

COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A

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January 22, 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)

January 22, 2021 2:31 PM from Daniel Chae Los Angeles CoC to everyone: Will the renewal process for FY 2020 grants resemble years prior? Our subrecipients are inquiring as they seek to prepare documentation for the contracting phase.

January 22, 2021 2:34 PM from Aimee Harmon-Darrow to everyone: I don't see the presentation.

January 22, 2021 2:34 PM from Natalie Matthews (she/her) to everyone: Vaccine Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>

January 22, 2021 2:35 PM from Natalie Matthews (she/her) to everyone: Vaccine FAQs: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/vaccine-faqs.html>

January 22, 2021 2:35 PM from Daniel Chae Los Angeles CoC to everyone: @Ebony, since the CoC FY 2020 competition is canceled, we are essentially wondering how the process to renew current FY19 grants will look like (e.g., snaps, contract process, etc.).

January 22, 2021 2:36 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: In a previous webinar, I asked about if an emergency shelter can require PEH to have a vaccine (or at least that they haven't rejected the vaccine) with federal funding. The answer at that webinar was no. Could someone please put in the specific regs that would prohibit that for our records?

January 22, 2021 2:36 PM from Natalie Matthews (she/her) to everyone: Framework document: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-System-Planning-A-Framework-for-Homelessness-Prevention.pdf>

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January 22, 2021 2:37 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Second Daniel Chae's question - I was actually about to submit an AAQ about that

January 22, 2021 2:39 PM from Karen Byron to everyone: Where can we find the statistics John is citing?

January 22, 2021 2:40 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Alex - the language comes from the CARES Act and is included in the ESG-CV Notice, which states: "...individuals and families experiencing homelessness must not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, rental assistance, or other services provided with ESG-CV funds." - p. 18 of the Notice - <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/20-08cpdn.pdf>

January 22, 2021 2:40 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @ Alex - sure. The ESG-CV Notice at III.F.10. states that individuals and families experiencing homelessness must not be required to receive treatment or perform and prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, rental assistance, or other services provided with ESG-CV funds.

January 22, 2021 2:42 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: Thank you!

January 22, 2021 2:43 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: When can expired renewal projects expect to have grant agreements executed and be able to draw down in LOCCS?

January 22, 2021 2:43 PM from david stevens to all panelists: from Vernett Sherrill to all attendees: 2:42 PM

Will the FY20 CoC Program award notices come out soon? We have projects that are expiring and some of the providers are not willing to continue without an award notice for our community.

January 22, 2021 2:43 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: Here is a sample Racial Equity Impact Assessment from Race Forward - <https://www.unitedphilforum.org/system/files/resources/Racial%20Equity%20Impact%20Assessment-%20Race%20Forward.pdf>

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January 22, 2021 2:44 PM from Daniel Chae Los Angeles CoC to everyone: How will FY 2020 CoC Planning Grants be awarded? Since these are new each year, there is not a renewal process we can reference.

January 22, 2021 2:44 PM from Karen Byron to everyone: @Lisa thank you!

January 22, 2021 2:44 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: You can also read about the components of a Racial Equity Impact Assessment here - <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Rehousing-Activation-and-Racial-Equity-Part-1-Equity-as-the-Foundation.pdf>

January 22, 2021 2:44 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Lauren/@David - we are working on it...and are really close so things will be ready very soon

January 22, 2021 2:45 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Daniel - FY 2020 Planning Grants (and amounts) will be in the list of Renewal projects that comes out with the Notice

January 22, 2021 2:45 PM from Jill Casey to everyone: WOOT - Upstate NY Representing!

January 22, 2021 2:48 PM from Avery Slyker to everyone: Could the strategies for equitable prevention be applied to RRH? (e.g. using disaggregated data to ensure people of color are identified and housed at a rate that is proportionate to their makeup of homeless households in a CoC?)

January 22, 2021 2:48 PM from Amanda Slater to everyone: Do you know if YHDP NOFA and 2020 CoC NOFA processes will overlap this year?

