

Kalamazoo County

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**United Way of
South Central Michigan**



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June Agenda

Welcome/Sign in the chat

Group Agreements

CoC Updates

Federal Update

Service Provider Updates

Housing Updates

Group Agreements

- **Speak your truth:** Say what is in your heart, trusting that your voice will be heard, and your contribution respected. Be aware that the impact of your words on others may be very different from your intent.
- **When things get difficult, turn to wonder:** If you find yourself disagreeing with another, becoming judgmental, or experiencing challenging emotions, try turning to wonder: "I wonder what she is thinking?" "I wonder what brought him to this place?" "I wonder what they are feeling right now?" "I wonder what my reaction teaches me about myself."
- **Identify assumptions and suspend judgment:** Our assumptions and judgments are usually invisible to us, yet they undergird our worldview. By identifying our assumptions, we can then set them aside and open our viewpoints to greater possibilities.

CoC Updates



CoC Updates

HCV

MSHDA received its HCV program funding from HUD. Although it is not as much as originally anticipated, Calhoun County will receive allocations

Kalamazoo County allocations: 29

PIT/HIC

PIT/HIC reports submitted to HUD. July SOC meeting will be presentation on HIC/PIT results

CoC Updates

- Coordinated Entry Oversight Committee has been formed. They will provide oversight and accountability to CES.
- MSHDA is combining the Housing Navigation and Shelter Diversion opportunities into one, Steps 2 Stability. This is a one-year grant beginning in September. \$107,825 CoC Board to determine recipient tomorrow
- Community Consultant applications due today!
- CoC hosting a housing forum in September – more information to come!

FY25 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program provides funding to:

1. Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street
2. Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families
3. Help operate these shelters
4. Provide essential services to shelter residents
5. Rapidly re- house homeless individuals and families
6. Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless

The Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA) ESG NOFA sets forth the process and requirements for applying for ESG funds. MSHDA is awarded an ESG allocation annually via an annual Award Notice from HUD which varies each year. Annually MSHDA notifies the Kalamazoo County Continuum of Care (CoC) of the award amount based on a formula utilizing local population and other poverty statistics.

Local application to be released later this week with a due date of July 3rd

Kalamazoo received Pay Per Performance dollars!!

Pay for Performance Dollars: Communities can receive a Pay for Performance increase if they meet three of the four benchmarks, OR two benchmarks and the bonus. The benchmarks to receive increased funding to the allocation are:

- 1) Length of Time Homeless: CoCs and LPBs must demonstrate a year-over-year improvement of 5 days on the length of time people remain homeless OR maintain a length of time at or below the last reported state average (77 days as of the 2022 Annual Homeless Report).
- 2) Returns to Homelessness: CoCs and LPBs must demonstrate a year-over-year improvement of 3% on the extent to which people return to homelessness following exits to permanent housing destinations OR maintain a percentage of total returns to homelessness at or below the last reported state average (23% as of the 2022 Annual Homeless Report).
- 3) Exits to Permanent Housing: CoCs and LPBs must demonstrate a year-over-year improvement of 10% on exits to permanent housing from emergency shelters, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing, OR maintain a percentage at or above the last reported state average (45% as of the 2022 Annual Homeless Report).
- 4) On time submission of quarterly Financial Status Reports (FSRs): ESG fiduciaries have submitted an FSR in the last four (4) grant quarters by the established deadline (July 15, 2023; October 15, 2023; January 15, 2024; and April 15, 2024). BONUS: Hiring people with lived experience of homelessness: Does any MSHDA ESG subgrantee within the CoC/ LPB currently employ persons with lived experience of homelessness? Please identify the agency and position (do not include employee name[s])

CoC Builds

The Continuum of Care Builds (CoC Builds) program under this NOFO provides \$75,000,000 for competitive grants to target funding for CoC geographic areas to address and reduce the number individuals and families experiencing homelessness by adding new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) through new construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation (capital costs) through one-time CoC Builds awards under the Continuum of Care Program. Through this NOFO, HUD encourages CoCs to leverage funds provided for capital costs of new PSH units with other funding sources to maximize the amount of housing that can be created. PSH is permanent supportive housing that also provides supportive services to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness, where at least one household member has a disability that substantially impedes their ability to live independently

- This NOFO supersedes the CoC Builds NOFO published July 19th , 2024 and includes several changes.
- Grant terms may be two, three, four, or five years.
- HUD expects to make approximately 8 awards from funds available under this NOFO
- Maximum amount for single project is \$6,000,000
- Applications must be submitted through e-snaps. Applications due by 8pm June 26th, 2025
- Anticipated award date July 31, 2026
- Estimated Performance Period start date: October 1, 2025
- Estimated Performance Period end date: September 30, 2029

