



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

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

2020 Notice of Funding Availability:

Federal Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) Balance of State Allocation

Overview

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Balance of State Allocation on February 28, 2020. 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 to the eligible Continuum of Care (CoC) Service Areas for the following objectives:

- Engaging individuals and families experiencing homelessness;
- Improving the quality of Emergency Shelters (ES) for individuals and families experiencing homelessness by helping to operate these shelters, and by providing essential services to shelter residents;
- Rapidly re-housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and
- Preventing families/individuals from becoming homeless.

Applicants must be either private non-profit organizations or units of general-purpose local governments. Agencies may choose to sub-contract with a vendor to procure services related to carrying out the funded program. The deadline to submit applications to HCD is May 28, 2020 and awards will be announced in September 2020.

Balance of State (BoS) Allocation

The BoS total allocation is \$277,307. Funding in the BoS allocation is made available based on recommendations from a CoC in two ways:

1. Through **regional competitions** within three geographic regions (Northern Region, Bay Area Region, Central and Imperial Valley Region); and
2. Through a **noncompetitive process for Rapid Re-Housing** (RR) activities.

	Non-Competitive Rapid Re- Housing Funds	Competitive Regional Competition
Grant Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$110,923 or \$138,654 depending on if CoC recommends 40% or 50% of the total allocation • May be distributed to 1 or 2 agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May submit two applications • Minimum of \$75,000 and maximum of \$200,000 per application

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Submittal Requirements	CoC must notify HCD of which providers are selection by the date of May 28, 2020. 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 application deadline of May 28, 2020 at 5pm.
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.	

Role of HPAC

In the ESG Program, the local CoCs play an integral role in recommending homeless provider applicants who compete for funds through their local procurement process. Applications from homeless providers shall only be considered if they are recommended by the CoC where the proposed activity is located. CoCs are required to submit the CoC recommendation package, which can be found on the ESG website with the ESG application.

For single-county CoCs, a maximum of two applications may be recommended by each CoC for the regional competition and a maximum of two applications may be recommended by each CoC for its noncompetitive funds.

In making these recommendations, the CoC must follow a fair and open process. In addition, CoCs must submit a letter of recommendation that certifies the provider selection process was compliant with the requirements. Among other things, CoCs are responsible for ensuring that the provider will:

- Provide eligible sources of matching funds;
- Operate consistently with system-wide written standards, adopted by the CoC for the proposed eligible activity;
- Enter data into the applicable community-wide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) operated by the CoC; and
- Use the CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) in a manner that prioritizes access to people with the most severe needs and otherwise promotes consistency with the Core Practices.

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Noncompetitive Rapid Rehousing

CoCs are responsible for recommending homeless service providers for noncompetitive RR funds for a minimum of 40 percent up to a maximum of 50 percent of ESG funds in their BoS formula allocation. In making this recommendation, CoCs shall use a process that meets the following requirements:

1. Is a fair and open competition that avoids conflicts of interest in project selection, implementation, and the administration of funds;
2. Considers selection criteria reasonably consistent with the criteria identified in the BoS regional competition;
3. Complies with the core practice requirements;
4. Incorporates the performance standards set forth in HCD's Annual Action Plan;
5. Complies with federal and applicable state ESG regulations;
6. Considers any other practices promoted or required by HUD; and
7. Ensures the funded homeless service provider(s) maintain documentation of satisfactory match.

The following table summarizes eligible ESG activities under the noncompetitive RR set-aside.

ACTIVITY	ALLOWABLE ESG AMOUNTS AND PERCENTAGES PER APPLICATION UNDER NONCOMPETITIVE RR SET-ASIDE (unless otherwise noted)
For single-county CoCs, up to two applications may be submitted. For multi-county CoCs, up to three applications may be submitted.	
Rapid Re-Housing	<u>Noncompetitive set-aside</u> : Per allocation, CoC must elect a minimum of 40 percent and a maximum of 50 percent of their BoS formula allocation.
Street Outreach	Up to a maximum of 10 percent of a total application request when requested in combination with RR. The SO activity may be subcontracted to another eligible provider or may be provided directly by the applicant.
Homelessness Prevention	Up to a maximum of 10 percent of a total application request when requested in combination with RR. The HP activity may be subcontracted to another eligible provider or may be provided directly by the applicant.
HMIS	Up to a maximum of 10 percent per application. The HMIS activity may be subcontracted to another eligible provider or may be provided directly by the applicant.
Grant Administration	Local government service providers may request up to \$200 per application for Grant Administration.

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Regional Competition

The following table summarizes the eligible ESG activities under the regional competition.

ACTIVITY	ALLOWABLE ESG AMOUNTS AND PERCENTAGES PER APPLICATION UNDER THE REGIONAL COMPETITION (unless otherwise noted)
For single-county CoCs, up to two applications may be submitted. For multi-county CoCs, up to three applications may be submitted.	
Rapid Re-Housing	<u>Regional competition</u> : \$75,000 minimum, \$200,000 maximum per application.
Emergency Shelter	\$75,000 minimum, \$200,000 maximum per application.
Street Outreach	\$75,000 minimum, \$200,000 maximum per application as a stand-alone activity, or up to a maximum of 10 percent of a total application (not to exceed \$20,000) when requested in addition to RR or ES. The SO activity may be subcontracted to another eligible provider or may be provided directly by the applicant.
Homelessness Prevention	Up to a maximum of 10 percent of a total application request (not to exceed \$20,000) when requested in combination with RR or ES. The HP activity may be subcontracted to another eligible provider or may be provided directly by the applicant. No stand-alone HP applications are permitted.
HMIS	Up to a maximum of 10 percent per application (not to exceed \$20,000). The HMIS activity may be subcontracted to another eligible provider or may be provided directly by the applicant.
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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, 2020	HCD released Notice of Funding for ESG
2	March 23, 2020	Local Competition Timeline and Selection Process adopted by HPAC by email vote
3	March 23, 2020	Homeless Services Team distributes Funding Summary and Local Competition Timelines and Selection Process to HPAC
3	March 30, 2020	Mandatory Notice of Intent to Apply due from applicants for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Non-Competitive Rapid Re-Housing (NC-RR); and → Competitive Regional Funds (CR).
4	April 1, 2020	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 5 through 9. If not, proceed to Step 10.

5	April 13, 2020	Letter of Application for Non-Competitive Rapid Re-Housing (NC-RR) due from applicants; and Application for Competitive Regional Funds (CR) Due for Applicants
6	April 15-17, 2020	Members of the Selection Subcommittee review and rank all applications (for CR and/or NC-RR funding pools) independently
7	April 20, 2020	Selection Subcommittee meets to develop funding recommendation
8	April 22, 2020	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>
9	April 22, 2020	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>
10	May 28, 2020	Applicants (who were selected by HPAC) submit finalized applications to State
11	May 28, 2020	Homeless Services Team submits required supplemental documents to State

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