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MSHDA ESG: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 NOFA Released

Today MSHDA released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the FY 2020-2021 ESG (10/1/2020-9/30/2021). **The NOFA and funding allocations were sent to Continuum of Care (CoC) or Local Planning Body (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 published on the <u>MSHDA ESG</u> <u>website</u>.

MSHDA also released an Eligible Expense Guide that details eligible expenses by project component. This is also available on the <u>MSHDA ESG website</u>.

Please note the following deadlines below:

- Friday, July 31 by 5pm: ESG application is due in MATT 2.0
- Friday, August 28 by 5pm: Exhibit 1 is due via email to the assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist

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

Eviction Diversion Programs: Coronavirus Relief Funds

Michigan's eviction moratorium is set to expire June 30. Via <u>Senate</u> <u>Bill 690</u>, the State of Michigan is allocating \$60 million to MSHDA from its Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to start or expand eviction diversion programs in each CoC/LPB. HARAs will be the primary grantees for these funds, which are eligible for staff costs, administration costs, and financial assistance for eligible households to avoid eviction.

Please note these critical minimum requirements for funding:

- Establish a local workgroup, led by the HARA and composed of representation from the district court, DHHS county office, Community Action Agency, and legal aid services (at a minimum)
- Meet as a workgroup weekly, beginning the week of June 29
- Ensure the eviction diversion court process includes conditional dismissal

More information is in development and will be released in the next week.

MSHDA ESG-CV: Second Allocation Update

Signed into law March 27th, 2020, H.R.748 the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" or the "CARES Act", provides over \$2 trillion in aid nationwide to respond to the coronavirus. As part of this response, \$4 billion in Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds was allocation to ESG recipients - \$1 billion through the existing ESG allocation formula and the remainder through a separate formula developed by the HUD Secretary that includes variables which quantify the homeless population and those at risk of homelessness. In the second round, \$22,253,746 is allocated to the State of Michigan via MSHDA. This is an increase of 25% over of the first round allocation. This funding is awarded to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among those who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness.

MSHDA is currently developing its own allocation formula and the

process by which each CoC/LPB will submit for the funds. More information will be released in the next month.

MSHDA Webinars: Recording Links

MSHDA ESG CARES Act - NOFA Overview & MDHHS FEMA Introduction: On the <u>MSHDA ESG website</u>

Eviction Diversion (6/11/20): Link to recording here

Eviction Diversion - Coronavirus Relief Funds for HARAs (6/23/20): Link to recording here (skip to 1:15 mark to start)

HARA Peer-to-Peer Webinars:
4/16/20 Rural HARAs: Notes and Webinar Recording
4/16/20 Urban HARAs: Notes and Webinar Recording

3/26/20 Rural HARAs: Notes and Webinar Recording 3/26/20 Urban HARAs: Notes and Webinar Recording



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:** 735 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48909