

Grant Technical Assistance Workshop

CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (CA-ESG) 2024 ALLOCATION

Welcome

The Workshop Will Begin Momentarily (Approximately 90 Minutes)

Having Technical Difficulties? Please Let Us Know By Using The Chat Function



Staff Introductions

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Questions During the Presentation

Should you have questions during the presentation, please place them in the chat box.

Questions not addressed in real-time will receive a follow-up response

Please remember to include your contact information so that we can provide a direct response.



Agenda

CA-ESG Background and Entitlement Program

- Purpose and Funding Source

CA-ESG Application Guidelines

- Objectives and Eligible Activities
- Important Dates and Deadlines -Tentative Grant Application Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- Required Application Information
- Panel Presentations
- Scoring and Ranking



Agenda Continued

Online Application Process

- Overview of accessing the portal
- Overview of entering and saving data

Questions and Answers Session

- Applicants may ask questions regarding the application process



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CA-ESG Program Background



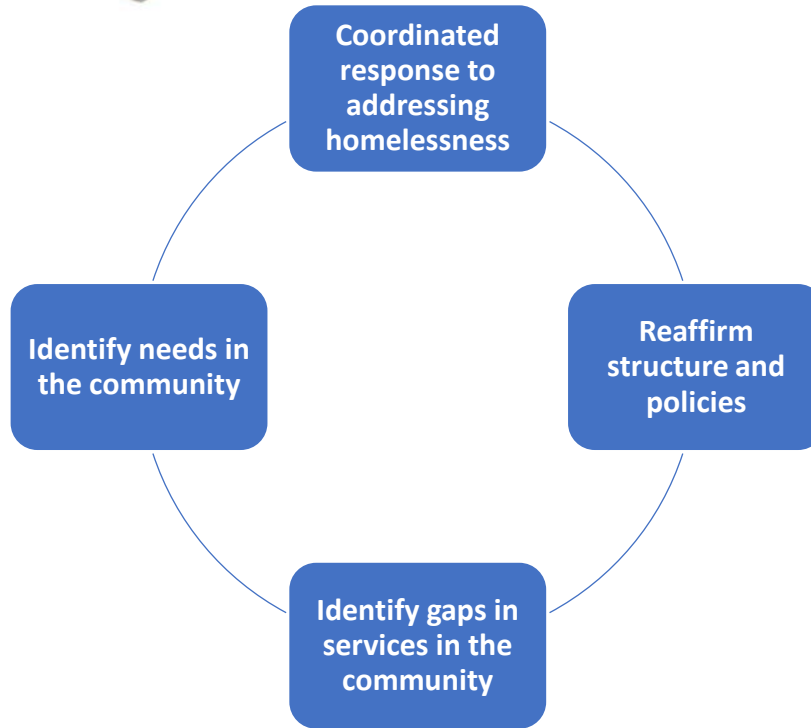
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Funding Sources

- The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the Emergency Solutions Grants (CA-ESG) program with funding received from HUD.
- CA-ESG – Stanislaus County has been approved as an Administrative Entity (AE) by HCD and awarded CA-ESG funds for activities dedicated to the CoC Service Area.



Continuum of Care



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CA-ESG Purpose

- Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street.
- Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families
- Help Operate and provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families
- Prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless



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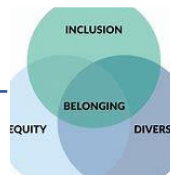
Racial Equity and Inclusion

What is Racial Equity?

The systematic fair treatment of people of all races, resulting in equitable opportunities and outcomes for all.



Eligible applicants should plan for how this funding will reduce disparities and increase racial equity in the communities



Applicants are strongly encouraged to use racial equity resources, data toolkits, and research reports to identify disparities and implement responses.

[HUD Exchange Racial Equity](#)



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CA-ESG 2024 Allocation Applications



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- Stanislaus County will be accepting applications through the Neighborly Participant Portal starting on January 11, 2024.
- Neighborly Participant Portal URL:
<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/STANISLAUSCOUNTYC/A/Participant>



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Applicant Agency Requirement



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CA-ESG Laws and Regulations

ESG - 24 CFR 576

[2011-30938.pdf \(govinfo.gov\)](#)

Updated [Code of Federal Regulations \(govinfo.gov\)](#)

CA Code of Regulations Title 25, Division 1, Ch. 7, Subchapter 20

[Department of Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grants Program \(ca.gov\)](#)



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Eligible Activities



ESG Eligible Activities

Emergency Shelter- Essential Services

- Case Management
- Childcare
- Education Services
- Employment Assistance and Job Skills Training
- Outpatient Health Services
- Legal Services
- Life Skills Training
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Client Transportation
- Services for Special Populations

Emergency Shelter-Shelter Operations

- Maintenance
- Rent
- Security
- Fuel
- Equipment
- Insurance
- Utilities
- Food
- Furnishings
- Supplies Necessary for Shelter Operation
- Hotel/Motel Vouchers

Shelter Operations and Services

- Engagement
- Case Management
- Emergency Health Services (if otherwise unavailable to client)
- Emergency Mental Health Care (if otherwise unavailable to client)
- Transportation
 - Related to emergency shelter
 - Related to street outreach

Rapid Re-Housing*/Homeless Prevention

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Activities

- Financial Assistance Costs
 - Rental Application Fees
 - Security Deposits
 - Last month's rent
 - Utility Deposits
 - Utility Payments
 - Moving Costs

