



## 10.29.21 WEBINAR CHAT

### "Using ARPA's Fiscal Recovery Funds for Housing Investments"

09:13:37 From Corrine Stockwell: Can you use this as incentive to have Landlords accept HCV tenants?

09:14:55 From Linda Soderstrom: is the eligibility BECAUSE OF COVID OR \*\*during\*\* the covid? seriously in lowest income, like starting in the bottom going up versus starting in 50%

09:18:03 From Isaac Meyer: It was said that economic development was generally not an eligible use of the funds. Many Counties note using these funds for that express purpose, such as business attraction or subsidies. could you say more about what might be happening here?

09:20:21 From Elizabeth Glidden (MHP) (she/her): On economic development, yes funds can be used in that category. Treasury FAQ advises that can't use for "general" economic development purposes. In other words, need to meet other criteria from the interim Final Rule on qualifying uses.

09:20:44 From Linda Soderstrom: different question... since Congress lowered what's needed AREN'T FUNDS ALREADY SENT from FED going to be used against us as though for production of supply when buckets in state now are covid emergency?

09:24:30 From David Dunn: Empowering Connections and Housing Outreach (ECHO) Center

09:27:17 From Linda Soderstrom: question for Commissioner Kiskaden IN DAYTON TASK FORCE she spoke of the PRE FABRICATED STYLE manufactured home supply, from factory by truck delivered and can apartment buildings/complexes be erected fast for need, like Wuhan hospitals perhaps???

09:27:50 From Sue Watlov Phillips: Sue Watlov Phillips Executive Director MICAHA, President National Coalition For The Homeless-Great investments in housing and homeless Services Olmstead County

09:30:17 From Sue WatlovPhillips: Sue Watlov Phillips Executive Director MICAHA, President National Coalition For The Homeless Thanks Mpls. for great categories for addressing housing and homeless services. we appreciate support of ENVISION Tiny Homes intentional communities

09:32:11 From Sheila Kiscaden: Manufactured homes, modular homes, and new technologies for home development are among the options that can be options for increasing the housing supply...

09:32:49 From Linda Soderstrom: isn't research and meetings and identification of needs and studies way past its prime when UNSHELTERED persons continue to die by burning down their tents? every year?? wouldn't rent arrears/eviction ENCAMPMENTS and safe encampment amenities be better spent? (shower vans, hand wash stations, food storage, dumpsters, porta pottis, counseling/nurse I take and case management)

09:34:17 From Elizabeth Glidden (MHP) (she/her): Good point Linda and yes. The ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund program specifically identifies community engagement as a recommended step to include in process. And yes, these funds have deadlines for spending so they will get out and spent relatively quickly.

09:35:29 From Sue WatlovPhillips: Sue Watlov Phillips Executive Director MICAHA, President National Coalition For The Homeless St Paul thanks for investing in housing. Just because you have incomes under 30% /poor does not mean you need supportive housing

09:36:29 From Hawa Samatar: Kayla can you provide your contact information, please?



09:36:40 From Kayla Schuchman: Hi Sue. We are proposing deeply affordable housing at 30% AMI - both supportive housing and non-supportive housing.

09:36:56 From Linda Soderstrom: aren't older hotels and dated office parks already built and couldn't there be immediate fill IN as many convents and empty group spaces are being used (hospitality won't be back the same way, office uses won't be back identically as pre covid)???

09:38:42 From Linda Soderstrom: THERE ARE PEOPLE AT 10 % AMI, base rate of social security is 9 grand for the year, rent of \$260 with a S8 voucher.

09:40:26 From Linda Soderstrom: general assistance is \$202 per month, rent @\$66.00, who has this in mind?? heart???

09:41:54 From Elizabeth Glidden (MHP) (she/her) to Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP)(Direct Message): Brian - can you take down slides as soon as Adam finishes

09:43:52 From Sue Watlov Phillips: Sue Watlov Phillips Executive Director MICAH, President National Coalition For The Homeless.

Thanks Margaret and Elizabeth, for great panel and presentation! I would love to share these slides and recording with communities looking at ways to use their resources ...in smaller metro counties and cities. we work with in Metro area and across the country.I Hope the League of Cities and MN County Associations share this info too.

09:45:14 From David Dunn: Don't let Sheila get off the hook. She built the political will. Find a local political leader who is a housing champion.

09:46:43 From Elizabeth Glidden (MHP) (she/her): We will share slides and the recording after this event. And clearly, there is more to share as communities continue to take next steps in implementing FRF.

