

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
2024-2026 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has recently released the 2024-2026 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) NOFA on December 31, 2024. The San Joaquin Continuum of Care (CoC) will be facilitating the application process, with San Joaquin County Human Services Agency serving as the Administrative Entity (AE).

The amount available through the first funding cycle of this Notice of Funding Availability is approximately \$281,274 for 21 months of funding. Funding cycles two and three are approximately \$263,485 per year. The CoC intends to select up to two (2) project applications for funding.

The standard agreement time frame for the first funding cycle is anticipated to be August 2025, with the expenditure timeframe being 21 months from date of agreement. Funding cycles two and three would consist of an agreement amendment for years 2025-2028.

As specified in the ESG Interim Rule adopted January 4, 2012, available funds may be used for five components: street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing assistance, and HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). Eligible expenses for each category are presented in 24 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) section 576.

Applications will be scored on provider capacity, experience, Housing First compliance, equity, fiscal responsibility and Homeless Management Integration System (HMIS) data outcomes. The selected provider(s) will be required to enter all client contact data in the CoC's HMIS, utilize the coordinated access process in place within the CoC, prioritize services based on need, maintain a low barrier access to services and consistency with Housing first principles, and use a progressive engagement approach to services and financial assistance.

The CoC has determined the following priorities for the use of these funds:

- Rapid re-housing (ESG regulations require a minimum of 40% of available funds must be used for this category)
- Emergency shelter efforts that permanently or temporarily increase the number of emergency shelter beds available within the CoC
- Street outreach efforts to identify unsheltered homeless and link them to available services
- Underwriting the costs of administering the HMIS with the goal of reducing or eliminating costs to individual HMIS participating agencies throughout the CoC

Applications must be prepared through the eCIVIS grant portal at https://gn.ecivis.com/GO/gn_redir/T/vyjsqf2kekyx. The application portal will open on January 31, 2025. A pdf of the completed application must be emailed to neighborhood@sjgov.org by 4:00 PM, February 21, 2025. Further information of the NOFA can be found at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/programs-active/emergency-solutions-grants>. A webinar detailing the new application process will be held on Friday, January 31, 2025 from 2:00-3:30pm. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87351925503>.