

2018 ESG CoC NOFA - FAQs

Questions		Answers
1	Do we need to complete a separate budget form for each of our providers and submit in the Application?	No, each Administrative Entity (AE) must complete the budget worksheet using the 'total allocation' amount found on page 25 of the 2018 ESG NOFA. Budget sheets for individual providers are not included in the application.
2	Can Homelessness Prevention be funded as a stand-alone activity?	No, only 10% of an AEs allocation can be used to fund Homelessness Prevention activities.
3	Can a CFO be identified as the Authorizing Representative in the Resolution?	Yes.
4	Who should make the request to HCD/HUD for an FMR exception?	The Administrative Entity (AE) should make the request for their service area.
5	How much of our funding must be allocated to Rapid Rehousing activities (RRH)?	A minimum of 40% of each CoC's allocation must be allocated to RRH activities.
6	Is there an estimate of what the expenditure deadline will be for this 2018 ESG grant?	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. We anticipate that this Agreement will be received and signed sometime in October of 2018. Once applications are received, HCD makes every effort to evaluate applications and make award announcements as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, this process shortens the length of the AE contracts from 24 months to approximately 18 months. To the extent that AEs can return their signed Standard Agreements back quicker, this will extend the time they actually have available to spend the funds. Note also, for the contracts executed for the 2018 funding round, expenses incurred back to the date of HCD's award letter to the AE can be charged to this Standard Agreement.

7	Does ESG allow rents to go above FMR as long as rent reasonableness is followed?	HUD has various other factors they consider when approving rents above FMR. See slides 18 and 19 of the PowerPoint. Work with your Representative in HCD's Grants Management Unit so that HCD may submit the appropriate documentation to HUD on the County's behalf.
8	If the 2018 ESG federal allocation changes, how do we redistribute the funds to our providers? Can you recommend a process?	HCD has no recommendation in this regard. The AE should determine the redistribution amount for their providers in a way that is fair and open based on the amount of funds that are later made available to the AE and the requirements of their provider selection process.
9	What amount do we use to calculate the minimum 40% of our allocation that must be used for RRH activities?	The 40% is calculated using the CoC total allocation amount left over after grant administration has been subtracted. (CoC total allocation - Grant Administration) = Activity Amount.
10	Some of our providers are providing two-year expenditure budget based on the federal ESG regulations. Can we scale their budget to be spent over the amount of the contract period?	Yes, each AE will determine the distribution amount for each of their providers.
11	HUD has provided our agency with an FMR waiver for its direct ESG allocation. Can we use this existing FMR waiver for the State ESG allocation?	No, you will need to submit another FMR Exemption request for the State ESG funding.
12	When will the next ESG NOFA be released?	We anticipate the first NOFA for California Emergency Solutions and Housing Funds (CESH), administered by HCD, to be released in August 2018. A second CESH NOFA is anticipated in early 2019. The timeline for release of the 2019 HCD NOFA for federal ESG funds has not yet been finalized.