

## COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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June 4, 2021 2:30 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: Hello Everyone!

June 4, 2021 2:30 PM from Daniel Gray to everyone: Hello from Cape Cod!

June 4, 2021 2:30 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To join the webinar via the phone, please call in using:  
+1-415-655-0002 Access code: 185 207 6880  
(If you need to call in toll-free, call 1-855-797-9485)

June 4, 2021 2:32 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To fill out the poll, please follow this link: <https://www.menti.com/msw6egxvsm>

June 4, 2021 2:33 PM from Angela Hogan to everyone: Hello from sunny SW Florida!

June 4, 2021 2:38 PM from Tamara Stewart to everyone: Hi Everyone. I have a question about the ESG-CV deadline.  
Per training, HUD deadline is 9/30/2022, our IDIS Expenditure Deadline is 5/26/2022, and our Funding Agreement for ESG has a deadline of 6/30/2022

June 4, 2021 2:40 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: CDC Resource: People at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>

June 4, 2021 2:41 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: For ESG-CV, Is there a maximum amount that may be charged as an eligible expense for fringe benefits?

June 4, 2021 2:43 PM from Torrie Kopp Mueller to everyone: Can projects ask guests/residents about vaccine status? Can they require them to answer the question? Is there a difference based on project...shelter vs. permanent housing?

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June 4, 2021 2:43 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Tamara - in all cases, the ESG-CV expenditure deadline is 9/30/2022 (also keeping in mind the 20% expenditure deadline of 9/30/2021 and 80% expenditure deadline of 3/31/2021). The expenditure deadline reflected in IDIS is incorrect and will be updated to 9/30/2022 during the next IDIS release. The ESG-CV grant agreement form was released before the ESG-CV Notice and so the form itself doesn't specifically reference the 9/30/2022 deadline; however, the ESG-CV grant agreement incorporates by reference any changes to ESG-CV requirements (which includes the ESG-CV Notice).

June 4, 2021 2:45 PM from Tamara Stewart to everyone: @Marlisa Thanks!!!

June 4, 2021 2:45 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Eleanor - we would expect you to follow the requirements at 2 CFR 200.431 as it relate to charging fringe benefits to your ESG-CV grant. Generally, it requires fringe benefits to be reasonable and required either by law, an employee agreement, or the recipient's policies.

June 4, 2021 2:46 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: Thank you!

June 4, 2021 2:47 PM from Amanda B to everyone: Are RRH training costs eligible under ESG-CV RRH if we are implementing new RRH under ESG-CV?

June 4, 2021 2:47 PM from Amanda Sternberg to everyone: We are hoping to pair CoC funded supportive services with people receiving an EHV. May that CoC program use the EHV as match for their CoC program? If so, how would they document this?

June 4, 2021 2:47 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: IRS Resource: Advance Child Tax Credit Payments in 2021 [www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021](http://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021)

June 4, 2021 2:48 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: USICH & IRS Webinar, June 10th

Reaching Americans Experiencing Homelessness: Economic Impact Payment and IRS Free File

[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_xy63gnR1SEKuV560gCHWHA](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_xy63gnR1SEKuV560gCHWHA)

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June 4, 2021 2:48 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Torrise, for ESG-CV funded projects, recipients and subrecipients can't require prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving assistance. So requiring program participants to disclose their vaccination status isn't permitted. In general, we wouldn't advise implementing that type of barrier to homeless assistance projects.

June 4, 2021 2:49 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: Is HUD considering extending some of the flexibilities and waivers, such as going above FMR, landlord incentives, etc. for ESG Program beyond the COVID-19 pandemic? Asking because the rents in some of the communities in our BoS CoC are soaring. There is great concern among providers about what is going to happen to households they move into a unit over FMR today next year when that lease comes up for renewal. Also, relationships with landlords are breaking down. Landlords are very upset about lost income, are refusing Emergency Rental Assistance program support, are refusing ESG Homeless Prevention assistance, are upping their screening for criminal background and credit, etc.

June 4, 2021 2:49 PM from Natalie Matthews (she/her) to everyone: Webinar Link: [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_xy63gnR1SEKuV560gCHWHA](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_xy63gnR1SEKuV560gCHWHA)

June 4, 2021 2:50 PM from Nick Cassaro to everyone: ...

June 4, 2021 2:51 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: Does CoC Program funding allow for PSH providers to deliver up to 6 months of case management after financial assistance ends the way it does for CoC RRH? Looking to use CoC PSH funding for 6 months of bridge CM from PSH to EHV.

June 4, 2021 2:52 PM from Sandy Deters to everyone: how do homeless set up a bank account???

June 4, 2021 2:52 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Amanda - EHV isn't statutorily prohibited from being used as match for the CoC Program, so yes, you could count it as match! But it has to meet all the requirements of the CoC Program, in addition to the EHV Program. This means, for example, it has to be contributed to the CoC Program, it has to serve people experiencing homelessness, and only the portion of rent paid to the landlord (and not the tenant's portion) can count as match.

