

EHH Monthly Update – November 2022

NEW ESG-CV Application

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

- Application is open to all agencies who are current or past ESG grant recipients; agencies must apply for funding directly as subcontracting will not be allowed
- The final amount to be awarded is yet to be determined; there will be at least \$1 million
- The primary purpose of the funds is for larger projects, such as emergency shelter rehab; however, all eligible activities are allowed
- There is a required minimum request of \$100,000 and an allowed maximum request of \$500,000.
- Applications are due by email no later than noon on **Friday November 18, 2022** to DOASupportiveHousing@wisconsin.gov
- Awardees will be notified in early December 2022 and contracts will be executed by the end of the year
- Application materials can be found on the DEHCR website at <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/AgencyResources/ehh-program.aspx>

ESG-CV Contracts

- For the ESG-CV contracts that ended 9/30/22, final payment requests and financial closeout forms are due 11/30/22

EHH 2021-2022 Contracts

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Revised EHH Client File Checklists

- Revisions were made to describe the checklist items more clearly and reduce ambiguity
- There was also a change to the HPP income limit to ensure compliance with state statute:
 - o When using HPP funding for rapid re-housing, the income limit is 80% CMI at program entry; it does not matter if HPP is used as ESG match or not.
 - o When using HPP funding for homelessness prevention, the income limit depends on whether or not it is used as match to ESG.
 - If used as ESG match, the income limit is 30% CMI.
 - If not used as ESG match, the income limit is 80% CMI.
- Starting with the 2022-2023 EHH grant cycle, these checklists are required to be in every client file that is submitted to DEHCR for review/monitoring. At the end of each checklist, a “notes” section was added. This is a space to put any pertinent information that DEHCR should know when reviewing the file, such as explanations for any discrepancies or missing information.
- **When submitting a client file for review**, the checklist must be included as the first page and must be completely filled out. The client file documentation must then follow in the order of the checklist. It is recommended to number the documentation to match up with the checklist to ensure nothing is missed during the review. Failure to follow this process will result in the client file being rejected and sent back for revision.
- The checklists are posted on the DEHCR website at <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/AgencyResources/ehh-program.aspx>.

Revised EHH Program Manuals

- Revised EHH Program Manuals will be released by the end of 2022
- It will be a significant revision, including many policy clarifications
- Notable changes:
 - Administration
 - 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
 - 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
 - All grantees are expected to provide training to their staff on trauma-informed care practices
 - Program
 - The income limit for HPP funding is raised to 80% CMI, which is the maximum allowable via state statute
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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

FMR Waiver

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