



ESG-CV - Spend Down to advance your data analysis efforts

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Learning Objectives

1. Participants will learn how to evaluate their current ESG-CV programs and spend-down rates to determine if changes to investments must be made to meet spend-down deadlines
2. Participants will learn how to leverage remaining available ESG-CV funding enhance your system's data capacity
3. Participants will understand the process to include data projects within ESG-CV spending plans

Session summary

This session will focus on ways that remaining ESG-CV funding can be utilized to enhance your homeless system's data capacity. We will:

- Evaluate the current investments to determine the efficacy of programs.
- Identify the remaining available funds and provide specific examples of eligible activities that can support meeting the spending deadline and enhance your data systems.
- We will problem solve specific data needs in participant communities and overview the process of successful spending proposals to access funds.

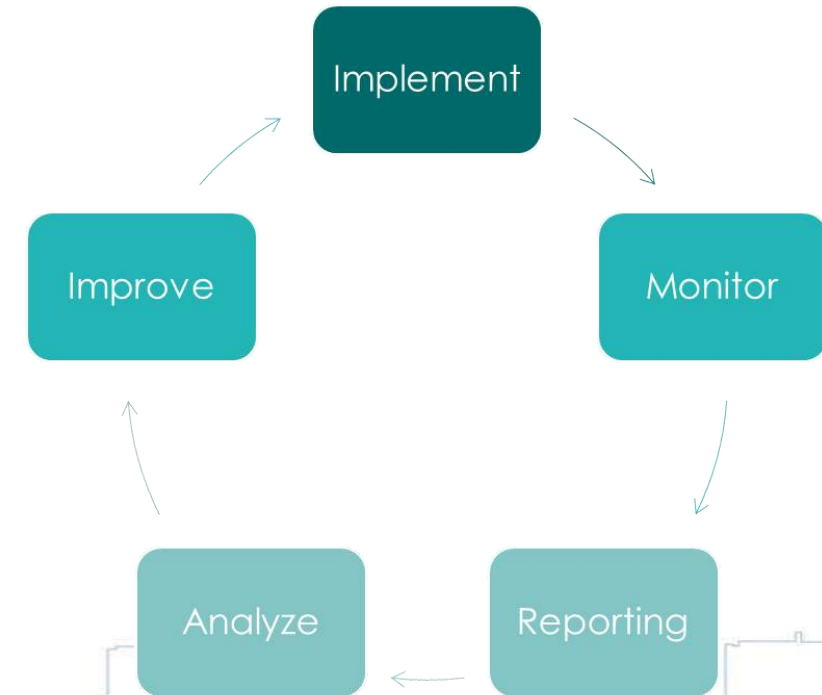
ESG-CV funding

Is your ESG-CV funding a ticking time bomb?



Evaluation of Current Investments

- Determine if current investments are effectively serving community
- Conduct Qualitative and quantitative data analysis
- Conduct a racial equity analysis
- Are there unspent/underspent funds that should be repurposed?
- Do you have time to conduct a procurement process?
- How do you as HMIS Lead get a seat at the table to discuss this?



Equitable COVID response

What is your data telling you about the equity of the response?

Look at all data/outcomes disaggregated by race

What information do you need that isn't in the data?

How do you get those answers?

Have there been any unintended consequences of the COVID response?

Identifying Inequities

Systemic Inequities

- Disparities are consistent across program types or agencies (i.e. all PSH projects in our homeless response system take a longer time to house American Indian/Alaska Native people experiencing homelessness)

Programmatic Inequities

- Disparities are not consistent across program types or agencies (i.e. black clients served by Emergency Shelter A have a longer length of time experiencing homelessness than other black clients served by our homeless response system)

