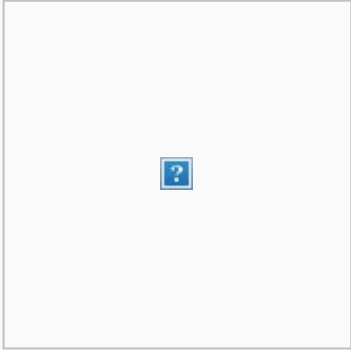


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MSHDA ESG: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Update

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), Exhibit 1, and Word version of the funding application are available on [MSHDA's ESG website](#). **The funding application is also available to fiduciaries in the MATT 2.0 grant system.**

MSHDA released an Eligible Expense Guide that details eligible expenses by project component. This is available on the [MSHDA ESG website](#).

Please note the deadlines below:

- **Friday, July 31 by 5pm:** ESG application is due in MATT 2.0

- *Please contact your MSHDA Homeless Assistance Specialist to request an extension, if needed.*
- **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

CRF Eviction Diversion Programs: Updates

Via [Senate Bill 690](#), 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. For most of the state, 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.

MSHDA is planning monthly check-in meetings by region to review eviction diversion program implementation and allow for peer-to-peer questions and information exchange. *Meeting invites were sent to identified CoC and LPB points of contact and funded agencies are required to attend.* For more information on these meetings, please contact the [MSHDA eviction diversion program email account](#).

MSHDA's Eviction Diversion Program website:
Information for interested tenants and landlords - Visit [here](#)

Any questions regarding the CRF Eviction Diversion Program can be sent to our [MSHDA eviction diversion email account](#).

Homeless Preference HCV: Recertification Extension

MSHDA has extended all current expiration dates for homeless preference Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) applications for **an additional 30 days**. New applications completed during this time will still be subject to the 120-day recertification deadline and all recertifications will still need to be completed within the 30-day window prior to the deadline. This is the last foreseeable extension and HARAs can begin recertifying applicants 30 days prior to their expiration dates. *The earliest expiration dates are now mid-August and HARAs are encouraged to begin recertification for those applicants at this time.*

The following COVID-19 policies and procedures remain in affect for homeless preference HCV:

- HARAs may secure verbal Releases of Information (ROIs) for HCV Homeless Preference at this time. Please note the use of verbal ROI on the HCV ROI document.
- The timeline to complete HCV Homeless Preference applications is extended from 5 days to 30 business days until further notice.

*The full list of COVID-19 policies and procedures can be found on the [MSHDA ESG website](#).

Please send any questions to the [MSHDA Homeless Solutions email account](#).

MSHDA ESG-CV: Update

MSHDA received the first round allocation grant applications for the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” funds (CARES Act or ESG-CV) from all CoCs and LPBs. The grants will be executed once HUD releases the ESG-CV funds to MSHDA. Our Homeless Solutions staff will notify CoCs and LPBs as soon as the funds are available in the MATT 2.0 grant system.

As a reminder, 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 allocated 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 to come.

MSHDA Webinars:
Recording Links

MSHDA ESG CARES Act - NOFA Overview & MDHHS FEMA

Introduction: On the [MSHDA ESG website](#)

Eviction Diversion Program Webinars

- **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, Access Password: 7x&Cg088*)
- **Eviction Diversion - Intro Meeting for Grantees (7/14/20):** Link to recording [here](#) (*Access Password: 0j?@\$61\$*)

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.

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