

Emergency Solutions Grant – CV2 (ESG-CV2)
Request for Proposals
Posted February 5, 2021

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act) provided for a supplemental appropriation of Homeless Assistance Grants under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. As the legislation states, the CARES Act provides for homeless assistance funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, 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 created by coronavirus.

The Heartland Coalition for the Homeless, through the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has received a letter of intent to award for the second allocation of ESG-CV2 funds – an appropriation of up to \$2,416,564.00. As it is imperative that these additional funds are spent appropriately and efficiently, the Heartland Coalition for the Homeless (CoC) is seeking proposals for projects/programs in Highlands, Hardee, Hendry, Glades, Desoto and Okeechobee Counties, Florida. Activities should address Heartland Coalition for the Homeless CoC (FL-517) CoC Plan and the Department of Children and Families initiatives towards ending homelessness. Interested parties may submit a proposal using the template below to address how your organization and programs will address needs and coordinate services in the community. Complete each section and return to Brenda Gray at Brenda.gray@heartlandhomeless.com no later than Friday, **February 12, 2021 at 4:00pm** all questions relating to this Request for Proposals should be submitted to Brenda Gray via email.

Allowable Activities

ESG-CV2 funds may be used for any single activity or combination of eligible activities as outlined below and address the priorities and any published supplemental requirements of the CARES Act in order to prepare for, prevent the spread of and respond to the coronavirus.

- Homelessness Prevention
- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Rehousing
- Street Outreach
- Administration (*Providers may use up to 3.75% of funding for administration*)

It is the responsibility of each applicant applying for ESG funding to become familiar with the HUD ESG regulations (Federal register Vol. 76, No. 233, Dated Monday, December 5, 2011). These regulations can be found on the HUD Exchange website at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1927/heartth-esg-program-and-consolidated-plan-conforming-amendments/>

Applicants should also become familiar with the ESG-CV Federal Register that provides guidance specific to the ESG-CV funding and permitted uses related to COVID-19. This notice can be found at: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/20-08cpdn.pdf>

The ESG Program is administered under the provisions of the HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 576, as well as the Heartland Coalition for the Homeless (TPZ18) executed grant agreement with the Department of Children and Families. Additional resources and links for the Subrecipients to ESG laws, regulations, tools, and notices can be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>

The State of Florida has flexibility in certain areas of administering the ESG Program and may establish more detailed requirements than those required by HUD. All Subrecipients are expected to use ESG funds in accordance with the grant regulations contained in 24 CFR Parts 91 and 576 and in compliance with OMB Circular A-200.500 24 CFR 200. Where there are differences, Subrecipients should comply with the ESG requirements according to their grant agreement and the ESG Desk Guide or supplemental guidance related to ESG-CV.

Organization/Agency Information

Agency Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip Code:	
Phone:	

Primary Contact

Contact Name:	
Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email:	

Organization/Agency Capacity

1. Describe any current waitlists for emergency shelter.

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2. Describe any current waitlists for rapid rehousing.

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3. Describe any current waitlists for homelessness prevention.

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4. Describe the organization's capacity to expand, if necessary, with these additional funds. Expansion may include the number of services provided or capacity (staff) within current program.

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The Florida Department of Children and Families is focused on goals to reduce the number of families in crisis. Many families have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus and may be dealing with housing instability as a result of the current economic climate. The Department shares HUD's view that one of the most effective approaches to supporting individuals to move out of homelessness and into permanent housing is by increasing access to sustainable job training and employment. The Department's goals incorporate a community approach to addressing barriers to self-sufficiency and employment, including housing instability, job training needs, and lack of childcare and transportation.

The initiatives described below are the Department's goals to addressing housing instability, as a result of the coronavirus, with the funds allocated through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. While programs are not required to work on these specific initiatives, the Department has requested that the Heartland Coalition for the Homeless provide a determination of whether the below initiatives are relevant issues within our community, and how these issues may be addressed.

- **Ensuring those sheltered during COVID-19 do not return to the streets;**

This initiative ensures individuals currently in shelters or in hotels/motels do not become unsheltered as we transition to post-COVID activities. The goal of the homelessness program is to end homelessness; therefore, this initiative refocuses that priority to address the needs of those who are currently experiencing homelessness. This initiative is focused on rapid rehousing of individuals currently in emergency shelters, temporary shelters, or unsheltered.

- **Employing Targeted Homeless Prevention Services;**

While homelessness prevention may be provided to anyone eligible for services, this initiative is to provide guidance on how to target those most at risk of homelessness. HUD has provided several risk assessments that may be used to determine whether individuals are at risk of becoming unsheltered. This initiative is supported by the ESG-CV Notice issued by HUD that encourages recipients to prioritize households that are most in need to assistance, as opposed to first come first served.

- **Utilizing Homelessness Diversion Strategies to Reduce Emergency Shelter Utilization;**

Diversion refers to offering suitable alternatives on a temporary or permanent basis to individuals as they enter the coordinated entry process. The goal is to prevent people from entering a shelter if there is family, friends, or other community services that could be a resource. There are several benefits to diversion assistance including helping communities reduce the size of their homeless population. Diversion allows individuals to receive services to stabilize their housing while finding housing outside of a shelter.