Making Changes to Your ESG-CV Investments

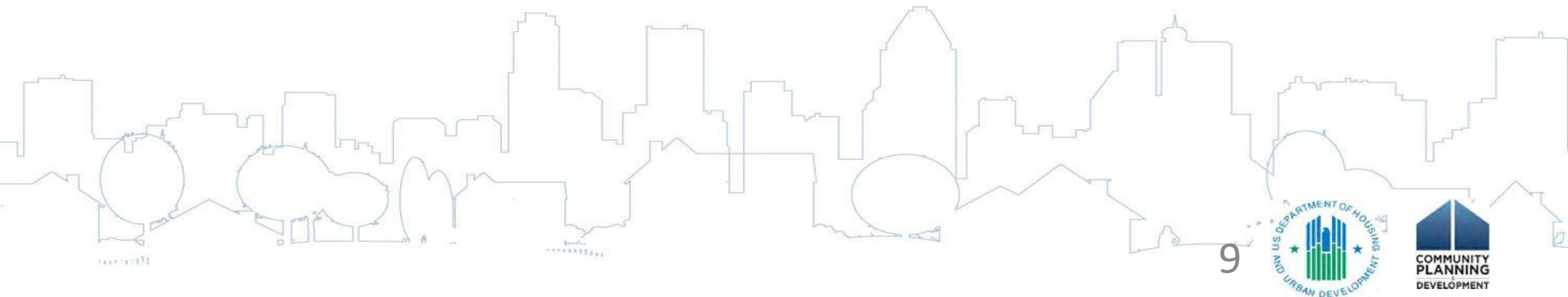
Changes to investments may trigger the need for a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan

- Carrying out a new activity not previously described in the action plan or a subsequent Substantial Amendment
- Changing the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity

Substantial Amendments are subject to a citizen participation process

Even if a Substantial Amendment is not required communities must reopen the Action Plan as a minor amendment

ESG-CV Eligible Data Expenses



Eligible HMIS Expenses

Licenses and User Fees

Staff Salaries

Hardware and Software Costs

HMIS Waivers

Provides additional flexibility for ESG funds to be used on HMIS costs even when they are not related to ESG program participants or ESG activities

Allows communities to collect data that is necessary to coordinate and report on activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and receiving homeless assistance.

Expanded use of HMIS cost for COVID reporting

HMIS Waivers

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Activities—Recipients may pay for HMIS Lead activities specified in 576.107(a)(2) even when not the HMIS Lead

- Hosting and maintaining HMIS software or data
- Backing up, recovering, or repairing HMIS software or data
- Upgrading, customizing, and enhancing the HMIS
- Integrating and warehousing data
- Administering the system
- Reporting to providers, the Continuum of Care, and HUD
- Conducting training on using the system or a comparable database, including traveling to the training.

Staffing Options

Great Opportunity to explore positions that might be needed that could be funded with ESG-CV

Eligible staff include:

- Staff for entering HMIS data for the ESG recipient or subrecipient
- Staff for monitoring and reviewing data quality and data analysis
- Staff to conduct trainings for other staff on using the HMIS or comparable database
- Similar staff functions for Comparable Databases

Consider if you have enough staff to be compliant with DRGR QPR reporting requirements

Learning Management Training Platform

An LMS is often an unattainable resource, but can be extremely useful in supporting Users, ESG-CV funds create an uncommon opportunity to invest in sustainable and accessible HMIS training. Some things to think about when considering an LMS are:

- Stakeholder involvement in content development
- Audience (New User, Advanced User, Comparable Database Users, Supervisors, etc...)
- Procurement Requirements
- Covering ongoing costs (licenses, etc...)
- Integrating non-HMIS content to expand utility and funding options

Coordinated Entry

ESG-CV Notice 21-08 allows for Centralized/Coordinated Assessment costs to update/enhance/operate a coordinated entry system

- Documentation must show the use of funds is limited to an increase in system costs due to coronavirus.
- Recipient use of funds must be coordinated with the Continuum of Care (CoC).

