Emergency Solutions Grant

Technical Assistance Meeting

March 22, 2021

Purpose of the ESG Grants

- The federal Emergency Solutions Grant program (ESG) provides funds for a variety of activities to address homelessness as authorized under the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 and State program requirements.
- Palm Beach County Homeless and Housing Alliance has prioritized and authorized applications for the following applications in Palm Beach County;
 - a) Emergency Shelter with priority for family shelters (\$258,391)
 - b) Rapid Re-Housing for families or individuals (\$172,260)

Definitions of Emergency Shelter for ESG funding

Emergency Shelter

- Renovation, including major rehabilitation or conversion, of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. The emergency shelter must be owned by a government entity or private nonprofit organization. The shelter must serve homeless persons for at least 3 or 10 years, depending on the type of renovation and the value of the building. Note: Property acquisition and new construction are ineligible ESG activities.
- Essential Services, including case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and services for special populations.
- Shelter Operations, including maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter. Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a homeless family or individual, eligible costs may also include a hotel or motel voucher for that family or individual.
- See 24 CFR 576.102.

Definition of Rapid Re-Housing for ESG

- Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or mediumterm rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
- Eligible costs include:
- Rental Assistance: rental assistance and rental arrears
- Financial Assistance: rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, moving costs
- Services: housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, credit repair
- See 24 CFR 576.104

Application Deadline for ESG 2021-22

- Applications are due by 12:00 pm Monday April 12th.
- Applications are only excepted via the website listed in the NOFO
- Questions regarding the application will be excepted until 12:00 pm noon on April 9, 2021.
- Cone of Silence in effect until approximately August 17, 2021 (BCC meeting to approve recommendations)
- Contracts will begin 10/01/2021 and End 09/30/2022

Grant Requirement Highlights

- Must be a member, within one month of funding, of the Homeless and Housing Alliance (HHA), the local Continuum of Care for PBC.
- Must adhere to the Standards of Care for component applied for as adopted by the HHA.
- Must remain a HHA member is Good Standing (60% of general Hh meetings and 70% of at least one subcommittee meeting).
- Must participate in the Homeless Management information system (HMIS). All ESG recipient information must be entered into and exited out of the HMIS system. Exceptions are in place for the agencies specializing in Domestic Violence.
- Participate in the Annual Point in Time Count as an agency.
- Complete the Homeless Inventory Chart for HUD as required

ESG 2021-2022 Match Requirements

- ESG grants require a dollar for dollar match. Please reference the ESG Interim Rule, Section 24 CFR 576.201, as referenced in the grant application, for further match requirements.
- Matching funds must be clearly identified with your budget documentation.
- Successful applicants must comply with the Unified Grant Guidance, 200 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost principles and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards.

Program Requirements of ESG -Highlights

- ESG participant income can be no more than 30% AMI for Palm Beach County.
- Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, FL (30% AMI)

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- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) does not use the Waivers that were issued for the ESG-CARES or CV dollars.
- Agency must have policies and procedures for ESG funding and programming
- RRH and Emergency Shelter must use the Coordinated Entry System as established by the HHA.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Please read the HUD program guideance and tools for ESG before writing the application (<u>https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/</u>)
- Housing Quality Inspections must be done for Rapid Re-Housing Units
- Shelters, if not owned by the County, must obtain a zoning compliance letter from the municipality to which the shelter is in.
- Please read the HUD program guidance on type of rental assistance for RRH, Tenant Based or Project Based. Please indicate in your application which type of RRH assistance will be given.
- HUD recently posted an Indirect Cost manual for CoC and ESG funding. Please look at manual prior to submitting indirect costs. <u>https://www.hudexchange.info/news/new-indirect-cost-toolkit-for-coc-and-esg-programs/</u>

SAMIS System, Budgets and Billing

Gillian Moxey will present ESG Grant Application requirements

 Thomas Eaton will present of the Submission of Budget and the process for Billing for the ESG program.

Questions and Answers for ESG

Thank You for Attending

Please remember all questions after this presentation is concluded, must be in written form and sent through the Q&A link as stated in the application.



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