

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 13, 2017

TO Housing Committee Members: Scott Griggs, Chair, Carolyn King Arnold, Vice-Chair, Mayor Pro-Tem Monica R. Alonzo, Tiffinni A. Young, Mark Clayton, and Casey Thomas, II

SUBJECT Emergency Solutions Grant

On Tuesday, January 17, 2017, you will be briefed on the Emergency Solutions Grant. A copy of the briefing is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan E. Sims'.

Alan E. Sims
Chief of Neighborhood Plus

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Briefing to the Housing Committee
January 17, 2017



Purpose

- Provide information regarding the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
 - *Allowable uses*
 - *Current uses*
 - *Other considerations*
- Get Housing Committee feedback for FY2017-18 budget recommendations

ESG

- Created in 1987 by Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act
- The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) is the administering agency
- Primary focus is to assist homeless individuals and families with **services**
 - *Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street*
 - *Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families*
 - *Help operate emergency shelters*
 - *Provide essential services to shelter residents*
 - *Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and*
 - *Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless*
- Household income cannot exceed 30% of the Area Median Family Income

Who receives ESG?

- Metropolitan cities
 - *May subgrant ESG funds to private nonprofit organizations*
- Urban counties
- Territories
- States

Note: Each recipient must consult with the local Continuum of Care group operating with the jurisdiction in determining how to allocate ESG funds, evaluate performance and participate in applicable community wide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Eligible Program Components

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
 - *Essential Services*
 - *Shelter Operations*
 - *Renovations of Shelters*
 - Relocation assistance related to ESG project
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Administration

Note: Street Outreach combined with Emergency Shelter cannot exceed 60% of the grant; Administration cannot exceed 7.5% of the grant

City of Dallas FY15-16 & FY16-17 Budgets for ESG

Program Category	FY15-16	% of Grant	FY 16-17	% of Grant
Street Outreach	NA	0%	\$ 50,428	4.2%
Shelter Operations & Essential Services	\$ 676,451	55.9%	\$ 676,451	55.8%
Rapid Rehousing	\$ 292,452	24.2%	\$ 292,452	24.1%
Homelessness Prevention	\$ 80,000	6.6%	\$ 61,400	5.1%
HMIS	\$ 70,168	5.8%	\$ 39,999	3.3%
Administration	\$ 90,735	7.5%	\$ 90,735	7.5%
Totals	\$1,209,806		\$1,211,465	

ESG Partners & Budgets

Partner Agency & Service	FY 15-16 Budget	FY 16-17 Budget
Austin Street Shelter – Shelter Essential Services & Operations	NA	\$ 22,000
Family Gateway- Shelter Essential Services & Operations	\$49,912	\$ 50,000
Family Place- Shelter Essential Services & Operations	\$72,518	\$ 63,167
Bridge Steps- Shelter Operations	\$378,279	\$378,279
Legal Aid- Essential Services	\$27,737	\$ 15,000
Shared Housing- Rapid Rehousing	\$113,550	\$124,050
Wilkinson Center- Rapid Rehousing	NA	\$ 34,691
City Square- Rapid Rehousing	\$107,776	\$133,711
Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance- HMIS	\$70,168	\$ 39,999
City of Dallas- Street Outreach, Essential Services, Homeless Prevention	\$299,131	\$259,833

Accomplishments for FY 2015-16

Program Category	Number of Persons Served in FY15-16
Shelter- Essential Services	899
Shelter Operations	2,504*
Rapid Rehousing	280
Homelessness Prevention	196

*This number is based on unduplicated overnight stays. We are working toward reporting of day services which could push this number up to at least 9,000 served.

Additional Information

- ESG must be matched dollar for dollar
 - *HUD will allow cash or donated materials/services*
- Funds must be expended within 24 months
- Annual Reports are required
 - *Partners must enter client data in HMIS with performance measured quarterly*
- Units for placement must meet minimum housing standards
 - *Inspections are required*
- Rent paid for clients must be reasonable
 - *Measured against market rates*
- All clients receive some level of case management services
 - *Maximum timeframe for assistance is 24 months*
- Budget allocations must follow homeless priorities as established by the Continuum of Care (CoC) under the Consolidated Plan

Other Resources

Source & Service Types	FY17 Budgets
Continuum of Care Grants from HUD -Rapid Rehousing & Case Management	\$16,629,599
Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) ESG -Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, HMIS, and Administration	\$1,089,837
Texas Health and Human Services Commission -Formerly under Department of State Health Services (DSHS) -Street Outreach, Case Management, Mental & Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse/Detox Services, Housing	\$1,500,000
TDHCA Homeless & Housing Services Program -Emergency Shelter, Case Management, & Employment Services	\$811,130
Dallas County -Mental & Behavioral Health, Case Management, Substance Abuse, Housing	<u>\$6,500,000</u>
	\$26,530,566

*Resources are also provided through the United Way, the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, foundations, and the faith-based community.

Dallas Commission on Homelessness Recommendations

- Increase targeted street outreach, housing placement, and supportive services
- Convert to community-wide coordinated entry and single system HMIS
- Facility development and shelter capacity
- Increase permanent supportive housing
- Prevent homelessness within criminal justice and treatment facilities

Continuum of Care Priorities

- Allot 60% of the ESG to Street Outreach and Emergency Shelters
 - *Only federal funding source for shelter operations*
 - *Support shelter based case management focused on housing solutions*
 - *Provide housing focused case management to shelter resistant clients*
- Priority for Rapid Rehousing versus Homeless Prevention
 - *More impactful in reducing the number of homeless*
 - *May serve chronic homeless and retain eligibility status for permanent supportive housing programs*
 - *Reduces length of stays in shelter, especially for families*
- Require all agencies to report client services into the common HMIS system
 - *Federal requirement*
 - *Achieve improved coverage of essential services in HMIS for system performance reporting*

Possible Considerations for ESG Budget for FY 2017-18

- Increase Street Outreach
- Reduce Rapid Rehousing
- Increase Homeless Prevention
- Reduce the number of partners to highest performers to enhance impact of dollars available

DISCUSSION