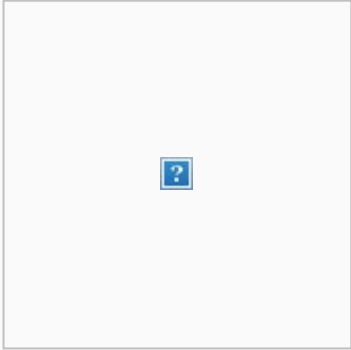


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## Funding Opportunities Update

MSHDA has a significant number of funding opportunities in progress across Michigan. Within the Homeless Solutions work unit of MSHDA, here are some funding opportunities to keep in mind for local resources and supports. Each section is hyperlinked to MSHDA's website for program materials and additional information.

- **[HOME-ARP \(American Rescue Plan\)](#)**
  - **Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP):** HPP runs through 3/31/2024 and is focused on rental arrears assistance with some additional assistance for utility arrears as needed. Grant documents are in process and funds will be available to Continuums of Care (CoCs) and local planning bodies (LPBs) over the next week. Contact [MSHDA HOME-ARP](#) or [Morgan Quinney-Naval \(Program Analyst\)](#) with any questions.
  - **Housing Navigation Program (HNP):** HNP will begin in

May once grant agreements are completed and is a two-year program (ending 4/30/2025). This program is focused on providing housing navigation support (identifying rental units, building landlord engagement, supporting households during rental lease-up and into housing) for households with any type of housing resource, including Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV). Contact [MSHDA HOME-ARP](#) or [Morgan Quinney-Naval \(Program Analyst\)](#) with any questions.

- **Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) Development:** This project currently has an open Request for Proposals, with a submission deadline of Friday, May 5. NCS is focused on developing new non-congregate shelter units in a limited number of communities, with a total investment of \$6 million (up to \$1.5 million in awarded funds per project). Contact [MSHDA HOME-ARP](#) or [Jennifer McNeely \(Program Specialist\)](#) with any questions.
- **HCDF (Housing and Community Development Fund)**
  - [Shelter Diversion Pilot \(SDP\)](#): Responses to the pilot's Request for Proposals are currently under review, with a pilot start date of June 1, 2023. The pilot will be implemented in a limited number of communities and will run for two years (ending 5/31/2025). SDP is focused on implementing and expanding shelter diversion practices as a means to support households in crisis to identify and access safe alternatives to emergency shelter, where possible. Contact [Jennifer McNeely \(Program Specialist\)](#) with any questions.
- **ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant)**
  - The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 application round has started with the [Exhibit 1 document](#) released for each CoC to complete (no Exhibit 1 submissions required for LPBs).

Completed Exhibit 1 documents are due to the assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist by Friday, June 2. The ESG application for CoCs and LPBs will be released in the coming weeks and will be due to MSHDA by Friday, August 11. Applications are submitted by the selected fiduciary agency for the CoC/LPB. Contact your assigned [Homeless Assistance Specialist](#) with any questions.

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## **IGX: New MSHDA Grant Management System**

MSHDA is undergoing a change in grant management systems and will create all new grant agreements within IGX. Similar to the former grant management system (MATT 2.0), IGX is accessible online and supports the submission of Financial Status Reports (FSRs), grant agreement documents, and any amendments.

MATT 2.0 will be maintained to manage open grants that were originally created in that system, which means that fiduciaries will need to use both systems until grants completed in MATT 2.0 are fully expended and closed out. **Fiduciaries must to log into both systems at least once every 60 days to maintain access to both systems.** After 60 days, access will be denied and staff will need to reach out to MSHDA to re-establish access. Please contact your assigned [Homeless Assistance Specialist](#) with any questions.

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## **Policy Updates**

The following policy updates are effective for the referenced programs

and updated on the respective MSHDA webpages noted below.

**ESG-CV Waivers ([Policy and Procedures](#)):** Following the expiration of waivers extended to annual ESG funds (Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021), the [ESG-CV Waivers document](#) is updated to reflect waivers still available for remaining ESG-CV funds, plus the listing of any waivers permanently added to MSHDA ESG policy and the listing of all expired waivers (applicable timelines noted for monitoring purposes). Contact [Homeless Solutions](#) or your assigned [Homeless Assistance Specialist](#) with any questions.

**ESG Monitoring Guidance ([Grant Management](#)):** MSHDA has published [new materials related to ESG monitoring](#). These include the Monitoring Protocols Manual, Monitoring Workbook, and a Monitoring Training Presentation. This information provides guidance to any agency preparing for a MSHDA monitoring visit or fiduciaries completing monitoring responsibilities with any ESG subgrantees. Contact [Randy Horstman \(Compliance Specialist\)](#) and [Jack Ho \(Monitoring Analyst\)](#) with any questions.

