



# Stanislaus Community System of Care

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

# Agenda

- I. Roll Call – CSOC Council
- II. Public Comment Period
- III. Funding
- IV. Adjournment

# Agenda Item I – Roll Call

HOUSING/SERVICE PROVIDERS	1	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	Tamra Losinski
	2	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas
	3	Emergency Shelter Provider	Harold Laubach Jr
	4	Youth Services Provider	Taryn Muralt
	5	Victims Services Provider	Lakin Ambriz
	6	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Michele Gonzales
	7	Veterans Services - VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Supervisory Social Worker or HUD-VASH Program Team Member	Jaime Betancur
	8	Healthcare Provider	Lise Talbott
	9	Senior Service Provider - Stanislaus County of Aging & Veterans Services	Margie Palomino

# Agenda Item I – Roll Call

BROADER COMMUNITY	10	Lived Experience 1	Dawn Dominguez
	11	Lived Experience 2	Jason Conway
	12	Lived Experience 3	VACANT
	13	Homeless Advocate	Linda Murphy Lopes
	14	Faith Sector Representative	VACANT
	15	Neighborhood Representative	Frank Ploof
	16	Education Community Representative	Fred Berry
	17	Business Community Representative	VACANT
	18	Philanthropy Representative	Francine DiCiano-Foley
	19	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT

# Agenda Item I – Roll Call

FUNDERS	22	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Jessica Narayan
	23	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Maryn Pitt
	24	Entitlement Jurisdiction: County	Angela Freitas
	25	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Sean Scully
	20	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Director	Ruben Imperial
	21	Community Services Agency Director	Kathy Harwell

# Agenda Item II – Public Comment Period

## Two ways to provide Public Comment

- **#1 - Via Zoom link (Computer or Smartphone)**
  - *Click the button that says “raise your hand” (This can be found by hovering your computer mouse over the screen and clicking the “participants” button at the bottom of the page.)*
  - *Once the participant list shows, to the right of the screen, there will be a button to “raise your hand.”*
- **#2 - Via Telephone Call**
  - *Press \*9 to “raise your hand”*
  - *The host will let you know when it is your turn to speak.*

Five (5) minute time limit



# Agenda Item III – Funding

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

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

# Homebase





# **State Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus Funding (ESG-CV2)**

# Introductions

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HomeBase has been working with Continuums of Care and homeless service providers throughout the country for three decades on eradicating homelessness.



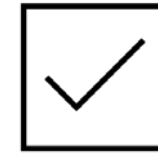
**We help CoCs** design and implement Housing First, Coordinated Entry, and other major system changes.

# Agenda

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- Overview of the ESG-CV2 Funding Source
- Eligible Activities for ESG-CV2
- Discussion Re. Proposed Allocation Amounts for ESG-CV2
  - CSoC Consideration & Approval
- Process for selection of ESG-CV2 awardees
  - CSoC Consideration & Approval

# ESG-CV Purpose



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 coronavirus. (*ESG-CV Notice*)

# ESG-CV Overview

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ESG-CV is a pool of homeless assistance funding administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and distributed:

- Directly to localities *and/or*
- To states who distribute it to localities

# HCD ESG-CV

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- California's ESG-CV allocation is distributed to localities by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- There are two rounds of funding ESG-CV1 and ESG-CV2

# HCD ESG-CV1

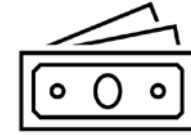


Total ESG-CV1 Allocation of **\$857,100** awarded to:

- **Shelter (56.4%)**
  - \$176,712 – Family Promise
  - \$164,112 – Center for Human Services
  - \$142,252 – Salvation Army
- **Rapid Re-housing (28.4%)**
  - \$33,250 – Family Promise
  - \$209,962 – CHSS
- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (10%)**
  - \$85,710 – HMIS Lead Agency
- **Administration (5.2%)**
  - \$45,100 - Planning and Community Development

HCD Standard Agreement still pending for final release of funding

# HCD ESG-CV2



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Total Award Amount Available:  
**\$22,767,898**

Administrative Amount: **\$734,400**



# ESG-CV Expenditure Deadlines

Date	Milestone	Expenditure in \$
<b>October 28, 2020</b>	<b>Application Submittal Deadline to HCD</b>	
July 31, 2021	Deadline to expend 20% of funding	\$4,553,580
September 30, 2021	Deadline to expend 40% of the funding	\$9,107,159
November 30, 2021	Deadline to expend 60% of the funding	\$13,660,739
January 21, 2022	Deadline to expend 80% of the funding	\$18,214,318
July 30, 2022	Deadline to expend 100% of the funding	\$22,767,898

