

COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A
November 13th, 2020

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November 13, 2020 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)

November 13, 2020 2:31 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Will we have any further updates on the PIT Unsheltered Count and the NOFA this week? Thanks

November 13, 2020 2:31 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: Some PIT guidance: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6213/conducting-the-2021-unsheltered-pit-count/>

November 13, 2020 2:32 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: lol

November 13, 2020 2:32 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Thanks Ebony!

November 13, 2020 2:33 PM from Maria Davis to everyone: Woohoo! HUD Q&A is a Happy Hour1

November 13, 2020 2:35 PM from Mike Smith TN-500 to everyone: In the most recent Waiver notice it stated that CoC Leasing can get a FMR waiver. Can CoC rental assistance or CoC RRH programs use the waiver? Our HUD contact directed me to the office hours to ask. I've previously submitted an AAQ as well.

November 13, 2020 2:36 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Mike - rental assistance under the CoC program can already be used to pay for units that are above FMR so long as the rent meets the reasonable rent test (contract rent + any utilities not paid for as part of the contract rent). Therefore, no waiver is needed for rental assistance to rent a unit above FMR and pay for it with grant funds.

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November 13, 2020 2:37 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: CDC resource:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html>

November 13, 2020 2:38 PM from Karen DeBlasio to everyone: @William Higgins-
Welcome!

November 13, 2020 2:39 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: Additional CDC
resources on influenza vaccine: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/protect-your-health.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/resource-center/index.htm>

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID-19_PPE_illustrations-p.pdf

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

November 13, 2020 2:39 PM from Teri Robertson to everyone: Mega Waiver #3: Does
the 10th waiver regarding one-year leases include ALL PH projects (PSH and RRH)?

November 13, 2020 2:39 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: any status update on
the release of the tool to import VASH data into HMIS? Last we heard, it was supposed to be released
first week in November

November 13, 2020 2:39 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Teri - yes! it applies
to all PH projects, including both PSH and RRH. If you want to use that waiver don't forget to let your
field office know.

November 13, 2020 2:40 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: Here is a link to the PIT
count guidance William is talking through now:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6213/conducting-the-2021-unsheltered-pit-count/>

November 13, 2020 2:42 PM from Jessica Bleile to everyone: If we want to do the
count on a different date, rather than in January, do we need to submit a request for an exception?

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November 13, 2020 2:42 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: Does seeking an exception on "all" unsheltered count requirements mean that you can seek an exception not to do a 2021 unsheltered count?

November 13, 2020 2:43 PM from Justin Marino to everyone: Did I Miss any CoC NOFA Update?

November 13, 2020 2:43 PM from Tamera Kohler to everyone: In reading the guidance for the unsheltered count it doesn't list the option to move the date? Can we ask for an exception for changing the date? As an example conducting the full PIT and HIC work the end of Feb?

November 13, 2020 2:43 PM from Christina Yasav to everyone: Justin, they specifically said no CoC Nofa update today

November 13, 2020 2:43 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Justin - no CoC Competition updates yet.

November 13, 2020 2:43 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Justin - no, you did not. No CoC NOFA (or YHDP NOFA) updated today

November 13, 2020 2:44 PM from Karen DeBlasio to everyone: @ Justin- yes, sorry no NOFA update today

November 13, 2020 2:44 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: How soon would we need to ask for exceptions? As COVID shutdowns restart in some communities, we won't be sure what our state allows until closer to the date

November 13, 2020 2:47 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: if we are planning to do a smaller scale blitz count, can we augment that with the sampling? Is there TA on sampling if we've never used that methodology before?

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November 13, 2020 2:47 PM from Justin Marino to everyone: Thank You all

November 13, 2020 2:47 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: did William just say we can ask where you slept over a 14 day period rather than asking where you slept on a specific night, say Jan 27th?

