

**Emergency Solutions Grant Program NOFA**  
**Responses to Written Questions**

The following questions were submitted to LHC related to the ESG NOFA, published on May 23, 2025. Please note that entity names and locations have been redacted to protect persons receiving services.

- 1. I have a question regarding the period of performance. Could you confirm it is from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.**

Answer: The Emergency Solutions Grant Performance period is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

- 2. We would like to know do the funds have to go the subrecipient's or can we provide the services in house?**

Answer: The determination to administer ESG funding directly or utilize subrecipients is at the discretion of the funded agency.

- 3. I have been reading through the NOFA and wanted to ask about the prevention portion, at this time we are not participating with the Prevention funding in our current contact, will we will able to continue in this manner?**

Answer: The applicant should consider the overall regional needs and the agency's capacity when applying for ESGP funding.

- 4. Also, you probably already know that [REDACTED] has opened a new DV shelter in our region, I would like to include a portion of the funding request for RRH so that those who are exiting the Shelter and would like to relocate to [REDACTED], would I need to dedicate those funds to be for DV in my narrative?**

Answer: When contemplating rapid rehousing funding, an applicant should consider the needs of the overall region and the agencies capacity to coordinate services.

- 5. If awarded funds, when can an organization expect for the contract to begin?**

Answer: The Emergency Solutions Grant Performance period is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

- 6. If awarded, will the budget for this grant be for 2 years?**

Answer: No, the grant awards are for FY 24 funding, with a performance period, July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. LHC does not anticipate extending the contracts beyond the outlined performance period.

- 7. If an organization has been approved for a \$50,000 budget, is that for one year or is it renewable for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the same amount?**

Answer: The Emergency Solutions Grant Performance period is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. LHC does not anticipate extending the contracts beyond the outlined performance period.

- 8. Can another LHC grant, such as COC, be used as match?**

Answer: Matching contributions may be obtained from any source, including any Federal source other than the ESG program, as well as state, local, and private sources. *See* NOFA page 35, Exhibit H, No. 18 Matching Requirements 24 CFR 576.201.

- 9. Are Budget adjustments allowed, if necessary, during the contract?**

Answer: Yes, LHC contracts allow for a maximum of 2 budget revisions during the grant period permitting the HUD activity caps have not been exceeded.

- 10. Are supplies such as a Tadlock an allowable expense?**

Answer: No, the NOFA outlines eligible use of ESG funding by activities. *See* NOFA page 3, Section IV. Eligible Activities.

- 11. Are Match exemptions allowed, if necessary?**

Answer: LHC grants no exemptions for the match requirement outlined in the NOFA.

- 12. What is the admin rate for an applicant applying as a “Previous recipient of State awards” or as the “Collaborative Applicant”**

Answer: LHC makes available 3% of the allowable admin to its direct subrecipients not to sub-subrecipients. The 3% applies to either applicant, the “Previous recipient of State awards” and/or “Collaborative Applicant”.

- 13. We are having difficulty understanding what activities can be included in the 60% of the 60/40 split. Can you please clarify if both shelter operations and essential services are included in the 60%.**

Answer: Yes, The Street Outreach and Shelter Operation activities combined must not exceed 60% of the subrecipient total budget. *See* NOFA pages 3-4, Section IV. Eligible Activities.

**14. If we are selected as a collaborative applicant, can we apply as a previous applicant?**

Answer: The State will accept applications for FY24 ESGP funding from units of local government, or one regional collaborative applicant from a Continuum of Care (CoC) Agency. Previous recipients of State awards are eligible to apply. *See* NOFA page 3, Section III. Eligible Applicants.

**15. If we are not selected as the collaborative applicant can we apply as a previous applicant?**

Answer: Previous recipients of State awards are eligible to apply. *See* NOFA page 3, Section III. Eligible Applicants

**16. Can COC funds be used as match for the ESG grants and vice versa? Can intern house be counted as match?**

Answer: See answer to question 8.

**17. Could [REDACTED] apply for funding for “emergency shelter” for potential expenses for disaster sheltering (e.g. fund to pay for a heated Tadlock for case management during cold weather sheltering)? We don’t run an emergency shelter, but we do provide assistance/added services there (we bring our laundry shower trailer to the [REDACTED] shelter to allow people to wash themselves and their clothes before entering into the congregate sheltering). If there was no cold weather disaster, could the fund be reallocated?**

Answer: See answer to question 10.

**18. Would [REDACTED] need to allocate at least 40% of their applicant budget to Homeless prevention if [REDACTED] receives the grant and runs a RR project and sub grants to [REDACTED] (i.e. does each organization need to have to the 60/40 allocation of funds?) or if [name redacted] ends us a s subgrantee of [REDACTED] and the have a RR program that uses at least 40% of there proposed budget, could the [REDACTED] subgrant be used entirely for Street Outreach and HMIS for example.**

Answer: See answer to question 13.

**19. On page 10 and 11 it goes over people “at risk of homelessness” versus “Homeless”. Is it correct that someone is “at risk” if they will lose their housing in 21 days (V.A.1.b), but they are ‘homeless’ if they will lost their housing in 14 days (V.B.2.a)?**

Answer: Yes, the target populations for the ESG Grant are the “at risk of homelessness” and “homeless”. *See* NOFA pages 10-11, Section V. Eligible Participants- for the definitions of “at risk” and “homeless” households.

**20. VII regarding having funds obligated. Do funds count at “obligated” if there is a signed job description with the hourly/salary rate for a particular person working that grant? Or does that not apply to subgrantees of a recipient, but means that (for example) if [REDACTED] were the recipient of the grant, that they would need to have all their contracts with subgrantees signed by 180 days after the funds are made available?**

Answer: Obligated refers to when contracts are in place with subrecipients.