

2021 COVID-19 Homeless Provider Grant Program Guide

Purpose

MaineHousing's 2021 COVID-19 Homeless Provider Grant provides grants to homeless providers to reduce the spread of infectious disease for people who are unsheltered or living in emergency shelters.

Eligible Providers

Providers that have entered into a 2021 COVID-19 Homeless Provider Grant ESG-CV Subgrant Agreement with MaineHousing and are in compliance with the Agreement are eligible to submit monthly reimbursement requests for funds.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act prohibits providers from requiring program participants to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition of receiving shelter or other services. Emergency shelters funded with COVID-19 Homeless Provider Grant funds cannot prohibit program participants from leaving. Re-entry may be limited based on infection control and safety measures; however, prerequisites—such as submitting to coronavirus testing—are not permitted.

Eligible Uses

Grants may be used for costs that exceed the homeless provider's operating budget, are associated with responding to COVID-19 and are incurred from January 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021, including:

- Additional staff or incentive pay for existing staff
- Cleaning supplies such as bleach, disinfectant wipes, scrubbers, mops
- Protective equipment such as masks, disposable gloves
- Program participant needs such as bed linens, towels, hand sanitizer, soap, tissue packets
- Room dividers
- Washers, dryers, portable handwashing stations
- Transportation of program participants for health care or other essential needs
- Additional space
- Other uses to reduce the spread of infectious disease for people who are unsheltered or living in emergency shelters as approved by MaineHousing.

Grants are intended to expand providers' resources rather than to replace resources providers are able to receive from other sources. For example, MaineHousing may redirect homeless providers to existing resources provided by organizations such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which provides cots. Grants may not be used for costs that are paid by or will be paid by another source if the total amount received for the costs exceeds the costs.

Reimbursement Process

Providers must complete the 2021 ESG-CV Reimbursement Request Form and the 2021 ESG-CV Expenses Form to request reimbursement for eligible expenses. Requests for reimbursement for

funds must be submitted on a monthly basis, no later than 45 days after expending the funds. Requests must include receipts and supporting documentation for all expenses. Program funds for 2021 cannot be provided in advance.

MaineHousing may require additional documentation or explanation regarding reimbursement request and will deny requests that do not meet MaineHousing requirements.

Reallocation and Recapture

MaineHousing may reallocate funding among Subgrantees depending on need and expenditure rates. Any reallocation will be at the sole discretion of MaineHousing.

Providers must provide an accounting of grant funds spent in a form satisfactory to MaineHousing. Funds that are not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement must be returned to MaineHousing within 30 days of notification by MaineHousing.

Information Contact

The MaineHousing contact for all questions and for submission is ESGCVprograms@mainehousing.org.

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