



COUNTY of VENTURA

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County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the County of Ventura to Apply for and Accept 2024-28 State Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Not to Exceed \$1,219,974.00. (RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 REQUIRES 4/5 VOTE)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Ventura to apply for and accept Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds as the Administrative Entity (AE) for the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VCCoC) in an amount not to exceed \$1,219,974 and for the County Executive Officer (CEO), or their designee, to enter into the Department of Housing and Community Development's Standard Agreement, and make any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents required for implementation of the program, following review and approval of such documents by County Counsel; and
2. Upon execution of the contract with HCD, authorize the Auditor-Controller to Process Accounting Transactions Necessary to Establish Appropriations and unanticipated revenue for the minimum award amount (Requires 4/5 vote):

Increase/Decrease	Budget Division	Account Level	Amount
Increase	1230	Services & Supplies	\$593,213
Increase	1230	Other Financing Uses	\$16,774
Increase	1230	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$609,987

3. Authorize the CEO, or their designee, to adjust final allocations consistent with review and ranking criteria to reflect final grant allocations.

FISCAL IMPACT

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Revenues	\$ 212,279	\$ 198,854	\$ 198,854
Costs	\$ 212,279	\$ 198,854	\$ 198,854
Net County Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Funding Source: HUD-Passed through the California Emergency Solutions Grant Program
Match Requirement: 100% (Provided by subrecipients)

DISCUSSION

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD or Department) administers the ESG program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The federal ESG program provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families experiencing homelessness; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents; (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

As the AE for the VC CoC, the County has been notified of a minimum award of \$609,987 to serve non-Entitlement areas in the County – all areas with the exception of the City of Oxnard who receives direct entitlement funding from HUD. The Department further indicated that additional funding may be available, but that exact amounts are unknown and therefore has recommended that jurisdictions seek, through their resolutions, authorization to accept up to twice the minimum amount (\$1,219,974) in ESG program funds. If, and when, additional funding is awarded we will return to your Board to request further appropriations and revenue as necessary.

AEs are responsible for awarding State ESG funds locally to eligible service providers for eligible activities in their approved Service Areas. State ESG regulations require that AEs select qualified service providers through a fair and open competition process that follows procurement requirements and evaluates the quality of services and performance. In addition, AEs must ensure that a minimum of 40 percent of the funds awarded on an annual basis must be used for Rapid Rehousing (RR) activities.

With the County serving as the AE, our non-profit and community partners can secure funding from HCD that they would not otherwise be entitled to receive. In accordance with HCD requirements, on behalf of the VC CoC, a solicitation has been conducted for ESG funds that will be passed through the County as the AE. The VC CoC Data Performance and Evaluation Committee will use a rank and review process to make recommendations to the VC CoC Board for the initial award of \$609,987 for three years of the ESG program funding with 40% of such funds allocated to RR projects, and a minimum of \$16,774 awarded to the County for

administrative funding. Given the relatively small amount of funds available through this program, it is anticipated that only one or two projects will be recommended for funding.

The application for funds, with general categories identified, will be submitted to HCD by the March 28, 2025, deadline. Once the solicitation and review process has concluded the County will execute subrecipient agreements to carry out those activities. It is requested that the CEO, or her designee, be authorized to adjust allocations consistent with review and ranking criteria to reflect final grant allocations.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Strategic Priority:

- Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable

The recommendations presented in this item support providing short term housing options for persons experiencing homelessness.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Kimberlee Albers at 654-2455.

Sincerely,



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Homelessness Solutions Director



Sevet Johnson
County Executive Officer

Resolution – Resolution Authorizing County as AE for the VC CoC to Apply for, Receive and Allocate ESG Funds from HCD