

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)

&

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG-CV)

Program Year 2020-2021

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Guidelines

The City of Modesto is soliciting funding requests for eligible CDBG-CV and ESG-CV projects to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. For questions regarding this RFP, please contact Heather Jones or Juan Gonzalez at (209) 577- 5211 or hjones@modestogov.com.

About this RFP	This single RFP solicits applications for both CDBG-CV and ESG-CV projects that are to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The City of Modesto Community & Economic Development Department will allocate funding to the appropriately selected projects that meet statutory and regulatory guidelines.	
Key Dates	June 30, 2020	Notice of Funding Availability and Application Period Opens
	July 9, 2020	Application Deadline – Apps due in ZoomGrants by 4:00 pm
	July 10-15, 2020	Application Review Period
	July 17, 2020	Award Notifications
	July 20-24, 2020	Sub-recipient Agreements
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this RFP is to solicit program proposals from non-profit, 501 (c)(3) and/or eligible service providers for the purpose of awarding CDBG-CV and ESG-CV public service funding to directly serve low-income families and individuals experiencing issues related to COVID-19 within the City of Modesto.</p> <p>On April 8, 2020, HUD notified eligible jurisdictions that they would receive a CDBG-CV allocation to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) authorized these allocations via, Public Law 116-136, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of COVID-19.</p> <p>Agencies are eligible to apply for CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding if they have experienced an increase in demand for services directly related to the COVID-19 outbreak or have a new program/activity proposal for addressing increased community needs related to the prevention of, preparing for, or respond to</p>	

	<p>the COVID-19 outbreak. Applications must highlight how the demand for services has increased directly because of the COVID-19 outbreak, or detail how a new program/activity is going to meet the needs created by the current health crisis per the CARES Act. In addition, the applicant must correlate the services directly with the proposed eligible expenses as outlined in the Eligible Activities section of this document.</p> <p>Please Note: A decrease in funding/fundraising from other sources are not considered to be eligible reasons for need of CDBG-CV funding. Applicants must show a direct increase in service need or an increase in service demand because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Additionally, applicants must verify/certify that no other state/federal funding are available to meet these needs in order to avoid funding duplication (Stafford Act) as required by the CARES Act. All subrecipients must comply with applicable CDBG and CARES Act regulations, programmatic requirements, and the subrecipient must have the capacity to undertake and comply with all federal regulations.</p> <p>In addition to addressing increased community needs directly related to the prevention of, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, applications MUST address one of the three national objectives set by HUD or they will NOT be considered for funding (See “CDBG National Objectives” section of these guidelines). Only complete applications will be considered for funding. Furthermore, completed applications must contain the necessary exhibits, budgets, and requested information on targeted CDBG eligible populations.</p>
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT	
<p>Program Intent CDBG-CV</p>	<p>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The intent of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities for persons of low and moderate income. The CDBG Program is governed by 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 570.</p> <p>Application Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than one (1) applications per agency will be accepted. • Application minimum \$20,000 and Application maximum \$40,000
<p>CDBG_CV Amount Available</p>	<p>Amount Available for award: <u>\$ 80,000</u></p>
<p>CDBG National Objectives</p>	<p>The authorizing statute of the CDBG program requires that each activity funded must meet one of three National Objectives. The three National Objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons; ○ Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and ○ Meet a need having a particular urgency (e.g. local natural disaster)

This RFP solicits projects that will benefit LMI persons and meet a need of prevention, preparation for, and responds COVID-19. For CDBG-CV Public Service activities, the following category is used to meet the LMI National Objective:

- **Limited clientele activities;**

Per 24 CFR 570.208(a) limited clientele activity requires that at least 51 percent of beneficiaries be LMI persons. With this category the number of LMI persons that benefit from the activity (51% or more) determines whether the activity will qualify or not.

The City will require 100 percent of beneficiaries served during the contract period be LMI persons. Special consideration may be allowed on a case by case basis.

Activities in this category provide benefits to a specific group of persons rather than everyone in a geographic area. It may benefit particular persons without regard to their residence.

