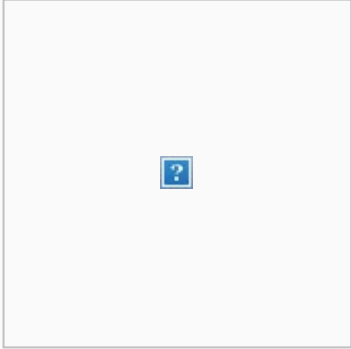


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ESG FY 2020-2021: Upcoming Deadlines

The Exhibit 1 Detailed Directions, Lead Agency Memorandum of Understanding, and the ESG Memorandum of Understanding are now available on the MSHDA ESG website.

Please note the deadlines below:

- **Friday, August 28 by 5pm:** Exhibit 1 is due via email to the assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist

Forms Updates: Exhibit 1 and Memorandum of Understanding

- Exhibit 1 Requirement for Independent Jurisdictions: Stella P Access for MSHDA In the coming year, MSHDA will review

its Pay for Performance practice and address any needed realignment to CoC system performance measures. This review will include consideration of individualized benchmarking for year over year improvements and incorporation of critical issues such as racial equity. To support this process, MSHDA requires Independent Jurisdiction CoCs to provide Stella P access which will allow MSHDA to develop tools in relational context to CoC operation. MSHDA currently has direct access to HMIS for this same data but the system does not have the capacity to provide effective visualization of data and trends in the same way as Stella P. As with HMIS data, MSHDA does not and will not publish any accessed data or reports without the express consent of the CoC.

- ESG Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Fields for MSHDA to Complete In the recently updated MOU, there are three (3) fields that MSHDA will complete when the MOU is returned - the Federal Award Identification Number and Federal Award Date (page 4), and the Program Description (page 5). These fields do not require an agency response.

Corrections in MATT: ESG Applications and Administrative Compliance

- In the FY 2020-2021 application, MATT lists cell phones as a possible budget line for emergency shelter. However, this is not an eligible expense for emergency shelter under ESG. Until MATT can be updated to correct this, applications with funds budgeted for this cost will be sent back to the fiduciary for correction.
- Within the Administrative Compliance Guidelines for the FY 2020-2021 application, MATT has a checkbox that says, "The grantee understands that costs for audits are not allowable." This is incorrect - costs to pay for audits are an

allowable expense under ESG. Until MATT can be updated to correct this, please note that costs to pay for audits are eligible expenses for ESG.

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

As a reminder, MSHDA has extended all current expiration dates for homeless preference Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) applications for an additional 30 days, *with the earliest expiration dates occurring this week*. New applications completed during this time will still be subject to the 120-day recertification deadline and all re-certifications 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. *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](#)



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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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