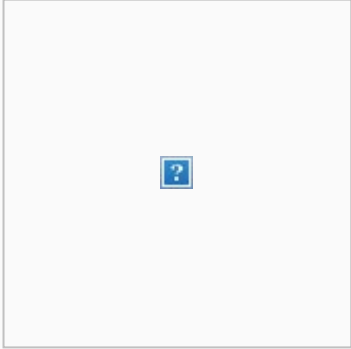


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Upcoming MSHDA Webinars

ESG and ESG-CV: Forms and Policy Webinar

[Tuesday, September 22 at 9:30am](#)

MSHDA is preparing to release updated ESG forms and policies ahead of the start of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (10/1/2020). These forms will be effective 10/1/2020 and are intended to support participant file completion and improve overall efficiency. MSHDA will host and record a webinar to walk through the new documents, any policy updates, and where to find the items on the MSHDA ESG webpage. Click on the date above to register!

October: ESG Webinar Series

In October, MSHDA will provide a webinar on each service component of ESG funding (street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing). These webinars are designed to support new grantees and subgrantees or provide a refresher for current grantees and subgrantees. These webinars will also be recorded and made available via the MSHDA ESG webpage. More information to come!

As always, please be sure to contact your 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

Updated ESG Documents: ESG-CV FSR Schedule and Billing/Reporting Procedures

MSHDA has developed a Financial Status Report (FSR) schedule specific to ESG-CV (CARES Act) funding. You can find the schedule [here](#) and it will be uploaded to the [MSHDA ESG webpage](#).

MSHDA has also updated the ESG Billing and Reporting Procedures document. This document is applicable to all ESG funding, including ESG-CV.

Please note: there is a new report included for FSR submissions - the HMIS 700.1b report (Length of Time Homeless). [This report](#)

will be required for FY20-21 ESG FSR submissions after 10/1/2020. You can find the procedures [here](#) and they will be uploaded to the [MSHDA ESG webpage](#).

*Please contact your Homeless Assistance Specialist
with any questions.*



HUD's Response to COVID-19 and Coordinated Entry Prioritization

HUD was recently asked, "Are there actions a Continuum of Care may take within its Coordinated Entry process to prioritize persons who are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19?" **The short answer: Yes.** You can find the full response [here](#).

MSHDA also supports and encourages communities to consider these options when reviewing prioritization procedures as part of the overall Coordinated Entry System. This includes weighing multiple factors such as the Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) score or population needs based on Continuum of Care or Local Planning Body data. Per HUD guidance and best practice, prioritization should also include - *at a minimum* - the length of time which a household has experienced homelessness.

*Please be sure to notify your Homeless Assistance Specialist
when there are any updates to your CoC or LPB
Coordinated Entry process.*

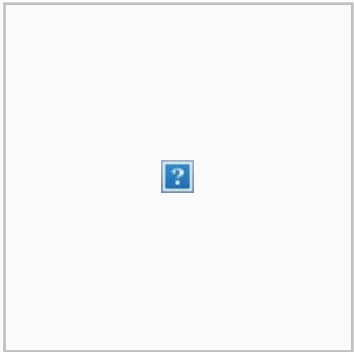
CRF Eviction Diversion Program Meetings

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 email account](#).

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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