With respect to determining the beneficiaries of activities as LMI and qualifying under the limited clientele category, activities must meet one of the following criteria:

- Require documentation on household size and income in order to demonstrate that at least 100 percent of the clientele are LMI; or
- Be of such a nature and in such a location that it can be concluded that clients are primarily LMI; or
- Benefit a clientele that is generally presumed to be principally LMI. This presumption covers: abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, severely disabled* adults, persons experiencing homelessness, illiterate adults, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and migrant farm workers; or

* Persons are considered severely disabled if they:

- Use a wheelchair or another special aid for 6 months or longer; Are unable to perform one or more functional activities (seeing, hearing, having one's speech understood, lifting and carrying, walking up a flight of stairs and walking);
- Need assistance with activities of daily living (getting around inside the home, getting in or out of bed or a chair, bathing, dressing, eating, and toileting) or instrumental activities or daily living (going outside the home, keeping track of money or bills, preparing meals, doing light household, and using the telephone);
- Are prevented from working at a job or doing house work;
- Have a selected condition including autism, cerebral palsy, Alzheimer's disease, senility, or dementia or mental retardation; or Are less than 65 years of age and are covered by Medicare or receive SSI

CDBG Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Limits for Modesto Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Effective 07/01/2020 Published 06/17/2020	% of AMI	1-Person Household	2-Person Household	3-Person Household	4-Person Household
	30%	\$14,700	\$16,800	\$18,900	\$20,950
	50%	\$24,500	\$28,000	\$31,500	\$34,950
	80%	\$39,150	\$44,750	\$50,350	\$55,900
	% of AMI (cont'd)	5-Person Household	6-Person Household	7-Person Household	8-Person Household
	30%	\$22,650	\$24,350	\$26,000	\$27,000
	50%	\$37,750	\$40,550	\$43,350	\$46,150
	80%	\$60,400	\$64,850	\$69,350	\$73,800

CDBG - CV ELIGIBLE Activities (24CFR 570.201(e))

CDBG-CV can only be used to assist in the prevention, preparation for, and responding to COVID-19 within the City of Modesto. Cares Act Public Services may fund a wide range of public service activities, including, but not limited to:

- Provide equipment, supplies, and materials necessary to carry-out a public service.
- Job training to expand health care workers and technicians to treat COVID-19
- Testing and diagnostic services at a fixed or mobile location
- Increase capacity and availability of targeted health services for infectious disease response within an existing health facility.
- Deliver meals on wheels to quarantined individuals or individuals that need to
- Assistance to aid in maintaining social distancing due to medical vulnerabilities.
- Homeless Prevention Housing Assistance related to COVID-19 Outbreak

CDBG-CV Public Service funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material, as well as operational costs.
 For additional information see:
[Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Coronavirus and Other Infectious Disease Response](#)

CDBG INELIGIBLE Activities

- Political Activities
- Income payments to an individual or family, which are used to provide basic services such as food, shelter (including payment for rent, mortgage, and/or utilities), or clothing. However, such expenditures are eligible under the following conditions:
 - The income payments do not exceed 3 consecutive months;
 - AND
 - The payments are made directly to the provider of such services on behalf of an individual or family.

This list of ineligible activities is not exhaustive.

	<p>If you are uncertain as to whether or not a proposed activity is eligible, please contact Heather Jones or Juan Gonzalez at the City of Modesto Community & Economic Development Department at (209) 577- 5211 or hjones@modestogov.com BEFORE submitting your application. Proposals with ineligible activities will be rejected.</p>
<p>EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT</p>	
<p>Program Intent – ESG -CV</p>	<p>Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG-CV): Designed as a first step in a continuum of care plan of assistance, the ESG program is designed to assist homeless individuals and families, and subpopulations within this group, such as victims of domestic violence, youth, people with mental illness, families with children, and veterans. ESG funds can also be used to aid people who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The ESG Program is governed by 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 91 and 576.</p> <p>Application Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than one (1) Application per agency will be accepted. • Application awards will be in an amount not to exceed \$40,000
<p>ESG-CV Available Amount</p>	<p>Cares Act - ESG <u>\$ 425,000</u></p>
<p>ESG -CV ELIGIBLE Activities</p>	<p>ESG-CV funding can be used in any of the ESG Eligible Activities defined below so long as it is clearly documented as how the assistance is used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach Activities Up to \$230,000 will be awarded for Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach related activities.</p> <p>➤ Emergency Shelter Operations (24 CFR 576.102): Renovation, including major rehabilitation or conversion, of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. The emergency shelter must be owned by a government entity or private nonprofit organization. The shelter conversion or renovation must be clearly documented that it is addressing the shelter or community need to prevent, prepare for, or respond to a COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>Essential Services, including case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and services for special populations. The services must clearly document that it is addressing the shelter or community need to prevent, prepare for, or respond to a COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>Shelter Operations, including maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter. Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a homeless family or individual, eligible costs may also include a hotel or motel voucher for that family or individual. The operational costs must clearly document that it is addressing the shelter or community</p>

