

Overview

BACKGROUND: Each year, the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Aging and Adult Services solicits applications from non-profits and local units of government for the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding opportunity. The State ESG Office issued a Request for Applications for FY 2024-25 on June 11, 2024 noting, “NC ESG funds are intended to be used as part of a crisis response system using a low barrier, housing-focused approach to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and one time. Activities can include engaging homeless individuals and families living on the street; improving the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; helping operate emergency shelters; providing essential services to emergency shelter residents, rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families, and preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless.”¹

Orange County, through the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH), is eligible to apply for up to \$98,345 in total ESG funds in four categories:

- Emergency Response: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter Operations and Services
 - This category has a funding CAP
 - **No more than \$59,007 of the \$98,345 is available for this activity**
- Housing Stability: Rapid Rehousing and Targeted Prevention
 - This category has a funding MINIMUM
 - **No less than \$39,338 of the \$98,345 is available for this activity**
- Homeless Management Information Systems database
- Administration for fiscal sponsors and local units of governments

Project Review Committee

Community members with a knowledge of homeless programs and community priorities serve on the Project Review Committee (PRC). PRC members work with funding recommendations for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) competitions, and monitor program performance throughout the year. The Project Review Committee utilizes a project rating and ranking tool used to score ESG project applications and draft a list of recommended projects for OCPEH Leadership Team review.

Project Review Committee members cannot have ties to agencies applying for CoC or ESG funding and serve July 2024 – June 2026.

Please email Rachel Waltz, rwaltz@orangecountync.gov if you would like to learn more about serving on the Project Review Committee.

¹ <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/aging-and-adult-services/nc-emergency-solutions-grant/nc-emergency-solutions-grant-grantee-information/aging-and-adult-services-grant-opportunities>

Project Applications

Orange County is soliciting agencies to submit new and renewal project applications. Project application documents are available on the DHHS website: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/aging-and-adult-services/nc-emergency-solutions-grant/nc-emergency-solutions-grant-grantee-information/aging-and-adult-services-grant-opportunities> Information about the local process and deadlines can be found on the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) website: <https://www.ocpehnc.com/emergency-solutions-grant> and in this document. OCPEH staff will conduct a local applicant briefing to review application process including scorecard, deadlines, and how to apply on Wednesday, June 26th from 3 - 4:30pm.

Timeline

Tuesday, 6/11	Public Notice Release and local competition information sent to service providers and community members
Friday, 6/14	State ESG Office 2024-2025 ESG RFA Instructional Session, 10am – 12pm https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8630877545903242848
Monday, 6/17	State ESG Office 2024-2025 ESG RFA Instructional Session, 1 – 3pm https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6022964607679033184
Wednesday, 6/19	State ESG Office 2024-2025 ESG RFA Instructional Session, 10am – 12pm https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2554584864673601119
Wednesday, 6/26	Local Applicant Briefing, 3 - 4:30pm – Please register at FY 24 ESG Local Applicant Briefing Recording will be posted at https://www.ocpehnc.com/emergency-solutions-grant
Monday, 7/15	Project applications due by noon, 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 7/16 – Friday, 7/26	Project Review Committee scores project applications
Week of August 5th	Project Review Committee meeting to formulate recommendation for ESG FY 2024-25 funding for Leadership Team review
Monday, 8/19	OCPEH Leadership Team meeting to determine ESG FY 2024-25 funding recommendation
Monday, 8/19	CoC Lead notifies applicants of ESG FY 2024-25 funding recommendation
Monday, 8/26	OCPEH sends completed ESG application (Project applications, Regional application, and Funding recommendation) to State ESG Office via Smartsheet