January 22, 2021 2:48 PM from Rutheven Williams to everyone: In the recent HUD resource digest there was info about Eligibility During Eviction Moratoriarecently and made reference to Homeless Provention resources. Are we able to utilize prevention ESG-CV funds for housing as of 22 Jan 2021?

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January 22, 2021 2:50 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: We have seen some increased vaccine skepticism among minority shelter staff and people experiencing homelessness. Does HUD or CDC have any resources specifically targeted to the concerns of this population? Do they plan to develop any? The conversation guide is great, but information specifically for these targetted concerns would also be useful.

January 22, 2021 2:50 PM from Daniel Chae Los Angeles CoC to everyone: Second
Amanda Slater's question

January 22, 2021 2:52 PM from Valeri Knight to everyone: Third Amanda's
question

January 22, 2021 2:53 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: CT BOS convened 2
webinars for providers on addressing vaccine hesitancy. Materials/recordings are here:

January 22, 2021 2:53 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: Meeting Slides: BOS
Webinar COVID-19 1.8.21

Meeting recording: <https://youtu.be/eReQhvSY7bw>

January 22, 2021 2:53 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Amanda/Daniel -
Since there is no CoC competition for this year, so the CoC and YHDP competition will not overlap. You may be in the process of executing/finalizing your CoC grant agreement but that's about it.

January 22, 2021 2:53 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Avery - Yes. We have
been encouraging grantees to use data to ensure that resources are targeting those who are most at risk of homelessness in your geographic area.

January 22, 2021 2:54 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Rutheven - There are
many ways that households may qualify for ESG HP assistance that are unrelated to a landlord-initiated eviction action and are not impacted by the eviction moratorium. The HP Eligibility flyer is meant to highlight those eligibility criteria.

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January 22, 2021 2:54 PM from Shonda Gray to everyone: May we assist households with homelessness prevention rental assistance if they meet any of the criteria listed on checklist "Homeless System Response: Eligibility During Eviction Moratoria"?

January 22, 2021 2:54 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: Links to the other CT BOS webinars on vaccine hesitancy:

January 22, 2021 2:54 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: Meeting slides: COVID CT BOS 2020.11.05

Meeting recording: <https://youtu.be/QHOZplwT3ag>

January 22, 2021 2:55 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Lauren - this resource is great. Can you please send me the slides at Lisa.R.Coffman@hud.gov

January 22, 2021 2:55 PM from Avery Slyker to everyone: @Lisa thank you!

January 22, 2021 2:56 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: Links to slides: <https://www.ctbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/BOS-Webinar-COVID-19-1.8.21v2.pdf>

January 22, 2021 2:56 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: <https://www.ctbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/COVID-CT-BOS-2020.11.05v7.pdf>

January 22, 2021 2:57 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: @Lauren, thank you!

January 22, 2021 2:58 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: Not sure if I missed this. Are you planning on tracking homeless persons vaccines and how are you doing so?

January 22, 2021 2:58 PM from Mary Frances Kenion to everyone: Thanks @Lauren!

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January 22, 2021 2:58 PM from carol borrego to everyone: Will there been another extension for regular ESG Rapid Rehousing persons reaching the 24 month assistance maximum next month?

January 22, 2021 2:58 PM from david stevens to all panelists: yes

January 22, 2021 2:59 PM from Jessica Izquierdo to everyone: Thank you, Connie.

January 22, 2021 3:00 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Lauren - thank you so much for sharing your resources.

January 22, 2021 3:00 PM from William Higgins to everyone: Question.. are flyers available in other languages than english?

January 22, 2021 3:01 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: We are happy to share resources! All of our materials are available at www.ctboos.org.

January 22, 2021 3:03 PM from Amanda Slater to everyone: Thanks, Lauren!

January 22, 2021 3:03 PM from Aimee Harmon-Darrow to everyone: Can the ESG or CDBG CV funds be used for incentive payments?

