

COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A

April 9th, 2021

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April 9, 2021 2:30 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: Hello Everyone

April 9, 2021 2:31 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To join the webinar via the phone, please call in using:

+1-415-655-0002 Access code: 185 207 6880

(If you need to call in toll-free, call 1-855-797-9485)

April 9, 2021 2:31 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Hi SNAPS - Appreciate your patience with the repeat questions. Has the portal opening and/or deadline date for HIC/PIT reporting been published yet? Thanks

April 9, 2021 2:32 PM from Micah Webster to everyone:
<https://www.menti.com/bkrpakz9qv>

April 9, 2021 2:33 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Do you want subrecipients of States to complete those surveys?

April 9, 2021 2:33 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: SNAPS - I noticed that the reporting deadline page on HUDEXchange says that HIC/PIT reporting would be done through HDX 2.0 this year. Is that correct, please?

April 9, 2021 2:33 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Amy - HDX 1.0 will open up early next week (yea!). We will send a listserv as soon as it is open. The deadline will be May 14, 2021. We will also be offering a PIT Count Office Hours to talk through questions on how to submit the data in HDX 1.0.

April 9, 2021 2:33 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: SNAPS Team - Are there any updates on 2021 NOFA ? Thanks so much!

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April 9, 2021 2:33 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Thanks, William!

April 9, 2021 2:34 PM from Amanda B to everyone: Has the end date for temporary emergency shelter under ESG-CV been extended beyond the end of 2021?

April 9, 2021 2:35 PM from Lindsey Barranco to everyone: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

April 9, 2021 2:36 PM from Lindsey Barranco to everyone: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/index.html>

April 9, 2021 2:36 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Amanda - right now ESG-CV funds can be expended on temporary emergency shelter until January 31, 2022. We're keeping a list of things that may need to be updated for ESG-CV and we'll keep that one on the list.

April 9, 2021 2:36 PM from Michael Joyce to everyone: Hello everyone. David McCuskey & I will be monitoring the chat to answer questions as she presents.

April 9, 2021 2:37 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Amanda - and just a reminder that this ESG-CV notice limitation only applies to those ESG-CV grants for which the field office's review of the annual action plan or substantial review was completed on or after 9/1/2020.

April 9, 2021 2:37 PM from Michael Joyce to everyone: The playbook Liz is referring to can be downloaded here: [https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/onstage/g.php?MTID=e50406512bbb4044984926e30c4a20a63__!!BZ50a36bapWJ!6bRBDinXIOJNLOYApkCWcZ4Vlt1ijxqHnzu5bgDWJ5GytIMC4aPp3F8b4QuBDN4KEw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/onstage/g.php?MTID=e50406512bbb4044984926e30c4a20a63__!!BZ50a36bapWJ!6bRBDinXIOJNLOYApkCWcZ4Vlt1ijxqHnzu5bgDWJ5GytIMC4aPp3F8b4QuBDN4KEw$)

April 9, 2021 2:38 PM from Michael Joyce to everyone: Oops, wrong link. The playbook can be downloaded here: <https://nhchc.org/antigen-testing-playbook/>

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April 9, 2021 2:39 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Amy - no updates on the 2021 CoC Competition right now.

April 9, 2021 2:40 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: If an individual/family whose meets the thresholds requirements (incomes do not exceed Very Low Income for the area; AND Who does not have sufficient resources or support networks to avoid emergency) is living in permanent housing but is behind on past month's and current month's rent due to Coronavirus, can Homelessness Prevention funding be used to assist the month through current month?

It is our understanding that funds may be available through the State Emergency Rental Assistance Program to pay the rental arrears, however if the program is unable to pay the rental arrears, would the customer then be eligible to Homelessness Prevention funding to pay the rental arrears? Also, would homelessness prevention funds be able to be used to pay the current month's rent? Would this qualify under the Other Situations of Housing Instability? Also, our community does have a lack of affordable housing stock. Does this qualify as another situation of Housing Instability?

April 9, 2021 2:42 PM from Amanda B to everyone: @Marlisa - how would I find out if the FO review of the annual action plan or substantial review was completed on or after 9/1/20? We are not the direct recipient as that is the State

April 9, 2021 2:43 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Amanda - you should first check with your recipient (the State). If they don't know the date, they can check with their local HUD field office.