- **Integrating racial equity planning considerations in the implementation and use of ESG-CV resources; and**

Integrating racial equity in planning has been one of HUD's initiatives over the last several years. HUD, along with the US Interagency Council on Homelessness released guidance in January 2020 on methods to analyze racial and ethnic inequities. To support this initiative, HUD released the CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool, which helps communities understand who is accessing their homeless system and what outcomes those families have achieved. Through HUD's CoC program, communities are tasked with assessing whether there are racial disparities in the system, and steps taken to address disparities. Since this has been an initiative of HUD, DCF's initiative supports this effort by ensuring ESG-CV resources also support racial equity in planning.

- **Increasing collaboration efforts to address needs of special populations.**

This initiative coincides with HUD’s priorities to end homelessness for all persons. HUD requires demonstration of collaboration with other entities and prioritization of households with children based on risks, including childhood abuse, domestic violence, etc. Additional subpopulations that are prioritized by HUD include, those experiencing chronic homelessness, youth experiencing homelessness, and the needs of those experiencing current or past substance abuse. Other populations that may be included as a special population may be households with substance exposed newborns, persons with HIV or AIDS, and LGBTQ populations.

This section provides you the opportunity to provide a brief response to each question below, describing how your proposed initiatives may be incorporated into the homeless system to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate against the coronavirus pandemic.

1. **Describe how your organization plans to ensure individuals who are currently homeless do not return to the streets following assistance provided.**

2. **Describe any current or planned targeted homeless prevention services, if applicable. If there are no plans to incorporate targeted prevention, describe how you believe funds could be used more efficiently.**

3. **Describe any current or proposed diversion strategies, or how you would propose to reduce the utilization of emergency shelters.**

4. **Describe your organization/agency assessment of racial disparities within programs and services and any plans to address issues, if identified.**

5. Complete the table below to identify the number and funding needs of the chronically homeless, foster youth, those with substance abuse or mental health issues, domestic violence survivors, and families in contact with the child welfare system, etc. that your nonprofit organization/agency proposes to serve, if applicable. This is intended to ascertain the unmet need in the community.

Special Populations	# of Individuals	Estimated Funding Needs
Chronically Homeless		
LGBTQ Populations		
Former Foster Youth		
People Experiencing Current or Past Substance Abuse		
Domestic Violence		
Households with Substance Exposed Newborns		
Youth Experiencing Homelessness		
Persons with HIV or AIDS		
Families Engaged in Child Welfare System		

ESG-CV2 Expenditure Schedule

Use the following tables to estimate monthly spending for ESG-CV2 through June 30, 2022. Heartland Coalition for the Homeless must expend **20% of ESG-CV funds by June 30, 2021**, and **80% by January 31, 2022**. Heartland Coalition for the Homeless reserves the right to reallocate funding as needed to ensure the spending deadlines are met.

State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-2021 July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	
Month	ESG-CV2 Projected Expenditures
July 2020	N/A
August 2020	N/A
September 2020	N/A
October 2020	N/A
November 2020	N/A
December 2020	N/A
January 2021	N/A
February 2021	N/A
March 2021	N/A
April 2021	
May 2021	
June 2021	
Total ESG-CV2 Funding for SFY 20/21	

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The Expenditure Schedule above is based on a Contract Start Date of 4/1/2021

Proposed Budget and Deliverables by Activity

The tables below will be used to initiate discussion of deliverables and budgets by activity. Please complete both tables outlining the estimated budget and number of individuals served in each activity.

SFY 20/21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) Total Funds Requested by Activity

Activity	Total ESG-CV2 Funding Requested	Total Individuals Served	Budget Narrative
Street Outreach (SO)			
Urgent Physical Needs (Hand sanitizer, soap, tissue packets, masks)			
Equipping Staff (Masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, other PPE)			
Handwashing Stations and Portable Bathrooms			
Case Management			
Transportation (Bus, taxi, or rideshare for participant to travel to and from medical care)			
Services for Special Populations			
Hazard Pay			
Volunteer Incentives			
Administration (3.75%)			

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Emergency Shelter Services			
Case Management			
Employment Assistance and Job Training			
Transportation			
Services for Special Populations			
Hazard Pay			
Volunteer Incentives			
Emergency Shelter Operations			
Rent			
Shelter Security			
Fuel			
Insurance			
Utilities			
Food for Shelter Residents			
Urgent Physical Needs (Hand sanitizer, soap, tissue packets, masks)			
Equipping Staff (Masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, other PPE)			
Furnishings/Equipment			
Maintenance or Minor Repairs			
Hotel/Motel			
Renovation			
Administration (3.75%)			

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Rapid Rehousing Services			
Housing Stability Case Management			
Housing Search and Placement			
Mediation			
Hazard Pay			
Volunteer Incentives			
Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance			
Rental Application Fees			
Rental Assistance			
Rent Arrears			
Security Deposit			
Utilities			
Utility Deposit			
Utility Arrears			
Landlord Incentives (limited to three times monthly rent - can include signing bonus or additional security deposit)			
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Housing Stability Case Management			
Mediation/Diversion			
Hazard Pay			
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Utilities			
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