January 22, 2021 3:04 PM from Sue Watlov Phillips to everyone: Sue Watlov Phillips, President, National Coalition for The Homeless, Ex. Director, MICAH- Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing. In Minnesota, our public health are utilizing mobile teams to vaccinate people at shelters, homeless providers both staff and folks experiencing homelessness. We are very concerned about virus spread by transporting people to large vaccine sites. In MN , we are using MIIC- MN Dept. of Health vaccine registry not HMIS for data collected on folks vaccinated.

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January 22, 2021 3:04 PM from Valeri Knight to everyone: what were examples of non-monetary? i missed it sorry

January 22, 2021 3:04 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: On free/reduced cost of vaccine, I thought the vaccines were free?

January 22, 2021 3:04 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: How are the incentives funded?

January 22, 2021 3:06 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Alex Correct. That example was pulled from a vaccine study where that was not the case. We'll clarify the slide. Thank you!

January 22, 2021 3:06 PM from Michele Williams to everyone: We funded incentives through private donations and flexible local dollars.

January 22, 2021 3:08 PM from Kate Green to everyone: Would it be alright to incentivize participation in an education session about the vaccine immediately before a vaccination event? There are concerns about directly incentivizing a medical decision through compensation.

January 22, 2021 3:09 PM from Michele Williams to everyone: non-monetary incentives may be gift baskets, hygiene and life supplies. Consider the items that are harder for your residents to get and would be welcome items.

January 22, 2021 3:09 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: How many "no-shows" do you over schedule for? At what %?

January 22, 2021 3:11 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: This article from NPR lifts up some of the ways providers are addressing vaccine hesitancy by Black people - <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/01/19/956015308/you-cant-treat-if-you-cant-empathize-black-doctors-tackle-vaccine-hesitancy>

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January 22, 2021 3:12 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Kate you may find some practices that articulate solutions to those concerns in this CDC study: <https://www.thecommunityguide.org/findings/vaccination-programs-client-or-family-incentive-rewards>

January 22, 2021 3:12 PM from Kate Green to everyone: Thanks, David!

January 22, 2021 3:12 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: Would CDBG-CV funds be considered a Public Charge?

January 22, 2021 3:13 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Samantha - not sure we have representation from OBGA on the call to answer CDBG questions. You may need to follow up directly with them.

January 22, 2021 3:13 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: I'm sorry- I'm not familiar with OBGA?

January 22, 2021 3:14 PM from Brian Postlewait to everyone: Biden admin just signed executive order directing FEMA to cover 100% of non-congregate shelters. Any thoughts or guidance on how far to push this initiative given we do not currently have permanent/supportive housing solutions on back end? Experiences from other communities? Lessons learned?

January 22, 2021 3:15 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Samantha - Office of Block Grant Assistance, they administer CDBG funding that you inquired about. Today's call will primarily focus on those programs administered by HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (ESG, CoC and YHDP).

January 22, 2021 3:18 PM from William Higgins to everyone: May individuals with lived experience of homelessness be active as vaccine ambassadors as well. Many may have the education and capability for those functions, and can be trusted by those now experiencing homelessness?

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January 22, 2021 3:18 PM from Emily Mosites to everyone: Great information, Ashley!

January 22, 2021 3:19 PM from Ashley Kerr to everyone: @Emily, thanks! The CDC webinar this week was terrific and very informative! I hope everyone requests the slides!

January 22, 2021 3:20 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: What about ESG-CV funds? Would that be considered a Public Charge?

January 22, 2021 3:20 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: @William, Yes! people with lived experience make great vaccine ambassadors.

January 22, 2021 3:25 PM from Micah Snead to everyone: MAIL TIME!

January 22, 2021 3:25 PM from Alicia DC to everyone: Echo Brian's question- I've also been wondering how we work in the announcement of FEMA's reimbursement for non-congregate sheltering in hotel rooms into COC planning

January 22, 2021 3:25 PM from Alicia DC to everyone: (Ha! Marlisa's dogs sound just like mine at mail time.)

January 22, 2021 3:26 PM from Kathleen McCarthy to everyone: I have dogs here also. Feel your pain!

