

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM

VIRTUAL MEETING

2024 ESG NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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TODAY'S DISCUSSION: 2024 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT NOFA

1. 2024 ESG Changes
2. 2024 ESG NOFA Overview
3. 2024 ESG Eligible Applicants and Activities
4. 2024 Local CoC Application Process
5. HCD Application and Implementation Process
6. Questions

Resource Links:

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/programs-active/emergency-solutions-grants>

<https://portal.ecivis.com/#/login>



2024 ESG CHANGES



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- No longer Balance of State
- Now the grant is broken up into three disbursements over a three-year period.

	Initial Disbursement	Estimated Second Disbursement	Estimated Third Disbursement	Total
Chico/Paradise/Butte County CoC	\$309,467	\$289,895	\$289,895	\$889,257



2024 ESG NOFA OVERVIEW



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The ESG program provides funding for the following objectives:

- Engaging individuals and families experiencing homelessness;
- Improving the number and quality of Emergency Shelters (ES) for individuals and families experiencing homelessness by helping to operate these shelters, and by providing essential services to shelter residents;
- Rapidly re-housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and
- Preventing families/individuals from becoming homeless

APPLICATION TIMELINE

ESG NOFA released:	December 31 st , 2024
ESG NOFA Overview Presentation	January 22 nd , 2025
Local Application DUE to Butte Countywide CoC: Submit to E-mail: ButteCoC@buttecounty.net	February 10 th , 2025 by 12 p.m.
Application Rank and Review Meeting:	Week of February 17 th , 2025
CoC Special Meeting to review Committee recommendations:	February 24 th , 2025
Applications due to HCD in eCIVIS: Website: http://portal.ecivis.com/#!/login	March 28 th , 2025 by 5 p.m.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

Application Deadline (to HCD)	March 28, 2025 (5:00p.m. PDT)
Award Announcements	Approximately July 2025
Standard Agreement Execution	Approximately August 2025
Standard Agreement Amendment #1	Approximately October 2026
Standard Agreement Amendment #2	Approximately October 2027
2027 ESG NOFA Release Date	Approximately October 2027

CO C APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- Applications shall only be considered by HCD if they are recommended by the CoC where the proposed activity is located. CoCs are required to submit the CoC recommendation package found with the ESG application on HCD's website.
- Each CoC may recommend up to two (2) eligible Applicants to apply for each NOFA.
- Two-Step Process:
 - Step 1: Application to the local CoC, due by February 10th at noon.
 - Step 2: If approved by local CoC, then proceed to HCD process utilizing eCivis, due by March 28th at 5:00pm.



2024 ESG ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND ACTIVITIES



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

To provide ESG-eligible activities within a CoC Service Area, applicants must be either private non-profit organizations or units of general-purpose local governments. Eligible Applicants must meet all requirements as outlined in the ESG Program Final Guidelines.

- The Applicant must show to the satisfaction of HCD that it is in compliance with the Single Audit requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.50;
- The Applicant must be in good standing with HCD and in compliance with all applicable law; and
- Applicants must provide a Certificate of Good Standing from the California Secretary of State's office and a copy of their most recent filed Internal Revenue Service Form 990.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Homelessness Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Administrative Activities

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

A minimum of 40 percent of the 2024 ESG grant must be dedicated to rapid re-housing.

Homelessness Prevention will be limited to no more than 10 percent of any awarded contract/budget and will not be awarded as a standalone activity.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Emergency Shelter Night-By-Night projects are no longer funded. ESG will continue to fund Emergency Shelter projects that require or strongly encourage a continuous stay while a client resolves their experience of homelessness (Entry/Exit).

A one-time waiver to this prohibition may be granted, only in the event that the Emergency Shelter Night-By-Night project is the community's only shelter available. There must be a plan to convert the project to an Entry/Exit project in the near future.



2024 LOCAL ESG COC APPLICATION PROCESS



LOCAL COC PROCESS

- The application to the CoC is due by February 10th at noon.
- A maximum of two projects can be selected by the CoC to be submitted to HCD.
- Once the CoC approves of a project the applicant will proceed with the HCD process that will be submitted through eCivis.