April 9, 2021 2:44 PM from Amanda B to everyone: @Marlisa Thanks. If the review was completed before this date, what is the end date for temporary emergency shelter then?

April 9, 2021 2:46 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Eleanor - in order to be eligible for homelessness prevention funded with ESG or ESG-CV resources the household must meet the criteria for at risk of homelessness (or Category 2 or 3 of the homeless definition). For at risk of homelessness, that generally includes having an income below very low income (for ESG-CV), lacking the resources or support networks to prevent them from moving into a shelter or place not meant for human habitation, and meeting one of the criteria in paragraph (c). If the household doesn't also meet

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one of those criteria then they would not be eligible for any homelessness prevention assistance funded with ESG-CV. Here's a resource to help understanding eligibility for homelessness prevention with eviction moratoria in place: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Grants-Management-ESG-Homelessness-Prevention-Eligibility-During-Eviction-Moratoria.pdf>. If you have more specific questions you can ask here or submit to the Ask-A-Question.

April 9, 2021 2:46 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @ if the review was completed prior to 9/1/2020, then then ESG-CV funds can be expended on emergency shelter and temporary emergency shelter until 9/30/2022.

April 9, 2021 2:48 PM from Sandy Deters to everyone: Is this test available for home use for anyone??

April 9, 2021 2:49 PM from Michael Joyce to everyone: This BinaxNOW test is approved for supervised sample collection. The federal government purchased something like 150 million tests in 2020 and allocated them to the states.

April 9, 2021 2:49 PM from Michael Joyce to everyone: Recently, there is a newer BinaxHOME test that is approved for self collection at home and in other venues.

April 9, 2021 2:51 PM from Michael Joyce to everyone: This is the test approved for home use. <https://www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/product-details/binaxnow-covid-19-home-test-us.html>

April 9, 2021 2:52 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Access the playbook: <https://nhchc.org/antigen-testing-playbook/>

April 9, 2021 2:53 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: If you are doing testing events at shelters, please also enter the aggregate testing results into the CDC dashboard so we can better track COVID infections in our population: <https://airc.cdc.gov/surveys/index.php?s=M3WPXD7AJ9>

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April 9, 2021 2:55 PM from Scott Foster to everyone: I was told that the CDC eviction moratorium was struck down by a handful of federal courts now including one in my state. Will there be guidance issued for ESG HP resources in light of these legal developments? Also, can we confirm this development?

April 9, 2021 2:56 PM from Michael Joyce to everyone: The playbook recommends a couple options for reporting test results to the state department of health, which should also populate the CDC data.

April 9, 2021 2:57 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: @Michael--this data doesn't automatically pre-populate this CDC dashbard because housing status is not generally included in the usual reporting. Hence the need to create this dashboard--which does require an additional data entry but it is aggregate and should not be time-intensive. Please ask your health dept staff to do this.

April 9, 2021 2:58 PM from Joyce Tavon to everyone: If a state's emergency declaration is lifted by the governor will that state no longer be eligible for FEMA to fund non-congregate shelter?

April 9, 2021 3:01 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: @Brett- I was asking about if they could potential qualify under the "Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness catagory. The individual/family is in permanent housing, but will lose it if they cant pay rent. They may qualify for a payment for the arrears, but definitely need assistance for the current. The document that you referred to only addresses the moratorium from 03/2020-06/2020. Does the CDC moratorium carry the same weight as the original eviction moratorium as related to the ESG/ESG-CV rules?

April 9, 2021 3:02 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Thanks, @Brett

April 9, 2021 3:03 PM from Cynthia C to everyone: Are the progressive expenditure deadlines based on expenditures incurred or IDIS draws?

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April 9, 2021 3:04 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Boosting @Scott Foster question re guidance on CDC moratorium and legal challenges

April 9, 2021 3:04 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Eleanor - thanks for the clarification. No, a household's inability to pay rent (or rental arrears) would not qualify under "otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness" because the inability to pay rent is a characteristic of the household and not the housing they are living in.

