CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) FUNDING

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG-CV)

TOWN HALL MEETING

July 13, 2020

via Skype
Round 1 ESG CARES Act Funding

- State received $2,199,893
- Awarded to 9 agencies across the state on June 12, 2020

Round 2 ESG CARES Act Funding

- State received $5,554,958
- Applications have not been released yet
- We want to hear from you – what are the needs in your community?
HUD’s Priorities of the ESG-CV Program

These special ESG-CV funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.
Important Sites:

- ESG Information on the SDHDA website: https://www.sdhda.org/social-programs/emergency-solutions-grants-program
- ESG on HUD Exchange: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/
- COVID 19 Resources page for Homeless Assistance Programs on HUD Exchange: https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/
What is ESG?

Funding to serve homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless.

- Renovation or rehabilitation of a building used for emergency shelter
- Shelter Operations
  - Operating expenses of the emergency shelter
  - Essential services provided to shelter clients
- Street Outreach
  - Services provided to individuals/families living on the street
- Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention
  - Case Management services
  - Rental and Security Deposits
  - Rental and Utility Arrears
  - Rental Assistance – up to 24 months
  - Other housing related expenses
ESG Information...

- Applicants can be units of local government or nonprofit organizations
- Our grant agreement with HUD is 24 months so we do an 18 month grant agreement with our sub-recipients. This allows time to recapture and reallocate the funds to meet our spending deadline
- Up to 5% Administrative costs are allowed for sub-recipients
- Include people with lived experience in the design and creation of your program
CARES ACT flexibilities...

- Funds are not subject to spending cap on emergency shelter and outreach.
- Funds are exempt from the ESG match requirements.
- Funds may be used to provide homelessness prevention assistance to any individual or family who does not have income higher than HUD’s Very Low Income Limit – 50% AMI and meets the criteria of the “at risk of homelessness” definition.
- While encouraged to offer treatment and supportive services when necessary to assist vulnerable homeless populations, individuals and families experiencing homelessness must not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing or other services for which these funds are used.
WAIVERS

Effective May 22, 2020 previously established waivers that were made available to ESG are made available with respect to the CARES Act funding for the same justifications and subject to the same conditions.

1. Re-evaluations for Homeless Prevention Assistance
2. Housing Stability Case Management
3. Restriction of Rental Assistance to Units with Rent at or Below FMR

Subrecipients may use the waivers to assist ESG program beneficiaries and ESG program eligible households while preventing the spread of COVID-19 and mitigating the economic impact caused by COVID-19 for eligible households. All provisions that are not specifically waived remain in full effect. SDHDA is requiring all subrecipients seeking to use the waivers to submit a request to Denise Albertson specifying which waivers they wish to utilize. Additionally, subrecipients must update their policies & procedures to include the specified waivers and include this with their request.
QUESTIONS?

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