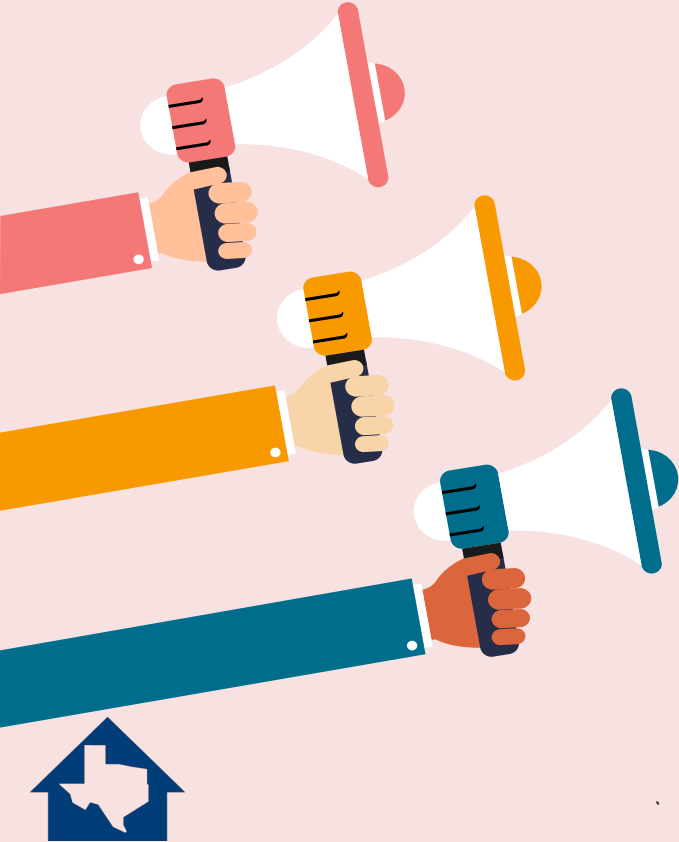


# Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act Funding Local Competition for The Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Q&A Webinar - May 19, 2020

# What is this funding opportunity?



The intention of Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funds is to serve people experiencing homeless and/or at risk of homelessness impacted by COVID-19 through street outreach (SO), emergency shelter (ES), rapid re-housing (RRH), homelessness prevention (HP). Applicants may also apply for funding for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is a requirement to use if you receive the funding, and 5% administration of Project Participant Services for administering the grant

*More details can be found on: Pg. 3 of RFA Document*

# THN ESG CV-19 Expectations

The goal of this funding is that we are addressing COVID-19, including a potential resurgence, while also strengthening systems that prevent and end homelessness for everyone to be better prepared for future crises. THN is looking for projects that are:

1. Reducing new entries into homelessness through prevention and diversion strategies
2. Equitably protecting ALL people experiencing homelessness from COVID-19 infection and illness, helping flatten the curve of community infections and reducing demand on health care resources.
  - a. Promoting the health and safety of people who are unsheltered through Street Outreach, while quickly transitioning them to temporary or permanent housing.
  - b. Expanding and improving shelter options, including Non-Congregate Shelter options, to come into compliance with CDC guidance for separation, isolation, and quarantine.
3. Rapidly exiting people from the homelessness system and stabilizing them in housing through Rapid Re-Housing.
4. Administering their project with a low barrier and housing first orientation.

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# Basics of the TX BoS CoC Local Competition

- The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) the State ESG Recipient in the State of Texas has designated Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Coordinators for ESG CV-19 Funding.
- TDHCA's ESG-CV funds are made available by Continuum of Care (CoC) region. TDHCA has allocated \$6,928,889 for the TX BoS CoC; THN will use the local competition process to make recommendations to TDHCA. THN is not the grant contractor but the liaison for purposes of the ESG-CV application and recommendations of funding to TDHCA.
- Applicants will be required to apply through our Grant Management System, "Apply" we are no longer using Google Docs. The Application is not yet open and will be open May 25, 2020 at 12 AM.
- Click [here](#) to read the official Request for Applications (RFA) document (Version 1) released by THN on May 18, 2020 at 10:00 am.

