

Implementing the CARES Act for HOPWA Competitive Renewal Grantees

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Okay, I think we're going to go ahead and get started. So welcome, thank you all for being here. I want to welcome you to today's webinar on Implementing the CARES Act for HOPWA Competitive Renewal Grantees.

Before we get going with introductions of today's presenters and then dive into the webinar, I want to go over a couple of housekeeping items. So first, you're all on mute. So if you have questions come up throughout the presentation, please go ahead, and just pop those in the chatbox.

We'll be checking that throughout, and there will be a time at the end to answer questions. Due to time constraints, we may not get to everyone's question. If we don't get your questions today. Please don't panic. We will be following up and answering all of those offline

The second is that the slides from today will be available after the webinar. They'll be e-mailed to all registered participants.

They're also currently available on the handout section, if you need to pull them up separately, or go back, and check something after we've finished with the slide. And they will be posted on the HOPWA page of the HUD Exchange as soon as possible.

And just a final note that this webinar is being recorded. Thank you, and with that, we're going to go ahead and dive into our introduction.

So, my name is Morgan Stephenson. I know many of you from working as a data validation and report work. So I'm happy to be here.

And with me today are my colleagues Heather Rhoda, and Steve Ellis, and staff from Office of HIV AIDS Housing. So I'm going to pass it over to Heather and Steve. Thank you.

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Steven Ellis: To start with some quick introductions, Rita, did you want to say a few words?

Rita Harcrow: Hi, sure, I would like to say something. This is Rita Harcrow. I am the Director of the Office of HIV AIDS Housing. And I just wanted to say hello, and thank you for your hard work, and your commitment to providing housing, and services for people who are living with HIV, and who are also low-income.

And I also just want to acknowledge upfront that we're all working under a tremendous amount of stress, and pressure right now, and in unprecedented times. And I know that you all are, and your communities are struggling, and suffering right now. And that our clients that we all serve are also experiencing those same conditions or more.

And it just makes the work all that much more important and critical. And I, again, applaud your commitment to carrying that out even during these really difficult times.

So, we're happy the Congress did appropriate funds in CARES Act specifically for Competitive Renewal Grantees. It's a way to reach out to those communities that are not covered by formula funds, and also those communities that grantees that have special reach into communities with limited resources, and high needs, and special conditions here under the pandemic that we're all experiencing.

And so with that, I'm going to turn it back over to the organizers to let you know about how to access these funds. Thanks.

Steven Ellis: Thank you, Rita. Morgan, do you want to go to the next slide?

Morgan Stephenson: Yes, there you go.

Steven Ellis: So, as you're all aware, on the HOPWA Notice CPD-20-05, the CARES Act Implementation Instructions and Related Flexibilities for HOPWA, issued on May 8, 2020, HUD and the Office of HIV Housing began to describe and discuss what Competitive Grantees needed to do to access the funds that they were awarded through the CARES Act.

This information included how to draft initial plans, formulating budgets, and how to create a budget submission to get access to those funds. So that's what we'll be mainly covering today.

We'll also be talking about where Competitive Renewal Grantees can go for additional information and assistance when drafting these plans and packets as well as for all things HOPWA CARES Act. And as time permits, we'll answer any questions related to today's topics.

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Through a quick summary for what it is that Competitive Grantees need to submit to get access to their CARES Act funds? So of course, to get access to your funds, you're going to need to sign a grant agreement with your local field office.

To start this process off, the Office of HIV Housing is asking that all Competitive Grantees submit a descriptive package to OHH via the HOPWA e-mail address at HOPWA at HUD dot gov.

And we'll go over all of these pieces in more detail in the next few slides. But this package should include the SF-424, the SF-424D, HUD form 40110-B, otherwise known as the HOWPA Budget Form, as well as a brief description of planned uses of your grant funds.

We'd like to note here that if you are receiving more than one CARES allocation, particularly competitive CARES allocation, you must complete a separate descriptive package for each one of your CARES Act awards. And these packages should be put together and submitted to HOPWA at HUD dot gov by June 1, 2020.

Once you submit your package, HUD will review them as they come in. HUD is planning on expediting these review processes to either approve or disapprove the packages. If your package is disapproved, HUD recommends that grantees make any corrections, or revisions, and resubmit to HOPWA at HUD dot gov within 15 business days after HUD sends its notification of disapproval.

And then once you resubmit, HUD is also planning on expediting that process again, all with the goal of making sure that you have access to your CARES Act funds as quickly as possible.

