

**COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A Log**  
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June 12, 2020 2:30 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Link to office hours and webinar recordings, slides and q&a content: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-webinars-and-office-hours>

June 12, 2020 2:30 PM from Abt Associate to all participants: Call in info 855-797-9458 meeting ID is 610-976-677

June 12, 2020 2:31 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: To join the webinar via the phone, please call in using: 1-855-797-9485, Access code: 610 976 677. If that number does not work, please dial: 415-655-0002, Access code: 610-976-677. Thank you!

June 12, 2020 2:33 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Christina Soulard to all attendees:

ESG-CV Second Allocation Why was COVID data not included in the allocation formula?

June 12, 2020 2:33 PM from Amanda Rosado to all participants: Chris....hi!!!!

June 12, 2020 2:34 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Link to explanation of HUD's formula methodology:  
[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/ESG\\_CARES\\_Act\\_Round\\_2\\_Allocation\\_Methodology\\_rev.pdf?utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=23a5cb030e-ESG-CV-Award-Announcement-June-9-2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-23a5cb030e-19225797](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/ESG_CARES_Act_Round_2_Allocation_Methodology_rev.pdf?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=23a5cb030e-ESG-CV-Award-Announcement-June-9-2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-23a5cb030e-19225797)

June 12, 2020 2:34 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Christina - the link that Natalie provided addresses that and Todd will likely cover that now

June 12, 2020 2:35 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: Hello from South Dakota

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June 12, 2020 2:35 PM from Christina Soulard to all participants: @Jeanne - Thank you, my apologies!

June 12, 2020 2:37 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from kelly rose to all attendees:

The 'risk of transmission of coronavirus' seems to be missing from the funding formula given that risk of transmission is/was not equal in all areas. Some areas were impacted much more than others and therefore higher costs were incurred by homeless service providers.

June 12, 2020 2:38 PM from Amanda Rosado to all participants: The at risk definition in the CARES Act references the US Code. Does this supercede the CFR 576? There are slight differences in those definitions of "at risk".

June 12, 2020 2:39 PM from Lee Tabor to all participants: It was mentioned at one point that there would be some extensive trainings/webinars offered to grantees (states). I haven't heard anything additionally and was wondering if these were still to happen? Thanks!

June 12, 2020 2:40 PM from kelly rose to all participants: The 'risk of transmission of coronavirus' seems to be missing from the funding formula given that risk of transmission is/was not equal in all areas. Some areas were impacted much more than others and therefore higher costs were incurred by homeless service providers. The COVID prevalence in an area also contributes to higher future unemployment and increased homeless prevention needs.

June 12, 2020 2:41 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: @Christina, you may need to log out and log back in. They are showing.

June 12, 2020 2:41 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Amanda Rosado, the provisions outlined in the CARES act apply to those funds. Thus, in the case of CARES funds, the definition of at-risk would be based on the Act and the forthcoming Notice.

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June 12, 2020 2:42 PM from Christina Soulard to all participants: There is significant disproportion in the distribution of the second allocation in comparison to the first allocation. Why choose this formula in particular? Why not stay with the historic allocation formula if COVID data proved challenging?

June 12, 2020 2:43 PM from Susan Pourciau to all participants: When is the upcoming notice expected to be released?

June 12, 2020 2:43 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: I have logged out and back in and none of the chat is showing.

June 12, 2020 2:43 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: ?

June 12, 2020 2:44 PM from Kelly Rose to all participants: The 'COVID is everywhere' reason does not seem valid when some areas saw much greater prevalence than others.

June 12, 2020 2:44 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Lee Tabor, if you're speaking of the intensive TA workshops for ESG-CV recipients, those are underway. I believe more TA is in development and will be rolled out in the near future.

June 12, 2020 2:44 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: thanks, @jeanne

June 12, 2020 2:44 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Susan - we continue to work on the Notice and are working to get it out as soon as possible. Unfortunately we still do not have a specific timeline.

