



Office Hours: COVID-19 Planning and Response

June 25, 2021



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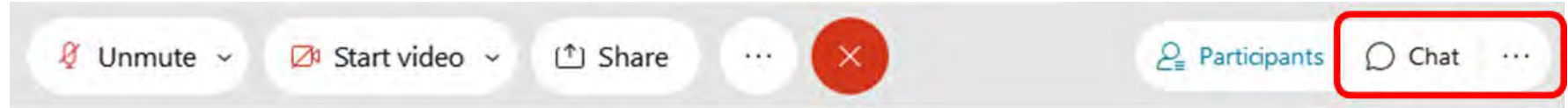
- A recording of today's session, along with the slide deck and a copy of the Chat and Q&A content will be posted to the HUD Exchange within 2-3 business days
- Event information for upcoming Office Hours, along with copies of all materials can be found here:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-webinars-and-office-hours>

- Password for all COVID Office Hours: **HUD123**
- To join the webinar via the phone, please call in using:
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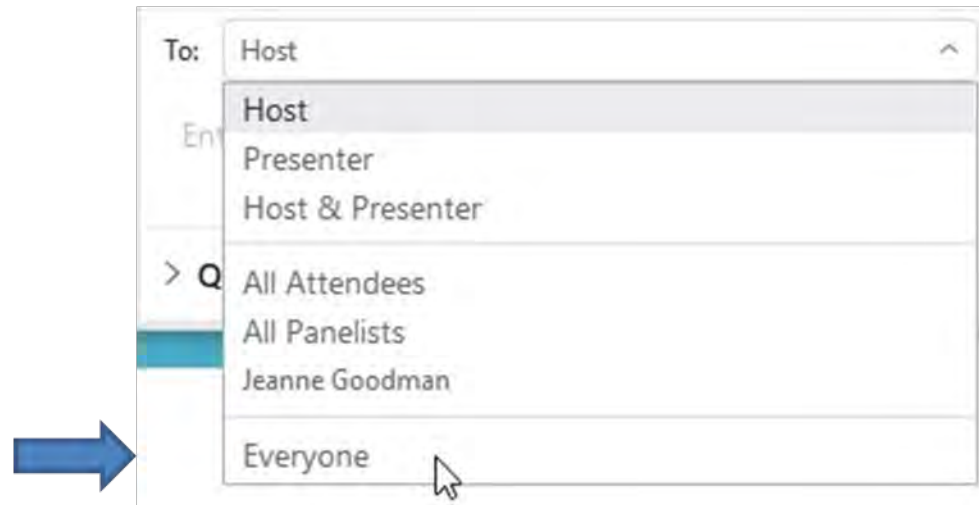
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Speakers & Resource Advisors

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
 - Norm Suchar
 - Karen DeBlasio
 - Sharon Singer
 - Caroline Crouse
 - Brett Esders
 - Lisa Coffman
 - Marlisa Grogan
 - William Snow
 - April Mitchell
 - Latesha Balam-Totten

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

- Kathy Possinger, Special Advisor to the Secretary, Health & Welfare
- Ali Fogarty, Communications Director, Office of Press & Communications

Indiana BoS/Region 12 & City of Evansville

- Danette Romines, BSW, MPA, Director of Programs, Aurora Inc.



Speakers & Resource Advisors

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Ashley Meehan, MPH, Homelessness Unit, Disproportionately Affected Populations Team

