



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department

Date: May 12, 2020

Subject: 2020/21 State of California Emergency Solutions Grant Program Funds

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution No. 2020/130 authorizing the Conservation and Development Director, or designee, to apply for and execute a contract to accept State of California (State) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in an amount not to exceed \$556,130 for eligible activities to assist homeless individuals and families with services to regain permanent housing as approved by the State in accordance with all State ESG Program requirements and other applicable rules and laws.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No General Fund impact. All funds are provided to the County on a formula basis through the State of California. The State ESG funds are allocated to the State by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and then distributed to eligible local Administrative Entities. Contra Costa County is an eligible Administrative Entity. The estimated State ESG formula allocation to the County is \$278,065; however, additional funds may become available from disencumbered expired ESG contracts. Application instructions from the State recommend listing an approved dollar amount that is at least double the formula allocation, or \$556,130, in order to receive additional funds if they

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/12/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor

Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor

Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor

Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 12, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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become available. The attached table of recommended State ESG allocations includes only the estimated amount. A portion of the funds are reserved for program administration in the County's Department of Conservation and Development.

## BACKGROUND:

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development allocates State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic areas. The CoC is a program through which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development strives to end homelessness. The County's Health, Housing and Homeless Services manages the CoC for Contra Costa. The County Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) is the Administrative Entity for the State ESG funds and is required to collaborate with the CoC. The ESG Program provides funds to activities that (1) engage homeless individuals and families who are living on the street, (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, (3) help operate shelters, (4) provide essential services to shelter residents, (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

To apply for an allocation of State ESG funds, the County Board of Supervisors must approve a resolution authorizing and affirming the following: 1) that the funds will be used in a manner consistent with all applicable laws, regulations and contracts regarding the ESG Program; 2) that the County will receive ESG grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$556,130; 3) that the ESG grant funds will be used for eligible activities; and 4) that the DCD Director or Assistant Deputy Director are authorized to execute a Standard Agreement for ESG funds and related documents. The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness (COH) is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serves as the County's CoC executive council. It provides advice and input on the operations of homeless services and program operations, establishes the local process for applying for various programs, including ESG. Per Federal and State regulations, DCD staff consulted with the COH at its May 7, 2020 meeting. The COH reviewed and supported the attached staff allocation recommendations. The County has participated in the State ESG Program since 2016.

This Board Order only covers the State ESG funds that the County applies for and receives annually from the State, but not any supplemental State ESG funds coming from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the impacts of COVID-19. The State recently informed County ESG staff that the County is anticipated to receive supplemental State ESG funds from the CARES Act, but the announcement of those funds was too recent to include in these plans that were already underway, and will be handled in a separate recommendation for the Board's approval in an upcoming meeting.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County will not be able to receive State ESG funds to support CoC geographic areas.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Programs and activities funded with State ESG support one or more of the following children's outcomes:

- (1) Children Ready for and Succeeding in School;
- (2) Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood;
- (3) Families that are Economically Self Sufficient;
- (4) Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing; and
- (5) Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families

#### ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2020/130

Attachment A: 2020/21 State ESG Program Recommendations