

MDHI ESG & ESG-CV2

RFP Information Webinar 2021

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AGENDA

- ESG vs ESG-CV
- MDHI's Role in ESG
- Grant Timelines & Amounts Available
- Renewal vs New Applicant RFPs
- Eligible Participants and Costs
- Other Program Requirements & Considerations

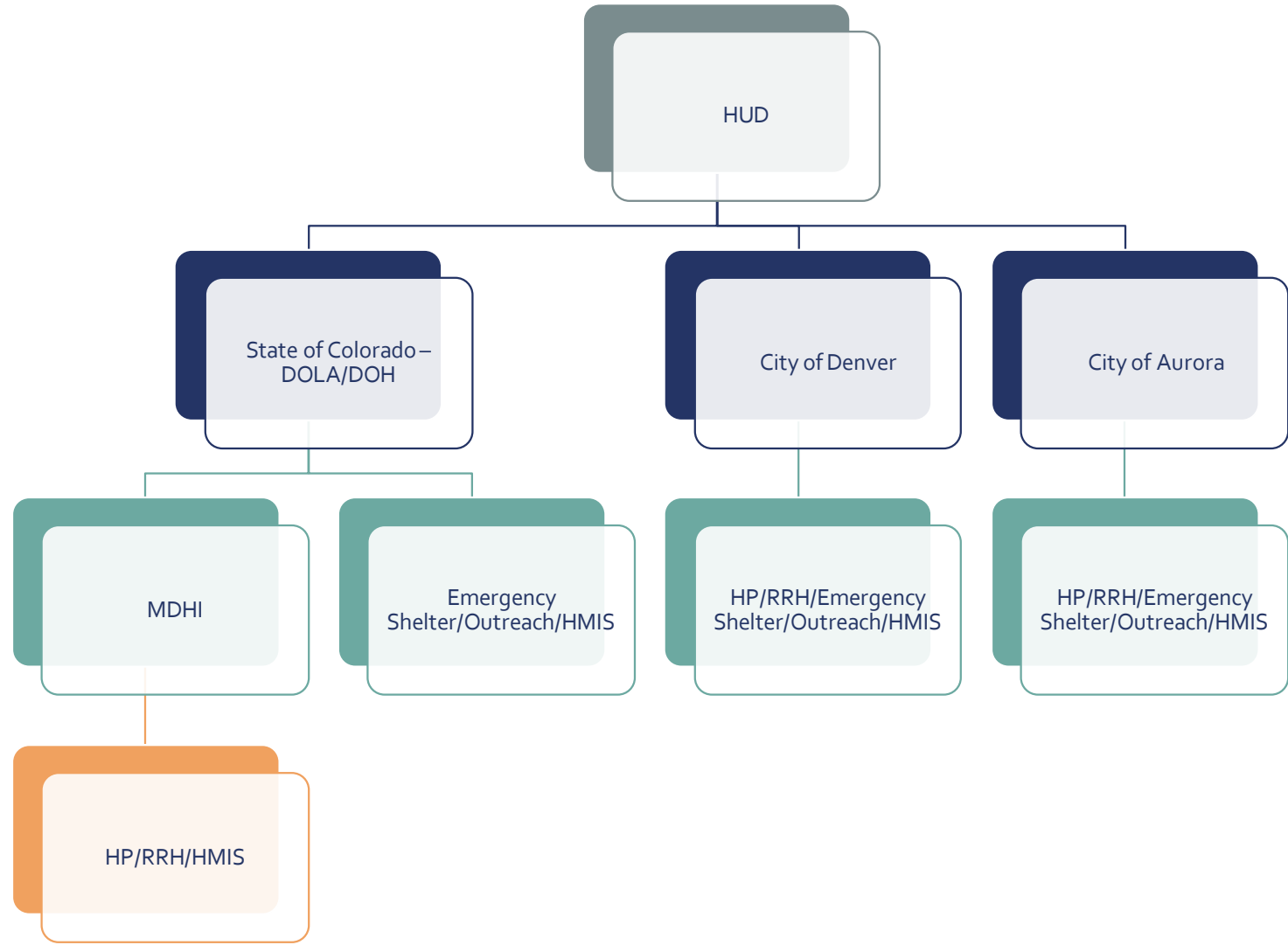
ESG? ESG-CV₁? ESG-CV₂?

- ESG: HUD's allocation to states and entitlement jurisdictions
- ESG-CV₁: First Allocation CARES Act
 - MDHI ESG-CV₁ programs are under contract
- ESG-CV₂: Second Allocation of CARES Act



ESG Program Components

Annual ESG Funding Tree



CARES Act ESG-CV

- ESG-CV funds must be used to *prevent, prepare for, and respond to* COVID-19, among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by COVID-19
- One-time funding that OVERALL needs to be spent by September 2022
- Different grant timelines, depending on funder

CARES Act & ESG-CV Funding in Metro Denver

HUD Recipient	ESG-CV ₁	ESG-CV ₂	Total
City of Denver	\$2,059,400	9,042,223	\$11,101,623
City of Aurora	\$864,424	\$4,171,770	\$5,036,194
State of Colorado	\$7,363,152	\$25,884,522	\$33,247,674

MDHI ESG & ESG-CV Program Components

Homelessness
Prevention

Rapid Re-Housing

HMIS



Timelines and Available ESG Funding

MDHI ESG 2021

- **Program Year:** April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022
- **MATCH = 50%**
- **Available Funding:**
 - Rapid Re-Housing - \$425,000
 - Homelessness Prevention - \$106,000
 - HMIS

