

**2018 ESG NOFA
Balance of State FAQs**

Questions		Answers
1	What Project Level Performance Data reports in HMIS (or comparable database) is needed to meet the impact and effectiveness question 1 and 2?	<p>1) Average length of project participation for individual leavers (HMIS Program Manual 2017).</p> <p>2) Leavers exiting to permanent housing.</p> <p>Scores assigned will be based on relative success rate. For project-level performance metrics, programs of the same activity type (i.e. SO, ES, RR) will only be compared against programs of that same activity-type. In addition to these Project Level Performance Measures, System Level Performance Measures must be provided. See page 16 of the NOFA for this information.</p>
2	Does the CoC need to write the need for funds narrative or is it written by the applying agency?	The CoC needs to write the Need for Funds narrative.
3	Will this presentation be posted on the website?	The PowerPoint will be posted on the website. http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/esg/docs/BOS-Workshop.mp4
4	Can an agency apply for this funding if they receive 2017 ESG funds that end in June 2019.	You can apply for the 2018 ESG funding if you received 2017 ESG funds as long as your CoC did not implement any stipulations for applying for the 2018 ESG funds.
5	Should we double our resolution amount in the non-competitive as there are only federal dollars for the 2018 ESG program.	It is recommended that you list an approved dollar amount that is at least double the amount you expect to receive. Award amounts are frequently recalculated and are subject to change. If the amount your entity is eligible to receive increases above the dollar amount your entity authorizes, a new resolution will be required in order to receive the new higher amount.

6	Where in the application do you list the applicants you have funded and not funded?	The funded and unfunded applicants are submitted in the 2018 Continuum of the Care Recommendation Package for Balance of State Only.
7	Are each competitive and non-competitive applicants allowed to charge indirect costs?	Each awarded applicant in the competitive and non-competitive are eligible to request a De Minimis rate of up to 10% for indirect costs. If your agency has been approved for above this amount, a letter from HUD supporting the indirect cost rate must be submitted with the application.
8	Can a non-competitive applicant apply for 10% Street Outreach and 10% Homelessness Prevention?	A non-competitive applicant can apply for 10% Street Outreach and 10% Homelessness Prevention.
9	Can the same applicant apply for both non-competitive and competitive ESG funds?	An applicant can apply for both non-competitive and competitive ESG funds as long as the CoC does not limit the number of applications an applicant can apply for in the 2018 ESG NOFA..
10	Can the same applicant apply for rapid re-housing activities for the non-competitive and competitive ESG funds?	An applicant can apply for rapid rehousing activities in the competitive and non-competitive competition as long as the CoC does not limit the number of applications a provider can apply for in the 2018 ESG NOFA.
11	What is Form VI in the BOS Recommendation Package?	FORM VI in the BOS Recommendation Package is for any document, forms and certifications listed in the application.
12	Is an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sufficient when subcontracting for eligible activities?	When applications contain multiple ESG eligible <u>activities</u> an MOU is sufficient to subcontract with separate providers for each activity.
13	Is the 10% indirect costs apply to both competitive and non-competitive applications?	Yes, each application can request a De Minimis rate of up to 10% for indirect costs. If your agency has been approved for above this amount, a letter from HUD supporting the indirect cost rate must be submitted with the application.

14	The minimum application amount for the regional competition is \$75,000. This is more than we will have left over after we commit 50% of our allocation to the non-competitive pool. Are we unable to compete?	You will be able to compete. The amount of money remaining for each CoC after they have committed their non-competitive funding will be pooled together in each region. Regardless of what each CoC had remaining after the non-competitive set aside, all applicants participating in the regional competitive pool may submit an application between \$75k and \$200k.
15	If we include 10% homeless prevention and 10% street outreach in our non-competitive application, that will reduce our rapid rehousing amount. Correct?	That is correct. In an effort allow applicants the ability to get funding for additional activities, the 'add ons' will reduce the amount of RRH funds. To participate in the non-competitive allocation, each CoC must commit between 40%-50% of their allocation to RRH.
16	In the BOS Recommendation Package, where do we attach our provider recommendation letter?	Form III in the BOS Recommendation Package is where CoCs will attach their 'Process Letter.' This letter must describe your provider selection process. Forms IV and V are both spreadsheets that you will use to list the applicants you are recommending for funding and not recommending for funding.
17	Who needs to complete Attachment E in the Competitive Application?	Attachment E is the 'Needs for Funds Documentation and Certification form. The CoC must complete and sign this form.
18	Will the 2018 ESG BOS contracts be for 24 months?	All of the recipient's grant must be expended for the eligible activity costs within 24 months after the date HUD signs the grant agreement with HCD. Once applications are received, HCD makes every effort to score, rate and rank applications and make award announcements as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, this process shortens the length of the contracts from 24 months to approximately 18 months. To the extent that awardees can return their signed Standard Agreements back quicker, this will extend the time they actually have available to spend the funds within that 24-month period. Note also, for the contracts

		executed for the 2018 funding round, expense incurred back to the date of HCD's award letter to the awardee can be charged to this contract.
19	What are the income limits for RRH?	Program participants receiving ESG "Rapid Re-Housing" assistance, an income assessment is not required at initial evaluation. At re-evaluation (which must take place not less than once annually for rapid re-housing) the participant's household must have an annual income that does not exceed 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD.
20	Are rent reasonable analysis required if rents are above FMR?	No, ESG rental assistance must be at or below FMR.
21	Do we have to apply for RRH in the competitive allocation.	No. You may apply for any eligible ESG activities. See the table on page 12 of the NOFA for specific limitations on the amounts applied for among the various eligible activities.
22	Can you provide examples of what sources can be used for Match?	Refer to CFR 576.201(5)(d): (d) Eligible types of matching contributions. The matching requirement may be met by one or both of the following: (1) Cash contributions. Cash expended for allowable costs, as defined in OMB Circulars A-87 (2 CFR part 225) and A-122 (2 CFR part 230), of the recipient or sub recipient. (2) Noncash contributions. The value of any real property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to the recipient's or sub recipient's ESG program, provided that if the recipient or sub recipient had to pay for them with grant funds, the costs would have been allowable. Noncash contributions may also include the purchase value of any donated building.

23	What reports are required for System Performance Level Measures?	For federal fiscal year 2016-17 (or the most recent 12-month period), HMIS or comparable data base reports are acceptable. (Please see page 16 of the NOFA and Attachment G in the BOS competitive application,)
24	Are 'like' activities rated against each other in the 'Impact and Effectiveness' rating category?	Yes, scoring for Impact and Effectiveness will be 'like to 'like activities (i.e., ES to ES and RR to RR).