

COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A

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August 6, 2021 2:30 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)

August 6, 2021 2:33 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To fill out the poll today, please follow this link and answer all THREE questions: <https://www.menti.com/ffshr563az>

August 6, 2021 2:33 PM from Thomas B IL-503 to everyone: Apologies for joining late, will there be any NOFA updates today?

August 6, 2021 2:33 PM from Kristin Delcamp to everyone: Any ETA on when the recording from the ESG-CV Notice CPD-20-08 Webinar will post?

August 6, 2021 2:34 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC's COVID Data Tracker (Counties)

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

August 6, 2021 2:34 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: :(

August 6, 2021 2:35 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC's COVID Data Tracker (States/Territories)

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailytrendscases

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August 6, 2021 2:35 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC's Forecasting Tracker

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#forecasting_weeklycases

August 6, 2021 2:35 PM from Denise Albertson to everyone: @Kristin - same. I could never get into the live meeting, just got a blank screen so i really need to watch it!

August 6, 2021 2:36 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: With the new ESG-CV Notice, can an agency pre-pay renter's insurance for a full year, even if the participant is in the program for less than a full year?

August 6, 2021 2:36 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC's Variant Data Tracker

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>

August 6, 2021 2:36 PM from Jessica Izquierdo to everyone: While reviewing my notes for the new ESG-CV Notice webinar, I still couldn't figure out if vaccine incentives can be given to homeless/at-risk of homelessness if they have already had one or both of the shots. Can we give vaccine incentives to those eligible if they have already recieved one or both COVID shots? Could shelter staff or agency staff that work with the homeless/at-risk of homelessness also receive these vaccine incentives?

August 6, 2021 2:37 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7031e2.htm>

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August 6, 2021 2:37 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: We expect the ESG-CV Notice webinar will be posted by early next week.

August 6, 2021 2:37 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Disposition requirements state: "Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value of \$5,000 or less may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no further responsibility to the Federal awarding agency". Example situation: a grantee buys furniture (less than \$5,000 per item) with ESG-CV funds and provides the items to a RRH participant. When the participant exits the program, can the agency dispose of the items by donating them to the participant?

August 6, 2021 2:37 PM from Lisa Worth to everyone: Can shelters require vaccination for their staff or shelter clients?

August 6, 2021 2:38 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: The forecasting graph has a line and then a light orange area that is broader than the line- what does that section indicate?

August 6, 2021 2:39 PM from Catherine Huang to everyone: Are there any changes to the COVID pre-screening tools? I had a breakthrough case, and never had a fever, though temperature is still being used as facilities and medical offices.

August 6, 2021 2:39 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: EHV question: The citizenship waiver where they have 90 days to verify/obtain, is that a waiver that PHA can choose to use or is that something they have to use.

August 6, 2021 2:39 PM from Natalie Burtzos to everyone: I noticed that in the CoC binders, mattresses can be kept by program participants. Will this flexibility apply to the ESG CARES waiver for furniture and household furnishings? For mattresses purchased for HP/RRH program participants only

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August 6, 2021 2:42 PM from Emily Mosites to everyone: @Catherine, you are right, there are a lot of cases that symptom screening won't catch. We don't have any changes to the symptom screens, but we do emphasize testing for that reason.

August 6, 2021 2:42 PM from Natalie Burtzos to everyone: Are "pay as you go" cell phones eligible as a temporary cell phone for individuals and families in the "Cell Phones and Internet" section of the 21-08 waiver? and are hot-spots eligible as an expense in the waiver

August 6, 2021 2:43 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Eligible ESG Program Costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5986/eligible-esg-program-costs-for-infectious-disease-preparedness/>

August 6, 2021 2:43 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Lisa, the CARES Act prevents ESG recipients and subrecipients from requiring prerequisite activities from program participants as a condition for receiving assistance

August 6, 2021 2:44 PM from Kristin Delcamp to everyone: What is the date of "Using ESG to Funds Your Covid-19 Response". Want to make sure we're using the most up-to-date info.

August 6, 2021 2:44 PM from Lisa Worth to everyone: @Marlisa, thank you! I thought vaccination would fall under that no pre-requisite stipulation but wanted to double check.

August 6, 2021 2:45 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: @Marlisa - can you give the citation for that? Curious as to if it applies to other prerequisites as well like police clearance or other non-housing-first activities, could be helpful for us in local advocacy. Thanks,

August 6, 2021 2:45 PM from Emily Warren to everyone: @Andrea, PHAs may provide 180 days after the beginning of EHV assistance for families to provide documentation of citizenship

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status. The 90 days is for verification of date of birth and disability status if the family initially provides self-certification

August 6, 2021 2:45 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Can you provide further guidance on Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance?

August 6, 2021 2:45 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Per the ESG-CV Notice: can you provide some examples of "additional costs to update/enhance/operate a coordinated entry system"?