COC APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications must be submitted to the CoC as follows:

- E-mail to ButteCoC@buttecounty.net
 - Subject line must consist of Agency Name, “ESG”

- Include the following as attachments
 - Application Form
 - Written Narrative of proposed project

PROJECT THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

- Project narrative should include:
 - That agency is actively using HMIS or an equivalent
 - That agency has adopted written standards for each proposed activity that meet HCD standards
 - That proposed project is Housing First compliant
 - That proposed project uses the Coordinated Entry System
 - Agency is a CoC Participating Agency
 - Agency Assisted in the 2025 Point in Time

RATING CRITERIA

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Max Points</u>
Applicant Experience	Length of experience implementing the proposed eligible Activity or Activity like the proposed eligible Activity. Ability to provide services regionwide.	25
Program Design	Quality of the proposed program in delivering eligible Activities to participants consistent with the CoC's written standards. Prioritizes activities that address the highest unmet need, considering other available funding and system wide performance measures.	20
Need for Funds	Whether the application Activity and subpopulation targeting, if any, meets a high need for the community as identified by the CoC. Need is supported by data and analysis provided by the CoC, including but not limited to, HMIS (or equivalent) data and data from the most recent Point in Time Count published by HUD.	10
Activity Budget	Cost efficiency of the program based on average cost per exit to permanent housing. Consider the reasonableness of the proposed budget. 1:1 match identified.	10
Impact and Effectiveness	Scoring for the performance outcomes in the impact and effectiveness-rating factor will be evaluated using data from HMIS (or equivalent) for the federal fiscal years October 1, 2021 – September 30 th , 2022, and October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023 or for those projects not in operation during this time, the most recent 12-month period.	20
CoC Coordination	Level of coordination with the CoC including CoC meeting attendance, committee attendance, and assistance with the 2025 Point in Time.	15
Total		100

DATA CONSIDERATIONS

- CoC Outcomes by Race and Ethnicity
 1. Pursuant to the direction from HUD, applicants should prioritize the advancement of racial equity at all levels of the homeless response team.
 2. ESG applicants should consider their community's racial demographics and the demographics within the local homeless response system.
 3. ESG applicants should consider outcomes of the homeless response system based on race and include a plan for increasing the equitable access to ESG programming.
- Program Specific Data
- 2023 PIT
- 2023 HIC



HCD APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION



ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Grantees and their recommended subgrantees must follow all the OMB Cost Principles and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- Costs charged to the ESG program must be allowable, allocable, and reasonable.
- Eligible costs may be direct or indirect. They must be incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances and must be treated consistently as either direct or indirect costs.
- Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) applies.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

An application must meet the following threshold requirements to be eligible.

- Applicant must follow instructions in both the ESG Program Final Guidelines, the 2024 ESG NOFA and the Online Application.
- If ESG applicant is approved by the CoC to go forward all required attachments must be submitted to HCD through the eCivis portal.
- The application must be complete and received by the deadline specified on the NOFA
- The Applicant is eligible as described in the ESG Program Final Guidelines
- Proposed activities are eligible and pursuant to the ESG Program Final Guidelines and the 2024 ESG NOFA.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

- For any application proposing an ES Activity as set forth in 24 C.F.R. § 576.408, Applicants must have adequate and documented site control.
- The application must include a completed Authorizing Resolution (AR) on an acceptable Department-approved resolution template and approved by the Applicant's governing board as described in Section V of the NOFA. For applications from private nonprofit-organizations, the application contains the organization's current bylaws and articles of incorporation.
- All applicants must demonstrate they are in compliance with the financial management requirements of 2 CFR 200 and provide its most recent single audit as submitted to the State Controller's Office.
- Applicants must have identified **dollar-for-dollar match** for the federal ESG funding with funds from other public or private sources.
- Applicants must submit written Policies and Procedures (P&Ps) at the time of application submission

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Use of Coordinated Entry

All ESG-funded activities shall utilize a Coordinated Entry System (CES) established by the CoC in a manner that promotes the following:

- Comprehensive and coordinated access to assistance regardless of where an individual or family is located in the CoC Service Area.
- Prioritized access to assistance for people with the most urgent and severe needs, including, but not limited to, survivors of domestic violence. ESG-funded activities shall seek to prioritize people who:
 1. Are unsheltered and living in places not designed for human habitation.
 2. Have experienced the longest amount of time homeless.
 3. Have multiple and severe services needs that inhibit their ability to quickly identify and secure housing on their own.
 4. For HP activities, are at greatest risk of becoming Literally Homeless without an intervention, and are at greatest risk of experiencing a longer time in ES or on the street should they become homeless.

