

COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A February 26th, 2021

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February 26, 2021 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)

February 26, 2021 2:34 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone:
https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7008a3.htm?s_cid=mm7008a3_w

February 26, 2021 2:35 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>

February 26, 2021 2:35 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/vaccination-guidance.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/vaccine-faqs.html>

February 26, 2021 2:36 PM from Catherine Huang to everyone: Has there been any movement on vaccines for those under the age of 16?

February 26, 2021 2:40 PM from Tarra McFadden to everyone: Any guidance for evaluating project performance during COVID? We are looking at our scoring tools for our local CoC competition and wondering if we need to adjust.

February 26, 2021 2:40 PM from Nick Cassaro to everyone: can we have the FAQ in the chat?

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February 26, 2021 2:40 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: any update on a possible standalone CoC DV Bonus NOFA for the 2020 DV Bonus funding?

February 26, 2021 2:40 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone:
<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program>

February 26, 2021 2:40 PM from Sheldon Good to everyone: For Peggy: Is first/last/security deposit an eligible expense under the financial assistance portion of the ERA funding?

February 26, 2021 2:41 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: @Lauren: No final decision on DV Bonus funding, but likely to be included in the 2021 CoC NOFA.

February 26, 2021 2:42 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: Thanks Norm!

February 26, 2021 2:43 PM from Kim Murillo to everyone: Do providers have to do any sort of inspection before issuing a hotel/motel voucher under the Permanent Emergency Shelter activity?

February 26, 2021 2:44 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: @Tarra--we don't have anything regarding evaluating project performance during COVID. We'll see if we can provide something on a future Office Hours.

February 26, 2021 2:45 PM from Heather Notter to everyone: For ERAP is verbal client attestation over the phone and documented by the case manager allowable for eligibility, or is written attestation physically signed by the client required?

February 26, 2021 2:45 PM from Greer Hannan to everyone: Any update on extending the HUD CoC waivers expiring on March 31?

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February 26, 2021 2:45 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Kim - Please stay tuned...we are working on confirming the response to this question.

February 26, 2021 2:45 PM from Kim Murillo to everyone: Ok, thank you @Marlisa!

February 26, 2021 2:46 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: Sorry I am late. ERAP is Treasury Funds or something else?

February 26, 2021 2:46 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Alex - yes.

February 26, 2021 2:46 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: thank you

February 26, 2021 2:46 PM from Tarra McFadden to everyone: Thank you, Norm!

February 26, 2021 2:46 PM from William Snow to everyone: ERAP = Emergency Rental Assistance Program (funded by Treasury)

February 26, 2021 2:47 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: Can people who are literally homeless be eligible for ERAP to get into housing if they get a lease? If they don't get a lease? In any way?

February 26, 2021 2:50 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: Yes, a great opportunity!

February 26, 2021 2:50 PM from David Stevens to all panelists: from Vernet Sherrill to all attendees: 2:49 PM

Can the undocumented be served with ERAP?

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February 26, 2021 2:51 PM from Lori Pampilo Harris to everyone: @Peggy Thank you for the intentionality and acknowledgement of the uniqueness of how these funds could be used in Indian Country, for tribal members and those tribes with nation within a nation status. The clarification in the recent FAQ is very valuable.

February 26, 2021 2:52 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: The scale is challenging to conceptualize: 25 million seconds= 289 days/ 25 billion seconds = 792 years.

February 26, 2021 2:52 PM from Judy Perlman to everyone: The FAQ seems to make it possible to assist households that do not have a formal lease in place (paying roommates, etc.) This seems crucial to stabilize many tenants! Please clarify how this can be done -- thanks

February 26, 2021 2:52 PM from Wendy Tippet to everyone: Is there a lease requirement for the payment of 1st last and security?

February 26, 2021 2:53 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: How can we request TA on the Treasury funding?

February 26, 2021 2:55 PM from Kexin Ma to everyone: If someone do not have income before Covid and cannot pay rent during covid, would they be eligible for Treasury assistance?

