

FHC CARES Office Hours

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Housing is Healthcare



The Florida Housing Coalition

- Statewide nonprofit provider of training, technical assistance, and consulting
- From ending homelessness to first time homeownership
- See www.flhousing.org



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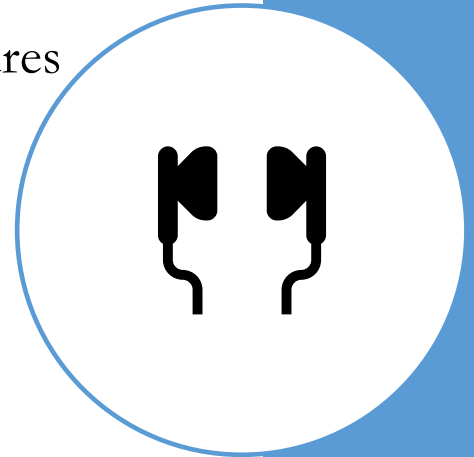
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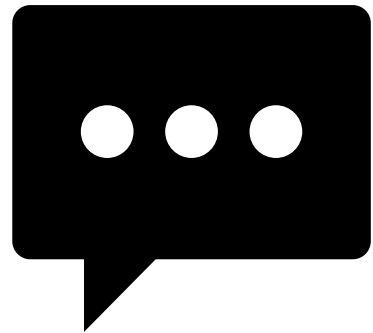
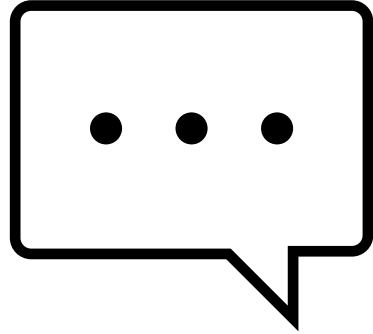
A little about tech

- If you're having trouble with audio, please dial in
 - Call-in number: 415-655-0001
 - Event code: 129 619 8858
- You're muted but we encourage you to take advantage of the chat and Q&A features
- For chat:
 - If you're having trouble seeing the chat, click on the talk bubble
 - Make sure you click on "all participants" when you add to the chat so the panelists can see your chat along with other attendees
 - We encourage you to use chat to ask questions . . .
 - And to share ideas and solutions with other attendees
- For Q&A:
 - If you'd rather ask a question privately, use the Q&A feature to ask a panelist a question



Agenda

- Introduction to Office Hours
- Focus on Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
 - CRF Q&A, peer sharing, discussion
- Focus on CDBG-CV
 - CDBG-CV Q&A, peer sharing, discussion
- Focus on ESG-CV
 - ESG-CV Q&A, peer sharing, discussion
- All topics discussion
- Close



Why Office Hours?

- Not a “training”
- Interactive, participatory
- Focus on Q&A and peer sharing
- Engage through the chat feature to share your concerns or questions and offer solutions or answers

