

Overview

BACKGROUND: Each year, the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Aging and Adult Services solicits applications from non-profits and local units of government for the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding opportunity. The State ESG Office issued a Request for Applications for FY 2023-24 on June 6, 2023 noting, “NC ESG funds are intended to be used as part of a crisis response system using a low barrier, housing-focused approach to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and one time. Activities can include engaging homeless individuals and families living on the street; improving the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; helping operate emergency shelters; providing essential services to emergency shelter residents, rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families, and preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless.”¹

Orange County, through the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH), is eligible to apply for up to \$101,534 in total ESG funds in four categories:

- Emergency Response: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter Operations and Services
 - This category has a funding CAP
 - **No more than \$60,920 of the \$101,534 is available for this activity**
- Housing Stability: Rapid Rehousing and Targeted Prevention
 - This category has a funding MINIMUM
 - **No less than \$40,614 of the \$101,534 is available for this activity**
- 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. The Project Review Committee utilizes a project rating and ranking tool used to score ESG project applications and draft a list of recommended projects for OCPEH Leadership Team review.

Project Review Committee members cannot have ties to agencies applying for CoC or ESG funding and serve July 2023 – June 2025.

Please email Rachel Waltz, rwaltz@orangecountync.gov if you would like to learn more about serving on the Project Review Committee.

¹ <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/1-esg-fy23-24-public-notificationdocx/open>

Project Applications

Orange County is soliciting agencies to submit new and renewal project applications. Project application documents are available on the DHHS website: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/aging-and-adult-services/nc-emergency-solutions-grant/nc-emergency-solutions-grant-grantee-information/aging-and-adult-services-grant-opportunities> Information about the local process and deadlines can be found on the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) website: <https://www.ocpehnc.com/emergency-solutions-grant> and in this document. OCPEH staff will conduct a local applicant briefing to review application process including scorecard, deadlines, and how to apply on Wednesday, June 21st from 10-11:30am.

Timeline

Tuesday, 6/06	Public Notice Release and local competition information sent to service providers and community
Tuesday, 6/13	State ESG Office 2023-2024 ESG RFA Instructional Session and Q&A, 10am-12pm
Thursday, 6/15	State ESG Office 2023-2024 ESG RFA Instructional Session and Q&A, 10am-12pm <i>New Applicants Only</i>
Tuesday, 6/20	State ESG Office 2023-2024 ESG RFA Instructional Session and Q&A, 1pm-3pm
Wednesday, 6/21	Local Applicant Briefing, 10-11:30am – Please register at the address below https://orangecountync.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcuytrTluHNOajOmvLT96rQC45L7Q6eRP
Tuesday, 7/11	Project applications due by noon, 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 7/12 – Friday, 7/21	Project Review Committee scores project applications
Monday, 7/24	Project Review Committee meeting to formulate recommendation for ESG FY 2023-24 funding for Leadership Team review
Week of July 31st	OCPEH Leadership Team meeting to determine ESG FY 2023-24 funding recommendation
Sunday, 8/6	CoC Lead notifies applicants of ESG FY 2023-24 funding recommendation
Monday, 8/21	OCPEH sends completed ESG application (Project applications, Regional application, and Funding recommendation) to State ESG Office via Smartsheet