February 26, 2021 2:56 PM from David Stevens to all panelists: from Vernet Sherrill to all attendees: 2:52 PM

Did the FY20 CoC awards include increases in admin for each project or was it limited to rental assistance? Is the increases in rental assistance based off the FY21 FMR for each unit in a project?

February 26, 2021 2:58 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Vernet - per the statute, HUD provides an FMR bump each year for rental assistance. We also provide an FMR bump for leasing and operating budget line items in permanent housing projects. HUD does not provide increases in admin. We used the FY2021 FMR for the FMR increase to the FY2020 grants.

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February 26, 2021 2:58 PM from Teresa Holmes to everyone: Will there be any future trainings or additional information regarding FY20 CoC Award?

February 26, 2021 3:00 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Teresa - HUD does not plan on providing additional trainings regarding the FY2020 CoC Awards. Is there something specific you are hoping to see from HUD?

February 26, 2021 3:03 PM from Michelle Herrera to everyone: During COVID are we able to use RRH with clients who have Section 8 and moving to a new apartment?

February 26, 2021 3:03 PM from Avery Slyker to everyone: @William Snow training ideas/TA our CoC is very concerned with System Performance Measures for the upcoming year, as they are following the same trends as last year. Also monitoring CoC funded projects during the pandemic, what & how would be great.

February 26, 2021 3:03 PM from Kexin Ma to everyone: Is there additional documentation requirement /restrictions for situation that landlord and tenant are related for the treasury fund?

February 26, 2021 3:04 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Avery - very helpful. We will see what we can do in that regard. We understand the pandemic throws a wrench in the performance analysis (among other things). Please look to the FY2021 NOFA to address some of those questions.

February 26, 2021 3:05 PM from Avery Slyker to everyone: @William Snow Thank you!

February 26, 2021 3:06 PM from Teresa Holmes to everyone: @William- Thank you for the information. No, we just wanted to make sure if there's any additional need-to-know. No, I am not looking for anything specific from HUD, thank you.

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February 26, 2021 3:07 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to everyone: John, what are the types of NCS you are utilizing - apartments, motels?

February 26, 2021 3:07 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Michelle - the response likely depends on the circumstances prompting the client's move to a new apartment

February 26, 2021 3:09 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Rehousing-Out-of-Non-Congregate-Shelter-Maximizing-Placements.pdf>

February 26, 2021 3:14 PM from David Stevens to all panelists: from Chris OHara to all attendees: 3:13 PM

will there be a way to make sure that FEMA continues to fund shelters or hotel rooms? If so, is there going to be additional funding in the next Cares Act Funding that is in the House of Representatives currently?

February 26, 2021 3:14 PM from Kexin Ma to everyone: For SPM, our vendor updated Measure 1 and using a different report tool vs measure 3 and so now these two measures are not comparable. Just want to make HUD aware.

February 26, 2021 3:15 PM from Karen Byron to everyone: @Martha did case management follow those placed in hotels through the system to PH and after?

February 26, 2021 3:15 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Kexin - thanks for sharing that.

February 26, 2021 3:16 PM from Robbie Keen to everyone: @Karen Byron, I work with Martha and Tyra and yes we had case managers located at the hotels.

February 26, 2021 3:17 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Chris, Category B Emergency Protective Measures (of which NCS is one) is tied to the duration of the relevant disaster.

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Critical to utilizing the resource is using it as an opportunity to establish flow into more sustainable housing options. TA is available to assist communities with establishing flow which allows for communities to calibrate the scale of the NCS to the current needs.

February 26, 2021 3:18 PM from Shaye Rabold to everyone: Amazing coordination, New Orleans and LA!

February 26, 2021 3:18 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: Woohoo GOHSEP!

February 26, 2021 3:19 PM from Chris OHara to everyone: How many people was the New Orleans CoC able to move on into housing authority? what can. be done to encourage other local housing authorities to work with moving on programs? Does HUD grade those housing authorities on cooperation with their local CoCs?

February 26, 2021 3:20 PM from Branden Lewis to everyone: Can you share the Moving On assessment for you use?