November 13, 2020 2:48 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: @lauren yes

November 13, 2020 2:48 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: But you would ask them over the 14 days where they slept on Jan 27

November 13, 2020 2:49 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: @Andrea - got it. that was my confusion

November 13, 2020 2:49 PM from Valeri Knight to everyone: HUD requires every other year unshelter count, what if we did one last year?

November 13, 2020 2:50 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: our BoS CoC covers 33 counties. are we allowed to use different approaches in different areas based on the state of the virus in different areas?

November 13, 2020 2:50 PM from Karen DeBlasio to everyone: @Valeri- HUD dictates which year is a "required" year. All odd years (i.e., 2021) are required

November 13, 2020 2:50 PM from Valeri Knight to everyone: Thank you

November 13, 2020 2:52 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: Here is that resource again: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6213/conducting-the-2021-unsheltered-pit-count/>

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November 13, 2020 2:52 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: adding to my question - in some areas, unsheltered count is typically completed entirely by volunteers; in other areas, there is street outreach infrastructure, so different safety considerations across the 33 counties

November 13, 2020 2:54 PM from Tina Moore to everyone: Are we still on track to submit 2021 HIC and PIT data in HDX 2.0?

November 13, 2020 2:54 PM from Corey Root to everyone: We are a small CoC - PIT btwn 125-145 people. You recommend we use sampling as well? I thought that was something for larger CoCs only?

November 13, 2020 2:54 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Ditto Corey

November 13, 2020 2:54 PM from Grant Ebbesmeyer to everyone: Does a shorter survey (e.g. just name and unsheltered status on PIT date) require an exception request?

November 13, 2020 2:55 PM from Amanda B to everyone: Is there any guidance regarding how to track Temporary Emergency Shelter under ESG-CV? Is this tracked in HMIS as Emergency Shelter? Do we need to distinguish in some way which are ES and which are TES?

November 13, 2020 2:55 PM from William Higgins to everyone: For those placed in hotels currently, are they to be included in the sheltered count?

November 13, 2020 2:56 PM from Kelsey Addy to everyone: Are there any changes to how we will be submitting the HIC (i.e., in HDX2? Direct HMIS upload?)

November 13, 2020 2:56 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Ditto Amanda's and William's questions

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November 13, 2020 2:56 PM from Riley Wilkerson to everyone: Does the exception to not do a count at all applies to the unsheltered count only or the full count? What would we submit in HDX? Would we do a count in 2022?

November 13, 2020 2:57 PM from Amanda B to everyone: Similar to William's question: Are people in Temp. ES that is not hotel/motel considered sheltered even if we would not typically count those places as sheltered (e.g. military style tents, conestoga huts, pallet shelters, etc.)

November 13, 2020 2:58 PM from Sarah Duzinski to everyone: What would the turnaround time be on review of exceptions to holding a PIT Count?

November 13, 2020 2:58 PM from Aubrey Sitler to everyone: As a reminder, the PIT Count Methodology Guide provides some insight into how sampling works:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4036/point-in-time-count-methodology-guide/>

November 13, 2020 3:00 PM from Riley Wilkerson to everyone: When will this get posted on the HUD exchange site?

November 13, 2020 3:01 PM from Sarah Duzinski to everyone: There's one more question

November 13, 2020 3:01 PM from Sarah Duzinski to everyone: above

November 13, 2020 3:01 PM from Riley Wilkerson to everyone: Does the exception to not do a count at all applies to the unsheltered count only or the full count? What would we submit in HDX? Would we do a count in 2022?

November 13, 2020 3:01 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: Is it an allowable activity under the ESG-CV for a project which services those at high risk of COVID-19 to have different but multiple types of supportive service/case manager roles funded under 24 CFR 576.105(b)(2) housing stability case management?

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November 13, 2020 3:03 PM from Hannah Basting to everyone: was it mentioned that select CoC's will be specifically asked by HUD to complete an unsheltered count? If so, when will those CoC's be notified?

