

# ACTION PRIORITIES & STRATEGIC USE OF FUNDING

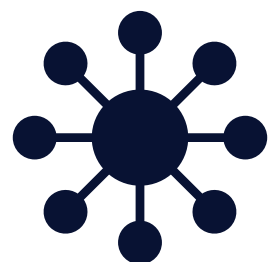
## STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS

### ACTION PRIORITIES

- Integrate homelessness response within community public health response through partnerships among Public Health Department; Emergency Management Departments; health care partners; housing agencies; public and/or private COVID-19-related taskforces; and Continuum of Care.
- Integrate all relevant data into HMIS, including data on the use of overflow congregate and non-congregate shelter for future planning purposes.
- Engage people with lived expertise of homelessness and peers into all elements of planning and implementation.
- Document and assess the impact of COVID-19 on disproportionately impacted communities, especially communities of color, and create planning structures and partnerships to develop strategies to eliminate such disparities.

### STRATEGIC USE OF FUNDING

- **CoC Planning Grant** funds to integrate homelessness and public health responses.
- **CoC HMIS, ESG and ESG-CV** for data collection and analysis.
- **Philanthropic dollars** for racial justice and equity analysis.



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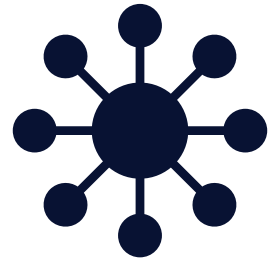
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- Implement equity-based decision-making in order to promote equitable outcomes for highly impacted communities.
- Monitor and assess data to ensure that tests are being administered equitably, and to ensure that screening and referral processes are yielding appropriate outcomes across race, ethnicity, gender status, sexual orientation, and disability status.
- Create planning structures and partnerships that can assess racially-based health disparities and develop remediation strategies.
- Establish links to employment services and jobs, and use data to ensure that employment, income, and access to benefits outcomes are equitable.

### STRATEGIC USE OF FUNDING

- **Philanthropic funds** for development of equity-based decision-making and planning tools and coordination with mainstream systems.
- **CoC Planning Grant** funds can be used for planning to address racial disparities.
- **CoC HMIS, ESG and ESG-CV** to monitor and assess data collected through HMIS.



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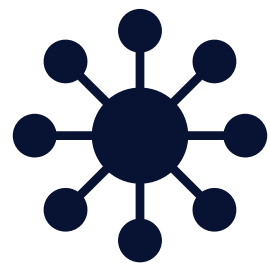
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- Assess impact of cessation of eviction moratoria; rent forbearance; unemployment compensation; and other temporarily enacted policies and/or assistance on housing instability and homelessness.
- Continue to monitor data on households receiving assistance; households exiting homelessness; and households returning to homelessness to ensure that there is equity in access and prioritization of resources.
- Assess impact of equity-based decision-making and make mid-course corrections to program design as necessary.

### STRATEGIC USE OF FUNDING

- **Philanthropic funds** for strategic planning.
- **CoC Planning Grant** funds can be used for planning to address racial disparities.
- **CoC HMIS, ESG and ESG-CV** to monitor and assess data collected through HMIS.



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## STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS

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- Strengthen coordination and partnerships between state and local public health systems and homelessness services and housing systems to both reduce homelessness and to strengthen future public health responses.
- Document strengths and weaknesses of response for people experiencing homelessness within COVID-19 emergency response and develop actionable plans that can be implemented quickly in future crises.
- Use data to quantify and then publicly communicate the inequitable health and economic impacts of COVID-19 on communities of color and marginalized communities, and develop strategies to limit such disparate impacts in the areas of health, financial well-being, and housing within future public health crises.

### STRATEGIC USE OF FUNDING

- **Philanthropic funds** for strategic planning.
- **CoC Planning Grant** funds for developing partnerships with public health and other mainstream systems.
- **CoC, ESG and ESG-CV** to monitor and assess data collected through HMIS.

# RESOURCES REFERENCED

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*A Framework for COVID-19 Homelessness Response: Responding to the Intersecting Crises of Homelessness and COVID-19 (National Alliance to End Homelessness and Center on Budget Policy & Priorities)*

*Homeless System Response: Changes to Coordinated Entry Prioritization to Support and Respond to COVID-19 (U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development)*