

## NOFA Application Workshops; CDBG Public Services, ESG, Fair Housing, and HOME TBRA

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### Application Workshop (10/16/19)

#### *CDBG Public Service Funds – Homeless and Non-homeless with Special Needs*

**Note:** All projects must be consistent with the Snohomish County Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan 2015-2019 and address a goal outlined under Appendix A. Projects selected for funding must also be consistent with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan currently in development.

**Q: Can existing CDBG Public Service funded projects apply for an increase in funding?**

A: Yes, increased requests for funding must be tied to a cost of living increase or to new or increased levels of service.

**Q: What was the range of funding awards for CDBG Public Service projects in the last funding cycle?**

A: Annual CDBG Public Service awards ranged from \$20,000 to \$128,000 in the last funding cycle.

**Q: Are projects that have not received CDBG Public Services funding in the past eligible?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Are Fair Housing Counseling & Services eligible under the CDBG – Public Service application?**

A: No, applicants seeking funds for fair housing services should use the Fair Housing and Counseling Services application.

**Q: Are prohibitions on supplanting government funds applicable to private funds?**

A: No, this prohibition is only applicable to government funds.

## ***ESG – Emergency Shelter and Rapid Rehousing***

**Q: What time period will be used when scoring HMIS performance data?**

A: OCHS staff will use the time period 1/1/2018 to 6/30/2019 when scoring HMIS performance data.

**Q: Can applicants delete questions that do not apply to their project?**

A: No. Do not delete questions even if they do not apply to your project type.

**Q: Are Cold Weather Shelter's eligible to apply for ESG?**

A: Yes. Any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements is eligible to apply as an Emergency Shelter under ESG. All Emergency Shelters (including Cold Weather Shelters) must meet all ESG requirements, including; client eligibility and documentation, HMIS participation, and match requirements.

**Q: What was the range of funding awards for ESG projects in the last funding cycle?**

A: In the last funding cycle, annual ESG awards ranged from \$15,000 to \$52,500 for Emergency Shelter projects and \$104,000 for Rapid Rehousing.

**Q: Can federal funds be used as match for ESG?**

A: Yes, in general federal (other than ESG), state, local or private funds can be used as matching contributions to ESG. However, certain conditions must be met including, but not limited to;

- If the matching funds are from another federal program, there is no specific statutory prohibition on using those funds as match; and
- The matching funds have not been and will not be used to match any other Federal program's funds nor any other ESG grant;

See HUD Exchange, [What sources of funds can be used as cash match for ESG](#), for additional conditions which must be met.

## ***Fair Housing Education and Counseling Services***

**Q: Is funding available for operation of a fair housing call line?**

A: Yes, funding is available under this RFP to support operations of a call line to provide information and education on fair housing laws and regulations.

## ***HOME – Tenant Based Rental Assistance***

**Q: Are funds made available for administrative costs in addition to the \$100K for program operations?**

A: Yes, the County anticipates funding up to \$10,000 annually for administrative costs through other County funds (the County reserves the right to increase or decrease this amount based on funds available). This is in addition to the estimated \$100,000 available for program operations.