National Health Care for the Homeless Council

- Barbara DiPietro, PhD, Senior Director of Policy

Department of Veterans Affairs

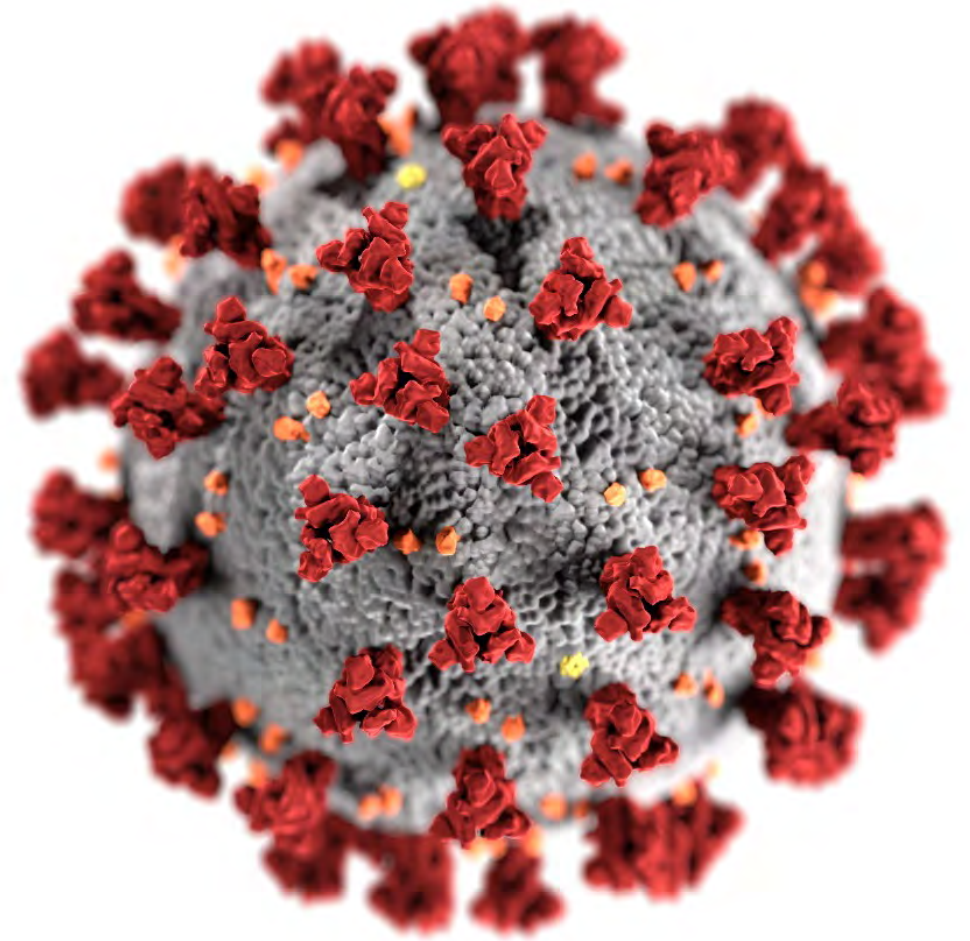
- Dina Hooshyar, MD MPH, Director, National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans (The Center), VHA Homeless Program Office
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COVID-19 and Homelessness