09:47:43 From Chris Flood: Has anyone yet worked through the details of structuring these funds into development projects? Existing federal rules suggest to me that loans are problematic for ARPA-funders (Counties, Cities, etc.). How are you handling compliance? Any comment would be appreciated. Thanks.

09:48:52 From Elizabeth Glidden (MHP) (she/her): I believe Elfric will address this. - Mpls is working through this process now.

09:48:53 From Tonja West-Hafner: Has anyone been able to figure out how to loan the funds? Our attorneys do not think we can. We have a lot of ideas, but e believe it would be better long term to keep/preserve the housing using loans.

09:49:00 From Kayla Schuchman: Hi Chris. We are working through this. We're hopeful that we won't have to structure these as grants - as we'd rather provide deferred or forgivable loans as typical in affordable housing. We hope Treasury will address this challenge in future guidance.

09:49:14 From Sue Watlov Phillips: Sue Watlov Phillips Executive Director MICAH, President National Coalition For The Homeless- Thanks for you all being community champions for housing. Thanks to Pam Kramer for all the great work you have done in Duluth and throughout MN and the U.S.

09:50:08 From Elizabeth Glidden (MHP) (she/her): The loan issue is significant - agree with Kayla that many are watching and hope this is addressed or clarified in the "final" Final Rule.

09:51:11 From Cherie Shoquist: Affordable housing development to increase supply of affordable and high-quality living units is in the Building Stronger Communities through Investments in Housing and Neighborhoods section (p 39). Many suburban communities may have the potential to develop or preserve affordable housing in non QCT. Does the disparate impact presumption work here?



09:52:05 From Cherie Shoquist: Also, I'd appreciate thoughts on using ARPA in AHTF and grants v loans and revolving the funds.

09:52:49 From Margaret Kaplan: The presumption should apply as long as the population is low and moderate income

09:53:13 From Margaret Kaplan: (But waiting on final rules of course which could change things)

09:53:27 From Chris Flood: ^adding to Cherie's thought, is it at least theoretically possible to create a revolving loan fund by making a grant to, say, a local CDFI to make compliant loans?

09:54:19 From Elizabeth Glidden (MHP) (she/her): Funds can be transferred to partners, but they still must comply with requirements of interim Final Rule.

09:55:25 From Daniel Lightfoot-LMC: The Loan question is tricky but not necessarily prohibited the way I read it (certainly you'd want to work with your attorneys to confirm). The Interim Final Rule does allow for loans and specifically calls loans out for assistance to small businesses. The Interim Final Rule states that loans can be provided as long as the loan is for an eligible use and the cost of the loan is tracked and recorded pursuant to the time constraints for the expending of funds. See FAQ 4.11 for more info on this.

09:55:49 From Cherie Shoquist: Thanks!!!

09:56:43 From Elizabeth Glidden (MHP) (she/her): Daniel -one concern is typical loans in housing would extend beyond the time constraints for FRF.

09:57:19 From Sue Watlov Phillips: Sue Watlov Phillips. Will you talk about how people experiencing homelessness, housing crises, in overcrowded situations provide input and at decision making tables and implementation so the solutions meet the diverse populations.

09:57:45 From Linda Soderstrom: could there have been one resident or recently homeless person on the panel? just one story of choice to center the wisdom here now??

09:57:52 From Rebecca Bowers: Guidance on staffing is needed - how much and what type. Is it under the admin cap?

09:57:56 From Daniel Lightfoot-LMC: Right. Recipients would only be able to use Fiscal Recovery Funds for only the projected cost of the loan if it matures longer than December 31, 2026 since funds have to be expended within the covered period.

09:58:20 From Linda Soderstrom: Please send slides to all attendees

09:59:11 From Sue Watlov Phillips: Sue Watlov Phillips Executive Director MICAH, President National Coalition For The Homeless. We meet with Treasury every couple weeks. We would love to hear all your suggestions [sue@micah.org](mailto:sue@micah.org)

09:59:25 From Linda Soderstrom: can you save this chat in full????????

09:59:35 From Hawa Samatar: Yes, please send slides to all. Thanks.

09:59:55 From Isaac Meyer: Participants can save the chat, by clicking the option button in chat.

10:00:03 From Linda Soderstrom: field workers need chat too

10:00:12 From Pam Kramer: Thanks so much to MHP for this important discussion. I do think the loan vs. grants and recoverable grants issue is high priority.