



**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2017

TO: Family and Human Services Committee
Supervisor John Gioia, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

FROM: Gabriel Lemus, CDBG Program Manager

SUBJECT: Revised Staff Recommendations for FY 2017/18, FY 2018/19, & FY 2019/20
Emergency Solutions Grant Program

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve revised recommendations for FY 2017/18, FY 2018/19, and FY 2019/20 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) projects as recommended by staff or amended by the Committee.
2. Direct the Department of Conservation and Development to prepare a staff report on the Committee's recommendations. The staff report will be submitted together with funding recommendations for all other project categories for the Board of Supervisors consideration on July 18, 2017.

BACKGROUND

On April 24, 2017, the Family & Human Services committee approved staff's recommendations for FY 2017/18, FY 2018/19, and FY 2019/20 ESG Program funds. At that meeting, staff reported that the recommendations at that time were based off of the current information on what the FY2017 Federal budget may be and that the ESG recommendations were subject to change. At that time, staff estimated the County receiving approximately \$269,776 in ESG Program funds for FY 2017/18.

In early May 2017, the FY2017 Federal budget was passed and on June 14, 2017 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the information on the allocation amount of ESG Program funds for the County. For FY 2017/18 the County will receive \$365,299 in ESG Program funds, an increase of nearly \$95,000 from the original estimate. Seven and a half percent (7.5%) of the grant will be used for administration expenses resulting in a total of **\$337,902** being available for projects. Given the substantial increase, staff has revised its original recommendations to increase the funding to all ESG projects that were recommended funding by the Family & Human Services Committee back on April 24, 2017. Staff's revised recommendations for the use of ESG funds are listed in **Attachment A**. Attachment A also depicts the original recommendations from the April 24, 2017 Family & Human Services Committee.

Per ESG regulations, no more than 60 percent of the total ESG allocation, or \$219,179, may be committed to shelter related activities. Therefore, the increase in the revised recommendations were developed following that regulation. All the recommended projects, with the exception of Shelter Inc.'s Rapid Rehousing & Homeless Prevention project (17-03-ESG in Attachment A), are shelter related activities.

Given that the ESG Program operates under a three-year funding cycle to conclude the final three years of the CDBG/ESG Consolidated Plan period, the revised recommended amounts reflected for each respective agency/program for FY 2017/18 are also the recommended amounts for the same agencies/projects for FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20, contingent on the satisfactory performance of each respective agency/program and the County receiving a similar allocation of ESG funds from HUD.

Public Hearing and Transmittal of Recommendations: The Committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the full Board of Supervisors prior to the public hearing that is scheduled for July 18, 2017. Final recommendations must be forwarded to HUD by August 16, 2017.

Attachments

cc: John Kopchik, Director – Department of Conservation and Development
Kara Douglas, Assistant Deputy Director – Department of Conservation and Development

Contra Costa County
Emergency Solutions Grant
FY 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20

Attachment A

CCC Project No.	Applicant	Project Name	Outcome (for Amount Requested)	Contra Costa County			Revised Staff Recommendation for FY 2017/18**
				Amount Requested	Amount Received in FY 2016/17	FHS Committee Recommendation for FY 2017/18 From April 24, 2017 Mtg.	
Emergency Solutions Grant Projects							
17-01-ESG	Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services Homeless Program	Adult Interim Housing Program	Emergency shelter beds and wraparound services for 150 homeless.	\$108,365	\$108,365	\$108,365	\$122,693.00
17-02-ESG	Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services Homeless Program	Calli House Youth Shelter	Emergency shelter beds and support services for 25 homeless youth.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$24,328.00
17-03-ESG	SHELTER, Inc. of Contra Costa County	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program	Homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services to 60 Extremely Low Income households in the Urban County.	\$100,000	\$87,678	\$87,678	\$118,723.00
17-04-ESG	STAND! For Families Free of Violence	Rollie Mullen Emergency Shelter	Emergency shelter and support services for 40 adults (both men and women) and their children.	\$35,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$45,328.00
17-05-ESG	Trinity Center Walnut Creek	Trinity Center	Hygiene/food services and day-use facility for 100 homeless clients.	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$26,830.00
TOTALS				\$265,865	\$249,543	\$249,543	\$337,902

**Note: Revised recommendations due to substantially larger ESG allocation from HUD than anticipated. Over the last three years, HUD's average ESG allocation to the County was approximately \$250,000.