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Subject: FW: Comments and Suggestions for Emergency Solutions Grant Funding-John Mataka-President Grayson Neighborhood Council-
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From: Rosenda Mataka [REDACTED]
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Cc: Rosenda Mataka [REDACTED]; MIGUEL DONOSO SHEEN [REDACTED]; Michael Garcia—Civil Rights Chairman American GI Forum [REDACTED]; Noe Paramo [REDACTED]; Kathryn Robinson [REDACTED]
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It is my understanding that this grant could be up to 22 million if funded at 100%. There is a need for a homeless shelter expansion in Patterson due to the Patterson Shelter being small and due to it being the only shelter on the "whole Westside" of the County. This site should be expanded and another site built in Newman. One homeless site for the whole Westside is insufficient. Residents in the outlying communities that are unincorporated should not have the barrier to travel to Modesto for shelter. With that being said there should be funding for a shelter in Riverbank and Ceres also. To continue to make "Modesto the hub for homeless shelters" is not thinking outside the box. To really address the homeless situation each community needs to have a shelter. My proposal for expansion of Patterson shelter and the creation of shelters in Newman, Riverbank and Ceres should include funding for operation purposes for at least the first 2 years until the mentioned communities can organize and get volunteers and support from each community to take over operations. There are many "other churches" other than the Salvation Army that would be willing to provide services if called upon. Spending more money to buy hotels in Modesto is not

sufficient to address the homeless issue in Stanislaus County. My last point is that our Spanish speaking homeless residents need a shelter where the primary language is Spanish and where the volunteers provide an atmosphere that is "culturally and linguistically appropriate" to serve their needs. Our Spanish speaking residents have linguistic and cultural barriers in dealing with English only shelters. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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October 21, 2020

Stanislaus Community System of Care.
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Dear Chairperson:

The American GI Forum is a Congressionally chartered non-profit organization representing Veterans, family members of Veterans, and Latinos. The American GI Forum is very concerned with the response to the Covid-19 from Stanislaus County.

I am concerned with how Stanislaus ESG Funds will be spending in the Latino and Veterans underserved communities. Some of the issues are:

- Lack of Outreach and Information
- Lack of Educational materials directed to the Spanish Speaking and Veterans Community
- Lack of Cultural Understanding for Spanish Speaking and Veterans Community
- Overcrowding in homes
- Lack of monetary resources because of COVID=19

These are just a few of the issues in our community. We hope that we can discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

Michael Garcia
Civil Rights Chairman

Cc: Josh Harder, Congressman, 10TH Congressional District, Kamala Harris, California Senator, Diane Feinstein, California Senator, Governor Gavin Newsom, Anna Caballero California Senator Senate District 12

From: [Marissa Mendoza](#)
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Subject: FW: The COVID-19 second part of the ESGP
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From Mr. Donoso.

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From: MIGUEL DONOSO SHEEN [REDACTED]
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To: CSOC <CSOC@stancounty.com>
Subject: The COVID-19 second part of the ESGP

As a member of the Hispanic TaskForce, I request clarification of the conflicting StanCSOC By-laws and HUG regulations. Namely, HUD, CoC 24 CFR 578.95(b) and the 24 CFR 578.95(c) be put into record of the Stanislaus County Council meeting on Oct 21,2020. Please respond by 5PM Oct. 27th, 2020.

Thank you,

Enviado desde mi iPad

From: [Marissa Mendoza](#)
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Subject: FW: State ESG-CV2 Fundetion mg prioridad
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From: MIGUEL DONOSO SHEEN [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:53 PM
To: CSOC <CSOC@stancounty.com>
Subject: State ESG-CV2 Fundetion mg prioridad