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June 4, 2021 2:54 PM from Amanda Sternberg to everyone: @Brett - thank you.

June 4, 2021 2:54 PM from Claire Shanahan to everyone: Was there an update on the NOFA at the top of the meeting? had internet connection issues

June 4, 2021 2:55 PM from Kayla Thompson to all panelists: from Vernet Sherrill to all attendees: 2:54 PM

Can a PHA restrict a community from receiving a EHV in their county?

June 4, 2021 2:55 PM from Christine Footit to everyone: Here is the FDIC Link:  
<https://www.fdic.gov/getbanked/index.html>

June 4, 2021 2:55 PM from Amanda B to everyone: I second Lauren's question re: 6 months of services after PSH. I submitted an AAQ and it was somewhat of a non-answer.

June 4, 2021 2:56 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Lauren - no, the CoC Program doesn't allow PSH providers to provide up to 6 months of supportive services after the rental assistance ends as is permitted for RRH. Services can only be provided to people who are enrolled in a PSH project. So if someone hasn't been exited from the PSH project you could continue to provide services even if the source of rental assistance has changed.

June 4, 2021 2:56 PM from Jack Moran to everyone: Is it possible to use EHV's to make mortgage payments?

June 4, 2021 2:56 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Full data analysis of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority's ESG Funding Pilot Project in September 2020

<https://www.sdhda.org/images/docu/housing-development/South-Dakota-Data-Presentation-09-30-2020.pdf>

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June 4, 2021 2:57 PM from Jennifer Prins to everyone: Yay South Dakota! So great to hear about successes from a rural / large geography CoC!

June 4, 2021 2:57 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Claire - no update on the NOFA.

June 4, 2021 2:58 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: @ Brett - Got it. So we could switch the rental assistance from CoC program funding to EHV, keep the household enrolled in PSH for a period of time, and then exit the household officially from the PSH project, once they've been supported to transition

June 4, 2021 2:58 PM from Christine Footit to everyone: Here is a link to our news release on those experiencing homelessness for Economic Impact Payments:  
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/those-experiencing-homelessness-can-get-economic-impact-payments-and-other-tax-benefits-permanent-address-not-required>

June 4, 2021 2:59 PM from Micah Snead to everyone: @Christine awesome, thank you!

June 4, 2021 2:59 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: Who did the data analysis for South Dakota Housing Development authority?

June 4, 2021 2:59 PM from William Higgins to everyone: Hello all from Lobster Land... I am a lived experience of homelessness representative for the Maine CoC Board, along with serving on six CoC committees. I hope that we will get the "fun" of the NOFA soon.

June 4, 2021 3:00 PM from Claire Shanahan to everyone: @Brett thank you

June 4, 2021 3:00 PM from Sandy Deters to everyone: can you please send the Link for the Unbanked - Bank accounts. I can not find it on FDIC website. Thank you!

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June 4, 2021 3:00 PM from Sandy Deters to everyone: sorry - I just had to scroll up!!

June 4, 2021 3:01 PM from Michelle Bush to everyone: Eleanor Vega: The Corporate FACTS team conducted the data analysis with support from Collaborative Housing Solutions and S. Dakota team

June 4, 2021 3:01 PM from Angela Hogan to everyone: That is amazing!

June 4, 2021 3:01 PM from Chris Ohara to everyone: that's long overdue

June 4, 2021 3:04 PM from Angela Hogan to everyone: I would love to hear more about what kinds of training you had to offer for new or newer agencies.

June 4, 2021 3:04 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: Since the \$3500 services fee for EHVs is targeted to housing search and move in assistance, does SNAPS team have any recommendations for flexible uses of these dollars in communities looking to use them for move on from PSH and RRH where folks will be transitioning in place, not looking to move to a new unit? For example, we have limited inventory in the community, so were wondering if we could provide an incentive to landlords of the units folks will remain in for making other units in their inventory available to the CoC for ESG and CoC housing programs. Sound eligible?

June 4, 2021 3:04 PM from William Higgins to everyone:  
<https://www.fdic.gov/getbanked/>

June 4, 2021 3:05 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Jack - can you send your question to ehv@hud.gov

June 4, 2021 3:05 PM from Amanda B to everyone: Is there any advice for CoCs that are government entities in terms of capacity building with new agencies? We struggle to get new agencies on board because most are very small and don't have the fiscal structures in place that would be needed or cannot secure the required level of insurance our County requires. Anyone else run into these issues?

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June 4, 2021 3:06 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to everyone: EHV - is there an opportunity for PHA's to request additional EHV's, or was that also required by the due date for PHA's to say yes/no to their original allocation?