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

Housing First Practices

All ESG-assisted projects shall operate in a manner consistent with Housing First practices as reflected in the state's Core Practices and the CoC written standards and progressive engagement and assistance practices, including the following:

1. Ensuring low-barrier, easily accessible assistance to all people, including, but not limited to, people with no income or income history, and people with active substance abuse or mental health issues.
2. Helping participants quickly identify and resolve barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing.
3. Quickly resolving a participant's housing crisis before focusing on other non-housing related services.
4. Allowing participants to choose the services and housing that meets their needs, within practical and funding limitations.
5. Connecting participants to appropriate support services available in the community that foster long-term housing stability.

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

Progressive Engagement

Offering financial assistance and supportive services in a manner that offers a minimum amount of assistance initially, adding more assistance over time, if needed, to quickly resolve the participant's housing crisis by either ending homelessness, avoiding an immediate return to becoming literally homeless, or avoiding the imminent risk of becoming homeless. The type, duration, and amount of assistance offered shall be based on an individual assessment of the household and the availability of other resources or support systems to resolve their housing crisis and stabilize them in housing.

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

RRH and HP Terms of Assistance

Rapid re-housing (RRH) and Homelessness Prevention (HP) activities funded within the same CoC Service Area shall follow their respective program requirements for type, duration, and amount of assistance provided, unless the CoC provides sufficient written justification for any differences and these are approved in writing by HCD.

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

- Street Outreach (SO), Emergency Shelter (ES) Requirements, Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Homeless Prevention (HP) applicants that are awarded funding are required to develop and implement written policies and procedures (P&P) that fully detail their SO, ES, RRH, and HP operations.
- HCD has provided policy manuals for SO, ER, RRH and HP
 - [Street Outreach Policy \(ca.gov\)](#)
 - [Emergency Shelter Policy \(ca.gov\)](#)
 - [Rapid Re-Housing Manual \(ca.gov\)](#)
 - [Homelessness Prevention Policy \(ca.gov\)](#)

MATCH REQUIREMENTS

- Grantees must make matching contributions in an amount that equals the amount of federal ESG funds awarded. HCD may request documentation as part of program monitoring to determine the sources and amounts used to meet the federal ESG matching requirement.
- Matching contributions may be obtained from any source, including any federal source other than the ESG program, as well as state, local, and private sources. However, the following requirements apply to matching contributions from a federal source of funds:
 1. Laws governing any funds to be used as matching contributions do not prohibit those funds from being used to match ESG funds.
 2. If ESG funds are used to satisfy the matching requirements of another federal program, then funding from that program may not be used to satisfy the matching requirements.

ACTIVITY MILESTONES

Annual Funding Cycle 2024 - 2026

Commitment of ESG Funds (Standard Agreement Execution)	Approximately August 2025
Expenditure Deadline (75%)	August 27, 2026
Expenditure Deadline (100%)	September 26, 2026
Contract Deadline	5 years from Standard Agreement Execution

Annual Funding Cycle 2025 - 2027

Commitment of ESG Funds (Standard Agreement Amendment #1 Execution)	Approximately 90 days from HUD-Department FY 2025 Grant Agreement Execution
Expenditure Deadline (75%)	TBD (60 days before 100% expenditure deadline)
Expenditure Deadline (100%)	TBD (25 months from HUD-Department Grant Agreement Execution)
Contract Deadline	5 years from Standard Agreement Execution

Annual Funding Cycle 2026 - 2028

Commitment of ESG Funds (Standard Agreement Amendment #2 Execution)	Approximately 90 days from HUD-Department FY 2026 Grant Agreement Execution
Expenditure Deadline (75%)	TBD (60 days before 100% expenditure deadline)
Expenditure Deadline (100%)	TBD (25 months from HUD-Department Grant Agreement Execution)
Contract Deadline	5 years from Standard Agreement Execution

RESOURCES

- [Emergency Solutions Grants Program \(ESG\) | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)
 - NOFA
 - ESG Eligible Expense Guide
- [eCivis - Grants Network](#)
- [ONA MISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS IN BUTTE COUNTY - Home \(buttehomelesscoc.com\)](#)
 - 2023 PIT
 - 2023 HIC



QUESTIONS?

