

ESG Webinar
Microsoft Teams
July 21, 2021 – 10AM

Notes

James Miller- OEO Director thanked those in attendance today and gave an overview for the roundtable discussion for today. He thanked everyone's efforts to meeting the needs of the community and our collective efforts to meeting the HUD requirements, to include the spending deadlines.

Gregg McConkey-OEO ESG Manager shared an overview from New Subrecipient Workshop from yesterday, to include some highlights on the ESG eligible activities, the request for reimbursement, budget revision processes, HUD's record retention, links for resources to perform the ESG grant, and the SAGE quarterly report due later this month. He encouraged everyone to use the expertise of the COCs for guidance of the SAGE. He encouraged those not on the HUD exchange to do so about ESG and other resources; to include Office Hours discussions to assist their needs. He shared briefly about the new HUD notice CPD-21-08, issued July 19, 2021, that is effective until amended, superseded, or rescinded, and supersedes Notice CPD-20-08. He shared plans about the upcoming Office Hours later this week that may shed light on the notice. He shared this office would release more information as it become available from HUD in regards the notice. He did share the costs of providing emergency shelter until January 31, 2022 has been lifted: that all ESG components are extended to September 30, 2022.

Kimberly Cosare-OEO Fiscal Services Manager gave overview of Infographics on the OEO "resources" website for some ESGCV activities to be used as a reference i.e. hotel expenditures to shelter participants when other shelters are not available, payroll, travel, and the consistency of documentation needed for a smooth reimbursement process. She shared examples of other eligible costs i.e. using cleaning supplies and air purifiers that could be utilized to perform the grant. She reminded everyone to view the HUD exchange and other resources to get answers and to contact OEO for additional technical assistance to perform the grant.

The regional Continuum of Care (COC) were given the opportunity to present.

Heather Carver-Lowcountry Continuum of Care

She shared about landlord incentives and risk mitigation funds activity in their region: about them working alongside One80Place and Landlords with incentives to house participants with barriers to get them into housing.

Andy Pope-MACH

Andy shared interest in working with Heather on the Landlord incentives with MACH's partners to assist participants with their housing needs. He shared the COCs are working with local Housing Authorities; that the emergency housing voucher program is available to work with individuals and those referrals must come through the COC. He shared to consider participants that would be good applicants when it begins in August 2021.

Gregg reiterated the risk mitigation is a combination of several grants that works for Lowcountry COC and may not work for everyone. He emphasized where ESG would be available for some that may wish to exercise the mitigation effort. He shared that several in attendance requested a copy of the ESGCV New subrecipient workshop presentation, and it would be made available to everyone in attendance.

Ann Stroup- Upstate Continuum of Care

Update progress on their Peer specialist working with homeless five days per week with their 30,60,90 day program. The specialist work on the streets with the homeless from a quarantine shelter into the program. They have four participants in their program; connecting them with teams, getting them essential services, documents needed for financial stability and case conferencing where to go from there.

There was no representation from Total Care for the Homeless Coalition today.

The roundtable was opened for questions. Most questions were answered in the Chat box related to getting a copy of the ESGCV New subrecipient workshop power point and the risk mitigation funds.

James Miller thanked the COCs participating today and encouraged attendees to utilize our training to assist their needs; that COCs offer programs to do training. Know that we are here to assist your programs to meet the community needs as well as meeting or exceeding the expenditure deadlines. He encouraged everyone to communicate with OEO their status to meet the deadlines or if additional funds are needed to meet their program needs.

Andy and Gregg shared thoughts about indications the eviction moratorium will not be extended beyond this month and for everyone should anticipate a possible high activity of at risk for homelessness or homeless participants soon.

Gregg shared plans to send the ESGCV New subrecipient workshop power point to those in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned.