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CARES Act: MSHDA ESG NOFA Release

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) on May 1. **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 previously that the guidance could be released in the next 2 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 Materials:

MSHDA ESG CARES Act - NOFA Overview & MDHHS FEMA Introduction

MSHDA hosted a webinar to discuss the MSHDA ESG CARES Act NOFA. The webinar provided an overview of the funding opportunity, highlighted policy differences, and shared examples of how these funds can be leveraged effectively at the local level. MDHHS also join the discussion to share a high-level introduction of state-level FEMA support. Additional webinars on both ESG and FEMA will be provided over the next several weeks.

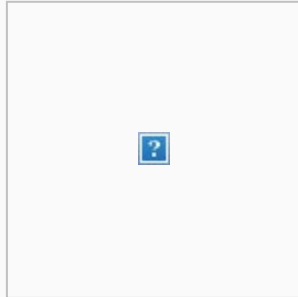
You can find the recorded webinar and a copy of the PowerPoint on the [MSHDA ESG website](#).

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.

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.



AmeriCorps: Request for Proposals (RFP)

MCAH is now accepting application to be an AmeriCorps host site for the 2020-2021 program year. Download the [RFP](#) now before the May 22 deadline. For more information, please contact Kelli Beavers at kbeavers@mihomeless.org.

Please note: ESG and ESG-CV funds can be used for 50% of the provider match requirement. Please contact your Homeless Assistance Specialist for more information.

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

Thank you to everyone who was able to join the previous HARA 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:

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

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.

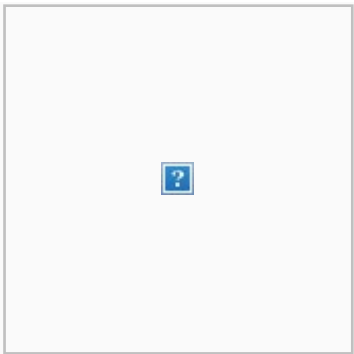


Homeless Providers: Where to Direct COVID-19 Questions

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.

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