Emergency Solutions Grants Program
Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing

RFP INFORMATION SESSION JANUARY 2020
Overview of MDHI ESG Program
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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

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

MDHI serves households in the seven-county Metro Denver region

MDHI’s 3rd year administering the HP/RRH program

New program year begins 4/1/2020
ESG HP/RRH Definitions

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

**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/
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 enter 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

Awarded 7 non-profits in Metro Denver

6 RRH subrecipients & 1 HP subrecipient

Average award = $70,000

Dollar for dollar Match

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
Colorado HMIS

- 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.
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Rapid Re-Housing Program Expectations

Referrals accepted from OneHome

Program adheres to CoC & ESG
Rapid Re-Housing Written Standards
## RFP Review & Scoring

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RFP Timeline

**Fridays in January**
- MDHI Office Hours 10am-11am

**February**
- RFP Review Panel convenes and scores applications

**Late March**
- Pre-contract training and onboarding
- MDHI Board of Directors vote on awards

**Application due**
- 31 January 2020
- Early March
ESG Resources

- Find MDHI's important ESG info here: 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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