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HUD Disburses More Than \$20 Million in COVID-19 Supplemental Payments

HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing has issued COVID-19 Supplemental Payments (CSP) totaling more than \$20 million to the owners/agents with Section 8 project based rental assistance and Section 202 contracts who applied for the fourth round of this CARES Act funding this past fall.

The [COVID-19 Supplemental Payments Housing Notice](#) made supplemental operating funds available to owners/agents of multifamily assisted properties for protecting residents and staff from COVID-19. The latest round gave owners maximum flexibility when using these funds to combat COVID-19, including eligible expenses for limited types of capital investments, such as Broadband Wi-Fi infrastructure.

Here are a few examples of how owners around the country used CSP funds to prevent and respond to COVID.

Joshua Arms of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in Joliet, Illinois

Salem Village III, known as Joshua Arms of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, is a 242-home high-rise located in Joliet, Illinois. The property is comprised of a Supportive Living Program for seniors who are 65 and older, and 98 of the homes are part of a Section 8 and Section 236 subsidized program for seniors who are 62 and older and disabled adults. The property has been approved for a total of more than \$488,000 in CSP funds from four rounds. Funding addressed operational cost increases, such as for cleaning and sanitization services, staff personal protective equipment (PPE), screening essential visitors, and monitoring elevators to encourage social distancing. In addition, due to the expanded capital investment funding available in round four, internet infrastructure is being installed to provide Wi-Fi in the common areas.

Lassen Manor IV in Susanville, California

Lassen Manor IV in Susanville, California, was allocated nearly \$10,000 in round four CSP funding. This 11-home Section 202 for elderly residents is requesting to purchase and install the needed infrastructure to support building-wide Wi-Fi for all homes.

Mission Park in Boston, Massachusetts

Mission Park in Boston, Massachusetts, is a Section 8 property that received more than \$216,000 from three rounds of CSP funding. Mission Park is a campus of 22 high-rise and town-house style buildings totaling 775 homes. The bulk of CSP funding went toward contracted cleaning services when on-site maintenance staff was in quarantine. This dramatically expanded the capacity of the site to maintain the many common spaces throughout the campus. It also provided PPE for staff and residents, including masks, gloves, face guards, disinfectants, sneeze guards, and sanitizers.

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Reserve at Indian Hill in Orlando, Florida

Reserve at Indian Hill in Orlando, Florida, has 69 homes that receive Section 202 subsidy at this community for elderly residents. The property received \$25,000 in CSP from three rounds of funding. The owner, National Church Residences of Orlando, Florida, instituted infection prevention protocols based on CDC recommendations to mitigate the spread of the disease. This included restricting guests, screening employees and vendors, check ins with residents, and cleaning and disinfecting practices.

Pecan Hills Apartments in San Antonio, Texas

Pecan Hills is a 100-home elderly community receiving project-based Section 8 rental assistance located in San Antonio, Texas. It received nearly \$188,000 in CSP funding through three rounds. The San Antonio Housing Authority owns and manages the property. To ensure the safety of its vulnerable residents, security measures were increased to check in visitors, and office staff was expanded to help manage an increase in food deliveries to resident units during periods of higher COVID risk. Additionally, the property's lobby and elevators were disinfected daily, and PPE was provided to staff and residents.