

**COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A
November 20th, 2020**

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November 20, 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 20, 2020 2:31 PM from Rozann Downing to everyone: Can you please discuss the planning grant start date (when it begins) and the 10% allowed for expenditures for pre planning.

November 20, 2020 2:31 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: Do you know if there will be any data collection additions/changes for the 2021 Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT count? It would be helpful to know in order to design and train on the surveys. Will the data collection remain the same as the 2019 HIC and PIT Data Submission Guidance?

November 20, 2020 2:31 PM from William Higgins to everyone: Hi from Portland, Maine. Maine CoC lived experience of homelessness.

November 20, 2020 2:32 PM from Pamela Phillips-Zeller to everyone: Good afternoon from Putnam County, NY - and thank you to Natalie for keeping us connected so beautifully!!

November 20, 2020 2:32 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: Hi there! Thanks, Pamela! Props to my colleagues Tommy Joe and Jeanne that do so much to make these run smoothly :)

November 20, 2020 2:33 PM from Aidan Rich to everyone: Happy Friday! Can person's seeking assistance self-certify their household income without paystubs or W2s?

November 20, 2020 2:34 PM from Andrea Curtis to everyone: Good afternoon, wondering if there is an update on the release of pro rata need calculations for FY 2020?

November 20, 2020 2:35 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Shawn: Last Friday we spoke about the expectations and allowances for the 2021 PIT count and we followed up with a

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listserv this last Monday where we linked to resources. HUD expects CoCs to implement a HIC and sheltered PIT count based on the same data collection requirements as last year. HUD is requiring CoCs to conduct an unsheltered PIT count BUT there is guidance on flexibilities that CoCs can use. Also, CoCs can request an exception to some or all of the unsheltered PIT count requirements. For instance, you can do a head count only. If you are not following the same data collection guidance as 2019 for unsheltered you will need to submit an exception request. Here is the guidance:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6213/conducting-the-2021-unsheltered-pit-count/>

November 20, 2020 2:36 PM from William Higgins to everyone: Homeless encampment sweep in Manchester New Hampshire being evicted by police - one hour notice

November 20, 2020 2:36 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Aidan - under the CoC Program the requirement to attempt to obtain third party documentation for income was waived (<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CPD-COVID-19-Waiver-3-Final-Clean.pdf>). For ESG, including ESG-CV, intake workers need to attempt to obtain source documents of income, but where that isn't possible then a written certification of the household member will suffice

November 20, 2020 2:36 PM from Jennifer Fabbrini to everyone: Hello from Chicago. Regarding the 2020 NOFA, I know we are waiting on potential legislation. Is there a cutoff date for the competition? In other words, a date by which if no alternative passes, we would have to move forward with a normal NOFA process.

November 20, 2020 2:36 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Any update on stimulus bills that may be considered by Congress, containing lingo about simplifying CoC NOFA?

November 20, 2020 2:36 PM from William Higgins to everyone:
<https://www.facebook.com/rod.webber.50/videos/10164497339135123>

November 20, 2020 2:36 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: PIT Count Questions: 1) Is it an option for CoCs to request to not conduct the 2021 unsheltered PIT, if there are serious COVID-19 related concerns in their community? 2) If CoCs are allowed to request to not conduct the 2021 unsheltered PIT, will there be any consequences or penalties for this (e.g. losing points on 2021 CoC NOFA)? If there will not be consequences or penalties, can HUD put that in writing? Our CoC Board

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would like that in writing as they work to make the best decision for how to proceed with the unsheltered count in our CoC.

November 20, 2020 2:36 PM from Aidan Rich to everyone: Would advertising a prevention program (via TV, Radio, Newspaper, etc.) be an eligible expense under Administration?

November 20, 2020 2:37 PM from Denise Albertson to everyone: Is the CDC considering extending the eviction moratorium past December 31, 2020?

November 20, 2020 2:37 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Rozann - the start date for your planning grant is the date that the grant agreement is signed. You are allowed pre-award costs beginning on the date that HUD announced the conditional selection of your planning grant.

