

**OEO ESG CARES Act Funds Roundtable
Meeting Minutes
Date: September 15, 2021
Time: 10:00 am**

I. Welcome

Gregg McConkey, OEO ESG Manager, presided over the round table discussion. He reminded everyone about identifying themselves for attendance and this would be a short roundtable. He shared about the recent meeting with HUD representatives and for training and technical assistance (TA&T). They talked about possibly doing a Landlord engagement training at one of our roundtables to help those in need of that type of assistance. He was aware that some in the group are doing landlord engagement but thought the assistance maybe a good idea for those in need form the HUD TA&T provider. He asked if there were other topics that would be helpful to the group to share them with us for future collaboration.

He reminded everyone there was only 15 days left before the September 30, 2021, expenditure deadline is due for subgrantees to meet the twenty percent expenditure for ESGCV eligible costs. He shared about a memorandum that was shared last week that detailed communication from the HUD representatives.

He updated information about the ESGCV Memo 2102 on Vaccine Incentives, and concerns with the delivery of the vaccines from a medical, liability perspective, and it's up to the subgrantees to participate in vaccine incentive activity.

He updated information about the ESGCV Memo 2102 on cleaning supplies for the Shelter component to keep the shelter clean and care packages (hand sanitizer, soap, tissue paper... for Street Outreach unsheltered persons should be charged under the "Other line item" for ESGCV reimbursement. The memo also stated that cleaning supplies are not eligible under Homelessness Prevention or Rapid Re-housing cost.

He asked the round table group if they had questions. Having none at the time. He opened the meeting to the Continuums of Care (COCs)

II. Continuum of Care Presentations

Presenter: **Bruce Forbes from SHARE Inc. - Upstate Continuum of Care** – Thanked OEO for the ESGCV Memo information; that Upstate and the other COCs are working to meet the needs in their communities as well as spending funds to meeting the twenty and eighty percent deadlines. They are seeing the need to spend more Homelessness Prevention funds to get persons off the streets. They have received increased calls, to include pregnant women and those doubled up in housing. He shared the agency's appreciation for OEO in providing ESG funds to assist those in need, and the work they are doing with the HUD NOFA due in November.

Gregg wanted to make sure subgrantees were aware that an eligible spending trend of ten percent monthly maybe needed for some to meet their deadlines, including the eighty percent deadline by March 31, 2022.



Presenter: **Andy Pope- MACH** -A representative of Midland Area Consortium for the Homeless of thirteen county area. He shared MACH his appreciation for the additional providers as they received an increase contacts them assisting the community with ESGCV funds, while working to meet the ESGCV expenditure goals. He reiterated they are also working on the NOFA, which several ESG funded organizations receive COC funds and continue to be available to assist them to apply as needed. He continues to share information about the emergency housing vouchers to those that have ESG rapid re-housing funds can transition over to emergency housing vouchers. To work strategies and opportunities to have ESG and COC dollars to work to keep persons stably housed.

Presenter: Heather Carver- Lowcountry Homeless Coalition-

She shared their providers are working hard with ESGCV, and other resources to get people housed. Using landlord negotiations, and shared housing training with LA Family housing (next date is October 18, 2021, around shared housing to getting people housed. The COC NOFA application process with ESG and other partners and three other HUD program has them busy.

Total Care for the Homeless Coalition was not available for the roundtable today.

Gregg opened the meeting for discussion.

Andy took a moment to address bridging the collaboration with ESG and COC. Encouraging providers, especially a domestic violence (DV) provider to contact him if they can administer one of HUDs bonus project for funding.

Bruce reiterated what Andy shared about the HUD bonus projects for DV providers the Upstate area which HUD had allowed for expansion in with this project opportunity.

III. Subgrantee Questions and Comments

IV. Closing

Gregg closed the meeting with statement to remind everyone to submit questions that may come up later and thanked everyone for the hard work.