



Community Development Department



September 6, 2019

Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care Peoria, IL

**RE: ESG Funding Availability for Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care**

CoC Governing Board and Member Agencies,

This letter acts as a notice of the availability of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and a request for letters of interest. The funds available are for program years 2020-2021. The attached form letter of interest and application provide details on the funding amounts, funded components and program requirements. The City alongside the Continuum seeks an end to homelessness as the primary outcome of these program funds. Though we are grateful to all non-profit service providers that work in this community, this funding is competitive and will be awarded based on a provider's capacity and track record in permanently housing individuals and families and the subsequent housing stability of these clients.

Funding is available for emergency shelter operations and rapid rehousing programming. The Continuum Governing Board will review letters of intent and measure candidates according to the above-mentioned capacity and record based on HMIS data. The board will provide a recommendation regarding awardees and amounts to the Peoria City Council. If a program is included in the Governing Board's recommendation, a completed application will be required from the agency and due to the Continuum Director.

**Agencies: Please return completed letters of intent by 5pm on September 20, 2019 to:**

Kate Green, Continuum Director, [kate.green@local.unitedway.org](mailto:kate.green@local.unitedway.org)

**Board-recommended Agencies: Please return completed applications by 5 pm on November 15, 2019**

**to:**

Kate Green, Continuum Director, [kate.green@local.unitedway.org](mailto:kate.green@local.unitedway.org)

**Governing Board: Please submit application package and cover letter on November 20 to:**

Kathryn Murphy, City of Peoria, [kmurphy@peoriagov.org](mailto:kmurphy@peoriagov.org)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathryn Murphy".

Kathryn Murphy, Grants Manger  
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