# Grantee Obligations - Overview



- Limited eligible activities & costs and restricted client eligibility.
- Grantee documentation requirements
  - Financial recordkeeping, documentation of grant spend down, eligible costs, and data entry
- Client documentation requirements
  - Adequate documentation of eligibility
  - Documentation of rent reasonableness, lease requirements, income, HUD-mandated forms (VAWA, lead-based paint etc.)
- Reporting requirements

# Grant Obligations Racial Equity

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- Recipients should prioritize the advancement of racial equity at all levels of the homeless response system.
- The Department asks recipients to be leaders in their homeless response systems, facilitating partnerships among service organizations and promoting racial equity practices.
- Recipients must respond to disproportionate access to services, service provision and outcomes.
- Recipients cannot simply rely on delivering a standardization of services to address equity. Recipients have the responsibility to examine their data to ensure all eligible persons receive equitable services, support, and are served with dignity, respect, and compassion regardless of circumstances, ability, or identity.

# HCD Focus on Racial Equity

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## Advancing Racial Equity Requirements – applicants should consider

- Racial demographics of those within HMIS
- Outcomes based on race
- Access to underserved and marginalized communities
- How are the voices of communities of color and BIPOC and those with lived experience are being centered in a meaningful way
- Accessibility to non-traditional organizations that have historically served communities of color

# HCD Focus on Tribal Nation Partnerships

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- Historically, Native Americans comprise one of the poorest groups in the United States. Persistent poverty and inadequate housing conditions continue to be key issues on tribal lands. Moreover, a lack of understanding of tribal sovereignty, familiarity with distinct Indian nations, and awareness of cultural differences increase the complexity for ESG-CV grantees to support addressing these concerns.
- The Department is supporting communities who prioritize building an ESG-CV grantee-tribal partnership in addressing homelessness in tribal communities.

# Eligible Activities for State ESG-CV2

# State ESG-CV2 Funding Priorities

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- Serve those most in need through rapid re-housing and emergency shelter.
- Ensure all eligible persons receive equitable services with dignity, respect and compassion regardless of circumstance, ability, or identity.

# Eligible Activities for State ESG-CV2

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- Rapid Re-housing
- Emergency Shelter
- Street Outreach
- HMIS (Data Support and Services)
- ~~Homeless Prevention~~ – *ONLY* if all rapid re-housing & emergency shelter needs already met by current ESG or other funding sources



# Rapid Re-housing

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- **Rental Assistance:** rental assistance and rental arrears.
  - Rental assistance is limited to 12 months per participant.
  - Rental assistance on units can also *exceed* FMR under the ESG-CV Notice throughout the period the recipient is providing rental assistance to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.
- **Financial Assistance:** rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, moving costs.
- **Services:** housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, credit repair.

# Emergency Shelter

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- **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
- **Shelter renovation**
- **Shelter operations**

# Additional Emergency Shelter Activities

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- **Shelter Operations:** Maintaining a sanitary shelter environment will help to keep staff and participants healthy. For example, supplies (cleaning supplies, PPE), furnishings (cots, room dividers), equipment (washers, handwashing stations), and transportation.
- **Temporary Emergency Shelter:** Structure or portion of a structure used for limited time because of a crisis to provide shelter to individuals displaced from their normal place or residence or sheltered/unsheltered locations.

# Emergency Shelter Restrictions

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- **Emergency Shelter funds may be used only 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 CPD Notice 20-08.
- **Temporary emergency shelter:**
  - Acquisition cap is \$2.5M (NOTE: Acquisition is only an eligible activity for temporary emergency shelter)
  - If funds were used for acquisition or renovation (including conversion or major rehabilitation) of temporary emergency shelter recipients cannot then transition the temporary shelter to another use at the end of the time period without compensating HUD or transferring title of the property per 2 CFR 200.311.

# Street Outreach

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- **Engagement:** Costs of activities to locate, identify, and build relationships with unsheltered folks 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, developing housing plans, and more.
- **Emergency health & mental health services:** Eligible costs are for the direct outpatient treatment of medical conditions and are provided by licensed medical professionals operating in community-based settings, including streets, parks, and other places where unsheltered [homeless](#) people are living, only to the extent that other appropriate health services are not available.
- **Transportation & Services to special populations**

# HMIS (Data Support & Services)

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- ESG-CV funds may be used to pay the costs of contributing data to the HMIS designated by the Continuum of Care (CoC).
  - Under the ESG-CV Notice, 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.
- The HMIS Lead agency as designated by the CoC in the most recent fiscal year CoC Grant Competition may also use ESG funds to pay the costs of administering the HMIS system.
- Victim Service Providers may use funds to establish and operate a comparable database.

# Highly Restricted Pool of Funding

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- These funds have extremely limited uses and can only serve certain participants.
- As we move through this discussion please note that if you have ideas or suggestions *outside* of these eligible activities there will be several upcoming opportunities for community feedback.