April 9, 2021 3:04 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: IDIS \$ performance as well as performance other than \$ on ESG-CV - how does HUD plan to publicize/publish the data to the community that it is collecting each quarter from grantees?

April 9, 2021 3:04 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: @Scott Foster - there is a NLISC webinar on Monday with a presentation section about the legal challenges

April 9, 2021 3:05 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: What does "housing that has characteristics associated with instability" mean then? That answer makes it sound like it is in search of a cracked foundation. That line is nearly useless without looking at characteristics of the people who are in need of help

April 9, 2021 3:05 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Cynthia, the progressive expenditure deadlines are based on expenditures incurred - not on IDIS draws.

April 9, 2021 3:07 PM from Lisa Worth to everyone: There is lots of concern in our communities about not being able to expend homelessness prevention funds due to the moratorium, and separately, there is concern about people seemingly being covered by the moratorium but landlords finding ways around it. Does HUD have any plans to provide additional guidance on homelessness prevention?

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April 9, 2021 3:09 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: @Brett- Does the CDC moratorium carry the same weight as the original eviction moratorium as related to the ESG/ESG-CV rules?

April 9, 2021 3:09 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Cynthia - please note that although the expenditure deadline is not based on draws, there are still draw requirements that must be followed for ESG per part 200, which requires all expended funds must be drawn down within 90 days of the period performance end date

April 9, 2021 3:09 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Is there any movement afoot to extend the deadline by which ESG-CV funding must be spent?

April 9, 2021 3:09 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Thomas - the ESG rule requires ESG recipients to define what characteristics of housing is associated with instability and homelessness in their consolidated plan. So it will differ in each jurisdiction and you'll have to talk to your ESG recipient to see if they've defined it and how they have defined it if they have.

April 9, 2021 3:10 PM from Cassy Westmoreland to everyone: @marlisa we have been told that the progressive deadlines are based on what has been drawn from IDIS. Is that incorrect based on your response to Cynthia?

April 9, 2021 3:10 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Suzie, no there are no plans to extend the expenditure deadline for ESG-CV at this time

April 9, 2021 3:11 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: @Brett - ESG recipients often look to HUD to determine policy, and when no policy is stated, often take a very conservative view to avoid unknown conflict with HUD. Leadership from HUD to make sure we can actually use these HP funds to keep people from entering the homeless system would be appreciated, because right now they are almost impossible to use, and reprogramming them to RRH is not workable because of the staffing commitment that RRH needs to be done well. Thanks

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April 9, 2021 3:11 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: HUD Exchange Ask A Question

<https://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/my-question/>

April 9, 2021 3:12 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: ESG IDIS Resources

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/idis/guides/esg/#resources>

April 9, 2021 3:12 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: IDIS Set-Up and Draw Instructions for ESG CARES Act Grants Webinar

<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/idis-setup-and-draws-for-esg-cv-webinar/>

April 9, 2021 3:12 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: For those questions regarding FEMA reimbursement - your State Emergency Management Department should reach out to your regional FEMA office for additional information. We aren't able to answer those today.

April 9, 2021 3:12 PM from Steven Ellis to everyone: THANK YOU FOR THE IDIS GUIDANCE!

April 9, 2021 3:13 PM from Heather Rhoda to everyone: Great job!

April 9, 2021 3:13 PM from Natalie Ramey to everyone: Does ESG CV rental assistance need to be paid on a monthly basis? Can it be paid on behalf of the client in advance?

April 9, 2021 3:13 PM from Micah Webster to everyone:
<https://www.menti.com/bkrpakz9qv>

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April 9, 2021 3:13 PM from Christiana Tugman to everyone: Yes, there are LL's who are moving to evict if the tenant has failed to pay anything citing that the declaration requires 'best efforts' to pay AND get/apply for government assistance.

April 9, 2021 3:14 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Cassy, please follow up with me so we can track down any confusing guidance that may have been provided. For ESG, expenditures are specifically referenced in the ESG regs @ 24 CFR 576.203(b) (For purposes of this paragraph, expenditures means either an actual cash disbursement for a direct charge for a good or service or an indirect cost or the accrual of a direct charge for a good or service or an indirect cost")

April 9, 2021 3:15 PM from Cassy Westmoreland to everyone: Thanks @Marlisa!

