

**COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A
December 4th, 2020**

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December 4, 2020 2:30 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: Hello Everyone!

December 4, 2020 2:30 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: To join the webinar via the phone, please call in using:

+1-415-655-0002 Access code: 610 976 677

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

December 4, 2020 2:31 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: Contingency Management is an Evidence Based Practice that typically uses small incentives for substance users who test free of drugs. Participants draw a slip of paper to win a prize worth between \$1 and \$100 or sometimes half the slips have an encouraging message. Could CoC projects that wish to try applying this model to encourage participants to get a COVID test, pay for prizes (not cash or gift cards) under the Services BLI? Assuming the testing provider is a licensed medical professional, would it be eligible under:

§ 578.53 Supportive services.

Outpatient health services. Eligible costs are the direct outpatient treatment of medical conditions when provided by licensed medical professionals including: (ii) Assisting individuals to understand their health needs; (iii) Providing directly or assisting individuals to obtain and utilize appropriate medical treatment;

Anyone who gets the test not just negative tests could participate in a COVID safe version of a "drawing." P

December 4, 2020 2:34 PM from Shonda Gray to everyone: If a state isn't able to spend all of its ESG-CV funds but has expended all admin funds, will it be required to repay a portion of the admin funds?

December 4, 2020 2:36 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Lauren - No. the prizes would not be an eligible cost under the supportive services BLI of a CoC Program grant. It's an interesting idea to add to our list of things to consider, though.

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December 4, 2020 2:36 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: OK. Thanks. Unfortunate. Thanks for considering for future.

December 4, 2020 2:38 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Shonda, no there isn't a requirement to repay admin funds if the full grant amount hasn't been expended.

December 4, 2020 2:39 PM from Shonda Gray to everyone: Thanks, Marlisa.

December 4, 2020 2:40 PM from Harvinder Kaur Makkar to everyone: Do we have the final date that the ESG CARES funds must be used by? We are still waiting to receive the agreement for the second round of funding from HUD.

December 4, 2020 2:40 PM from carol borrego to everyone: Can a County pay for administration costs for a subrecipient for prorated share of audits, financial statements, related to ESG-CV rental assistance program? If yes under what category are these costs eligible? Case Management? HMIS?

December 4, 2020 2:40 PM from Stacy Tarpley to everyone: Once the CDC Moratorium expires we expect to see a large number of households reaching out for prevention assistance. ESG regs only allow us to cover 6 months of arrears. Has HUD considered waiving this?

December 4, 2020 2:40 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Harvinder - yes, all ESG-CV funds must be expended by September 30, 2022.

December 4, 2020 2:41 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: Looking for some information on the flexibility of CDBG prevention fund. Specifically, do we have to prove the person lost income due to covid. We are thinking about a lot of people who lost income for other reasons and COVID has made it difficult to get income in other ways. OR people have taken out other loans to pay rent. Are we able to help these sorts of people.

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December 4, 2020 2:42 PM from Jen Theneman to everyone: Will there be a media campaign to talk about these things, as well as address people of color's reluctance due to feeling like they were treated as guinea pigs with vaccines in the past?

December 4, 2020 2:42 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Carol - it sounds like you're describing admin costs as opposed to overhead costs associated with the RRH component. In that case, you as the recipient could subaward admin funds to your subrecipient.

December 4, 2020 2:43 PM from Marion Goulbourne to everyone: Can an agency use ESG funds to provide rental assistance if a participant that was enrolled in an ESG Project in one state wanted to move to a property outside of the agency's funded state?

December 4, 2020 2:43 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: people who have tested positive for antibodies, are they going to be last to get vaccinated.

December 4, 2020 2:44 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: * even if they are in a high risk group/emergency shelter workers

December 4, 2020 2:44 PM from Harvinder Kaur Makkar to everyone: Thanks Marlisa

December 4, 2020 2:44 PM from Greta Guarton to everyone: How can we advocate for homeless persons, shelter workers and other homeless staff to be prioritized for vaccines?

