



# Emergency Solutions Grants Program Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing

RFP INFORMATION SESSION JANUARY  
2020



# Agenda

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Overview of MDHI ESG Program

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Eligible Participants, Activities, & Costs

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Program Expectations

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RFP Timeline & Questions?

# ESG Program Components

Street Outreach

Emergency Shelter

**Homelessness Prevention**

**Rapid Re-Housing**

HMIS



# HUD ESG Recipients in Metro Denver CoC

**Division of  
Housing/Department  
of Local Affairs (State  
ESG)**

**City of Aurora**

**City & County of  
Denver**

# ESG Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program

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MDHI applies to DOH/DOLA for HP/RRH funds annually

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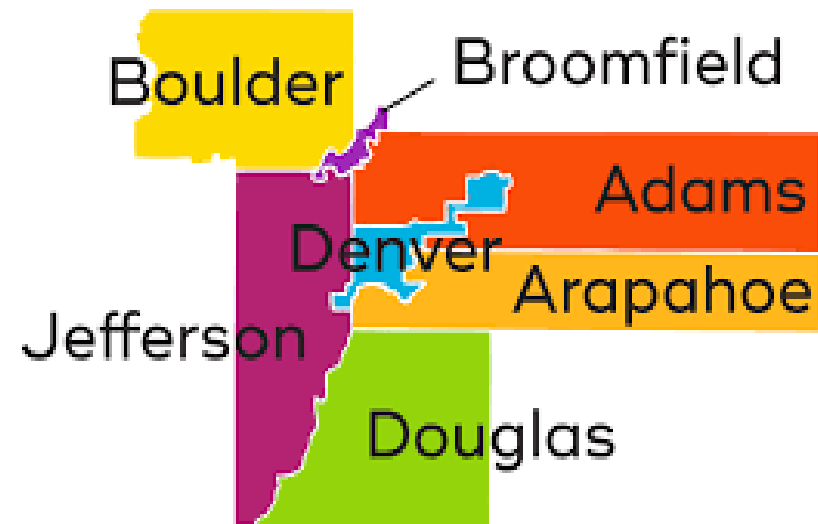
MDHI serves households in the seven-county Metro Denver region

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MDHI's 3<sup>rd</sup> year administering the HP/RRH program

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New program year begins  
4/1/2020



# ESG HP/RRH Definitions



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**Homelessness Prevention (HP):** A crisis intervention designed to prevent individual or family, who is at imminent risk of losing housing, from experiencing literal homelessness.

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**Rapid Re-Housing (RRH):** A crisis intervention designed to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness quickly obtain permanent housing.

# RRH Eligible Participants

Individual or family who meets one of the following categories of **HUD's Homeless Definition**:

- ▶ **Category 1** - Literally homeless. Households living in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation
- ▶ **Category 4** – Households that are fleeing/attempting to flee violence and residing somewhere described in Category 1

- ▶ <https://everyonecounts.mdhi.org/>



# HP Eligible Participants

Individual or family with income **below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI)** and who also meet one of the following categories of **HUD's Homeless Definition**.

- ▶ **Category 2** – Households who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence provided that:
  - ▶ Residence will be lost within 14 days from the date the apply for assistance
  - ▶ No subsequent residence has been identified
  - ▶ Household lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
- ▶ **Category 4** – Fleeing/attempting to flee violence and not living in place described in Category 1





*But for...*

- ▶ Lack the financial resources and support networks to obtain or remain in housing on their own
- ▶ Without ESG assistance the household would remain homeless

# Income Guidelines

- ▶ **Rapid Re-Housing:** no minimum or maximum income requirement initially
  - ▶ Total household's gross income must be at or below 30% Area Median Income (AMI) at the **Annual Assessment** (or 1 year after program enrollment)
- ▶ **Homelessness Prevention:** Household's gross income must be at or below 30% of Area Median Income at program enrollment

*Program participants are re-certified every 90 days while enrolled in the ESG HP/RRH program*

# HP & RRH Eligible Activities

## Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services:

- **Financial Assistance:** One-time moving costs, rental application fees, security deposit, last month's rent, utility deposit, utility payments
- **Services:** Housing search & placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, credit repair

## Rental Assistance:

- **Rental Assistance:** Short-term (up to 3 months to medium-term rental assistance (4 to 24 months)
- **Rental Arrears:** one-time payment of up to 6 months of rent in arrears

# Types of rental assistance

- ▶ **Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA):** Program participants select a housing unit and enters into a lease agreement with the owner of the unit.
- ▶ **Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA):** Paid on behalf of an eligible program participant who moves into and leases a housing unit covered by a pre-existing rental assistance agreement between the owner of the unit and the recipient or subrecipient. Rental units covered by such agreements must be occupied and leased only by eligible ESG-RRH program participants.