June 12, 2020 2:45 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Suzie Tolmie to all attendees:

Any chance this same new formula that more directly relates to homelessness can be used from now on?

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June 12, 2020 2:46 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Setting Up a Substantial Amendment for CARES Act Funding:  
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Setting-Up-a-Substantial-Amendment-for-CARES-Act-Funding.pdf>

June 12, 2020 2:46 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Corey Root to all attendees:

We are ESG subrecipient - our recipient has yet to release Round 1 funding b/c they say they are waiting on guidance from HUD. Anything we can from our end to help get money to our local projects that are in desperate need??

June 12, 2020 2:46 PM from Kelly Horne to all panelists: @Corey- we have a similar issue here.

June 12, 2020 2:46 PM from Thomas Bates to all participants: Second Corey's question

June 12, 2020 2:46 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Setting Up a Substantial Amendment for CARES Act Funding:  
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Setting-Up-a-Substantial-Amendment-for-CARES-Act-Funding.pdf>

June 12, 2020 2:47 PM from Shonda Gray to all participants: Will the ESG-CV funds allocated to states have to be obligated within 60 days from the date that HUD signs the grant agreement with the state?

June 12, 2020 2:47 PM from Amanda Rosado to all participants: Are there communities who have their ESG-CV funding on the ground? Amendments have been done, HUD agreement signed, and subrecipients spending money? Looking either at a state or local level.

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June 12, 2020 2:48 PM from Amber Lewis to all participants: When should we expect grant agreements from field offices once Substantial Amendments are submitted?

June 12, 2020 2:48 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Corey - recipients should not be waiting on HUD at this point. While we still plan on publishing a Notice recipients can proceed to allocate funding.

June 12, 2020 2:48 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Stephen Piasecki to all attendees:

By double counting unsheltered and ignoring COVID case rates do you not unfairly treat a right to shelter community like NYC, which has experienced the most cases of COVID

June 12, 2020 2:49 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: @CoreyRoot - ditto getting locality to agree to front ESG money it has not yet received. When will funds be released?

June 12, 2020 2:49 PM from Amber Lewis to all participants: With so much more money, subrecipients are concerned about the cash outlay since we typically provide ESG funding on a reimbursement basis to subgrantees. What guidance is there for providing cash advances to subgrantees (if allowed)?

June 12, 2020 2:49 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Corey Root, I recommend reaching out to your local HUD field office.

June 12, 2020 2:49 PM from Kelly Rose to all participants: Agree with NYC that ignoring COVID rates was appropriate or fair for funds that were appropriated to address the COVID crisis

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June 12, 2020 2:50 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: city not releasing ESG funds bc it has not received the funds itself yet.

June 12, 2020 2:50 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: ditto Amber Lewis

June 12, 2020 2:51 PM from Marlisa Grogan to all participants: Hi Amy - in order to access your ESG funds, you'll need to complete your substantial amendment and execute your grant agreement with your local HUD FO

June 12, 2020 2:51 PM from kelly rose to all participants: Meant to say ignoring COVID rates was NOT appropriate for funds appropriated bc of COVID

June 12, 2020 2:51 PM from Marlisa Grogan to all participants: @ Amber - advances are permitted under ESG. We follow Part 200 requirements for cash advances

June 12, 2020 2:54 PM from Renee Pope to all participants: If a person was experiencing a housing hardship prior to COVID but that hardship was exacerbated by the impact of COVID, can communities provide financial support to mitigate this hardship and if yes, under what circumstances.

June 12, 2020 2:54 PM from Susan Pourciau to all participants: Can you speak specifically to funding rent assistance from multiple sources - CDBG, ESG, HOME, CRF, etc.

June 12, 2020 2:54 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Amber Lewis field offices are working hard to process amendments quickly. Ultimately, the turnaround time depends on a number of factors including whether or not the submission is complete and approvable.