Joint project from ISK/Hollander development supported by the CoC Board

Federal update

Funding, policies, etc



FY26 Skinny Budget released

44% reduction to HUD

Congress approves the federal budget

<p>Homeless Assistance Program Consolidations</p>	<p>-532</p>	<p>The Budget consolidates the Continuum of Care and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs into a more targeted Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program that provides short- and medium-term housing assistance, capped at two years, to homeless and at-risk individuals. The Budget delivers on the President's pledge to eliminate street homelessness by quickly connecting homeless individuals to shelter, recognizing that State and local governments are better positioned to coordinate homeless assistance, and proposing a formula change to better target the ESG formula to areas where homelessness needs are most severe.</p>
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Executive Budget Proposal

Impact on HUD Funding

- Eliminate the
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program
 - HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
 - Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)-Competitive program and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, cutting \$479 million and folding these programs instead into the formula-based Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program.
 - Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program

Note: the proposal **argues “these programs are duplicative in purpose...such programs like these would be better left to State and local governments.”**

Executive Budget Proposal

Impact on HUD Funding

- Reduce funding for HUD's Healthy Homes and Lead Hazards programs by \$296 million, **arguing the programs “[have] unobligated balances that should be depleted prior to receiving further appropriations.”**
- Eliminate the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) program, designed to incentivize states and localities to adopt more inclusive zoning practices.
- Eliminate the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), which is responsible for helping state and local fair housing organizations investigate and adjudicate fair housing complaints.

Note: The proposal asserts the President's budget request would **“maintain support for [the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP)]”** to fund State and local enforcement agencies processing fair housing complaints under the Fair Housing Act.

UPDATE ON ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

HUD Staff Departures

- The federal Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offered deferred resignations to federal employees in February. The deferred resignation initiative offered staffers 8 months of pay and benefits if they parted ways.
- HUD announced the launch of a second resignation offer on March 31 to employees “who wish they had taken” OPM’s offer, giving them until April 11 to opt in.
- Roughly 2,300 of HUD’s 9,900 employees (or just over 23%) have taken the deferred resignation offers.
- About half of HUD Detroit Field Office staff, including key personnel.

Federal FY26 Budget

Executive Budget Proposal

Other Affordable Housing Assistance Programs

USDA

Major cuts to rural housing programs under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). While the outline promises an increase of \$74 million for USDA's Rental Assistance (RA) program, it also slashes \$721 million from USDA's Rural Development Program, including eliminating programs that the administration argues **“are duplicative, too small to have a macro-economic impact, costly to deliver, in limited demand, available through the private sector, or conceived as temporary”** – including “single family housing direct loans, self-help housing grants, and rural housing vouchers.”

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Other Affordable Housing Assistance Programs

LIHEAP

Elimination of the Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps households with low-incomes afford their energy bills, including heating costs in the winter and cooling costs in the summer, weatherization, and minor energy-related home repairs. The administration argues **the program is “unnecessary because States have policies preventing utility disconnection for low-income households,”** and **the budget will “instead support low-income individuals through energy dominance, lower prices, and an America First economic platform.”**

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Status of “Big, Beautiful Bill”

- Following days of negotiation and an all-night session, the House narrowly approved Trump’s domestic policy bill on May 22.
- The legislation presents significant challenges for nonprofits, housing advocates, and community service organizations.
- The bill is now in the Senate, where several changes are expected.

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Threats to Nonprofits

The tax bill includes provisions that could significantly restrict nonprofit capacity and impose new financial burdens, such as:

- **Limits on charitable deductions** and the introduction of **new taxes on private foundations**
- Nonprofit employers are excluded from important tax credits, including those for paid family leave and child care
- New taxes on university endowments and broader application of the Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT)

Though the bill includes a **non-itemizer charitable deduction** aligned with the bipartisan Charitable Act, it offers only modest relief amid sweeping negative changes.

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Additional Concerning Provisions

- **Funding cuts to Medicaid and SNAP**
- Institutes **Medicaid work requirements** and requires recertification every six months
- **SNAP provisions** would alter the structure of the program by **requiring states to share in the cost of the program**, and dramatically **expanding SNAP work requirements** up to age 64
- **Weakens the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB):**
- **Cuts its funding by over \$4B** and limits use of its civil penalty fund

Federal funding facts

241,849* Residents in the State of Michigan receive federal rental assistance

7,324* Residents in Kalamazoo County receive federal rental assistance

(Public Housing, Section 8, Section 202, Section 811, and Housing Choice Vouchers)

38 states spend more on corrections than they do housing supports. Michigan spends 1.3x's more on corrections.