June 4, 2021 3:06 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Amanda - you could pay for training on ESG requirements (e.g. requirements pertaining to ESG RRH activities) under 576.108(a)(2)), which is ordinarily eligible. The new training eligible activity permitted under the ESG-CV Notice, which is not considered an admin cost, needs to be used for training on infectious disease prevention and mitigation

June 4, 2021 3:06 PM from Shaye Rabold to everyone: @Brett - if possible, can you verbally expand on your response to Lauren about PSH being used for up to 6 months (not being used like RRH)...but then you said "you could continue to provide services even if the source of rental assistance has changed". That sounds like what is allowed under RRH. Would like clarification on how what you are saying is different.. Maybe "when rental assistance ends" is not referring exclusively to PSH rental assistance ending?

June 4, 2021 3:08 PM from Latesha Balam-Totten to everyone: Thank you Denise/South Dakota and Christine/IRS!

June 4, 2021 3:08 PM from Amanda B to everyone: @Marlisa, so we would only be able to use ESG-CV to cover training on infectious disease prevention/mitigation, but would have to use regular ESG Admin for general RRH training?

June 4, 2021 3:09 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Amanda - it depends on the specific topics you intend to cover in your RRH training. If there is an infectious disease prevention/mitigation component to your training, it's possible to categorize it under the new training activity, but if it's strictly covering RRH requirements, the training would need to be budgeted under admin.

June 4, 2021 3:10 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To fill out the poll, please follow this link: <https://www.menti.com/msw6egxvsm>

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June 4, 2021 3:11 PM from Denise Albertson to everyone: Our full data analysis is available on our website at PowerPoint Presentation (sdhda.org)

June 4, 2021 3:12 PM from Jack Moran to everyone: mortgage

June 4, 2021 3:13 PM from Angela Hogan to everyone: Is there any movement towards ESG-CV Shelter Activities being extended past 1/2022?

June 4, 2021 3:13 PM from Teresa Reinders to everyone: Where is the poll link?

June 4, 2021 3:13 PM from Micah Webster to everyone: To fill out the poll, please follow this link: <https://www.menti.com/msw6egxvsm>

June 4, 2021 3:14 PM from Coach Ron to everyone: 🙏🙏🙏 Amen to that yes we are 🙏

June 4, 2021 3:14 PM from Caroline Crouse to everyone: @Lauren- Yes, landlord incentives are allowable uses of the \$3,500 services fee under the EHV

June 4, 2021 3:14 PM from Kayla Thompson to all panelists: from Maria Davis to all attendees: 3:14 PM

Is the plan to continue these Q&As as COVID response ramps down?

June 4, 2021 3:14 PM from Sharon Price Singer to everyone: @Tamara per the ESG-CV Notice, the 100% expenditure deadline for all ESG-CV funds is 9/30/22

June 4, 2021 3:16 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: @Caroline - Yes, we understand that landlord incentives are allowed, but the question is related to how we are approaching the incentive. Since folks are transitioning in place via move on from PSH and RRH, we are interested in



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offering incentives to existing landlords to make other units in their inventory available to the homeless response system?

June 4, 2021 3:16 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Lauren - we're looking at the waivers expiring at the end of the month and more information to come soon about their possible extension.

June 4, 2021 3:17 PM from Caroline Crouse to everyone: @ Mitchel- PIH re-ran the EHV allocation formula earlier this week, I believe, and they will be posted publicly soon. If you are interested in additional vouchers, it couldn't hurt to express that through the ehv@hud.gov mailbox. There is a reallocation component of the program if the vouchers underutilized after a time period, so it might be good to express interest.

June 4, 2021 3:17 PM from Christine Footit to everyone: IRS/USICH Webinar registration link for event on June 10, 2021 at 3pm EST:  
[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_xy63gnR1SEKuV560gCHWHA](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_xy63gnR1SEKuV560gCHWHA)

June 4, 2021 3:18 PM from Maria Davis to everyone: Is HUD's plan to continue these Q&S sessions as COVID response winds down?

June 4, 2021 3:19 PM from Caroline Crouse to everyone: @Lauren- thanks for that clarification. What you are describing falls under the "owner recruitment and outreach" section, which states: "The PHA may use the service fee funding to conduct owner recruitment and outreach specifically for EHV's. In addition to traditional owner recruitment and outreach, activities may include conducting pre-inspections (see section 9.I below) or otherwise expediting the inspection process, providing enhanced customer service, and offering owner incentive and/or retention payments." I think what you explained falls within these guidelines, even if they are current landlords in the program (since you are recruiting additional units)

June 4, 2021 3:20 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: @ Caroline - Woot Woot!! Such great news for the community

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June 4, 2021 3:20 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: thank you@

June 4, 2021 3:21 PM from Shaye Rabold to everyone: inquiring about vaccination status. We are asking participants already in programs per HUD data guidance that was put out. This is not to screen folks out, but to help determine hesitancy and help people keep track of upcoming appts, etc. This is allowed, correct? Distinct from requiring folks to answer and not making it a condition of housing/services.

June 4, 2021 3:22 PM from Natori Green to everyone: @Brett - Thank you so much