June 12, 2020 2:56 PM from Amber Lewis to all panelists: Is it possible to get a template Grant Agreement so we know what will be in it, even if we don't have ours ready yet from our

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FO? That will help us in drafting our subrecipient contracts so they'll be ready to go as soon as we get our HUD Agreement.

June 12, 2020 2:56 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Amanda Rosado, I believe Lake County Illinois has an approved ESG-CV grant agreement.

June 12, 2020 2:57 PM from Amber Lewis to all panelists: Do we as grantee need to be tracking our staff time spent on normal ESG activities separately from ESG-CV?

June 12, 2020 2:57 PM from Tiffany Hart to all participants: Where can we find more information about the treasury funding that was released?

June 12, 2020 2:57 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: To save the Chat content from today's webinar, please go to: File > Save > Chat

June 12, 2020 2:58 PM from Susan Pourciau to all participants: So I think even with the DOB rule, if the aggregate need for rent assistance is estimated to be \$1million, you can use all the available resources as long as those resources allocated for that purpose add up to less than \$1million. Right?

June 12, 2020 2:58 PM from Marlisa Grogan to all participants: @Amber - your ESG-CV grant agreement will look very similar to, though not exactly the same as, your annual ESG grant agreements

June 12, 2020 2:58 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Katie Peterson to all attendees:

@Tiffany Hart- <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Payments-to-States-and-Units-of-Local-Government.pdf>

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June 12, 2020 2:58 PM from Marcia Dean to all participants: Is this funding available in Springfield IL.?

June 12, 2020 3:00 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Corey Root to all attendees:

Am I understanding well that we should not expect FEMA to pay for noncongregate shelter for more than 60 days? We should plan for ESG-CV to take over the funding of these programs?

June 12, 2020 3:01 PM from Norm Suchar to all participants: @Corey, that is not accurate. FEMA can pay for noncongregate shelter for more than 60 days.

June 12, 2020 3:01 PM from Amanda Stadler to all participants: At what level should the plans/policies/procedures for duplication of benefits be created and implemented - ie individual agency recipient, CoC, or state (if state is ESG recipient)?

June 12, 2020 3:02 PM from Pat Frey to all participants: does anyone have an example of what the policies and procedures

June 12, 2020 3:04 PM from Joyce Tavon to all participants: If FEMA is paying for a hotel room, but only at 75%, then ESG could NOT cover the 25% during the same time period? ESG could only come in during a different time frame?

June 12, 2020 3:04 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Suzie Tolmie to all attendees:

This gets even harder when overlap is possible with more than one agency/related funding sources.. Our plan is to utilize some CDBG funds for rent assistance, and CSBG funding is also being used for rent assistance at another agency in the city. ANY sample/SIMPLE ways to coordinate & avoid duplication?

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June 12, 2020 3:05 PM from Amber Lewis to all panelists: Understand in theory why it's important to avoid DOB. But for an individual unit/client/landlord, how do agencies/programs know if a unit has already been assisted through one program when considering another?

June 12, 2020 3:06 PM from Renee Pope to all participants: @Suzie, we use a clearinghouse for all providers to check for duplication prior to issuing payments.

June 12, 2020 3:06 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: You can find the second megawaiver here:  
[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Additional\\_Waivers\\_for\\_CPD\\_Grant\\_Programs\\_to\\_Prevent\\_COVID-19\\_Spread\\_and\\_Mitigate\\_COVID-19\\_Economic\\_Impacts.pdf?utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=6dafa660a1-SNAPS-COVID-19-Digest-05-26-2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-6dafa660a1-19225021](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Additional_Waivers_for_CPD_Grant_Programs_to_Prevent_COVID-19_Spread_and_Mitigate_COVID-19_Economic_Impacts.pdf?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=6dafa660a1-SNAPS-COVID-19-Digest-05-26-2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-6dafa660a1-19225021)

June 12, 2020 3:07 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: Here is a link to find the appropriate email for your area to notify the field office of your intent to utilize a waiver:  
<https://hudexchange.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=87d7c8afc03ba69ee70d865b9&id=02e6ce386c&e=b2f143e0d2>

June 12, 2020 3:07 PM from Amanda Rosado to all participants: If you use CDBG or ESG to cover NCS, when you are reimbursed from FEMA, can you put that money back into CDBG/ESG or whatever other source you used?

