

City of Oxnard Homeless Services

2015 HEARTH Emergency Solutions Grant

2015 HESG Allocation

Projected HESG funding for 2015-16: \$159,813

Projects \$147,827

Administration \$11,986

Adjustments will be made prorata to all funded projects when City receives the final FY 2015-16 HUD allocation.



2015 HESG Program Overview

HEARTH Act of 2009

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), enacted into law in May 2009, amends and reauthorizes the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with substantial changes, including:

1. Consolidation of three homeless programs into a single grant program;
2. Changes in HUD's definition of homelessness and chronic homelessness;
3. Increased prevention and rapid re-housing resources; and,
4. Increased emphasis on performance and continuum-wide coordination.

The law revises the Emergency Shelter Grants program and renames the program the Emergency Solutions Grants program.



2015 HESG Program Overview, Cont.

Purpose

ESG is designed to broaden existing emergency shelter and homelessness prevention activities, emphasize rapid re-housing, and help people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

The stated objectives of the Emergency Solutions Grants Program are to “increase the number and quality of emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities for homeless individuals and families, to operate these facilities and provide essential social services, and to help prevent homelessness.”

2015 HESG Eligible Activities

Street Outreach

- Engagement (Initial assessment, Crisis counseling, Referrals to programs)
- Case Management (Initial evaluation, Counseling, Coordinating services)
- Emergency Health Services (Treatment plan, Health needs, Medical treatment)
- Emergency Mental Health Services (Crisis intervention, Medications)
- Transportation (Public transportation, Transporting client to emergency shelter)
- Services to Special Populations (Homeless Youth, DV, HIV/AIDS)

Emergency Shelter

- Essential Services (Case management, Child care, Education services, Employment assistance & job training, Outpatient health services, Legal services, Life skills, Mental health services, Substance abuse treatment services, Transportation and Services for special populations)
- Shelter Operations (Maintenance, Food, Rent, Furnishings)

2015 HESG Eligible Activities, Cont.

Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-housing

- Financial Assistance Services (Moving costs, Security deposits, Last month's rent, Utility deposit, Utility payments)
- Services (Housing Search & placement, Housing stability case management, Mediation, Legal services, Credit repair)

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- Hardware, Equipment and Software Costs
- Staffing
- Training & Overhead
- **Additional Eligible Costs** (ONLY for recipients that are ALSO the HMIS Lead Agency)

Administration

2015 HESG Eligible Activities, Cont.

Homeless Definition

A person is considered eligible for ESG funding if they meet the definition of homeless. There are four broad categories under the definition of homeless:

- Individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes a subset for an individual who resided in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided;
- Individuals and families who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence;
- Unaccompanied youth and families with children and youth who are defined as homeless under other federal statutes who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under the definition by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
- Individuals and families who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member. For an individual or family to qualify as at risk of homelessness the individual or family must meet two threshold criteria:
 - 1. The individual or family has income below 30 percent of median income for the geographic area; and
 - 2. The individual or family has insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability.
- The individual or family must also exhibit one or more specified risk factors, which include:
 - 1. moving frequently because of economic reasons;
 - 2. living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
 - 3. being notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated;
 - 4. living in a hotel or motel;
 - 5. living in severely overcrowded housing;
 - 6. exiting an institution; and
 - 7. living in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

2015 HESG Reporting

- Mandatory use of HMIS
- Mandatory quarterly reports
 - Due Oct. 15, Jan. 15, April 15.
 - Must be accompanied by signed HMIS report
- Mandatory Annual Report
 - Due July 30
 - Must be accompanied by signed HMIS report

2015 HESG Record Keeping

- Program records kept for 5 years
 - Submission of Invoices
 - Quarterly/Annual reporting
 - Staff time sheets
 - Project monitoring correspondence

2015 HESG Citizen Participation Plan

The Oxnard Citizens Participation Plan , originally adopted by the City Council on October 18, 1994, and modified on July 25, 2000, consists of:

- Public Outreach and Access
- Public Hearings
- Technical Assistance
- Comments and complaints
- Amendments

24 CFR 91.200(c) and 91.215 (I)

2015 HESG CONSOLIDATED PLAN & ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

- Prepared by the grantee in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91
- Describes needs, resources, priorities and proposed activities to be undertaken with respect to HUD's CPD formula programs (CDBG, HOME, HESG and HOPWA).
- June 2013 the City Council approved the 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan
- Information related to the preparation for the 3rd year of the Annual Action Plan (FY 2015-16) at <http://housing.cityofoxnard.org/10/91>

2015 HESG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

CAPER

- Annual report to HUD
- Due within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year
- Summarizes the City's performance for the fiscal year
- Includes a description of the resources made available, investment of available resources, geographic distribution and location of investments, families and persons assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of persons assisted), and other actions indicated in the Con Plan and the Action Plan.

2015 HESG Other Federal Requirements

- Section 3
- Affirmative Outreach
- Uniform Relocation Act: 24 CFR Part 42, 49 CFR Part 24 and HUD Handbook 1378.
- Environmental Review 24 CFR Part 58
- Procurement 24 CFR 570.502, 570.610 and 85.36
- Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Laws: Section 109 and 570.602. www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/index.cfm
- Desk procedure
- Program policies and procedures

2015 HESG Application Process

- Application Workshop
- Applications submitted to Grants Management for review of completeness and preliminary eligibility
- Submissions reviewed by Application Review Panel
 - Panel Consists of:
 - 4 Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) Members
 - 3 City Staff
- Interviews conducted by Application Review Panel
- Recommended projects to Mayor and City Council
- City Council final approval
- HUD approval
- Agreements issued

2015 HESG Application Dates

Important Dates:

- **January 13, 2015:** First Public Hearing before City Council on FY 2015-16 Needs Assessment
- **January 20, 2015:** Application Workshops
- **February 23, 2015:** Applications Due
- **March 2-6, 2015:** Application Review Panel interviews with proposers
- **April 7, 2015:** Second Public Hearing related to priorities and uses of funds; adoption by City Council of FY 2015-16 application and Annual Action Plan
- **May 15, 2015:** Deadline for City submission of FY 2015-16 Annual Action Plan to HUD

2015 HESG Application Packet

- Project Overview and Information Form
- Application
 - Agency/Organization Application Summary
 - Eligibility Requirements
 - Organization/Agency Information
 - Use of Funds
 - Required Attachments

Q & A

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