*More details can be found in the RFA Document*



# Who is eligible to apply?

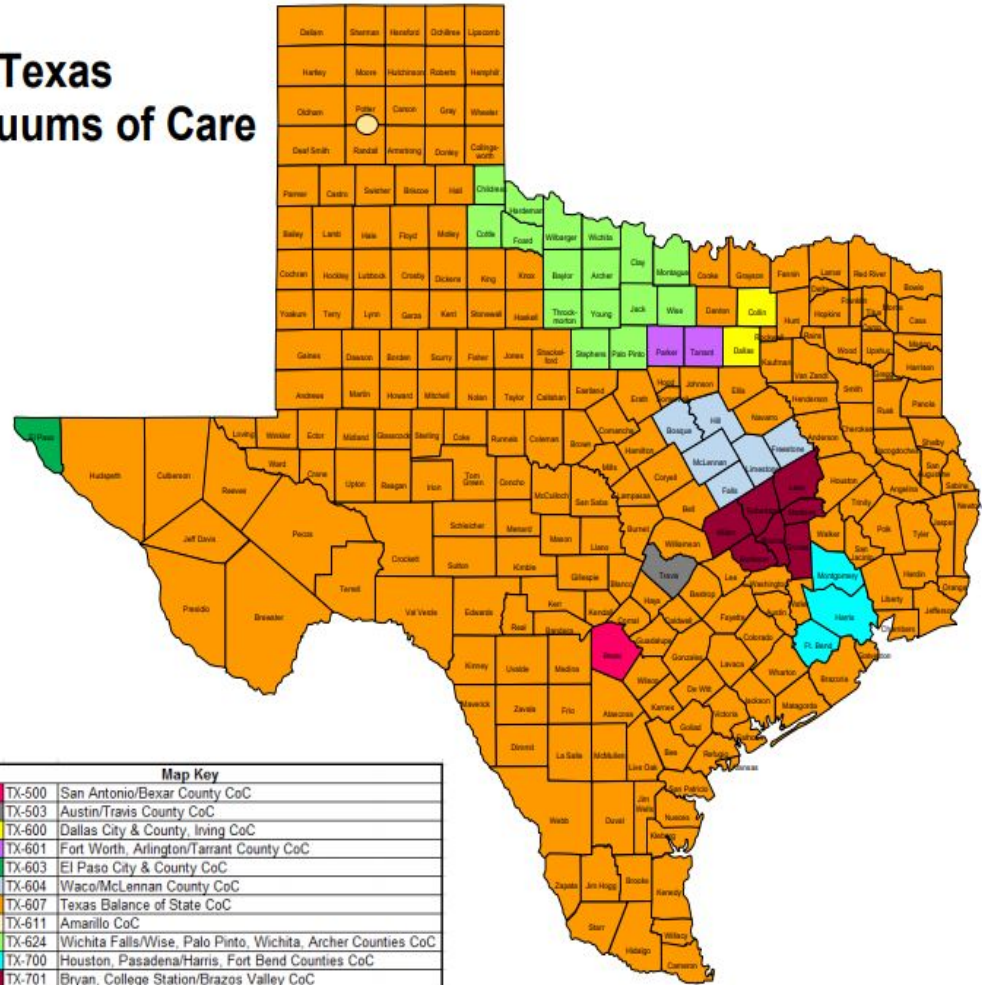
ESG-CV funds are available for nonprofits and units of local government who serve households at-risk of homelessness and households experiencing homelessness who serve one or more counties in the **Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care**.