Once your plan is approved by the Office of HIV Housing, they will forward your submissions to your local Field Offices and give your Field Office the okay to proceed with executing your grant agreements. This is key because your Field Office will be contacting you to execute those grant agreements.

Heather Rhoda: Hello, everybody. Hi Steve.

Steven Ellis: Hi, it's all yours, Heather.

Heather Rhoda: Are you ready for me to start?

Steven Ellis: Yeah, please.

Heather Rhoda: It's ready for me to start. Hello, everybody, welcome on this Wednesday afternoon. Again, thank you for attending. My name is Heather Rhoda and I am going to review exactly some information that will be helpful for you as you're figuring out how to complete the descriptive package for your

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HOPWA Competitive CARES Act award.

And we're going to review these by each area, or each form, or each item that you'd need to submit, as Steve previously mentioned. So we're going to be taking a look at the SF-424, SF-424D, the HUD-40110-B HOPWA Budget Form, and a brief description.

And just a reminder, I know Steve just mentioned it, but there must be a separate descriptive package developed, and submitted to HOPWA at HUD dot gov for each CARES Act award.

The next slide – so as far as completing the SF-424, grantees should submit the SF-424 for each separate CARES Act grant. This means do not combine more than one grant of any type on the SF-424.

The next slide – also on the SF-424, make sure that all boxes with an asterisk are completed. And we're going to look at a few special mention areas that are going to be particularly reviewed during the submission.

First off, box 1, make sure you're selecting an application. Box 2, you're going to be selecting new. And then you're going to move on down to box 8C. And please note this to yourself, make sure you're entering the correct organizational DUNS number on the form.

A few other items that we've had questions about already are included in box 11. The CFDA number for the HOPWA program, it's 14.241. And the CFDA title is Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS.

Some other important information to make sure you have entered on the form correctly is the funding opportunity. And that's the notice CPD-20-05. The funding opportunity title, CARES Act Implementation Instructions, and Related Flexibilities for the HOPWA Program.

Again, make sure you enter the correct organizational DUNS number. So if you do have any questions about that particularly, make sure you find that out before you're completing the form and submitting it. The next slide?

Also continuing on with the same form, in box 17 you're going to enter in the proposed project start date. And that's an estimated grant term start date. And then your end date will be three years after your estimated start date.

Regarding the estimated funding, make sure the award amount is listed correctly. In addition, please make sure that lines A and G both reflect the full amount of the CARES Act award, the CARES Act grant amount.

In box 20, select, "No;" and then, definitely, please, make sure in box 21, that is checked off. Lastly, don't forget to sign and date the form.

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These forms can be electronically signed and dated by an authorized official or designee, but make sure you're maintaining one original wet signature copy locally in your own records.

A scanned wet signature and date is also acceptable, but no, it must be like a formal electronic signature; not simply typed in Times New Roman or some other kind of font, but really, specifically a formal electronic signature through like a software system, like an Adobe, or something similar to that.

The next slide, now we're going to complete the SF-424D. This form must be signed and dated even if you're not submitting a construction project. So that's one of the questions that we have already had. So make sure this form is signed and dated.

And as I was just mentioning about electronically signed and dated forms, make sure you're maintaining, also a wet-signature copy locally. And the same thing applies with this form, if you're scanning a wet signature and date, that's perfectly acceptable, but make sure it's a formal electronic signature.

Next slide, now we're going to be moving on to completing the HUD-40110-B HOPWA Budget Form. I'm going to call out a couple of special mention areas.

Make sure that the total budget amount matches the award amount. Budget information must be included for both the grantee and each project sponsor as applicable. Administrative costs that you're including on this budget form must be within the eligible limits of 6% for grantees and 10% for project sponsors.

Remember, this is the change from regular HOPWA funding, so make sure you're using the correct amounts. Also, the total budget amount that would be inputted into IDIS, make sure those amounts are calculated correctly and aligned across the HUD-40110-B Budget Summary, and the HUD-40110-B Detailed Budget. Note that leveraging amounts are not required to be included on this form.

The next slide, now we're also going to talk a little bit more about the descriptive, the brief description. The brief description must contain information pertaining to three points: Type and amount of each activity, process to carry out the work, and how households will access assistance.

We're going to go through each type. The next slide – the first type, type and amount of each activity, this refers to the type and amount of each eligible activity the grantee anticipates undertaking with the funding.

Key elements in this area include that, as the grantee, you're clearly identifying the planned eligible HOPWA activities in the amount anticipated for each budget line item of that activity. The activities identified are eligible

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under HOPWA competitive COVID CARES Act award funds.

