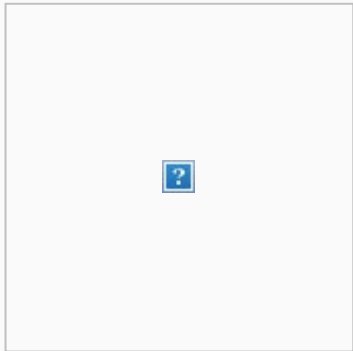


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## **CARES Act: MSHDA ESG-CV NOFA Updates**

The following clarifications and corrections are provided for the ESG-CV (CARES Act) NOFA.

### **Area Median Income (AMI) limit for Rapid Re-Housing (RRH):**

The NOFA was released prior to clarified guidance from HUD regarding AMI. The AMI for households assisted under RRH must be below 30% - not 50% as previously stated. *The NOFA on the*

[MSHDA ESG website](#) is updated to reflect this correction.

**Serving Category 4 Homelessness with RRH:**

Households experiencing literal homelessness (as described with HUD's Category 1 homelessness definition) are eligible for consideration under RRH. This also includes households fleeing domestic violence through use of emergency shelter or living in places not meant for human habitation. *The NOFA on the [MSHDA ESG website](#) is updated to reflect this clarification.*

**Domestic Violence Service Providers and Experience with RRH:**

The ESG-CV NOFA states, "Under CARES Act ESG-CV funding, domestic violence service agencies may be considered as a Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) subgrantee, *provided they have experience in RRH services* and can meet all outlined requirements – except for the use of HMIS. Data entry must be completed in a comparable database that can complete CAPERs" (Pages 7 and 8). The reference to experience includes oversight and implementation of RRH projects, as well as experience with activities and components within and related to RRH. CoCs and LPBs are encouraged to consider all applicants and to allow domestic violence service providers to demonstrate how their experience and capacity could provide effective RRH services.

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 to MSHDA 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 1-2 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

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## **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 HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Effective 5/18/20, the re-certification deadlines for Homeless Preference applicants on the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) wait list are **extended an additional 60 days**. This follows the conclusion of a 60-day extension provided in March.
- In light of ongoing COVID-19 efforts, MSHDA **will not implement Pay for Performance Measures** under the forthcoming ESG FY2020-2021 NOFA. However, each CoC and LPB is encouraged to review these measures as part of an ongoing assessment of overall system performance.

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.

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### **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](#).**



## **AmeriCorps: Request for Proposals (RFP) Deadline Extended!**

MCAH is now accepting application to be an AmeriCorps host site for the 2020-2021 program year. **Download the [RFP](#) and respond by the extended deadline - Friday, June 5.** For more information, please contact Kelli Beavers at [kbeavers@mihomeless.org](mailto: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.*

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## **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:**  
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## **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.*

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## **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](mailto:MDHHS-homeless@michigan.gov).

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## **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](mailto: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.

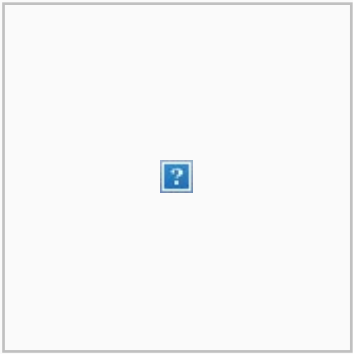
In addition, we will be routinely sharing frequently asked questions and answers to help broadly share information.

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

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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.

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