

Overview

One important source for homeless program funding is the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This document outlines the process and timeline to apply for the FY2019 competition. The State ESG Office opened the FY2019 ESG competition on July 16, 2019 – project application documents available on DHHS website: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/aging-and-adult-services-grant-opportunities>

Orange County is eligible to apply for up to \$100,000 in total ESG funds; no MORE than \$60,000 for shelter and other Emergency Response activities and no LESS than \$40,000 for rapid re-housing and other Housing Stabilization activities. Area agencies are encouraged to apply for projects - eligible activities are listed in section F of the [Application Information Packet](#), pages 3-4, 8.

Community Involvement

DHHS expects communities to create and implement a fair local decision-making process that minimizes conflict of interest – this is our goal. The OCEPH strives to have a high degree of transparency, accountability and community involvement in the local CoC grant process. For more information or to volunteer, contact Harrison Pierce at hapierce@orangecountync.gov, 919-245-2496.

Project Review Committee

For the first time in 2019, OCEPH is instituting a year-round Project Review Committee (PRC).

Purpose:

- Conduct quarterly data reviews of CoC and ESG funded projects
- Establish CoC and ESG rating and ranking tool for new and renewal/consolidated/expansion projects
- Formulate proposed project priority listings for CoC and ESG annual applications

Membership: 4-8 people, community members with knowledge of homeless programs and OCEPH priorities. ***PRC members cannot have ties to agencies applying for funding.*** Members serve July 2019 – June 2020, with a time commitment of about 2 hours per month, with the bulk of hours required in August and September:

- Quarterly meetings for data review – 1.5 hours
- Review of project applications – 9-15 hours
- Rating & ranking meetings – 4 hours (2 hours CoC + 2 hours ESG)

Community Application Workgroup

Purpose: Draft and review ESG regional application

Membership: 4-12 people; community members with proofreading and grant writing skills

Scope: Review of documents online and by email, no meetings

Work begins: Sept. 30

Work completed: Oct. 4

Previewed time commitment: 2-5 hours (variable depending on commitment)



FY 2019 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Competition Local competition information & deadlines

FY2019 ESG application timeline

- Fri. 9/13 Project applications due to OCPEH, email to hapierce@orangecountync.gov, by 5:00pm
- Mon. 9/16 – ESG Review Committee begins work of reviewing project applications
- Thurs. 9/19
- Fri. 9/20 Project Review Committee formulates funding recommendation for Leadership Team review
- Tues. 9/24 Leadership Team finalizes ESG funding recommendation
- Tues. 9/25 OCPEH Staff notifies ESG project applicants in writing of funding decisions
- Tues. 10/1 Last day for project applicants to notify OCPEH Staff of funding decision appeals by 5:00 p.m.
- Fri. 10/11 Complete application (Project applications, Regional application, and Funding recommendation) due to ESG Office, Division of Aging & Adult Services, N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services