To re-review or re-familiarize yourself with eligible activities, please take a look at 24 CFR 574, the HOPWA program rule, which lists the eligible activities.

Next slide, number two, your process for carrying out the work: You need to describe your process for carrying out the work and how you're going to be doing that quickly. Key elements include identifying the actions you've taken at the agency level to quickly provide needed housing and services.

The roles and responsibility of the organizations involved, the grantee and the project sponsor, for carrying out the eligible activities. Make sure those are reasonable and also clearly identified.

Please also make sure you – yeah, thank you. Also, in this piece, too, and I'm going to talk a little bit more about policies and procedures on the next slide. But also, make sure as the grantee that you're acknowledging any updates, or adjustments you've made to policies, and procedures associated with COVID-19, to make sure that clients are able to quickly access housing and services.

And if you haven't made those updates or adjustments, make sure you're acknowledging a clear path with an estimated date for updating those policies and procedures.

The next slide, and number three, how households will access assistance. How eligible households will access assistance during the period of time the grantees' main operations are closed due to local Public Health Department directives.

So make sure you're including in your brief description, a clear and feasible plan about how you as the grantee, and the project sponsors will be using this supplemental funding while also, considering, and adhering to public health directives to make sure you're serving clients as quickly as possible – starting from out outreach intake, client assessment, delivery of all your housing, and services, as well as the outplacement to self-sufficient, independent housing for clients as applicable to your program.

Make sure that you're acknowledging in the descriptive plan that you have updated the policies and procedures, you've made adjustments, or you have a plan for making those adjustments. Specifically regarding the policies and procedures, while some grantee or project sponsor offices may be closed, you're still working with your clients, right.

You're still conducting inspections, but make sure the policies and procedures have been updated to address how you were doing that without physically meeting with your clients. Right, how you are working with them remotely through ongoing case management? How you're continuing to conduct annual

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and interim recertifications, for example, remotely?

As well as policies should include adjustments related to conducting remote habitability and HQS inspections, particularly for any new clients who are leasing up in their current units with tenant-based rental assistance; or for those who might be moving into a brand new unit for which habitability or HQS inspection needs to be completed.

As a reminder, annual inspections may be delayed, but you can also conduct annual inspections remotely if you choose to. So then your policies should also include updates and adjustments about how you are doing that or how your project sponsors plan to do that.

Steve, now I think it's back to you.

Steven Ellis: It is. Thank you.

Heather Rhoda: Cool.

Steven Ellis: Morgan, next slide. So with those specifics out of the way, we just want to go over some general points for as you're coming up with this package and particularly that plan, right. So to remember that you can use your CARES Act money for any eligible activity under HOPWA regulations.

There's no requirement with your CARES Act funding for you to use it on permanent supportive housing or on activities that you are currently using. The focus is though that all CARES Act money should go towards efforts and funding on necessary actions in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

So, if you do plan on doing anything a little bit different from your current operating, not only as Heather mentioned, do you need to make sure that has changed in your policies and procedures, but you'll also want to make sure that you're using the most correct information.

So not only will you want to look at HOPWA regulations, but you'll want to refer to any specific memorandums or OHH guidance on flexibilities to HOPWA regulations, to changes, to HOPWA activities that occurred because of the CARES Act. And all of this will make sure that your plan that you're submitting is as accurate and as tidy as possible.

As a special note for you competitive grantees out there that fall within a formula grantee EMSA, OHH does ask that you coordinate with your formula grantees just to make sure there's no overlap or duplication of benefits or assistance; or to make sure that clients aren't accessing two different programs for the same activity.

The next slide – so some general expectation for competitive grantees, that if

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you are a grantee that has project sponsors similar to other HOPWA grantees, OHH is asking that you execute new or amend your contracts with those project sponsors within 14 calendar days within the execution of your competitive grant.

And as a note, project sponsor selections are not subject to the procurement requirements under 2 CFR 200. As another note, HOPWA CARES Act funding will be reported separately from the rest of your regular HOPWA competitive funding. It's a different funding bucket. So it's going to be reported separately.

There should be additional guidance coming out as soon as it can be to help instruct you in that. But at least for the time being, just keep reminding yourself that it is a different award, so therefore, reporting will be different. It will not be, sort of, clumped in with the rest of your APR reporting.

And otherwise outside of your CARES Act funding, you should continue to implement your current competitive grants as currently approved, right. Any changes that you wish to make to your current awards, please go through your normal process to make those changes. There is nothing within this process or in the presentation that we have that's changing that.

