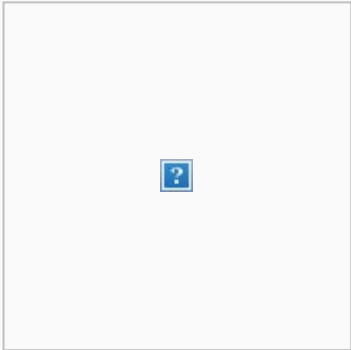


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Statewide Housing Plan Survey **Ends Saturday, April 11**

Homeless and housing service providers, we need your help. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority and its [advisory council](#) have reached the halfway point for the outreach and

response timeline for the Statewide Housing Plan survey. If you have already taken the survey, thank you! If you haven't done so please do. More importantly, we need you to share the survey with your networks so that we can get more feedback from the following groups.

Renters, Homeowners, and Potential Homebuyers: We recognize voices of countless individuals have historically been ignored and left unheard through practices of discrimination, marginalization, and disenfranchisement. These are unacceptable practices that in some instances still exist today. We want to hear from you about what needs to be done differently to make sure more equitable and just practices are in place.

Landlords: We want to learn how state departments can better serve you, so you can help provide the best possible housing for the people of Michigan.

So, raise your voice! Diverse perspectives are vital to building inclusive and equitable housing policies and programs into the future. Please [take this 10-minute survey](#) and share with your family, friends, and community. You can also [download](#), complete and submit the survey by mail or email.

The survey is open until April 11th. If you have any questions or require assistance completing the survey, please contact staff at MSHDA-MISHP@Michigan.gov or 833-312-2002.

For more information about the need for a statewide housing plan go to Michigan.gov/housingplan



Registration Now Open!

Registration for the 2021 Virtual Building Michigan Communities Conference is now open! Check out what we have in store for this virtual experience:

- 50+ education sessions
- "[Listen Courageously](#)" viewing and workshop - *limited spaces available!*
- Networking opportunities
- Three Keynote Plenaries

[Learn More](#)

ESG Update: Translated Forms, Pay for Performance

Translated Forms:

All required and optional MSHDA ESG forms are now available with Spanish and Arabic translations. Please visit the MSHDA ESG website to review all updated forms.

**Please note: Based on feedback received from providers, electronic signature blocks have been removed from any forms requiring a signature.*

Pay for Performance:

CoCs and LPBs under MSHDA ESG funding are required to review and submit Pay for Performance outcome and output measures as part of the annual ESG funding application. Historically, CoCs and LPBs have received bonus funding under MSHDA ESG if submitted measures met or exceeded established targets. Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the increased availability of resources, MSHDA will not provide bonus funding under the upcoming FY2021-2022 ESG funding round. However, CoCs and LPBs will still be required to review and submit their Pay for Performance measures as part of the FY2021-2022 funding application.

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

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ESG-CV Update: CAPERs and FSRs Due

This is a reminder that the ESG-CV quarterly CAPERs and FSRs are due in April. Please refer to the [ESG-CV CAPER and FSR schedule](#) for additional details.

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](#). A link to last month's recorded webinar with MSHDA on this topic can be [here](#).

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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](#).

Additionally, ESG-funded partners are encouraged to consider any viable opportunities for shared housing. More information regarding shared housing models can be found through the [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) and [HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research](#).

MSHDA is interested in hearing from any communities with current or previous master leasing and/or shared housing experience to assist in developing additional, future guidance on these topics. 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.**

- **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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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.

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