

Question via Emails sent since October 22, 2020 Webinar Updated 11-5-2020	THN's Response	Date Posted
Can you provide some information on the deadline and application process?	The deadline for the Grant Application is November 8, 2020 at 11:59 pm. The grant application will only be accepted through Texas Homeless Networks Application Portal. Apply. Apply can be accessed through this link: <a href="https://thncompetition.smaply.org/prog/ESGCVRound2">https://thncompetition.smaply.org/prog/ESGCVRound2</a>	10-27-2020
Are we required to register for SAM ?	You are required to register for SAM to be eligible, <a href="#">Per TDHCA's board book posted on October 8, 2020 on page 350 of 688</a> . "Any organization recommended by the ESG Coordinator or any CoC area awardee offered ESG CARES funding must be an eligible applicant as identified in 10 TAC §7.35(a), i.e. a Unit of Local Government or a Private Nonprofit Organization, or as allowed in HUD CPD Notice 20-08, a Public Housing Authority. Recommended awardees must also be registered for a Unique Entity Identifier Number (formerly a Data Universal Numbers System - DUNS number) and in the System for Award Management (SAM). The SAM is the primary registrant database for the U.S. Federal Government."	10-27-2020
Can an applicant procure out to an agency that does not have their 501(c)3, is not a public housing authority or a unit of local government?	A procured vendor is by definition not a subrecipient, so they do not have to meet the requirements of a subrecipient, including eligible entity types. They do have to be legally authorized to do business in the State of Texas.	10-27-2020
Can you please provide us some info on this funding opportunity.	Information about the funding opportunity can be found through the Q&A Webinar which was recorded and through the request for applications document, both linked below:  <b>October 22, 2020 Q&amp;A Webinar Recording:</b>  <a href="https://thn.adobeconnect.com/phx3g7smqgxu/">https://thn.adobeconnect.com/phx3g7smqgxu/</a>  <b>Request for Applications Document:</b>  <a href="https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ESG-CV-Round2-Version1-Request-for-Application-10-23-2020.pdf">https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ESG-CV-Round2-Version1-Request-for-Application-10-23-2020.pdf</a>	10-27-2020
What will the term be for ESG CV Round 2?	The grant term is at the discretion of TDHCA. However, from the <a href="#">October 8, 2020 TDHCA Board Book</a> : we do know that 80% of funds are likely going to need to be spent by March 2022.	10-27-2020
Who would be a Community Partner in the following?	A community partner can be any partner your agency has within your community that can demonstrate your ability to run the project which you're applying for.	10-27-2020
Can you please shed some light on how this would work for us as a Housing Authority? We do not have HMIS or comparable system.	Within each CoC is a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) lead agency and a CoC lead agency. ESG providers are required to use HMIS or an HMIS comparable database per <a href="#">24 CFR §576.500(n)</a> .	10-27-2020
Does THN have information on Vulnerability of the Counties in the TX BoS CoC that do not currently receive ESG Funding?	Yes! You can access data on counties that are unserved in the following spreadsheet: <a href="https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Service-Needs-in-Counties-Unserved-by-ESG.xlsx">https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Service-Needs-in-Counties-Unserved-by-ESG.xlsx</a>	10-27-2020

Would it be possible to use the same recommendation letters we used for the previous application or do we have to request new ones?	I would say that it could be possible and it depends on what you want your agency wants to do, but remember that the letters need to align with your project design and the project component(s) you're applying for in Round 2.	10-29-2020
Can you explain the landlord incentives?	The limitations on eligible activities under section 415(a) of the McKinney Vento Act and 24 CFR 576.105 are waived and alternative requirements are established to the extent necessary to authorize ESG-CV funds to be used under 24 CFR 576.105 to add the eligible cost of paying for landlord incentives as reasonable and necessary to obtain housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness. However, a recipient may not use ESG-CV funds to pay the landlord incentives set forth below in an amount that exceeds three times the rent charged for the unit. Waiving the limitation on eligible costs under housing relocation and stabilization services to pay for the costs of landlord incentives will increase the number of housing units available to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, especially in tight rental markets and obtaining and maintaining housing is critical to preventing the spread of coronavirus and helping mitigate the economic impact of the crisis. The limitation to three times the rent charged for each unit ensures enough ESG-CV funds remain available to provide other eligible activities necessary to prevent the spread of coronavirus. <b>Eligible landlord incentive costs include:</b> Signing bonuses equal to up to 2 months of rent, Security deposits equal to up to 3 months of rent, Paying the cost to repair damages incurred by the program participant not covered by the security deposit or that are incurred while the program participant is still residing in the unit, and Paying the costs of extra cleaning or maintenance of a program participant's unit or appliances.	10-29-2020
