

# Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Informational Meeting

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A regional initiative to end homelessness  
in Saint Paul and Ramsey County

# Agenda

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

# ESG Overview

- The [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 program is to assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.
- Ramsey County administers the City of Saint Paul's ESG funds through a Joint Powers Agreement as of December 2019.

# ESG Program Components

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Homelessness Prevention
- *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 by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing and/or critical health services.
- Eligible costs:
  - Engagement
  - Emergency mental health services
  - Case management
  - Transportation
  - Emergency Health Services
  - Services for Special Populations

# Emergency Shelter

- Activities are designed to increase the quantity and quality of temporary shelters provided to homeless people, through:
  - Renovation of existing shelters or conversion of buildings to shelters
  - Paying for the operating costs of shelter
  - Providing essential services
- Eligible Costs – Renovation (also includes Major Rehab and Conversion)
  - Labor
  - Materials
  - Security
  - Other costs for renovation (including rehab for conversion)

# Emergency Shelter Continued

- Eligible Costs – Shelter Operations
  - Maintenance
  - Rent
  - Security
  - Fuel
  - Equipment
  - Insurance
  - Utilities
  - Food
  - Furnishings
  - Supplies necessary for shelter operation
  - Hotel/Motel vouchers – when no emergency shelter is available

# Emergency Shelter Continued

- Eligible Costs – Essential Services
  - Case Management
  - Child Care
  - Education Services
  - Employment Assistance and Job Training
  - Outpatient Health
  - Services
  - Legal Services
  - Life Skills Training
  - Mental Health Services
  - Substance Abuse
  - Treatment Services
  - Transportation
  - Services for Special Populations



# Emergency Shelter Continued

- Eligible Costs – Assistance Required Under the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 ([URA](#))
  - Relocation Payments
  - Other assistance to displaced persons

# Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

- Activities are designed to move homeless people quickly to permanent housing through housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium term rental assistance
  - Eligible Costs: Rental Assistance:
    - Short-term rental assistance
    - Medium-term rental assistance
    - Rental arrears
- \*\*Rental assistance can be project-based or tenant-based.

# Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Continued

- Eligible Costs – Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services (Financial Assistance):
  - Rental Application Fees
  - Security Deposits
  - Last Month's Rent
  - Utility Deposits
  - Utility Payments
  - Moving Costs

# Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Continued

- Eligible Costs – Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services (Services Costs):
  - Housing Search and Placement
  - Housing Stability Case Management
  - Mediation
  - Legal Services
  - Credit Repair

# Homelessness Prevention:

- Activities are designed to prevent an individual or family (ie: household) from moving into emergency shelter or living in a place not meant for human habitation.
- Eligible Costs – Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services:
  - Housing Search and Placement
  - Housing Stability Case Management
  - Landlord-tenant Mediation
  - Tenant Legal Services
  - Credit Repair

# Homelessness Prevention Continued:

- Eligible Costs – Rental and Financial Assistance:
  - Rental assistance and rental arrears
  - Rental application fees
  - Security and utility deposits
  - Utility payments
  - Last month's rent
  - Moving costs

# 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 \$11,577.00 – 2% of total ESG allocation amount)*

# Target Populations

- Single adults (ages 25 and older) or couples without children
- Unaccompanied youth (ages 18-24 years old)
- Families with Dependent Children (at least one person is age 18 or older)
- Street Outreach, Prevention, Emergency Shelter, and Rapid Rehousing
- 10 or less contracted agencies for calendar year 2021



# 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 more than one program component as outlined above.
- **Providers must match all grant funds that they are applying for with an equal amount of contributions**, which may include cash, donated buildings or materials, and volunteer services.
- 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.
- Providers must be willing to participate in the coordinated entry (CE) system in Ramsey County for referrals.

# 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.

# LOI Requirements:

- Should not exceed 3 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
- Additional attachments required (not included in the 3-page maximum):
  - Program budget per each program component (excel spreadsheet) – budget should include source and amount of match (100% program match required) – be detailed!
  - Proof of match – i.e. Award Letter
- Responses due by 3pm (central time) on Thursday, October 8, 2020
  - Email response and attachments to Loni Aadalen, [loni.Aadalen@co.Ramsey.mn.us](mailto:loni.Aadalen@co.Ramsey.mn.us)

# Additional Questions?