

EHH Monthly Update – December 2022

NEW ESG-CV Application

There is a new round of ESG-CV funding available via a competitive application process.

- Applications were due 11/18/22
- 41 applications were received with a total funding request of \$11.8 million
- Awardees will be notified in early December 2022 and contracts will be executed by the end of the year

Revised EHH Program Manuals

Revised EHH Program Manuals were released in early November (one for ESG/HPP and one for HAP). It is a significant revision, including many policy clarifications

Notable changes:

- Administration
 - o An agency must receive majority approval from the CoC/coalition membership to be the EHH Lead Agency; minutes showing the vote outcome must be submitted with the application
 - o Lead agencies with subrecipients must perform an annual monitoring for EHH program compliance with each subrecipient within 12 months of the contract start date. For new subrecipients, the Grantee must perform a compliance monitoring within six months of the subrecipient first incurring expenses
 - o All grantees are expected to provide training to their staff on trauma-informed care practices
- Program
 - o The income limit for HPP funding is raised to 80% CMI, which is the maximum allowable via state statute
 - o All HPP funding used for Rapid Re-Housing or Homelessness Prevention has an income limit at program entry (80% CMI), if not used as ESG match
 - o For HPP and HAP funding (not used as ESG match), the requirement of unit compliance with habitability standards can also be met by an HQS inspection
 - o For RRH and Prevention programs, the rental assistance agreement between the agency and the landlord must contain the following VAWA protections:
 - Requirement to include the VAWA lease addendum information in all leases for EHH-assisted units
 - Requirement for coordination on emergency transfers
 - Obligation for the owner to notify the recipient before a lease is bifurcated and/or a notice of eviction is provided

It is expected that all recipients of EHH funding will thoroughly review the program manual(s) and ensure all requirements and expectations are being met.

FMR Waiver

- The submission of a request to HUD for a waiver of the Fair Market Rent requirement for ESG funding is in progress and close to completion
- DEHCR will provide ongoing updates

HUD Office Hours

In the HUD Office Hours on 11/18/22, many HUD resources were shared regarding HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity Rules and the Fair Housing Act.

- Equal Access Rule:
 - o <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/21/2016-22589/equal-access-in-accordance-with-an-individuals-gender-identity-in-community-planning-and-development>
- Fair Housing Act:
 - o https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/fair_housing_act_overview
- To file a fair housing complaint with HUD:
 - o https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint
- Recognizing Gender Identity:
 - o <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Client-Centered-Approach-to-Recognizing-Gender-Identities.pdf>
- Notice of Equal Access Rights:
 - o <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Notice-on-Equal-Access-Rights.pdf>
- Staff Training Scenarios regarding equal access:
 - o <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Equal-Access-Expectations-Training-Scenarios.pdf>
- Self-assessment Tool:
 - o <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-lgbt-homelessness/#self-assessment-for-shelters-and-projects>
- HUD's LGBT Resources:
 - o <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-lgbt-homelessness/>