
ESG-CV Regulations FAQ's

The below are Frequently Asked Questions regarding ESG-CV Regulations & program implementation. The questions are broken-up into those that relate to: program, waivers, contracts, vouchers, and budget modifications. These answers are taken from HUD guidance and webinars. Please contact CARES with any additional questions. Please reference the ESG-CV regulations, HUD clarifications, and HUD AAQ for more and the most up-to-date information.

Program

Q: How do I document that funds are being used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus?

A: It is not required that subrecipients document funds are being used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus on a client-by-client basis. Rather, the recipient (i.e. City or County) will document this by providing documentation of when the community began preventing, preparing for, and responding to Coronavirus per activity in IDIS.

Q: Am I allowed to utilize prevention funding during the eviction moratorium?

A: It depends:

- If someone would be at risk of eviction, but covered by the moratorium, then they are not at risk of homelessness and not eligible for ESG-CV prevention assistance.
- If someone is at risk of eviction even though covered by moratorium (i.e. a landlord is trying to evict the tenant even though there's a moratorium), prevention funding can be utilized to provide legal assistance. Agencies should document the circumstances that make the client at-risk of becoming homeless and eligible for prevention assistance funding.
- If someone is not covered by the moratorium/still at-risk of homelessness (i.e. evicted for reasons other than non-rent, not on lease, doubled-up, moved more than twice in the last 60 days, or any of the other scenarios in [at-risk of homelessness definition](#)), then they are eligible for eviction prevention assistance.

Q: If a staff member supporting a congregate setting needs to isolate, can we utilize ESG-CV funds to shelter the staff member in a hotel/motel?

A: Yes.

Waivers

Q: Do the existing CARES Act waivers apply to ESG-CV funds?

A: Yes, however, the CARES Act waivers are set to expire at the end of September. HUD is working on extensions of these waivers. If your agency needs a waiver in the meantime, please contact CARES who will work with you to submit a request to your HUD Field Office.

Q: Am I allowed to utilize the waivers/flexibilities listed in the ESG-CV Regulations for my normal ESG projects?

A: It is allowable to apply ESG-CV Regulations to ESG projects for funds used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus, subject to many conditions. Please reach out to CARES if you are interested in utilizing ESG funds in this capacity.

Contracts

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Vouchers

Q: What are the timelines for vouchering and reimbursement for both the Entitlement communities and OTDA/the County?

A: Entitlement Communities: Voucher review and reimbursement will happen on a monthly basis. For Albany and Troy, payment will come directly from the City, for Schenectady, payment will be electronically transferred to agency bank accounts by CARES.

OTDA/the County: Voucher review will happen on a rolling basis and reimbursement will be requested quarterly. OTDA will remit payment to CARES and payment will be electronically transferred to agency bank accounts.

Budget Modifications

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