Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Office Hours – 2024 ESG Guidelines

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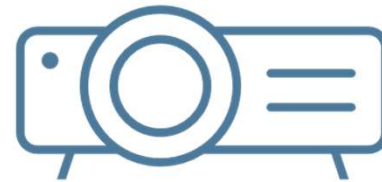
Question Format

❖ All Questions must be submitted in the Question & Answer (Q&A) Box:

- Please type your organization name and question.

❖ The team will read questions out loud at the end of the presentation and will also provide answers (if possible) throughout the presentation.

❖ All questions and answers entered into the Q&A box will be recorded as part of the public record.

Slides and Recording

Both the slides and recording will be sent to all participants within <u>two weeks</u> of this event.

Agenda

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions

- ❖ ESG Updates

- ❖ Spotlight Series: 2024 ESG Guidelines Overview

- ❖ ESG Q&A

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❖ Please reach out to your ESG Representative listed above or contact us at: **ESGNOFA@hcd.ca.gov**

HCD Updates

Click on **Public Survey** or **Grantee Survey** to take HCD's Con Plan surveys, available through Sunday, November 10, 2024:

Federal Plans and Reports ⊞

Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans ⊞

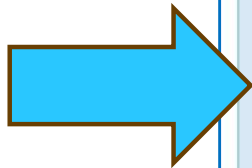## 2025-2029 Federal Consolidated Plan Survey

California's Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) is a five-year plan that examines the housing and community development needs of Californians and their communities and lays out how federal funds will be used to address these needs and improve the quality of life for Californians.

HCD's Division of Federal Financial Assistance is creating a new five-year Federal Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) for Fiscal Years 2025-2029.

HCD needs your help to get feedback on California's housing, homelessness, and community development challenges, barriers, and needs. Please take one of the surveys below:

Public survey: If you are a member of the general public, take the Public 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Survey.

Grantee survey: If you are a local government, developer, nonprofit organization, city or county, or other entity who has or is interested in receiving funding from HCD, take the Grantee 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Survey.

ESG Updates

2022 Contracts:

❖ **Expenditure Deadline is TOMORROW, November 7, 2024.**

❖ **Grant Close-Out Process**

- Submit in eCivis by COB, **Monday, December 2, 2024**
  - Final Request for Funds (RFF) AND
  - Certificates of Completion

ESG Updates

2023 Contracts:

❖ **Contracts are being routed for execution.**

- If your contract has not been executed, please check in eCivis for "Pending Acceptance" status, requiring you to accept the award AND review, sign, and upload STD 213.

- Costs can be incurred as of award letter date.

❖ **Changes to 2023 Goals or Budget**

- No changes until 2023 contract is fully executed

Questions?

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ESG Program Overview

The Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program is a federal program that provides funding to states, local governments, and non-profit organizations to help individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

There are five (5) eligible components in which an eligible applicant can apply for funding:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Street Outreach
3. Homelessness Prevention
4. Rapid Re-Housing
5. Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

Eligible Applicants

❖ Cities or Counties

❖ Nonprofit Organizations

❖ NOTE: Tribes are not eligible to be direct recipients under the federal statute that authorized the ESG program

Continuums of Care (CoC)

❖ Continuums of Care (CoC) are designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

❖ HCD works with 40 of the 44 California CoCs.

(San Francisco, Long Beach, Glendale, and Pasadena serve entitlement areas only)

❖ ESG's method of distribution of funding is designed so the CoCs choose what services and applicants apply for our funding.

❖ HCD's goal is to continue developing the relationship and collaboration with California's CoCs.

ESG Program
Moving from State Regulations to Guidelines

❖ The ESG program is moving to Guidelines as of the 2024 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

❖ ESG Guidelines are replacing current State Regulations.

Why is HCD moving to Guidelines?

❖ To speed up the deployment of funds to subrecipients – Provide subrecipients additional time to expend grant funds

❖ Award funding based on formula allocation and performance outcomes

❖ Maximize flexibility

❖ Reduce the administrative burden on subrecipients and HCD

Changes to Method of Distribution

❖ Removal of Balance of State (BoS), Competitive, Noncompetitive, and CoC allocations/NOFAs.

