

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

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February 5, 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 5, 2021                      2:34 PM                      from Natalie Matthews (she/her) to everyone:                      Links to CDC resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/vaccination-guidance.html>

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

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

February 5, 2021                      2:35 PM                      from Sue Watlov Phillips to everyone: Sue Watlov Phillips- Can CDC links be put into chat?

February 5, 2021                      2:36 PM                      from Sherri Downing to everyone:                      Hey Sue Watlov Phillips -- nice to see your name!

February 5, 2021                      2:38 PM                      from Martha Montgomery to everyone:                      ACIP Meeting information: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/index.html#tabs-2-3>

February 5, 2021                      2:39 PM                      from Shonda Gray to everyone:                      Language in the CDC Eviction Moratorium extension suggests that persons should seek ESG assistance prior to requesting the protection offered by the moratorium. Does this mean that ESG funds can be used for homelessness prevention assistance during the extension?

February 5, 2021                      2:39 PM                      from Stacey Matthews to everyone:                      Hi and welcome Jamie and Diana!!!

February 5, 2021                      2:39 PM                      from Mary Frances Kenion (she/her) to everyone:                      Good to see you Jamie!

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February 5, 2021      2:40 PM      from Bridgett Moore to everyone:      Hi Jamie and Diana,  
Glad to you see!

February 5, 2021      2:43 PM      from Bridgett Moore to everyone:      Sorry, meant to say  
"Glad to see you" LOL

February 5, 2021      2:45 PM      from Jamie Ergas to everyone:      Vaccine Administration  
Management System: <https://vams.cdc.gov/vaccineportal/s/landingpage>

February 5, 2021      2:46 PM      from Stacey Matthews to everyone:      Did the portal collect  
the information you needed to give the Health Department? Pre-existing condition, mother's maiden  
name, etc...

February 5, 2021      2:50 PM      from Sharon Price Singer to everyone: amazing work! Thanks  
for sharing

February 5, 2021      2:51 PM      from Norm Suchar to everyone:      @Shonda, nothing has  
changed about our guidance on eligibility for ESG homelessness prevention during an eviction  
moratorium.

February 5, 2021      2:51 PM      from Catherine Huang to everyone:      What are some  
practices being implemented to ensure being able to locate clients for the 2nd dose, especially for those  
unsheltered

February 5, 2021      2:52 PM      from Sue Watlov Phillips to everyone:      Sue Watlov  
Phillips: Do people need to have picture i.d to be vaccinated?

February 5, 2021      2:52 PM      from Stacey Matthews to everyone:      Thanks Jamie and  
Diana!!!! You guys did great. Always happy to see my local folx sharing their insight and experiences :)

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February 5, 2021      2:52 PM      from Jack Moran to everyone:      That was great, thank you!

February 5, 2021      2:53 PM      from Mellena Martinez to everyone:      Hello, I work with RRH and prevention grants and have a question regarding counting the extra \$300 a week from Pandemic Unemployment Assistance towards gross income? For example, I have a participant who makes \$352 a week in regular unemployment, plus the extra \$300 a week. This puts them over 50% AMI.

February 5, 2021      2:53 PM      from Thomas Bates to everyone:      If we are a non-entitlement area and our state has yet to release the second round of funding (though we've applied for them), are we at risk of losing those funds?

February 5, 2021      2:53 PM      from Kelsey Addy to everyone:      What is HUD's recommendation for spending funding, given eviction moratoria prevents using prevention funding and has resulted in very low vacancy rate that makes it hard to spend RRH?

February 5, 2021      2:53 PM      from Lauren Pareti to everyone:      Will there be an opportunity to consolidate and/or make component type changes to grants awarded for 2020, e.g., through a grant agreement amendment?

February 5, 2021      2:54 PM      from Beth Lavalley to everyone:      If a client reaches the 12 limit of rental assistance with ESG Cares Act funding and still needs assistance can they be transferred to a regular ESG program?

February 5, 2021      2:54 PM      from Bridgett Moore to everyone:      Since there are cases surrounding the debate of the mask wearing, is the organization experiencing individuals showing up without a mask? If so, what measures in place for addressing this issue?

