

PY2020 WV ESG-CV and HOPWA-CV (CARES Act)

Availability of Additional Flexibilities and Waivers

The 2020 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act) allocated \$2.96 billion in CARES Act COVID-19 formula allocation funding. WV received a total of \$12,857,180 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) CV funding. Recipients have the immediate ability to omit the citizen participation and consultation requirements for substantial amendments and new consolidated plan submissions for ESG-CV funding. However, each grantee must publish how it has used and will use its allocation, at a minimum, on the Internet at the appropriate Government website or through other electronic media. Please note that these new provisions are only applicable to ESG funding from the CARES Act. The State of WV was also awarded \$84,023 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) CV funding to assist those people living with HIV/AIDS and their families during the pandemic. The initial ESG-CV and HOPWA-CV allocations were included in the published public notice pertaining to the amended FY19 Annual Action Plan. Additionally, there are several new applicable flexibilities and waivers that have been made available to those agencies administering the ESG-CV program. West Virginia Community Advancement and Development (WVCAD), a division of the West Virginia Development Office (WVDO) is publishing these waivers approved by CPD on the WVCAD website and providing direct email notification to stakeholders notifying them of their availability.

Included within the CPD memorandum released 3/31/2021 titled ***“Availability of Additional Waivers for Community Planning and Development (CPD) Grant Programs to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 and Mitigate Economic Impacts Caused by COVID-19”***. For more information on the waivers and flexibilities visit: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/DI-7782-MegaWaiver-5-for-CPD_v2-3-26-2021_JAJ_signed.pdf

- **Homeless Definition – Temporary Stays in Institutions of 90 Days or Less (ESG)**
- **Property Standards (HOPWA)**
- **FMR Rent Standards (HOPWA)**
- **Time Limits for Short-term Housing Facilities and STRMU Payments (HOPWA)**

Included within the CPD-21-05 Notice released April 14, 2021 titled ***“Waiver and Alternative Requirements for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Under the CARES Act”***. For more information on these waivers and flexibilities visit: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2021-05cpdn.pdf>

- **Eligibility for Rapid Re-housing (RRH) Assistance (ESG)**
- **Minimum Standards for Permanent Housing (ESG)**

To request use of these available flexibilities and waivers, send an email ESG@wv.gov with the subject heading **“Waiver Request”**. The use of these flexibilities and waivers may begin 48 hours following receipt of request by WVCAD. Ensure proper documentation is included within any applicable agency or client files with each use.

For ESG-CV or HOPWA-CV grant program questions or additional information please contact Lee Tabor, Housing Programs Manager, by email at lee.g.tabor@wv.gov, 304-558-2234, or by mail at 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 3 Suite 700, Charleston, WV 25305. For information about the FY19 amended Annual Action Plan, please contact Ryan Halsey by email at ryan.j.halsey@wv.gov, or by 304-558-2234.



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