August 6, 2021 2:46 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: @Emily, Thank you! Additional follow up - permanent residency are eligible?

August 6, 2021 2:47 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Kristin, we're in the process of updating this again to reflect the updated notice (you'll see that vaccine incentives isn't mentioned)

August 6, 2021 2:47 PM from Emily Mosites to everyone: @Suzi the different color lines in the variant proportions graph are different variants. Here is the graph online: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>

August 6, 2021 2:47 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: Question regarding ESG-CV eligible direct costs: Can the salary of an HMIS clerk that will support all programs, even if they are not ESG-CV programs, be considered a direct expense? Specifically, in order to be an eligible direct cost, would the HMIS clerk need to be only entering ESG-CV data or would a COVID nexus (preparing for, preventing and/or responding to coronavirus) when entering data of other programs, be an acceptable direct HMIS ESG-CV expense?

August 6, 2021 2:47 PM from Natalie Burtzos to everyone: Is there any existing TA resource on SBRA rental assistance agreement documents?

August 6, 2021 2:48 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Natalie - we're working on a TA resource for SBRA under ESG-CV

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August 6, 2021 2:48 PM from Emily Warren to everyone: @Andrea, at least one member of the household must be a U.S. citizen or have eligible immigration status, and this includes permanent residents

August 6, 2021 2:48 PM from Pam Moseley to everyone: How do you determine what is reasonable for hazard pay?

August 6, 2021 2:48 PM from Katie Peterson to everyone: Vaccine messaging toolkit- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6338/covid-19-homeless-system-response-vaccine-messaging-toolkit/>

August 6, 2021 2:52 PM from Avery Slyker to everyone: If a household is moving into a unit at the end of a month,, can ESG-CV funds be used to pay for that rent and the rent for the next month or would that be considered "prepaying" rent?

August 6, 2021 2:53 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: Will there be a postponement of ESG Recapturing time frame?

August 6, 2021 2:54 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To fill out the poll, please follow this link and answer all THREE questions: <https://www.menti.com/ffshr563az>

August 6, 2021 2:54 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Any NOFA updates today?

August 6, 2021 2:54 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Andrea, no there are no current plans to adjust any of the progressive expenditure deadlines.

August 6, 2021 2:55 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Eleanor RE: HMIS costs. You can use HMIS costs for all costs where there is nexus between the HMIS work and preparing for, preventing, and responding to COVID-19 (i.e., where there is a nexus).

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August 6, 2021 2:55 PM from Tamara Stewart to everyone: We have a nonprofit legal agency that has provided assistance throughout the pandemic and the moratorium to prevent evictions, how can this nonprofit use ESG -CV funding as a subgrantee

August 6, 2021 2:56 PM from Jett Black-Maertz to everyone: How are providers covering administrative costs? Our jurisdiction retained all admin funds.

August 6, 2021 2:56 PM from Alissa Pritchett to everyone: With Sponsor BAsed RentalAssistance- Should the utilities be in the agencies name or the client's name?

August 6, 2021 2:57 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: pay as you go cell phones would be eligible so long as they're in the recipient's name and loaned to program participants for activities related to obtaining and maintaining housing. Also, hot spots can be provided to program participants following the same rules - owned by the recipient and loaned to program participants for activities related to obtaining and maintaining housing.

August 6, 2021 2:57 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Pam - 2 CFR 200.430 has information about the rules that would apply to hazard pay. But in general, it must be consistent with what you pay for similar work in other activities that aren't paid for with grant funds and consistent with your organizations policies. It also has to be comparable what similar work is paid for in the labor market in which you compete.

August 6, 2021 2:59 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: If furniture is bought through ESG-CV, if the piece is too old/damaged. are we able to leave it with the tenant or are we required to attempt to fix it

August 6, 2021 3:02 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Tamara: since the CDC Eviction Moratorium has been extended for counties with high rates of covid transmission –(so this is not an across-the-board extension but only for those counties with substantial covid transmission). The implication of that is that if the moratorium is in effect in a particular county, then that is considered a resource preventing a household from moving to an emergency shelter or other place described in paragraph (1) of the homeless definition – so they would not be eligible for ESG homelessness

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prevention assistance. HUD's guidance is to prioritize the use of Treasury ERAP funds for eviction prevention.

August 6, 2021 3:04 PM from Denise Albertson to everyone: Jenni would you be willing to share your modification agreement that allows you to provide additional funding to already funded subrecipients?

August 6, 2021 3:07 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To fill out the poll, please follow this link and answer all three questions: <https://www.menti.com/ffshr563az>

August 6, 2021 3:08 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Avery, typically, ESG-CV can't be used to pay rent in advance, however, in the situation you describe, it sounds like the initial month could be considered "first-month's rent" which could be paid in conjunction with the upcoming month's rent if it's only a matter of paying the next month's rent a few days in advance

August 6, 2021 3:11 PM from Avery Slyker to everyone: @Marlisa thank you!