CE policies can address inequities in the homeless response system and protect those most vulnerable by streamlining connections to permanent housing for people at high risk of COVID-19

Coordinated Entry and EHV's

ESG-CV funding can assist CoCs in supporting an efficient and effective referral system to PHAs with for EHV Vouchers

CoCs and PHAs must collaborate to ensure the referral process through CE connects eligible individuals and households to EHV's as quickly as possible

Communities can fund additional activities with ESG funds that expedite the referral process

- Use funds to increase staffing capacity in order to expand assessment and referral operations, develop new assessment processes and procedures for assessing populations eligible for EHV's that are new to CES
- Fund landlord recruitment and retention activities to expand the pool of units available
- Fund dedicated positions at community-based organizations with trust in communities of color to help connect individuals to housing and create additional access points.
- Use to support the review of CES data regularly to identify and address disparities in lease up rates and time from voucher issuance to lease up

Coordinated Entry Discussion Questions

Discuss how your HMIS & Coordinated Entry System could be enhanced with ESG-CV funds

How might VSPs enhance their systems for CES?

Is there a way that both enhancements can better serve all persons experiencing homelessness?

Comparable Databases

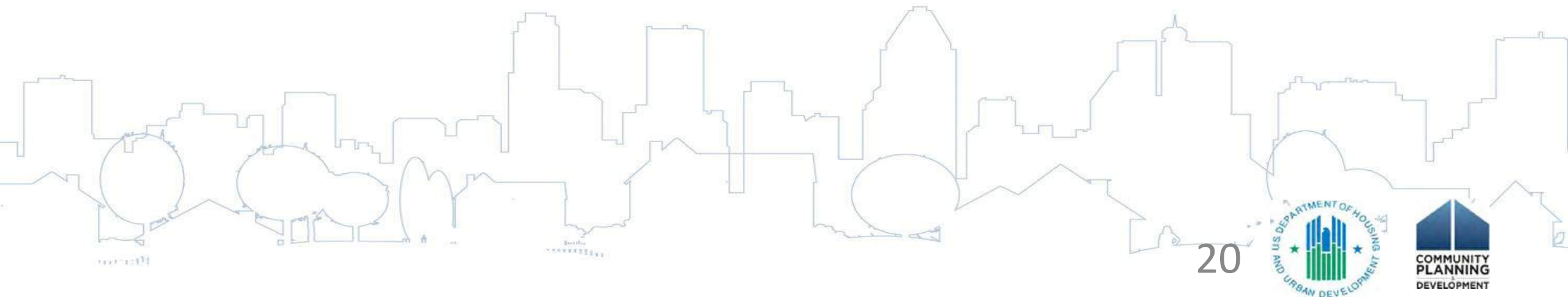
- Victim Services Providers (VSP) that are recipients or subrecipients under HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs are required to collect client-level data consistent with HMIS data standards
- To protect clients, VSPs must enter required client-level data into a comparable database that is comparable to and complies with all HMIS requirements
- HMIS Leads should have collaborative relationships with Victim Service Providers
- It takes time and intentionality to build relationships
- If your state has ESG-CV funds remaining, advocate for VSPs
- Ensure VSPs are equipped with sufficient funding for comparable databases to truly be comparable