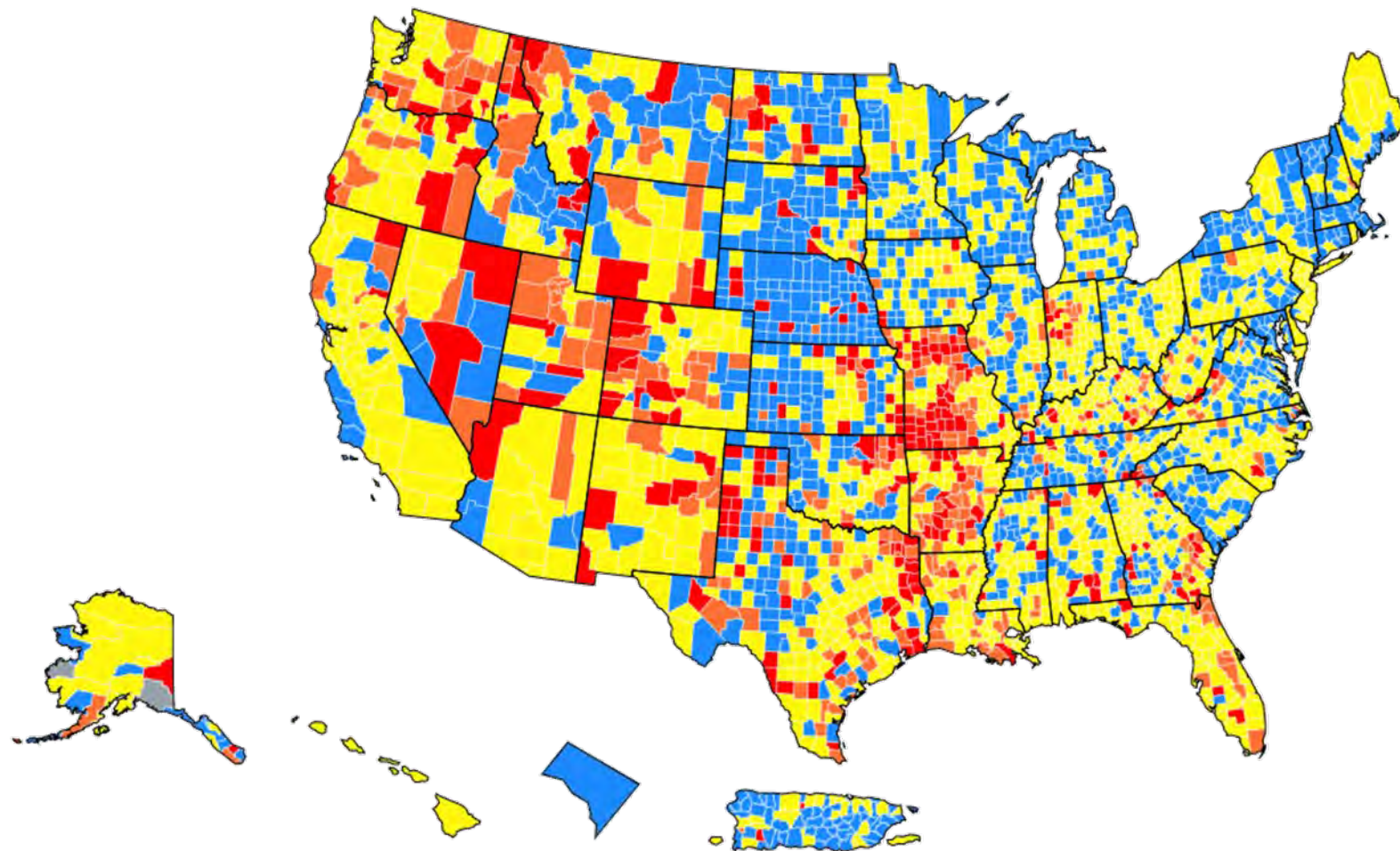
Updates

Homelessness Unit
Disproportionately Affected Populations Team
CDC COVID-19 Response



