



Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board Agenda Report

Item No: 4

Subject: Recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee on ESG-CV Round 2 Funding (ACTION ITEM)

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Emergency Solutions Grants – Coronavirus (“ESG-CV”) funds are federal funds distributed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

ESG-CV funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. A primary intent of the ESG-CV funds is to supplement the existing operational budgets of nonprofit organizations and government agencies responding to the critical needs of the community by providing services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to increased demand for services for these populations.

The Sonoma County CoC received an assignment of \$5,777,787 in ESG-CV funds. Of this, \$41,600 is for administrative costs at the CDC, leaving a total of \$5,736,186 to be allocated to programs and services. The Board previously directed that the amount be split as follows:

- 60% (or \$3,441,712) towards emergency shelters (ES)
- 40% (or \$2,294,475) towards rapid-rehousing (RRH) programs.

The ESG-CV funds have expenditure deadlines set by the Federal and State governments to ensure that individuals and families receive benefits and services promptly.

To date and as shown in Table 1, if the recommendations in this agenda item are approved, the CoC Board’s ESG-CV funds will be allocated as shown below and would meet the applicable deadlines:

Table 1

Allocations - Goals and Actuals								
Total Sonoma County CoC Allocation - ESG-CV	\$	5,777,787	\$	5,777,787	\$	5,777,787	\$	5,777,787
<i>Less Administrative Allowance</i>	\$	41,600	\$	41,600	\$	41,600	\$	41,600
Net Allocation for Programs =	\$	5,736,187	\$	5,736,187	\$	5,736,187	\$	5,736,187
Expenditure Percentage		20%		40%		80%		100%
Deadline		7/31/2021		9/30/2021		3/31/2022		9/30/2022
Expenditure Goal	\$	1,147,237	\$	2,294,475	\$	4,588,950	\$	5,736,187
Cumulative Amounts Awarded or Proposed to be Awarded								
- Emergency Shelter (Actual)	\$	1,961,676	\$	4,202,235	\$	4,202,235	\$	4,202,235
- Rapid Rehousing (Actual)	\$	101,281	\$	1,511,947	\$	1,511,947	\$	1,511,947
<i>Total =</i>	\$	2,062,957	\$	5,714,182	\$	5,714,182	\$	5,714,182
<i>% Awarded (Actual)</i>		35.96%		99.62%		99.62%		99.62%
Remaining to Be Allocated by 9-30-22 =	\$	3,673,230	\$	22,005	\$	22,005	\$	22,005
<i>Deadline met?</i>		MET		WILL BE MET		WILL BE MET		\$22,005 to meet

In this agenda item’s recommended actions, the ESG-CV Ad Hoc Committee (“Committee”) recommends the allocation of approximately another \$2,495,956.10 in ESG-CV funds under the purview of the CoC Board. This is slightly less than 100% of the remaining amount of ESG-CV funds that must be completely expended by September 30, 2022, ensuring that the CoC will meet the remaining deadlines (including awarding 80% of all funds by March 31, 2022).

The ESG-CV Committee opted to do one comprehensive Request for Proposals (RFP) process to ensure that all of the CoC’s ESG-CV funds are expended well sooner than the September 30, 2022 full expenditure deadline.

Request for Proposals. The CoC issued this comprehensive RFP on August 11, 2021, and sought proposals from non-profit providers who have experience with operating successful ESG-funded and federal programs in the past or which can clearly demonstrate their ability to meet ESG tracking and reporting requirements, apply for funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic for both Emergency Shelters and Rapid Rehousing Projects. The following is a summary of the applications received.

Results of the RFP. Eleven (11) applications were received from seven (7) organizations as follows:

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (CC of SR) submitted three proposals:
 - The Family Support Center (emergency shelter) for \$174,032;

- Sam Jones Hall (emergency shelter) for \$174,342; and
- CC of SR's Rapid Re-housing program for \$538,370.

The Committee recommends full funding of all three projects.

- The Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) submitted a proposal for the Mary Isaak Center (emergency shelter) for \$117,789.

The Committee recommends approving \$11,000 for specific COVID response as noted on their proposal.

- Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) submitted two proposals:
 - \$169,544 to the Dream Center (emergency shelter);
 - \$183,706 to the Rapid Re-Housing program.