June 12, 2020 3:08 PM from Amber Lewis to all panelists: Request: For state agencies used to administering ESG with very lean staffing, would help if HUD or other federal partners could explicitly recommend that states add staff, at least temporarily, to help during this time. Extremely difficult to manage everything extra right now with same staffing.

June 12, 2020 3:09 PM from Norm Suchar to all participants: @Joyce, you are correct, at this time you cannot use ESG funds for the other 25% (the cost share for the FEMA

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funds). You could actually use ESG funds for hotel rooms for a population that is not covered by your FEMA approved project.

June 12, 2020 3:10 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Amber Lewis to all attendees:

Request: For state agencies used to administering ESG with very lean staffing, would help if HUD or other federal partners could explicitly recommend that states add staff, at least temporarily, to help during this time. Extremely difficult to manage everything extra right now with same staffing.

June 12, 2020 3:10 PM from Cyndi Rivera to all participants: We are concerned that one of our ESG funded agencies has been doing "self-attesting", which is having ESG participants perform the habitability standards checks on their own units and signing off on the habitability checklists on their own. We want to ensure the safety of our clients living situation and are concerned that by allowing clients to self-certify, standards may be missed. Additionally, we have not seen this explicitly described as "allowed" anywhere in the waivers or regulations. Is there anything in the ESG regs or recent waivers that states ESG funded participants can perform their own check for minimum standards for permanent housing as defined in 24 CFR 576.403 (c)?

June 12, 2020 3:11 PM from Norm Suchar to all participants: @Amber, very good suggestion about recommending States add staff.

June 12, 2020 3:11 PM from John Shereikis to all participants: @Amber Definitely!

June 12, 2020 3:12 PM from Denise Albertson to all participants: Is there considering for adding this RRH limit to 24 months extension to ESG RRH also??

June 12, 2020 3:13 PM from Josh Levin to all participants: Question about the disability documentation waiver from the first Mega-Waiver-- is it correct to interpret that it has

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two different expirations for different types of things-- staff observation only for documentation expires on Oct 1 (6 months after waiver release), and client self-certification is indefinite until "until public health officials determine no additional special measures are necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19"?

June 12, 2020 3:18 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Josh Levin the 45-day period is waived for 6-months, but until the public health crisis is over HUD will accept self-certification of disability.

June 12, 2020 3:19 PM from Josh Levin to all participants: thanks!

June 12, 2020 3:19 PM from Norm Suchar to all panelists: Could people hear that background noise?

June 12, 2020 3:20 PM from Brett Esders to all panelists: I couldn't

June 12, 2020 3:20 PM from Brett Esders to all panelists: I didn't know what you were talking about!

June 12, 2020 3:20 PM from Anne Finn to all participants: Any flexibility on Annual Assessments for clients in PSH?

June 12, 2020 3:20 PM from Ebony Rankin to all panelists: I didn't hear it either

June 12, 2020 3:20 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Anne - no flexibilities on the annual assessment for clients in PSH at this time. Though certainly we would encourage you to conduct them virtually whenever possible.

June 12, 2020 3:21 PM from Anne Finn to all participants: Thank you!

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June 12, 2020 3:23 PM from Josh Levin to all participants: can ESG-CV funds be used on a landlord incentive program?

June 12, 2020 3:23 PM from Vernett Sherrill to all participants: We have not received all of our grant agreements even though we have asked our field office continuously but we are told that nothing has change and funds are have not been allocated in LOCCS, so how can continue to operate with projects expiring and make amendments decisions?