<p>ESG ELIGIBLE Activities (Cont'd)</p>	<p>need to prevent, prepare for, or respond to a COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>➤ Street Outreach (24 CFR 576.101): All Street Outreach activities must illustrate how it is in response to COVID-19 including the activities as defined as 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. Eligible costs include engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, transportation, and services for special populations.</p> <p><u>Homeless Prevention</u> Up to \$195,000 will be awarded for Homeless Prevention related Activities.</p> <p>➤ Homelessness Prevention (24 CFR 476.103): 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. The costs of homelessness prevention are only eligible to the extent that the assistance is necessary to help the program participant regain stability in their current housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.</p> <p>Eligible costs include, but must illustrate how it is in response to COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental Assistance: rental assistance and rental arrears • Financial assistance: rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, moving costs <p>Services: housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, credit repair.</p> <p><u>For additional HUD guidance on related ESG-CV Activities:</u> Eligible ESG Program Costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness</p>
<p>ESG-CV CARES Act Waivers and Flexibilities</p>	<p>The following ESG-CV Waivers were granted by HUD for the Community Planning and Development Grant Programs to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate economic impacts caused by COVID-19. These waivers include the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiving the limit on using grant leasing funds to pay above FMR for individual units above FMR, but not greater than the reasonable rent will assist recipients in locating additional units to house individuals and families experiencing homelessness and reduce the spread and harm of COVID-19. • Waiving 24 CFR 578.103(a)(4)(i)(B)(4) as specified below will allow recipients to house people by relying on intake staff-recorded observation of disability while providing recipients' intake staff with additional time to confirm the disability. This will help households with observed disabilities to be housed quickly and obtain the necessary documentation once healthcare workers

are no longer inundated by COVID-19 responses.

- Waiving the limitation of housing search and counseling eligible activities to allow recipients and subrecipients to pay for up to 6 months of rental arrears and 6 months of utility arrears will help recipients and subrecipients remove barriers to obtaining housing quickly and help reduce the spread and harm of COVID-19.
- Waiving the physical initial inspection requirement 24 CFR 578.75(b)(1) as specified below will allow recipients to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Waiving the annual re-inspection 24 CFR 578.75(b)(2) requirement during this public health crisis as specified below will help allow recipients to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Waiving the one-year lease requirement as specified below will allow recipients to more quickly identify permanent housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, which is helpful in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- ESG-CV Funds are exempt from the ESG match requirements, including 24 CFR 576.201
- The funds may be used to provide homelessness prevention assistance (as authorized under 24 CFR 576.103 or subsequent HUD notices) to any individual or family who does not have income higher than Low-Income Limit for the area and meets the criteria in paragraphs (1)(ii) and (1) (iii) of the “at risk of homelessness” definition in 24 CFR 576.3;
- That recipients may deviate from applicable procurement standards when using these funds to procure goods and services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, notwithstanding 24 CFR 576.407(f) and 2 CFR 200.317-200.326;
- While we encourage you to offer treatment and supportive services when necessary to assist vulnerable homeless populations, individuals and families experiencing homelessness must not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing, or other services for which these funds are used, notwithstanding 24 CFR 576.401(e).

A full list of available waivers granted to the City of Modesto can be found at <https://www.modestogov.com/2433/2020-2024-Consolidated-Plan> and full definition for all the waivers listed from HUD at the links listed below.

