



*The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has identified the urgent need to prevent, prepare for and respond to the spread of coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and to assist eligible individuals and families. In that effort, HUD has thereby allowed a change to public participation; ESG-CV recipients have been given the flexibility to publish how the grantee has and will use its allocation online through a “Notice of Use of Funds,” in order to apply for funds; contained herein for the City and County of Denver.*

## **ESG-CV2 Notice of Use of Funds**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020**

The City and County of Denver’s Department of Housing Stability (HOST) has received notice of its ability to apply for \$9,042,223 in Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus round 2 funding (ESG-CV2) from HUD, provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). HOST intends to apply for this ESG-CV2 funding, which will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and/or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities, as authorized under [24 CFR 576.103](#) or subsequent notices, to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

These funds are separate from and in addition to the FY2020 ESG (\$596,227) and ESG-CV (\$2,059,400) funding currently listed in the City and County of Denver’s 2020 HUD Action Plan.

The pandemic and subsequent shut down of the economy have created an increased need for significant intervention to get and keep low income individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness sheltered and stably housed. HOST has been responding to the needs of persons experiencing homelessness and individuals and families at risk of homelessness impacted by COVID-19. The emergency shelter system and homeless service providers have struggled to keep up with the needs of the most vulnerable populations in Denver. With increased safety concerns due to the impacts of COVID-19, there was an immediate need to open additional shelters and create innovative solutions to meet the demand, address safety concerns, and implement effective protocols.

All program investments under ESG & ESG-CV (including ESG-CV2) will work in coordination with the State of Colorado, Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI), and technical assistance from HUD. HOST is working on soliciting proposals for the following activities:

- Administration
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid rehousing
- Shelter operations<sup>1</sup>
- Street outreach

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<sup>1</sup> Allowable under the Emergency Shelter intervention, see below for definitions of ESG & ESG-CV program interventions being utilized by the City and County of Denver.

The \$9,042,223 allocated to Denver in ESG-CV2 funding will be used for the activities above for the purpose to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic, and will provide critical and needed services to thousands of individuals and families.

HUD continues to publish guidance on the use of ESG-CV funds and the City will continue to adapt to the changing guidance and new regulations as published.

### **Definitions for ESG & ESG-CV Program Interventions <sup>2</sup>**

- Homeless Prevention: Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter, a place not meant for human habitation, or another place described in [paragraph \(1\)](#) of the homeless definition [in [§ 576.2](#)].
- Rapid Re-Housing: Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
- Emergency Shelter: Means any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.
- Street Outreach: Essential Services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.

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<sup>2</sup> To view more in-depth program intervention information visit the Emergency Solutions Grants program regulations at [2 CFR 576](#).