Address to all participants: With regard to the CARES Act PPP loans, does HUD have a position on whether the payroll loans are forgivable when the payroll expenses were ultimately reimbursed by HUD grants?

April 17, 2020 3:25 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: William, can you look up the VLI thresholds and post the link? Thanks.

April 17, 2020 3:28 PM from Anne Finn to all participants: For HP programs, how to document at risk with local and CARES eviction moratoriums in place?

April 17, 2020 3:29 PM from Vernett Sherrill to all participants: Wonderful. Ron is that using CoC Program RRH funds to pay up to 6 months of rental arrears?

April 17, 2020 3:29 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Lauren Whitleigh, subsequent (non-COVID) amendments would be subject to the standard amendment process. I would encourage you to reach out to your local HUD field office in this situation.

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from Anne Scott to all participants: Can CDBG funds be used for vehicle modification to transport COVID+ individuals? Or could any HUD funds be used? And, what about paying drivers?

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from Sarah Isaak to all participants: are the stimulus payments considered income for purposed of eligibility?

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from Josh Levin to all participants: what about SROs that are permanent housing but may not be an appropriate place for someone to be able to safely isolate?

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April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: can esg be used as match for FEMA?

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from kelly sanford to all participants: thank you

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from William Snow to all participants: You can look up the income limits (including Very Low Income limits) for your area on this site: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2020/select_Geography.odn

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from Josh Levin to all participants: due to shared bathroom/kitchen

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: @Anne Finn - LL can still provide notice of non-payment of rent.

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: ditto re stimulus payments as income question

April 17, 2020 3:30 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: Thanks Aaron!

April 17, 2020 3:31 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: ditto re ESG match and FEMA

April 17, 2020 3:31 PM from Adelina Correia to all participants: If you are both the Lead CoC and Recipient (you contract out to subrecipients) can you send out one blanket waiver or do you have to gather "waivers" from each of your subrecipients to submit?

April 17, 2020 3:31 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: @Sarah Issak - one time stimulus payment is not counted towards income

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April 17, 2020 3:31 PM from Taiisa Kelly to all participants: If there are clients in CoC or ESG funded rapid rehousing programs that are coming up on the end of their 2 year term in the program within the next few weeks, can the client term be extended or can the client be re-admitted into the rapid rehousing program to prevent the household from becoming homeless again?

April 17, 2020 3:31 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: Here's the income calculator link: <https://www.hudexchange.info/incomecalculator/> NOTE: as Brett mentioned, it has not yet been updated to incorporate the changes.

April 17, 2020 3:31 PM from Jennifer Oberlin to all participants: ditto re ESG match and FEMA

April 17, 2020 3:32 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to all participants: @Anne Scott transportation for COVID positive individuals is a resource that communities will require across a variety of situations. It is critical that emergency management leaders and public health be involved in developing approaches.

April 17, 2020 3:32 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: Please do allow the transport modification. That would be enormously helpful

April 17, 2020 3:33 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: Our local hospital just put someone in an Uber. This is needed

April 17, 2020 3:33 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: @ Taiisa Kelly - good question.

April 17, 2020 3:34 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Adelina Correia, a CoC lead can submit waivers for its programs, but not on behalf of other subrecipients (itself excluded). However, a lead can collect the notifications from its constituent members and submit them in-bulk to the local HUD field office

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April 17, 2020 3:34 PM from Adelina Correia to all participants: Thank you Aaron!

April 17, 2020 3:34 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Adelina Correia, I apologize the word "subrecipient" in my response should be "other CoC members"

April 17, 2020 3:35 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Mollie Lund to all attendees:

Agreed with Anne, but also is a waiver coming around HP and Category 2: waiving the court order?

April 17, 2020 3:35 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Julie Montoya to all attendees:

How can CoC

April 17, 2020 3:35 PM from Adelina Correia to all participants: Understood, thanks again!

April 17, 2020 3:35 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: 21 days, right

April 17, 2020 3:36 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Julie Montoya to all attendees:

How can CoC's use thier planning dollars to fund COVID response?.

April 17, 2020 3:36 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: that's for ESG prevention, correct?

April 17, 2020 3:36 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @ Amy that is correct, Marlisa is talking about ESG Prevention

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April 17, 2020 3:37 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: so we couldn't assist with rental arrears until after the moratorium is lifted, correct?

