



2020 CoC BOARD FUNDING DECISIONS: ESG-CV ROUND 1 FUNDING

WASHTENAW COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC)

Funding Allocations

Washtenaw County is receiving allocations of CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funds from two sources: one directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Washtenaw County, and the other from the state's ESG-CV allocation, which is administered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). Funding must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Our Round 1 allocations are:

- HUD ESG-CV: \$643,403
- MSHDA ESG-CV: \$843,265
- **Total ESG-CV: \$1,486,668**

Funding Considerations & Background

OCED has worked in partnership with the Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA), our CoC providers, and the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to determine best uses of these additional funds (as well as other supplemental funding made available through the CARES Act) as our system responds to the pandemic and its impacts. From those conversations, which were informed by existing community need and our rough projections for future need, an expansion of our Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention programs were identified as the most immediate needs for Round 1 ESG-CV funds.

The Funding Review Team (FRT) met on June 15, 2020 to review proposals for ESG-CV funding and reach recommendations for how to allocate this funding to align with identified needs. The FRT provided recommendations for the entirety of our Round 1 MSHDA ESG-CV allocation and for a large portion of our Round 1 HUD ESG-CV allocation. The CoC Board approved the FRT's recommendations on June 17, 2020.

FRT members include:

- Amanda Carlisle, Washtenaw Housing Alliance
- Pam Smith, United Way of Washtenaw County
- Jean Carlberg, Community Member
- Amanda Sternberg, Homeless Action Network of Detroit (Detroit CoC Lead Agency)

Funding Awards

MSHDA ESG-CV

- **Washtenaw County OCED:** \$33,730 (4 percent of total allocation) for grant administration
- **Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC):** \$379,469 for homelessness prevention direct assistance and up to 4.6 percent in administration costs
- **Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM):** \$212,410 for Year 1 staffing and up to 4.6 percent in administration to develop and implement an Eviction Prevention Project to reduce evictions in Washtenaw County during and after the COVID-19 crisis by:
 - Convening virtual legal clinics for County residents at risk of eviction
 - Expanding and enhancing legal services delivery at multiple levels

- Create resources for self-represented tenants
 - Enhance access to legal services through online intake
 - Engage with local courts to advocate for public health protections and promote eviction diversion
 - Engage with landlords and landlords’ attorneys to facilitate early resolutions of disputes
 - Increase involvement of volunteers
- **Avalon Housing:** \$217,656 for an ESG-CV Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program and up to 4.6 percent in administration
- The RRH program will prioritize clients currently staying in noncongregate shelter in an effort to place them in permanent housing as quickly as possible.

HUD ESG-CV

- **Washtenaw County OCED:** \$25,000 allocated to Barrier Busters and \$25,736 (4 percent of total allocation) for grant administration
- **Avalon Housing:** \$442,344 to support the ESG-CV RRH program and up to 4.6 percent in administration
- **HAWC:** \$70,035 for one FTE Housing Resource Specialist (HRS) and up to 4.6 percent in administration
- The new HRS Court Liaison will attend court proceedings and District Court 14A and 14B and provide immediate resources; explore the feasibility of HAWC’s presence in other eviction court proceedings in our community; and network with other social service agencies in the community to establish and maintain good interagency working relationships.

MSHDA ESG-CV Funding by Agency				
Agency	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Re-Housing	Admin	Total
OCED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,730.00	\$ 33,730
HAWC	\$ 362,013.00	\$ -	\$ 17,456.00	\$ 379,469.00
LSSCM	\$ 203,069.00	\$ -	\$ 9,341.00	\$ 212,410.00
Avalon		\$ 207,644.00	\$ 10,012.00	\$ 217,656.00
Total	\$ 565,082.00	\$ 207,644.00	\$ 70,539.00	\$ 843,265.00
			<i>Unallocated</i>	\$ -
HUD ESG-CV Funding by Agency				
Agency	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Re-Housing	Admin	Total
OCED	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,736.00	\$ 50,736.00
Avalon	\$ -	\$ 421,997.00	\$ 20,347.00	\$ 442,344.00
HAWC	\$ 69,823.00	\$ -	\$ 3,212.00	\$ 73,035.00
Total	\$ 94,823.00	\$ 421,997.00	\$ 49,295.00	\$ 566,115.00
			<i>Unallocated</i>	\$ 77,288.00