January 22, 2021 3:27 PM from William Higgins to everyone: I asked because my own background included, naval academy, submarine officer, nuclear services engineer before 4 times homeless between 2002 and 2010 (for economic reasons). Learning and following guidance shared here is not difficult. It would be great when staff and those homeless can be vaccinated here in Maine. Organization is lacking.

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January 22, 2021 3:27 PM from Sue Watlov Phillips to everyone: Sue Watlov Phillips
When MN Dept of Health staff presented at CDC webinar this week. Their recommendation was not to put data about vaccinations into HMIS. My understanding , after discussion with that staff yesterday, was that CDC was considering/going to Remove HMIS, as a potential site, for collection, of info off their website.

January 22, 2021 3:28 PM from Maria Davis to everyone: Our shelters (in Boston)
just delivered their first shots today!

January 22, 2021 3:29 PM from Amanda Sternberg to everyone: We've had health department going to our shelters to vaccinate folks. We're now working on tracking this in HMIS so we can be sure people get their 2nd dose.

January 22, 2021 3:29 PM from Brett Esders to everyone:
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/National-Strategy-for-the-COVID-19-Response-and-Pandemic-Preparedness.pdf>

January 22, 2021 3:29 PM from Torrie Kopp Mueller to everyone: We are working to have congregate settings (shelters) prioritized in Phase 1B. Will know next week if it goes through. Our public health in Madison, WI is currently planning how to administer vaccine in shelters. They are really great and planning ahead!

January 22, 2021 3:29 PM from Danielle Meister to everyone: Many Maryland CoCs started getting congregate shelter vaccinations this week. We'll be tracking data statewide for all congregate homeless facilities starting next week

January 22, 2021 3:30 PM from Tara Carruth to everyone: In California there is varied approach at the County level. We are still waiting for our time in line. Supply has been slow to be distributed to the local level. We are still in the Healthcare tier and those 75+ are currently getting vaccinated. Any emphasis from our federal partners to help would be appreciated.

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January 22, 2021 3:30 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Sue - we know that HMIS is not the answer for everyone but it is a great resource for many. We partner with CDC and NHCHC in our product release and we will ensure they weigh in on any resource before we publish data collection recommendations.

January 22, 2021 3:30 PM from John Summerlot to everyone: Prince George's County Maryland (MD-600): the four members of the Homeless Street Outreach Team has either received or scheduled to receive the first dose of the vaccine.

January 22, 2021 3:30 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: While Pennsylvania has residents and staff in congregate shelters included in Phase 1B, they do not have a plan in place yet. The 2 BoS CoCs in Pennsylvania reached out to PA Department of Health to have an initial planning meeting this week.

January 22, 2021 3:30 PM from Sue Watlov Phillips to everyone: Sue Watlov Phillips- I suggest you have Blair from MN Dept of Health who presented at CDC webinar- present on a Friday meeting.

January 22, 2021 3:30 PM from Brian Postlewait to everyone: Central Florida: We are in discussions with local Department of Health, but prioritization decision are being made at the state level. It is very difficult to get an understanding of how vaccine rollout is being planned. Equally, our outreach/frontline staff/CMS, are weary of being at risk as well. They are essential workers and should also be prioritized.

January 22, 2021 3:31 PM from Jack Moran to everyone: Worcester MA, started vaccinating congregate shelters this week. We also went live with an assessment in HMIS this week. Still early on both, but so far so good.

January 22, 2021 3:31 PM from Greta Guarton to everyone: There is no cohesive or coordinated vaccination effort where we are - for ANY populations except the initial phase serving healthcare workers. Although those in shelters (and those who work in shelters) are now eligible, it is very difficult to get an appointment. There are almost no vaccinations available for anyone. We are

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hoping this will improve as more vaccine doses are released. We also hope for a better plan if we have an understanding of how many doses will even be available.