February 26, 2021 3:20 PM from Caroline Crouse to everyone: @Chris OHara: if you would like to learn more about Moving On, there is a great web series coming up on implementing Moving On in communities: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/moving-on-webinar-series/>

February 26, 2021 3:24 PM from Caroline Crouse to everyone: @Chris OHara- in terms of whether local Housing Authorities are encouraged ot work with Moving on, there's no specific encouragement, but Moving On can really help with voucher utilization, which they are rated on. This is particularly true for Mainstream Vouchers, for which Moving On is an eligible category and need some help increasing lease-up

February 26, 2021 3:25 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: Can I be honest and say that the ongoing direction to center racial justice in systems that are steeped in white supremacy often feels futile when the processes, program requirements, program limitations, and access to address those benefit white people above BIPoC people. I know this is spoken to and don't have answers aside from specific policies that benefit BIPoC people above populations based on recognition of racial equity.

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Not just language that says to do it without the power to make sweeping change. I think we all, and you all at HUD, need to take some deep, honest dives in to your direction of "racial equity" without addressing your own policies/laws that further racial injustice. One question that comes up for me, are you checking a box for good optics or truly driving systems towards equity? And this isn't binary, it could be both. However it often feels very one sided. That the CoC is responsible without resources/pathways to truly accomplish the task.

February 26, 2021 3:25 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: or neither

February 26, 2021 3:27 PM from Robbie Keen to everyone: In New Orleans we have 89 individuals and families using the Moving Own Voucher.

February 26, 2021 3:27 PM from Connie Sanderson to everyone: Our community also used hotels to decompress the shelters and continue to do so as needed. Depending on the physical setup of the shelters, shelters are currently operating at anywhere from 50 - 80% capacity so they can continue to follow social distancing guidelines. They are now facing serious financial issues; reimbursement in many of the shelters here is based on a per diem rate. Our

February 26, 2021 3:27 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: Yes. I think the vouchers also say "at risk of homelessness"? Which means they don't have to reserve them for people who are literally homeless. Right?

February 26, 2021 3:27 PM from Latesha Balam to everyone: @Robbie- thank you for sharing! That is great.

February 26, 2021 3:28 PM from Robbie Keen to everyone: And 31 Moving On Vouchers in Jefferson Parish

February 26, 2021 3:28 PM from Connie Sanderson to everyone: Our ESG recipients are willing to bridge funding to the shelters as they are able to, but it isn't going to be able to keep them afloat with just ESG.

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February 26, 2021 3:28 PM from Caroline Crouse to everyone: @Martha- this is great to hear! HUD has created some products on Moving on that might be helpful and we are always looking for effective ways to do TA. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/moving-on/>

February 26, 2021 3:29 PM from Branden Lewis to everyone: Is there a requirement to show COVID hardship for use of ESG-CV funds?

February 26, 2021 3:29 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Shawn - thank you so much for your feedback. You are right, it is important for SNAPS to look at all of the systems that impact people experiencing homelessness. You are right there is a lot that the homeless system doesn't own that contributes to the racial disparities in the homeless system. We are committed to looking at our internal systems and to use our platform to address what we can in order to work to ensure that people experiencing homelessness aren't receiving disparate outcomes solely due to their race/ethnicity. We welcome continued comments, pushback, suggestions and feedback. I appreciate you and your input.

February 26, 2021 3:30 PM from Caroline Crouse to everyone: @Alex- There are three eligible categories for people to receive the new Special Purpose Vouchers: Homeless, at-risk of homelessness, and fleeing domestic violence.

February 26, 2021 3:30 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: Thank you

February 26, 2021 3:31 PM from Jessica Pauley to everyone: Would ESG-CV funds be able to help someone affected by COVID-19 move into government housing in the form of paying deposit and first month rent?

February 26, 2021 3:32 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Branden - to use the ESG-CV funds the recipient must simply show they are being used to prepare for, prevent, and respond to COVID-19.

February 26, 2021 3:32 PM from Branden Lewis to everyone: @William--I thought so. Thank you!

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February 26, 2021 3:32 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: Thank you @Lisa Coffman, the fact is people are and have been receiving disparate outcomes and we don't need any more studies to show that. Perhaps funding to each State that allows for a Equity/Justice position that can focus on this issue across the country and work in collaboration with each other to move states in the right direction?