November 20, 2020 2:37 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: NHCHC Dashboard referenced by Emily: <https://nhchc.org/cdc-covid-dashboard/home/>

November 20, 2020 2:38 PM from Carma Reed to everyone: Related to vaccine, any specific recommendations about including front line homeless service staff in "Phase 1a" of vaccines? I know the vaccine guidance includes people in "other congregate settings" but sometimes communities only think of assisted living or nursing homes under that title.

November 20, 2020 2:39 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Lauren: 1) yes (follow the instructions in the PIT count guidance). 2) while we cannot speak to future scoring, we don't intend negatively score those who cannot count. CoCs should not be penalized if they can't count due to safety issues. Safety is a high priority and we are weighing that heavily when reviewing exception requests.

November 20, 2020 2:39 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: @William Snow thank you! I did see the guidance but missed that it was directing regions to use last years data collection. I appreciate the clarification and information!

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November 20, 2020 2:39 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Collab Solns is offering free, self-paced RRH training targeting rural communities, but seems like it will have broader appeal/refresher to urban areas as well.

November 20, 2020 2:41 PM from Jessica Sones to everyone: Can CoC's use a mixed method for the 2021 PIT Count? (i.e. in a balance of state CoC, can some counties do an observation count, some counties do a brief survey count, and use sampling for the remaining counties). I also submitted an AAQ about this but haven't hear back yet

November 20, 2020 2:41 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: Another question :) Is it possible for CoCs to use a mixed methodology for the 2021 PIT Count? I work with a large multi-county CoC (covers 33 counties) with very large, diverse geographies. If we were to conduct a 2021 unsheltered PIT Count, is it possible to combined various methodology from the HUD guidance in order to accommodate the needs of different communities? For example, if one county has a complete by name list in HMIS they could use that method to compile information for the count, and another county would conduct brief surveys, and then we may need to use sampling in some counties.

November 20, 2020 2:42 PM from Shaye Rabold to everyone: Ditto @Jessica's question regarding BoS PIT.

November 20, 2020 2:43 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Jessica: Yes. However, there are some nuances that need to be accounted for to ensure you do that well. For instance, what datasets will you use for extrapolation? We will look at your AAQ.

November 20, 2020 2:45 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Aidan - yes, some advertising costs are eligible. The rules for advertising cost eligibility can be found at 2 CFR 200.421. But if this is about advertising a homelessness prevention project, then that could be charged as an overhead cost of homelessness prevention and would not be an admin cost.

November 20, 2020 2:46 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: Ditto to Justin's comment. I received 2 emails today about hotels refusing to shelter people who tested positive with COVID-19.

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November 20, 2020 2:46 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: IRS link:
<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>

November 20, 2020 2:47 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: Link to PIT Count Office
hours registration:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/2021-pit-count-office-hours-november-24/>

November 20, 2020 2:47 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/2021-pit-count-office-hours-december-3/>

November 20, 2020 2:47 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: 3-4:30 ET?

November 20, 2020 2:47 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: Yes, EST

November 20, 2020 2:49 PM from Torrie Kopp Mueller to everyone: For the hotels
who are denying COVID positive folks....do they know that the general public (who have the means) are
likely using the hotel to isolate from their own families??? The hotels likely have people who are positive
or in quarantine at all times.

November 20, 2020 2:51 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: Link to 11/16/20 list
serv on PIT: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/2021-hic-and-pit-count-updates-for-cocs/>

November 20, 2020 2:52 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: Do we know where we
are at with FY20 SuperNOFA/

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November 20, 2020 2:52 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: Be a rebel Norm, we won't tell. ;)

November 20, 2020 2:53 PM from Shawn Hayes to everyone: Joking of course. :)

November 20, 2020 2:53 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: if congress doesn't grant authority, and you have to do a NOFA, will it likely be a simplified NOFA or a FULL NOFA?

November 20, 2020 2:54 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: What happens if one of our grants begin April 1st 2021? Sould we start to prepare for possibly not being able to fund?

November 20, 2020 2:55 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Samantha, if it is a renewal project that gets renewed for FY 20, you would have funding (or be able to reimburse for eligible costs) on April 1.

