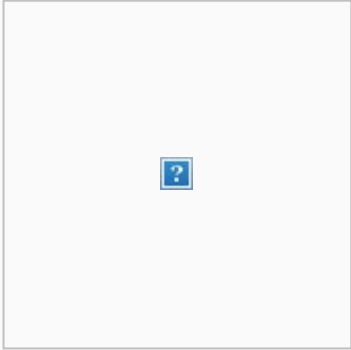


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CARES Act: MSHDA ESG NOFA Release

Today MSHDA released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and all application documents for the state's ESG funding under the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability Act). **All documents and funding allocations by Continuum of Care (CoC) or Local Planning Body (LPB) were sent to CoC/LPB leadership and confirmed ESG fiduciary points of contact.** If you are one of these points of contact and did not receive a message from your assigned MSHDA Homeless Assistance Specialist, please contact them as noted below.

CoCs and LPBs are required to review and affirm the application, budget allocations, and identified subgrantees prior to application submission. All CoC and LPB members are encouraged to review the NOFA and application documents published on the [MSHDA ESG website](#).

Please note: The deadline for submission will be affirmed upon the release of anticipated HUD guidance for the use of CARES Act funds. HUD shared this week that the guidance could be released in the next 2-3 weeks.

As a reminder, CoCs and LPBs are encouraged to develop plans for use of the CARES Act MSHDA ESG funding with consideration of the following:

- **How ESG-CV funds can work in coordination with other available funding streams**
- **Engaging local landlords during this crisis and beyond to quickly and effectively continue housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness**
- **Balancing any immediate needs such as emergency shelter with longer range planning around homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing**

Please be sure to contact your MSHDA Homeless Assistance Specialist if you have any questions.

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

[Nicole Schalow](#) - Regions 4 & 9

[Stephanie Oles](#) - Regions 5, 7, & 8

[Michelle Edwards](#) - Regions 6 & 10

Webinar Opportunity:
MSHDA ESG CARES Act - NOFA Overview

Thursday, May 7 at 3pm

MSHDA is hosting a webinar to discuss the recently released MSHDA ESG CARES Act NOFA. The goal of the webinar is to provide an overview of the funding opportunity, highlight policy differences, and share examples of how these funds can be leveraged effectively at the local level.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

*A recording of the webinar and a copy of the slides
will be made available after the webinar.*

**Update: ESG Policies and Procedures
During COVID-19**

MSHDA has created [a document to capture all affirmed policy and procedure updates](#) in response to the volume of changes happening within ESG during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This is in addition to our [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#). Both of these documents are dated and will be updated as additional guidance is released.

IMPORTANT UPDATES:

- The **HUD waivers provided for ESG and affirmed by MSHDA are ONLY applicable to current (FY2019-2020) ESG funds and NOT to the CARES Act (ESG-CV) funding as previously stated.** This clarification was affirmed by HUD this week. All guidance

documents have been updated to reflect this clarification.

- Starting in FY2018-2019, MSHDA instituted a rental payment requirement for households receiving financial assistance. This payment is reflective of **one percent (1%) of the household's gross annual projected income** and is paid either directly to the HARA or to the landlord. **Until further notice, this will not be required under any ESG funding.** However, CoCs and LPBs may choose to continue this practice and are still encouraged to progressively engage households to contribute to their monthly rental payment.

You can also find this information and more on the [MSHDA ESG website](#). Please be sure to send any questions to our [MSHDA-HS email](#) for follow-up and possible inclusion on future FAQs.

MSHDA ESG HARA Peer-to-Peer Webinars: Recordings and Notes

Thank you to everyone who was able to join last week's webinars. We will plan another peer-to-peer opportunity in the coming weeks. Until then, please feel free to review and share the notes and recordings from the previous webinars as noted below.

April 16th Rural HARA Peer-to-Peer:

[Notes](#) and [Webinar Recording](#)

April 16th Urban HARA Peer-to-Peer:

[Notes](#) and [Webinar Recording](#)

March 26th Rural HARA Peer-to-Peer:

[Notes](#) and [Webinar Recording](#)

March 26th Urban HARA Peer-to-Peer:

Essential Worker COVID-19 Testing

On April 20, MDHHS announced expanded COVID-19 testing criteria to include all essential workers still reporting to work in person, whether they have symptoms or not, and launched a large-scale effort with more than 2,000 volunteers to expand contact tracing capacity. You can find more information about this update [here](#).

Please be sure to contact your local health department for more information about COVID-19 testing.

COVID-19 Resource Page on the Campaign Website

The Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness website has a [new page](#) dedicated to homeless service providers to access information regarding COVID-19 from state partners and other national resources.

View the page [here](#)!

This page will be updated regularly as new information becomes available. Please continue to send questions regarding homeless services and COVID-19 to MDHHS-homeless@michigan.gov.



Homeless Providers: Where to Direct COVID-19 Questions

In order to best assist homeless providers through this difficult crisis, we want to encourage you to **send any questions you have about the Coronavirus outbreak and providing services during this time to MDHHS-homeless@michigan.gov**. MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services will be working with our state partners to get you the answers you need as quickly as possible.

In addition, we will be routinely sharing frequently asked questions and answers to help broadly share information.

Thank you for all your efforts,
The MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services team



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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