

PUBLIC NOTICE
on the Department of Human Services'
Homeless Programs Office's
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV)
Grant Amendment and Reprogramming of Funds

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) provided \$4 billion in supplemental funds under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) program, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19). The State of Hawaii, through the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Human Services (DHS), received \$1,567,697 in July 2020 and \$8,466,976 under HUD's second and final release of ESG-CV funds in January 2021. As of the 50% expenditure deadline of June 16, 2022, \$630,604 remained unexpended and HUD will recapture this amount. The amended grant amount will total \$9,404,069, and to ensure timely expenditure of the remaining ESG-CV grant funds, DHS has re-strategized the allocation of funds toward eligible activities. As the City and County of Honolulu received a separate allocation of CARES Act funds, DHS will continue to use the State's funds in the neighbor island counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui.

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) is supporting DHS' efforts by amending the State's Consolidated Plan PY2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP) to reflect the grant reduction and will reprogram \$2,503,654 in ESG-CV funds from Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program, Street Outreach, Homeless Management Information Systems, and Administration activities to Emergency Shelter activities.

DHS-HPO will continue to partner with Ka Mana O Na Helu (KMNH), a nonprofit that administers contracts with providers using ESG-CV funds in the neighbor island counties, and proposes to utilize additional alternative strategies to expend the remaining ESG-CV funds as follows:

- **\$5,785,034** or **62%** of the amended grant amount will be used by providers of direct services in the neighbor island counties to help homeless individuals and families in emergency shelters combat the effects of COVID-19. Funding will be provided to specialized shelters for medical respite, crisis, triage, and/or stabilization beds and supportive services to assist specific populations (e.g., costs to support the operations of shelter providing beds to assist clients with substance use and/or mental health problems, and costs to support essential services designed to prevent, reduce, eliminate, or deter relapse of substance abuse or addictive behaviors, provided by licensed or certified professionals).

ESG-CV Shelter funding will be utilized toward:

- 1) Acquisition of real property by Family Life Center, Inc. for temporary emergency shelters to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance.

The locations of the temporary emergency shelters are anticipated to be in Kauai and Maui counties.

- 2) If necessary, renovation costs of the temporary emergency shelters, including labor, tools, and other eligible costs for renovation.
 - 3) Operational costs including shelter personnel, maintenance, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the temporary ESG-CV emergency shelters.
- **\$1,900,016** or **20%** of the amended grant amount will be used to provide homeless prevention (HP) services (housing relocation and stabilization services coupled with rental assistance to prevent households from becoming homeless).
 - **\$317,602** or **3%** of the amended grant amount will be used to provide rapid re-housing (RRH) services (in addition to HP services, longer term rent subsidies and supportive services in alignment with ESG-CV regulations and waivers to support higher acuity clients).
 - **\$861,488** or **9%** of the amended grant amount will be used to provide integrated street and encampment outreach, such as emergency health and mental health services, direct outpatient treatment of medical and mental health conditions by licensed professionals in unsheltered settings, development of treatment plans and provision of medication and follow-up services in collaboration with other street outreach providers.
 - **\$35,354** or **1%** of the amended grant amount will be used by KMNH for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) oversight responsibilities, including HMIS data entry for newly awarded organizations to help with Continuum of Care (CoC) data quality, timeliness and reporting, and adherence to Bridging the Gap's (BTG) Coordinated Entry System requirements and HMIS policies and procedures.
 - **\$504,575** or **5%** of the amended grant amount will be used for homeless service providers' (sub-subrecipients) and KMNH's administrative costs. KMNH will provide administrative oversight to ensure compliance with program requirements and expenditure thresholds and deadlines. Note that DHS will retain no ESG-CV funds for administration, and each provider of direct services may use up to six percent of its ESG-CV2 funds for administrative costs.

Activity funding may be subject to reprogramming during the remainder of the grant term. The deadline to expend the remaining ESG-CV funds is September 30, 2023 for Outreach, Shelter, HP and RRH activities, and December 31, 2023 for Administration and HMIS.

Other aspects of the PY2019 AAP, as amended, will remain the same.

This public notice satisfies the requirement described in Notice CPD-21-08 issued on July 19, 2021 by HUD, requiring each grantee of CARES Act ESG-CV funds to publish how it has used and will use its ESG-CV allocation, at a minimum, on the Internet at the appropriate Government website or through other electronic media.

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