- <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Availability-of-Waivers-of-CPD-Grant-Program-and-Consolidated-Plan-Requirements-to-Prevent-the-Spread-of-COVID-19-and-Mitigate-Economic-Impacts-Caused-by-COVID-19.pdf#page=13>
- https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/Additional_Waivers_for_CP_D_Grant_Programs_to_Prevent_COVID-19_Spread_and_Mitigate_COVID-19_Economic_Impacts.pdf
- <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CARES-Act-Flexibilities-CDBG-Funds-Used-Support-Coronavirus-Response.pdf>
- [Cares Act Flex-abilities Letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

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CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Prohibition Against Supplanting of Funds and Duplication for Benefits	CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds must supplement, not supplant local and Federal CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and CARES Act funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification is required that the applicant agrees to utilize funds available under this Agreement to supplement rather than supplant funds otherwise available. • Certification that the applicant will not utilize Care Act funding in a manner that would be considered a duplication of benefits. 				
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit Organizations • Governmental Entities • Religious/Faith-Based Organizations* • Institutions of Higher Education <p>*A religious/faith-based organization may retain its independence from federal, state, and local governments, and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, provided that it does not use direct CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funds to support any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytizing. These organizations may use space in its facilities to provide CDBG-CV funded services without removing religious art, icons, scriptures, or other religious symbols. In addition, a CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funded religious/faith-based organization retains its authority over its internal governance, and it may retain religious terms in its organization’s name, select its board members on a religious basis, and include religious references in its organization’s mission statements and other governing documents. A CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funded organization may not, in CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funded service delivery, discriminate against beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries on the basis of religion or religious belief.</p>				
Organizational Capacity	Applicant organizations shall demonstrate organizational capacity. Organizational capacity is typically demonstrated via the submission of the various application documents (exhibits), as referred to in Attachment A – Cares Act CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Application , used by the City to substantiate the applicant’s ability to comply with the stringent CDBG-CV/ESG-CV grant requirements. As such, the following will be considered to determine organizational capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant organizations shall be clear of any evidence and/or appearance of conflicts of interest within the makeup of the organization; • Organization shall have clear internal controls and measures and clear separation of duties between Board of Directors and staff employed by the 				

	<p>organization (e.g. the Board of Directors must not be composed of or include persons acting as employees of the organization);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization must have established clear protocols to eliminate any appearance of conflict of interest due to any employees who are related to any of the Board of Directors; • Organization must comply with all subrecipient requirements outlined in HUD’s <i>Playing by the Rules – A Handbook for CDBG Subrecipients on Administrative Systems</i>. Please refer to this handbook at: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_17104.pdf; • Applicant organizations must demonstrate a service delivery history and track record of ability to efficiently and effectively administer programs and achieve desired outcomes; • There should be evidence of the ability to fundraise and access to other revenue sources used to supplement CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funds; • The application should demonstrate a logical relationship between the organization, its mission, and the proposed project, as well as the proposed projects ability to address the prevention, preparation for, and response to COVID19 • Organizations that were unable to either meet stated CDBG-CV/ESG-CV-funded project outputs and must provide additional supportive information on enhanced ability to successfully carry out the project for which it is seeking funding.
<p>Reporting and Reimbursement</p>	<p>Funded organizations will be required to maintain records on beneficiaries (i.e., clients), as well as other records necessary to document all services provided and/or activities carried out.</p> <p>Using primary and secondary records, organizations will prepare and submit a quarterly performance report, which contains project outputs and beneficiary data (e.g., race, ethnicity, household income level, etc.).</p> <p>City of Modesto will reimburse funds based upon reporting information submitted by the organization. Expenditures must be consistent with the approved budget, as contained in the executed agreement between the City of Modesto and the organization. Only eligible expenses will be approved for reimbursements. Costs must be necessary, reasonable, and documented. Documentation must include support of funds used were to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19 and will include a funding self-certification form signed by an approved agent of the organization.</p> <p>Funded organizations must submit reimbursement requests periodically (quarterly) and should follow the City’s reimbursement procedures to ensure timely reimbursements. City of Modesto HUD Division staff will review all reimbursement requests, performance/beneficiary data reports, and supporting documentation for eligibility, completeness, and accuracy, prior to approving the reimbursement requests for processing. Only those items included in the approved budget, or through an approved budget amendment will be eligible for reimbursement.</p>