The next slide – so as we sort of wrap it all together and bring it home, just a quick reminder, right, that by June 1, you should submit a complete, descriptive package for each one of your awards.

And each one of these packages should include an SF-424, an SF-424D, the HUD-40110–B HOPWA Budget Form; and that brief description about your uses and how clients are going to access the activities.

To make sure to expedite the review and to make sure that you can get a grant agreement quickly, don't forget to enter the correct DUNS number on the SF-424. Your hint should be that the DUNS number should match your SAM registration.

Also, don't forget to sign and date the SF-424, whether that's a wet signature or a formal electronic signature through some, sort of, database, or electronic system. And the same for the SF-424-D, make sure it is signed and dated before you submit.

The next slide – so with that out of the way, we just want to remind you that if you do have any questions about the HOPWA program, any notices, any waivers, these plans, or implementing COVID-19 activities, please submit your questions to the HOPWA AAQ.

I'm sure most of you have either submitted or do know how. But if you need to submit an AAQ, you would go to the HUD Exchange. You can go to the AAQ portal. And in step two, please make sure to select the HOPWA:

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Housing Opportunities with persons with AIDS. That way it will come right to the HOPWA AAQ desk.

The next question or next slide? So grantees who are in need of individualized assistance in responding to COVID-19, or the regular HOPWA program as a whole should submit a TA request.

So there are those of us out there such as the Cloudburst Group; and there are two other great firms out there that do technical assistance. So we work with you, the grantees, to help implement your programs, and help with any policies, help make sure that you are doing the best that you can with your HOPWA dollars.

So if this is something that you feel that you need assistance with, you can also request technical assistance today through the HUD Exchange. So in the same place that you would go for the AAQ, instead go to the "Request Program Assistance."

And then, this hyperlink that's also on this page will help you get there. And then submit a TA request for HOPWA: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. And make sure to write as the topic, "Health Preparedness and Response." That way, it will get flagged in the system as something that's directly related to COVID-19 in your program design.

The next slide – as a final reminder, as many of you are aware, there have been several presentations and webinars that have occurred, and there will surely be more in the future. So guidance related to funding and implementation of COVID-19 activities and CARES Act funding is evolving as new information and requirements emerge.

So please make sure to stay tuned through these updates to the HOPWA Listserv and the HOPWA COVID-19 Guidance on the HUD Exchange. So, if you do not currently receive e-mails from the HOPWA Listserv, please make sure to sign up this afternoon to get that information as soon as it's available.

Alright, it's back to you, Heather.

Heather Rhoda: Well, we do have a couple of questions. First, let's take a look here, we have one. Do grantees with project sponsors have to contract with any or all of its project sponsors with CARES Act Funds?

Rita Harcrow: Hey, Heather, this is Rita. I'll try to answer that one.

Heather Rhoda: Yeah.

Rita Harcrow: Yeah, so you do not have to contract with the same project sponsors in the same manner that you have for your regular award. You should think about this as you're developing your budget and your plan. Who can carry out the

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work? Is that your organization or some other organization?

But what we are asking is that you, if you're going to have an agreement with a project sponsor, that you carry that agreement out quickly. That you execute that quickly.

So in general, no, what we'd like is for you to tell us about in your descriptive package, how you will be carrying out the work. And again, it does not have to be exactly the same as you do your other work of your regular grant.

Heather Rhoda: Thank you. We also have a question. Where can grantees find the SF-424, the SF-424-D, and the HUD-40110-B HOPWA Budget Form?

Lisa Steinhauer: This is Lisa with the Office of HIV AIDS Housing. I can take that question. So these forms are actually all available online, if you just type in the title of the forum. SF means Standard Form, so that's a form that's used government-wide and is available on Grants dot gov.

And then the HUD-40110-B can be found in a number of places. We have it posted on the HUD Exchange. We also have it on HUD dot gov. Just once again, if you type in that form number in a Google search, it will come up.

If you are having any trouble finding any of these forms, please feel free to e-mail HOPWA at HUD dot gov, and we'll make sure to send you a copy of those forms.

Heather Rhoda: Are there any other questions? I'm not seeing any additional questions in the chat box.

Steven Ellis: There are a few in a question box. There is one question about, if grantees only need to discuss policies related to their CARES Act funding in their plan, or if they need to discuss policies as a whole?

Heather Rhoda: Do you want to take that OHH?