April 17, 2020 3:38 PM from lisa STEELE to all participants: @Aaron - does the collection of the waivers for subrecipients work differently for UFA's?

April 17, 2020 3:38 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Julie Montoya, this guide provides guidance on eligible planning activities in response to COVID: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Using-CoC-Program-Funds-for-Infectious-Disease-Preparedness-and-Response.pdf>

April 17, 2020 3:38 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: Legal aid has suggested NOT Waiting for a formal eviction process, so the client doesn't have the credit issue of a formal eviction on their record

April 17, 2020 3:39 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: at least in Cincy

April 17, 2020 3:40 PM from Rebecca Pfeiffer to all participants: Back to Martha K question- What years do the ESG waiver apply? Is the 60% Emergency Services cap waived for only years where CARES funding is applied to?

April 17, 2020 3:40 PM from John Demboski to all participants: OK, so it's gap rental funding until the actual HUD-VASH Section 8 voucher kicks-in (due to limited administrative capacity at a given PHA).

April 17, 2020 3:41 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Amy RE: not waiting on formal eviction: if the person you serve knows that they will be evicted for nonpayment of rent please intervene as soon as possible. The catch is you often don't know the action will be taken until notice is formally given.

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April 17, 2020 3:42 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: ESG needs documentation of eviction; court stip, eviction notice etc. So are we waiting for one of those documents after the moratorium is lifted, or can we provide assistance before that?

April 17, 2020 3:43 PM from Curtis Stauffer to all participants: Legal interpretation of CARES act question- The Act references at risk of homeless definitions at section U.S.C. 11360(1)(B) and (C) which are less specific than the definitions in 24 CFR 576.2. Can the looser definitions apply to CARES prevention funding?

April 17, 2020 3:43 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: Some providers are concerned about duplication of services if they have applied for PPP, and then end up applying for and receiving ESG-CV funding. Any guidance on this?

April 17, 2020 3:45 PM from mark miller to all participants: Thank you for being creative in threading the needles between HUD regulations as we all continue to play Stump the Chumps: SNAPS Edition 2020.

April 17, 2020 3:45 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Lisa Steele, a UFA would submit waiver notifications to the local HUD field office on behalf of its subrecipients.

April 17, 2020 3:45 PM from Anne Finn to all participants: What about viewing of documentation for eligibiity? In person?

April 17, 2020 3:46 PM from Susan Pourciau to all participants: @Rebecca - The ESG waivers are applicable for your FY2020 and earlier ESG funds. And suspending the 60% outreach and shelter cap is for ESG-CV program funds.

April 17, 2020 3:46 PM from Greer Hannan to all participants: Please clarify: would a person typing there name in count as a "digital signature" even if it isn't using software that actually creates an official, individual digital signature? I.e., we have Word but we don't have Adobe.

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April 17, 2020 3:48 PM from Curtis Stauffer to all participants: Similarly, would inserting a jpeg of a signature in a work doc apply? I would think yes.

April 17, 2020 3:48 PM from Curtis Stauffer to all participants: word doc

April 17, 2020 3:48 PM from Rebecca Pfeiffer to all participants: THank you Susan Pourciau- does this also apply to Fy2019 funds?

April 17, 2020 3:48 PM from Marlisa Grogan to all participants: @Angel - before providing andy homelessness prevention assistance, the client needs to be found eligible. Clients would not be eligible for HP during the eviction moratorium (i.e., right to occupy won't be terminated within 21 days or won't be losing their residence within 14 days)

April 17, 2020 3:49 PM from Greer Hannan to all participants: Thanks @Norm, @Brett!

April 17, 2020 3:49 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to all participants: Largely about intent. Don't overcomplicate it.

April 17, 2020 3:49 PM from Abeer Monem to all participants: Because foundation funders are in a hold position to see how they can use their funds for the recovery of the pandemic, and private donors are impacted, can match be waived for CoC?

April 17, 2020 3:50 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: @Marlisa, thank you. So then we wait for a formal eviction notice, court stip, correct? Sorry, I'm just confused!

April 17, 2020 3:51 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Abeer - match is a statutory requirement for the CoC Program and we don't have authority to waive statutory authorities for the CoC Program. So, in short - no we can't waive match for CoC right now. But if you need to change how you meet your match requirement (e.g., going from cash match to in-kind), that's OK. just document how you met your match requirement in your program files.

