



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

PRE- NOTIFICATION

and

REQUEST for INTEREST

For The Anticipated Release of the NOFA for the

**Federal and State Emergency
Solution Grant (ESG & CA ESG) Program**

Funding for Periods 2018-2019

Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC)

Issued: Monday, April 3, 2018

Request by: Friday, April 13, 2018 at 11 a.m.

For Additional Information, Please contact Butte CoC Coordinator
Jennifer Griggs at 530.717.2138 or jenniferg@butte-housing.com

PURPOSE OF THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM

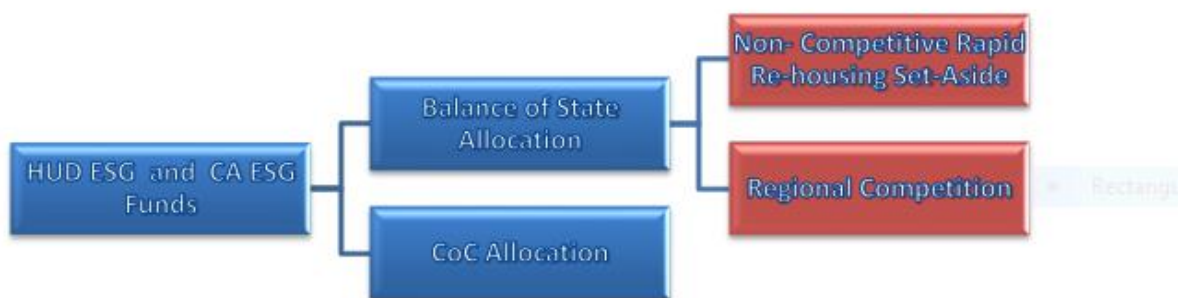
Overview:

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) is soliciting interest from and giving notification to qualified agencies and organizations, in anticipation of the State Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) releasing the FY2018 NOFA for federal funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and State funds for the California ESG Program (CA ESG) for eligible Continuum of Care (CoC) Service Areas.

The ESG Program provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents; (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

The Department receives federal ESG funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and CA ESG funds from a California Budget Bill. The federal and CA ESG funds are distributed into two separate funding pools: the CoC Allocation Pool (CoC Allocation) and Balance of State Allocation Pool (BoS Allocation). The Butte County CoC is part of the BoS Allocation.

Funding in the BoS Allocation is made available based on recommendations from a CoC in two ways:
A. Through regional competitions pursuant to 25 CCR Section 8404 (a)(3); and,
B. Through a noncompetitive process for Rapid Rehousing (RR) activities:



The actual release date of the NOFA from HCD has not been determined. The HCD could release the NOFA as early as May 1st or they may release in summer of 2018. The Butte CoC would like to hear from all qualified agencies and organizations who are interested in submitting an application to HCD.

**THERE IS NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO ADVISE
THE BUTTE CoC OF ANY INTENT IN APPLYING**

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Please Submit Interest by April 13, 2018 at 11 a.m.

The Estimated (Subject to Change) Total Allocation for Balance of State (BoS)/Butte is \$ 834,301.00

- The 2018 CA ESG Allocation per SB832, Section 72 for Butte CoC is \$504,752.00
- The 2018 Federal ESG Formula Allocation for Butte CoC is \$329,549.00

It is the agencies/organizations responsibility to meet all eligibility, fiscal, and administration requirements, deadlines, and all other requirements from HUD or HCD.

Note: Federal ESG Funds Require a Funding Match

The ESG Program has very specific allowable amounts per Activity; it is the agency's responsibility to understand the ESG and State ESG allowable amounts per activity.

Per Requirements, the a Maximum of Two (2) applications per CoC are allowed to be submitted
Competitive Funds– Anticipate 60% of the ESG Grant Total

- Emergency Shelter
- Street Outreach
- Homelessness Prevention
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- HMIS
- Coordinated Entry System Activities (CA ESG only)
- Grants Administration

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Non-Competitive Funds for Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) ONLY - Anticipate 40% of the ESG Grant Total

- Street Outreach
- Homelessness Prevention
- Rapid Re-Housing
- HMIS
- Coordinated Entry System Activities (CA ESG only)
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**As of March 2018 - ESG Program Components, Activities and Costs:
[Can be found by reading this Guide \(Latest Version - December 2016\)](#)**

GENERAL INFORMATION and POLICY

Once the NOFA is released any agencies or organizations interested in receiving federal or State ESG funds will be required to submit a completed application form to the CoC Coordinator. Dates are not yet known. All organizations that submitted the RFI will be contacted and advised on the timelines for CoC application submittals.

