

Procurement Opportunities



Oregon Housing and Community Services

Re: Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus Relief (ESG-CV) - Request for Applications

The State of Oregon, acting by and through its Housing and Community Services Department, ("Agency"), is issuing a Request for Applications ("RFA") to solicit Applications from qualified entities to receive Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Coronavirus Relief ("ESG-CV") program funds to address homelessness, as authorized under the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing ("HEARTH") Act of 2009 and consistent with state requirements.

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (the "[CARES Act](#)"). The CARES Act identified additional funding for the ESG-CV program to be utilized to **prevent, prepare for, and respond to** COVID-19 for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homelessness assistance, and to support additional homelessness assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impact created by COVID-19. The ESG-CV program funds are made in addition to annual 2019-2020 grants and 2020-2021 grants and are [subject to unique CARES Act guidelines provided in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \("HUD"\) guidance](#).

The ESG program provides grant funding to: **(1)** engage homeless individuals and families living on the street, **(2)** rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, **(3)** help operate and provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, **(4)** prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless, **(5)** support data collection, and **(6)** support administrative services. These ESG program activities and COVID-19 specific flexibilities-in conjunction with collaboration across service provides and funding sources -will form the foundation of all ESG-CV projects.

The ESG Interim Rule (24 CFR Part 576) aligns the ESG program with the Continuum of Care (CoC) program (24 CFR Part 578) to facilitate coordination and foster efficient use of resources to prevent and end homelessness. Applicants can either apply directly for ESG-CV funds or in collaboration with their CoC, but at a minimum, implementation of all ESG projects should be done in consultation with the CoC. Applicants will be required to elaborate on collaborative applications in the application narrative section. Collaborative applications can utilize subrecipient relationships between the CoC and partner agencies, or include strategies where each applicant is a subrecipient of Agency and collaboration occurs through agreements between all applicants. Collaborative applications must acknowledge a Lead Applicant at time of application submission.

A Pre-Application Conference Webinar will be held on **December 9, 2020 at 2:00PM (PST)**. Prospective Applicants' participation in this conference is highly encouraged but not mandatory. The purpose of the Pre-Application is to:

- Provide additional description of ESG-CV
- Explain the RFA process; and
- Provide space for Applicants to ask questions they have related to ESG-CV or the process.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vG1G0lqWSHuubBysUkYCaA

Recommended Action: In an effort to maximize the number of questions and answers during the Pre-Application Conference Call, Applicants are encouraged to submit questions in writing to OHCS.Contracts@oregon.gov at least three (3) days prior to the Pre-Application Conference Call. The Agency will make its best efforts to address the questions received during the call or through formal communication.

Request for Applications (RFA) #6041, Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus Relief (ESG-CV)

Issued Date: November 20, 2020

Due Date: December 27, 2020

Due Time (PST): 3:00PM

[View application materials here.](#)

For more information and RFA questions:

Please contact Procurement and Contract Services

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