cdc.gov/coronavirus

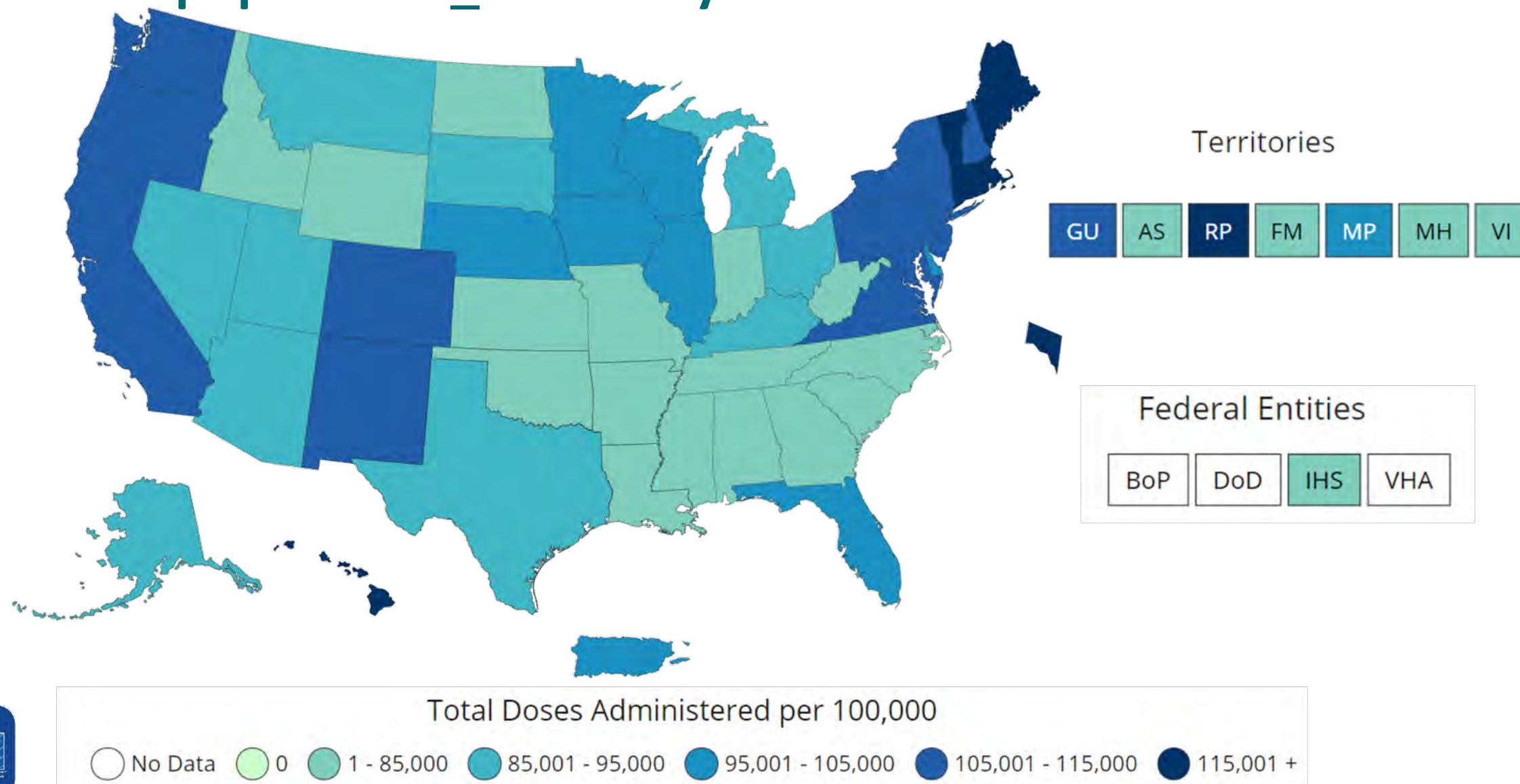
National COVID-19 cases



● High ● Substantial ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data

[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

53% of US population ≥ 12 is fully vaccinated

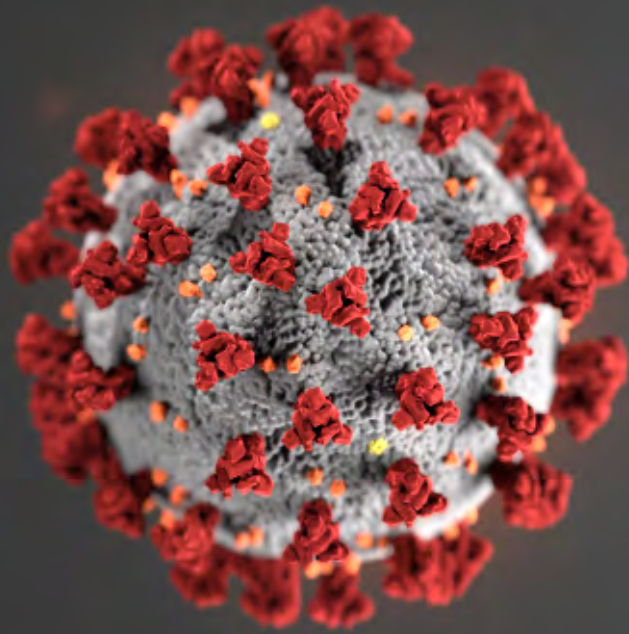


COVID-19 Variant Information



* Other represents >200 additional lineages, which are each circulating at <1% of viruses
† Fewer than 10 observations of this variant during the selected time/location context
Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.351 (P.1.1, P.1.2, B.1.351.2, B.1.351.3) are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion.

