



BERGEN COUNTY

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS CARES ACT GRANT (ESG2-CV)

President Trump signed the CARES Act on March 27, 2020 to help the Nation respond to the coronavirus outbreak. The CARES Act made available an additional \$4 billion in ESG-CV funds to supplement the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 ESG funding provided under the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94). Of this amount, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) immediately allocated \$1 billion for ESG-CV grants based on the FY 2020 ESG formula. The rest of the funding for ESG-CV grants will be allocated directly to States or units of local government by a separate formula developed by the HUD Secretary.

Bergen County was awarded Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG1-CV) Program funds and HUD allocated \$2,748,124 on April 2, 2020 and a second allocation in the amount of \$3,222,784, on June 9, 2020 as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136. These special ESG-CV funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

As with the first allocation, this second allocation of ESG2-CV funds is subject to the following flexibilities and conditions provided by the CARES Act:

- The funds may be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs incurred by a State or locality before the award of funding (including prior to the signing of the CARES Act) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
- The funds are not subject to the spending cap on emergency shelter and outreach under 24 CFR 576.100(b)(1);
- Up to 10 percent of funds may be used for administrative costs, as opposed to 7.5 percent as provided by 24 CFR 576.108(a);
- The funds are exempt from the ESG match requirements, including 24 CFR 576.201;
- The funds are not subject to the consultation and citizen participation requirements that otherwise apply to the Emergency Solutions Grants. However, each recipient must publish how its allocation has and will be used, at a minimum, on the Internet at the appropriate Government web site or through other electronic media;
- The funds may be used to provide homelessness prevention assistance (as authorized under 24 CFR 576.103 or subsequent HUD notices) to any individual or family who does not have income higher than HUD's Very Low-Income Limit for the area and meets the criteria in paragraphs (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of the "at risk of homelessness" definition in 24 CFR 576.3;
- That recipients may deviate from applicable procurement standards when using these funds to procure goods and services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, notwithstanding 24 CFR 576.407(f) and 2 CFR 200.317-200.326;

- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness must not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing, or other services for which these funds are used, notwithstanding 24 CFR 576.401(e).

In addition, the Act authorizes the Secretary to grant waivers of and specify alternative requirements for statutes and regulations the HUD Secretary administers in connection with the use of ESG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment). These waivers and alternative requirements can be issued when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

BERGEN COUNTY ESG1 and ESG2 CV TOTAL ALLOCATION **\$5,970,908.00**

ESG1-CV ALLOCATION **\$2,748,124.00**

ESG1 CV ADMINISTRATION: 10%

Bergen County Community Development **274,812.40**

Bergen County Emergency Solutions Grant COVID (ESG1 –CV) was allocated as follows:

AGENCY/PROJECT **ESG CV ALLOCATION**

EMERGENCY SHELTER OPERATIONS/ESSENTIAL SERVICES:

HDC: Shelter Operations/Essential Services \$262,217.60
Center for Hope & Safety: Shelter Operation for DV clients 100,000.00

HOMELESS PREVENTION (HP) ACTIIVITIES:

HDC: Homeless Prevention 661,844.00
Center for Food Action: Homeless Prevention 250,000.00
Northeast NJ Legal Services: Legal Services 100,000.00

RAPID REHOUSING (RRH) ACTIVITIES:

HDC: Rapid Rehousing 989,250.00
Advance Housing: Housing Stability Case Management 110,000.00

TOTAL ALLOCATED TO PROJECTS: **\$2,473,311.60**

TOTAL ESG2-CV ALLOCATION **\$3,222,784.00**

ESG2 CV ADMINISTRATION: 10%

Bergen County Community Development **322,278.40**

ESG2 CV amount to be allocated is \$2,900,505.60, at this time Community Development has not made an allocation since we will be determining the community gaps where the funding will be most needed. It is anticipated that we will undertake some of the same activities listed above, with a focus on need as ESG1-CV to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

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