April 9, 2021 3:15 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: Feel free to enter answers to the poll questions (there are 3 questions), even as we present the results. They will update live: <https://www.menti.com/bkrpakz9qv>

April 9, 2021 3:17 PM from Julianna Crowley to everyone: I couldn't find the poll

April 9, 2021 3:18 PM from Lesa Weikel to everyone: Challenge is getting the \$\$ amounts expended from the sub-sub to the sub to the recipient for the 3rd month each quarter - been having to estimate that amount

April 9, 2021 3:20 PM from Jessica Sones to everyone: Any updates on YHDP timeline?

April 9, 2021 3:22 PM from Sharon Price Singer to everyone: @julianna, this is the poll link: <https://www.menti.com/bkrpakz9qv>

April 9, 2021 3:22 PM from Angela Susten to everyone: I have found that AAQ responds very quickly to QPR questions and Michelle Budzek reached out to me directly to help with my initial submission. This was appreciated!

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April 9, 2021 3:23 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Jessica - no updates on the YHDP timeline today.

April 9, 2021 3:23 PM from Catherine Huang to everyone: Biggest problem with ESG-CV reporting is the structure of having to go through the HMIS lead. As a statewide lead, there are 3 cities, a county and the state as recipients with subrecipients. This was a time burden not accounted for in this reporting set-up.

April 9, 2021 3:24 PM from Aidan Rich to everyone: Is there any published guidance on how agencies can differentiate between ESG-21 and ESG-CV clients for normal Emergency Shelters? Many of our ESG-CV funded shelters also receive ESG-21 funding for the same shelter and we do not want to double-count individuals.

April 9, 2021 3:25 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Natalie - No, using rental assistance to pay rent in advance is not permitted under the ESG program. Rental assistance payments may only be made several days in advance of the rent due date for one month at a time.

April 9, 2021 3:26 PM from Sharon Price Singer to everyone: that's right Norm

April 9, 2021 3:26 PM from shay grier to everyone: Does that apply to a security deposit to secure a unit?

April 9, 2021 3:26 PM from Rebecca Pfeiffer to everyone: @Marlisa, it's confusing that regulations say expenditures are actual disbursements (which we follow for best practices as well when we report local spending \$) but for ESG-CV reporting, we list expenditures that do not have to have been paid (reimbursed) -per ESG-CV reporting instructions. This creates a need to develop an alternate financial tracking document.

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April 9, 2021 3:26 PM from Sharon Price Singer to everyone: Emergency Rental Assistance Program FAQs https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/ERA-Frequently-Asked-Questions_Pub-3-16-21.pdf

April 9, 2021 3:27 PM from Tamara Stewart to host & presenter: Can an ESG applicant transition from ESG RRH to an ESG CV program?

April 9, 2021 3:27 PM from Natalie Ramey to everyone: Thank you @Marlisa I was wondering because that will affect expenditure timeline

April 9, 2021 3:28 PM from S H to everyone: can ESG staffing resources be used for helping ineligible ESG applicants apply for treasury funds. If so, is it RRH or HP in IDIS

April 9, 2021 3:28 PM from Angela Hogan to everyone: @Aidan Rich I would love clarification on this as well. Specifically concerned with ESG Shelter Facilities receiving both regular ESG & ESG-CV

April 9, 2021 3:29 PM from Denise Albertson to everyone: We've encouraged our subrecipients to use the updated CDC Declaration along with the document you created and told them to document document document! If the HH does not qualify under the moratorium or ERA they need to document that and move into eligibility for ESG HP assistance.

April 9, 2021 3:29 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Rebecca - the regs include both cash disbursements and accruals (incurred costs)...so the regs are consistent with what we ask that you report on the quarterly reports

April 9, 2021 3:30 PM from Christiana Tugman to everyone: The CRF funded program in our state has not accepted applications for assistance since November of last year. While this would normally be an excellent resource, it is not currently accessible.

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April 9, 2021 3:30 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: If an eviction has been filed and is proceeding in court, but the court has set a hearing date for 21+ days in the future, can we still use the prevention funds?

