



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS STATE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM

The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting proposals for FY2015 and FY2016 State Emergency Solutions Grant administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development ('State Department').

Background

The federal Emergency Solutions Grant Program ("ESG"), authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents, (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

The State Department's newly redesigned State ESG Program aims to align with local systems' federal ESG and HEARTH goals, invest in impactful activities based on key performance goals and outcomes, improve geographic distribution of funded activities and continuity of funded activities, and create a streamlined delivery mechanism. The program emphasizes the involvement of local Continuums of Care and ESG entitlement entities in the funding distribution process. The State Department has approved the County of San Luis Obispo to act as the Administrative Entity for the State ESG program funds in collaboration with the County of San Luis Obispo Continuum of Care. The combined FY 2015 and FY 2016 State ESG Allocation for the San Luis Obispo CoC is \$224,092; less 2% administration to the Administrative Entity (2.7% maximum for Administrative Entity administration costs), the available program funding for projects is **\$219,612**.

Regulations

The State ESG program regulations may be obtained at: <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>
Under: [Division 1. Housing and Community Development](#), [Chapter 7. Department of Housing and Community Development Programs](#), [Subchapter 20. Federal Emergency Shelter Grants Program](#)

ESG funds may be used for five program components: street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and HMIS. The County's use of the State allocation must ensure access to ESG funds by households living in non-entitlement areas (i.e. City of Grover Beach residents), and allocate a *minimum* of 40% of the funds for Rapid Re-housing activities.

ESG match is provided by the applicant on a dollar for dollar basis. Specific sources of match or leverage are identified at the time of application and must comply with 24 CFR 576.201. The primary sources of match identified for this funding round for ESG include local match funding (such as cities and counties), private match funding including cash fundraising, federal match funding, and donated goods, volunteers, building value or lease.

State ESG Project Priorities

The County is conducting a fair an open competitive process pursuant to State Regulation Section 8403. The County will evaluate provider capacity and experience on the following criteria:

1. The ability of the provider to deliver services in Non-entitlement Areas (i.e. City of Grover Beach)
2. Comprehensive and coordinated access throughout the Service Area
3. Prioritized access for services for people with the most severe needs
4. Low barrier access to services and consistency with Housing First practices
5. Use of progressive engagement approach to services and financial assistance.

Any group or organization wishing to apply for grant funding must submit an application for a project meeting the criteria established by the Department of Housing and Community Development State ESG program. The applications will be available by no later than Monday, April 11, 2016. Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the application by contacting the grant administrator, Ivana Yeung, through the contact information provided below.

A public meeting for interested agencies and persons will be held on **Monday, April 18, 2016 at 2:00 pm** in the **New Government Center-Room D160** located at **1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408**. Criteria used to evaluate and prioritize proposals will follow the applicable criteria as stated in the State Department’s Action Plan and State Regulation Section 8403.

The State Department of Housing and Community Development will accept up to two award packages from the Administrative Entity. When the award projects are approved by the Department, the County will enter into a contract with the subrecipients for implementation of the project.

Questions or Need Additional Information?	Submit Application to:
Ivana Yeung, Planner II (805) 781-4099 iyeung@co.slo.ca.us	Ivana Yeung, Planner II Department of Planning and Building 976 Osos Street, Room 300 San Luis Obispo, California 93408 or email: iyeung@co.slo.ca.us
Deadline: Friday, May 6th, at 5:00 pm (no postmarks accepted)	