❖ Will continue to run the same formula allocation for the 40 CoCs.

❖ CoCs can either:
  ❖ Apply for funding directly and have their own subrecipients OR
  ❖ Select up to two (2) applicants to directly apply to HCD.

Changes to Timeline & Contracts

❖ There will be only one NOFA, Standard Agreement and application every three years - the next NOFAs will be in 2024 and 2027.

❖ Standard Agreements will be multi-year contracts (2024 – 2028) with a 3-year _estimated_ amount of funding in each contract.

❖ For years when a NOFA is not issued, the new annual funding will be added by an '_amendment_' to the current contract– STD 213, budget revision, etc.

NOFAs, Applications, & Contracts

2024 Guidelines method of funding, contracting and distribution of funds:

❖ HCD will issue '*multi-year*' contracts.

- The multi-year contracts will have an amount that is not to exceed 3 years of annual funding.

  - <u>For example</u>, if the annual grant amount is $100,000, the '*not to exceed*' amount for the multi-year contract will be $300,000.

❖ NOFAs will be issued every **3rd** year (2024, 2027, 2030…)

Example: Multi-Year Contract

ESG NOFA Example
2024

Funding Year	Annual Allocation	Expenditure Window
2024 - 2026	$100,000	12/2024 – 09/2026
2025 - 2027	$100,000*	10/2025 – 09/2027
2026 - 2028	$100,000*	10/2026 – 09/2028

*Annual allocation amounts are subject to HUD approving Annual Allocations to HCD ESG

Example: Multi-Year Contract

Multi-Year Contract (EXAMPLE) 12/1/2024 through 9/1/2028					
NTE 3 Years Funding & Expenditure Timeline	Contract Year 1: 2024	Contract Year 2: 2025	Contract Year 3: 2026	Contract Year 4: 2027	Contract Year 5: 2028
Funding Year 1: 2024 **12/1/2024 – 9/1/2026**	Award $100,000 12/1/2024 – 9/1/2026 →				
Funding Year 2: 2025 **10/1/2025 – 9/1/2027**		Award $100,000 10/1/2025 – 9/1/2027 →			
Funding Year 3: 2026 **10/1/2026 – 9/1/2028**			Award $100,000 10/1/2026 – 9/1/2028 →		

Performance Outcome Measures

❖ ESG Performance Outcome Measures will be leveraged by HCD to award ESG funding (local HMIS transmitted to HDIS).

❖ HCD will add the ESG and ESG-CV Performance Outcome dashboards to the Public facing website to be transparent in how our ESG program is assisting in preventing and ending homelessness.

❖ HCD has worked with Cal ICH's data team to update the ESG and ESG-CV Performance Outcome Measures comply with the 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

Mini-Monitoring

HCD Representatives request supporting documentation for several expenses on <u>each</u> financial report (request for funds)

Documentation can include:

- ❖ Client eligibility determination, such as homelessness certification
- ❖ Signed leases, FMR calculation, AMI, and a housing stability plan
- ❖ Recordkeeping
- ❖ Payroll and staff costs

Annual Monitoring

- ❖ Conduct Risk Assessment
- ❖ Overall Grant Management based on HUD Exhibits
- ❖ Match Requirements
- ❖ Written Policy and Procedures
- ❖ Financial Management
- ❖ Cost Allowability
- ❖ Sub-subrecipient Grant Management

Timeline*

Approximately December 2024	Final Guidelines
December 31, 2024	NOFA to be released
February 1, 2025	Application portal opens in eCivis
Approximately March 2025	Applications Due

Above dates are tentative and are subject to change.

ESG Guidelines Resources

❖ESG Webpage:

[Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

❖ESG Draft Guidelines:

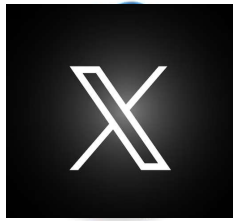[esg-draft-guidelines.pdf](#)

❖ <u>ESG Program Team Contact:</u>

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