December 4, 2020 2:44 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Marion - are you asking whether the ESG recipient in County A can use their County A funds to pay for someone to be housed in County B (which is in another state)?

December 4, 2020 2:44 PM from carol borrego to everyone: ESG regulation says the recipient can use administration funds. The reg does not say subrecipient.

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December 4, 2020 2:46 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Carol - recipients can share admin funds. States are required to share admin funds with their subs that are local governments.

December 4, 2020 2:46 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: I've been trying to find a citation for this, but was unable to: Where does it say ESG-CV Prevention requires the client to have housing instability due to covid? And does that apply to ESG-CV RRH, too?

December 4, 2020 2:47 PM from Avery Slyker to everyone: Could someone explain why a SSVF project would state "due to COVID 19, when resources are adequate to assist all Veterans eligible for RRH through the SSVF program, there is no need to prioritize households"?

December 4, 2020 2:47 PM from Brian Postlewait to everyone: Will CDC be prioritizing persons in congregate shelters? Sorry, if this was answered, I was late to the call?

December 4, 2020 2:47 PM from William Higgins to everyone: We are AT that point already here in Maine, with no shelter space and people turned away. There have been some in hotels, but some worn out welcome there. Here in Portland about 100 camping out, and about 150 in Bangor, Maine.

December 4, 2020 2:49 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Andrea - to be eligible for ESG-CV prevention the individual or family needs to meet the definition of at risk of homelessness or Category 2 or 3 of the homeless definition (and Category 4 where they are also living in a location of Category 2 or 3). Many of the criteria for those definitions are related to housing instability, but you aren't going to find that term in particular in the eligibility requirements.

December 4, 2020 2:50 PM from Shonda Gray to everyone: Is there any guidance on documenting annual ESG funds that have been used to provide COVID-19 related services?

December 4, 2020 2:50 PM from carol borrego to everyone: The regulation refers to recipients and subrecipients in other sections but not in the administration section.

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December 4, 2020 2:51 PM from Brian Postlewait to everyone: You can confirm that Emergency Shelters are included in definition of Congregate Living Environments?

December 4, 2020 2:51 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Shonda - we provided some general guidance in the ESG-CV Notice webinar. We also have a guidance document in the works that would provide additional information on documentation.

December 4, 2020 2:51 PM from William Higgins to everyone: e are seeing about 30 percent more homeless veterans, with identifications about 2 times number housed on the rolling 90 day averages. We have a significant proportion of homeless veterans in the hotels or transitional programs.

December 4, 2020 2:52 PM from Marion Goulbourne to everyone: Brett, for example, if a client is enrolled in Georgia but wants to move to a unit in Alabama, can the Georgia agency pay rental assistance for the unit in Alabama

December 4, 2020 2:52 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Any light to shed on potential for fed legislation that may pass, that includes lingo for simple renewals for FY2020 NOFA?

December 4, 2020 2:53 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Suzie - no updates for the FY 2020 NOFA (or potential legislation)

December 4, 2020 2:54 PM from Elizabeth Perez to everyone: We have been receiving inquiries from grantees whose FY2019 grant ends in the first quarter of the year. We reviewed the expedited grant amendment process as an option to share with them but under the items that can be amended, it states extension of operating years apply to the 2018 grants as the latest extended operating end date are allowed to extend to 12/31/20. Could 2019 grants also extend until 12/31/21?

December 4, 2020 2:54 PM from Nick Cassaro to everyone: where can we find these info graphics?

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December 4, 2020 2:55 PM from Jill Spangler to everyone: @Ebony - Can you say more about timing? My understanding is the NOFA language is in the currently considered stimulus bill. How long do we have in order to meet current law? In other words, is it likely there will be some kind of January deadline for CoCs to complete a whole or amended application?