# 2019 MDHI ESG Program Year Funding Summary

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Awarded 7 non-profits in Metro Denver

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6 RRH subrecipients & 1 HP subrecipient

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Average award = \$70,000

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Dollar for dollar Match

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90% of funding to RRH applicants, 10% to HP applicants

# Match Requirements

ESG requires a dollar for dollar, or 100%, matching contribution (in-kind or cash match)

Applicants are required to submit a match certification form and supporting documents (if available) along with the application

Match dollars must come from a funding source that is not already being matched to another program, and it must be considered an ESG eligible activity

# MDHI ESG Match Resources

- ▶ Match FAQ
- ▶ Match Checklist
- ▶ Volunteer Hours Tracking form
- ▶ ESG Match Process and Template

[https://www.mdhi.org/emergency\\_solutions\\_grant](https://www.mdhi.org/emergency_solutions_grant)

# Colorado HMIS



**COHMIS**

*Colorado Homeless Management Information System*

- ▶ All ESG program staff must be trained to enter information into HMIS
- ▶ Client information and all ESG services must be entered into HMIS within 5 days of services being provided
- ▶ **CAPER:** Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report
- ▶ <https://cohmis.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>



# Performance Data - CAPER



HMIS Data Element	Actual to-date for latest funding cycle	Projected for this funding request
Total households with children served		
Total households with children that exited to permanent housing		
Total persons in households with children served		
Total households of individuals served		
Total households of individuals that exited to permanent housing		
Average cost per household served (total activity budget/number of unduplicated households)		
Total number of households currently receiving ESG services (Column 2 only)		

# Rapid Re-Housing Program Expectations

Referrals accepted from **OneHome**

Program adheres to **CoC & ESG  
Rapid Re-Housing Written  
Standards**



OneHome

# RFP Review & Scoring

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Target population, # of households to serve, geographic coverage

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Experience

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CoC and Community Involvement

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Financial Capacity

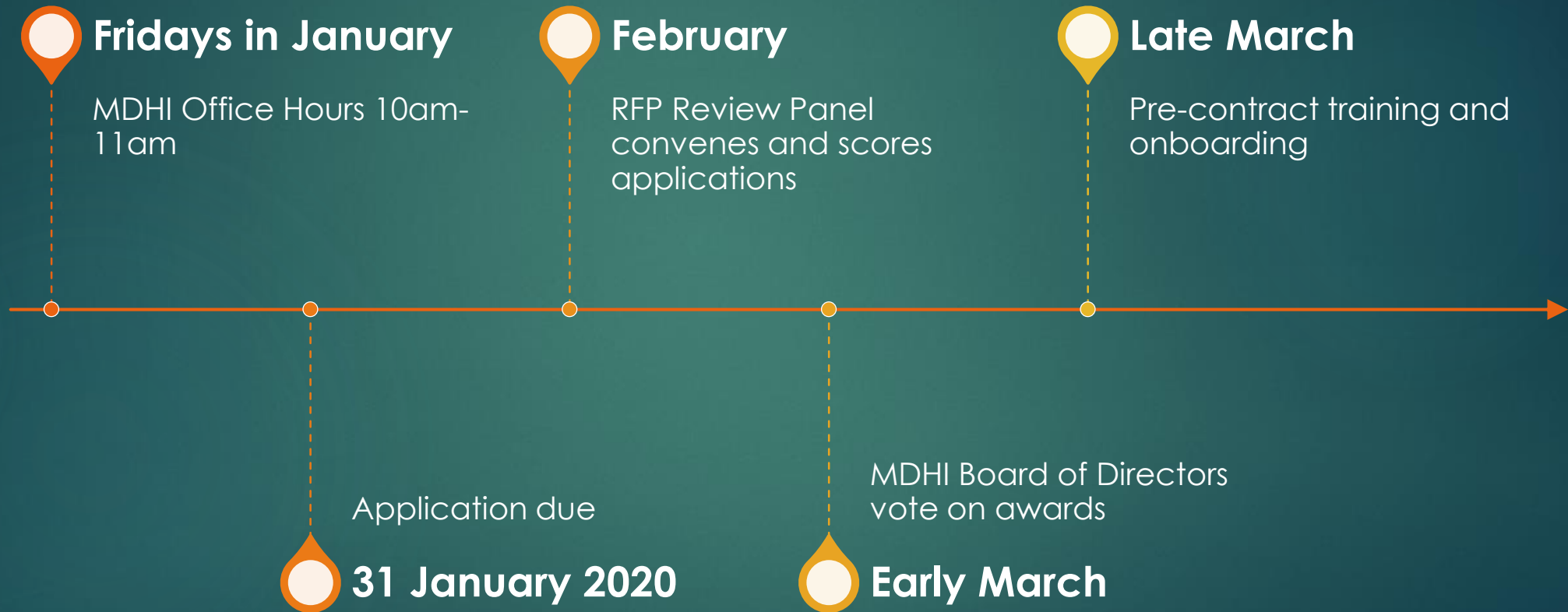
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HMIS Compliance

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Program Budget & Matching Contribution

# RFP Timeline



# ESG Resources

- ▶ Find MDHI's important ESG info here:  
[https://www.mdhi.org/emergency\\_solutions\\_grant](https://www.mdhi.org/emergency_solutions_grant)
  - ▶ Find HUD ESG resources here:  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>
  - ▶ Find OneHome info here: <https://www.onehomeco.org/>
  - ▶ Find HMIS HelpDesk information here:  
<https://cohmis.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>
  - ▶ MDHI's upcoming meetings and training opportunities:  
<https://www.mdhi.org/calendar>
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