Please note that all agencies receiving ESG funds (Subrecipients) in FY 2018/19 will be required to comply with an outcome based performance measurement system as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This may include supplementary data gathering and research in addition to monthly statistical reporting.

Collaboration and joint efforts by organizations are encouraged. One agency will be required to be the main applicant and the other agencies will be considered sub-applicants. All information in the grant application will need to include ALL agencies who are requesting the grant funding. The lead agency will be responsible for the sub-applicants to meet all the Federal, State, City and County requirements for use of the ESG funds.

Homeless/Homeless Prevention Activities

Improve the quality of life for the county's homeless and those threatened with homelessness by extending emergency services aimed at assisting, protecting, and improving the living conditions and ultimately stabilizing the housing situation of those individual(s).

ESG Match Requirements

Federal regulations require a 100% match for the ESG program. The CoC shall require the agency be responsible for the full match. The match may be met with a combination of cash or in-kind services. In-kind matches (as defined by HUD), including in-kind volunteer hours, may not exceed 25% of the full match requirement.

ESG Program Costs

The CoC must ensure that all costs charged to ESG are allowable, allocable and reasonable for the proper performance and administration of the award. Direct and indirect project costs should be reasonable relative to the total costs of the project. An approved indirect cost rate agreement must be provided in order to recover indirect costs.

All Project Must Adhere to the Housing First Model.

Housing First is an approach to serving people experiencing homelessness that recognizes a homeless person must first be able to access a decent, safe place to live, that does not limit length of stay (permanent housing), before stabilizing, improving health, reducing harmful behaviors, or increasing income. Under the Housing First approach, anyone experiencing homelessness should be connected to a permanent home as quickly as possible, and programs should remove barriers to accessing the housing, like requirements for sobriety or absence of criminal history. It is based on the "hierarchy of need:" people must access basic necessities—like a safe place to live and food to eat—before being able to achieve quality of life or pursue personal goals. Finally, Housing First values choice not only in where to live, but whether to participate in services. For this reason, tenants are not required to participate in services to access or retain housing.

CORE COMPONENTS OF HOUSING FIRST UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW

- Tenant screening and selection practices promote accepting applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in services.
- Applicants are not rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy, or behaviors that indicate a lack of "housing readiness."
- Housing providers accept referrals directly from shelters, street outreach, drop-in centers, and other parts of crisis response systems frequented by vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.
- Supportive services emphasize engagement and problem solving over therapeutic goals and service plans that are highly tenant-driven without predetermined goals.
- Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of housing tenancy.
- Tenants have a lease and all the rights and responsibilities of tenancy, as applicable.
- The use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not a reason for eviction.
- Funding promotes tenant selection plans for supportive housing that prioritize eligible tenants based on criteria other than "first-come-first-serve," including, but not limited to, the duration or chronicity of homelessness, vulnerability to early mortality, or high utilization of crisis services.
- Case managers and service coordinators are trained in and actively employ evidence-based practices for engagement, including motivational interviewing and client-centered counseling.
- Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of tenants' lives, where tenants are engaged in nonjudgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use, and where tenants are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices, as well as connected to evidence-based treatment if the tenant so chooses.
- The project and specific apartment may include special physical features that accommodate disabilities, reduce harm, and promote health and community and independence among tenants.

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1) **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Name of Organization: _____

Are you a Not-for-Profit with active 501(c)(3)? _____

(Must use name on 501(c)(3) or provide supporting documentation for DBA) Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Agency DUNS # _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Program Location/Address: _____

2) **SUB-APPLICANTS (If Any – Attach additional Sheets as Needed):**

#1 - SUB-APPLICANT:

Name of Organization: _____

Are you a Not-for-Profit with active 501(c)(3)? _____

(Must use name on 501(c)(3) or provide supporting documentation for DBA)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Title: _____

Email Address: _____

#2 - SUB-APPLICANT:

Name of Organization: _____

Are you a Not-for-Profit with active 501(c)(3)? _____

(Must use name on 501(c)(3) or provide supporting documentation for DBA)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Title: _____

Email Address: _____

3) Intent of Use of Funding

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Please Indicate The Area/s in Which You Have Interest in Seeking Grant Fund

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Please note, the eligible activities and the anticipated percentages are subject to change, based on the actual FY2017 NOFA.

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