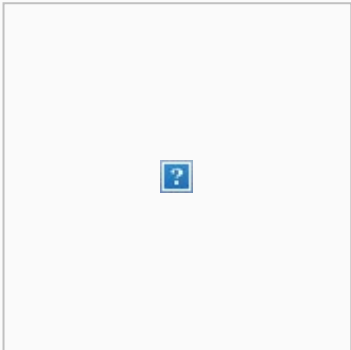


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MSHDA ESG: Website and Forms Updates

MSHDA recorded last week's webinar regarding updates to ESG participant forms. You can find the webinar recording information below and the Question/Answer document on the [ESG webpage](#). As a reminder, all new ESG forms are effective 10/1/2020.

[ESG Forms Webinar Recording](#)

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MSHDA has also updated its [Homeless and Special Needs Housing webpage](#) and [ESG webpage](#) to help users find information

more easily.

For those who received the updated forms via email last week, please note that the [ESG Income Verification Worksheet](#) is now updated in response to provider feedback to include a separate tab with guidance on assets. This worksheet is posted on the [ESG Participant File Forms webpage](#).

As the example above shows, your feedback is always welcome and appreciated! Please contact [Homeless Solutions](#) or your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist with any questions or comments.

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HUD Guidance for ESG Waivers

On 9/1, HUD released [updated guidance](#) regarding ESG and ESG-CV funding. This guidance included information on previously existing waivers. MSHDA is still reviewing this information for all potential ESG program impact but will highlight one time-sensitive update:

- **MSHDA will continue to support rental units up to 120% of Fair Market Rate (FMR), as long as the unit still meets Rent Reasonableness.** The waiver for 120% FMR was previously set to expire 9/30/2020, but HUD lifted this expiration date and did not provide another expiration date.

MSHDA will notify all grantees as additional information is provided. An updated chart of 120% of FMR is available on the [MSHDA ESG webpage](#), effective 10/1/20. These figures are also included in the [ESG Income Verification Worksheet](#).

MSHDA will review previously provided COVID-19 policy updates and amend documents to reflect the latest HUD guidance. **In the interim, please use this [one-page reference sheet](#) to quickly review waiver and policy impacts for both Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention financial assistance under ESG and ESG-CV.**

Please contact [Homeless Solutions](#) or your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist with any questions or comments.

Survey: Shelter Capacity for the Coming Season

MSHDA is seeking critical information from each CoC and LPB about their shelter capacity and how it has been impacted over these last several months. Additionally, this survey includes questions to better understand the strategies each CoC and LPB are using to prepare for safe shelter in the coming fall and winter seasons.

Each CoC and LPB must submit at least one response to [this survey link](#).

The deadline for survey responses is [Thursday, October 15](#).

Please contact [Homeless Solutions](#) with any questions.

Thank you!

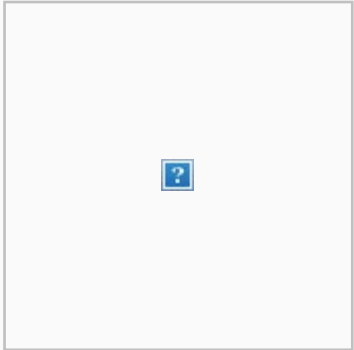
CRF Eviction Diversion Program Meetings

MSHDA is holding 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](#).

MSHDA ESG-CV: Update

The “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” funds (CARES Act or ESG-CV) 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 intended 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. **CoCs and LPBs should expect the second round of funding to focus more intentionally on permanent housing needs via Rapid Re-Housing and overall case management support.** More information to come.



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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