*More details can be found on: Pg. 5 of the RFA Document*

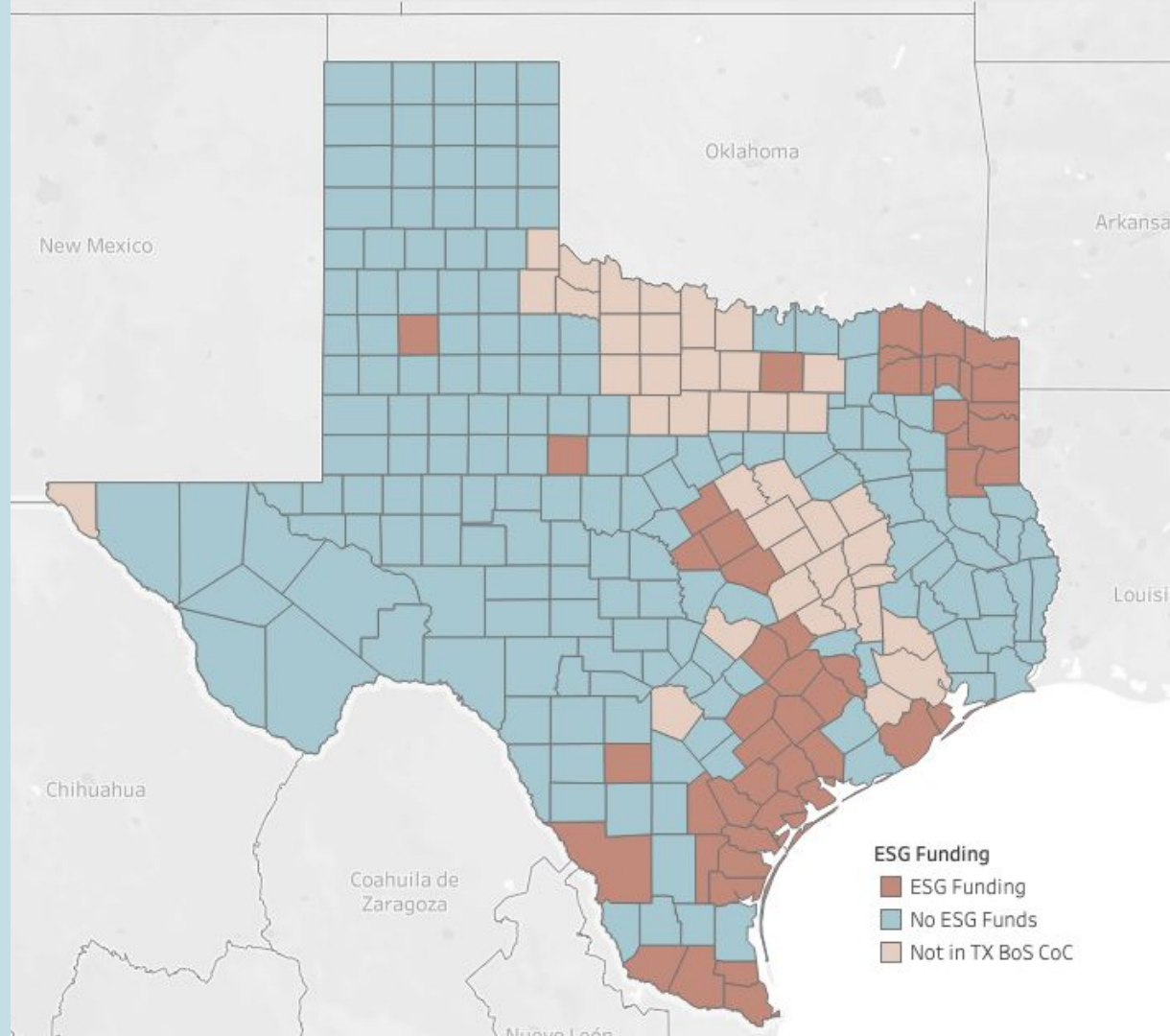


# What counties fall into the TX BoS CoC?

## Texas Continuums of Care



# Where is ESG Annual Allocation funding currently?



# Annual ESG Allocation vs. CV-19 ESG Allocation

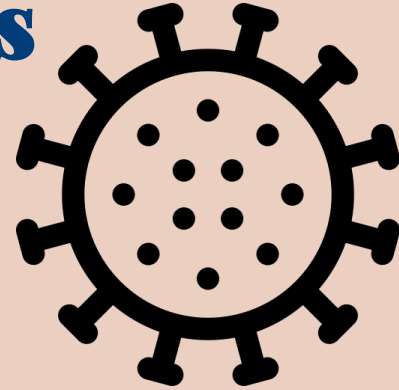
The ESG Program Interim Rule outlines the requirements for ESG Program funding. Since this is ESG Program funding provided through the CARES Act, there are a few areas in which the guidance will be different. The following table outlines changes to the ESG Annual Allocation rules for the purposes of ESG CARES Act Funding:

