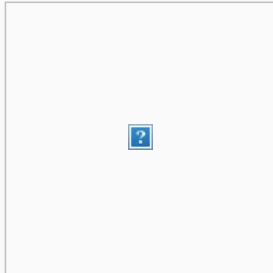


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HCV Homeless Preference: Updated Policy & Webinar

MSHDA Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) include a preference within the application waitlist for those experiencing homelessness. Often, this is the only means by which a household can be added to the waitlist. HARAs are the only agencies permitted to add households to the waitlist via this preference.

Now more than ever, it is critical that communities ensure anyone who is not currently on the waitlist but is experiencing homelessness is added to the HCV waitlist right away. MSHDA Homeless Assistance Specialists will provide updates on the waitlist each month to better inform CoC and Local Planning Body discussions.

The [policy](#) outlining the parameters and requirements for this process has been updated and is available on the [MSHDA ESG website](#). MSHDA will host a webinar to review the policy and provide a recording for those unable to attend. HARAs should also consider accessing this recording as a refresher or any time there is a change in staff access to the waitlist.

HCV Homeless Preference Policy Webinar

Thursday, March 11 at 3pm

[Register Here](#)

Please contact [Homeless Solutions](#) or your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist with any questions or comments.

[Jen Leaf](#) - Regions 1, 2, & 3

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ESG Homelessness Prevention and the Eviction Moratorium

During the [eviction moratorium](#), homelessness prevention services can still be administered under ESG and ESG-CV funding. There are additional factors and circumstances beyond eviction under which a household may seek homelessness prevention assistance. These are detailed in the [Homelessness Prevention Certification form](#) on the [MSHDA ESG website](#).

Additionally, [HUD has confirmed](#) that if a landlord proceeds with an eviction in violation of the eviction moratorium, the household would still qualify for ESG homelessness prevention assistance. In these situations, providers are encouraged to pursue other options first, such as explaining the terms of the [applicable eviction moratorium](#) to the landlord or enlisting legal services.

Please contact your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist if you have any questions.

Master Leasing: Initial Overview from MSHDA

Several communities and ESG-funded partners have asked for more information and guidance regarding master leasing as an additional approach to Rapid Re-Housing. [This](#)

[initial overview](#) provides some framework and recommendations when considering master leasing. This guidance will be posted to the [MSHDA ESG website](#).

MSHDA is interested in hearing from any communities with current or previous master leasing experience to assist in developing additional, future guidance on this topic. Please feel free to reach out to your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist or our [MSHDA-HS email](#).

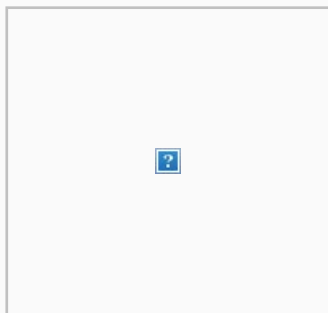
Updated Forms and Guidance for ESG and ESG-CV

MSHDA has updated the following forms and posted them on the [MSHDA ESG website](#). All forms are effective 1/1/2021.

- **NEW Update** - [ESG and ESG-CV Waivers](#): This document outlines all currently available waivers for ESG and/or ESG-CV funds. This document replaces all previous documents referencing waivers due to COVID-19 and is located under [Policies and Procedures](#) on the MSHDA ESG website.
- **Update** - [Waiver of SER Denial](#): This participant form is updated to include new eligibilities for waiver related to imminent loss of housing.
- **Update** - [Rental Assistance Agreement](#): This participant form is updated to include the new signing bonus landlord incentive, eligible only under ESG-CV.
- **Update** - [Utility Allowance Schedule](#) and [Travel Rates Schedule](#): These schedules are updated to reflect figures for the new calendar year.
- **Update** - [Participant File Checklist](#): This participant form is updated to denote that documentation of identification is optional.
- **New** - [ESG-CV Landlord Incentive for Repair and Maintenance](#): This participant form must be used in conjunction with documented eligible costs for payment or reimbursement to the landlord of a household under ESG-CV only.

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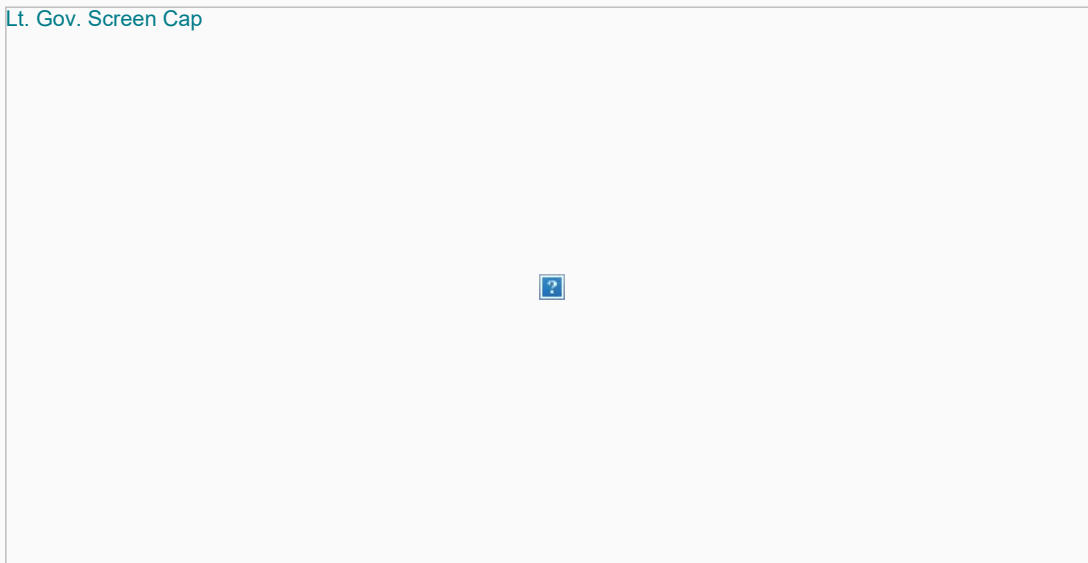
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The Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness is excited to announce that the 2019 Report on Ending Homelessness is now available! You can find it [here](#).

Click on the photo below for an introduction to the report from Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist.

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Feel free to contact [Jason Weller](#), MCTEH Coordinator, with any questions.

MSHDA FY2021-2022 PHA Plan and Administrative Plan

The Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions Division has posted the proposed MSHDA Housing Choice Voucher FY 2021-22 Annual PHA Plan and Administrative Plan changes to the MSHDA website. The information can be located at www.michigan.gov/mshda under "Spotlight" on the main page.

Interested parties, including staff and the general public, are invited to comment on the

proposed PHA Plan or the changes to the Administrative Plan. Written comments must be sent to my attention either by U.S. Mail at PO Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909 or via email to kemmisl@michigan.gov. Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 26, 2021.

It is expected that the final Plans will be submitted to the MSHDA Board for approval at the March 2021 meeting.

Please contact [Lisa Kemmis](#) if you have any questions regarding the proposed PHA and Administrative Plans.



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.

Our mailing address is:
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