February 5, 2021      2:54 PM      from Ashley Mann-McLellan to everyone:      Besides quickly obligating funds, how do communities need to proceed if they have passed their obligation date? Do they need to get an extension from HUD, or another action?

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February 5, 2021      2:55 PM      from Lauren Pareti to everyone:      Receiving the CoC awards in an excel file and with grant #'s was super helpful! Can we get the information that way moving forward

February 5, 2021      2:55 PM      from Sue Watlov Phillips to everyone:      Sue Watlov Phillips Because of CARES funding needing to be spent originally by 12/30/20. Many used those funds first. I Encourage HUD to eliminate the 9/30/21 deadline and just go with 9/30/22 statutory language.

February 5, 2021      2:56 PM      from Diana Pina to everyone: @SueWatlovPhillips, picture ID is not required for the vaccine

February 5, 2021      2:57 PM      from Ebony Rankin to everyone:      @Lauren - recipients cannot consolidate projects during the grant year; there will likely be an opportunity to consolidate during the FY 2021 CoC competition. You can make changes through the normal grant amendment process - contact your local field office for more info. Yes, we can provide excel spreadsheet list of funds for future competition announcements.

February 5, 2021      2:57 PM      from Mandy Reagan to everyone:      Agree with Sue- providers are leveraging their funds and navigating varying deadlines using the tools we provided to them. Now that the December CARES deadline has passed, we are already seeing an increase in ESG-CV spending.

February 5, 2021      2:58 PM      from Diana Pina to everyone: @CatherineHuang, we are encouraging a lot communication between the nurses and outreach case managers, we are helping with transportation, sending reminders, and we are considering incentives but have not decided yet if we will use incentives

February 5, 2021      2:58 PM      from lianna to everyone:      For the vaccination campaign, can we provide stipends for client ambassadors and pay for posters and/or shirts/hats to promote vaccinations, using ESG funds?

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February 5, 2021      3:01 PM      from Allison to everyone:      Hi. I'm looking for someone who has moved from congrate to non-congrate shelter during the last year. If you have and are willing to chat please let me know!

February 5, 2021      3:02 PM      from Jack Moran to everyone:      Is it possibler for the Fairfax flyers to be shared?

February 5, 2021      3:03 PM      from Lauren Pareti to everyone:      Thanks, Ebony. Can you make a component type change e.g. RRH to PSH via a grant agreement amendment?

February 5, 2021      3:03 PM      from Stacey Matthews to everyone:      @Jack, those flyers are from the HUD site... give me a sec and I'll post here

February 5, 2021      3:04 PM      from Brett Esders to everyone:      @Lauren - No, you can't make a component change through a grant agreement amendment.

February 5, 2021      3:04 PM      from Marlisa Grogan to everyone:      @Lianna - ESG funds may be used to pay vaccine ambassadors but other promotional items (t-shirts, etc) aren't eligible ESG costs.

February 5, 2021      3:04 PM      from Lauren Pareti to everyone:      Thanks Brett. So then no opportunity to make such changes until 2021 Competition?

February 5, 2021      3:06 PM      from Brett Esders to everyone:      @Lauren - that's right. The changes covered in the regulation under the grant agreement amendment section (e.g., budget changes or subpopulation changes) can still be made through a grant agreement amendment. But, consolidations and changes made through reallocation will have to wait til 2021.

February 5, 2021      3:06 PM      from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Can ESG-CV funded emergency shelters require clients to participate in case management? Can clients be required to do chores?

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February 5, 2021      3:06 PM      from Marlisa Grogan to everyone:      @Ashley - no, recipients do not need to get an extension from HUD to continue to obligate their ESG-CV funds.

February 5, 2021      3:07 PM      from Tracy Choi to everyone: Is the time limit of using ESG-CV funds by January 31, 2022 on Emergency Shelter activities not applicable "Pre Notice" (aka HUD completed review of action plan or substantial amendment before the ESG-CV notice was released around 9/1/2020)?

February 5, 2021      3:08 PM      from Greta Rolland to everyone:      Now that FEMA is not required matching funds for congregate shelters, we want to approach the 3 counties in our regional CoC to ask them to reconsider requesting FEMA funds. I have looked at the HUD exchange and FEMA website and can't find a document we can share with our County governments. Can tell me where this is located. Thanks so much. Greta

February 5, 2021      3:08 PM      from Brett Esders to everyone:      @Sarah, no. Per the CARES Act, participants can't be required to receive treatment, or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for staying in any shelter or receiving services

February 5, 2021      3:09 PM      from Sarah Isaak to everyone: @Brett - is that the same for regular ESG as well?

