

# **Federal Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Coronavirus**

## **Notice of Funding Availability**



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- Direct costs are those costs that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective (such as the ESG-CV award) and can be directly assigned to an activity relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy.
- Indirect costs are those that have been incurred for common or joint objectives and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective or activity. Grantees that allow their subgrantees to seek reimbursement for indirect costs must comply with all OMB requirements, including 2 CFR Part 200.403(b) and Part 200, Appendix 4. Grantee records must include evidence of the modified total direct cost calculations, indirect cost limits, and supporting documentation for actual direct cost billing.

All eligible costs incurred after the date of the ESG-CV award letter issued by the Department are reimbursable after full execution of the state Standard Agreement. Per the CARES Act, contractors may request reimbursement for allowable costs incurred to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus including costs that are incurred, including costs incurred prior to the award letter and prior to the date of the enactment of the CARES Act. In addition, no funds shall be expended until any required environmental review process has been completed, if required under 24 CFR Part 50.

### C. Minimum and maximum grant limits

The grantee will be responsible for setting any minimum and maximum grant amounts to subgrantees since it will be evaluating provider applications and managing these contracts. The Department will monitor grantees to ensure that they effectively manage the number of awards they make.

### D. Eligible activities

For the ESG-CV NOFA, all activities permitted under the federal ESG regulations shall be eligible under 24 CFR Part 576.100. Please note the following CARES Act provisions that are especially pertinent to the ESG-CV funding:

- The maximum allocation spending cap on Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach activities of 60 percent of the aggregate amount of assistance provided for the grantee established pursuant to section 415(b)(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C 11374) **shall not apply** to amounts provided under the CARES Act.
- ESG-CV funding amounts provided under the 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 as required by section 416(c)(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11357(c)(1)). Federal habitability and environmental review standards and requirements shall not

apply to the use of such ESG-CV funding amounts for those temporary emergency shelters that have been determined necessary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

- 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.
- Grantee will receive approximately five percent of its ESG grant for the payment of administrative costs.
- Under 24 CFR Part 576.106(d), rental assistance payments provided as part of an RR or HP activity typically cannot exceed HUD's Fair Market Rent (FMR) as provided under 24 CFR Part 888, except as provided any HUD waivers issued, and must comply with HUD's standard for rent reasonableness per 24 CFR Part 982.507. After expiration of any HUD waivers to FMR, requests for exceptions to FMR can be made to HUD through the Department and must be approved in writing by HUD. Contact your Department representative in the Federal Programs Branch for further assistance.
- None of the ESG-CV funds provided under the CARES Act may be used to require people experiencing homelessness to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter.

#### **E. Match requirements**

No match requirements apply to the ESG-CV funding allocation.

#### **F. Nonentitlement areas**

The grantee must ensure that all funded activities are available to nonentitlement areas of the COC Service Area using the Coordinated Entry System and other means. The grantee shall facilitate outreach to populations in the nonentitlement areas and shall evaluate participation from these areas at least annually. Funded activities may also serve households located in ESG entitlement areas.

### **VI. ESG-CV application submission requirements**

#### **A. Application process**

Submit applications through the eCivis Grants Management System portal. Applications that do not meet the filing deadline will not be eligible for funding. The online ESG-CV application link will be available at the [ESG webpage](#) at