



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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TITLE: FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLOCATION NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following Resolutions:

1. California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Resolution authorizing the City of Salinas (City) as the Administrative Entity (AE) to receive and administer an Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program grant; and
2. Resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 HCD ESG Continuum of Care Allocation Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application submittal.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the following Resolutions: 1) HCD required Resolution authorizing the City as the AE to receive and administer an ESG grant and 2) Resolution approving the FY 2019-20 HCD ESG Continuum of Care Allocation NOFA application submittal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

HCD released a NOFA for an ESG Continuum of Care Allocation on March 29, 2019. The HCD ESG Continuum of Care Allocation NOFA application is due on May 30, 2019. On March 19, 2018, HCD approved the City as the AE for a period of two years (FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20). As a result, the City's AE status remains valid for the FY 2019-20 HCD ESG Continuum of Care Allocation NOFA application. The FY 2019-20 funding formula allocation for the local Salinas/Monterey/San Benito Counties Continuum of Care (CoC) is \$280,598. The City intends to submit the HCD ESG Continuum of Care Allocation NOFA application no later than the deadline of May 30, 2019 in order to secure funding. HCD is scheduled to announce AE funding awards by September 2019.

BACKGROUND:

The City was proactive by releasing its FY 2019-20 NOFA for the HCD ESG Program concurrent with the City's FY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan (AAP) NOFA on January 7, 2019. The City's FY 2019-20 NOFA application deadline ended on February 11, 2019. An initial rating and ranking process was implemented to help prioritize applications and funding recommendations. After the initial rating and ranking process was completed, staff recommendations were forwarded to the local CoC Leadership Council for final approval on March 27, 2019. The local CoC Leadership Council is the final approving body regarding HCD ESG funding recommendations. HCD ESG funding can be utilized to fund programs throughout the local CoC service area which includes Monterey and San Benito Counties.

A notice of the public hearings was published in The Salinas Californian and El Sol on April 6, 2019. Copies of the NOFA were placed at the following locations on April 6, 2019:

- John Steinbeck Library, 350 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas;
- Cesar Chavez Library, 615 Williams Road, Salinas;
- Housing Division, Community & Economic Development Department, 65 W. Alisal Street 2nd Floor, Salinas; and
- City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

Now that the FY 2019-20 HCD ESG CoC Allocation NOFA has been released, the City intends to submit an application to secure funding by the deadline of May 30, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

HCD ESG funds can be utilized for multiple funding components such as rapid re-housing (min. 40%), homeless prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and program administration.

The local CoC Leadership Council is the final approving body regarding funding recommendations for the HCD ESG program. The table below details the agency, program, amount requested and final approved funding amounts which were approved by the Leadership Council on March 27, 2019 and based on the FY 2019-20 HCD ESG local CoC allocation of \$280,598.

FY 2019-20 HCD ESG Leadership Council Final Approval					
Agency	Program	Amount Requested		Approved Amount	
City of Salinas	Program Administration	\$	7,885	\$	7,885
Community Human Services	Safe Place Emergency Shelter & Street Outreach	\$	55,000	\$	55,000
Community Homeless Solutions	Warming Shelter	\$	243,360	\$	105,471

Central Coast Center for Independent Living	CCCIL Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention Program	\$	186,000	\$	56,121
Interim, Inc.	Site-Specific Homeless Outreach	\$	142,180	\$	0
Housing Resource Center of Monterey County	Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Rapid Re-housing)	\$	180,000	\$	56,121
Totals		\$	814,425	\$	280,598

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION:

This agenda item is solely administered by the City's Community Development Department Housing Division (Housing Division). However, other City departments that contributed with their staff time and resources included Finance and Legal. The Housing Division was also required to coordinate with other outside agencies such as HCD, local CoC and the Leadership Council regarding this agenda item.

Department	Contribution
Finance	Assists in helping manage grant revenue and expenditures related to this grant.
Legal	Provides legal guidance on all contracts and legal documents related to this grant.

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). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The HCD ESG funding received by the City allows the undertaking of a variety of programs that are instrumental in providing homeless and homelessness prevention services, furthering partnerships with public service organizations and addressing the human service needs of the City's low-income, elderly, and special needs communities. The funding and its implementation support activities and projects that implement the following City Council strategic goals: 1) Economic Diversity and Prosperity; 2) Safe, Livable Community; 3) Effective, Sustainable Government; and 4) Quality of Life.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

HCD programs such as ESG return tax dollars back into the community. The additional funding provides vital resources to assist the homeless population within Monterey and San Benito counties.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution – State Format
- Resolution – City Format