



# **FUNDING 101**

**MIBOSCOC Governance Council**

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# Why Should You Care?

- If you aren't the HARA/Housing Provider: Understanding what the different funding sources can and can't do can help you in local discussions about getting the type of help needed to the people who need it. The biggest long-standing problem in ending homelessness is not enough housing resources. Yet, we have not used all funding available over the years!
- If you are the HARA/Housing Provider: This is critical! You should know where your funds originate and who they pass through. This way you can have a solid understanding of your requirements in using the funds so you are safe from audit problems and you can creatively problem solve by adjusting how much from different sources pay for each activity.

# Quick Definitions

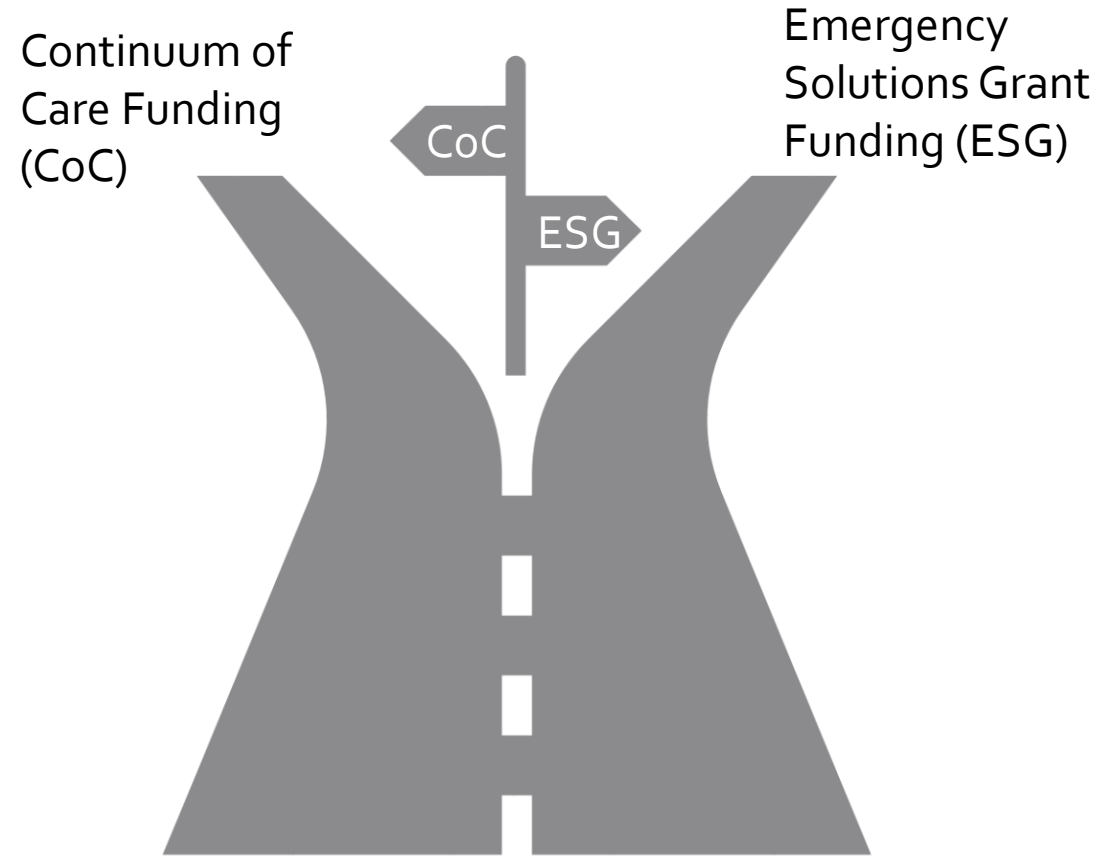
- Category 1 Homeless: Persons living on the streets, in shelters, or places unfit for human habitation
- Category 2 Homeless: Persons at imminent risk of homelessness, they will not be able to stay where they are more than 14 days
- Category 4 Homeless: Persons fleeing or attempting to flee due to domestic violence, sexual assault, or trafficking
- Housing Choice Voucher: Permanent housing from a Public Housing Authority (PHA) that does not include supportive services. Participants pay 30% of their income and can keep the HCV as long as they remain qualified