August 6, 2021 3:12 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Please reiterate the way you are using services of landlords to assist renters versus having renters get totally confused by process/docs/pathway.

August 6, 2021 3:12 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Missouri Housing Resources

www.mohousingresources.com

August 6, 2021 3:12 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Missouri Housing Development Commission

www.mhdc.com

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August 6, 2021 3:13 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Thanks Jenni/Missouri, very helpful information!

August 6, 2021 3:14 PM from Michelle Herrera to everyone: I may have missed it. Any NOFA update?

August 6, 2021 3:14 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Thomas - the citation for 'no prerequisite activities' is III.F.12 in the ESG-CV Notice (CPD 21-08) and the CARES Act Citation is: Public Law 116-136 (2020)

August 6, 2021 3:15 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To fill out the poll (up next), please follow this link and answer all three questions: <https://www.menti.com/ffshr563az>

August 6, 2021 3:17 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Thanks Marlisa!

August 6, 2021 3:19 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: @Marlisa - would you interpret that language as prohibiting ETOH/Substance testing where a positive test prevents someone from using shelter?

August 6, 2021 3:19 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: @william Thanks for the answer on HMIS direct expense

August 6, 2021 3:20 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Thomas - yes, drug testing as a prerequisite for shelter entry would violate the CARES Act prohibition.

August 6, 2021 3:20 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: The ESG-CV Spending Plan webinar will be 8/12 from 1-2pm ET. The webinar announcement is expected to go out today to all ESG recipients. The intended audience is primarily ESG recipients that have received the spending plan template.

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August 6, 2021 3:21 PM from Jenni Miller to everyone: @Denise, yes! Please email me at jenni.miller@mhdc.com and I can send you the modification, it does not live online.

August 6, 2021 3:21 PM from Rosemary Lockett to everyone: If I recipient didn't get a spending plan (just barely past the 20%), can we still sit in on the webinar next week to help us plan for the 80% goal?

August 6, 2021 3:22 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Rosemary - absolutely - you're welcome to join

August 6, 2021 3:23 PM from Lisa Snipes to everyone: Definitely committed!

August 6, 2021 3:23 PM from james irby to everyone: James D. Irby Jr. ESG program ccordinator, SC Gov. Office of Economic Opportunity

August 6, 2021 3:23 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Thank you Marlisa

August 6, 2021 3:24 PM from Debra Hendren to everyone: Very mcuh appreciate the CDC updated!

August 6, 2021 3:25 PM from Tamara Stewart to everyone: We have a nonprofit legal agency in our community who worked hard on preventing homelessness during COVID and the moratorium. How can this nonprofit use ESG-CV funds as a subrecipient. I'm not sure if you answered the question earlier.

August 6, 2021 3:29 PM from Peter Barrios to everyone: Is there a link to the HUD furniture notice?

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August 6, 2021 3:30 PM from micah chen to everyone: Joined late. Regarding RRH Landlord Incentive for EHV - Specifically we would like to reimburse landlords for HQS inspection repairs. Does this Qualify?

August 6, 2021 3:30 PM from Kristin Delcamp to everyone: I don't think this has been addressed: We have a nonprofit legal agency in our community who worked hard on preventing homelessness during COVID and the moratorium. How can this nonprofit use ESG-CV funds as a subrecipient. I'm not sure if you answered the question earlier.

August 6, 2021 3:30 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Tamara - ESG-CV funds can be used to provide legal services that are necessary to help someone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness (meeting the definitions in the ESG rule) obtain or maintain housing. The recent ESG-CV notice provided flexibility to permit providers to provide legal services under HP without having to conduct HQS or habitability inspections. If you have more specific questions about how this works in your community please submit an AAQ

August 6, 2021 3:31 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Peter - the ESG-CV Notice 21-08 covers furniture at III.E.3.i.

August 6, 2021 3:31 PM from Kristin Delcamp to everyone: Thank you.

August 6, 2021 3:31 PM from Helene Schneider to everyone: Well said, Norm. Thank you, everyone.

August 6, 2021 3:31 PM from Amber Lewis to everyone: While waiting on our Substantial Amendment to be approved for new allowable esg-cv activities, can we still incur those costs and reimburse later once officially approved?

August 6, 2021 3:31 PM from Peter Barrios to everyone: Thank you Marlisa :)

August 6, 2021 3:31 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Thanks Norm and SNAPS team!

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August 6, 2021 3:31 PM from Julie Steiner to everyone: NORM...so great of you to message this...really strong and important message

August 6, 2021 3:31 PM from Jeremy Hirsch to everyone: THANK YOU!

August 6, 2021 3:32 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Micah - no, you can't reimburse landlords for HQS inspections repairs, but you could offer a landlord incentive to help a household *obtain* housing that a landlord is free to use for repairs if they choose