

Using ESG-CV Funding to End Homelessness: A Training with ODOD

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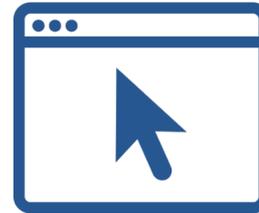
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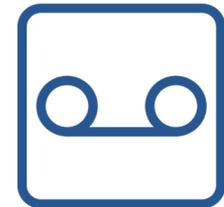
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- Objectives and Introductions
- Big Picture Priorities for ESG-CV Spending
- Expenditure Deadlines and Updates
- Spending Opportunities
- Questions

Introductions

- Ashley Reynolds – Ohio Department of Development
- Shana Garrett – Ohio Department of Development
- Patrick Hart – Ohio Department of Development
- Erica Mulryan - COHHIO

Learning Objectives

- Identify ways to use CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) resources to support local efforts to address and end homelessness during the pandemic
- Learn about funding availability
- Understand how to request more funding as needed
- Recognize and utilize various pathways which Development created to support grantees by maximizing opportunities and flexibility for spending these funds

Learning Objectives

- Reminders:
 - There is an unprecedented amount of money and waivers currently available to assist those experiencing homelessness
 - Providers can access those funds through ODOD
 - ESG-CV funds provide additional flexibilities to better assist those experiencing homelessness

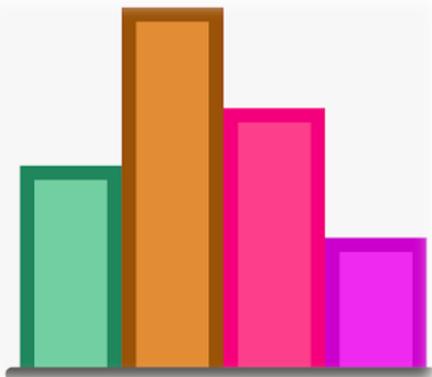
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Poll Question:

What barriers to spending is your program experiencing?

1. Trying to spend other funds first
2. No available housing units
3. Lack of staff capacity
4. Unsure how to access additional ESG-CV funds
5. Other



Priorities for Meeting Big Picture Goals of ESG-CV

Expenditure Deadlines

9/30/2021 - At least 20% of total ESG-CV award

3/31/2022 - At least 80% of total ESG-CV award

9/30/2022 - All ESG-CV funds must be expended

- ESG-CV Big Picture
 - Responding to, preparing for, and preventing the spread of COVID-19
- ODOD priorities
 - \$3 million for emergency shelter
 - ensure agencies can house people on an emergency basis in response to COVID
 - \$16 million to HCRP shelter & stability grantees and extra funds via amendment
 - Ensure those programs can address needs in the face of COVID

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Expenditure Updates

- As of 9/30/21 grantees have expended approximately 31% of the 47 million in ESG-CV funds awarded to Ohio
- ODOD will evaluate upcoming expenditure reports due 1/15/22 to assess the expenditure of funds by individual grantees.
- ODOD is awarding additional ESG-CV funds through grant amendments and the TOPP.

Funding Opportunity: Grant Amendments

- Eligible Activities
 - Emergency Shelter and Housing Stability
- Eligible Recipients
 - HCRP CARES grantees for funded Emergency Shelter and Housing Stability projects
- Process
 - Grantees submit a Request for Amendment Form which is available on OCD TA site
 - <https://development.force.com/OCDDTA/s/article/PY-2020-Round-2-Emergency-Solutions-Grant-CARES-Act-ESG-CV-Funding>

Funding Opportunity: TOPP

- Eligible Activities
 - Shelter Renovation and Street Outreach
- Eligible Recipients
 - HCRP CARES and current Supportive Housing Program (SHP) grantees for renovation and street outreach
- Process
 - Applicants submit a TOPP Pre-Application form Request for Amendment Form which is available on OCD TA site
 - <https://development.force.com/OCDTA/s/article/PY-2020-Round-2-Emergency-Solutions-Grant-CARES-Act-ESG-CV-Funding>

ESG-CV Awards and Awards in Process

- Grant Awards • \$27,343,236
- In process • \$2,353,788
- TOPP under review • \$1,119,200
- ESG-CV under review • \$3,557,545

- TOTAL • \$34,373,769

HCRP CARES – Grant Dates

- Work Completion
 - Drawdown
 - End Date
- September 30, 2022
 - October 31, 2022
 - November 30, 2022

Updates to HCRP and HCRP Guidelines

ODOD eliminated the following requirements:

- at least 50% of rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention funds be expended on direct assistance
- expenditures on supportive services not exceed 35% of the Housing Stability Budget
- 90-day income certification requirement for rapid rehousing and replacing it with the requirement that program participants be certified within a year's time.

These updates apply to both HCRP and HCRP CARES

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Spending Opportunities: HP & RRH

- Changes from ESG
 - Pay for longer staff time to find housing
 - Allow for longer lengths of shelter stay if participant is actively working toward finding housing
 - Monthly CM waived
 - Income recertification now 12 months, not 90 days
 - Rental assistance can exceed FMR, so long as unit still meets rent reasonableness
 - Income limit raised from 30% AMI to Very Low Income
 - ESG-CV funds are not subject to match requirements

Spending Opportunities: New Activities

- Landlord Incentives
 - Signing bonuses up to 2 months of rent*
 - Security deposits up to 3 months rent
 - Cost to repair damages not covered by security deposit or incurred while participant is in unit
 - Cost of extra cleaning or maintenance of unit or appliances
- Vaccine Incentives
 - \$50 per dose per person

**total landlord incentives cannot exceed 3x the rent*

Spending Opportunities: Additional New Activities

Costs of loaning cell phones with wireless plans to program participants

Providing personal protective equipment to program participants,

Providing laundry services to individuals and families living in unsheltered locations, making vaccine incentive payments to people experiencing homelessness

Providing furniture and household furnishings to program participants while they are receiving rapid rehousing

Providing essential services to households receiving rapid rehousing assistance as well as program participants residing in hotels and motels paid for with ESG-CV funds

Paying for renters' insurance for households receiving rapid re-housing

Assuring the applicable coordinated entry system can quickly prioritize and connect people to appropriate housing and services to prevent and respond to coronavirus

Providing sponsor based rental assistance for program participants receiving rapid rehousing

Resources and Links

- To request grant amendments of HCRP grants
 - <https://development.force.com/OCDTA/s/article/PY-2020-Round-2-Emergency-Solutions-Grant-CARES-Act-ESG-CV-Funding>
- HUD ESG-CV resources
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/esg-cv/#program-requirements>

Questions