Can ESG funding be used towards rent, repairs or purchasing the building our Not for Profit is currently in? Without the building we can't do the work. If yes, how would we report that information in the application? What category?	Administration Costs - (limited to 5 percent or less of your total budget): § 576.108 Administrative activities. Includes but is not limited to: Other costs for goods and services required for administration of the program, including rental or purchase of equipment, insurance, utilities, office supplies, and rental and maintenance ( <b>but not purchase</b> ) of office space.	10-29-2020
Does an agency applying have to already have a coordinated entry system and be inputting data into HMIS?	No, an applicant does not need to already be apart of a coordinated entry system or inputting data into HMIS at the time of application. These are requirements after an application is contracted with by TDHCA.	10-29-2020
Are Case Managers' salaries included in the 5% admin allowance?	Case managers' salaries are not included in the 5% admin allowance. Case manager salaries are instead included in the "Services" Budget of the Component which you're applying for since Case Managers output services for participants.	10-29-2020
We are reviewing the RFA and need info on costs for HMIS. Since we do not currently use the system, what needs to be included in the application?	Costs eligible for HMIS purposes be found here: <a href="https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/576.107">https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/576.107</a> ESG subrecipients are required to participate in HMIS. ESG Subrecipients must also submit a monthly performance report on client data from HMIS to TDHCA each month.	10-29-2020
The complete budget must equal at least \$500,000 correct?	Correct, applications under \$500,000 will not be accepted.	10-29-2020
Can you have Administrative and Indirect Costs?	Yes. Talk with a finance person at your agency.	10-29-2020

<p>Can you verify that we need a SAM Registration? Is there a cost associated with this? Is the website to do this registration www.SAM.gov?</p>	<p>The System for Award Management (SAM) is an official website of the U.S. government. There is no cost to use SAM.  You can use this site for FREE to: Register to do business with the U.S. government, Update or renew your entity registration  ,Check status of an entity registration, Search for entity registration and exclusion records. If you don't have an account you can register for a User Account here: <a href="https://secure.login.gov/sign_up/enter_email?request_id=a1c39337-0e85-4214-88a9-8ac344d6f006">https://secure.login.gov/sign_up/enter_email?request_id=a1c39337-0e85-4214-88a9-8ac344d6f006</a>, once you create your account you will be able to register to do business with the U.S. government. You will need to take a screen capture or download the PDF version of your Registration. <b>Contact the Federal Service Desk at <a href="http://www.fsd.gov">www.fsd.gov</a>, or by telephone at 866-606-8220 (toll free) for FREE help.</b></p>	<p>10-29-2020</p>
<p>Is there a scoring guide?</p>	<p>The scoring breakdown is within Request for Application document: <a href="https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ESG-CV-Round2-Version1-Request-for-Application-10-23-2020.pdf">https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ESG-CV-Round2-Version1-Request-for-Application-10-23-2020.pdf</a></p>	<p>10-29-2020</p>
<p>Can only certain counties apply in ESG CV Round 2?</p>	<p>No, applications will be accepted from all 215 counties in the TX BoS CoC.</p>	<p>10-29-2020</p>
<p>Can applicants apply for Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach?</p>	<p>No. Applications are only being accepted for Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing and HMIS/ADMIN Costs. In the October 8, 2020 Board Book, page: 349 of 688. The language "Programming Plan for ESG CARES II Allocation The Department has prioritized two ESG activities for ESG CARES second allocation: rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention. Under ESG CARES second allocation, rental assistance can be provided for up to 12 months, with an additional six months' worth of rental arrears and late fees in a one-time payment, as applicable. Another funding category that is closely related to rental assistance under ESG is called housing relocation and stabilization services, which can include rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility deposits, utility payments, moving costs, and landlord incentives. Both rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services are covered under the broad categories of rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention. "</p>	<p>10-29-2020</p>