*Does not include ESG/CoC funded projects

Act now to prevent funding cuts!

- <https://endhomelessness.org/action/act-now-to-prevent-severe-hud-cuts/>

The image features a grid of 12 rows and 5 columns of colorful ring binders. Each binder has a white label with horizontal lines. The colors of the binders vary across the grid, including blue, red, green, yellow, black, and grey. The word "Resources" is centered in the middle of the grid in a white, sans-serif font.

Resources

MDHHS free diaper program

Diaper Request Process

- **All diaper requests must be made in person** at the DHHS office.
- Clients must:
 - Bring valid **picture ID**
 - **Complete and submit** the Diaper Assistance Program Request Form
- **Distribution Days: Mondays & Wednesdays**
- **Time:** 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
- **Location:** Window A

What Eligible Clients Receive (Per Child, Per Visit):

- 2 packs of diapers
- 1 pack of wipes
- 1 tube of ointment



- **Who Can Get Diapers?**

- You must have:

- · An active case with at least one or more of the following programs:


- o Food Assistance
- o Medicaid
- o Cash Assistance
- o Childcare/Daycare Assistance
- o State Emergency Relief (SER)

- · A child in diapers (typically ages 0–3)

- **Diaper Pickup Rules**

- · You need to bring a photo ID (to verify you are the head of household)
- · Complete the Diaper Assistance Form (MDHHS-6251)
- · You are eligible to receive diapers for one – 4-month timeframe
- o If you skip a month, your timeframe is not extended

- **DIAPER PICKUP DAYS**

- · Every Monday & Wednesday
 - · During regular business hours
 - o Window C – DHHS Lobby
 - o 427 E Alcott Ave
 - o Stop by on pickup days and visit Window C.
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Upcoming Events & Happenings

If you have an event,
happening or
resources that
you would like
to share

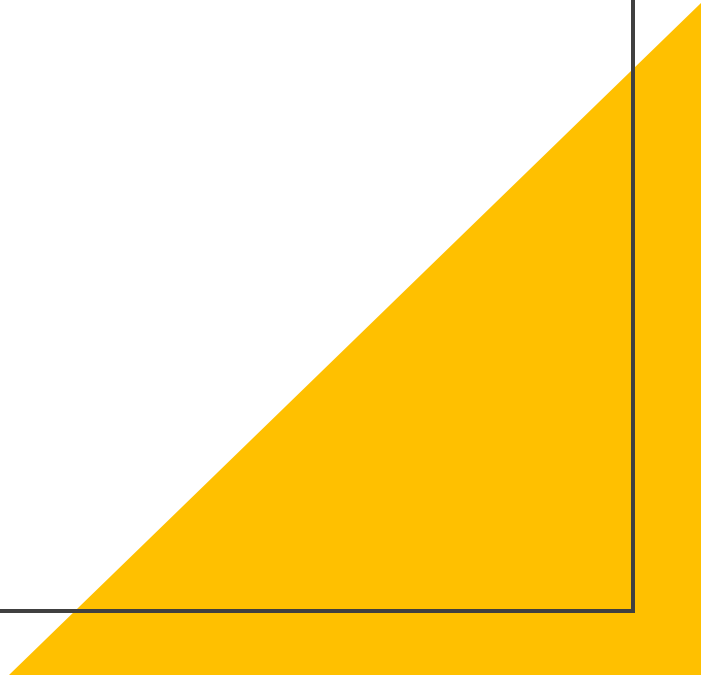
Send an email to
coc@uwscmi.org with a
copy of the flyer and/or
the details



Service Provider Updates

- Kalamazoo Wellness and Recovery Festival, Saturday September 6, Bronson Park. Please join us: <https://www.recoverymi.org/wellness-and-recovery-fair-1>
- DHHS has free shoes & socks for unhoused youth, they partnered with Soles for Souls.
- Upcoming Workforce Development Housing for young adults coming soon!
- Free SDI Testing through Kalamazoo County Gov. Health & Community Service Dept. June 27th, July 11th & 25th, August 8th & 22nd in their Mobile Unit
- Extreme Heat Safety For Marginalized Populations training tomorrow noon-1pm via Zoom, email if you need the link: rballew@gryphon.org
- Community Health Needs Assessment is complete: <https://www.kalcounty.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=95>
- County is releasing 400,000 in community grants, due July 18th: <https://www.kalcounty.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=99>
- Application portal is open for housing Millage Application: <https://www.kalcounty.gov/1149/Apply-for-Funding>
- YWCA, transitional housing grant is still paused.

Housing Provider Updates



**Thank you for your
partnership.
Next meeting: Tuesday
July 15th, 12pm**