June 12, 2020 3:24 PM from Julie Montgomery to all participants: I submitted a question to HUD Exchange about the waiver for ESG re: the waiver of the FMR restriction and was told that it did not apply to ESG-CV. That was on June 9th so it was after the May 22nd memo. Is that incorrect?

June 12, 2020 3:24 PM from William Snow to all participants: @Vernett - are you referring to CoC Program grants or ESG grants?

June 12, 2020 3:24 PM from Vernett Sherrill to all participants: CoC Program

June 12, 2020 3:26 PM from Jeremy Hirsch to all participants: CDBG Question: I know there's a waiver for CoC, ESG and HOPWA funds when it comes to FMR. Is there a similar waiver for CDBG-CV funds?

June 12, 2020 3:26 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ Vernett - HUD is working to finalize the funds in LOCCS for some grants (e.g., consolidations and UFA grants). We are hoping to finalize this soon but do not have timeline we can provide at this point. We will notify field offices as soon as this is available and they will reach out to recipients to finalize the grant agreement process.

June 12, 2020 3:27 PM from Amanda Rosado to all participants: If there's a moratorium in place landlords aren't able to provide notice to terminate. Any ideas on how those

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folks can meet the at risk definition? Once the moratoriums lift there might be too big of an influx. Providing prevention before the lift might be helpful for some that we know are going to be at risk once that moratorium lifts.

June 12, 2020 3:27 PM from John Shereikis to all participants: Sort of going off on a tangent, but is HUD going to issue any special requirements related to CV funds with regards to HMIS?

June 12, 2020 3:28 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Julie - as of May 22, 2020 all of the flexibilities included in megawaiver #1 applied to ESG-CV funds. So that FMR waiver your're referencing DOES apply to ESG-CV funds.

June 12, 2020 3:28 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: ditto re HMIS

June 12, 2020 3:29 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Jeremy Hirsch, I'm not aware of any waiver for CDBG-CV funds related to FMR. The CDBG-CV Notice may provide more information on this.

June 12, 2020 3:29 PM from William Snow to all participants: @ John - HUD made minimal changes to the data standards with regard to project setup. HUD is not planning on changing client-level data collection requirements. Further guidance will be provided regarding ESG-CV reporting requirements when the Notice is finalized. It is important to note that HUD will have HMIS leads submit CSV files instead of subrecipients. We recommend that ESG recipients consider allocating funding to fund HMIS efforts tied to training and quarterly reporting requirements.

June 12, 2020 3:29 PM from Vernet Sherrill to all participants: Thanks William. Our providers are struggling financially to maintain these projects, so HUD expediting this would be very much appreciated.

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June 12, 2020 3:30 PM from Jeremy Hirsch to all participants: @Aaron Weaver - Thank you!

June 12, 2020 3:30 PM from Christina Soulard to all participants: RE: Formula changes - our state was impacted negatively from the ESG-CV second allocation formula. Any considerations of permanent changes should be better balanced and include more relevant data than the PIT counts.

June 12, 2020 3:32 PM from John Shereikis to all participants: @William Thank you. That is helpful.

June 12, 2020 3:33 PM from Suzie Tolmie to all participants: Any chance this same new formula (ESG CV-2) that more directly relates to homelessness can be used from now on?

June 12, 2020 3:34 PM from Amber Lewis to all participants: A little different topic: We're hearing some that ESG-CV should support diversion, but how exactly? Is this best through the Shelter category? And understand how staff costs could fit well here, but what about other more flexible assistance? Assume this should come from another source? Or could a specific grant from ESG support Coordinated Entry, and maybe provide Diversion through this?

June 12, 2020 3:35 PM from Thomas Bates to all participants: Can someone provide the citation of this at-risk definition?

June 12, 2020 3:35 PM from Justin Marino to all participants: Apologies if this was asked already but is there any news regarding the NOFA?

June 12, 2020 3:35 PM from Carolyn Johnson to all participants: Will HUD consider regulatory waivers for other parts of the at risk of homelessness definition for ESG-CV?

