

# Federal Grant Recipient Monthly Call

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**South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless**

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# Welcome!

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- Please introduce yourself in the chat! Name, Agency and Project
- Camera on, if possible, so we can see one another
- Ask questions any time – take yourself off mute or enter into the chat
- Thank you for being here today!

# Agenda Items

1. **Introductions**
2. **HUD Federal Reporting**
3. **City of San Antonio Updates**
4. **Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Updates**
5. **Homeless Prevention Grantees: Eviction Moratorium Guidance**
6. **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grantees**
7. **CoC Program Grantees**
8. **Written Standards**
9. **Homelink**
10. **HMIS Updates**
11. **Announcements & Resources**

# Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Federal Reporting

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- **HDX is open! PIT and HIC data due 5/14**

- **Point-in-Time Count (PIT)**

Please save the date for the special three-part PIT Lunch & Learn Series:

- May 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 12:45pm
- May 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 12:45pm
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 1:00pm

- **Housing Inventory Count (HIC)**

- Currently checking data quality
- You may receive an email from Chelsey Viger regarding a HIC report

# City of San Antonio Updates

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- CARES Fund Spending , ESG-CV Spending Requirements
- For questions about ESG-CV COSA Contracts you can contact
  - Morjoriee White – [morjoriee.white@sanantonio.gov](mailto:morjoriee.white@sanantonio.gov)
  - Patrick Steck – [partick.steck@sanantonio.gov](mailto:partick.steck@sanantonio.gov)
  - Eliezer De Leon (ESG-CV Contract Monitor) – [Eliezer.DeLeon@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Eliezer.DeLeon@sanantonio.gov)

# Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)

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- TDHCA new 2021 HUD income limits (4/1/21)
  - Used for ESG in Texas you can find here on their website
    - <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/home-division/esgp/guidance-solutions.htm>.
    - Limits for both ESG- Annual and ESG- CV are listed.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)- Annual
  - Proposed amendment from TDHCA to make 2021 ESG Annual an automatic renewal from 2020 and not be subject to a competitive application. Will send out information once available.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)- Coronavirus (CV)
  - All projects below the 50% expenditure benchmark will be asked for a month-by-month financial plan and an operational plan of how to serve more persons, and at that point, any requests for an extension to the contract can be made.
  - All projects with high expenditure rates will be offered an increase up to 25% with an option of an extension to spend additional funding.

# Homeless Prevention Grantees: Eviction Moratorium Guidance from TDHCA

## Emergency Order

Expired on 3/31 –

- The SCOTX's 34th Emergency Order has expired. Without local enforcement of the federal moratorium, this could mean we will begin seeing evictions.

## Federal eviction moratorium

extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>

- I. The CDC Moratorium had acted as a resource to prevent eviction, and also prevented applicants from qualifying for homelessness prevention under commonly used definitions:
  - At Risk of Homelessness – Category 1c (“Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance”) or
  - Homeless—Category 2 definition (“The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance.”)

ESG Subrecipients may show that the CDC eviction moratorium is not a resource to prevent eviction and qualify for homeless prevention if they can:

- 1) Document that the CDC Declaration form was completed by the applicant and submitted to the landlord; AND
- 2) Document that the landlord has taken issued a Notice to Vacate or taken other legal action after the date the CDC declaration form was submitted to the landlord.

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

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- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will allocate funding to TDHCA, The City of San Antonio and Bexar County. There is HOME and Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).
- More information will be shared as these funds become available.



# YHDP Grantees

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- eLOCCS issue
- YHDP Steering Committee Relaunch
- The YHDP Drop-in Center IRT recommended SAM Ministries for funding. Plan is to submit the project to HUD by June 1st for implementation in July.

# CoC Program Grantees

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- SARAHA is currently completing Quarterly Visits with all CoC grantees
- Working through CoC Scorecard updates, hoping to have a few improvements done by NOFA and the rest by the end of 2021. Thank you all for your patience.

# Written Standards

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- CoC Board voting tomorrow on approving the following:
  - Rapid Rehousing Written Standards
  - Street Outreach Written Standards
- In progress: Homeless Prevention Written Standards
- Once approved by the CoC Board, all CoC, YHDP, and ESG providers will be expected to follow the Written Standards
  - As a reminder, these are always evolving!
  - Your feedback is necessary to ensure we are operating well as a system
  - You can find all Written Standards at the SARA website under [Partner Resources > CoC Policies](#)

# Homelink Updates

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- Prevention Implementation Timeline
  - 5/4 Workflow Finalized
  - 5/5 Feedback due on standards
  - 5/12 Present Prevention at CE Advisory Committee
  - 5/13 Live Date
- Next Month: Vision Statement and Goals for the Year



# Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Updates

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- Calendar issue Fixed
- NHSDC Conference April 12-30<sup>th</sup>
- Providers – Client Location
- Position Open: HMIS Security and Compliance Coordinator
- New Projects



# Announcements

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1. SARA is looking for directors to fill HMIS Advisory Committee from ESG, PATH, YHDP and RHY funded agencies. [Apply here.](#)
2. Sheriff's Office new ID program for individuals who have been recently released from jail custody.
3. LISC offering a free session on "Organizational Capacity Building for Single Audit". Would anyone be interested?
4. Carmona Accounting willing to host a free session on the threshold requirements for POPP (NO) vs Economic Injury Disaster (EIDL). Would anyone be interested?
5. Announcements from the group?

# Resources

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1. [SARAH Technical Assistance Request Form](#)
2. [Transit Considerations: Bringing Clients to a COVID-19 Vaccination Event.](#)
3. [Access Previous Federal Monthly Call Recordings and PPT](#)
4. Sign up for SARAH newsletter [here](#)



**Next Federal Grant Recipient Monthly Call**  
Wednesday 5/26 @ 1:30pm

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# Questions