Selected Florida CARES Act Funding

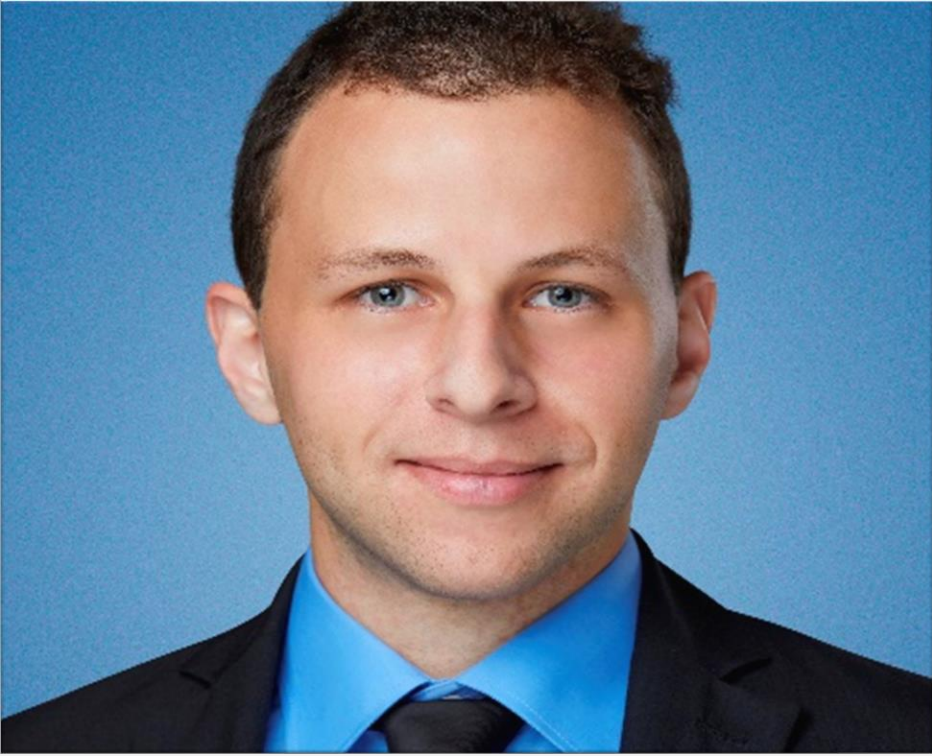
Program	Direct Allocations to Local Govts	State	Total
CDBG-CV1	\$74,973,663	\$16,660,264	\$91,633,927
CDBG-CV2	\$0	\$63,170,131	\$63,170,131
CDBG-CV Total (to date)	\$74,973,663	\$79,830,395	\$154,804,058
ESG-CV1	\$24,996,267	\$20,384,797	\$45,381,064
ESG-CV2	\$77,950,524	\$65,511,297	\$143,461,821
ESG-CV Total	\$102,946,791	\$85,896,094	\$188,842,885
CRF Total	\$2,472,413,692	\$5,855,807,380	\$8,328,221,072

- See [HUD CARES Act allocations](#) for jurisdictional allocations of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV
- See [CRF Allocations](#) for jurisdictional allocations of CRF



Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Update





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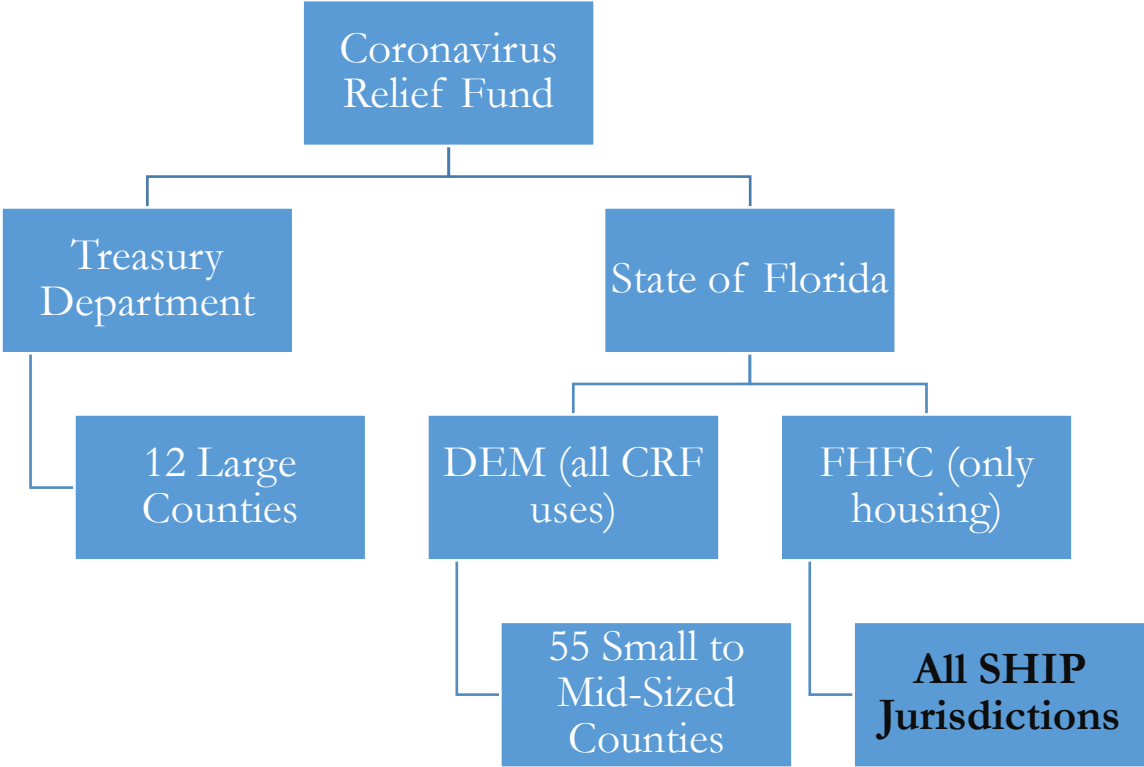
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LGs May Receive CRF Funds from Multiple Government Agencies