Is a member of the Hispanic TaskForce, we recomendar the following point:, a) to have more Emergency Sherter thought out the Stanislaus County. Spacially in área were high consentretion of low-incomestible persons and mi origines. b) To have beteter Race/Ethnic count specially the Mexican and Mexican-American persons and familias, and to imprut the count for the ELP, (monolingual and Baicultural. (C) the Poin-in-Count to have a better Count to the ELP, and the familias that live in the Garage, and senior Mexican, and Mexican-American persons and Familias. e) to use more money to healp to pay the ren , electicity and water services for individual and families that aré afecten by the COVID-19 . f) to put more mony in the HMIS to have a better data support and services On the count for the Mexican and Mexican-American individuol and families. And to request the CoC Board of Directors to comper the ByLaws from his own Conflic of Interest and Recusal , 1.6.1., 1.6.2. To the Regulations from HUD, the CoC 24 CFR 578.95(b) and 24 CFR 578.95(c) , I am requesting that the County Counsol from the Stanislaus County make a legal opinion in this Matter , beford , October 25, 2020, for the alloquetion of the State ESG-CV2.funds. The order consernnd is the in the bylows , from the CoC 1.5.1. The Chairperson and the Vice Chaierperson will have the res posibiliteís include working with the Secretary to develop agendas and run regular and specially meetings . That problem is that the CoC , Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, meet we the personal from the CSA and the members from SHA, to make the agenda for the two organization! That is a Conflic of Interest and is Not Ethicol!

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From: [Marissa Mendoza](#)
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Subject: FW: SHARE
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Attachments: [The Stanislaus Homeless Advocacy and Resource Program - about us - edit 3.doc](#)

Document attached.

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From: CSOC <CSOC@stancounty.com>
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Subject: FW: SHARE

From: Steven Finch [REDACTED]
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To: CSOC <CSOC@stancounty.com>
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Subject: SHARE

To Whom,

I wanted to follow up on the call today and send a link to our page, as well as a brief statement about who we are.

We hope to be up and running soon with training for our advocates and assist in whatever gaps in the system, working closely with all the agencies, public and private.

A list of agencies we should reach out to, would be helpful.

<https://www.facebook.com/sharestanislaus>

Thanks!

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The Stanislaus Homeless Advocacy and Resource Enterprise (SHARE) believes that all people deserve to be treated with respect and dignity, including people experiencing Homelessness in our community.

As an organization SHARE will accelerate the involvement and education of the community. In order to move forward together, we will employ strategies which identify and solve problems using our valuable human resources and civic resources, to boost civic engagement, create opportunities and offer equitable access to all public and private resources within our community. Funds we raise each year will be granted solely to this end. Working 100% to propel our mission forward.

SHARE's mission:

1. Utilizing a dedicated group of volunteers who work with people currently experiencing homeless and/or ones who need assistance after they have obtained housing, to fulfill their agreed sustainability goals.
2. Involve and educate the community at large on the many issues relating to homelessness and engage them to develop solutions.
3. Attempting to assist as many families and citizens out of homelessness, and its many symptoms and causal effects, toward a gratifying and safe lifestyle.

SHARE's volunteers will be paired with individuals based upon a well-defined matching process and assist them, as long as they are needed or wanted, to advance them along a defined and agreed plan of action.

Our most valuable assets are the citizens in our community and their willingness to help our most vulnerable, among them the people experiencing homelessness within our community.

We know that reaching out and getting involved with all residents of a community builds a safer and more secure living environment for everyone.



October 23, 2020

Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC) Council

RE: Emergency Solutions Grant Program – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Notice of Funding Availability (Round 2)

Dear Council members:

On behalf of California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF), we submit these comments on the use of the \$22,767,898 of ESG-CV2 funds. The CSOC should include ways to maximize ESG-CV2 while using other non-dedicated resources for eligible activities.¹

During the pandemic, residents of Stanislaus County whether homeless or at risk of being homeless and those at risk of being evicted continue to be vulnerable to COVID-19. Disadvantaged unincorporated communities are struggling socially and economically during the pandemic crisis and need support and resources. Families renting their homes are worried that they won't be able to pay the rent and will be evicted leaving them homeless. Families are in need of food; and of help paying their utilities. Many residents are not able to work from home because they work in essential services and should be protected and valued as highly important to the county.

Moreover, given that the County's Project Home-key applications were denied and now we are facing returning Project Room-key guests to congregate shelter, it is imperative that funding go to acquiring additional non-congregate shelter space to transition folks into in coming months.

