



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS STATE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM

The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting proposals for FY2019 State Emergency Solutions Grant administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

A **public meeting** for interested agencies and persons will be held on **Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 11:00 am** in the **County Department of Social Services Room 356** located at **3433 S. Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403**. Criteria used to evaluate and prioritize proposals will follow the applicable criteria as stated in HCD's Action Plan and State Regulation Section 8403.

When the recommended projects are approved by the Department, the County will enter into a contract with the subrecipients for implementation of the project.

Background

The County of San Luis Obispo is eligible to apply to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, referred to hereafter as Pass-Through ESG, as it is a designated eligible CoC service area.

The ESG program, 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 funds to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families experiencing homelessness; (2) improve the quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families by helping to operate these shelters and provide essential services to shelter residents; (3) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and (4) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

HCD has approved the County of San Luis Obispo to act as the Administrative Entity for the Pass-Through ESG program funds in collaboration with the County of San Luis Obispo Continuum of Care.

All funded activities must be available to non-entitlement areas of the County using the Coordinated Entry System and other means. Funded activities may also serve households located in ESG entitlement areas.

Regulations

Funding under HCD's 2019 NOFA is made available pursuant to Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq. The NOFA should be read in conjunction with the following regulations that establish state and federal ESG requirements. Relevant legal authority includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 24 CFR Part 576, (federal ESG regulations).
- California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Subchapter 20, Sections 8400-8417 (state ESG regulations).
- 24 CFR Part 91 relating to Annual Plan requirements.
- 24 CFR Part 58, relating to environmental reviews.
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements for Universal Identifier and Central Contractor Registration, 2 CFR Part 25, Appendix A to Part 25; Award Term, and Homeless Definition Final Rule: The Interim Rule, cited above, published in the Federal Register on December 5, 2011, provides the homeless definition that applies to the ESG program.

Grantees and their recommended subgrantees must follow all OMB Cost Principles and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). OMB and budget requirements are listed in 2 CFR Part 200.

Eligible Activities (25 CCR 8403 (h) 8408 (b))

For the 2019 HCD NOFA, all activities permitted under the federal ESG regulations shall be eligible except for renovation, conversion, or major rehabilitation activities under 24 CFR Part 576.102.

Limitations

1. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (24 CFR 576.107; [25 CCR Section 8408](#))

A maximum of 10 percent of ESG funds may be used for actual costs for HMIS activities.

2. Rapid Rehousing: Minimum and maximum percentage of an allocation ([25 CCR Section 8403 \(i\)](#))

Administrative Entities (AE) must award a minimum of 40 percent of their available ESG funds to RR. Up to two projects may be recommended for RR by the CoC ([25 CCR 8403 \(a\) \(1\)](#)).

3. Rental assistance payments provided as part of RR or HP activity typically may not exceed HUD's Fair Market Rent (FMR) and must comply with rent reasonableness standards established by HUD under 24 CFR Part 982.507.

Match Requirements (24 CFR 576.201; [25 CCR Section 8410](#))

- a) Funded applicants must make matching contributions in an amount that equals the amount of federal ESG funds awarded. HCD will request documentation as part of program monitoring in order to determine the sources and amounts used to meet the federal ESG matching requirement.

- b) 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.

Submission

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. Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the application by contacting the grant administrator, Allison Rustick, through the contact information provided below.

Submission Requirements - Must be received by 5:00 pm Monday, May 6, 2019

- 1. Soft Copy – email to arustick@co.slo.ca.us
Subject line: CA State ESG – (Nonprofit Name)

OR
- 2. Hard Copies (6 copies stapled and three-hole punched)– Mail (must be received by 5 p.m. on May 6) or Drop-off
Department of Social Services, Attn: Allison Rustick – State ESG
3433 S. Higuera, 3rd Floor Reception Desk
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

Questions or Need More Information?
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