



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

CA-521 Davis/Woodland/Yolo County Continuum of Care

Notice of Funding: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 2019

Adopted March 15, 2019

Overview

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) expects to release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program in March of 2019. HCD receives funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund this program. The ESG Program is designed to provide funding for nonprofit providers and local governments to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness. Please note that this notice of funding is only for federal ESG funds.

At this time, HCD has indicated that they expect to release the NOFA on March 29, with an application submission due date in late May. They have indicated that there will very few changes from the NOFA that was released in 2018, and local communities should begin their provider selection process based on the 2018 NOFA.

As with previous NOFAs, HCD will distribute ESG funding based on Continuum of Care (CoC) Service Areas through two different allocations: (1) Some services areas are approved ESG Administrative Entities that will receive and administer State ESG funds directly, and (2) some service areas will receive funds through the Balance of State (BoS) allocation (described in more detail below). They have yet to notify jurisdictions of the 2019 Non-Competitive funding allocation amounts.

→ **There are no administrative entities within the HPAC service area, meaning that HPAC will receive funds through the BoS allocation.**

Balance of State (BoS) Allocation

Funds from the BoS allocation will be made available to each service area in two ways:

1. **Non-Competitive Rapid Re-Housing Funds:** Each service area will be able to recommend up to two providers for a noncompetitive rapid re-housing grant.
2. **Competitive Regional Competition:** Each service area will be able to recommend up to two projects to compete in a regional competition.

Role of HPAC

In the ESG Program, the local Continuum of Care plays an integral role in recommending provider applications in their service area to compete for funds in the regional competition. Applications shall only be considered by HCD if recommended by the CoC. Each service area must conduct a local competition to select applications. The process must:

- Be fair and open
- Avoid conflicts of interest in project selection
- Consider selection criteria consistent with the criteria used by the State
- Select only eligible activities that are offered consistent with Core Practices, including:
 - Use of coordinated entry

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- Use of Housing First practices
- Progressive engagement
- Incorporate performance standards set by the State
- Consider any other practices promoted or required by HUS

→ HPAC will be responsible for designing a local competition that meets the requirements above when determining funding recommendations for the non-competitive rapid re-housing funds and the competitive regional competition.

Differences between Funding Options

	Non-Competitive Rapid Re-Housing Funds	Competitive Regional Competition
Eligibility Requirements	Private non-profit organization or a unit of general purpose government within the HPAC service area	
Eligible Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Rapid Re-Housing → Homeless Prevention (HP), may not be a stand-alone project, but may be provided in conjunction with RRH or ES project- limited to 10% of total grant → Indirect Costs of Provider Agencies, at a rate of 10% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) → Emergency Shelter (ES) → Day Shelters (DS) → Street Outreach (SO), may be stand-alone project, or in conjunction with RRH or ES project- limited to 10% of total grant → HMIS, may not be a stand-alone project, but may be provided in conjunction with RRH, ES, SO and HP projects- limited to 10% of total grant → Homeless Prevention (HP), may not be a stand-alone project, but may be provided in conjunction with RRH or ES project- limited to 10% of total grant → Indirect Costs of Provider Agencies, at a rate of 10%
Term of Grant	TBD	

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Grant Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately \$139,167 (based on 2018 allocation) for the Yolo Service area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May submit two applications Minimum of \$75,000 and maximum of \$200,000 per application
Vendors	Agencies may choose to sub-contract with a vendor to procure services related to carrying out the funded program.	
Submittal Requirements	CoC must notify HCD of which providers are selection by an estimated date of May 15, 2019. Providers are not required to submit a completed application to HCD. Instead, the CoC may determine its own application and selection process	One hardcopy application with wet signatures and one compact disc or USB flash drive copy (with signatures) must be received by express mail carrier via overnight delivery by the tentative application deadline of Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 5pm. Please note that additional guidance may be provided by the State when the NOFA is released.
HCD Rating Criteria	None- Determined entirely through local competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant Experience- 20 Program Design- 20 Need for Funds- 10 Impact and Effectiveness- 30 Cost Efficiency- 10
Match	Applicants must provide matching contributions in amount that equals the amount of ESG funds.	

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Tentative Local ESG Competition Timeline

(Timeline assumes deadline of late May, but may be moved up depending on NOFA)

1	February 28, 2019	HPAC Technical Meeting to Discuss Grant Timeline and Selection Process
2	March 15, 2019	Local Competition Timeline and Selection Process adopted by HPAC by email vote
3	March 29, 2019	HCD releases Notice of Local Funding Availability to public
4	April 1, 2019	Mandatory Notice of Intent to Apply due from applicants for: → Non-Competitive Rapid Re-Housing (NC-RR); and → Competitive Regional Funds (CR).
5	April 5, 2019	Homeless Services Team to review all Notices of Intent, and determine if a local competition is necessary (meaning that more than 2 notices of intent were received) in either funding pool (NC-RR and/or CR).

Note: If a local competition will occur in either category, proceed with Steps 6 through 9. If not, proceed to Step 10.

6	April 18 , 2019	Letter of Application for Non-Competitive Rapid Re-Housing (NC-RR) due from applicants; and Application for Competitive Regional Funds (CR) Due for Applicants
7	April 19-25, 2019	Members of the Selection Subcommittee review and rank all applications (for CR and/or NC-RR funding pools) independently
8	April 26, 2019	Selection Subcommittee meets to develop funding recommendation
9	May 1, 2019	Selection Subcommittee presents funding recommendations to HPAC at meeting of the full body <i>(if no local competition is needed, this meeting will be cancelled and vote will occur by email)</i>
10	May 1, 2019	HPAC votes to determine projects that will be submitted to the State for funding <i>(if no local competition is needed, this meeting will be cancelled and vote will occur by email)</i>
11	May 15, 2019	Applicants (who were selected by HPAC) submit finalized applications to State
12	May 15, 2019	Homeless Services Team submits required supplemental documents to State

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