



MIBOSCOC ESG Committees

The MIBOSCOC, in consultation with MSHDA, is redefining the ESG Application process to align with the CoC's stated commitment to the consensus process; ensure funding is most effectively utilized; and construct community decision-making processes that are inclusive, purposeful, and equitable. To this end, each Local Planning Body must form an ESG Committee to participate in the funding allocation process. In the instance where there is one grant from MSHDA to a HARA that is administered across more than one LPB, there should only be one ESG Committee formed, and it should include representatives from each LPB served by the HARA.

The purpose of these committees is as follows:

- Understand all funding available in the area and what the eligible activities are for each
- Analyze and learn what the most pressing needs are for the area covered
- Work together to find an optimal funding configuration to meet the needs

Additionally, these committees are to be inclusive and transparent. They also need to fulfil a role that is limited in scope and must remain within established boundaries.

All members must understand:

- That the primary purpose of this funding is to end homelessness and all decisions should be framed as what is needed to best serve households and end homelessness quickly.
- ESG Funding has regulations that will likely prohibit big shifts from previous funding.
- Key infrastructure (intake staff, housing resource specialists, housing navigators) must be prioritized over creating new positions or services. Core and critical positions and services cannot be lessened or weakened in order to fund new activities, such as cutting intake staff to add funding to a new shelter subgrantee.
- The Committee is serving the community as a whole, but must communicate clearly what it will take for funded agencies to do the work sustainably.
- All decisions will be made using the consensus process which means that it is the responsibility of committee members to develop ways to alleviate the concerns of other members so that the ultimate decision can be agreed to by all committee members.

Committee Formation

Representatives from the following entities **MUST** be included on the ESG Committee:

- HARA
- Fiduciary (if separate from the HARA)
- Existing subrecipients of ESG or ESG-CV and those interested in potentially becoming subrecipients
- Any other community member that wishes to participate and commits to participating in required training and committee meetings is permitted to join

Note: All committee members should be individuals with the authority to make binding decisions for their agency. Additionally, this group is charged with preparing the ESG budget for the review and approval of the Local Planning Body. This group is not the final decision-making body.

Next Steps

Once an ESG Committee roster is completed, the listing including each members' name, agency, and email contact should be sent to both admin@miboscoc.com and coordinator@miboscoc.com in one email. These contacts will be used to schedule training sessions and other related meetings for all ESG Committees across the MIBOSCOC.