November 20, 2020 2:56 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Samantha, this is assuming the project is an FY 2019 project that ends March 31, 2021 and is renewed for FY 2020

November 20, 2020 2:56 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>

November 20, 2020 2:57 PM from Carma Reed to everyone: Encourage front line homeless staff be considered in the same lines as health care workers.

November 20, 2020 2:58 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: Here's the link for the meeting that Emily mentioned: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/index.html>

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November 20, 2020 2:58 PM from Torrie Kopp Mueller to everyone: @Justin...that's my point. COVID is everywhere.....so hotel owners need to take precautions all the time and should assume they are being exposed to COVID. At least with the folks you all place, they would have a good idea that they might be positive and should be extra cautious.

November 20, 2020 2:58 PM from Torrie Kopp Mueller to everyone: Also, we have had the same issue. We were able to find one hotel that would serve people who tested positive.

November 20, 2020 2:59 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: I believe that this is the CDC meeting that Emily referenced: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/index.html>

November 20, 2020 3:00 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: Here's the agenda for the ACIP meeting on Monday--note, it's a 5-hour meeting:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/agenda-archive/agenda-2020-11-508.pdf>

November 20, 2020 3:01 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: Also, here is the link to the federal agency that designates critical infrastructure/services CISA. They have designated homeless service workers as such: <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>

November 20, 2020 3:01 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone:
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/2/200.421>

November 20, 2020 3:03 PM from Amanda B to everyone: What if we don't know that it has been renewed, in the case of this year? We have grants that begin January 1 that have not yet been awarded because that would be through this current competition that has not yet released

November 20, 2020 3:03 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: But if we haven't even applies for FY20, how would we know what is funded?

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November 20, 2020 3:03 PM from Claire Shanahan to everyone: Anything for new projects awarded FY19?

November 20, 2020 3:04 PM from Torrie Kopp Mueller to everyone: @Justin....just saying that they are already serving people who have COVID.....

November 20, 2020 3:04 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: Once we get more information on FY 20 competition/non competition, we will give more information on how funding for renewals will work

November 20, 2020 3:05 PM from Larry Sullivan to everyone: We also have grant expires 1/31.

November 20, 2020 3:05 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: For new projects awarded in FY 19, please contact your local field office. Those grants have been funded

November 20, 2020 3:05 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Is this guidance for planning grants available in writing somewhere? We'll need to refer back to these for full understanding

November 20, 2020 3:06 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: Well said Norm... Thanks

November 20, 2020 3:06 PM from Pat Frey to everyone: ELoccs asks for MM/YYY for grant start date however reimbursements are rejected if the the grant agreement is signed after the first day of the month.

November 20, 2020 3:07 PM from Lisa Snipes to everyone: following:

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November 20, 2020 3:07 PM from Lisa Snipes to everyone: from Andrea Curtis to everyone: 1:34 PM

Good afternoon, wondering if there is an update on the release of pro rata need calculations for FY 2020?

November 20, 2020 3:07 PM from Marlisa Grogan to all panelists: NORM - can you remind everyone that there's no Office Hours next Friday?

November 20, 2020 3:07 PM from Torrie Kopp Mueller to everyone: @Justin Woot! Woot! Hopefully things will go well and that hotel can be your go to!

November 20, 2020 3:08 PM from Dan Gray to everyone: @Justin A local agency approached a motel in advance and set up a lease for a specific number of rooms for testing, isolation and quarantine. They provided cleaning services and some security.

November 20, 2020 3:08 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Thanks to all of you- safe Thanksgiving to you all!

November 20, 2020 3:08 PM from Riley Wilkerson to everyone: Couldn't join until now. Was there a NOFA update?

November 20, 2020 3:08 PM from Pamela Phillips-Zeller to everyone: Happy Safe Thanksgiving, everyone!! And thanks to you all for the great info and encouragement!

November 20, 2020 3:08 PM from Angela Hogan to everyone: Thank you!

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Q&A Session for COVID-19 Office Hours

Session number: 610976677

Date: Friday, November 20, 2020

Starting time: 1:38 PM

-Rozann Downing - 2:17 PM

Q: Can you please discuss the planning grant start date (when it begins) and the 10% allowed for expenditures for pre planning.

Priority: N/A-