



Ensuring Access to EIP: Stimulus Check Filing Support

What is EIP? Economic Impact Payments (EIPs), also called stimulus check or payment, are one-time direct payments from the federal government authorized in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act. Provides up to \$1,200 for individuals or \$2,400 for married couples and up to \$500 for each qualifying child. Distributed automatically to eligible tax-filers; non-filers are also eligible but must apply.

How is the ICH ensuring access to EIP?

Phase	Locations	Activities	Status
I	Fixed mailing address & dedicated case management support	Development/distribution of information TA support to providers to support clients complete IRS steps for non-filers	complete
II	Low barrier shelters & unsheltered individuals	2 step process (for clients who need additional support and cannot complete the IRS steps for non-filers by themselves) developed in partnership with Catholic Charities –Financial Stability Network: 1. Gather and verify client Info (by trained volunteers or staff) 2. File necessary IRS forms on behalf of the clients (by tax experts) Implementation of the 2 step process looks different by location. Event (volunteer days) will be used to facilitate gathering and verification of client info en masse, with the appropriate security measures in place, at largest low barrier shelters: 801 East Adams Place Patricia Handy NY Ave, CCNV Harriet Tubman Training of appropriate staff (shelter case management and outreach team staff) is more appropriate to support clients that are not located at the 6 sites listed above, including: Nativity PEP-V sites Unsheltered Individuals	underway

What is the current status of Phase II activities? ICH, DHS and TCP are finalizing the budgets for hosting events across 6 sites, next steps are to set dates for the 6 events (weekends are the focus, most likely late September and early October); purchase event supplies, including PPE for volunteers; train volunteers, shelter and outreach team staff; finalize FAQs and distribute marketing materials; and finally, host shelter events!

What do we need from ERSO/ICH members? Volunteers who are willing to support events. Notes on expectations: training (virtual IRS Vita Certification training), attendance of events in person, hours will depend on event logistics).

If interested, please email ich.dmhhs@dc.gov with your contact info. We will circulate schedule of events (date/time/location) for volunteers to sign up.