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April 17, 2020 3:51 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Beth Berendsen to all attendees:

So if there's a local eviction moratorium from our court system, does that mean no one is eligible for homeless prevention funding under that category?

April 17, 2020 3:51 PM from Amanda Sternberg to all participants: Really appreciate all the leg-work HUD did with expediting these grant amendments and posting everything to make it easy on us.

April 17, 2020 3:52 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: We appreciate you HUD !!!!

April 17, 2020 3:52 PM from Kristi Schott to all participants: Website please for grant amendments?

April 17, 2020 3:52 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/covid-19-grant-agreement-amendments/>

April 17, 2020 3:52 PM from Susan Pourciau to all participants: That expedited amendment process is great. Thanks, HUD Team!

April 17, 2020 3:52 PM from Anne Finn to all participants: Referring to id and social security card documentation for eligibility in programs?

April 17, 2020 3:52 PM from Abeer Monem to all participants: Thanks @Brett, but has the recommendation maybe been made to congress to address with statute?

April 17, 2020 3:52 PM from Catherine Huang Hara to all participants: The email addresses for the CPD offices are incomplete in the posting earlier today on the grant amendments

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April 17, 2020 3:52 PM from Shaye Rabold to all participants: So genuinely appreciative of all you all are doing to be flexible and super helpful on the processes!

April 17, 2020 3:53 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: Ditto Abeer - please address with Congress

April 17, 2020 3:53 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: re match

April 17, 2020 3:54 PM from Kristi Schott to all participants: Website please William

April 17, 2020 3:54 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: All, just to clarify, the grants present on HUDEXchange are the FY 2018 awards. We're working on the FY 2019 grants and hope to have them available soon. Here's the link again:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/covid-19-grant-agreement-amendments/>

April 17, 2020 3:55 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Catherine Huang Hara, thanks for letting us know! Which field office are you looking for?

April 17, 2020 3:55 PM from Anne Finn to all participants: Many local eviction moratoriums in place require notifications and also backup documentation of loss of income or medical costs all pertaining to COVID-19? Any requirement in the CARES moratorium?

April 17, 2020 3:55 PM from Marlisa Grogan to all participants: @Angel - right - the moratorium prevents landlords from issuing a notice to vacate during the 120 days and outside of that window, the landlord must provide 30 days advance notice to tenants

April 17, 2020 3:55 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Kristi RE: website: Here is the link to the resource on the federal eviction moratorium as it applies to COC and ESG: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Eviction-Moratorium-Impact-on-ESG-and-CoC-Programs.pdf>

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April 17, 2020 3:55 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: @Marlisa, thank you!

April 17, 2020 3:58 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Anne RE: requirements for CARES moratorium: No - the federal eviction moratorium does not set such requirements. However, it is limited to evictions in covered properties for nonpayment of rent.

April 17, 2020 3:58 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: Does Con Plan waiver apply to 18, 19, and 20?

April 17, 2020 3:58 PM from Corey Root to all participants: Is that grant execution timeline true for renewal and new projects?

April 17, 2020 3:58 PM from Martha Kenton to all participants: For ESG -if the 60% cap is lifted for the ESG-CV funds only. Does that mean if we fold those dollars into our FY19 plan through a substantial agreement will the cap be lifted? It is unclear how to apply it.

April 17, 2020 3:58 PM from David Whisnant to all participants: Have grant agreements been released for new CARES Act ESG funds? We are state non-entitlement area.

April 17, 2020 3:58 PM from Angel Macchia to all participants: Thank you for these webinars! Very helpful.

April 17, 2020 3:59 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: thanks to all participants - please keep doing these!

April 17, 2020 3:59 PM from Kurt Runge to all participants: Thank you HUD team! We appreciate all that you do!

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April 17, 2020 3:59 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Mandy Reagan to all attendees:

Brett- Could you clarify paying rental assistance for ESG forward? In the event months of rent is paid forward for example, and the program participant leaves the unit, would it be up to the program to recoup those funds provided to that landlord?

April 17, 2020 4:00 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @ Connie - yes! under ESG RRH and HP you can pay arrears and rent going forward. Under ESG it's capped at 24 months total (including the months you paid for arrears). So if you paid 3 months arrears you can provide up to 21 months of rent going forward

April 17, 2020 4:00 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to all participants: Thank you! We appreciate all of your support always. You're rockstars.