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June 12, 2020 3:36 PM from William Snow to all participants: Income limit website: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>

June 12, 2020 3:36 PM from Amanda Rosado to all participants: At risk definition (CFR) <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/576.2>

June 12, 2020 3:36 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Thomas - we don't have a citation to the full definition at this time - it's combining the statutory authority under the CARES Act for very-low income and the ESG rule - 576.2. We'll combine the two in the Notice so it's all in one place for you.

June 12, 2020 3:36 PM from Suzie Tolmie to all participants: This gets even harder when overlap is possible with more than one agency/related funding sources.. Our plan is to utilize some CDBG funds for rent assistance, and CSBG funding is also being used for rent assistance at another agency in the city. ANY sample/SIMPLE ways to coordinate & avoid duplication? Please distribute as you learn of practical methods that avoid undue burden.

June 12, 2020 3:36 PM from Vernet Sherrill to all participants: Since there is a significant need for homelessness prevention and ESG-CV is limited, is HUD planning to encourage CoCs to apply for the CoC Program Homelessness Prevention funds in the next competition and is there any additional funding considered for CoC Program rapid rehousing?

June 12, 2020 3:37 PM from Thomas Bates to all participants: Thanks Brett!

June 12, 2020 3:39 PM from G Tabor to all participants: In regard to HP rental assistance, what changes have been made regarding required documentation such as an eviction notice needing to be had for certification in being able to receive HP? Some have yet to receive these as landlords have been flexible or under moratorium. Do we just allow individuals' back rent total continue to grow?

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June 12, 2020 3:39 PM from Tiffany Hart to all participants: Clarifying question on MEGA Waiver: For regular ESG funding & the first Mega Wavier, we can only begin to use those Mega Waivers as of May 22nd Correct?

June 12, 2020 3:40 PM from Suzie Tolmie to all participants: Are there ways to evaluate whether prevention assistance really DOES avoid homelessness over time? Whether the investment really prevented homelessness?

June 12, 2020 3:41 PM from CIndy Cavanaugh to all participants: Is the preventoin webinar posted?

June 12, 2020 3:41 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Rehousing webinar materials: <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/rehousing-strategy-in-the-midst-of-covid-19/>

June 12, 2020 3:41 PM from Natalie Matthews to all participants: Prevention webinar materials will be posted soon (I promise!): <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/targeting-homeless-prevention-in-the-midst-of-covid-19/>

June 12, 2020 3:43 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Tiffany Hart, use of the waivers in Mega Waiver #1 for ESG-CV cannot start until the date of the second Mega Waiver (May 22, 2020). Use of the waivers in either memo for regular ESG are based on the dates outlined in the respective memos.

June 12, 2020 3:43 PM from Tiffany Hart to all participants: thanks!

June 12, 2020 3:45 PM from John Shereikis to all participants: Thank you for the webinar focused on Prevention earlier this week. It was extremely helpful and provided a lot of food for thought. However, much of the guidance seemed to be focused on smaller local

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communities and municipalities. Is there any good guidance out there related to creating and implementing a prevention strategy on a statewide level?

June 12, 2020 3:45 PM from Natalie Matthews to all panelists: Not quite yet, Norm (re: prevention webinar) :). You're right though, up early next week.

June 12, 2020 3:45 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Tiffany - just to build on Aaron's response I would say stay tuned to the ESG Notice, though, when it is published as it gives us flexibility to allow recipients to reimburse themselves for costs that are ultimately made eligible (even if they weren't eligible when the CARES Act was passed)

June 12, 2020 3:45 PM from Brett Esders to all participants: @Tiffany - the CARES Act gives us that flexibility that is

June 12, 2020 3:46 PM from Shonda Gray to all participants: Will payment of arrears (rent & utility) be limited to 6 months with ESG-CV assistance?

June 12, 2020 3:47 PM from G Tabor to all participants: Can ESG provide for costs for a referral hotline? A non-profit runs a referral line in our state and are asking about funds to refer individuals to the ESG project sponsors in the state for rental assistance HP.

