

HMIS Lead / Sys Admin – Q&A

Questions from 7/22/20 Webinar

For any questions that were not addressed on the webinar, or if there are specific questions to your own systems, please submit an HMIS AAQ to receive a thorough answer: <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

Q: Questions on ESG-CV project set up.

A: Please review the [ESG Program HMIS Manual](#) and then submit an HMIS AAQ if you still have project set up questions.

Q: Can Victim Service Providers use HMIS for their ESG-CV funds if they are not exclusively serving people experiencing domestic violence?

A: HUD created the following Decision Tree to help CoCs navigate when to use HMIS : <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5743/hmis-when-to-use-a-comparable-database/>

Q: Will Stella be updated to accept the new LSA specs?

A: Yes. Stella will be updated, and the timeline on that is forthcoming.

Q: What's the status of the email that was supposed to go out regarding HMIS Leads submitting quarterly ESG CSV exports?

A: HUD is communicating to ESG-CV recipients about HMIS Leads submitting ESG CSV exports through Office Hours, listservs, products, and trainings. HUD does not anticipate directly sending emails to HMIS Leads.

Q: Are HMIS leads also responsible for reporting from Victim Service Providers?

A: HMIS Leads are NOT responsible for uploading the ESG CV files for VSP. The VSP will be responsible for uploading their ESG-CV CSV files in Sage.

Q: What is the ESG-CV reporting schedule?

A: The ESG-CV notice will establish the reporting schedule. Nothing is final until the notice comes out.-

Q: Will there be any information coming out about PIT 2021 and the expectations of what PIT will look like in the midst of COVID-19 restrictions?

A: Before the next PIT/HIC collection period, HUD releases notices to handle any changes in guidance, such as due to COVID-19 issues.

Q: Can ESG-CV funds be used to pay for a comparable victim services data base?

A: Yes. Allowable expenses are outlined here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6081/covid19-homeless-system-response-hmis-allowable-expenses-for-esg/> If you have more community specific questions, please submit an AAQ.-

Q: Questions on ESG-CV project set up

A: We spent a lot of time on the call on these questions verbally – please refer to the video recording of the webinar and also the transcript to hear the questions and answers. Please review the [ESG Program HMIS Manual](#) and then submit an HMIS AAQ if you still have project set up questions.

Q: Is there a way for the ESG-CV Recipients to adjust their plans for the HMIS costs after their plan has been submitted?

A: If it is the Annual Action Plan, they can amend it. However, this will need to be a local discussion.

Q: Will the first and second distribution of ESG-CV funds need to be reported on separately?

A: No.

Q: Has the ESG-CV Temporary Shelter description/explanation been created and sent out?

A: That will be part of the ESG-CV notice.

Q: For ESG-CV there will be 2 quarterly CAPER submissions for each component funded in our region. One will be for the 3 month quarter just completed, the other will be a cumulative based on the start date of the grant - correct?

A: Correct

Q: Will the first ESG-CV report submission just be the single 3 month quarterly submission?

A: We can't say that for sure. The ESG-CV notice will explain how all of the reporting dates will work.

Q: If one agency is funded for ESG-CV through two jurisdictions (for us city/county) for the same thing (RRH), are two projects needed in HMIS as well as two enrollments?

A: Two separate projects, yes. Enrollments will depend on clients receiving services from those funding sources.

Q: Do Emergency Shelters that receive ESG and ESG-CV funds need to be set up as two separate projects?

A: No.

Q: Can the State ESG REQUIRE a separate project that is ALSO funded by City if they want to , even though they don't have to?

A: Yes.

Q: If one Emergency Shelter project is both normal ESG funded and ESG-CV funded, do we submit two sets of reports, one from the subrecipient for ESG and one from the HMIS lead with the aggregate data for ESG-CV?

A: Yes.

Q: Does the HUD project set up tool help to determine how to manage ESG-CV setup?

A: Yes – the tool is available here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4898/hmis-project-set-up-tool/>

Q: Is it just the project descriptor element of funding source of ESG-CV that is the change? All data collection on clients is the same?

A: Correct.

Q: Is the timeline for Coordinated Entry still 10/1/2020?

A: The implementation deadline of the CE data elements for HMIS is still 10/1/2020.