November 13, 2020 3:03 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Jessica - RE: diff dates for PIT - yes. You can seek an exception to do a different date. Please remember that you must be prepared to submit your data by April 30, even if you got an exception to count on a later date. Also, consider the date in light of factors that impact homelessness. For instance, we recommend counting at the end of the month because assistance checks tend to be exhausted.

November 13, 2020 3:04 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Lauren - yes - an exception to "all" means an exception to doing any unsheltered PIT count.

November 13, 2020 3:04 PM from Edina Chester to everyone: It is my understanding that our subrecipients will need to comply with applicable procurement standards (24 CFR 576.407 (c) and (f) and 2 CFR 200.317-200.326) when procuring goods and services, for example, cleaning supplies, microfiber curtains, etc. with ESG-CV funding. Can I please get clarification on the micro-purchase threshold? I have seen two different thresholds in the regulations including \$3,000 and \$10,000. And does the threshold apply to the total award amount for that activity or to each individual purchase the subrecipient makes toward that activity?

November 13, 2020 3:05 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Tamera - yes - if you seek an exception to the PIT count date, that will move the date for all data collection for the count (HIC, sheltered PIT count, and unsheltered PIT count)

November 13, 2020 3:05 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Lauren (re: status of VASH tool to import data in HMIS) - it will be posted imminently

November 13, 2020 3:05 PM from Jessica Bleile to everyone: @William- Thank you!

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November 13, 2020 3:05 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Andrew - If I understand your question - yes, it is possible to fund multiple case managers using ESG-CV funds and you can locally distinguish their jobs (so long as they are eligible ESG-CV costs). For example you could have some case managers conduct intake while other intake workers help make referrals to mainstream resources. Or you could fund case managers that do all of those tasks.

November 13, 2020 3:06 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Andrea - you can seek an exception through January. We are all reacting to the current environment and things are changing all the time. We will be flexible with you.

November 13, 2020 3:06 PM from Claire Burrus to everyone: If we intend to do an observation only count, if approved, will there be any changes to guidance/protocol on counting tents/shelters in order to make visual confirmation of the presence of individuals?

November 13, 2020 3:06 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: thanks william

November 13, 2020 3:06 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Thomas - yes and yes (you can do a smaller blitz count and we will providing TA on this. Specifically, we want to use the PIT Count Office Hours to focus on this.

November 13, 2020 3:08 PM from Corey Root to everyone: Do you know when the PIT Office Hours will be scheduled?

November 13, 2020 3:08 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Lauren - no. We still need to tie the count to a single night. The 14-day just gives you longer to conduct the count. You should still tie the count to the initial night. If you are going to do a blitz count we encourage you to limit it to a few days (no more than 4) and consider if there are natural boundaries in the CoC where populations don't tend to cross. If you do a count over a longer period please use a short survey.

November 13, 2020 3:09 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: @Brett, thanks for the guidance!

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November 13, 2020 3:09 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Tina - I think we are still going to be in HDX 1.0 but we'll see the closer we get to submission.

November 13, 2020 3:09 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: *Guidance

November 13, 2020 3:09 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: @William - Thank you! Got it.

November 13, 2020 3:10 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Corey - sampling can still be done in smaller towns but it is more challenging.

November 13, 2020 3:11 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Edina - 2 CFR 200 covers micro-purchase requirement and generally \$3,000 is the micro-purchase limit (though there are some caveats). And it is the aggregate amount spent on the item. See 2 CFR 200.67 and 2 CFR 200.320 for complete information: <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2014-title2-vol1/CFR-2014-title2-vol1-part200>

November 13, 2020 3:11 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: @Marlissa - Thank you about status of VASH upload tool!

November 13, 2020 3:11 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Grant - you need to seek an exception if you are not going to submit a full unsheltered PIT count estimate to HUD. So, if you do a shorter survey, and do not anticipate submitting some information to HUD (e.g., subpopulation date or demographic data) then yes - you need to seek an exception.