The Committee recommends full funding.

- West County Community Services submitted one proposal for \$36,814 to operate the West County Navigation Center.

The Committee recommends full funding.

- TLC Child and Family Services submitted a Rapid Re-Housing proposal for \$100,508.10.

The Committee recommends full funding though we note that TLC does not yet have ESG funding experience.

- Sonoma Applied Village Services (SAVS) submitted two proposals for new projects:
 - \$217,759 for an ESG-CV Housing Voucher Support Project and
 - \$476,875 for an ESG-CV COVID Emergency Shelter Village.

The Committee recommends full support of the SAVS Housing Voucher program and partial funding of the COVID Emergency Shelter Village (at \$368,000 versus \$476,875) with the contingency that SAVS report at the upcoming board meeting on site control and permit updates for the Shelter Village, including that SAVS achieves city approval and permits for the Village not later than December 3, 2021.

We at the SCCDC respectfully are concerned that the SAVS Housing Voucher program may not be a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Project, even as SAVS classifies it as such. While the SAVS Housing Voucher program may have merit on its own, it may not be possible for the program as described to meet HCD's definitions of an RRH project. As such, the CoC Board may wish to consider this when voting, and may wish to consider asking staff to follow up with HCD or HUD for technical advice as to whether this program falls within the definition of RRH. The

consequences of an error here are significant, as the funds may need to be returned if not expended in the right category.

- The City of Santa Rosa submitted a proposal of \$698,085 to fund the Sam Jones Hall annex.

The Committee recommends a total of \$521,881 for this project.

The Committee recommendations are contingent on HCD’s approval of a shift \$760,522.72 funds from the RRH category to the ES category. HCD notes that they are aware that many communities seek to shift funds due to the COVID Delta Variant Response and challenge of spending RRH dollars by the spending deadlines.

Sonoma County Community Development Commission (SCCDC) staff have had two meetings with HCD to discuss the need to move the RRH funds to the Emergency Shelter category. A budget amendment will be provided in the coming weeks, and we anticipate being approved for the reallocation with justification of the need to shift funds. Even in light of this, the SCCDC/CoC remain ahead of schedule in expending ESG-CV funds as shown in Table 1.

Table 2 summarizes the ESG-CV Committee’s Recommendations by provider as made at the Committee’s September 9th meeting:

Table 2

Applicant	Category	Amount	Amount	Amount
Sonoma Applied Village Services (SAVS)	RRH	\$ 217,759		
Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)	RRH	\$ 183,706		
TLC Child and Family Services	RRH	\$ 100,508		
Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa	RRH	\$ 538,370		
	<i>Subtotal RRH =</i>	\$ 1,040,343		
City of Santa Rosa (SJH)	Emergency/Temp Shelter		\$521,881	
Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa (FSC)	Emergency/Temp Shelter		\$174,032	
Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa (SJH)	Emergency/Temp Shelter		\$174,342	
COTS (Mary Isaak)	Emergency/Temp Shelter		\$11,000	
SAY Dream Center	Emergency/Temp Shelter		\$169,544	
Sonoma Applied Village Services (SAVS)	Emergency/Temp Shelter		\$368,000	
West County Community Services (West Co Nav Center)	Emergency/Temp Shelter		\$36,814	
		<i>Subtotal Shelter =</i>	\$1,455,613	
	<i>Subtotals Each Category =</i>	\$ 1,040,343	\$1,455,613	
		<i>Total Proposed for Expenditure (RRH + Shelter) =</i>		\$2,495,956

Table 3 below provides similar information to Table 2, but with a different slice of the data including the original grant awards and the proposed transfer. Table 3, too, assumes that the

CoC Board approves the Committee’s 9-09-2021 recommendations. The proposed awards and reallocation (from RRH to ES) leaves \$22,005 to still be allocated within RRH. The remaining funds are due to the shift of contract allocations for Fiscal Year 21-22.