MDHI ESG-CV2

- **Program Year:** October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021
 - Pre-Agreement Costs are allowable
- **NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT**
- **Available Funding**
 - Rapid Re-Housing only - \$400,000
 - HMIS

HMIS Funding

- Funds available for data collection, entry, attending trainings, equipment costs, etc.
- See HUD guidance on [ESG allowable HMIS costs](#)
- Flexibility with ESG-CV HMIS funding

Average Award Amounts...In normal times



Homelessness Prevention = \$50,000



Rapid Re-Housing = \$80,000



HMIS = reasonable based on award, agency-specific/program-specific

RENEWAL VS NEW APPLICANT

- **RENEWAL APPLICANTS:** Applicants who are currently under contract with MDHI for ESG or ESG-CV1
- **NEW APPLICANTS:** Applicants who are *not* under contract with MDHI for ESG or ESG-CV1

** Applicants can receive ESG funding from multiple funders (DOH, City of Denver, City of Aurora) for multiple components, but reporting and other grant financial information must be tracked separately*

ESG RRH & HP Definitions

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

A crisis intervention designed to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness quickly obtain permanent housing.

Core components of RRH:

- 1) Housing Identification
- 2) Rent/Move-in Assistance
- 3) Housing stability case management

Homelessness Prevention (HP)

A crisis intervention designed to prevent individual or family, who is at imminent risk of losing housing, from experiencing literal homelessness.

Homelessness Prevention is
NOT ONLY Eviction
Prevention!

Eligible Participants – HUD's Definitions of Homelessness

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

Category 1 - 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](#)

Homelessness Prevention (HP)

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](#)

At-Risk of Homelessness

ESG HP: At-Risk of Homelessness – Category 1

- (A) Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR
- (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; OR
- (C) Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; OR
- (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; OR
- (E) Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than one and a half persons per room; OR
- (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; OR
- (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved Con Plan

At-Risk of Homelessness: Category 2 & 3

- **Category 2** (Unaccompanied children and youth) - A child or youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under another Federal statute
- **Category 3** (Families with children and youth) - An unaccompanied youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition but qualifies as homeless under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) or that child or youth if living with him or her.

ESG vs. ESG-CV Income Guidelines for Homelessness Prevention

- **ESG “regular” HP:** A household’s income must be at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) to meet initial eligibility requirements or remain eligible for ESG HP assistance.
- **ESG-CV HP:** A household’s income must be at or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) to meet initial eligibility requirements or remain eligible for ESG-CV HP assistance

RRH Income Guidelines (ESG & ESG-CV)

- At a participant's annual assessment, a household's income must be at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) to remain eligible for ESG RRH assistance
- There is no initial income eligibility requirement for ESG & ESG-CV RRH programs

ESG Assistance - “*But for*”

All households must lack the financial resources and support networks to obtain or remain in housing and *but for* ESG assistance would continue to experience homelessness or become literally homelessness

Activity types:		
Rental Assistance**	Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services	
	Financial Assistance	Services Costs
<u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term rental assistance • Medium-term rental assistance • Rental arrears <p>**Rental assistance can be project-based or tenant-based.</p>	<u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental Application Fees • Security Deposits • Last Month's Rent • Utility Deposits • Utility Payments • Moving Costs 	<u>Eligible costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Search and Placement • Housing Stability Case Management • Mediation • Legal Services • Credit Repair

Eligible Costs

MDHI ESG & ESG-CV Programs

- ESG and ESG-CV programs serve households in the seven-county metro Denver region
- Non-profits and local government agencies are eligible to apply for funds
- Funding preference given to high performing rapid re-housing & prevention programs in the CoC
- MDHI ensures all populations and the region's geography is covered
- New applicants, especially those that serve marginalized, underrepresented populations are encouraged to apply
- OneHome & HMIS participation is required
- Subrecipient collaboration





OneHome

Together, bringing people home



COHMIS

Colorado Homeless Management Information System

Program Requirements

All referrals for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing come from OneHome

HMIS participation is a requirement for program reporting to HUD

Applicants must be a member of the metro Denver CoC and participate in monthly partners meetings

ESG-CV is a Housing First Program

ESG-CV RRH or HP programs cannot require people experiencing homelessness to receive treatment or perform any other pre-requisite activities as a condition to receive housing assistance or other ESG-CV services.



MDHI CoC's Coordinated Entry System - OneHome

A system designed to create fair and equitable **ACCESS** to housing resources in the CoC, streamline **ASSESSMENTS**, **PRIORITIZE** the most vulnerable individuals and families for assistance, and coordinate **REFERRALS** to permanent housing programs and ESG homelessness prevention programs.

Coordinated Entry is a HUD requirement for ESG and ESG-CV programs.

All referrals for MDHI's ESG homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing programs come from OneHome. This means you may not be able to utilize ESG or ESG-CV RRH or HP for participants that your agency is assisting.



OneHome

Together, bringing people home

HMIS or Comparable Database Participation & Monitoring

- All ESG & ESG-CV programs are required to use HMIS or a comparable database (Victim Service Providers only) to input and record the required program-level and client-level information that ultimately goes to Colorado DOH/DOLA and HUD
- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is the name of the report that gets sent to HUD
- Training is required for all HMIS end users:
 - HMIS 101 & 201 are the only required trainings for ESG and ESG-CV

THANKYOU!

- RFPs and program budgets are due close of business 3/15/2021 and be found on MDHI website: https://www.mdhi.org/emergency_solutions_grant
- Reach out to Jackie.Hernandez@mdhi.org with any questions or concerns
- Resources:
 - [HUD ESG Resources](#)
 - [DOH/DOLA ESG Info](#)
 - [MDHI ESG Info](#)