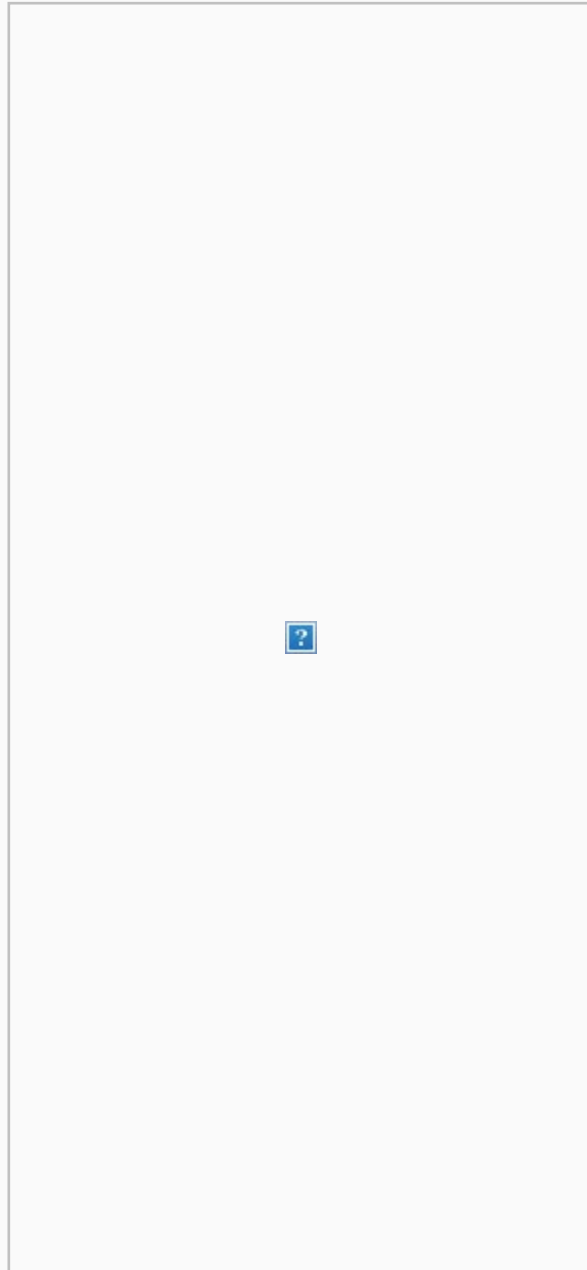
**Fair Market Rent (FMR) Rates ([Policy and Procedures](#)):** The [100% FMR and 120% FMR charts](#) were updated recently to reflect a change in rates specific to Kent County. Additionally, the 120% FMR chart was updated to reflect ESG-CV only because the increased FMR waiver for annual ESG funds (Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021) have expired. Contact your assigned [Homeless Assistance Specialist](#) with any questions.

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## Homeless Solutions Staff Spotlight

The Homeless Solutions unit at MSHDA covers a great variety of

programs and services across Michigan. Throughout the rest of the year, we'll include information in each newsletter about our team members and the projects they support through their roles!



**Nicole Beagle**

- 15 Years with MSHDA
- Homeless Assistance Specialist for Regions 4 and 9
- Recovery Housing Program (RHP) Specialist
- Coordinated Entry System (CES) Grant Specialist for the Balance

of State CoC

- What drives your work at MSHDA and in Homeless Solutions?
  - *One of the most important aspects of the work I do at MSHDA is forming and continuing to support the relationships I have with the agencies we fund to do the really difficult, boots on the ground work in our Michigan communities. I want them to know, and trust, that we are allies and partners in the work around ending homelessness and I truly appreciate them and enjoy working with them on a daily basis. In connection to that, I also want the individuals and families who reach out to me directly in search of services to know I will do whatever I can to make sure they get connected to those agencies I work so closely with, and also know that it will never be just “another transfer” to me. I will follow-up and help make connections wherever possible so they feel closer to solving their housing crisis.*

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- 7 Months with MSHDA
- Homeless Assistance Specialist for Regions 6 and 10
- Interim Homeless Assistance Specialist for Regions 1, 2, and 3
- Coordinated Entry System (CES) Grant Specialist for the Balance of State CoC
- What drives your work at MSHDA and in Homeless Solutions?
  - *I've always had a desire for finding a solution to the severe housing crisis in our state. My earliest memory is ideating ways to send a bus around town to pick up individuals experiencing homelessness, opening my own home to provide a place for showers, meals, and rest, and utilizing*

*empty houses on the market to shelter those in need. As I've grown out of my rose-colored glasses and gained perspective on the grey and grim reality of housing inefficiencies, I've realized that there is much more to ending homelessness than I once considered. As a longtime employee of the non-profit sector, I understand the feeling of responsibility, burden, and stress that is often placed on a singular individual or organization to solve the damaging effects of racism, financial inequity, educational imbalance, and food insecurity, that all play a role in housing. MSHDA's state-funded programing that provides housing agencies with the financial push to serve homeless populations is just one piece of the puzzle, but I know it is necessary in moving the needle towards a Michigan that is truly Housing First. Government is often held responsible for the quality of life it provides its residents – as it should be – and knowing that, it is vital for me to utilize that often jarring obligation I feel, to take part in the impactful process of diminishing homelessness in Michigan.*



## **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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