April 9, 2021 3:31 PM from Rozann Downing to everyone: Can ESG RRH be used for category 3 of homeless definition

April 9, 2021 3:31 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Is there any expectation that a security deposit paid through ESG RRH be returned to the agency that provided it? We do not believe so, but this question was raised locally recently and I can't find any word one way or the other in 576 or various RRH manuals- thanks

April 9, 2021 3:32 PM from BARBARA WHEELER to everyone: Would this deadline be the same for ESG-CV Shelter for the January 2022?

April 9, 2021 3:33 PM from Sharon Price Singer to everyone: @ Christiana, the ERAP program is separate from CRF. The first round of funds were distributed in January 2021 to localities. Those funds should be hitting the streets soon. Please reach out to your local agency administering the funds.

April 9, 2021 3:34 PM from Rebecca Pfeiffer to everyone: @marlissa- sorry I was not clear. Cost at incurred at subrecipient level but not approved at Grantee level but we are being asked to report on without verification of eligible expenses.

April 9, 2021 3:34 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Thomas - no there is not an expectation that the security deposit is returned to the agency. this FAQ should provide all the details - <https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/programs/emergency-solutions-grants-esg-program/program-requirements/eligible-activitiesuses/what-happens-to-a-program-participants-security-or-utility-deposit/>

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April 9, 2021 3:35 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Thanks Brett! My googling didn't catch that one. We're hoping to revise our standards and someone asked and were double checking

April 9, 2021 3:35 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: I second the administrative burden of agencies trying to get them back

April 9, 2021 3:36 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: THANKS, SNAPS!!

April 9, 2021 3:36 PM from Maria Davis to everyone: Thank you, SNAPPers!

April 9, 2021 3:37 PM from Shaye Rabold to everyone: thanks, HUD ans TAs!

April 9, 2021 3:37 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Rozann - no, to be eligible for ESG RRH, the household must be Category 1 or Category 4 (also meeting the criteria in Category 1)

Q&A Session for COVID-19 Office Hours

Session number: 1852076880

Date: Friday, April 9, 2021

Starting time: 1:45 PM

-John Summerlot - 2:28 PM

Q: Is there supposed to be music?

Priority: N/A-

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-Courtney Guntly - 2:28 PM

Q: Is there sound right now? I've tried computer audio and phone audio and still hearing nothing.

Priority: N/A-

-Micah Webster - 2:29 PM

A: Hello! The music has just been muted before we go live.-

-Steven Ellis - 2:33 PM

Q: Yay HEIDI!

Priority: N/A-

-Coach Ron - 2:39 PM

Q: 🍌🍌🍌, Are there any community grants

Priority: N/A

-Joyce Tavon - 2:42 PM

Q: If a state's emergency declaration is lifted by the governor will that state no longer be eligible for FEMA to fund non-congregate shelter?

Priority: N/A-

-William Higgins - 2:56 PM

Q: I would like to have the opportunity to participate as an individual or organization with lived experience of homelessness. Should we use the guidance through the NHCHC web site?

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Priority: N/A-

-David McCuskey - 3:14 PM

A: @William You can access the playbook/guidance through the NHCHC website (<https://nhchc.org/antigen-testing-playbook/>), and you can send an email expressing your interest to tiffany.x.hoang@kp.org if you would like to speak to Liz and learn more.-

-Rotella Galos - 3:25 PM

Q: Effective Thursday, April 1st, the Supreme Court of Texas' 34th Emergency Order has expired. The expiration of this order effectively ends the CDC moratorium protections in Texas. Housing Courts in Texas are no longer authorized to halt evictions in compliance with the existing CDC moratoria.

What does this mean for our Homeless Prevention programs?

Priority: N/A-

-Rotella Galos - 3:27 PM

Q: I mean for ESG Homeless Prevention programs

Priority: N/A-

-Rozann Downing - 3:29 PM

Q: Can ESG RRH be used for category 3 of homeless definition?

Priority: N/A-

-Brett Esders - 3:37 PM

A: Rozann - Under ESG - Category 3 falls under homelessness prevention.-