November 13, 2020 3:12 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: If a grantee uses regular ESG allocation funds to respond to COVID, is the match requirement waived for those funds? They only need to provide match on funds not used to respond to COVID?

November 13, 2020 3:13 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Amanda - that guidance on reporting NCS and TES will be published shortly and we will link to it in the listserv next

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week. The short answer is that you should plan on counting them. We do not anticipate making you distinguish ES from TES. But you will be given a new funding source option to indicate if ESG-CV funds are part of a project.

November 13, 2020 3:13 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ William - yes, people experiencing homelessness who are sheltering in hotels should be included in the sheltered PIT count.

November 13, 2020 3:14 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Sarah - if the ESG recipient follows the process in the ESG-CV notice to identify which annual ESG funds are used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus then yes, the match requirement is waived for those funds too.

November 13, 2020 3:14 PM from Edina Chester to everyone: @Brett - Thank you!

November 13, 2020 3:14 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Kelsey - probably not, but we'll see.

November 13, 2020 3:14 PM from Davis Schofield to everyone: Can planning Grant funds be used to purchase PPE for the PIT Count?

November 13, 2020 3:15 PM from Lesa Weikel to everyone: Can ESG-CV funding, under a Street Outreach activity, be used to provide PPE for PIT Count volunteers?

November 13, 2020 3:15 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Riley - the exception to not conducting a count is limited to not conducting an unsheltered PIT count. We will give guidance on how to submit the data later. It will look a lot like how it looked in the past. I can't wrap my head around 2022 at this point. We will have to see where we are at that point.

November 13, 2020 3:16 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Amanda - regarding TES - yes. You will be counting people in TES as sheltered.

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November 13, 2020 3:16 PM from Lesa Weikel to everyone: Can ESG-CV funding under volunteer incentives be used to incentivize PIT count volunteers

November 13, 2020 3:18 PM from Kali Adams to everyone: Can you share the resource link that Katharine discussed?

November 13, 2020 3:18 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Sarah - i will respond to exception requests as quickly as possible. Emails that come before Dec 15 will likely get processed relatively quickly and then things will slow down between Dec 15 and the first week of January. Then we will pick up more quickly again. But we do not plan on being harsh on this. If you make a request with valid responses to the pieces we ask you to respond to you should feel confident in your request.

November 13, 2020 3:18 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Amanda - re: TES setup in HMIS - yes, temporary emergency shelter is setup in HMIS as a separate project from Emergency shelter projects. See the HMIS Guide for ESG (Appendix A) for more info: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/ESG-Program-HMIS-Manual.pdf>

November 13, 2020 3:18 PM from Katharine Gale to everyone: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Homeless-System-Response-Increasing-Equity-in-the-Homeless-Response-System-Through-Expanding-Procurement.pdf>

November 13, 2020 3:19 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Riley - the links to the guidance are already on the HUD Exchange. We anticipate you will have all you need by early next week except for the Notice. That will be delayed several weeks but all of the substance in that is available in the other guidance.

November 13, 2020 3:20 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Hannah - yes, HUD developed a sample of CoCs we will reach out to and ask to conduct some form of a count. We will try to provide TA to help do the count. If it is simply infeasible we will remain reasonable.

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November 13, 2020 3:21 PM from Riley Wilkerson to everyone: I'm sorry, what I was asking about was your recorded session. I think your responses and your tone will help our community decide how to proceed.

November 13, 2020 3:21 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Claire - we don't anticipate changing guidance at this point in time on the tent/shelter piece. This is a great topic to bring to the PIT Count Office Hours.

November 13, 2020 3:22 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Corey - we will announce the PIT Count Office Hours times early next week. The first one will be on Tuesday, November 24 @3pm ET.

November 13, 2020 3:23 PM from Katharine Gale to everyone: Again the document we're discussing is <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Homeless-System-Response-Increasing-Equity-in-the-Homeless-Response-System-Through-Expanding-Procurement.pdf>

November 13, 2020 3:23 PM from William Higgins to everyone: Can they provide contact information...

