

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Office Hours – 2024 Standard Agreements

October 8, 2025





How to ask a question...





Question Format

- All Questions must be submitted in the Question & Answer (Q&A) Box:
 - Please type your organization name and question.
- ❖ The team will read questions out loud at the end of the presentation and will also provide answers (if possible) throughout the presentation.
- All questions and answers entered into the Q&A box will be recorded as part of the public record.



Slides and Recording

Both the slides and recording will be sent to all participants within approximately two weeks of this event.







ESG – Wrapping up 2023 Grants

2023 Contract Expiration Date

- **❖** October 15, 2025
- No reimbursements or payments after this date
- Correct all pending RFFs Submit ASAP





ESG - 2024 Contract Updates

- Standard Agreements are being developed
- ❖ New RFF Forms are being finalized
- Welcome Emails will be sent out soon
- Authorized Representatives Updated



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ESG Office Hours – Spotlight Series 2024 Standard Agreements

ESG Program Team

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Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

- Designed to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness
- Providing funding for essential services and housing stability



- ESG provides funding and support through five components:
 - Street Outreach
 - Emergency Shelter
 - Homelessness Prevention
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - HMIS



❖ HCD ESG Program – FY24 Snapshot:

- Provided services for approximately 22,000 persons and expended \$11.6M
- Assisted over 18,000 persons through ES and SO components
- Assisted approximately 3,800 persons through the RRH component



ESG Program is highly-regulated & "politically sensitive"

- Established by Congress over 30-years ago
 - Numerous legislative updates
 - Supported or not supported
- Strict requirements
 - UAG 2 CFR Part 200
 - ESG Legislation & Updates
 - CA Contract Laws
 - HCD Requirements



Standard Agreement (SA)

- Establishes timelines and milestones for grant
- Identifies requirements and "deliverables"
- Guiding document for administering the program
- Supplemented with HCD Policy Guidance
- Federal, State and HCD Regulations





- ESG State Guidelines
 - December 2024
- **★** 2024 ESG NOFA
 - December 2024
- Updated ESG Contract Exhibits
 - Summer 2025





- ❖ 2024 Standard Agreements What's the Same?
 - Establishes timelines and milestones for grant
 - Identifies requirements and "deliverables" (Project Scope)
 - Guiding document for administering the program
 - Supplemented with HCD Policy Guidance



- ❖ 2024 Standard Agreements What's New?
 - Greater emphasis on Performance Milestones & Deliverables
 - Recapture and Redistribution
 - Indirect Costs
 - Annual Performance Reporting (APR)





- ❖ Contract Start and End Dates
 - Exhibits A & E
- ***** Expenditure Deadlines and Milestones
 - Exhibits A & E
- Project Scope and Budget
 - Exhibit A & E
- **❖** Reporting Period
 - Exhibit A



❖ Incurring Costs – Date of Award Letter



❖ The "Fine Print"

- Annual Project Reporting (APR) Requirements
- Record-keeping Requirements
- Sub-recipient Monitoring Requirements
- Contractually-required Expenditure Milestones
- Recapture and Redistribution





- ❖ Annual Project Reporting (Exhibit A)
 - Exhibit D-25.E
 - Penalties for non-compliance (Guidelines § 303.f)

ESG Recordkeeping & Retention

- Exhibit D-25.H / Guidelines § 308
- Retention Requirement is five (5) years

Subrecipient Monitoring

- Exhibit D-11 / Guidelines § 304
- Grantees must monitor service providers





- ❖ Performance Milestones & Spending Percentage Deadlines
 - Exhibits A & E / Guidelines § 305
 - First RFF submission requirements
 - Timely RFF submission requirements
 - Percentage-spent deadlines
 - Penalties for non-compliance with SA





❖ Exhibit A.G.2.

Annual Funding Cycle 2024 - 2026	
Expenditure Deadline (75 percent of total award)	August 27, 2026 Maximum Recapture (as a percentage of total award) is the difference between 75 percent of the total award and the amount drawn in IDIS ¹ as of August 28, 2026.
Expenditure Deadline (100 percent of total award)	September 26, 2026 Requests for reimbursement can occur until November 25, 2026.
	Maximum Recapture (as a percentage of total award) is the difference between 100 percent of the total award and the amount drawn in IDIS as of November 25, 2026.
Annual Fund	ing Cycle 2025 - 2027



Recapture & Redistribution

- Exhibit A. Section G / Guidelines § 305
- Failure to meet expenditure milestones
 - Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
 - HCD recaptures unexpended funds
 - Not allowed to apply for future ESG funding
- Failure to expend all grant funds
 - HCD recaptures unexpended funds
 - Not eligible for future funding





❖ Performance Milestones & Deadlines-Recap

- Deadlines for first RFF submittal
- RFFs should be submitted monthly (at least quarterly)
- Milestones for percentage of funding spent
- Expend the full grant during the contract period
- Recapture option





❖ Moving Forward:

- ESG Forms (RFF / DER / APR) are being updated
- Monthly Check-in and TA meetings with Grant Rep
- Quarterly Performance & Spending Review
- Monthly Office Hours Reminders and Notices







ESG Resources

❖ESG Webpage:

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