

Overview

BACKGROUND: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, authorized supplemental funding for the Emergency Solutions Grant. These special ESG-CV funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) for people in housing crisis and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Orange County is a subrecipient of ESG funds via the State ESG Office, who receives ESG funds from HUD. The State ESG Office issued a Request for Applications for Round 1 (of 4 total rounds) ESG-CV on June 22, 2020. Project application documents available on DHHS website:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/aging-and-adult-services-grant-opportunities>

Orange County, through the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH), is eligible to apply for up to \$341,633 in total ESG-CV funds in four categories:

- Crisis Response: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter Operations and Services
- Housing Stability: Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention
- Homeless Management Information Systems database
- Administration for fiscal sponsors and local units of governments

Project Review Committee

Community members with a knowledge of homeless programs and community priorities serve on the Project Review Committee (PRC). PRC members work with funding recommendations for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) competitions, and monitor program performance throughout the year.

For Round 1 of the ESG-CV formulates recommendations for Leadership Team consideration on:

- Draft project rating and ranking tool used to score ESG-CV project applications
- Percentage of funding by category (Crisis Response, Housing Stability)
- Participation in the statewide Rapid Re-housing [Back@Home program](#)
- List of recommended projects for the available local funding

Project Review Committee members cannot have ties to agencies applying for CoC or ESG funding and serve July 2020 – June 2021.

Please email Corey Root, croot@orangecountync.gov if you are interested in serving on the Project Review Committee.

Timeline

Fri. 6/26	Local competition information sent to service providers and community Call for participation in Project Review Committee
Thurs. 7/2	Project Review Committee meeting to formulate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendation for local funding amounts• Back@Home participation• ESG-CV rating and ranking tool
Mon. 7/6	OCPEH Leadership Team meeting to determine <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local funding amounts• Back@Home participation• Approval of ESG-CV rating and ranking tool
Tues. 7/7	Letter of justification sent to State ESG Office, if needed Updated info sent to service providers and community about <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local funding amounts• Back@Home participation• ESG rating and ranking tool
Fri. 7/10	Project applications due by noon, 12:00 p.m.
Fri. 7/10 – Mon. 7/13	Project Review Committee scores project applications
Mon. 7/13	All project application scores entered by noon, 12:00 p.m.
Tues. 7/14	Project Review Committee meeting to formulate recommendation for ESG-CV Round 1 funding for Leadership Team review
Wed. 7/15	OCPEH Leadership Team meeting to determine ESG-CV Round 1 funding recommendation
Fri. 7/17	OCPEH sends completed ESG-CV Round 1 application (Project applications, Regional application, and Funding recommendation) to State ESG Office