Lisa Steinhauer: Yeah. I'm not sure I understand exactly what the question is, but what we want to see in your descriptive package, as it relates to CARES Act, and carrying out the work of the CARES Act. If you have policies in place for the activities that you intend to carry out, address that to show that you have a good plan in place to carry out those activities.

If it's some new activity that you've never done before, you would want to address how you're developing policies to be able to carry that out? What are your policies and procedures that you're going to use in order to accomplish that activity?

So what we really want to know for this descriptive package is how are you carrying out the CARES Act work, specifically?

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Heather Rhoda: Thank you. Are there any other questions?

Steven Ellis: A few people have asked, if there's a page limit to the plan when they submit?

Heather Rhoda: That's a great question.

Lisa Steinhauer: This is Lisa, again. I can take that question. There is no page limit, but we do ask that you do make sure that you answer all three of the points that are being asked. And make sure to look back at the slides in this webinar to make sure to understand exactly what those points are.

I don't think anybody wants to write a lot, and we will certainly have plenty of these descriptive packages to read. So certainly use your discretion, if you need more space to specifically answer the questions needed for that brief description. Certainly use the space, but the word brief is before description for a reason.

Heather Rhoda: Thank you, Lisa.

Steven Ellis: Yes. There are a few questions that are all, sort of, related and I think we can answer them. As a reminder, right, you need to submit a complete form for each package. So if you have more than one CARES Act fund competitive award, you do need to submit a different 424, a different 424-B, and a different 40110-B, right.

So there should be complete packages for each one of your awards. If there's a question here asking if, once they submit their plan and it's approved, does that mean that a grantee can go ahead and carry out the activities that they outlined in their plan?

Lisa Steinhauer: So this is Lisa again. I can take that. So the purpose of the descriptive package that's being submitted is to make sure all of the plan is in place, so that you can move forward with executing your grant agreement. And basically, what happens when the grant agreement is executed is you will gain access to your funding.

We do understand that there are a lot of communities that need funding to respond to the impacts that COVID-19 are having on their communities, or even reimburse themselves for efforts that were made to immediately respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

But we are working as fast as we can to get funds out to communities. And one of the ways that we're doing that is to provide an opportunity for grantees to submit that package and access the funding as quickly as possible.

And one thing that I don't think we got into here is, if we do see unsubstantial

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deficiencies in descriptive packages that are submitted, we will provide follow-up for grantees to correct those deficiencies while we also move forward with signing the grant agreement. And I am not sure if I actually answered the question at hand at this point as I'm talking?

Heather Rhoda: I think you did.

Lisa Steinhauer: Okay.

Steven Ellis: Let's see, as there are a few questions. As a reminder, if you need to download the slides, it should be available under the handouts tab. We will also e-mail the presentation out to everyone as soon as we are finished.

Another question is a grantee is thinking about carrying out a HOPWA activity that they've not done before. Is this allowed?

Rita Harcrow: Hey, Steve, it's Rita. So we've seen this question. I've seen it come in a couple of different ways about can we do something new with this money? And also, can we serve different people, or does it have to be the same people that we're already assisting?

And the answer is, this is new money. It allows you to do new activities in response to COVID-19. And you don't have to just serve the households that you're already serving. The intent is to serve the people who need the assistance.

So that might be households that you have not worked with before. And we've mentioned this a couple of times in the presentation, but just to be clear. In your regular award, which you may have had 15 or 20 years, and running the same way that whole time, you have certain budget line items that you are used to and have been operating.

This is separate money from that. This is a one-time separate award intended to just help you respond to COVID-19 in your community. So you do not have to do the same thing that you've been doing. In all likelihood, you will have something different.

Just as a reminder, though, if something new and different, just make sure that you're looking at those regulations. Look at the guidance for those activities that you're not familiar with, and make sure that you develop a policy and procedure.

How are you going to carry it out? What's the step by step to make sure that you're carrying that out right? And that might sound daunting, but you do have a lifeline that has been mentioned. Technical assistance is available.

You can go to the AAQ portal, which is Ask A Question portal. And just put that question right in there, and ask questions about policy or procedure, or

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reg, whatever you need help with on any activity.

And you can also go ahead and ask for technical assistance, which might be a phone call or some kind of direct support to help you in sorting some of that out.

When you're thinking about activities, I would also remind you; we've been suggesting that you don't look at those long-term or ongoing costs, so things like construction. Does it really make sense for construction or even alleviating your TBRA waitlist?

