

**MINUTES**

**Special Meeting**

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

**I. Roll Call – CSOC Council**

Chairperson Jason Conway called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. (See Attachment A for Roll Call)

**II. Public Comment**

Steven Finch, Modesto business owner, provided information about the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, which provides advocacy for foster children and guidance to agencies for resource and referrals. Link provided: <https://www.facebook.com/sharestanislaus>.

Miguel Donoso, on behalf of the Spanish Taskforce, asked for clarification regarding conflict of interest policy in the CSOC's by-laws as related to 24CFR578.95db and 24CFR578.95c. He asked the CSOC Council to seek a legal guidance from the County's counsel.

Miguel Donoso asked for clarification regarding CSOC by-law 1.5.1. regarding the Chair's responsibility to work with the Secretary to develop agendas for special meetings that includes input of executive members such as Kathy Harwell and Tina Rocha. Mr. Donoso stated this was a conflict of interest.

Councilmember Andrew Nosrati,(Turlock), suggested this Council work with the District Attorney's office to implement Laura's Law county-wide.

**III. Funding – Homebase Presentation**

**a. Emergency Solutions Grants Program – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Notice of Funding Availability (Round 2)**

Homebase facilitated a review of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) release of information regarding Emergency Solutions Grants – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Round 2 funding.

The amount of funds allocated was based upon: population, poverty, COVID-19 rates and Point-In-Time (PIT) counts.

ESG-CV funds must be used 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 COVID-19.

ESG-CV is funding administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding is distributed to localities.

**HCD ESG-CV1 (Round 1) funding (\$857,100):**

- Shelters = \$483,076 (56.4%)
- Rapid Re-housing = \$243,212 (28.4%)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) = \$85,710 (10%)
- Administration = \$45,100 (5.2%)

**HCD ESG-CV2 (Round 2) funding (\$22,767,898):** The following are Expenditure Deadlines

- October 28, 2020 / Application submittal deadline to HCD
  - July 31, 2021 / Deadline to expend 20% of funding / \$4,553,580
  - September 30, 2021 / Deadline to expend 40% of funding / \$9,107,159
  - November 30, 2021 / Deadline to expend 60% of funding / \$13,660,739
  - January 21, 2022 / Deadline to expend 80% of funding / \$18,214,318
  - July 30, 2022 / Deadline to expend 100% of funding / \$22,767,898
- **Recommendation:** Prioritize eligible activities based on Council discussion and public feedback. Review proposed timeline and discuss the impact on timely expenditure of funds.

b. **Eligible activities for State ESG-CV2 –**

**Rapid Re-housing:** Rental assistance and rental arrears. Financial assistance including but not limited to application fees, utility fees' assistance, moving costs, etc. Services include but not limited to housing search and placement, housing stability case management, credit repair, etc.

**Emergency Shelter:** Essential services include but not limited to case management, child-care, education services, employment assistance, Outpatient health/mental health/SUD services. Also, shelter renovations and operations. **Emergency Shelter Restrictions:** funds may only be used for the costs of providing emergency shelter during the period beginning on the date the grantee began preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus and ending on January 31, 2022, per the HUD Notice 20-08.

**Street Outreach:**

Engagement – costs of activities to locate, identify and build relationships with unsheltered individuals and connect them with homeless assistance.

Case Management – cost of assessing housing and service needs, arranging and coordinating delivery of individualized services, documenting eligibility, counseling, coordinating services, monitoring programs and more.

Emergency Health & Mental Health Services – Eligible costs are for direct outpatient medical treatment operating in community-based settings where unsheltered homeless people are living.

Transportation and Services to Specific Populations.

**HMIS (Data Support & Services):** Any recipient of ESG funds may use HMIS funds to pay costs of upgrading or enhancing its local HMIS to incorporate data on ESG participants and activities related to COVID-19. ESG funds may also be used to pay the costs of administering the HMIS system.

**Homeless Prevention:** Prevention services are only allowed if the applicant can demonstrate that all homeless individuals (sheltered and unsheltered) within the CSOC service area are already or will be housed with current ESG or other sources of funding.

- c. **ACTION** – Approve funding strategy and any related actions as needed for the Administrative Entity to submit a complete application to include the following:

**HCD ESG-CV2 (Round 2) funding (\$22,767,898):**

Rapid Re-Housing	}	<b>\$19,762,535 (86.2%)</b>
Emergency Shelter		
Street Outreach		

HMIS: Local recommendation **\$2,276,789.8 (10%)**

- 3.2% to HMIS Lead and,
- 6.8% to ESG-CV2 grantees

Admin Amount: **\$734,400 (3.2%)** – *Estimated Dollar Amount per NOFA*

- On a motion by Angela Freitas and seconded by Francine DiCiano-Foley, the vote on funds' percentage allocation was approved (13/2/1 Abstained [K. Harwell]).
- On a motion by Jason Conway and seconded by Maryn Pitt, the vote on the applicant selection process was approved (16/0).

- d. **Poll**

**First choice** for use of the ESG-CV2 funding – Rapid Re-housing

**Second choice** for use of the ESG-CV2 funding – Rapid-Rehousing and Emergency Shelter

- e. **CSOC General Announcements for the Public**

Public comments are welcomed until October 23, 2020 at 5:00pm. Send comments to [CSOC@stancounty.com](mailto:CSOC@stancounty.com)

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

**ATTACHMENT A - ROLL CALL - CSOC COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

**Attendance**

<b>HOUSING/SERVICE PROVIDERS</b>	1	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	Tamra Losinski	P
	2	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas	P
	3	Emergency Shelter Provider	Harold Laubach Jr.	P
	4	Youth Services Provider	Taryn Muralt	P
	5	Victims Services Provider	Lakin Ambriz	P
	6	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Michele Gonzales	A
	7	Veterans Services – VA Palo Health Care System, Supervisory Social Worker or HUD-VASH Program Team Member	Jaime Betancur	A
	8	Healthcare Provider	Lise Talbott	P
	9	Senior Service Provider – Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Margie Palomino	P
<b>BROADER COMMUNITY</b>	10	Lived Experience 1	Dawn Dominguez	A
	11	Lived Experience 2	Jason Conway	P
	12	Lived Experience 3	VACANT	
	13	Homeless Advocate	Linda Julien	P
	14	Faith Sector Representative	VACANT	
	15	Neighborhood Representative	Frank Ploof	P
	16	Education Community Representative	Fred Berry	A
	17	Business Community Representative	VACANT	
	18	Philanthropy Representative	Francine DiCiano-Foley	P
	19	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT	
<b>FUNDERS</b>	20	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Jessica Nayaran	P
	21	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Maryn Pitt	P
	22	Entitlement Jurisdiction: County	Angela Freitas	P
	23	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Sean Scully	P
	24	Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director	Ruben Imperial	P
	25	Community Services Agency Director	Kathy Harwell	P

A – Absent

P - Present