<p>Is question Q2, is the question asking whether an agency/service provider with ESG funding for these activities – have we ever provided any of the following; OR is this question asking if as an agency/service provider with ANY TYPE OF FUNDING have we ever used funds to pay for any of the following?</p>	<p>ANY Funding for any of the services listed not just ESG services.</p>	<p>11-2-2020</p>
<p>Is question Q1 referring to expending all our annual funds? Or is it about audits?</p>	<p>Q1 is referring to returned funds to any federal grantor, it is not about audits. THN will be scoring based on: if the agency has returned more than 10% of funds in the past 10 years, if the agency has returned less than 6% of funds in the past 10 years or if the agency has not returned any funds in the past 10 years. See <a href="#">Request for Applications Document page 13.</a></p>	<p>11-2-2020</p>
<p>What is the percentage allowed for HMIS in the round 2 grant?</p>	<p>TDHCA did not set a percentage limit for HMIS in ESG CV 2.</p>	<p>11-3-2020</p>
<p>Can we submit a past APR?</p>	<p>Yes, you can provide a past APR if you are able to still pull the APR or CAPER.</p>	<p>11-3-2020</p>
<p>If choosing underserved counties, how will they be chosen? Will it be up to the agency applying or THN?</p>	<p>Your agency chooses the counties you want to pick up, this document about underserved counties when choosing: <a href="https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Service-Needs-in-Counties-Unserved-by-ESG.xlsx">https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Service-Needs-in-Counties-Unserved-by-ESG.xlsx</a></p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>
<p>Can an agency can submit for reimbursement for up to 10% of their allocated funding in their first reimbursement if awarded ESG CV2. Is this true? If not, is there a max amount that an agency can submit for reimbursement within the first month/first quarter? If so, where can I find that information?</p>	<p>Advances are not allowed for ESG CV2. There is not a maximum amount an agency can submit for reimbursement in the first month/quarter, especially since this is a reimbursement program.</p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>
<p>Is food an allowable cost?</p>	<p>Food is not an eligible cost for HP or RRH: see <a href="https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/part-576/subpart-B">https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/part-576/subpart-B</a></p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>

<p>What is the cost of HMIS?</p>	<p>As of 2017 the cost for HMIS user licenses is \$350 individually and less if purchased in packages of five (5) user licenses. HMIS license fees are prorated based on when an agency begins using HMIS. For example, if an agency begins using the system in July, the HMIS invoice is pro-rated for six (6) months for a total of \$175 per user; then, in January, this agency will receive an invoice for the year for a total of \$350 per user or \$1,400 for package of 5.</p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>
<p>Can two entities be awarded in the same county?</p>	<p>Yes. However, in consultation with the applicant, Texas Homeless Network reserves the right to modify budgets and coverage areas once an application is submitted. This may be done to ensure the TX BoS CoC is working diligently to ensure every Texan in all 215 counties has access to ESG funding.</p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>
<p>Who should the letter of support be addressed to?</p>	<p>Texas Homeless Network</p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>
<p>Are hotel/motel vouchers allowed?</p>	<p>No, Hotel/motel costs are not allowable under ESG CARES second allocation, because they are charged through the emergency shelter component. The emergency shelter component is not eligible for ESG CARES second allocation due to the ESG CARES programming plan.</p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>
<p>Does our DUNS and SAM registration need to be active on the application date?</p>	<p>Yes, per the Request for Applications document, all Eligible Applicants must also be registered for a Unique Entity Identifier Number (formerly a Data Universal Numbers System - DUNS number) and registered in the System for Award Management (SAM). Applicants must have an active Status on SAM.gov on the day of submission (11-8-2020 at 11:59:59 pm).</p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>
<p>Section regarding racial equity states to select if any of the following are in place or will be but then states to check which ones the agency has in place. It's conflicting statements. I just want to make sure I answer this question correctly. Your guidance would be greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>Racial Equity Checkboxes can be selected if your agency has Racial Equity and Inclusion policies/procedures in place or OR will have in place by 01/14/2021.</p>	<p>11-5-2020</p>