

RFA #008 ESG-CV Homelessness

Question and Answers

#	Question:	Answer:
1	Are we able to allocate this funding to an existing program or does it have to be completely new?	This program will be taking in new clients through Coordinated Assessment referrals, primarily from the Pro-Lodges. Only services eligible by Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) would be allowed. Program must be in compliance with ESG rules and regulations. If the staff is already in place to carry out the activities, the agency would be required to document the time spent on each program in accordance with ESG requirements.
2	Any employee who is working on the program would have their caseload be entirely made-up of these ESG-eligible clients?	Not necessarily. If the staff member was splitting their work between this and another program, as stated before, the agency would just have to document time spent on the grant, and on ESG-eligible clients. If the staff member was full-time charged to the ESG grant, then they would have to spend 100% of their time on ESG-eligible clients.
3	Expectation for providing case-management once they are housed, is there a time-limit for that?	HUD offers up to 24-months of assistance in a 3-year period but the post-placement support can be limited since the contract is only for 12-months. ESG has a lot of flexibility and there is no set time you will provide services after placement into housing.
4	The rental subsidies would end at the conclusion of the contract year?	Yes, that is correct, the assistance would only be available for the program period. The goal is for agencies to spend down the funds as quickly as they can.
5	If an agency has a specific age-range they serve, can they serve only clients from that age range coming from the Pro-Lodges?	APH will expect that all agencies will serve all ESG-eligible clients from the Pro-Lodges and those who meet the CDC definition of at-risk clients, with no additional eligibility restrictions on the clients served.
6	Eligible costs for housing services?	Housing Supportive Services eligible costs are listed in the Scope of Work. They are limited to housing location and housing stability case management services. The Fiscal Agent will be administering the financial assistance to the clients served at the agencies providing Housing Supportive Services.
7	After 12-months period, if a client still needs assistance, would the agency refer them to another program or would they still be responsible for the client?	If there is a client who is in danger of losing their housing at the end of the contract period, the goal would be to get them to another agency or program that would help them stay in housing. There should be a heavy focus on raising income and connecting with employment in order to make sure a client stabilizes versus relying on on-going financial assistance.

8 Regarding the "Racial Equity" questions, we would like to connect with an organization that does it all in the optimal way. We are willing to take steps forward in showing the racial equity in our community and need some guidance on logistic level. Do you have any suggestions?

While I can't connect you with an organization that does that well since we are in the middle of a competition and any organization could be applying for this funding, I can direct you to Michigan's Racial Equity Toolkit (https://www-draft.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Health/Social%20Services/racial_equity_toolkit_Michigan_Civil_Rights.pdf) that was used to develop the Racial Equity Audit in the RFA. Also, please see these links for direct information about homelessness.

Equity Capacity Building: Hiring, Supervision, Training:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Equity-Capacity-Building-Hiring-Supervision-Training.pdf>

Racial Trauma and Trauma Informed Services:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Racial-Trauma-and-Trauma-Informed-Services.pdf>