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CARES Act: MSHDA ESG-CV Application Deadline Friday, June 19

Applications for the current MSHDA ESG-CV funding are due **Friday, June 19 by 5pm**. *If any CoC or LPB is prepared to submit sooner, they may send in applications starting Monday, June 8.*

CoCs and LPBs are reminded and encouraged to consider all

eligible subgrantees for this funding round. Please contact your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist if you have any questions regarding eligibility or if additional support is need to best plan for ESG-CV funding locally.

> Jen Leaf - Regions 1, 2, & 3 Nicole Schalow - Regions 4 & 9 Stephanie Oles - Regions 5, 7, & 8 Michelle Edwards - Regions 6 & 10

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

Save the Date: Eviction Prevention Webinar Wednesday, June 10 at 3pm

To help communities prepare for the expiration of the eviction moratorium, MSHDA, MDHHS, and MCAH will host a webinar on Wednesday, June 10 to discuss eviction prevention models and resources.

MSHDA ESG: FY2020-2021 NOFA Coming Soon

In June, MSHDA will release the NOFA for ESG Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021).

More information will be provided soon, including application materials and allocations. Watch for updates in the Homeless Solutions newsletter, on the MSHDA ESG website, and in communications from your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist.

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 6/1/20, the financial assistance cap for Homelessness
 Prevention is extended to 9 months of assistance - with no more than 6 months of financial assistance used to address
 rental arrears. This change applies to current FY2019-2020 ESG funding as well as ESG-CV funding. Per HUD's most recent mega waivers memorandum (5/26/20), all ESG waivers apply to both current FY2019-2020 ESG funding and ESG-CV funding, as deadlines permit. The housing stability case management waiver is also extended by an additional three months (now expiring 8/31/20).

You can also find this information and more on the <u>MSHDA ESG</u> <u>website</u>. Please be sure to send any questions to our <u>MSHDA-HS</u> <u>email</u> for follow-up and possible inclusion on future FAQs.

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 <u>MSHDA ESG website</u>.



AmeriCorps: Request for Proposals (RFP) Deadline Exended!

MCAH is now accepting application to be an AmeriCorps host site for the 2020-2021 program year. **Download the** <u>RFP</u> **and respond by the extended deadline - Friday, June 5.** For more information, please contact Kelli Beavers at <u>kbeavers@mihomeless.org</u>.

HARAs are encouraged to consider AmeriCorps as a source of capacity building. Please note that 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:

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March 26th Rural HARA Peer-to-Peer: <u>Notes</u> and <u>Webinar Recording</u> March 26th Urban HARA Peer-to-Peer: <u>Notes</u> and <u>Webinar Recording</u>



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** <u>MDHHS-homeless@michigan.gov</u>. 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: 735 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48909