*More details can be found on: Pg. 4 of RFA Document*

ESG CARES Act	ESG Annual Allocation
Income limit of 50% Area Median Income to receive or continue to receive homelessness prevention, or to continue receiving rapid re-housing assistance.	Income limit of 30% Area Median Income to receive or continue to receive homelessness prevention, or to continue receiving rapid re-housing assistance.
No cap on the use of ESG CARES funds for emergency shelter and street outreach.	Cap of 60% for emergency shelter and street outreach with ESG funding.
No match requirement.	100% match requirement.
Pre-contracting costs will be allowed from the first COVID-19 response, which in Texas is March 13, 2020, with the state-declared disaster, though certain costs earlier than March 13 <sup>th</sup> may be eligible if staff approved.	Pre-contracting costs are only allowed to the date for which HUD signed the ESG grant agreement with the Department.
Environmental and habitability reviews for temporary shelters are not required.	Environmental clearance and habitability reviews need to be conducted before any funds are expended on temporary shelters
Administrative percentage is 10%, distributed between the recipient (the Department) and ESG Subrecipients.	Administrative percentage is 7.5%, distributed between the recipient (the Department) and ESG Subrecipients



# How can ESG program components prevent, prepare, or respond to Coronavirus?



## Prepare

Sourcing and purchasing personal protective equipment for staff;

Coordination with local health service providers for activities, including: the development or provision of guidance to staff or residents, travel for testing, or other reasons related to coronavirus;

Childcare costs for clients so that they can continue to work

Other reasonable expenses related to preparing for the coronavirus.

## Prevent

Costs related to maintaining adequate social distancing, including modifying or limiting access to communal spaces, increasing service hours to prevent crowding in waiting areas, or any other costs incurred to ensure adequate distance among staff and residents;

Direct costs related to limiting the spread of the coronavirus, including travel costs for testing, or other preventive health measures related to coronavirus;

Expenses of isolating people suspected of being exposed or those at high risk of serious complications if infected (e.g., elderly residents, and residents with underlying health conditions)

## Respond

Hazard pay for staff

Physical, personnel, or security costs incurred to limit movement;

Costs to safely transport clients that tested positive to a quarantine facility; and Costs of supporting residents in quarantine such as health-related supplies (e.g., masks and cleaning supplies).

Other reasonable expenses incurred while responding to the coronavirus.

# Timeline



***Monday May 18, 2020 - 10 AM***

THN releases: Request for Applications Document

***Tuesday May 19, 2020 - 10 AM***

THN hosts optional Q&A webinar via adobe connect

***Monday, May 25, 2020 12:00:00 AM (midnight)***

The application Portal, Apply, opens for submission of applications for ESG-CV.

***Friday, June 5, 2020 at 11:59:59 PM***

The application portal, Apply, closes. Any applications submitted after this time will not be considered.

***Monday, June 8, 2020 - Friday, June 12, 2020***

THN scores and ranks applications. The ranking will serve as the recommendation for ESG-CV funding to TDHCA.

***Monday, June 15, 2020 at 9:00:00 AM***

THN notifies Applicants of their score and rank. THN will share the recommendation with all Applicants. THN will de-identify the organizations on the list, except for the Applicant.

***Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 2:00:00 PM***

The TX BoS CoC Board votes on the recommendation. THN will notify Applicants after the meeting.

***Wednesday, July 1 at TBD***

Special called CoC Board Meeting to discuss grievances. Applicants will be notified after the meeting.

***Friday, June 26, 2020 at 12:00:00 PM (lunchtime)***

Grievances due to THN for submission to the TX BoS CoC Board.

***After July 1, 2020 TBD***

THN submits all recommendations to TDHCA, TDHCA then contracts with subrecipients directly.

