



Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program

2016/2017 Funding Application

Continuum of Care – Collaborative Application

Returned electronically by DATE PENDING by 5:00 PM to:

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Application Summary and Instructions:

It is essential that Continuum of Care members and agency's requesting ESG funding read and understand the ESG Interim Rule – 24 CFR Parts 91 and 579. A copy of the regulations can be found at: <https://www.onecpd.info/esg/>

In September 2013, the City Council approved a recommendation from the City's Human Resources Commission (HRC) to transfer the review and ranking of future ESG applications and funding allocations to the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care, with final approval by the City Council.

This ESG application is comprised of two sections: 1) Collaborative Application completed by the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care and 2) ESG Funding Application completed by the individual agency requesting funds. Both sections of the application are due to the City of Peoria by **DATE PENDING by 5:00 PM.**

The ESG application is a two-year grant award, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017. Budget amendments and program monitoring will occur in July of each year (approx. time frame). At that time, the City will review program performance and adjust grant award funds for calendar year 2017 based upon the funds allocated by HUD to the City. Funds awarded for 2017 will be based upon the percentage of award from the 2016 allocation. Available funds for calendar year 2016 is \$132,005, of which no more than 60% can be spent on Shelter Operations.

Eligible program components for ESG funding are:

- 1) Shelter Operations – Rent, Food/Meals, Security, Utilities and Cost of Maintenance- including minor or routine repairs
- 2) Rapid Re-housing Assistance- Housing Search and Placement Management, Housing Stability Case Management, both Short-term and Medium-term Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- 3) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Participation fees charged by Lead Agency

All individuals served with ESG funds must be residents of the City of Peoria. Therefore, shelters must be located within the corporate boundaries of the City and individuals assisted with rental assistance must be for units located within the City. Additionally, individuals assisted with ESG funds must meet the homeless definition as described in 24 CFR Parts 91 and 576 and accurate record keeping will be retained by the agency to document an individual's homelessness. Finally, individuals assisted with ESG must be entered into HMIS, unless the awarded agency is categorically excluded from HMIS entry (i.e.- domestic violence service providers). In such case, the excluded agency must maintain a comparable HMIS database for clients served.

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In order to process the individual agency ESG Funding Application, the City will require information from the Continuum of Care. Please complete the below questions specific to the Continuum of Care.

The Continuum of Care program is designed to 1) promote community-wide goals to end homelessness; 2) provide funding to quickly rehouse homeless individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families while minimizing trauma and dislocation to those persons; 3) promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream programs; and 4) optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

To be effective, a Continuum should strive to achieve the following performance measures:

- Reduce the average length of time persons are homeless.
- Reduce returns to homelessness.
- Improve program coverage and coordinated access to services.
- Reduce the number of families and individuals who are homeless.
- Improve employment rate and income amount of families and individuals who are homeless.
- Reduce the number of families and individuals who become homeless for the first time.

Please describe, as a Continuum, how each of the measures will be accomplished and develop performance indicators and targets for each:

- 1) Describe specific efforts currently in place by the Continuum to track length of time individuals and families remain homeless as well as how additional occurrences of homelessness are tracked.
- 2) Describe efforts being made by the Continuum to reduce the number of individuals and families returning to homelessness.
- 3) Describe efforts to expand/improve coverage of the Continuum and the implementation of a coordinated assessment system.
- 4) Describe efforts to reduce the number of families and individuals who are homeless.
- 5) Describe efforts to improve employment rate and income amount of families and individuals who are homeless.
- 6) Describe efforts to reduce the number families and individuals who become homeless for the first time.
- 7) The Continuum is considered by the City as an equivalent policy-making entity to the extent that the Continuum considers and makes policies and decisions regarding facilities, services or other assistance that receive funding under ESG. Therefore, please describe how the Continuum includes the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual in policy formation, funding allocations and decisions.

- 8) Describe specific activities conducted by the Continuum to reach out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs.
- 9) Describe how the Continuum addresses the needs of homeless individuals in emergency shelter and transitional housing.
- 10) The Continuum must have on file written standards for providing assistance with ESG funds. Describe how the written standards were created by the Continuum, strategies for agency implementation and how the standards address performance measures for evaluating ESG assisted activities and services.
- 11) Recommendations for funding should be based on: needs assessment conducted by the Continuum and performance of the provider agency (based on HMIS or other factors). Please provide a narrative to explain how the Continuum determined its recommendations.

Continuum Contact Person:	
Contact Person Address:	
Contact Person E-mail Address:	
Contact Person Telephone:	

Signature of Continuum of Care Representative

DATE

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Funding Recommendations

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Agency Name	2016 Recommended Funding Amount*	Type of ESG Program Component and Activity
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
TOTAL FUNDS RECOMMENDED	\$	

Providing a list of recommended projects does not guarantee that any or all provider agencies will be funded. Final funding allocations are subject to City Council approval and HUD funding allocation to the City