

# Emergency Solutions Grant- COVID (ESG-CV) Informational Meeting

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in Saint Paul and Ramsey County

# Agenda

- Welcome
- ESG-CV Overview
- ESG-CV Program Components
- Target populations
- Provider Qualifications
- LOI requirements

# ESG-CV Overview

- The regular [ESG](#) program was created through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as Amended by S.896 Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing ([HEARTH](#)) Act of 2009.
- The focus of **ESG-CV** funds are 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.
- Ramsey County administers the City of Saint Paul's (regular) ESG and ESG-CV funds through a Joint Powers Agreement as of December 2019.

# ESG-CV Program Components

- Street Outreach
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- *Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Lead Agency receives a percent automatically*

# Street Outreach

- Activities are designed to meet the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless people to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, and/or critical health services. § 576.101

## Eligible costs:

- [Essential Services](#) to promote independent living, sobriety, employment, self-sufficiency, and residential stability.
- Hazard pay (unique activity)
- Handwashing stations/portable bathrooms (unique activity)
- Training (unique activity)

# Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

- Activities are designed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus to move homeless people quickly to permanent housing through housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance. § 576.104
  - Eligible Costs: Rental Assistance:
    - Short-term rental assistance (0-3 months)
    - Medium-term rental assistance (limited to 3-12 months)
    - Rental arrears (do not count toward the 12-month limitation)
- \*\*Rental assistance can be project-based or tenant-based.

# Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Continued

- Eligible Costs – Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services:

## Financial Assistance:

- Rental Housing
- Relocation and Stabilization services - financial
- Landlord incentives (unique activity)
- Training (unique activity)

## Services:

- Housing search and placement
- Housing Stability case management
- Relocation and stabilization services – services
- Hazard Pay (unique activity)

# Other Program Requirements

- Income limit raised to 50% Area Median Income (AMI)
- For RRH only – medium-term rental assistance limited to 3-12 months instead of 3-24 months.
- No match requirement – however, if agencies are leveraging any resources for their program application, please include the source and dollar amount in your program budget.
- Up to \$250,000 available for Outreach (1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021)
- Up to \$500,000 available for RRH (1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021)



# Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- Activities are designed to fund ESG recipients' and subrecipients' participation in the HMIS collection and analyses of data.
- Eligible costs:
  - Contributing data to the HMIS (ie: user fee for HMIS license)
  - Victim services or legal services provider costs to establish and operate a comparable database.
  - *HMIS Lead Agency only: HMIS lead costs for managing the HMIS system (total available to HMIS Lead Agency is \$70,707.00 – 2.5% of total ESG-CV allocation amount)*

# Target Populations:

## Outreach:

- Families with Dependent Children (at least one person is age 18 or older)

## Rapid Rehousing (RRH):

- Single adults (ages 25 and older) or couples without children
- Unaccompanied youth (ages 18-24 years olds)
- Families with Dependent Children (at least one person is age 18 or older)

# Provider Qualifications:

- A minimum of two years of experience in providing services under the program component that a provider is applying for.
- Providers may apply for one or both program components as outlined above.
- Providers must have experience and access to using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Exception to this would be victim service providers; victim service providers would need to have a comparable database.
- Experience exporting reports through HMIS and submitting through the Sage HMIS Reporting Repository.

# Provider Qualifications Continued:

- Knowledge of community resources.
- Experience and knowledge of the coordinated entry (CE) system in Ramsey County.
- Rapid Rehousing Providers must participate in CE per federal regulations.
- Outreach providers must be trained in CE assessments in Ramsey County or have the ability to be trained. (HMIS)

# LOI Requirements:

- Should not exceed 5 pages (per program component that you are responding to)
- Responses should include:
  - Provider name, contact person, address, phone number and email address
  - Narrative detailing agency's experience and qualifications in each program component; include target populations and total number of households to be served
  - Experience as outlined in the Ramsey County ESG-CV Proposal Evaluation\_Final pdf
- Additional attachments required (not included in the 5-page maximum):
  - Program budget per each program component (excel spreadsheet)
  - Match not required, but if leveraging other resources, please list source and dollar amount
- Responses due by 2pm (central time) on Wednesday, November 25, 2020
  - Email response and attachments to Loni Aadalen, [loni.Aadalen@co.Ramsey.mn.us](mailto:loni.Aadalen@co.Ramsey.mn.us)

# Additional Questions?