

Welcome!

OHCS Emergency Solutions Grant COVID Information Session

- Thanks for your patience, we will begin in a few moments
- Please mute yourself
- 60-minute call
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Housekeeping

- HSS Team introductions
- Please write questions in the chat function. If we cannot answer any in real-time, we will create a list and follow-up.
- Please include your contact information for a direct follow-up.
- Please complete the end of session short survey.

Session goals

- Provide clarity around Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and OHCS's funding history
- Detail ESG CV allowable activities and Federal program requirements for sub-grantees
- Outline ESG CV OHCS priorities
- Provide a timeline and framework for the upcoming RFA process

How we got here

- The Emergency Solutions Grant (**ESG**) program is a Federal program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Program goals are to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness and to assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing.
- OHCS receives ESG entitlement funds from HUD every year. Other entities in Oregon also receive these funds.



How we got here continued...

- At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, special Emergency Solutions Grants program funds (ESG-CV) were allocated by HUD as authorized by the CARES Act.
- ESG-CV funds were released in two phases. Phase I (\$6.7 million) funds were directly allocated to Community Action Agencies (CAAs) per statute.
- For phase II (\$49.4 million), OHCS sought and received flexibility in [HB 4304](#) to allocate the majority of funds via competitive process to expand the homeless services system.



What is ESG

- ESG Program Allowable Activities
 1. Street Outreach
 2. Emergency Shelter
 3. Homeless Prevention
 4. Rapid Re-housing
 5. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Individuals and families must meet the HUD definition of Homeless to receive ESG funds.

What is ESG-CV

- Supplemental appropriation of ESG funds to **prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus**, among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance.
- HUD has allocated nearly \$4 billion in ESG-CV nationally.
- CARES Act states funds must be fully expended and accounted for by September 30, 2022
- ESG-CV program is required to follow regulations under the Emergency Solutions Grant program (24 CFR 576) as well as [additional guidance](#) issued by HUD under the ESG-CV program.

What is ESG-CV continued...

- Additional ESG-CV Flexibilities
 - Temporary emergency shelter
 - Training
 - Hazard pay
 - Handwashing stations and portable bathrooms
 - Landlord incentives
 - Volunteer incentives

ESG-CV in Oregon; Sub-recipient requirements

- All ESG-CV sub-recipients per HUD requirements must:
 - Collaborate with their regional CoC
 - Utilize HMIS to enter program data in accordance with CoC standards
 - Comply with all reporting requirements and deadlines
 - Be a registered non-profit or unit of local government
 - Adhere to ESG-CV expenditure deadlines
 - Meet all HUD program rules and requirements in [24 CFR §576](#)

ESG-CV in Oregon; RFA Process and Timeline

Tentative Dates	Proposed Activity
Early October	Submission of Substantial Amendment to HUD Portland Field Office
Late October	Finalize RFA and obtain Department of Justice (DOJ) approval
Early November	Post RFA on ORPIN and OHCS' website
Early/Mid-November	RFA pre-application webinar(s)
Late November	Application submission deadline
December - January	Application review/evaluation
January - February	Notice of ESG-CV2 awards

ESG-CV in Oregon; State Priorities

- Reimagine and strengthen Oregon's shelter system under a non-congregate framework.
- Meet the needs of Oregon's unsheltered and high needs populations first to overcome the disproportionate effects of COVID-19 on Communities of Color.
- Incorporate culturally specific organizations to expand the homeless services network and deepen community penetration to improve services to all Oregonians.
- Utilize Housing First approaches to connect households to permanent housing and provide supportive services to increase housing retention by coordinating with other state and federal programs to optimize funds across all sources.



ESG-CV in Oregon; OHCS Commitment

- OHCS recognizes that many of you may not have used ESG or HUD funding before
- OHCS will provide onboarding, technical assistance and support for new sub recipients
- OHCS also encourages partnerships between organizations that have experience with ESG and federal funding and those that don't, especially where such partnerships will help to reach underserved populations and advance equity and racial justice by identifying and addressing institutional and systemic barriers.



Q&A and Discussion

Thank you!

- Please complete the follow-up survey.
- https://orhousing.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3qo3i2xcHYGNKwB

Additional Slides Below



What is ESG-CV continued...

	Explanation	Examples
Prevent	Activities designed to prevent the initial or further spread of the virus to people experiencing homelessness, people at risk of homelessness, recipient or subrecipient staff, or other shelter or housing residents event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to staff and program participants • Paying for non-congregate shelter options such as hotels and motels • Paying for handwashing stations and portable toilets for use by people living in unsheltered situations • Providing rapid re-housing or homelessness prevention assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness (as applicable) to reduce their risk of contracting or further spreading the virus
Prepare	Activities carried out by a recipient or subrecipient prior to or during a coronavirus outbreak in their jurisdiction to plan to keep people healthy and reduce the risk of exposure to coronavirus and avoid or slow the spread of disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing Personal Protective Equipment to staff and program participants • Paying for non-congregate shelter options such as hotels and motels • Paying for handwashing stations and portable toilets for use by people living in unsheltered situations • Providing rapid re-housing or homelessness prevention assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness (as applicable) to reduce their risk of contracting or further spreading the virus
Respond	Activities carried out once coronavirus has spread to people experiencing homelessness, provider staff, or once individuals and families lose or are at risk of losing their housing as a result of the economic downturn caused by coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transporting individuals and families experiencing homelessness to medical appointments • Paying for shelter to isolate individuals who have contracted coronavirus from other program participants and people experiencing homelessness • Providing rental assistance to those at risk of losing their housing, who have become homeless, or continue to experience homelessness due to the economic downturn caused by coronavirus • Providing hazard pay to recipient or subrecipient staff who put their own health at risk to continue to provide necessary services to individuals and families experiencing and risk of homelessness



