

2020/2021 RFP for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Q&A

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Questions submitted to OCHS staff from 10/16/19 through 11/7/19;

Q: Is a narrative response required for Question 6. Program Outputs under Section III. Project Description & Soundness?

A: No. Please fill required fields; unduplicated Households/Individuals served and service unit type/total service units. Shelters must also provide the number of units or beds in the program.

Q: Do applicants need to list Other Program Resources supporting the project in the Proposed Budget Attachment B?

A: Yes. Total Other Project Resources listed under the Budget Summary tab should match the total of Other Resources under the Expenditures tab.

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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.