

Re: Balance of State ESG Program – Local Request for Application

Hi All,

Attached please find the local Request for Applications (RFA) for the state-administered 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, Balance of State (BoS) Allocation funds. ESG funds are federal dollars distributed by the state focused on funding programs to prevent and end homelessness.

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has announced its annual notice of funding available under the regular California ESG Program (ESG NOFA). For more information about the State's ESG program, including the State funding notice and application materials, please go to: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/esg.shtml>.

As required by the State's annual ESG process, the Homeless Action Partnership (HAP) Board, as the local Continuum of Care governance body, is required to rate, rank, and recommend ESG applications within Santa Cruz County. The HAP Board may recommend no more than:

- Two applications (up to \$162,553 in total funds) for the non-competitive Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Set-Aside, and
- Two applications of no more than \$200,000 each for the Regional Competition.

While RRH is the only eligible project types for the non-competitive set-aside, the following types of projects are eligible for the Regional Competition:

- Emergency Shelter (ES) services and operations, including domestic violence shelters
- RRH programs

HMIS, Street Outreach, and Prevention activities can be added to the above applications at no more than 10% for each but are not eligible as standalone projects.

For further information about this the local process, including the requirements, timeline, rating criteria, and local priorities, please carefully review the attached RFA. Local materials will also be available

at: <http://homelessactionpartnership.org/ForProviders/FundingOpportunities.aspx>

As detailed in the RFA, to apply for ESG funds, applicants must engage in the following two-step application process:

1. Local Submission for Rating and Ranking – due October 1, 2pm

Please submit your State ESG competitive or non-competitive application via email to H4H at housingforhealth@santacruzcounty.us AND me at tonygardnerconsulting@yahoo.com by Friday, October 1, 2021 at 2 PM. Please see the RFA for details about which application attachments need to be submitted and which do not.

2. Final Submission to HCD – due October 19, 5pm

Completed state ESG applications with all required attachments must be received by HCD by **5 pm on Thursday, May 28, 2020**. New this year, ESG applications must be accessed and submitted through the eCivis portal Programs Available for Solicitation page at: https://gn.ecivis.com/GO/gn_redir/T/vyisqf2kekyx.

Paper applications will no longer be required or accepted by HCD. Applicants are responsible for understanding and meeting all the requirements for submission of their ESG applications to HCD. Again, for more information about the State's ESG program, including the State funding notice and application materials, please go to: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/esg.shtml>.

If you have questions about the local process or need technical assistance, please contact H4H at housingforhealth@santacruzcounty.us or me at tonygardnerconsulting@yahoo.com

Questions regarding the State ESG NOFA and application can be directed to: ESG@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: ESG RFA