November 13, 2020 3:24 PM from Valorie Carson to everyone: Can the new resources posted links be put into the chat please??

November 13, 2020 3:25 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: any YHDP NOFA updates?

November 13, 2020 3:25 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: No YHDP NOFA updates today

November 13, 2020 3:25 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: @Ebony - Thank you!

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November 13, 2020 3:25 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @ Valorie - if you go here (<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/>) you can access all of the newest resources by going to the "Search All Resources by Date" tab

November 13, 2020 3:26 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: can unsheltered count be conducted differently across counties in large BoS CoC?

November 13, 2020 3:26 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Staff-Capacity-Considerations-for-Scaling-Up.pdf>

November 13, 2020 3:26 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Holistic-Investment-Planning-for-State-ESG-Entitlements-and-Balance-of-State-CoCs.pdf>

November 13, 2020 3:26 PM from Edina Chester to everyone: Just to make sure I understand, if the subrecipient's procurement of goods is above the micro-purchase limit then they will be required to use one of the other procurement methods, whichever is most applicable, to purchase the goods such as small purchase procedures, request for proposals, etc. correct?

November 13, 2020 3:26 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to everyone: Suggestion for future topic - the intersection between Emergency Shelter and Joint Component TH-RRH programs. As CoC's have developed Joint Component programs, have they done that intentionally to address the burden on the capacity of their emergency shelter system? Perhaps agencies that have done so could present at a future COVID office hours.

November 13, 2020 3:26 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: @ William - Thank you!

November 13, 2020 3:26 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-5-Tips-to-Approaching-Rehousing-with-Racial-Equity.pdf>

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November 13, 2020 3:27 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Comparable-Database-Vendor-Checklist.pdf>

November 13, 2020 3:27 PM from Lesa Weikel to everyone: Can ESG-CV funding be used to provide PPE and/or volunteer incentives for a PIT Count volunteers?

November 13, 2020 3:28 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Mitchel - thanks for the idea - we'll put it on our list!

November 13, 2020 3:29 PM from Edina Chester to everyone: Thank you very much!

November 13, 2020 3:29 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: there was also a question about using CoC planning \$ for pit count PPE

November 13, 2020 3:31 PM from Valorie Carson to everyone: Thanks to everyone!

November 13, 2020 3:31 PM from Lesa Weikel to everyone: Thank you!

November 13, 2020 3:31 PM from Arielle Benson to everyone: That was for both PPE & incentives for volunteers?

November 13, 2020 3:33 PM from Julie Montgomery to everyone: Thank you Katharine, Suzanne and Daniel! Very helpful ideas for increasing equity in services.

November 13, 2020 3:33 PM from Arielle Benson to everyone: Thank you!

November 13, 2020 3:33 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: Thank you HUD! We appreciate you so much.

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November 13, 2020 3:33 PM from Jessica Bleile to everyone: Thank you!

November 13, 2020 3:33 PM from Beth Sharber to everyone: Thank You All!!

November 13, 2020 3:33 PM from Michelle Herrera to everyone: Thank you.

November 13, 2020 3:33 PM from Rebekah Zahn-Pittser to everyone: Thank you Everyone!

Q&A Session for COVID-19 Office Hours

Session number: 610976677

Date: Friday, November 13, 2020

Starting time: 1:33 PM

-laura lama - 2:57 PM

Q: will the extrapolation tool be something communities can use for this "sampling"?

Priority: N/A-

-William Snow - 3:29 PM

A: No - the existing tool is not designed to do that. The extrapolation tool is a tool that helps you extrapolate characteristics when you already know the total universe. More is needed to use a sample to extrapolate to a total estimate.-

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-Megan Catherine - 3:28 PM

Q: Can ANYONE please please help me with someone I can get in contact with for homeless prevention for my daughter and I? I have tried everything for almost 8 months we are in a dire situation.

Priority: N/A-