# Quick Definitions

- RRH: Rapid Re-Housing: Time-limited rental assistance and support services to quickly increase household income so they can take over full rental payments
- PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing: Rental assistance and support services for persons with disabilities and long durations of homelessness. Support services tend to be more intensive, and participants can remain in the project as long as they need
- Joint TH/RRH: The only Transitional Housing that is recommended in best practices because participants are connected to RRH whenever they are ready to do so. The TH can be Master Leased, allowing for increased shelter capacity in the community without building shelter

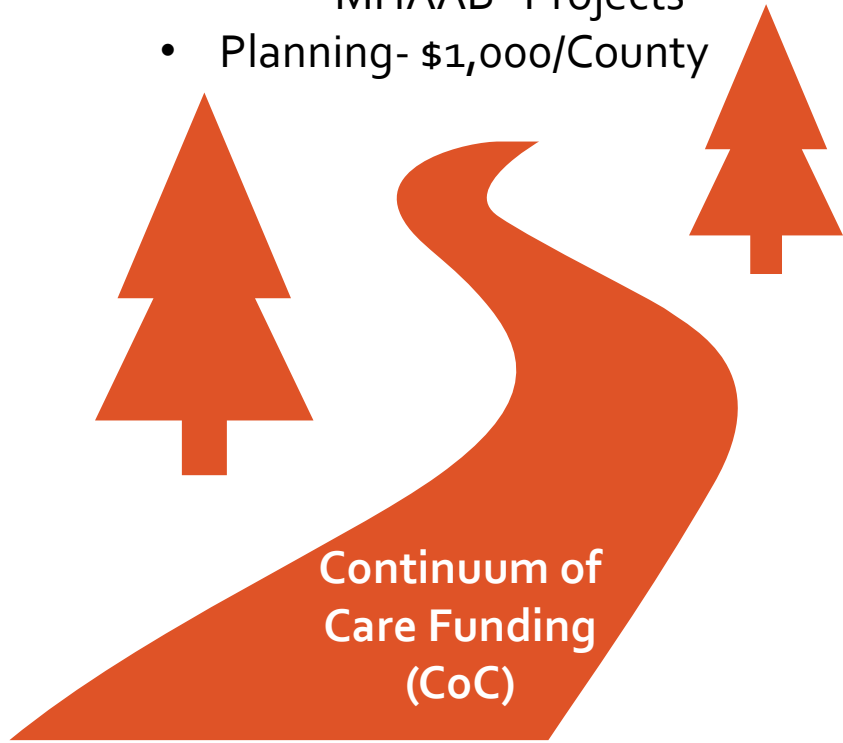
# Housing Activities By Funding Type

	ESG	ESG-CV	CoC	ESP
RRH	X	X	X	
PSH			X	
Prevention	X	X		
Shelter	X	X		X
Motel Sheltering		X		X
Outreach	X	X	X	
HMIS	X	X	X	
HARA Activities	X	X	X	



