



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Honorable KP George
Fort Bend County
301 Jackson St
Richmond, TX 77469-0600

Dear Judge George:

I offer my best wishes for all Texans impacted by Hurricane Beryl.

As authorized by 42 U.S.C. 11364a(c)(1), HUD has determined to make a special allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding to Fort Bend County (Recipient) to address the needs of homeless individuals or families or individuals or families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) on or after December 20, 2019, whose needs are not otherwise served or fully met by existing Federal disaster relief programs, including the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program under such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b). This allocation of "Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing" (RUSH) funding under the ESG Program is in response to the President's major disaster declaration dated July 9, 2024, DR-4798-TX, for Hurricane Beryl and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) determination that this disaster was severe enough to activate its TSA program.

Specifically, HUD is making \$104,420 in RUSH funding available to Fort Bend County. This initial allocation was determined using a formula that is based on 42 U.S.C. 11364a(c)(1) and that takes into account the number of persons experiencing sheltered or unsheltered homelessness (based on the most recent Point-in-Time count) in counties or local municipalities that are within the declared disaster areas and the Fair Market Rent for a 1-bedroom apartment in those areas. "Declared disaster areas" refers to areas identified as eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance when a major disaster is declared. Subject to availability of funding, HUD may make a second allocation of RUSH funding as explained in the notice HUD published in the July 18, 2024 Federal Register ([RUSH Notice](#)¹).

This RUSH funding will be subject to the same Federal requirements that apply to annual ESG funding, except as otherwise stated in the RUSH Notice or a later HUD notice, waiver, or rule.

Please refer to section IV of the RUSH Notice for the submission requirements for RUSH funding. The certifications that must be included in each submission for RUSH funding are provided in the attachments to this letter. These certifications exclude the standard ESG certification about matching contributions, because matching contributions are not required for RUSH funding, as explained in the RUSH Notice.

¹ The RUSH Notice can be viewed at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/07/18/2024-15852/allocation-formula-applicable-requirements-and-waivers-and-suspension-of-requirements-for-rapid>.

If Fort Bend County decides not to accept this funding, please email your clearly stated refusal to Norm Suchar (norman.a.suchar@hud.gov), Director of the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, within 14 days of receiving this letter.

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is committed to continuing to work with your jurisdiction to successfully meet the urgent and complex challenges facing your community. If you or your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Field Office Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. McFadden', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

8/28/24

Marion M. McFadden
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development

Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1

General Certifications

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.


Anti-Lobbying -To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction - The submission of the consolidated plan is authorized under State law and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs under the consolidated plan for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan - The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



Signature of Authorized Official

February 25, 2025

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ATTACHMENT 2

ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – If ESG funds are used for shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, veterans, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent

practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

K. George
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