



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS STATE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM

The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting proposals for FY2018 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 **Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 11:00 am** in the **Planning and Building Department Conference Room 200** located at **976 Osos Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405**. 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.

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 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.

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](#)

Eligible Activities [\(25 CCR Sections 8403 \(h\) 8408 \(b\)\)](#)

1. For the 2018 NOFA, all activities permitted under the federal ESG regulations shall be eligible except for stand-alone Homelessness Prevention (HP) activities. Any Emergency Shelter (ES) or Rapid Rehousing (RR) activity can use up to a total of 10 percent of their grant funds for Street Outreach (SO) or HP activities in conjunction with their core activity. Stand-alone SO and coordinated entry systems activities are permitted.
2. [Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\) \(24 CFR 576.107; 25 CCR Section 8408\)](#)
 - a) A maximum of 10 percent of ESG funds may be used for actual costs for HMIS activities.
3. [Coordinated Entry Activities \(CA ESG Guidelines Section 108\)](#)
 - a) A maximum of 20 percent of CA ESG funds may be used for costs necessary to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system (Coordinated Entry). Coordinated Entry costs that involve capital development activities, such as real property acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation activities, **will not** be eligible costs under CA ESG.
4. [Minimum and maximum percentage of an allocation for Rapid Rehousing \(25 CCR Section 8403 \(i\)\)](#)
 - a) Administrative Entities (AE) must award no less than 40 percent of their available ESG funds to RR. AEs partnering with a neighboring CoC for a Balance of State Allocation must award 100 percent of both Service Area formula allocations to RR ([25 CCR 8403 \(a\) \(1\)](#)).
5. [Match Requirements \(24 CFR 576.201; 25 CCR Section 8410; CA ESG Guidelines Section 110\)](#)
 - 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. There is **no** matching contribution requirement for activities funded with CA ESG funds. CA ESG funds may be used for the one-to-one match of the federal ESG funds as long as they are for the same approved activity.

- 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, Ivana Yeung, through the contact information provided below.

Submission Requirements – Must be received by 5:00 pm Friday, April 20, 2018

1. Soft Copy – email to iyeung@co.slo.ca.us
Subject line: State ESG – (Nonprofit Name)
2. Hard Copies (6 copies stapled and three-hole punched)– Mail or Drop-off
Planning and Building Department attn: Ivana Yeung – State ESG
976 Osos Street, Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Questions or Need More Information?
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