All CRF Funds Can Be Used for Housing Assistance and Must be Expended by Dec. 30, 2020.

FHFC

- Specific Uses for Housing Assistance
- Up to 120% AMI
- Clear application requirements
- Clear records to retain
- Up to 10% of Expended Amounts for Admin

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- Any CRF-eligible use
- No income-eligibility requirements
- No application standard
- General record retention language
- No clear amount for admin costs

FHFC CRF Funds through SHIP Jurisdictions

- \$120 million through SHIP infrastructure
- December 30, 2020 expenditure deadline
- Two rounds of payments – 1) \$75 million - upon execution of funding agreement; 2) remaining \$45 million - TBD by October.
- This is NOT SHIP – you do not need to work through your LHAP to distribute these funds.



FHFC Eligible Uses

Must be spent on activities necessary due to COVID-19 emergency (applicants must show COVID hardship)

- Rental and mortgage assistance
- Emergency repair
- Assistance to homeowners to pay insurance deductibles
- Housing re-entry assistance
- Foreclosure or eviction prevention
- Homeownership counseling
- Reimburse SHIP or GR COVID-related housing assistance dating back to March 1.

All other activities must be presented in writing to FHFC and approved in writing.

Income Eligibility & Hardship Documentation

- Cannot exceed 120% AMI
- No set-asides
- Each LG will follow local application process but may use expedited methods of processing applications and reviewing and qualifying income.
- Can use self-certification
- Hardship must be documented with "CRF Certification of Income Assets and Hardship"
- What if a household no longer is unemployed or underemployed?
- Treasury Guidelines: assistance "should be structured in a manner to ensure as much as possible, within the realm of what is administratively feasible, that such assistance is necessary."

Frequently Asked Questions + Next Steps

- We will continuously update our FAQ document and provide all other relevant documents.
- Please contact us with specific questions.



CRF Peer Sharing, Q&A, Discussion





CARES Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Update





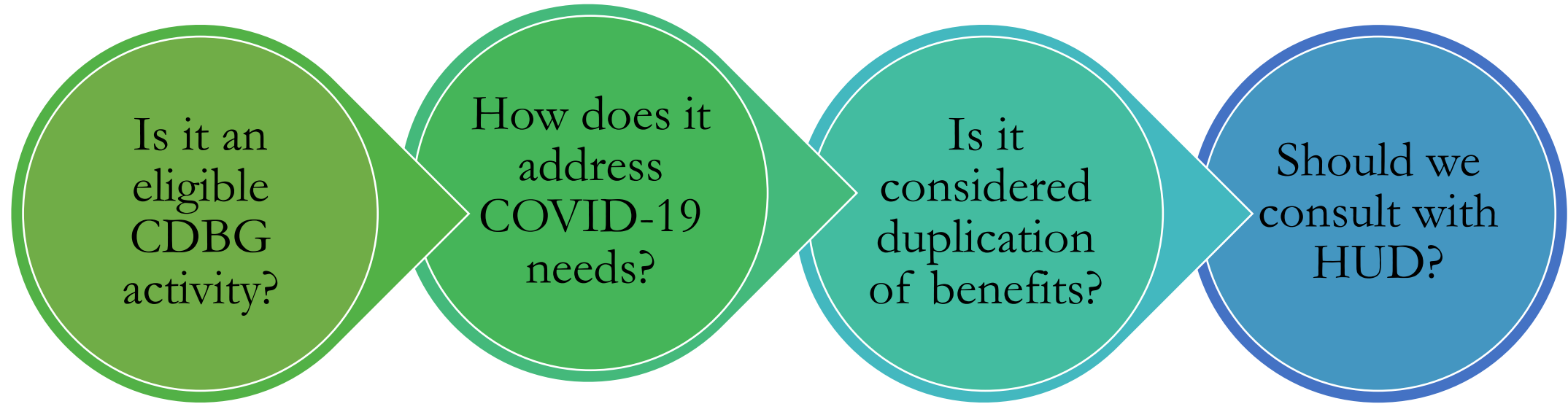
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CDBG-CV: Always Ask Yourself