That's something that you have, that you now have this new money. Because this is not ongoing money. This is a one-time shot of money to help people in the community right now and with COVID-19 recovery as people are returning to work.

They might need employment assistance, housing assist, whatever you identify as a COVID-19 need, not just your normal, usual activities that you're carrying out. So that might have been more information than you wanted, but in short, yes, it's allowed.

Steven Ellis:

That was perfect, Rita. Thank you. Let's see, some of these questions. As a reminder, if we don't get to a question today during the webinar, we will address them offline. Because there are a few specific questions around grant numbers, so if I don't ask your question out loud, don't worry.

To those who have asked, we will definitely get to you. There is a follow-up question about project sponsors. So can a grantee select a new project sponsor to help carry out any HOPWA Cares Act funds and activities?

Rita Harcrow:

So this is Rita. And an answer to that would also be yes. If you vetted that sponsor and know that is a sponsor that can carry out the work, and you put that into your descriptive package for us that explain how they would be carrying out the work, that is something that you could absolutely consider.

Steven Ellis:

Great, and I think to address a few other questions. As a reminder that any HOPWA waivers that have been put out through the memorandums, or things that are specific to HOPWA through the CARES Act are specific to HOPWA only.

Any of the other waivers that you've seen for other CPD programs, unless it specifically includes HOPWA, do not apply to this money. So please, make sure to take note of that as you are drafting your plan, and completing your package.

Heather Rhoda:

I'm not seeing? Steve, this is Heather. I'm not seeing any questions on the chat, but I double check that.

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Steven Ellis: I'm not seeing – I apologize. If someone has asked a question and I am skipping over it as I scroll through these. I don't.

Here's a question that I think is relevant. How would the competitive grantees know or get their new grant number agreement for the CARES Act funding?

Lisa Steinhauer: I can take this question, this is Lisa. So when the field office reaches out to you to execute the grant agreement, there will be information provided from the Field Office on the new grant number. There's also award letters that should have gone out with the amount of the grant on them.

Steven Ellis: And Lisa, for those who had multiple CARES Act grant, how would they identify the difference between those grants when they're submitting their packages?

Lisa Steinhauer: Grantees can refer to the amount of funding. I think that would be the easiest way. If you do not have the grant number available, you're going to have to submit a budget form and account for how you're going to spend that funding, so making sure that the packages are specifically addressing the amount of funding that is available under that specific award.

Steven Ellis: Thank you.

Rita Harcrow: And just as a reminder, too, the letters did go out, but the allocations are also posted on HUD dot gov.

Steven Ellis: Thank you, Rita. So there are a few questions for those who are getting competitive and formula HOPWA funds. So just to clarify through some of these questions, those who are getting competitive and formula funds must go through two separate processes, correct?

The competitive process we just went over, and then that which formula grantees need to do to access their funds, correct?

Rita Harcrow: Correct. Yeah, unfortunately.

Lisa Steinhauer: It's correct.

Rita Harcrow: Yeah, so each one of these allocations is a separate allocation. So your formula grant has a CARES Act grant associated with that. Each of your competitive renewals has a CARES Act allocation associated with that.

That's why you might have two because it's based on your current HOPWA award. So those are just different processes, inherently for formula and competitive processes.

Steven Ellis: So for those of you who get both, we apologize. But you will need to do two different processes for those.

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Rita Harcrow: But on the plus side, if you do receive both, you're aware of both competitive and formula. So you can also coordinate between those, and maximize those resources, and make sure you're getting everything covered, which is ideal.

Steven Ellis: Absolutely. Right, and I think that's a very positive way to end this. I think most of the other questions are very specific, so we can handle them offline. But we will remind people, right, if you do have additional questions about this topic that we've reviewed today, please feel free to submit a HOPWA AAQ, if you didn't get a chance to type it in the box.

And as a final reminder, we will definitely e-mail all of this presentation out. I think that's it for the questions that have been submitted. Morgan, would you like to finish it up?

Morgan Stephenson: Hey, yeah, that's everything. And I just wanted to, yeah, thank everyone for joining. And as you've just said, again the reminder that your questions will be answered offline, those that were not answered just now. Slides will e-mail this soon as we finish this presentation. And the webinar will be available on the HUD Exchange as quickly as we can get it there.

So thank you all for joining. Thank you for your time today, and your work with your communities to get these funds, and resources out to them. And thank you and have a good rest of your Wednesday.

Heather Rhoda: Thank you.

Morgan Stephenson: Thank you, good-bye.

Unidentified Female: Bye, all.

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