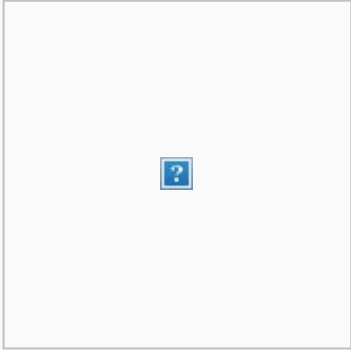


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## **ESG-CV Expenditure Deadlines**

As part of the CARES Act, HUD required two expenditure deadlines for all ESG-CV funding. The first was 20% by September 30, 2021. Through its subgrantees, MSHDA exceeded 20% expenditure by the deadline. The second deadline is for March 30, 2022 and it requires 80% expenditure of all ESG-CV funding. **In order to ensure success with this deadline, MSHDA notified all subgrantees in November that any eligible ESG activities must be expended with ESG-CV funds only starting December 1.** Additionally, MSHDA notified fiduciaries of any funding recapture or additional grant funding based

on ESG-CV expenditure progress. These amendments will be completed in January.

**MSHDA is tracking overall expenditure progress with required monthly Financial Status Reports (FSRs), which started January 15.** Fiduciaries, please continue to existing ESG-CV FSR spreadsheet until notified by MSHDA.

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

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## **ESG-CV Quarterly CAPER: January Deadline**

As a reminder, MSHDA is submitting the quarterly ESG-CV CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report) by January 30. The schedule of deadlines for all activities related to the CAPER submission can be found [here](#).

**Please be sure to contact [Michelle Edwards](#) if you have any questions regarding the activities and deadlines.**

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## **MSHDA ESG Policy Webinar: Session 2**

Over the past two years, MSHDA has thoroughly reviewed its existing Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) policy in order to update language and direction to ensure alignment with HUD requirements and best practices. [This policy](#) is available for review and application, and is posted to the [MSHDA ESG website](#).

MSHDA will host a series of webinars to support ESG-funded agencies in their implementation of policy guidance and to field feedback and questions on the policy. The second webinar will focus on Sections V and VI of the policy document (Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter). All webinars will be recorded and materials made available following each session. (The recording for Session 1 is available [here](#) and on the [MSHDA ESG website](#).)

**MSHDA ESG Policy Webinar Series:**

**Session 2 - Sections V & VI**

**Tuesday, February 15 at 3pm**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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## **MSHDA Website Update**

MSHDA is part of the first wave of state agencies included in the

State of Michigan website design refresh. This is the first website platform update in 20 years and aims to provide consistent design presence for all State of Michigan departments and services.

As part of this website update, MSHDA Homeless Solutions staff are reviewing each page and link within the [Homeless heading](#) for accuracy and ease of access for our partners and community members. If a previously used link is no longer working or available, please contact [MSHDA Homeless Solutions](#) or your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist so we are aware of any issues.

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## Utility Schedule Reminder

ESG and ESG-CV rental assistance requires documentation of rent reasonableness. This process is supported by MSHDA with Affordable Housing online software (formerly Go Section 8). As a reminder, please make sure to select the correct utility schedule within Affordable Housing, as it is not defaulting to the current utility schedule.

*Please contact [MSHDA ESGHelp](#) or your assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist with any questions regarding rent reasonableness.*

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## Recovery Housing Program: NOFA

MSHDA's Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions (RAHS) division is pleased to announce an opportunity through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to support recovery housing in the State of Michigan!

The Recovery Housing Program (RHP) will grant funding to provide stable, transitional housing for individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder. The funding is specifically for rental or leasing assistance, with an additional portion available for administrative costs. Under this project, individuals in recovery services can be supported with transitional housing for up to two years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever is earlier. Awarded funds must result in new units of service (expansion).

Priority will be given to applicants with experience administering CDBG funds or other federally funded programs supporting recovery from Substance Use Disorder, and the ability to secure necessary service funding to support model expansion.

Eligible applicants will include public or private nonprofit agencies. Any eligible applicant must have proof of current MARR Certification (Michigan Association of Recovery Residencies) or submit timeline for anticipated MARR Certification approval. The applicant must provide at least Level II residence support as defined by the National Association of Recovery Residencies (NARR).

Please reference the [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#) and [Recovery Housing Program Application](#) for for additional information.

Completed application documents are due via email to MSHDA by

**February 18, 2022**, with plans to announce funded applicants no later than **April 1, 2022**.

Please contact [MSHDA Homeless Solutions](#)  
or [Nicole Beagle](#) with any questions.

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## **ESG Billing & Reporting Procedures: Update**

Based on changes in availability of the HMIS 700.1b report (length of time homeless), MSHDA updated the ESG Billing and Reporting Procedures to remove this requirement for Financial Status Reports (FSRs). The [updated procedures](#) are available for review and can be found on the [MSHDA ESG website](#).

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## Updated COVID-19 Guidance for Homeless Service Providers

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) published [new guidance](#) to help communities minimize the spread and impact of the rapidly-spreading variant of COVID-19 among people experiencing homelessness, who face an increased risk of infection and severe disease compared to the general population.

The new guidance, "[The Omicron Variant of COVID-19: What Homeless Service Providers Need to Know](#)," was developed by **USICH**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (**CDC**), and the departments of Health and Human Services (**HHS**), Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**), and Veterans Affairs (**VA**).

Unlike the 5-day isolation and quarantine that the CDC recommends for the general population, **the CDC still recommends a 10-day isolation and quarantine for people experiencing homelessness—regardless of vaccination status.** To explore shortened quarantine periods for staff during critical staffing shortages and/or for individual client circumstances, USICH recommends consulting with state, local, and/or tribal health departments.

Although rehousing people continues to be an urgent priority, and the American Rescue Plan and CARES Act offer resources for rehousing, permanent housing isn't always readily available. **In cases where**

**neither rehousing nor non-congregate shelter are an immediate option, communities and organizations should adhere to the quarantine and isolation guidance; partner with state, local, and/or tribal health departments; and follow these five strategies:**

1. Ensure availability of quarantine, isolation, and protective housing spaces.
2. Strengthen routine testing.
3. Encourage and support vaccinations against COVID-19.
4. Maintain mitigation protocols.
5. Avoid displacing people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

**For more federal COVID guidance and resources, [click here.](#)**



## **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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