

**NC ESG-CV Grant Application Information
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Continuum of Care**

Timelines for Applications in Winston-Salem

The state issued a Request for Applications for CARES Act funding under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program. Up to **\$712,943** is available to agencies in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The City of Winston-Salem will complete the overall Regional Application on behalf of the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Continuum of Care (CoC). The City also will coordinate project application submission by local agencies. In order to provide time for all reviews, project applications must be submitted by agencies by **Friday July 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**.

Preliminary Request

Although not binding, by **July 2, 2020** please provide a preliminary description of the funding for which your agency intends to apply:

Activity Type	Brief description of budget line items. Include the # of FTE staff positions anticipated to be requested, with titles, if applicable	Estimated Amount to be Requested
Emergency Shelter Operations		
Emergency Shelter Services		
Rapid Rehousing Services		
Prevention/Diversion Services		
Street Outreach		

Application Process

For those of you who have done State ESG applications before, you will note that the state has a new application process in which you submit all materials online in a Smartsheet. Agencies are to follow the application instructions that have been provided by the state at [this website](#). On that page, especially see the document entitled “ESG-CV Application Information”.

Local Funding Process

The submission process into a Smartsheet will be done per the state’s instructions. The City will have access to the Smartsheet to manage the process. The City will provide access to the applications to the CoC Rating Panel, which will develop a funding recommendation for review by the CoC Operating Cabinet and for approval of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Commission on Ending Homelessness.

Fiscal Sponsor

The City of Winston-Salem has served as the fiscal sponsor for agencies on these grants for a number of years. It allows the City to consolidate grant management among multiple agencies, expedite reimbursement to agencies and track the CoC’s overall spending of the State funds. ***In your project application, in the “Partnerships” question (question 3.2 for Crisis Response projects and question 4.2 in Housing Stability projects) please state, “The City of Winston-Salem will serve as the Fiscal Sponsor for this project”.***

Funding Guidance

The total State funding amount for Winston-Salem is \$712,943. The State is requesting that CoC’s allocate at least 60% of funds for “Housing Stability” activities, including rapid re-housing (RRH) and homelessness prevention. Based on the 60/40 split, the allocation of funding by category available from this grant is as follows:

NC ESG CV1 – Total Allocation for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CoC	\$712,943
Housing Stability/Rapid Re-housing and Prevention (60%)	\$427,766 mi
Crisis Response/Shelter operations and services (40%)	\$285,177 ma

Any funds not allocated for crisis response activities will be allocated to housing stability activities.

Agencies should apply for funds as needed to meet the needs of homeless persons during the pandemic. For planning purposes, note that all funds under this grant must be spent by **September 30, 2022**. To plan for the most effective use of funds, also note that additional CARES Act allocations of ESG funding from HUD and the State are anticipated this year, in addition to the regular annual allocations of ESG funding.

Housing Stability Staffing

Agencies will be needed to provide case management for the Housing Stability programs. Agencies can apply both for crisis response (shelter and street outreach) and housing stability (rapid re-housing or prevention) activities. Agencies seeking both types of funding will need to do two separate state applications. In such a case, the housing stability costs will come from the 60% of funds allocated to housing stability. It will not reduce the funding available for crisis response activities.

Back@Home

The state materials mention Back@Home. The state developed Back@Home as a model to re-house people after hurricanes. It is now offered as a rapid re-housing framework for use by programs in North Carolina. It will be helpful for areas without established rapid re-housing programs. However, Back@Home is optional and because it would be duplicative to operate both Back@Home and the Forsyth Rapid Re-Housing Collaborative (FRRC), City staff recommend that our CoC opt out of Back@Home. There is no funding advantage to participating or not participating in Back@Home.

Additional Information

Please feel free to contact us at the City or to contact State ESG staff with any questions. If you get useful information that might be of interest to other agencies, please let me know and we will share it!

Please remember the deadline for applications as stated above and to send preliminary information about your request, as stated above.

Thank you.

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