COVID-19 Variant Data Tracker




For more information, contact CDC
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's
Department of Human Services
ERAP Media Toolkit



ESG-CV

Indiana BOS: Region 12 & City Of Evansville

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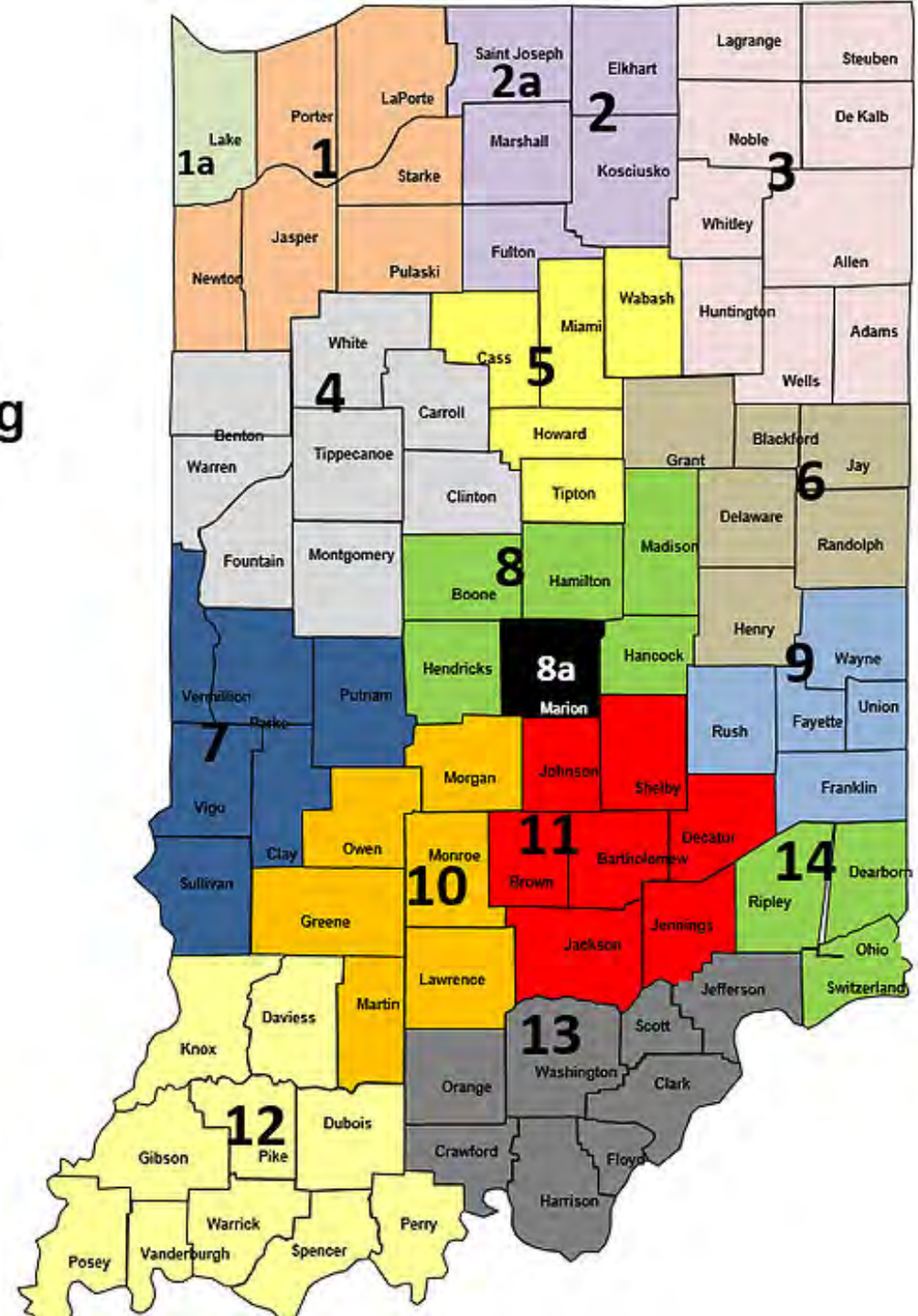
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State of Indiana