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Activities

- Service Cost
 - Housing Search and Placement (*staff time spent assisting clients*)
 - Housing Stability Case Management (*staff time spent assisting clients*)
 - Mediation (*between client and landlord*)
 - Legal Services
 - Credit Repair (*cannot be used to pay down client debt*)

Rental Assistance

- Short-term Rental Assistance (*up to 3 months*)
- Medium-term Rental Assistance (*4-24 months*)*
- Payment of Rental Arrears (*one-time payment for up to 6 months of rental arrears, including applicable late fees*)

*ONLY Pertains to RRH



ESG Requirements

100% Matching Funding

Required participation in HMIS and Coordinated Entry

30% or below AMI, RRH re-certify after 12 months

Specific to RRH & HP:*

- Termination Procedures
- Case Management
- Habitability Standards
- FMR and Rent Reasonableness Calculations
- Rental agreement for property manager/landlord
- Rental agreement or lease in client's name
- Landlord/property owner agreement with agency

Income verification is required for Homeless Assistance at intake and at annual reassessment, not upon program entry

Client Data

Agency is required to obtain, update, and maintain individual client files documenting program eligibility

Agency is required to collect statistical data

Race

Ethnicity

Disability

Female Head of household

Client 62 years of age and older



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Program Requirements



CA-ESG Program Requirements Reminder

- **NEW- CA-ESG POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COUNTY AND HCD PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT.** If applicant is awarded the Policies and Procedures are due to staff within 30 days of being notified of their ranking score.
- Funded agencies are required to enter data in HMIS and participate in CES.
- Funded agencies must attend CoC meetings.
- Funded agencies must have required Insurance coverage in place.



Applicants of the CA-ESG Program

- Non-Profit agencies are eligible and must apply through the Neighborly Software Participant Portal.
- CA-ESG allocated funding is a competitive grant, it is not to be automatically renewed.
- Applicants will be selected yearly based on the strength of their application.
- Applicants must be able to match their award dollar for dollar with other funding sources, volunteer hours and/or donations.
- Applicants are required to utilize the Coordinated Entry system set forth by the CoC. Only two exceptions: Victim Service Providers and Legal Service Providers may use a comparable database



CA-ESG Estimated Grant Limits

CA-ESG 2024 Allocation Estimate: \$293,304

- Emergency Shelter Operations and Services Activities
 - \$175,982 Maximum Amount
- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
 - \$117,322 Estimated Minimum Available- No Cap on Award Request



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Application Submission Limits

California Emergency Solutions Grants (CA-ESG)

- Limit is (1) grant application per agency.



FY 2024-2025 Grant Application Tentative Schedule

- January 11, 2024 Application Release Date
- January 31, 2024..... Application Submission Deadline
- March 2024 Funding Recommendations to Be Announced
- May 2024 Final Awards Approved by Board of Supervisors
- June 2024 Award/Denial Notification
- June 2024..... Grantee Award Training
- June 2024..... Agreements to be Released



FY 2024-2025 Grant Process

- Grant Technical Assistance Workshop
- Neighborly Application & Required Document Submittal
- Grant Review Panel Presentation
- Scoring & Ranking Process
- Awards Notification
- Grantee Assistance Workshop
- Agreements
- Program in Progress
- Quarterly Monitoring and Reporting
- Project Closeout



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Neighborly Software and Application Details “A Live Demonstration”



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Neighborly Account Registration – Registration Issues

- Please check your spam/junk email if you do not receive a verification email from Neighborly.
- Enter your email into the Neighborly registration option and click to send verification code again.
- Double check the spelling of your email address that is entered as misspellings can also be the issue.
- If you have already registered with Neighborly in the Stanislaus County portal previously there is no need to register again, please proceed to signing in.
- Any other technical issues, please e-mail communitydevelopment@stancounty.com and please ensure your subject includes: “Neighborly Technical Assistance: and the Issue”.



Application Submission

- All applications must be submitted through the Neighborly Participant Portal.
- All applications are screened for completeness and eligibility to make sure the applicants meet the basic CA-ESG criteria.
- Application submission deadline is **January 31, 2024, 4:30 p.m.**



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Panel Presentations, Scoring Criteria and Ranking Process



Grant Application Presentations

- Applicants schedule presentations with County Staff
- Presentations will be conducted via Zoom
- Applicants will have the opportunity to give a 15-minute presentation about the proposal to the Grant Review Panel
- Applicants will have an opportunity to answer questions presented by the Grant Review Panel



Grant Review Panel

- CA-ESG Grant Review Panel - One representative from the local CoC, one County representative and one city representative from each of the nine Cities in Stanislaus County.
- County Staff provides the Grant Review Panel training for scoring criteria and evaluation process via Zoom .
- Review and scoring will be completed through the Neighborly Participant Portal.
- The Grant Review Panel will have the opportunity to ask the applicant questions about the proposal.



Panel Presentations and Application Scoring

Ranking Factors:

1. Capacity and Experience
2. Need/Extent of the Problem
3. Collaboration
4. Accomplishments and Program Evaluation
5. Financials
6. Performance and Risk Assessment
7. Project Innovation
8. Grant Submittal



Questions and Answers Sessions

To assist applicants with the application process County staff will be hosting two **OPTIONAL** Questions and Answers sessions via Zoom*

- Session 1 – January 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
- Session 2 – January 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.



Important Links & Information

Important Links and Information will be sent to your participant e-mail address which was utilized during registration.

Please be on the lookout for an e-mail containing:

- Application Guidelines
- Neighborly Participant Portal Link
- CFR Information and Link
- Playing by the Rules Link
- PowerPoint Presentation



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Questions?

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