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MSHDA ESG-CV: Second Round Update

This month, MSHDA will release documents and guidance for the second round of ESG-CV funding. CoC and Local Planning Bodies will have at least 4 weeks to review the information and propose budget allocations for subgrantees under second round funding. Here are a few highlights about MSHDA's forthcoming ESG-CV second round of funding:

- Requirements to add staffing capacity
 - Housing Navigation and Landlord Engagement
 - Housing Resource Specialists
- Funding caps and thresholds by component type

- Emergency Shelter (up to 25% of total allocation)
- Homeless Prevention (<u>at least</u> 25% of total allocation)
- Rapid Re-Housing (<u>at least</u> 35% of total allocation)
- CoCs and LPBs <u>can and should</u> continue to consider and propose new subgrantees

Please note: The second round of funding will NOT require new grants to be created. Funds will be added to existing ESG-CV grants through amendment, once the CoC/LPB proposed budget is approved. This will allow for quicker access to necessary funds. Second round funding allocations will be similar in amount to first round allocations and will be announced when documents and guidance are provided.

Please contact <u>Homeless Solutions</u> or your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist with any questions or comments.

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FY19-20 ESG CAPER Submission: Deadline Extension

The deadline to submit FY19-20 ESG CAPERs (Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports) to MSHDA is extended to **Thursday, November 12**. Please contact your assigned

Homeless Assistance Specialist with any questions.

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ESG Form Update: Income Eligibility Worksheet

Thanks to feedback we received from one of our grantees, MSHDA has updated the ESG Income Eligibility Worksheet to include a Funding Source drop-down option for ESG-CV at 30% (specifically for Rapid Re-Housing under ESG-CV).

The updated worksheet is available <u>here</u> and on the <u>MSHDA ESG</u> <u>webpage</u>.

Please share any feedback, questions, or thoughts regarding ESG forms or policies to <u>Homeless Solutions</u>.

Reminder: HUD Guidance for ESG Waivers

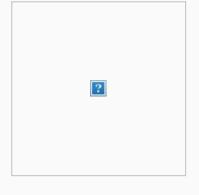
On 9/1, HUD released <u>updated guidance</u> regarding ESG and ESG-CV funding. This guidance included information on previously existing waivers. MSHDA is still reviewing this information for all potential ESG program impact but will highlight

one time-sensitive update:

• MSHDA will continue to support rental units up to 120% of Fair Market Rate (FMR), as long as the unit still meets Rent Reasonableness. The waiver for 120% FMR was previously set to expire 9/30/2020, but HUD lifted this expiration date and did not provide another expiration date. MSHDA will notify all grantees as additional information is provided. An updated chart of 120% of FMR is available on the MSHDA ESG webpage, effective 10/1/20. These figures are also included in the ESG Income Verification Worksheet.

MSHDA will review previously provided COVID-19 policy updates and amend documents to reflect the latest HUD guidance. In the interim, please use this <u>one-page reference sheet</u> to quickly review waiver and policy impacts for both Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention financial assistance under ESG and ESG-CV.

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Got a Question?

We want to hear from you! Send us an email with questions you have about Homeless Solutions and we'll follow up. If we receive a lot emails with the same question, we'll share the question and response in the next newsletter.