CDBG-CV: Eligibility

- CDBG and CDBG-CV eligibility requirements are the same.
- Must meet a HUD National Objective
 - Benefitting low-and moderate-income persons;
 - Preventing or eliminating slums and blight; or
 - Urgent Need.
- 70% of funds must still be used to benefit LMI persons.

CDBG-CV: Eligibility

- CDBG-CV required to be used for activities that prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to coronavirus.
- Refer to the [Quick Guide](#) to CDBG-CV Eligible Activities.

CDBG-CV Examples: Florida Communities

- Emergency rent/utility assistance.
- Legal services for landlord-tenant issues, mediation, eviction prevention.
- Food vouchers/grant awards to local food programs.
- Foreclosure prevention program for homeowners.
- Housing specialists and/or diversion specialists for persons exiting/avoiding homelessness.
- Assistance to independently operated for-profit small businesses.
- Rehab of health centers, childcare facilities, senior centers, etc..

Reminder:

All must be justified as preventing, preparing for, or responding to COVID-19




CDBG-CV: Duplication of Benefits

- Occurs when a beneficiary receives financial assistance from multiple sources for the same purpose, and the total assistance received for that purpose is more than the total need for assistance.
- Documented by a duplication of benefits analysis:
 - Self-certification;
 - Project Budget showing need is greater than available resources.
- HUD will require each grantee to have procedures in place to prevent duplication of benefits with CDBG-CV funds.

CDBG-CV: Consult with HUD

- CDBG-CV activity eligibility may be subjective. Guidance is broad.
- We encourage you to always check with your HUD representative prior to implementing any activities or expending funds.



**CDBG-CV
COVID-19 Fact
Sheet**

HUD CDBG-CV COVID-19 [Fact Sheet](#) published July 10, 2020

CDBG-CV Peer Sharing, Q&A, Discussion





CARES Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) Update





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ESG-CV Allocations

- **4/2 ESG-CV1 (\$1 billion)**

FL Total - \$45,381,064

- State (DCF) - \$20,384,797
- Metropolitan Cities, Urban Counties, Territories - \$24,996,267

- **6/9 ESG-CV2 (\$2.96 billion)**

FL Total - \$143,461,821

- State (DCF) - \$65,511,297
- Metropolitan Cities, Urban Counties, Territories - \$77,950,524



ESG-CV Uses

- Uses are the same
 - HMIS
 - Street Outreach
 - Rapid Re-Housing
 - Homelessness Prevention
 - Emergency Shelter



However, there are certain recommendations from HUD on how to use it

Strategy

- Develop a coordinated funding approach right away
- Build and strengthen a diverse array of safe and stable housing interventions
- Only expand temporary housing in a way that is truly a response to the crisis
- Set clear goals for homelessness prevention

Ending homelessness through permanent housing strategies should be a priority



Pertinent HUD Webinars

- [Let's Talk: Rehousing Strategy, Service Delivery and System Reform](#)
- [Rehousing Strategy in the Midst of COVID-19](#)
- [Entitlement Grantees: Submitting a Substantial Amendment](#)
- [Targeting Homeless Prevention in the Midst of COVID-19](#)



ESG-CV Peer Sharing, Q&A, Discussion





Additional Discussion – Any Topic





More Questions?

- Visit Florida Housing Coalition's [COVID-19 page](#)
- Questions?
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Upcoming Events

- Register for next week's [FHC CARES Office Hours](#)
- Stay tuned for more trainings specific to the FHFC CRF program through SHIP offices