December 4, 2020 2:56 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: @nick
https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6193/covid19-homeless-system-response-winter-planning-resources/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=31c18483ff-SNAPS-COVID-19-Digest-12-1-2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-31c18483ff-19497317

December 4, 2020 2:56 PM from William Higgins to everyone: We are Significantly behind the curve on coordinated entry (ie little coordination, few open beds statewide, towns NOT providing general assistance to help prevent homelessness or place those in need themselves. In the past Portland, ME had been a hub serving all, expanding as needed, and had no limit on time of service. The goal is to have no deaths on streets over the colder winter of course. This winter shelters are closing and warming centers will not all be available. Several areas of the state will have no resources at all.

December 4, 2020 2:56 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Marion - thanks for the clarification! In general yes, a recipient can help someone who is eligible for RRH or HP assistance from their jurisdiction outside of their jurisdiction at the program participant's request. But, you have to be able to meet all of the program requirements (e.g., habitability inspections and case management and re-evaluations).

December 4, 2020 2:57 PM from Isaiah Rich-Wimmer to everyone: I'm not sure if this has been addressed yet, is there any update on the CoC Competition? Thanks.

December 4, 2020 2:58 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Elizabeth - this is something that we're working on, but it hasn't been built into the expedited grant agreement amendment forms yet. In the meantime you can reach out to your field office to explore options.

December 4, 2020 2:59 PM from Betty Liu to everyone: We'd also interested in the response to Stacy's question on HP: "Once the CDC Moratorium expires we expect to see a large

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number of households reaching out for prevention assistance. ESG regs only allow us to cover 6 months of arrears. Has HUD considered waiving this?"

December 4, 2020 2:59 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: @Brett, thank you, how does that translate to ESG-CV RHH, when screening through coordinated entry, should we add some sort of COVID screen to see if we should use regular ESG - RRH or ESG-CV RRH?

December 4, 2020 2:59 PM from Lisa Worth to everyone: If a client was receiving rental assistance through 2019 annual ESG funds then began receiving rental assistance through CRF because the agency expended all of their annual ESG funds, can they remain open as an ESG client and be assisted again with annual ESG funds when the agency receives their 2021 funds?

December 4, 2020 2:59 PM from William Higgins to everyone: No way beds are 6 feet.. lucky if one at Oxford Street shelter. Issues as well when people leave building to smoke.

December 4, 2020 3:01 PM from William Higgins to everyone: City of Portland trying to find alternate spaces, but the places want 2 year leases.

December 4, 2020 3:02 PM from William Higgins to everyone: Portland, Maine.. not Oregon.

December 4, 2020 3:02 PM from Nick Cassaro to everyone: is that Winter Shelter Planning the one that will be published Monday? I don't see it.

December 4, 2020 3:02 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Nick Yes

December 4, 2020 3:02 PM from Michelle Herrera to everyone: I would assume that some type of partition in between each bed will suffice for the six feet distance .\

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December 4, 2020 3:03 PM from Greer Hannan to everyone: If a city or state allocated all of its ESG-CV funds by Dec. 30, but then a subgrantee later returns funds that it is unable to spend, can the city or state re-allocate those unspent funds to another subgrantee? Or are those funds considered expired, because all funds had to be allocated by Dec. 30?

December 4, 2020 3:04 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Do all ESG-CV funds need to be allocated by a certain date?

December 4, 2020 3:04 PM from William Higgins to everyone: As one with personal lived experience, I am afraid that many of the homeless will die of exposure this winter, with no reason other than individuals NOT doing their JOBS.

December 4, 2020 3:05 PM from Jill Spangler to everyone: @William - Is your CoC getting any kind of technical assistance from the HUD regional team or anyone else?

December 4, 2020 3:05 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Andrea - the eligibility criteria for prevention in ESG-CV is generally the same as annual ESG except the income requirement is below very low income instead of 30% of AMI. In general, as long as you can document at the activity level that the funds are necessary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus you shouldn't need an additional screener at coordinated entry just for the purposes of parsing out regular ESG or ESG-CV.

