



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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TITLE: 2023 CONTINUUM OF CARE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT
PROGRAM APPLICATION

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing:

1. approval of a California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) resolution to submit an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto for the State ESG program, Continuum of Care Allocation 2023-2024 funding year Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); and
2. the submission of an application to HCD for the 2023 HCD ESG CoC Program NOFA; and
3. the City Manager or designee to execute all applicable HCD grant documents, necessary amendments, and applicable subrecipient agreements; and
4. the appropriation of awarded 2023 HCD ESG CoC funds to the Emergency Solutions Grant – CoC account

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Salinas has served as the State Emergency Solutions Grant Administrative Entity (AE) on behalf of the local Salinas/Monterey/San Benito Counties CoC #506 since 2016. In this capacity, the Salinas Community Development Department Housing and Community Development Division staff released the annual ESG NOFA, convened a rating and ranking panel, and presented recommended funding awards and allocation to the CoC Leadership Council for final approval.

As a function of its HCD ESG AE role for the CoC, the City must execute and submit an HCD Resolution authorizing and directing the submission of the required application and execution of City Funding Agreements/Contracts and related documents (e.g., environmental review documents, request for release of funds) to implement the 2023 HCD ESG CoC Allocation grant program. HCD has preliminarily advised ESG AEs to prepare for a yet-to-be-determined 2023

NOFA release and short application submission deadline to allow for final awards by December 2024.

BACKGROUND:

In order to meet HCD's projected ESG application deadline, the City published its annual NOFA on February 4, 2023, identifying an estimated 2023 ESG CoC allocation of approximately \$269,709. Following the March 6, 2023, NOFA application deadline, the City assembled a diverse rating and ranking panel to assist in the review of applications and prioritization of funding recommendations. CoC #506 Leadership Council approved final fund allocation on April 26, 2023, which was presented to the City's Housing and Land Use Committee on May 9, 2023.

The table below provides a timeline of applicable activities and dates associated with the City's 2023 ESG CoC Program NOFA and application.

HCD 2023 ESG CoC Program Timeline	
Milestone	Timeframe
City 2023 NOFA Released	February 4, 2023
City NOFA Application Workshop	February 9, 2023
City NOFA Application Deadline	March 6, 2023
City NOFA Rating and Ranking	March 2023
Leadership Council Final Approval of 2023 ESG CoC Allocation	April 26, 2023
Salinas HLUC Informational Presentation	May 9, 2023
Salinas City Council Resolution	May 16, 2023
HCD 2023 ESG CoC NOFA Release	May 2023
2023 ESG CoC Application Submittal to HCD	TBD
HCD Award Notifications	TBD
HCD/City Standard Agreement Executed	TBD
City Funding Agreements Executed	TBD

DISCUSSION:

HCD ESG funds may be utilized within six primary funding components including Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Program Administration. No less than forty percent (40%) of allocated funds must be used to support Rapid Rehousing activities and projects. The following table shows the estimated funding amounts available per category for the HCD 2023 ESG CoC Program.

2023 HCD ESG CoC Allocations		
ESG Component	% Allocation	Allocation Amount

Administration	2.9%	\$7,936
Emergency Shelter	57.1%	\$153,773
Street Outreach		
Homeless Prevention		
HMIS		
Rapid Re-Housing*	40.0%	\$108,000
Total	100%	\$269,709**
<i>* Minimum 40% of allocation must be spent for Rapid Re-Housing. ** Final allocation will be based on NOFA release</i>		

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION:

This agenda item is administered by the City’s Community Development Department Housing and Community Development Division in coordination with the City Attorney and Finance Department. Additional, external coordination with outside agencies and jurisdictions, such as HCD and staff of the local CoC #506 Leadership Council, has also occurred.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

HCD ESG Program CoC Allocation funding administered by the City allows the undertaking of a variety of programs instrumental in providing homeless services throughout the City and region, furthering partnerships with public service organizations, and addressing the human service needs of the City’s low-income, elderly, and special needs communities. Execution of the proposed resolutions supports the City of Salinas Strategic Plan 2022-2025 Goal and Strategy of *Housing/Affordable Housing*.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no General Fund impact associated with this agenda item. 2023 HCD ESG CoC funds will be appropriated to the Emergency Solutions Grant – CoC fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2023 HCD ESG CoC Application
State Resolution 2023 ESG CoC Application
2023 HCD ESG CoC Funding Allocations – Leadership Council approved