February 5, 2021      3:10 PM      from Bridgett Moore to everyone:      Thank you for responding to my question on mask issue!

February 5, 2021      3:10 PM      from Stacey Matthews to everyone:      @Jack - all of the flyers and other resources can be found here - <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/>

February 5, 2021      3:10 PM      from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Can a shelter require that masks be worn? or would that be considered required activity?

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February 5, 2021                      3:11 PM                      from Shay Grier to everyone: Where would grantees bill for ambassadors? Would that be in under the training activity?

February 5, 2021                      3:11 PM                      from Amber Lewis to everyone:                      Can we (as the state grantee for ESG) make a grant directly to support Coordinated Entry? This is a huge need for our ESG-CV program, with such a high volume of calls for assistance right now.

February 5, 2021                      3:11 PM                      from David Stevens to all panelists:                      from Vernet Sherrill to all attendees:                      3:11 PM

Know this questions is outside of the content but will there be another HMIS NOFA coming out or a priority in the CoC Program NOFA for HMIS?

February 5, 2021                      3:11 PM                      from Brett Esders to everyone:                      @Sarah - for annual ESG the recipient and subrecipient have discretion in establishing local requirements and could require participation in case management or other non-disability related services. However, we would encourage providers to not put into place any requirements that would make it challenging for people to access or stay in emergency shelter.

February 5, 2021                      3:12 PM                      from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Can emergency shelter require that clients wear masks in the shelter?

February 5, 2021                      3:13 PM                      from Amber Lewis to everyone:                      We're trying to use a relatively small portion of ESG-CV funds for Shelter Rehab, something we've never done before with ESG (not for CARES Act Temporary Shelter, but for rehab to our community's existing permanent shelters). Where is the best source of guidance to make sure we're meeting all requirements?

February 5, 2021                      3:13 PM                      from Brett Esders to everyone:                      @Amber - at this time ESG-CV funds can only be used for the costs of using the coordinated entry. at this time they cannot be used to fund general operating of the coordinated entry or for upgrades.

February 5, 2021                      3:14 PM                      from Ellen Fitzpatrick to everyone:                      I have heard some discussion about the payment of landlord incentives being an administrative cost; however, the Notice

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refers to landlord incentives as housing relocation and stabilization costs. Can you provide clarity about how/why they would be considered admin instead if that is true?

February 5, 2021                      3:14 PM                      from Samantha Carpio to everyone:    Since there is there an eviction moratorium in place, what documentation do we need in order to prove At risk of homelessness to assist with homeless prevention?

February 5, 2021                      3:15 PM                      from David Stevens to all panelists:    from Kim Murillo to all attendees:    3:14 PM

Is leasing-to-own showers and office trailers an eligible expense under Emergency Shelter?

February 5, 2021                      3:16 PM                      from Samantha Carpio to everyone:    Since there is there an eviction moratorium in place, what documentation do we need in order to prove At risk of homelessness to assist with homeless prevention?

February 5, 2021                      3:16 PM                      from Anne Finn to everyone:    We have a a joint project TH-RRH and because of eviction moratorium cannot move clients in TH into RRH and therefore, cannot accept new clients into the program since have to be able to be able to present both components to a client upon enrollment?

February 5, 2021                      3:16 PM                      from Samantha Carpio to everyone:    Since there isn't a court order or judgement

February 5, 2021                      3:17 PM                      from Amber Lewis to everyone:            Given that masks are a life/safety issue for everyone (not just the person wearing them), it seems like a shelter has to have the ability to require these.