January 22, 2021 3:31 PM from Triina Van to everyone: VA-600 (Arlington, VA): vaccines are getting rolled out to shelter staff and we're quickly working with our public health to coordinate deployment of vaccines to our shelters in the coming weeks. We set up weekly vaccine huddles with nonprofits to address questions and allow for some peer sharing of experiences and challenges.

January 22, 2021 3:32 PM from Katrina Friedberg to everyone: Sandusky County is in Phase 1B - in which they are pre-registering at this time. When pre-registered, individuals can obtain vaccine at: Health Department, Bellevue Hospital, Promedica Memorial Hospital, Discount Drug Mart, & Kroger Pharmacy

January 22, 2021 3:32 PM from William Higgins to everyone: In Maine very few shelter staff have been able to get vaccination, much less those experiencing homelessness. Many public health departments are not even replying to messages asking when staff or those experiencing homelessness can be scheduled. Some vaccinations are being done for homeless veterans through the VA hospital in Augusta.

January 22, 2021 3:32 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: Will there be an opportunity to make corrections to amounts/project list?

January 22, 2021 3:32 PM from Chris OHara to everyone: when will the funding for DV be released?

January 22, 2021 3:33 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Lauren - the process for making corrections will be outlined in the Notice.

January 22, 2021 3:33 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Greta - where are you located?

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January 22, 2021 3:33 PM from Greta Guarton to everyone: Long Island NY

January 22, 2021 3:34 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Chris - we don't have a definite timeline yet for new DV bonus funds

January 22, 2021 3:34 PM from Greta Guarton to everyone: as of last week, legislators on calls were stating that there were "no" vaccinations available. Appointments were being made 14 weeks out, and some have had to be canceled due to delays/shortages in getting vaccines.

January 22, 2021 3:37 PM from Maria Davis to everyone: We are giving staff (and guests) blue rubber bracelets that say "I had my COVID-19 vaccine," to aid as a promotion when others see it.

January 22, 2021 3:38 PM from Greta Guarton to everyone: Will do. We have a TA provider but this issue is separate from the homeless coordination. the problem is with vaccine access for everyone.

January 22, 2021 3:38 PM from Naomi Sweitzer to everyone: Nice idea Maria and thanks for all the efforts in Boston!

January 22, 2021 3:38 PM from david stevens to all panelists: from Ashley Kerr to all attendees: 3:38 PM

@Maria, what a great idea!

January 22, 2021 3:39 PM from Stacey Matthews to everyone: @Maria! That is great. I know a community that is giving staff and volunteers T-shirts to say "I've had the Covid-19 Ask me about it."

January 22, 2021 3:40 PM from Phil Allen to everyone: @Greta ok - so planning efforts are good and you're coordinating well with Public Health and the Department of Social Services?

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January 22, 2021 3:40 PM from Stacey Matthews to everyone: Correction: "I've had the Covid-19 VACCINE Ask me about it."

January 22, 2021 3:40 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: File>Save As>Chat

January 22, 2021 3:41 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: would love a TA call about how to track vaccines via HMIS, and what is happening

January 22, 2021 3:41 PM from Greta Guarton to everyone: Phil, yes we are in the process.

January 22, 2021 3:41 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Andrea - our resource on "what" to collect in HMIS is slated to come out next week.

January 22, 2021 3:41 PM from Dana Woolfolk to all panelists: Thank you all!

January 22, 2021 3:41 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: awesome

January 22, 2021 3:41 PM from Catherine Huang to everyone: Provided same day notification last week for homeless service providers and clients over the age of 70. Availability started this week for community support services. VA is vaccinating veterans at their funded agencies this week.

January 22, 2021 3:42 PM from Karen Byron to everyone: @William, that will be terrific!

January 22, 2021 3:42 PM from John Gilvar to everyone: @Tara, We're hearing that vaccine supply issues are a big factor in many communities. If your comment about emphasis relates specifically to PEH, you might find some of the information on the CDC webinar earlier this week helpful.

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MN shared some interesting data on high rates of hospitalization and ICU admission for PEH during the webinar.

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from Triina Van to everyone: Thank you!