GRANT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP

California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) and

Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

BACKGROUND

Funding Sources

As an Administrative Entity, Stanislaus County's Department of Planning and Community Development received grant funds from HCD:

❖ **CESH** – California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program

As an Administrative Entity, Stanislaus County's Community Services Agency received grant funds from the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council:

❖ **HEAP** – Homeless Emergency Aid Program

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CESH Program

Objectives

- Engage homeless individuals & families living on the street.

- Provide housing for homeless individuals & families.

- Help operate & provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals & families.

- Prevent individuals & families from becoming homeless.

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HEAP Program

- To provide immediate emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness.
- Eligible uses include, but are not limited to,
  - Homelessness prevention activities,
  - Criminal justice diversion programs for homeless individuals with mental health needs,
  - Establishing or expanding services meeting the needs of homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness,
  - Emergency aid
- The parameters of the program are intentionally broad to allow local communities to be creative and craft programs that meet the specific needs they have identified.

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Day Center/Navigation Center/Emergency Shelter

Eligible Activities:

- Operating costs
- Essential services
  - Related to emergency shelter
  - Related to street outreach

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Street Outreach

Eligible Activities:

- Engagement
- Case Management
- Emergency Health Services
- Emergency Mental Health Care
- Transportation
  - Related to emergency shelter
  - Related to street outreach

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Housing Relocation and Housing Stabilization

Eligible Activities:

- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Activities
- Case Management Activities
- Rental Assistance (up to 24 months)
- Rental and Utility Deposits
- Rental and Utility Arrears
- Utility Assistance

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Homeless Prevention Services

Eligible Activities:

- Housing Relocation and Stabilization Activities
- Case Management Activities
- Rental Assistance (up to 24 months)
- Rental and Utility Deposits & Arrears
- Housing Search and Placement
- Mediation, Legal Services & Credit Repair

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Other Program Requirements

- **Required participation in HMIS and Coordinated Entry System**

Specific to Rental Assistance Activities:

- **Termination Procedures**
- **Case Management**
- **Habitability Standards –Inspection Required**
- **FMR -twice the amount of the HUD limits (CESH only)**
- **Rental agreement for property manager/landlord**
- **Rental agreement or lease in client's name**
- **Landlord/property owner agreement with agency**

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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Application Submission Limits

California Emergency Solutions and Housing Grant (CESH)

- Limit is two (2) grant applications per agency
- Maximum $400,000 per application

Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

- No Limit on number of grant applications
- No Maximum per application

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Who Can Apply?

❖ **Agency:** Applicant agencies must be a public, private non-profit agency or governmental agency.

❖ **Faith based Agencies**: Faith based agencies are eligible to apply but programs may not be specifically religious in content.

❖ **Active Governing Body:** Governance of the agency should be vested in a responsible and active board, which meets at least yearly.

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Application Deadline

- ❖ Applications are Due 11/13/2019 by 4:30 pm
- ❖ Panel Presentations sign-up at time of application submission
- ❖ Panel Presentations 12/5/2019

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Forms Provided

- ❖ Grant Application Guidelines
- ❖ CESH-HEAP Application (Hard Copy and link)
- ❖ PowerPoint Presentation

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FY 2019 Grant Cycle

Important Project Specific Information:

- ❖ Expansion or New Project?
- ❖ Targeted demographics, area, income level
- ❖ Services provided
- ❖ Statement of Problem or Need
- ❖ Accomplishments procedures & methods
- ❖ Site Control
- ❖ Referrals and Collaboration
- ❖ Duplication of Services
- ❖ Staff Information

CESH Performance Measures

- The number of homeless persons served.
- The number of unsheltered homeless persons served.
- The average length of time spent as homeless before entry into the program or project.
- The number of homeless persons exiting the program or project to permanent housing.
- The number of persons that return to homelessness after exiting the program or project.

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FY 2019 Grant Cycle

Grant Panel Review

- ❖ **Capacity & Experience**
- ❖ **Need/Extent of the Problem**
- ❖ **Collaboration**
- ❖ **Accomplishments & Program Evaluation**
- ❖ **Financials**
- ❖ **Performance & Risk Assessment**
- ❖ **Project Innovation**
- ❖ **Grant Submittal**

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Funded Agencies

- ❖ Must attend a mandatory Pre-award training workshop which will cover requests for funds, client eligibility, data collection and reporting requirements

- ❖ Awarded applicants are required to attend the local monthly CoC meeting and the monthly HMIS sub-committee.

- ❖ Awarded applicants must participate in the development and data entry into CES process.

- ❖ Awarded applicants are required to enter data in HMIS.

Tentative CESH-HEAP NOFA Timeline

- **October 14, 2019 - Grant Technical Workshop - Release of CESH NOFA**
- **November 13, 2019 - CESH Grant Applications Due**
- **December 2019 - Grant Review Panel Interviews**
- **December 2019 - Scoring Results to Applicants**
- **January 2020 – Award Recommendations to the CoC and BOS**
- **January 2020 – County Planning awards CESH and HEAP sub-recipient agreements**

Questions?

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HEAP Program
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