June 12, 2020 3:47 PM from Abt Associate to all panelists: from Robert Pulster to all attendees:

I have been asked if ESG funds can be used flexibly in diversion to add financial support to a host household if person decides to go that route and reconnect with family or friends

June 12, 2020 3:48 PM from Susan Pourciau to all participants: Hi, Bob. :)

June 12, 2020 3:49 PM from John Shereikis to all participants: @G Tabor Good question. We are tentatively considering something similar with a legal services agency in GA.

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June 12, 2020 3:49 PM from Kelly Horne to all panelists: We have had a hard time making the flexible financial payments fit into ESG Prevention. The paperwork requirements are more burdensome than a quick diversion response can support.

June 12, 2020 3:50 PM from Kexin Ma to all participants: When you, Norm, talk about the waiver, you said that a person has to meet the CH definition before they enter TH. What if a person was not CH, and they are in TH over a year now, would that qualify for PSH?

June 12, 2020 3:50 PM from Beth Sharber to all participants: Our housing authority is totally out of Shelter Plus Care funding. Is there a chance for additional funding for S+C?

June 12, 2020 3:51 PM from John Shereikis to all participants: Also wondering if Housing Authorities might be eligible sub-grantees with ESG-CV funds?

June 12, 2020 3:51 PM from Carol Bohle to all participants: Has there been any discussion of deploying additional "planning" dollars to support CoC lead agencies in light of the pandemic and the significant increase in work load at the CoC level?

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This could be both a diversion and rapid rehousing strategy and particularly for those in Non-congregate shelter whose only other option is to return to the shelter

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Thanks Brett and Marlisa. That guidance is helpful.

June 12, 2020 3:52 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @G Tabor, CDBG can cover the costs of a community-wide referral hotline (though there are some caveats). I would imagine it would also be eligible under CDBG-CV. This Notice may be helpful: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Notice-CPD-04-07-Use-CDBG-Funds-Operating-211-Calling-Systems.pdf>

June 12, 2020 3:53 PM from Suzie Tolmie to all participants: Please remind us how to copy/save entire chat box convos.

June 12, 2020 3:55 PM from Amy Stewart to all participants: @suzie - click File/save as and it will show options for chat and Q&A

June 12, 2020 3:55 PM from Aaron Weaver to all participants: @Kelly Horne, CDBG may be a useful resource here if the clients being served fall into one of the presumed benefit categories.

June 12, 2020 3:55 PM from Natalie Matthews to all panelists: To save the Chat content from today's webinar, please go to: File > Save > Chat

June 12, 2020 3:57 PM from William Snow to all participants: On an unrelated note, Census just announced that the homeless count tied to the 2020 Census will now occur on September 22-24. We encourage your support to help Census count people experiencing homelessness. <https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-releases/homelessness.html>.

June 12, 2020 3:57 PM from Vernet Sherrill to all participants: Sorry if my question was not clear about homelessness prevention funds through the CoC program but our state has been a hotspot for COVID-19 and we have been awarded a ESG -CV but it is limited and we are trying to plan to address those households facing eviction due to the impact of COVID-19 and

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that why we were wondering if there would be any CoC Program Homeless Prevention funds available.

June 12, 2020 3:58 PM from Justin Marino to all participants: Just a quick thought. Having links in the slides and not making them "clickable" is not helpful. Thanks

June 12, 2020 3:58 PM from Karen Byron to all participants: Thank you as always.

June 12, 2020 3:58 PM from Susan Pourciau to all participants: @Justin - It'll be helpful when the slides are posted.

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

-Amy Stewart - 3:23 PM

Q: Broken record in Cincy: Please urge congress to waive match on current and future CoC program funds.

Priority: N/A-

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-G Tabor - 3:35 PM

Q: With rental assistance HP, how have or will the requirements be changed regarding the need for an eviction notice before being eligible for these funds?

Priority: N/A-