December 4, 2020 3:06 PM from William Higgins to everyone: We already have many overflow spaces that will not be available (permanently closed).

December 4, 2020 3:07 PM from Shonda Gray to everyone: Is there any guidance on hazard pay (who is eligible, how do you structure it, ex. bonus, increased hourly rate)?

December 4, 2020 3:08 PM from Toni Strutz to everyone: Can a CoC use their Planning grant funds to buy technology equipment to assist with their PIT count? Thinking tablets.

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December 4, 2020 3:08 PM from Amanda Sternberg to everyone: Does the ability to move outside of the CoC jurisdiction also apply to CoC RRH or CoC PSH?

December 4, 2020 3:09 PM from Meghan Leigh to everyone: Is there any update on the CoC waivers that are set to expire on December 31, 2020?

December 4, 2020 3:09 PM from Claire Shanahan to everyone: Is a new megawaiver memorandum going to be issued soon covering the CoC program regulatory flexibility?

December 4, 2020 3:09 PM from William Higgins to everyone: Here in Maine there is only one CoC...

December 4, 2020 3:10 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Claire - another megawaiver is on our radar, particularly for those flexibilities that are set to expire at the end of the month. But if you have new things you'd like us to consider please go ahead and let us know in the chat.

December 4, 2020 3:11 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Meghan - no update yet, but it's on our radar!

December 4, 2020 3:11 PM from Amanda Slater to everyone: Was an update given for YHDP NOFA?

December 4, 2020 3:12 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Amanda - there is no update for the YHDP NOFA

December 4, 2020 3:12 PM from Claire Shanahan to everyone: Our CoC is content with the specific flexibilities they have already become familiar with in previous waivers. I recommend including language specifying that past flexibilities will continue, in some instances previous points of flexibility were not mentioned in the 9/30/20 waiver but they were still valid and able to be applied for - just a suggestion

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- December 4, 2020 3:12 PM from Claire Shanahan to everyone: for clarity
- December 4, 2020 3:14 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: @Claire - Thank you.
- December 4, 2020 3:15 PM from Meghan Leigh to everyone: @Brett--thank you!
- December 4, 2020 3:16 PM from Danielle Meister to everyone: We really love the summary of waivers and flexibilities that was released—is it possible for that to be amended to clarify which of those allowances are automatic vs. need to notify the HUD field office? Thanks!
- December 4, 2020 3:16 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: what is the obligation deadline?
- December 4, 2020 3:16 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Agree with Claire re waiver language - thanks Norm
- December 4, 2020 3:16 PM from Kali Adams to everyone: A Program Participant receiving assistance under ESG CARES could transition to receive assistance under ESG annual funds without having to use the ESG annual funds for Covid, correct? For example if a Sub runs out of CARES funds but has ESG annual funds, or if a Program Participant reaches the 12 month max of rental assistance but still needs assistance as could be assisted under ESG annual which allows up to 24 months.
- December 4, 2020 3:17 PM from Toni Strutz to everyone: Thank you Norm and William!!!
- December 4, 2020 3:17 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: PIT Count Office Hours sign up links:
- December 15 3-4:30pm EST <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/2021-pit-count-office-hours-december-15/>
- January 12 3-4:30pm EST <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/2021-pit-count-office-hours-january-12/>

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December 4, 2020 3:18 PM from Shonda Gray to everyone: If annual ESG funds are used to respond to the coronavirus, is a substantial amendment to the program year's annual action plan required?

December 4, 2020 3:18 PM from Nick Cassaro to everyone: thank you

December 4, 2020 3:18 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Apologies for being late, we had a reporting call with the State. Were there any NOFA updates?

Q&A Session for COVID-19 Office Hours

Session number: 610976677

Date: Friday, December 4, 2020

Starting time: 1:43 PM

-Thomas Bates - 3:18 PM

Q: Apologies for being late, we had a reporting call with the State. Were there any NOFA updates?

Priority: N/A-