

## **EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT - Additional Information**

### **ESG PROGRAM GOAL**

To provide grant funds in support of HEARTH Act goals and outcomes, goals identified in the Heading Home St. Louis County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and local priorities established through the Continuum of Care process to address homeless issues through a Homeless Response System for Duluth that includes outreach, Coordinated Access and Assessment, shelter operations, rapid re-housing, prevention assistance for persons at-risk of becoming homeless and collection and maintenance of homeless data and record-keeping requirements under HMIS.

### **ELIGIBLE PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

Applicants must be nonprofit organizations serving homeless persons or those at-risk of homelessness within the City of Duluth through the operation of homeless facilities and rapid re-housing and prevention assistance that results in housing stability. Applicants must demonstrate their capacity to meet HEARTH goals and outcomes and participate in the Coordinated Access and Assessment system developed through the SLC CoC process. ESG applicants must have the ability to expend all funds awarded within an 18 month period from the award start date.

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\* Outlined under the HEARTH Act and ESG regulations\***

Administrative costs will not be reimbursed under the ESG program.

Operational costs are allowed, and may include rent, maintenance, insurance, utilities and HMIS costs. Salaries for staff carrying out maintenance activities for the homeless facility are considered to be operational costs. Operational costs are limited to the "Hold Harmless" amount set in FY 2010 or sixty percent (60%) of the current year allocation. Hold Harmless funds may be used to support and maintain the current inventory of shelter units/beds within the Continuum of Care. ***\*See eligible and ineligible cost items in the Application Instructions.\****

Stabilization Services costs are limited by ESG regulations and may not exceed 30% of the total ESG allocation. Salaries for housing stabilization services or other support services provided by staff are considered to be service costs, as are for homeless prevention efforts. However, funding for homeless assistance is also provided under the CDBG Public Services category. Contact City staff if the application proposes the funding of services.

Match - HUD requires a "dollar-for-dollar" match of ESG funds. If funds are awarded, the applicant will be required to provide documentation of match. Under the budget narrative section, please indicate all sources and amounts of funds being leveraged to carry out the proposed program/activities.

Local Requirements The applicant must describe how this application fits into the Duluth/St. Louis County Continuum of Care and the Duluth Homeless Response System homeless and at-risk persons accessing the Duluth Homeless Response System must enter through one of the identified Coordinated Access entry sites. Persons will be screened for eligibility and accessed for "right fit" housing placement using ESG protocols established in coordination with the SLC CoC. ESG applicants must agree to participate in coordinated access and follow coordinated access and "right fit" housing placement protocols.

Describe specific activities the applicant currently does, or is planning to do under this proposal, that address one or more of the ESG homeless system components (Outreach, coordinated access and assessment, shelter operations (congregate, family, domestic violence), rapid re-housing, prevention, housing stabilization services, housing search and placement and HMIS. In describing the role in Coordinated Access and Assessment include:

- The number and type of housing units/beds the applicant operates. This information will be used COC Housing Inventory Chart.
- Any funding, population, programmatic or other restrictions or priorities on any of the units operated by the applicant.
- The number of unduplicated persons/households the applicant plans to serve under the 2020 ESG grant cycle (4/1/20 – 9/30/21).
- The name of applicant's staff person(s) who will be imputing/reporting HMIS data
- The number of unduplicated persons/households that the applicant has already input and reported on in HMIS (pre 2020) and the number that is anticipated will be newly input and reported on in HMIS during the 2020 ESG program year. For agencies dealing with Domestic Violence, an approved HUD alternative data system may be used.

In describing the applicant's role in Duluth's homeless response system, please include how the applicant has and will assist in meeting the following HEARTH Act goals and describe other accomplishments by the applicant that helped to reduce homelessness.

- Reduce the length of homelessness
- Reduce returns to homelessness
- Reduce the number of people who become homeless
- Increase jobs and income
- Thoroughness in reaching homeless populations
- Access to mainstream resources
- Discuss the applicant's involvement in the St. Louis County Continuum of Care Program.

Funding will be based on previous year's allocations, accomplishments, and number of beds/units.