**Agenda**:

* Information Sharing and Updates from Last Meeting (50 minutes total)
	+ Housing Funds Update – Governor’s Budget Office and and Follow-Up Process
		- Lee Will,
			* Hurdles - 4.5 million out of 150 million spent for balance of state
			* Digital media and traditional media about availability of funding or program info
			* Omaha and Lincoln have their own pot of funds
				+ Also seeing slower usage than expected of funds
				+ Eviction moratorium expires and increase in funding is expected

Desire to create a system for collaboratives to use the system more effectively

Cannot do a direct reimbursement to collaborative

Could give funds to collabs for administration funds – possible workaround being explored

Desired goal would to be to cover administrative expenses to decrease eviction

* + - * There is a 10-day lag in waiting for landlord approval for funds
				+ Where a lot of the frustration is coming from
		- John Turner, NIFA
			* Robin, John and Jason connected about housing stabilization
				+ Building relationships with landlords
				+ Relocation expenses are allowed, exploring that option

i.e. utility, moving expenses

* + - * Lots of open houses coming up for landlord interaction
			* Last date for submissions – no extension as of yet
				+ 65% spent by end of September is requirement as of now
				+ Can housing stabilization be used for landlord open houses?

Brady – Nuckolls and Webster counties have been using traditional media and seeing limited participation

Also seeing hour-long service times side-by-side to walk through application

Need for admin i.e. flyers, communication, radio ads, more manpower to get people to come to events

* + - * Omaha is having the same issues as balance of state in terms of people having trouble getting assistance
				+ Randy McCoy – Seeing applicants coming for private funds from Iowa due to Iowa not allowing self-attestations as evidence of COVID
		- Mary Pinker
			* We are seeing landlords also struggle with the applications for ERA
			* John Turner will be attending the Greater NE CR call on 07/15/2021
		- Jeff Chambers
			* Community Development Block Grant - CV funding that was awarded to UNL-CCFL for the Nebraska Balance of State. With all of the ERA rent funding available we will be using this 5.2 million in assistance for mortgage assistance to those households 80% or below of AMI that were impacted by COVID and unable to pay mortgage.
	+ Food Security
		- Zach Nelson
			* NEMA hosing food security task force
				+ If you’d like to be included please let Chris Schroeder know
				+ SNAP benefits for June will be coming today

Last month of supplemental assistance

Pushing to have the funds through September

* + - * + School nutrition programs are having trouble with staffing

If you know people looking for part time work

9A-2P

$10-$13/hour

Some districts are looking for volunteers to prepare fresh fruits or vegetables so that local produce can be served as opposed to pre-packaged items

* + American Rescue Plan Act Round Tables
		- Jenny Skala, NC
			* Some of the pre-reading for the roundtables are what have been identified as barriers on this call
				+ Opportunity to make sure that barriers you experience or wins you’ve had can be heard
				+ Policy makers will be there – opportunity to be heard
			* 3 roundtables, all will build on each other
				+ Several government officials that will be there to hear solutions that are proven to work but also need funding
	+ Meeting and Celebration of Changemakers – October 25 and 26
		- Jenny Skala, NC
			* Opportunities for each community collaborative to come and share, meet, network, etc.
			* Jenny is looking for anyone who is interested in being on a planning team to reach out so that it is built in a way to be useful to you all

* Mindful Community Building (40 minutes total)
	+ Small Group Conversations
	+ Break Out Session Questions
		- Who sits with you in community when you are in need or experiencing hard times?
		- Who shines light when you are struggling or are in the dark?
		- What is something new you did or learned over the past 18 months that needs to continue?  How will you nurture that new normal?
		- Which protective promotive factor(s) do you feel you have intentionally promoted in your own life and in the lives of others over the past year/few months?  ( Resilience, Social connections, Concrete Supports, Social emotional competency, and Knowledge of child, adolescent and parent development)

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**Next Call:  July 22, 2021, 10am CST**