	<p>NOTE: An allocation of CDBG-CV funds does not authorize the implementation of project services or expenditure accrual. Only an executed written agreement or a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Modesto authorizes these activities. Any project services provided or expenditures accrued and/or incurred prior to the start date of the executed agreement will not be eligible for reimbursement with CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funds.</p>
<p>Evaluation Criteria</p>	<p>Evaluation criteria is outlined in detail in Attachment A - Application with Technical Review scoring matrix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Complete (5 points) • Design/Capacity (30 points) • Urgency/Persistence of Need (25 points) • Collaboration (10 points) • Past Performance (10 Points) • Budget/Financial Management/Fund Development (20 points)
<p>Application Evaluation and Scoring Process</p>	<p>The City of Modesto will conduct a technical review and scoring of all applications upon submission.</p> <p>The technical review will include a review of the applicant organization to ensure that the applicant is an eligible nonprofit organization and has sufficient Organizational Capacity. This will generally be determined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that the organization complies with the requirements outlined in the “Organizational Capacity” section of this document; • Ensuring that the applicant is not excluded from conducting business with any federal agency by conducting a search on the federal System for Award Management website at www.sam.gov. • Application completeness • Review of the proposal against the evaluation criteria <p>Notification of ineligibility will be provided in writing to applicants who are deemed to have a lack of organizational capacity to comply with the stringent CDBG-CV/ESG-CV grant requirements.</p> <p>Due to the emergent nature of this funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), City staff will score all application with the criteria in Exhibit A. Should there be questions or concerns throughout this process feel free to contact Heather Jones or Juan Gonzalez at the City of Modesto Community & Economic Development Department at (209) 577- 5211 or hjones@modestogov.com</p> <p>CDBG-CV/ESG-CV applicants will be notified in writing of the Application Review funding recommendations. The written notification will provide each applicant application rank, scoring information, and funding recommendations.</p>
<p>Appeal Process</p>	<p>Any applicant who disagrees with being determined ineligible may submit a written response to the City of Modesto Community & Economic Development Department, Attn: Jessica Narayan, Community Development Manager at jnarayan@modestogov.com within 7 business days of the City notification. The</p>

	<p>written response must include specific details that address/cure the ineligibility determination issued.</p> <p>Upon request, City Staff will schedule an in person meeting (Technical Assistance) with applicant representatives to discuss the factors/compliance issues that deemed the application ineligible in the view of the Application Review Committee. City Staff will use this opportunity to provide technical assistance to be considered by the applicant in future funding cycles. After meeting with the applicant, staff will confirm the discussion in writing by sending a follow up letter outlining the Technical Assistance points of discussion.</p> <p>This application appeal process does not provide applicants with an opportunity to submit missing documentation, replace ineligible project activities with new proposed project activities, nor does it ensure that ineligible determinations will be overturned.</p>
<p>DUNS Number, CoC and HMIS</p>	<p>CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funded organizations will be required to obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, a unique numeric identifier, as it is required of any entity receiving federal funding: http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/index.jsp or 1- 866-705-5711. (Make sure to write down name affiliated with your DUNS number).</p> <p>CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funded projects designed to assist persons experiencing homelessness or designed to prevent homelessness will be required to participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) of the Stanislaus Community System of Care (CSOC); and regularly attend CSOC meetings.</p> <p>Non-homeless related projects are highly encouraged to participate in the CSOC and regularly attend CSOC meetings.</p>
<p>Participation, and Commitment to Fair Housing</p>	<p>All CDBG-CV/ESG-CV funded organizations will be required to post fair housing materials and brochures at project locations.</p>
<p>Useful Resources</p>	<p>City of Modesto Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2015-2020 https://www.modestogov.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=109</p> <p>Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG regulations: 24 CFR 570 • ESG regulations: 24 CFR 576 <p>Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 CFR Part 200 <p><i>Playing by the Rules: A Handbook for CDBG Subrecipients on Administrative Systems</i> (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, March 2005) http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_17104.pdf</p> <p>ESG Related Resources For more information on this issue, see the ESG Program Interim Rule at</p>

§576.101 (Street Outreach) and §576.102 (Emergency Shelter), and HUD's Emergency Solutions Grants Program Components and Activities webinar.

Check back frequently to the Disease Risks and Homelessness page on the HUD Exchange to access the latest information and policy guidance.

Also see HUD's newly released Infectious Disease Toolkit for CoCs, which provides guidance for planning and responding to Influenza, Coronavirus, and other infectious diseases.

Waivers Applicable to CARES Act Funding Resources

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