

Below is the substantial amendment to the County's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the Fresno County Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The Fresno County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on June 22, 2021, at 9:00 A.M., to receive comments from the public. The Board chambers will be open to the public, with required social distancing, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you choose not to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting in-person but desire to submit a comment, written comments can be submitted during the public hearing, by following the instructions listed on the Board of Supervisors agenda, which can be accessed at: <https://fresnocounty.Legistar.com>.

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was passed to address issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the intent to prevent and respond to the spread of the coronavirus.

This substantial amendment identifies the planned use of the supplemental CARES Act funding for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2 funds).

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment

The County collaborated with community partners and the Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care to determine the best way to utilize the ESG-CV2 funds. Additionally, State homeless dollars were leveraged to ensure they are used to benefit the community. The Board of Supervisors also held a noticed public hearing on the adoption of the substantial amendment, during which public comment on the substantial amendment was accepted.

5. Summary of public comments

CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment

Feedback from the public at public meetings and hearings are incorporated into the Action Plan. The County will make every effort to address all written comments regarding its substantial amendment prior to submittal to HUD.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

The County will make every effort to address all written comments regarding the published Action Plan.

7. Summary

CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment

The County has identified ESG eligible activities to fund based on the current status of COVID-19, the current availability of homeless services, and future homeless services. Together with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care, the County will provide homeless individuals and families with the support and assistance necessary to ensure a successful transition to permanent housing.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment

The County consulted with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care on its funding priorities and was open to any feedback and suggestions. With the continued collaboration between the County and the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care and its members, services can be tailored to meet the needs of the community and add funds where services are needed.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community, Board of Supervisors	CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment. Board of Supervisors public hearing, noticed in the newspaper at least 5 days prior to the meeting, per approved HUD waiver.	To be updated after hearing	To be updated after hearing	

Table 1 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
<i>Other: ESG-CV</i>	public - federal	Financial assistance, rapid rehousing rental assistance services, street outreach	846,921	0	0	846,921	0	ESG-CV funds will be used for rapid rehousing, street outreach, HMIS, and administration.
<i>Other: ESG-CV2</i>	public - federal	Financial assistance, overnight shelter, rapid rehousing rental assistance services, street outreach	3,371,431	0	0	3,371,431	0	ESG-CV2 funds will be used for rapid rehousing, street outreach, emergency shelter, and administration.

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	Rapid Rehousing	2019	2019	Homeless	County	ESG-CV: Rapid Rehousing	ESG-CV: \$757,439 ESG-CV2: \$2,953,638	Rapid Rehousing: 290 Households Assisted
14	Street Outreach	2019	2019	Homeless	County	ESG-CV: Street Outreach	ESG-CV2: \$70,650	Street Outreach: 135 Persons Assisted
15	Emergency Shelter	2019	2019	Homeless	County	ESG-CV2: Street Outreach	ESG-CV2: \$10,000	Emergency Shelter: 15 Persons Assisted

Table 3 – Goals Summary

13	<p>Goal Name</p>	<p>Rapid Rehousing</p>
	<p>Goal Description</p>	<p>Assist homeless individuals and families, including the chronically homeless, to move from living on the street to a stabilized, permanent housing situation. Activities include case management, financial assistance, rental assistance, security deposits, moving costs, and supportive services.</p> <p>CARES Act, ESG-CV Substantial Amendment</p> <p>ESG-CV funds will assist homeless individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Goal Outcome Indicator: Rapid Rehousing: 60 Households Assisted</p> <p>CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment</p> <p>ESG-CV2 funds will assist homeless individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Goal Outcome Indicator: Rapid Rehousing: 170 Households Assisted</p>
14	<p>Goal Name</p>	<p>Emergency Shelter</p>
	<p>Goal Description</p>	<p>Assist homeless individuals, homeless families and the chronically homeless to move from living on the street to a stabilized, permanent housing situation. Emergency Shelter Beds will bridge the gap from living on the street to living in a permanent housing situation. Activities include street outreach including navigation services, and supportive services.</p> <p>CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment</p> <p>ESG-CV2 funds will assist homeless individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Goal Outcome Indicator: Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 15 Persons Assisted</p>

15	Goal Name	Street Outreach
	Goal Description	<p>Assist individuals and families that are homeless get connected with services that are needed including but not limited to homeless services.</p> <p>CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment</p> <p>ESG-CV2 funds will assist homeless individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Goal Outcome Indicator: Street Outreach: 135 Persons Assisted</p>

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

Projects

#	Project Name
15	ESG-CV2 Fresno County

Table 4 - Project Information

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

15	Project Name	ESG-CV Fresno County
	Target Area	Fresno County
	Goals Supported	Rapid Rehousing
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing
	Funding	ESG-CV: \$846,921
	Description	ESG-CV funds have been allocated to provide rapid rehousing services. The funding amount for ESG-CV is \$846,921; with \$84,692 allocated to Administration, \$757,439 for Rapid Rehousing services, and \$4,790 for HMIS.
	Target Date	6/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 120 homeless persons will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Fresno County
	Planned Activities	ESG-CV activities to include rapid rehousing, HMIS, and ESG-CV administration.
16	Project Name	ESG-CV2 Fresno County
	Target Area	County of Fresno
	Goals Supported	Rapid Rehousing Emergency Shelter Street Outreach
	Needs Addressed	Rapid Rehousing Emergency Shelter Street Outreach
	Funding	ESG-CV2: \$3,371,431
	Description	ESG funds have been allocated to provide rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, and street outreach. The funding amount for ESG-CV is \$3,371,431; with \$337,143 allocated to Administration; \$2,953,638 for Rapid Rehousing services; \$10,000 for Emergency Shelter, and \$70,650 for Street Outreach.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 320 homeless persons will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Fresno County
Planned Activities	ESG-CV2 activities to include rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, street outreach, and ESG administration.	

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness

Including

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment

The addition of ESG-CV2 funds will allow the County to provide supplemental funds to emergency shelters that are housing individuals during and following the pandemic. While in the emergency shelters, homeless households will be assisted in gathering the necessary documents to move into permanent housing as quickly as possible.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

CARES Act, ESG-CV2 Substantial Amendment

ESG-CV2 funds will allow additional rapid rehousing and street outreach to reach out to additional persons experiencing homelessness and connect them to permanent housing. These dollars will be used to fund Crossroads, a project-based rapid rehousing program, provide additional rapid rehousing and emergency shelter funding to the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, and it will provide a housing matcher and community coordinator to the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care. The County will continue to follow the Housing First model to ensure that individuals assisted with ESG funds are quickly connected to housing and with resources to ensure long-term success.