April 17, 2020 4:00 PM from Amanda Sternberg to all participants: These weekly calls are so helpful. Thank you!

April 17, 2020 4:00 PM from Saury Torres to all participants: Thank you !

April 17, 2020 4:00 PM from Christina Yasav to all participants: I didn't catch that, what is being released in early May?

April 17, 2020 4:00 PM from Rikki Gardner to all participants: Thank you HUD team! These calls are very helpful!

April 17, 2020 4:00 PM from Kristi Schott to all participants: Thank you to all of you!

April 17, 2020 4:00 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Rebecca Rhoads to all attendees:

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Thank you for all the information you are providing.

from Simon Fuerstenberg to all attendees:

Thank you HUD!

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-Beverly Arbor - 1:37 PM

Q: Hi have you started? no audio

Priority: N/A-

-Shaye Rabold - 2:22 PM

Q: Remind me, should questions go in the chat or Q&A. I typically use chat, but I'm just confirming...

Priority: N/A-

-Norm Suchar - 2:23 PM

A: Better to go in the chat box so everybody can see the answers. -

-Jeanne Goodman - 2:23 PM

A: Either is okay.

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-Shaye Rabold - 2:24 PM

Q: Thanks to you both. I will go with chat

Priority: N/A-

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-Lauren Whitleigh - 2:45 PM

Q: For CoC Program recipients who request grant amendments, will

Priority: N/A-

-Avery Slyker - 3:06 PM

Q: Is there an update on contracts? Our CoC has a project that has not received their executed contract and is growing concerned , as they have not been able to draw down funds.

Priority: N/A-

-Ebony Rankin - 3:08 PM

A: Avery - Tier 1 awards (that were not part of a consolidation or expansion) are available to go to grant agreement. Tier 2 will be ready early next week.-

-Brett Esders - 3:09 PM

A: Hi Avery - There are a few grants that are not yet available for grant agreement, but the majority of grants are available for funding. If you submit an AAQ with your grant number and explaining that it is held up and we can look into the specifics.-

-Avery Slyker - 3:09 PM

Q: Thank you

Priority: N/A-

-Claire Butler - 3:09 PM

Q: The Waiver language is unclear on which ESG Waivers can be used for unexpended FY2019 entitlement funds. Would you mind listing exactly which Waivers can be used on entitlement funds and which can only be used under CARES Act Funds.

Priority: N/A-

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-Marlisa Grogan - 3:14 PM

A: The ESG waivers are applicable for your FY2020 and earlier ESG funds. Right now, the CARES Act flexibilities are only applicable to ESG-CV funds; but stay tuned for the ESG-CV notice to see if there are any additional flexibilities provided -

-Ron Andress - 3:18 PM

Q: With regard to the CARES Act PPP loans, does HUD have a position on whether payroll loans are forgivable when the payroll expenses were ultimately reimbursed by HUD grants?

Priority: N/A-

-Stephanie Harrington - 3:35 PM

Q: hello. on the waiver call on 4/14, panelist said it was ok to use CoC funds for emergency hotel/motel for isolating individuals with COVID. Today, the guidance was that you can't use CoC funds. Can this be clarified for FO's and recipients. Thanks

Priority: N/A-

-Brett Esders - 3:39 PM

A: Hi Stephanie - I'm not sure who said you could use CoC to pay for hotel/motel. We can chat. Right now it's not been permitted (and we've answered AAQs saying no), but we expect more information to be coming in the coming weeks. sorry for the confusion-

-Brett Esders - 3:42 PM

A: There's also a possibility there was more nuance to the answer - i'll need to go back and check. thanks for flagging!-

-Martha Kenton - 3:42 PM

Q: Marlisa, I'm still not clear about the ESG waiver. It sounds like the flexibility (e.g. waiver) is applicable to FY20 and earlier years. But then you said it's actually only for the ESG-CV funds. Will the ESG CV guidance clarify?

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Priority: N/A-

-Stephanie Harrington - 3:43 PM

Q: I think it was marlisa but i may have misunderstood. I guess I didn't see that FAQ. I do all the CPD programs so I'm taking in a lot of inforamtion these days

Priority: N/A-

-Brett Esders - 3:45 PM

A: Completely understand! I'll look into it for you, but it everything I've answered it's been no CoC \$ can't generally be used for hotel/motels (Unless it's being used as PSH or TH and meets all of the other requirements like HQS and lease agreements).-