# **Discussion: How should the community spend the funds available for ESG-CV2?**

Remember: These dollars can only be spent on the eligible activities we discussed.



# SHA and CSOC Supported COVID-19 Funding Prioritization (May 2020)

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## SHA and CSOC Supported COVID-19 Funding Prioritization (May 2020)

- Support the needs of **existing shelter operations**
- Unexpected operations and supply costs not covered by other available funding sources
- Support the development of new housing units aimed at transitional and permanent supportive housing
- **Rapid Re-Housing**
- Homeless Prevention

# Eligible Activities for Allocation

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- Rapid Re-housing
- Emergency Shelter
- Street Outreach
- HMIS – Local recommendation is 10% (3.2% to HMIS Lead and 6.8% to ESG-CV2 grantees)
- Administration – 3.2% allocated to Administrative Entity

# Eligible Activities for Allocation

**Total Award: \$22,767,898**

- Rapid Re-housing
  - Emergency Shelter
  - Street Outreach
- \$19,762,535 (86.8%)**
- HMIS: Local recommendation is **\$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*

# Poll 1

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- Please select your **first** choice for use of the ESG-CV2 funding.
  - Rapid Re-housing
  - Emergency Shelter (shelter operations, shelter renovation, temporary shelter)
  - Street Outreach
  - HMIS
- If you cannot access the poll please put your response in the chat.
- If you are dialing in and cannot access the poll we will give you the first opportunity to comment after the poll to share your thoughts with the group.

# Poll 2

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- Please select your **second** choice for use of the ESG-CV2 funding.
  - Rapid Re-housing
  - Emergency Shelter (shelter operations, shelter renovation, temporary shelter)
  - Street Outreach
  - HMIS
- If you cannot access the poll please put your response in the chat.
- If you are dialing in and cannot access the poll we will give you the first opportunity to comment after the poll to share your thoughts with the group.

# Let's Discuss

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Folks calling in, or anyone who could not respond to the poll, please share with us what your priorities are.

# Let's Discuss



For all, why did you prioritize funding the way you did?

# Let's Discuss

What are your ideas for use of these funds? What needs in the community are being met?

## Proposed Uses for ESG-CV2

Rapid Rehousing	Emergency Shelter	Street Outreach	HMIS



# Let's Get Specific

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Let's work together to make recommendations on the **specific percentages** this group recommends allocating to the eligible activities we have discussed prioritizing.

## Remember

- Amount Available: \$22,767,898
- HMIS Recommendation: \$2,276,789.8 or **10%** (3.2% to HMIS Lead and 6.8% to ESG-CV2 grantees).
- Admin Amount: \$734,400 (3.2%) - *Dollar Amount Per NOFA*
- Amount for Allocation Less HMIS and Admin: \$19,762,535 (86.8%)

# Final Proposal for Approval

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- **Emergency Shelter:** 60% - \$13,660,739
- **Rapid Re-housing:** 16.8% - \$3,825,007
- **Street Outreach:** 10% - \$2,276,790
- HMIS: 10%
- Admin: 3.2%

# Applicant Selection for ESG-CV2 - Local Process

# Selection Process Letter

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**Process outlined in the draft letter to HCD is consistent with selection process utilized by Stanislaus County Planning & Community Development with past CA ESG Funding.**

- Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to be released
- Mandatory Grant Technical Workshop to be conducted
- Grant Review Panel to review and score applications
  - *11 members: one each from the nine cities; one Stanislaus County; and one CSoC selected representatives*
  - *Will utilize scoring criteria and scoring sheets shared out as part of the CSoC approved NOFA*
- Mandatory presentation to the Grant Review Panel to be conducted – live or virtual
- Scoring results and funding award recommendations to be presented to the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance for endorsement and to CSoC for approval
  - Funding recommendations based on ranking scores and funding availability
- CSoC approved award recommendations to be presented to AE governing body

# Scoring Criteria

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***Scoring Criteria will consider, but may not be limited to:***

- Capacity and experience;
- Experience in administration of ESG funds;
- Focus on meeting community needs;
- Ability to provide services in a racially equitable manner;
- Ability to deliver services in a timely manner;
- Alignment with State ESG-CV2 funding priorities;
- Consideration of other funding;
- System-wide performance measures

***\*Final scoring criteria to be developed in consultation with the CSoC.***

# Didn't Get a Chance to Comment?

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- Public comments will be accepted via email through 5:00pm on October 23, 2020.
- Email your comment to [CSOC@stancounty.com](mailto:CSOC@stancounty.com)



# Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2020 from 2:30PM to 4:30PM

If you have any questions or comments, please contact [CSOC@stancounty.com](mailto:CSOC@stancounty.com)