February 26, 2021 3:34 PM from Latesha Balam to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Initial-Vaccine-Planning-Data-Considerations-for-Homeless-Systems.pdf>

February 26, 2021 3:34 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: In order to meet the 240 days to obligate funds requirement of Notice 20 - 08, does the use of funds outlined in IDIS and the Action Plan meet the obligation requirements, or must signed contracts with subrecipients to carry out the activities be in place to consider the obligation section sufficiently met?

February 26, 2021 3:34 PM from Latesha Balam to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Data-Collection-Options-for-COVID-19-Vaccines.pdf>

February 26, 2021 3:34 PM from Latesha Balam to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Vaccination-Data-HMIS-and-IIS-Alignment.pdf>

February 26, 2021 3:35 PM from Chris OHara to everyone: what is IDIS stand for?

February 26, 2021 3:35 PM from Latesha Balam to everyone: @Chris- Integrated Disbursement Information System

February 26, 2021 3:36 PM from Chris OHara to everyone: thanks

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February 26, 2021 3:37 PM from Brian Roccapiore (he/him) to everyone: All your vaccine related data needs can be found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6229/covid19-homeless-system-response-vaccine-planning-and-distribution/> - and updates will be in the upcoming vaccine / COVID-19 newsletter(s)

February 26, 2021 3:38 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Jessica - it's possible if an eligible program participant does not have the same cost already covered by another funding source (e.g., first month's rent not covered by public housing voucher)

February 26, 2021 3:38 PM from Jessica Pauley to everyone: @Marlisa - thank you

February 26, 2021 3:39 PM from Jessica Pauley to everyone: @Marlisa - does this count for normal e

February 26, 2021 3:39 PM from Jessica Pauley to everyone: does this count for normal ESG funds as well?

February 26, 2021 3:39 PM from David Stevens to all panelists: from Andrea Hurley to all attendees: 3:39 PM

If someone didn't have income before COVID, and throughout covid was unable to increase income and cannot pay rent during COVID, would they be eligible for the Treasury Assistance? As well, are there any restrictions to landlords and tenants being related?

February 26, 2021 3:41 PM from David Stevens to all panelists: from Chris OHara to all attendees: 3:40 PM

would people who haven't collected the first economic payment of 1200 dollars, still be able to collect those funds?

February 26, 2021 3:41 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: Thank you!

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February 26, 2021 3:41 PM from Rebekah Zahn-Pittser to everyone: Thank you!

February 26, 2021 3:41 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: Obligation requirements; 24 CFR 576.203

February 26, 2021 3:42 PM from David Stevens to all panelists: from Caleb Green to all attendees: 3:41 PM

Any update on the new YHDP competition?

February 26, 2021 3:42 PM from S H to everyone:What's the timing for the 2020 CoC grant agreement process.

February 26, 2021 3:42 PM from mINTA Walker to everyone: You may claim those economic recovery funds on the 1040 tax return for last year.

February 26, 2021 3:43 PM from Caroline Crouse to everyone: @Caleb- we don't yet have a date for the YHDP NOFA, but we do have a number of new resources that have been published to the HUD Exchange that may help as you're thinking about the application phase:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-homeless-youth/resources-for-homeless-youth-service-providers/#youth-collaboration> and
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/yhdp/community-resources/#resources>

February 26, 2021 3:43 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Jessica - yet - the same would apply for annual ESG funds

February 26, 2021 3:44 PM from William Higgins to everyone: The November EIP deadline was for immediate, but people can still file for the same process that is being used for the second Economic Impacts payment.

February 26, 2021 3:44 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: Barrier: It doesn't seem we can use ESG-CV funds to fund that type of position even though all of these presentations present

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this is a primary factor/problem. It appears there are issues related to systemic racism that do not allow different funds to be allocated to truly address this issue. (I may be wrong about that because I'm not an expert on ESG, but I'd assume this would be explored thoroughly if it was an option.) Or some other way to address this directly and throughly.

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3:44 PM

from Maria Davis to everyone:

Thank you, Snappers!