



2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment 2019-05

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Summary

The City of Fresno (City) is a federal entitlement community that receives annual allocations of Health Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan detailing the uses of entitlement funds to meet its affordable housing and community development goals as outlined in its Consolidated Plan.

For program year 2019-2020, the City is proposing to make a substantial amendment to its submitted plan. The purpose of the substantial amendment is to allocate a supplemental ESG allocation identified as ESG-CV2, which the City received as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The supplemental funds will be used by the City and its subrecipients to provide and administer emergency shelter and street outreach services and projects to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. This effort is in alignment with the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan priority to provide assistance for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless through safe low-barrier shelter options, housing first collaborations, and associated supportive services.

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020, HUD has issued guidance modifying citizen participation requirements for supplemental coronavirus relief funds (CV funds) for substantial amendments during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. ESG-CV funds described in this amendment are not subject to the consultation and citizen participation requirements that otherwise apply to the Emergency Solutions Grants program, including the requirements under 24 CFR 91.100, 91.105, 91.110, and 91.115. However, as required by the CARES Act, each recipient must publish how it has used and will use its allocation, at a minimum, on the Internet at the appropriate government website or through other electronic media. This document will be available on the website of the City's Housing and Community Development division to meet this requirement. In accordance with HUD guidance, all CV funds will be programmed through amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Sources of Funds

Table 1 - Source of Funds

Program	Source of Funds	Eligible Uses	Award
ESG-CV2	Public – Federal: Authorized by CARES Act (Public Law 116-136)	Expenditures are constrained to eligible activities as defined by 24 CFR 576 for respective programs undertaken to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Shelter/Street Outreach • Rapid Rehousing • Homelessness Prevention • Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) • Administration 	\$8,845,443
Total Sources of Funds			\$8,845,443

ESG-CV funds were allocated by HUD to jurisdictions to implement ESG eligible activities to benefit homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness. All activities must prevent, prepare for, or respond to the Coronavirus. The funds must be committed by the City within 240 days of funding agreement signature. 20% of funds must be expended by September 30, 2021; 80% of funds must be expended by March 31, 2022; and all funds must be expended by September 30, 2022. ESG-CV funds are not subject to the 60% maximum (cap) allocation allowed for Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach activities.

Uses of Reprogrammed Funds

Table 2 - Uses of Funds

Entitlement Grant	Program Year	Action Plan Project	IDIS Activity ID Number	Activity Name	Proposed Funding
ESG-CV2	2019	23	TBD	COVID-19 Homelessness and Prevention of Homelessness Programs & Administration	\$8,845,443
Total Uses of Reprogrammed Funds					\$8,845,443

Joint COVID-19 Homeless Response

\$2,000,000 ESG-CV2 funds will be sub-awarded to the County of Fresno to focus on the maintenance of COVID-19 homeless response strategies that include shelter housing and the provision of critical services and supplies by providing approximately 300 beds for families and individuals experiencing homelessness, supporting handwashing and sanitizing stations throughout the community, continuing security services at contracted hotels, adding cleaning at new bed sites and existing shelters, and providing for other required services and supplies through December 2020.

COVID-19 Emergency Shelter & Street Outreach

\$5,960,899 ESG-CV2 funds will be used by the City or its subrecipients to provide emergency shelter & street outreach services, rapid rehousing, or homeless prevention services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. Eligible street outreach activities include the following as further defined in 24 CFR 576.101: engagement, case management, emergency health services, emergency mental health services, transportation, services for special populations, and essential services. Eligible emergency shelter activities

include the following as further defined in 24 CFR 576.102: essential services, renovation, shelter operations, and assistance required under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (URA).

ESG-CV Program Administration

\$884,544 will be used by the City or its subrecipients to administer the programs.

Integrated Data and Information System (IDIS) Project Information

Table 3 - IDIS Project Information

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
Program Year	2019
Project ID No.	23
Project Name	COVID-19 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV)
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Homelessness and the Prevention of Homelessness
Needs Addressed	Homelessness / Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19)
Funding	ESG-CV: \$8,845,443
Description	Funds will be utilized by the City and its subrecipients to provide and administer emergency shelter and street outreach programming, to include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County of Fresno: Joint COVID-19 Homeless Response: \$2,000,000 2. COVID-19 Emergency Shelter & Street Outreach, Rapid Rehousing, or Homelessness Prevention: \$5,960,899 3. ESG-CV Program Administration: \$884,544
Target Date	September 30, 2022
Goal	1,570 persons assisted
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach (COVID-19 mitigation) Grant Administration and Oversight