



**The City of
OKLAHOMA CITY**

Planning Department

Housing and Community Development Division
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**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
FOR
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT COVID (ESG-CV)**

Introduction:

On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was signed into law. The CARES Act provides for \$4 billion to be distributed through the ESG Program nationally and includes waivers of certain provisions of the ESG regulations. **The funding made available through the CARES Act is for COVID-19 prevention, preparedness and response.**

The City of Oklahoma City (CITY) Planning Department Community Development Division is soliciting proposals from experienced service providers for Emergency Solutions Grant COVID (ESG-CV) funds in the amount of \$1,475,823 allocated to the City of Oklahoma City by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for use in providing housing and services to meet the needs of homeless persons and families.

The intention of ESG-CV funds is to serve people experiencing homeless and/or at risk of homelessness impacted by COVID-19 through street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention.

The goal of this funding is to address COVID-19, including a potential resurgence, while also strengthening systems that prevent and end homelessness for everyone to be better prepared for future crises. The City of Oklahoma City is looking for projects that are:

1. Reducing new entries into homelessness through prevention and diversion strategies
2. Equitably protecting ALL people experiencing homelessness from COVID-19 infection and illness, helping flatten the curve of community infections and reducing demand on health care resources.
 - a. Promoting the health and safety of people who are unsheltered through street outreach, while quickly transitioning them to temporary or permanent housing.
 - b. Expanding and improving shelter options, to come into compliance with CDC guidance for separation, isolation, and quarantine.
3. Rapidly exiting people from the homelessness system and stabilizing them in housing through rapid re-housing.

The ESG Program Interim Rule outlines the requirements for ESG Program funding. Since this is ESG Program funding provided through the CARES Act, there are a few areas in which the guidance will be different. The following table outlines changes to the ESG Annual Allocation rules for the purposes of ESG CARES Act Funding:

ESG-CV	ESG Annual Allocation
50% Area Median Income (AMI) income limit to receive or continue to receive homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance.	30% Area Median Income (AMI) income limit to receive or continue to receive homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance.
No cap on the use of ESG-CV funds for emergency shelter or street outreach activities.	Cap of 60% for emergency shelter and street outreach activities.
No match requirement	100% match requirement
Pre-contracting costs will be allowed from the first COVID-19 response, which is March 16, 2020, the date the Mayor declared a state of emergency in the City of Oklahoma City.	Pre-contracting costs are not allowed.

Applicants may submit proposals for funding under this solicitation. Submittals must be made electronically during the period **starting 10:00 am May 22, 2020 and ending 5:00pm May 29,2020.**

Please contact Jerod Shadid at (405) 297-3608 or jerod.shadid@okc.gov or Stacy Tarpley at (405) 297-2128 or stacy.tarpley@okc.gov for any questions you may have regarding this solicitation.

The CITY will review each proposal in regard to conformance with the guidelines outlined below as well as HUD’s ESG program requirements. This solicitation outlines the type of programs requested and criteria that must be followed by each entity wishing to be considered for funding. Applicants can apply for all or part of the funds available. Please note that ESG funding is one year. Available funds are drawn on a reimbursement basis.

Applicants will be notified by **June 5, 2020** of the time to answer any questions about their proposal for the Continuum of Care Board. The Board will make recommendations for funding to the City Council during a TBD future council meeting.

Applicants with projects approved for funding will enter into an Operating Agreement, which will define ESG-CV program regulations and special project terms and conditions.

The solicitation package for this ESG-CV program is available online at <http://www.coalitiontoendpoverty.org> . All submissions must be made electronically.

Section I. Eligible Applicants:

Applicants must be private nonprofit (registered 501c3) organizations and must demonstrate sufficient experience for the proposed activity or project and must have current capacity to administer and carry out this project.

Section II. Eligible Activities:

Applications can include one or more of the eligible ESG activities:

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Homeless Prevention TBRA and Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
- Rapid Re-Housing TBRA and Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
- Centralized Intake

Section III. Proposal Submission: Each proposal must be submitted electronically by the stated deadline to jerod.shadid@okc.gov cc: stacy.tarpley@okc.gov. The CITY reserves the right to request other project-related information at any time during the proposal review process. Successful proposals will be required to submit additional documents prior to contract award.