

# Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus

ESG-CV

# Background

- On March 27, 2020 Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) which allocated additional funding to the ESG program to be utilized to prevent, prepare and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families who are homeless, receiving homeless assistance or at risk of being homeless

# Funding

- The California Department of Housing and Community Development has received funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Approximately \$42,000,000 in additional federal funds will be available to the Emergency Solutions Grants Program
  - Imperial County's estimated allocation is \$1,028,100 of which \$54,100 is available for administrative costs
  - \$974,000 is available for funding requests

# Objective

- The ESG-CV funding objectives are as follows:
  - Prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance
  - Support additional homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus

# Eligible Activities

- As the ESG-CV funds are used to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities, the funds will be earmarked for the following eligible activities:
  - Emergency Shelter
  - Homeless Prevention
  - Street Outreach
  - Rapid Rehousing
  - HMIS

# Immediate Priorities

- Rapid Rehousing is the first priority investment as it has the greatest capacity of all ESG activities to end homelessness
  - Need to employ Rapid Rehousing efforts for all that are in overflow/congregate/non-congregate shelter and those that are unsheltered
  - There should be high intensity service models for those who will need significant support
- An immediate priority for Emergency Shelter funding investments is non-congregate shelter
  - Options can include hotels/motels, converted spaces where people can isolate or quarantine in individual rooms

# Housing First Approach

- Permanent supportive housing models that use a Housing First approach have been proven to be highly effective for ending homelessness, particularly for people experiencing chronic homelessness who have higher service needs<sup>1</sup>
- Agencies applying for this funding are required to use a Housing First Approach
  - No ESG-CV funds provided under the CARES act may be used to require people experiencing homelessness to received treatment or perform other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter

<sup>1</sup> <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Housing-First-Permanent-Supportive-Housing-Brief.pdf>

# Examples of coronavirus preparation or response expenses may include

- Emergency Shelter- cleaning supplies, temporary furnishings, washers, dryers, portable handwashing stations
- Street outreach- sanitizer, soap, masks, disposable gloves
- Homeless Prevention- Housing Relocation and Stabilization, Short and Medium term rental assistance
- Rapid Rehousing- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services, Short and Medium Term Rental Assistance
- HMIS- hardware equipment, software cost, training



# Previously funded activities

| Program | Activity   | Amount funded |
|---------|--|---------------|
| HEAP    | Rapid Rehousing  | \$398,620     |
| HEAP    | Emergency Shelter (Emergency Housing)  | \$44,850      |
| HEAP    | Other Services (Vouchers motel/food, case management, placement referrals, counseling, transportation) | \$350,000     |
| HEAP    | Basic Needs  | \$84,015      |
| HEAP    | Homeless Prevention  | \$365,985     |
| HEAP    | Youth Services Program   | \$242,971     |
| HEAP    | Navigation Center (Center)   | \$130,000     |
| HEAP    | Capital Improvement  | \$3,000,000   |

# Previously funded activities

| Program | Activity                        | Amount funded |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| CESH    | Rapid Rehousing                 | \$150,000     |
| CESH    | Emergency Housing Interventions | \$408,205     |
| CESH    | Systems Support                 | \$119,144     |
| CESH    | Street Outreach                 | \$100,000     |
| CESH    | Housing Placement and Retention | \$10,000      |

# Special Features

- There is no minimum or maximums on eligible activities except the Administrative allocation
- There is no matching funds requirement
- ESG-CV funding amounts under CARES act may be used to provide temporary emergency shelters (through leasing of existing property, temporary structures, or other means) to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus, and that such temporary emergency shelters shall not be subject to the minimum periods of use.

# Special Features

- ESG-CV funding amounts provided under the CARES act may be used for training on infectious disease prevention and mitigation and to provide hazard pay (including for time worked prior to the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for staff working directly to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and that such activities shall not be considered administrative costs for purposes of the administrative cap.
- No ESG-CV funds provided under the CARES act may be used to require persons experiencing homelessness to receive treatment or perform other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter

# Coronavirus Impact Date Discussion

- ESG-CV funding may be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including for costs incurred prior to the date of enactment of the CARES act
- A decision regarding a coronavirus impact date is required in determine what date will be the allowable start of funding to reimburse or cover costs related to preventing, preparing for and responding to coronavirus
  - First coronavirus confirmed case date 03/11/2020
  - First Homeless coronavirus confirmed case 04/27/2020

# Application

- The application for ESG-CV funds is due to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) by July 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The Department has an online portal named [eCivis](#) where the Administrative Entity will directly enter the application and upload supporting documentation
- The agencies that will be awarded the funds may be selected after the application is submitted to HCD.
  - The Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to be posted in early July with a deadline for submittal at the end of July
  - Scoring and Ranking will be completed in August

# Tentative Timeline

| Date          | Action   |
|---------------|--|
| June 1, 2020  | ESG- CV NOFA released by HCD   |
| July 10, 2020 | Post ESG-CV Request for Proposal (RFP) on IVCCC website: <a href="http://www.cociv.org">http://www.cociv.org</a> .   |
| July 17, 2020 | ESG-CV Application Workshop is mandatory for anyone with intent to apply for funding via Zoom  |
| July 20, 2020 | Application from Administrative Entity DUE to State HCD by 5 :00 PM  |
| July 21, 2020 | Agency intent to apply due to Imperial County Department of Social Services by email   |
| July 30, 2020 | Submit ESG-CV application to IVCCC administrative entity, 1 hard copy to IVCCC at Imperial County Office of Procurement, 1125 W. Main Street, El Centro, Ca 92243. |
| Aug 3-6, 2020 | Scoring and Ranking Committee reviews and ranks projects   |
| Aug 7, 2020   | Special Meeting with IVCCC Executive Board regarding scoring and recommendations   |
| Aug 11, 2020  | Administrative Entity presents IVCCC recommendations to the Board of Supervisors   |
| Aug 12, 2020  | IVCCC Executive Board posts ranking on COCIV.org website   |

# Questions