The following are five recommendations for use of the ESG-CV2 funds:

1) Acquisition and operation of emergency shelter and temporary housing

¹ Endhomelessness.org, "The Framework for an Equitable COVID-19 Homelessness Response," Available at <https://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-Framework-4.29.2020-1.pdf>.

- As the County’s Consolidated Plan notes, in 2019 prior to the pandemic, 58% of individuals experiencing homelessness in our County were unsheltered. Further, the total number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Stanislaus County according to the 2019 Point-in-Time Count increased from 1,923 to 2,107. These numbers are anticipated to increase due to COVID-19.
- Not only should we focus on creating more shelter space, but supporting effective exit strategies to open up space to accommodate the surge of individuals that are likely to enter the shelter system due to COVID will be necessary.
- Acquiring and operating additional emergency shelter space can reduce the risk of exposure to the virus.
- Any congregate shelter space must also be equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE) and set up to facilitate social distancing.
- Outreach will be increasingly important to connect individuals to shelter and essential services. Particularly, linguistically and culturally appropriate outreach must be implemented to ensure that all communities in need are reached and to meet the grant’s racial equity obligations.

2) Rental and financial assistance: Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention

- To maximize the effectiveness of these funds, strategic targeting of vulnerable populations is vital.
- Homeless Prevention: Low-income households, particularly those within the Hispanic/Latino communities in Stanislaus County, face higher rates of overcrowding and housing cost burdens, thereby making social distancing impossible and at higher risk of eviction. Accordingly, the economic impact of COVID-19 on these communities has only further exacerbated these existing disparities and has led to an increased risk of defaulted rental payments and relocation to overcrowded housing situations, thereby furthering the spread of COVID-19. While ESG-CV2 prioritizes rental and financial assistance in the Rapid Rehousing Program, homeless prevention by way of the provision of rental and financial assistance to these communities facing overcrowding must also be prioritized. To do so would help meet the grant’s obligations to implement activities that aim to prevent the spread of the virus as well as meet the grant’s racial equity obligations, as communities of color are more likely to be in overcrowded housing.
- A major predictor in future homelessness is having previously experienced homelessness. Prioritizing homelessness prevention, before eviction prevention, by targeting funds to extremely low-income households that have experienced homelessness (or who have other evidence-based predictors such as substance abuse, victims of domestic violence, and other distressed factor) will mitigate an increase in homelessness more effectively.
- Meaningful landlord outreach and engagement will be necessary for both rapid re-housing and effective homelessness prevention.

3) Increase access to essential services for Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

- Disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs) throughout our County face unique and significant risks during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are more remote and isolated from resources and centers. In addition, many low-income households face issues of overcrowding, making social distancing impossible. DUCs also comprise the large majority of Hispanic/Latino populations in the County. Therefore, targeting services and resources to DUCs will help meet the grant's racial equity obligations.

4) Supporting community non-profits performing essential services

- ESG may be used to pay for legal services to prevent the loss of permanent housing where the individual or family currently resides (24 CFR § 576.105). Options could include increasing personnel capacity at Self-Help Centers or Legal Services providers and investing in additional eviction defense training for advocates.

5) Ensure Equitable Distribution

- Tracking who is using the funding is necessary to ensure all residents have equal access to these needed resources. Both demographic and geographic tracking will give the County a clear picture of who is and isn't benefiting from the increased funding. With tracking embedded into programs from the outset, periodic evaluation of will allow the County to increase outreach for communities that are not receiving the benefits of the new programs.
- Re-evaluate current data collection practices along all steps in the Continuum of Care process to recognize racial and ethnic distinctions and close service gaps.²

Your careful consideration of our comments is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at nparamo@crlaf.org with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislative Advocate
CRLA Foundation

² <https://csocstan.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/FY-2018-CoC-Application-with-Attachments--09.12.2018.pdf> (Summary: HMIS Governance Meeting on 8/29/18)(PIT count data showed significant disparities seeming to indicate that Hispanic/Latino Persons in Families are far more likely to be in emergency shelters than their White Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino counterparts and are significantly less likely to be placed in transitional or permanent housing. According to subsequent CSOC meeting minutes, there was no follow-up discussion related to these data).