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Translations of these questions and answers, and the video presentation, are available upon request.

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Question **When will Colorado Springs provide reasonable priced housing for seniors**

Response Thank you for this question! Catherine will cover the Division's role in affordable housing in slides coming up.

Question **Lack of affordable housing is the largest single problem in our community. Even when people do finally get a housing voucher often they are still unable to find a house due to the limited number of landlords who accept vouchers or the additional cost of deposits not covered by the voucher. Is there any interest in using these funds to incentivise landlords to accept housing vouchers or to provide additional funds to cover deposit or application costs?**

Response Pastor FedEx, we'll look at this question at the end of the presentation during the Q&A session

Question **How can we apply to receive funds**

Response On our website we will make announcements for application openings. In January, the ESG-CV2 application period will open. In March, the CDBG Public Services and ESG application will open

Response <https://coloradosprings.gov/community-development>

Question **Do nonprofits need to apply each year for an ongoing project or can funding be for multi year projects?**

Response We ask non profits to apply each program year for funding in order to re-evaluate their previous grant progress, and account for any updates or changes in the upcoming year. Applicants are welcome to apply for the same or similar projects each grant award cycle.

Question **Can you discuss the varying differences meant by affordable housing?**

Response when we talk about affordable housing, we are referring to keeping housing related costs for households below 30% of household incomes

Response Does this answer your question?

Question **These developers that come in to our city construct expensive apartments that are out of reach for most seniors**

Response [verbal response in video recording]

Question **If I want to help provide affordable housing but am not in any of the categories shown on the slides, what options are there?**

Response <https://affordablehousingelpasoco.org/>

Question **Are you connected to the Housing authority?**

Response No, but we work closely with both the El Paso County Housing Authority and the Colorado Springs Housing Authority. We partner with them to make more units accessible, provide tenant assistance funding for people exiting homeless, and on a number of other programs.

Question **What are the greatest obstacles you face as a unit to doing your work?**

Response [verbal response in video recording]

Question **Concerning the upcoming funding associated with the CARES act, like ESG-CV2 and others, what COVID-related housing issues are presenting and most prevalent that this type of funding is ideally geared toward.. what did we learn in the first round?**

Response We learned that COVID has had a widespread and varied impact upon on local community. Much of the covid related funds were geared towards rental/mortgage assistance, childcare, senior services, food pantries, mental health services, domestic violence, etc. (Concerning the upcoming funding associated with the CARES act, like ESG-CV2 and others, what COVID-related housing issues are presenting and most prevalent that this type of funding is ideally geared toward.. what did we learn in the first round?)

Response Information on first round CARES act funding: <https://coloradosprings.gov/community-development/article/news/citys-community-development-division>

Question **thank you for working hard to hear concerns, ideas**

Response [verbal response in video recording]