Regional Planning Councils on Homeless

Indiana Region 12 Counties

- Daviess
- Dubois
- Gibson
- Knox
- Perry
- Pike
- Posey
- Spencer
- Vanderburgh
- Warrick



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COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE FUND
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Collaborative Funding

- IHCD
 - HUB agency for Indiana Region 12 ESG-CV Homeless Prevention
- City of Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development
 - ESG-CV Homeless Prevention for Evansville Residents
 - Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- COVID Greater Evansville Relief Fund



Award Amounts

City of Evansville, Department of Metropolitan Development - HUD and AHTF funds

- COE DMD dated 08/03/2020 for **\$349,287.00** - Homeless Prevention CV
- COE DMD dated 11/24/2020 for **\$376,435.00** - Homeless Prevention CV2
- COE DMD dated 08/03/2020 for **\$ 79,041.00** - Outreach CV
- COE DMD dated 11/24/2020 for **\$ 94,109.00** - Outreach Team CV2
- COE DMD dated 11/24/2020 for **\$188,218.00** - Rapid Re-Housing CV2
- COE DMD/Housing Trust Fund dated 09/23/2020 for **\$70,000.00** - Emergency Assistance for Housing Stabilization



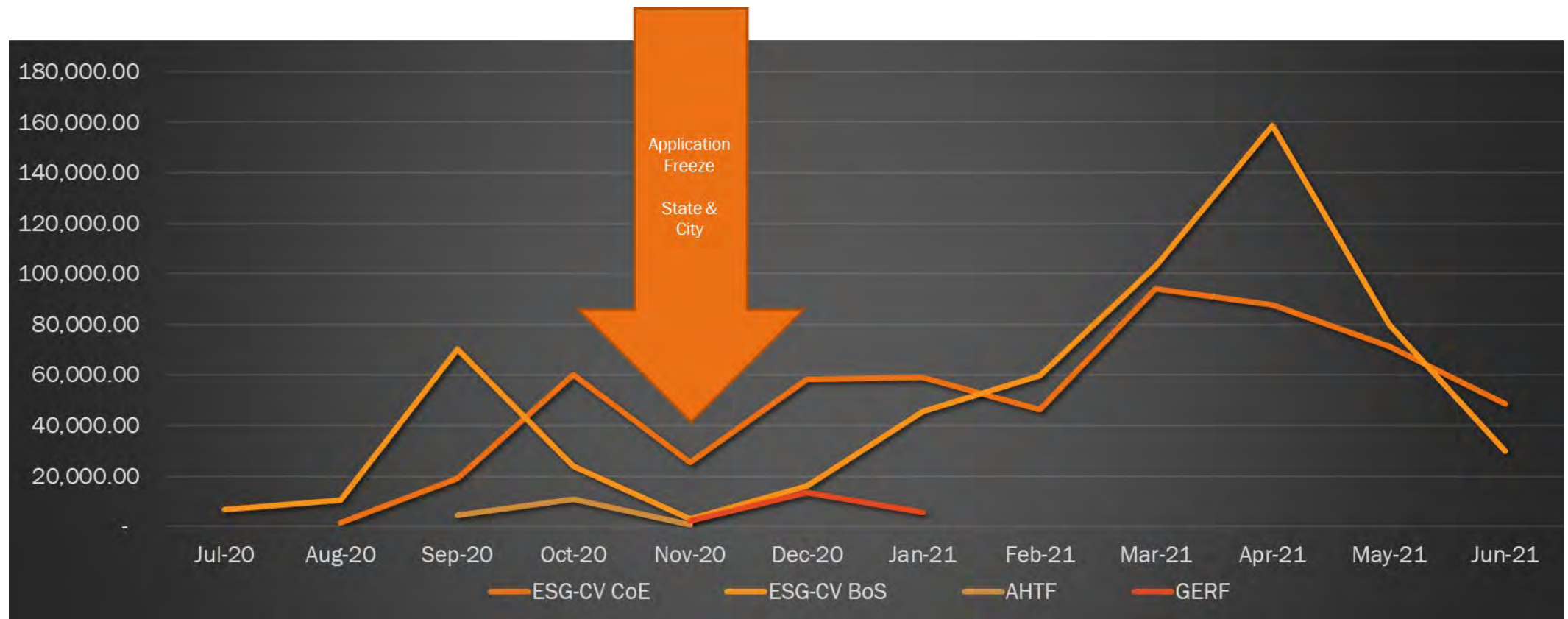
Award Amounts

IHCDA - HUD funds

- ESHP-CV totals \$1,150,000.00 - ESG-HP CARES Project
 - Original award dated June 18, 2020 for **\$350,000.00**
 - Budget Modification + **\$100,000.00** in March, 2021
 - 2nd budget Modification + **\$700,000.00** in April, 2021
- ESG-CV-CSBG dated May 8, 2020 for **\$10,000.00** - Direct Program Costs for ESG Rental Assistance Program Administration

* **GERF** (Greater Evansville Relief Fund) from United Way of SWI -
\$20,000 assistance & \$250,000 loan.

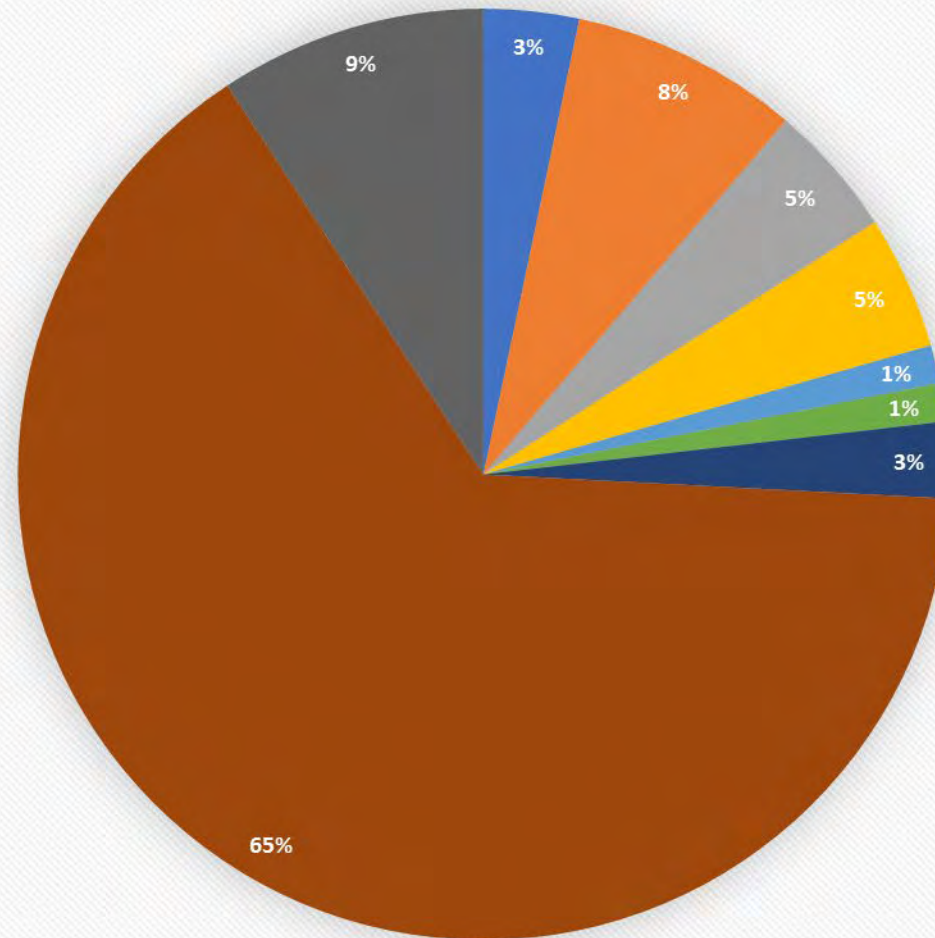
Grant Expenditures by Month



Month	ESG-CV CoE	ESG-CV BoS	AHTF	GERF
Jul-20		6,698.40		
Aug-20	1,567.50	10,582.75		
Sep-20	18,987.64	70,168.01	4,586.40	
Oct-20	60,043.99	23,899.49	10,769.75	
Nov-20	25,595.83	3,206.00	665.27	2,239.83
Dec-20	58,420.03	16,198.46		13,604.13
Jan-21	59,141.10	45,471.94	1,173.64	5,756.04
Feb-21	46,528.74	59,600.92		
Mar-21	94,296.13	103,177.41	784.08	
Apr-21	87,813.76	158,855.39		
May-21	71,325.29	80,022.01		
Jun-21	48,606.15	29,797.00		