ESG-CV in Oregon

- Approximately \$42 million in competitive funds.
- Regional competitive allocations by formula for each CoC geographic region

Continuum of Care REGION	Competitive Allocation
OR-500 - Eugene/Springfield/Lane County CoC	\$6,758,209.00
OR-501 - Portland/Gresham/Multnomah County CoC	\$3,082,591.00
OR-502 - Medford, Ashland/Jackson County CoC	\$2,777,195.00
OR-503 - Central Oregon CoC	\$2,396,376.00
OR-504 - Salem/Marion, Polk Counties CoC	\$5,519,336.00
OR-505 - Oregon Balance of State CoC	\$15,623,148.00
OR-506 - Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County CoC	\$2,992,498.00
OR-507 - Clackamas County CoC	\$1,159,283.00



What is ESG—Street Outreach

- Street Outreach
 - Engagement
 - Case management
 - Transportation
 - Expanded staffing

What is ESG—Emergency Shelter

- Emergency Shelter
 - Essential services
 - Supplies
 - Furnishings
 - Equipment
 - Transportation
 - Shelter operations
 - Expanded Staffing

What is ESG—Rapid Re-Housing

- Rapid re-housing
 - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
 - Application fees, deposits, utility payments, last month's rent
 - Housing search and placement
 - Housing stability case management
 - Mediation
 - Legal services
 - Credit repair
 - Short-Term and Medium Term Rental Assistance
 - Short- and long-term rental assistance

What is ESG—Homeless Prevention

- Homeless Prevention
 - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
 - Application fees, deposits, utility payments, last month's rent
 - Moving costs
 - Housing search and placement
 - Housing stability case management
 - Mediation
 - Legal services
 - Credit repair
 - Short-Term and Medium Term Rental Assistance
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What is ESG—HMIS

- HMIS data entry
 - Purchasing software/licenses
 - Purchasing/leasing hardware or equipment
 - Technical support
 - Leasing office space
 - Utility services necessary to operate HMIS
 - Salaries for operating HMIS
 - Travel to attend approved HMIS training
 - Travel costs to conduct HMIS intake
 - Provide a brief narrative about the proposed services/activities.

ESG CV-Temporary Emergency Shelter

Alternative Requirements	Minimum period of use <u>does not</u> apply
Environmental Review	Requirements <u>do not</u> apply
Habitability Standards	Standards <u>do not</u> apply
Shelter Standards	Standards <u>do not</u> apply
Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements	Requirements DO still apply, including the Fair Housing Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act Note: Structures such as trailers or sheds must meet ADA requirements in order to be eligible

ESG CV-Training

- Funds may be used for training on infectious disease prevention and mitigation for staff working directly to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- This training is **not** considered an administrative cost and is, therefore, not subject to the administrative cap on funding.
- These training costs are eligible as a **standalone activity** and are **not** to be charged to an activity under 24 CFR 576.101 to 24 CFR 576.109.

ESG CV-Hazard Pay

- Funds may be used to pay hazard pay for recipient or subrecipient-staff working directly to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Examples of recipient or subrecipient staff working directly in support of coronavirus response include:
 - street outreach teams
 - emergency shelter intake, maintenance and security staff
 - staff providing essential services (e.g., outpatient health or mental health, housing navigators)
 - staff in proximity to persons with coronavirus or working in locations with a high likelihood of contracting coronavirus

ESG CV-Handwashing Stations & Portable Bathrooms

- Funds may be used to install and maintain handwashing stations and bathrooms in outdoor locations for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Allowing these costs will help prevent the spread of coronavirus by providing people living in unsheltered locations regular access to bathrooms and the ability to wash their hands.

ESG CV-Landlord Incentives

- Funds may be used to pay for landlord incentives that are reasonable and necessary to obtain housing for individuals and families risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- A recipient may not use ESG-CV funds to pay the landlord incentives an amount that exceeds three times the rent charged for the unit.
- Eligible landlord incentive costs include:
 - Signing bonuses equal to up to 2 months of rent;
 - Security deposits equal to up to 3 months of rent;
 - Paying the cost to repair damages incurred by the program participant not covered by the security deposit or that are incurred while the program participant is still residing in the unit; and,
 - Paying the costs of extra cleaning or maintenance of a program participant's unit or appliances.



ESG CV-Volunteer Incentives

- Funds may be used to pay to provide reasonable incentives to volunteers who have been and are currently helping to provide necessary street outreach, emergency shelter, essential services, and housing relocation and stabilization services during the coronavirus outbreak.
- Allowing these reasonable costs will increase the number of people available to provide the needed services and connections to housing to individuals and families experiencing homelessness to prevent the spread of coronavirus