February 5, 2021                      3:17 PM                      from Mandy Wampler to everyone:    Hi~

February 5, 2021                      3:18 PM                      from sandra johnson to everyone:    Can ESG funds be used to assistance a person who is listed a life time ban sex offender



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February 5, 2021      3:18 PM      from Brett Esders to everyone:      This document summarizes what requirements apply depending on whether it's annual ESG or ESG-CV approved pre or post notice: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Summary-of-ESG-Program-Waivers-and-Alternative-Requirements.pdf>

February 5, 2021      3:19 PM      from Shonda Gray to everyone:      ++

February 5, 2021      3:19 PM      from Shaye Rabold to everyone:      ESG Waiver in 3/31/20 Memo waived 3 month re-evaluations for Prevention and allowed them to be done at 6 months. I beleive this waiver was good through 3/31/2022. I don't see anything in the ESG-CV Notice that speaks to this 3 vs. 6 month issue. Am I correct that the 3/31/20 Memo applies also to ESG-CV funds specicically for this 6 month allowance. In other words, since it's not mentioned in the Notice, that doesnt mean the 3/31/20 memo is not still effective for this particular waiver for Prevention, correct?

February 5, 2021      3:20 PM      from Marlisa Grogan to everyone:      @Sandra - yes, ESG funds can be used to assist someone who is a registered sex offender.

February 5, 2021      3:20 PM      from Carolyn Mayinja to everyone:      Is there a plan to extend the current CoC Covid Waivers beyond March 31?

February 5, 2021      3:21 PM      from Ellen Fitzpatrick to everyone:      The ESG-CV notice (page 8, section A 2) states that 24 CFR 576.202(a) is waived, but it is unclear whether the whole reg is waived or not. For example - does that waiver include the requirement that nonprofits obtain a certificate of approval from local government to fund Emergency Shelter in the community? The language doesn't specific whether only part of that specific reg is waived or the whole thing.

February 5, 2021      3:22 PM      from Marlisa Grogan to everyone:      @Shaye - the waiver for HP re-evaluations is still in effect.

February 5, 2021      3:22 PM      from Kelsey Addy to everyone:      Do Annual ESG and ESG-CV projects eligible for waiver flexibilities listed in most recent Megawaiver?

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February 5, 2021	3:22 PM	from Kelsey Addy to everyone:	Are*
February 5, 2021	3:23 PM	from Shannon Piotrowski to everyone:	Can ESG Homeless Prevention funds be used to pay for sublet rent?
February 5, 2021	3:23 PM	from Shaye Rabold to everyone:	@Marlisa - Thanks!
February 5, 2021	3:24 PM	from Brett Esders to everyone:	@Shannon - at this time, no. Right now to provide rental assistance the program participant has to have a lease with the owner of the property.
February 5, 2021	3:24 PM	from Shannon Piotrowski to everyone:	Thank you!
February 5, 2021	3:24 PM	from Amber Lewis to everyone:	How about the IDIS CAPER deadline for 2020 grants? There was a deadline extension for 2019 grants for submitting the CAPER. A 2020 extension would also be a great help. This seems especially relevant given the clear timing issues of getting out ESG-CV funds, as in many cases it's the same people working on both.
February 5, 2021	3:25 PM	from Ellen Fitzpatrick to everyone:	Thank you!
February 5, 2021	3:25 PM	from Jamie Ergas to everyone:	Glad we could share!
February 5, 2021	3:25 PM	from Kelsey Addy to everyone:	Thank you SNAPS Office! These webinars are fantastic, and I'm sure a lot of work. That being said, we would love to see them continue after COVID!
February 5, 2021	3:25 PM	from Rebekah Zahn-Pittser to everyone:	Thank you!

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February 5, 2021      3:25 PM      from Mollie Lund to everyone:      Thanks SNAPS! These are really helpful! I appreciate them more than you know!

February 5, 2021      3:25 PM      from Diana Pina to everyone: Thank you, glad we could participate

February 5, 2021      3:25 PM      from Lisa Snipes to everyone: Thank you, SNAPS Office!

February 5, 2021      3:25 PM      from Belinda Estes to everyone:      Yes, I agree with continuing after COVID!

February 5, 2021      3:25 PM      from Mollie Lund to everyone:      Have a wonderful weekend!

### Q&A Session for COVID-19 Office Hours

Session number: 610976677

Date: Friday, February 5, 2021

Starting time: 1:46 PM

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-Tracy Choi - 3:00 PM

Q: Is the time limit of using ESG-CV funds by January 31, 2022 on Emergency Shelter activities not applicable "Pre Notice" (aka HUD completed review of action plan or substantial amendment before 9/1/2020)?

Priority: N/A-