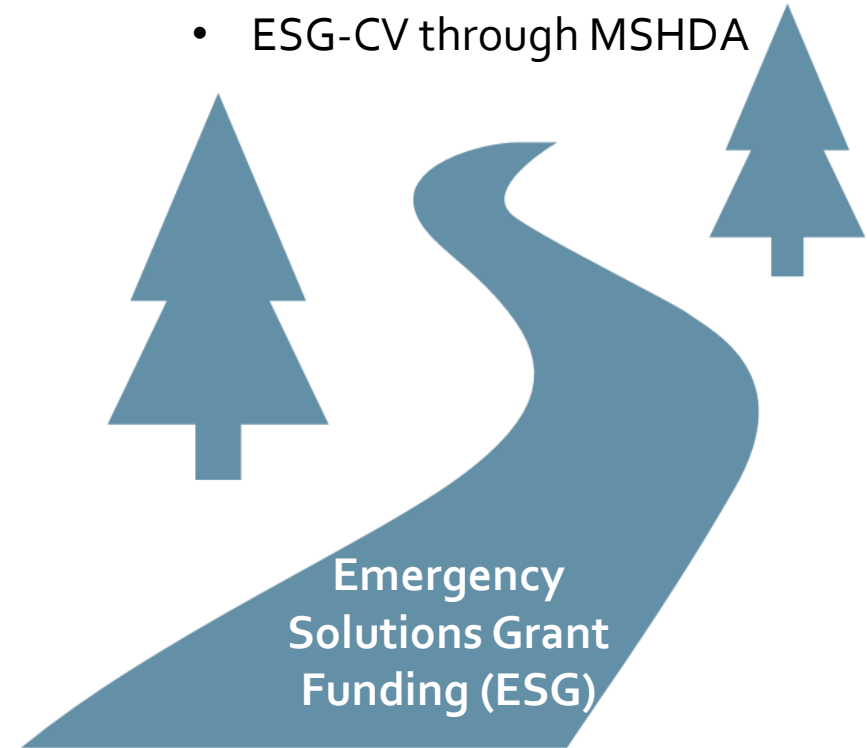
# HEARTH ACT

- Coordinated Entry Grant
- HMIS Funding for MCAH
- RRH through MDHHS
- PSH through MDHHS
- Direct HUD Grants
  - "MHAAB" Projects
- Planning- \$1,000/County



Competitive

- ESG from MSHDA
  - RRH
  - Prevention
  - Outreach
  - Shelter
- ESG-CV through MSHDA



Formula

# What Comes From MSHDA?

- Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV): MSHDA is the statewide Public Housing Authority and has "Section 8" to use. The vouchers have a Homeless Preference and HARAs are used to place people onto the waitlist with the preference
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): ESG is a FORMULA grant, not competitive like CoC. These funds must be matched 100% and MSHDA provides all the match for the state. Therefore, some ESG funds came from Federal funds and some (match) came from MSHDA (state) funds
  - ESG-CV: Also a formula, these are temporary for COVID relief and do not require match
- CoC Planning, Coordinated Entry, and HMIS: MSHDA applies to HUD in the CoC Program competition for these grants and then sub-grants them out. MSHDA provides the 25% match on these grants too
- CERA: COVID Emergency Rental Assistance: Eviction prevention funding that is temporarily available due to COVID (Previous version was known as EDP), these are Federal funds that are appropriated by the State government



# What Comes From MDHHS?

- RRH, PSH, Dedicated Plus PSH: MDHHS applies directly to HUD in that CoC Program Funding Competition as a Balance of State CoC member. They manage the projects and all the subrecipients (agencies in your communities)
- ESP: Emergency Shelter Program; this funding is contracted to and managed by The Salvation Army
- HOPWA: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV: Housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS, Federal funding
- HRY: Homeless and Runaway Youth: Can provide shelter for youth under 18, transitional supportive housing for youth, host homes, and reunification support

# HUD CoC Program Funding

Nearly \$10M

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## Direct from HUD

You can apply during the competition for your own local program\*\*\*



# MORE ABOUT COC PROGRAM FUNDING

The CoC must submit one application that contains smaller applications within it each year

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Think of it as building a bouquet to give to HUD. Each flower in the bouquet is one of our projects. We must decide which flowers get included and which ones are displayed most prominently. Afterwards, HUD compares our bouquet to all the others it received.



# MORE ABOUT COC PROGRAM FUNDING

Don't forget the card!

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We also write one large "Collaborative Application" where we detail how well we've done at ending homelessness over the year.

HUD uses this to decide how many of our flowers to keep- or projects to fund.

# Your Role in This

Ways that you can help us maintain funding:

- Ensuring grants are fully spent each year
- Helping identify rental units/landlords
- Helping connect people who are homeless to services
- Reducing barriers for persons in poverty/experiencing homelessness
- Full communication with partners and participants focused on ending homelessness
- Joining the HUD CoC Application and Evaluation Committee
- Joining the Performance and Outcomes Committee
- Joining any of the other committees...
- Making homelessness rare, brief, and one time!