Table 3

	Emergency Shelter	RRH	Totals
Final Recommendations	\$ 4,202,235	\$ 1,511,947	\$ 5,714,182
Original Grant Award	\$ 3,441,712	\$ 2,294,474	\$ 5,736,187
<i>Difference =</i>	\$ 760,523	\$ (782,527)	\$ (22,005)
Proposed Reallocation	\$ 760,523	\$ (760,523)	\$ -
New Grant Award Amounts	\$ 4,202,235	\$ 1,533,951	\$ 5,736,186
<i>Remaining Available ESG-CV Funds =</i>	\$ -	\$ 22,005	\$ 22,005

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. The Committee recommends the approval of all of the Rapid Re-Housing projects, totaling \$1,040,343.
 - a. Alternative #1(A): Approve the SAY, TLC, and CC of SR RRH allocations immediately (totaling \$822,584) and direct that the SAVS Housing Voucher project be awarded \$217,759 in funds at such time as we receive guidance from State HCD or HUD that the SAVS project is a qualifying RRH project.

2. The Committee recommends that the following Emergency Shelter projects be funded in accordance with the amounts recommended and totaling \$933,732 (note that the City of Santa Rosa’s proposal is in Action #4):
 - a. Catholic Charities Family Support Center (\$174,032)
 - b. Catholic Charities Sam Jones Hall (\$174,342)
 - c. COTS Mary Isaak Center (\$11,000)
 - d. SAY Dream Center (\$169,544), and
 - e. WCCS Navigation Center (\$36,814).

3. The Committee recommends that the SAVS shelter project not receive funding before December 3, 2021, and at that time, SAVS must demonstrate to the SCCDC staff that the SAVS Village has site control and zoning approval and permits from the site’s jurisdiction.

4. The Committee recommends that the City of Santa Rosa’s recommended project total of \$521,881 be awarded pending HCD’s approval of the CoC’s ESG-CV funding reallocation

from RRH to Emergency Shelters. If the reallocation is not approved, the City of Santa Rosa will receive the remaining amount available to Emergency Shelters of \$132,353.35.

Attachment A: Cumulative Allocations by Provider (includes today's proposed action)



Attachment A

Cumulative Allocations by Provider (includes today's proposed action)

Organization	Project Title	ESG-CV1	Initial Contract Allocation	ESG-CV2 July Allocation (7-21-21)	ESG-CV2 Sept. Allocation (9-22-21)	Total Received by Project
Emergency Shelter						
Community Action Partnership	Sloan House Emergency Shelter	\$0	\$49,013	\$0	\$0	\$49,013
City of Santa Rosa	Sam Jones Hall Annex	\$651,224	\$0	\$390,533	\$521,881	\$1,563,638
Catholic Charities	Family Support Center	\$48,459	\$119,157	\$0	\$174,032	\$341,648
Catholic Charities	Sam Jones Hall	\$135,549	\$110,462	\$256,718	\$174,342	\$677,071
COTS	Mary Isaak Center	\$118,875	\$243,161	\$47,014	\$11,000	\$420,050
Nations Finest	Hearn House	\$72,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$72,000
Reach for Home	Winter Shelter	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
Social Advocates for Youth	Dream Center Emergency Shelter	\$78,672	\$131,359	\$90,681	\$169,544	\$470,256
Sonoma Applied Village Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$368,000	\$368,000
YWCA Sonoma County	Confidential Safe House	\$5,778	\$37,768	\$0	\$0	\$43,546
West County Community Service	West County Navigation Center	\$0	\$115,198	\$0	\$36,814	\$152,012
	<i>Total Amounts by Allocation =</i>	\$1,155,557	\$806,119	\$784,946	\$1,455,613	\$4,202,235
Rapid Rehousing						
Sonoma Applied Village Services	Rapid Rehousing (Housing Voucher Support)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$217,759	\$217,759
Social Advocates for Youth	Rapid Re-housing	\$0	\$0	\$110,115	\$183,706	\$293,821
TLC Child and Family Services	Rapid Re-housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,508	\$100,508
Interfaith Shelter Network	Rapid Re-housing	\$0	\$101,281	\$0	\$0	\$101,281
Catholic Charities	Rapid Re-housing	\$0	\$0	\$260,208	\$538,370	\$798,578
	<i>Total Amounts by Allocation =</i>	\$0	\$101,281	\$370,323	\$1,040,343	\$1,511,947
					<i>Remaining to Allocate =</i>	\$22,005