

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

San Joaquin County Community Development Department has been approved by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to act as Administrative Entity (AE) for State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in collaboration with the Stockton/San Joaquin Continuum of Care (CoC).

The amount available through this Notice of Funding Availability is approximately \$202,339 per year, including administration, for two years.

The time frame for funding availability is scheduled to be October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018. Awards will be made for a two year period.

As specified in the ESG Interim Rule adopted January 4, 2012, available funds may be used for five components: street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, 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.

Selection of sub-recipients will be based on provider capacity and experience, including the ability to deliver services in Non-entitlement areas and the ability to begin service delivery upon execution of the contract. Sub-recipients 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 AE, in collaboration with the CoC, has determined the following priorities for the use of these funds:

- Rapid re-housing and homeless prevention (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 for funds can be obtained from San Joaquin County, Community Development Department, 1810 E. Hazelton Avenue, Stockton CA 95205; by calling Christine Becerra at 468-3157; or through the internet at <http://www.sjgov.org/commdev>. Completed applications must be submitted by June 1, 2016, no later than 5 p.m. at the above address. Review and selection of service providers will be made by the AE consistent with State Regulation 8403.

Announcement of the projects to be funded will be no later than July 15, 2016.