Region 12 Households Served

By County
(IHCDA ESG-CV)



■ Daviess ■ Dubois ■ Gibson ■ Knox ■ Perry ■ Posey ■ Spencer ■ Vanderburgh ■ Warrick



Region 12 Households Served

By County
(IHCDA ESG-CV)

City of Evansville
ESG-CV
Applications



Conflict in Interpretation

A Tale of Two ESGs:

- *IHCDA*: Provide Households with 9-12 months of past/future assistance
- *City of Evansville*: Provide only Past-Due assistance
 - Community not aware of the different funding streams
- Aurora: Provide up to 6 months arrears and 1 month ahead, unless otherwise warranted

Conflict in Interpretation

ESG is restrictive:

- Aurora was identified as being awarded “large sums” of money to help with rent, but only a specific population was eligible under the criteria.
- Utility assistance was advertised as a claimable expense, but proved nearly impossible to execute due to wording in most leases
- Category 2 Homeless (At Risk) 21 days from eviction
 - Tenants requesting evictions to qualify for services

Barriers

- People “New” to needing help

- People “Experienced” in needing help

- Fixed/Low-income households unable to access usual financial assistance

- Navigating changing systems

- Agency change in operations
- Firehose of COVID Funding with delayed parameters
- Conversion to electronic processes
- Fear of people “falling through the cracks”

- Staff turnover

- 2/3 of Aurora Case Management
- Training amid crisis:
 - Filling an increased community need through decreased agency staff
 - Socially distanced & remote

- Large Funding Awards through Reimbursement

- Bruise on Landlord relations

Strengths

- COLLABORATION!!!!!!

- People assisted with large amounts of financial aid

- Navigating changing systems

- Seasoned workers revived with new challenges and solutions
- Funding to help in a BIG way

- Staff turnover

- Identified agency weaknesses to build stronger organization
- Hired amazing staff that were “born in the fire”

- Front-End funding, supported by local community, provided until reimbursement arrived

- Given an opportunity to introduce our services to a new batch of landlords

Partnering in Homeless Prevention



Where we are today

- COLLABORATION!!!!!!

- Office access returning to normal

- Anticipating new wave of HP need

- Moratorium coming to an end
- Unemployment Benefits reducing

- Rapid Rehousing

- Reduced landlord stock
- Change in resources stalled potential RRH graduates- extended services

- Front-End funding supported by local community returned

- Grateful to be alive

Q&A

ESG-CV Grants Status Report

Updated June 24, 2021

ESG-CV Funds (in billions)



97.5% of funds obligated in IDIS

5 ESG-CV 1 and 40 ESG-CV 2 grants remaining to load

73% of funds Committed

11% of awarded funds Drawn

Of 362 grant recipients:

23 recipients have no funds in IDIS

41 recipients have not drawn any amount for ESG-CV funds in IDIS

20% of ESG-CV grant allocations must be expended by September 30, 2021

New Resources Posted

Coming Soon! Visit hudexchange.info

Key Websites

HUD: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/infectious-disease-prevention-response/>

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

NHCHC: <https://nhchc.org/clinical-practice/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/>

USICH: <https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/coronavirus-covid-19-resources/>

VA: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/index.asp>

HRSA: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions.html>

Federal Partner Contacts

For additional information or assistance, contact:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
www.cdc.gov/COVID19; 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636); TTY: 1-888-232-6348
- Department of Housing and Urban Development:
[HUD Exchange Ask-A-Question \(AAQ\) Portal](#)

Q & A