Tribal Nations - Partnerships

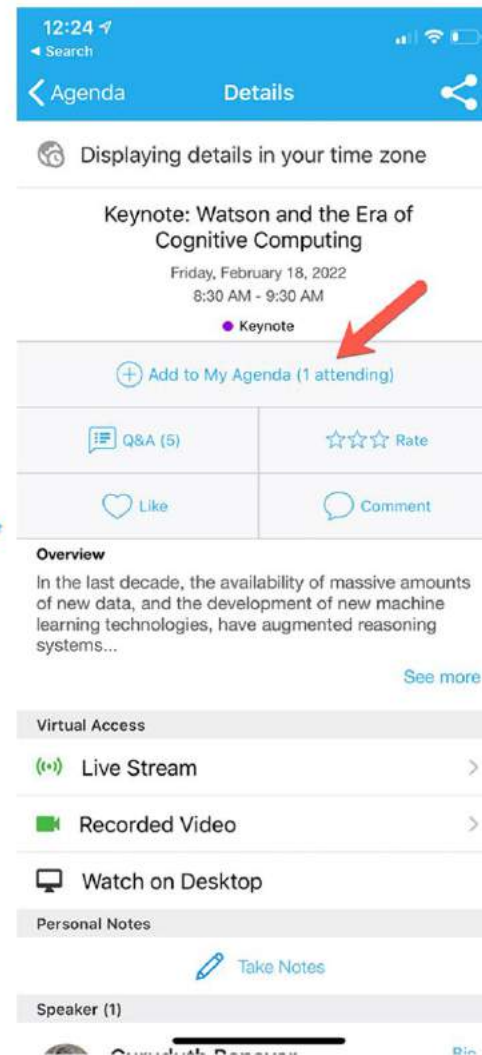
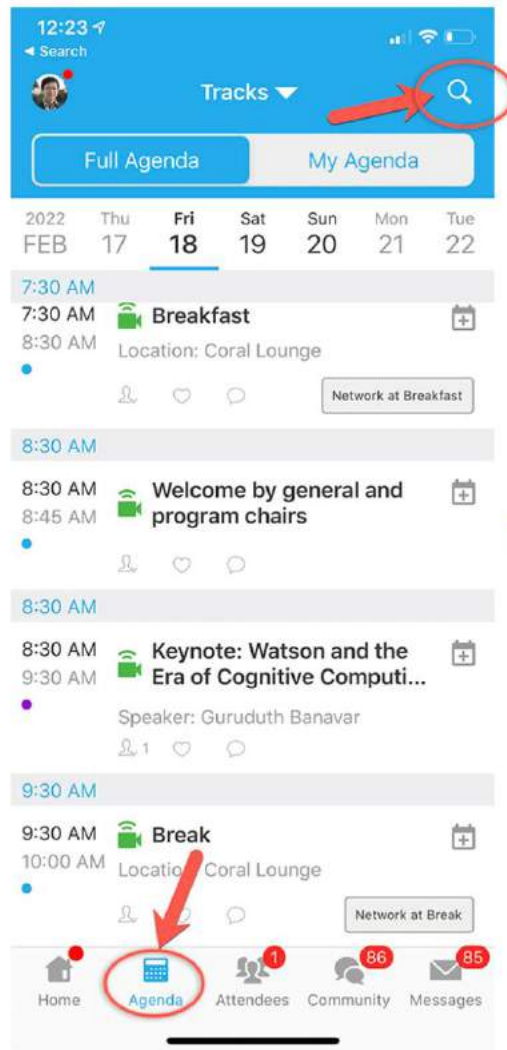
- The Consolidated Appropriations Act included language allowing the participation of Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and the 2021 NOFO permits a Collaborative Applicant to add to their formula area in order to fund projects within the Tribal jurisdiction
- Tribal Nations in your CoC and jurisdiction should be included in all aspects of ESG-CV and CoC work/planning.
- Eligible for funds - ESG-CV and CoC
- Tribal communities may need basic information about the CoC and HMIS
- Basic HMIS training - who, what, when, where may be covered with ESG-CV funds
- Paying for user licences for participating Tribal programs

Questions and Answers

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Resources

- [Using ESG-CV to Create Surge Capacity in Coordinated Entry](#)
- [Coordinated Entry Activities Under ESG-CV](#)
- [Re-Evaluating Your ESG-CV Approach](#)
- [Setting up a Substantial Amendment for CARES Funding](#)
- [Comparable Database Manual](#)
- [HMIS Budget and Staffing](#)
- [HMIS Allowable Expenses for ESG](#)
- [Comparable Database - Vendor Checklist](#)

Thank you!

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