# When is the application due?



**Friday,  
June 5, 2020  
at 11:59:59 PM**

# Tiebreakers

In event Applications have the same score, THN Staff will utilize the following tiebreakers:

- Criteria 1: Whether the Agency currently receives ESG Program Funding.
- Criteria 2: Whether the Application is a collaborative application
- Criteria 3: How long the Agency had administered ESG Program Funding

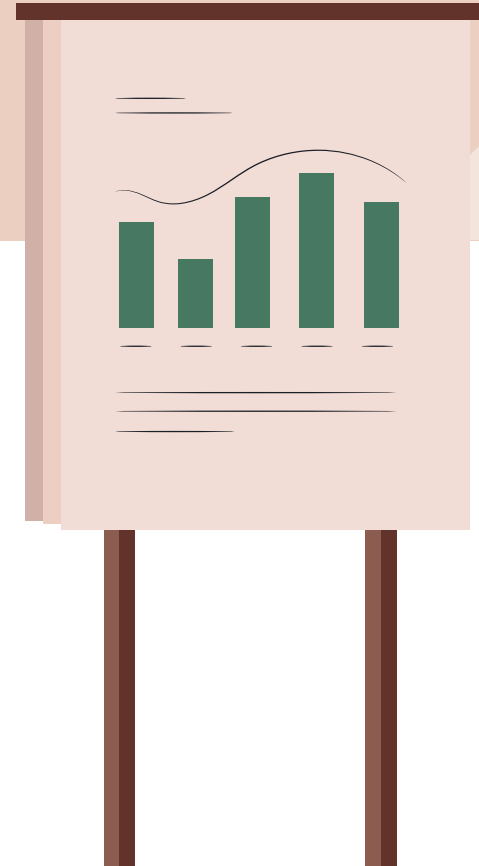
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# Ranking

THN will rank Applications based on their total score until there is no funding available to recommend. THN will share the ranking with Applicants and will de-identify other applicants. Rank will matter if there are more funds requested than available. For example, if we receive requests that total \$7,203,234, this is \$274,345 more than the total allocation for the TX BoS CoC, which is \$6,928,889. Therefore, Agencies will not be included in the ranking

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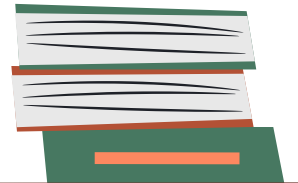
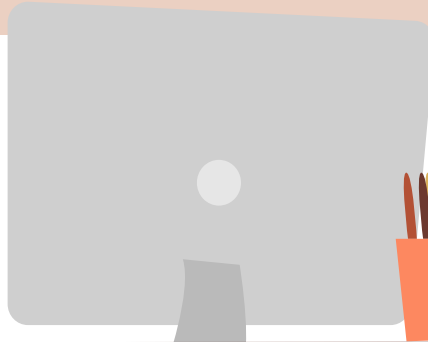
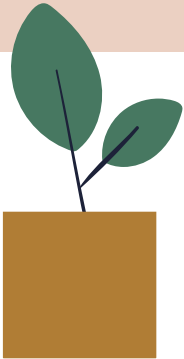


# Grievances

Grievances must be on Agency letterhead, addressed to the TX BoS CoC Board, and received by THN at [esg@thn.org](mailto:esg@thn.org) by 12:00:00 PM CST on Friday, June 26th. The CoC Board will make the final decision about the Grievance.

# Where can I find Application Materials?

ESG Website  
Apply





# Recommended Readings

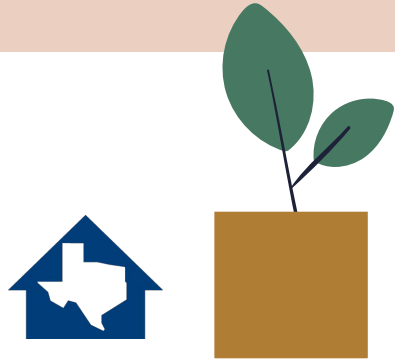


## ESG Interim Rule

NAEH: A Framework for COVID-19 Homelessness Response

Making Smart Investments in A Time of Crisis

COVID-19 Response\_ Developing Your Funding Strategy



# Q&A



**Please put any questions in the chat box and if you have any other questions please email Mollie Lund at [mollie@thn.org](mailto:mollie@thn.org)**