

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM**  
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(ID # 4221)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

**FROM :** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Adoption of Resolution No. 2017- 090, Authorizing the Director of DPSS to apply for and sign Grant Agreements from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and to administer the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program. [Districts: ALL]; [Source of Funds: 51.86% Federal Funding; 48.14% State Funding]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve attached Resolution No. 2017-090, Authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Social Services or designee, to apply for and accept Grants from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and to administer the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program; and
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) or designee to administer the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program; and
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services or designee to execute the State Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, related to the ESG grant awarded to County, as approved by County Counsel.

**ACTION:**


  
Susan Von Zabern, Director of Public Social Services 5/9/2017

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 23, 2017  
xc: DPSS

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	
<b>Federal Funding: 51.86%; State Funding: 48.14%</b>			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	Multi

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Emergency Solutions Program is designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance preventing homelessness and enabling homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living.

The federal Emergency Solutions Grant program (ESG), as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 and authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate the shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents, (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

On January 4, 2017 the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued an announcement notifying the administrative entities of the preliminary 2017 ESG allocation for federal fiscal years 2017/18. HCD is making this funding available through local Continuum of Care (CoC) Service Areas, including Riverside County. The total allocation to the County of Riverside is \$620,772. The State ESG funds are subject to availability upon receipt of an executed standard agreement with HCD.

HCD's newly redesigned ESG program aligns with local systems' federal ESG and CoC program funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). State ESG funding guidelines emphasize the involvement of local Continuums of Care, ESG entitlement cities and at least one non-entitlement jurisdiction in the funding process. The cities of Riverside and Moreno Valley are ESG entitlement cities.

The County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) was designated by the county's Continuum of Care as the Administrative Entity (AE) to administer state ESG funds. All activities funded with the county's ESG funds must include:

1. Engaging homeless individuals and families living on the street;
2. Improving the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
3. Helping operate these shelters;

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4. Providing essential services to shelter residents;
5. Rapidly re-housing homeless individuals and families; and
6. Preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless

As part of the application process, DPSS (AE) is required to complete a fair and open competition; submit the award package and obtain a Resolution authorizing the Director of DPSS to execute the standard agreement with HCD (attached). Upon completion of these requirements, HCD will execute a standard agreement with DPSS. Finally, DPSS will enter into contracts with the selected sub-recipients.

In anticipation of accessing this funding, DPSS solicited bids through DPARC-530 2017 state ESG Homeless Assistance Program on February 16, 2017 for the following eligible activities:

1. Street Outreach
2. Emergency Shelter
3. Rapid Re-housing
4. Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

**HCD requires that 40% of the total county allocation be used for Rapid Rehousing projects. Following is the ESG Allocation breakdown:**

Total amount	Admin costs (DPSS)	CA ESG Allocation	HUD ESG Allocation	HUD ESG Allocation
\$620,772	\$23,884	\$287,314	\$309,574	

An independent review panel, selected by the CoC membership, evaluated and scored the applicants and made funding recommendations to the CoC Board of Governance (BOG). The BOG approved the panel's recommendations at a meeting on March 16, 2017. The following agencies will be part of the submission for funding to HCD:

Application selected for funding	Project type	Funding amount	Geographic areas to be served
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)	Rapid Rehousing	\$235,088	Mid/Southwest County and Desert/Eastern county
Path of Life Ministries	Rapid Rehousing	\$161,800	Countywide
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Emergency Shelter (create 120 beds)	\$200,000	Desert/Eastern County

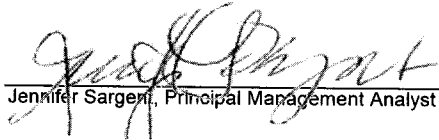
**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

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Through the CoC Program, the County of Riverside along with its sub-recipients will continue to improve the lives of homeless men, women and children through local planning efforts and through the direct housing and services programs funded under the FY 2017 competition.

**ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 2017-090**

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Jennifer Sargent, Principal Management Analyst

5/15/2017



Gregory B. Priaplos, Director County Counsel

5/9/2017

1 Board of Supervisors

County of Riverside

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-090

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
5 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO APPLY  
6 FOR AND SIGN GRANT AGREEMENTS; AND EXECUTE THE STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY  
7 SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
8 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) FOR ADMINISTRATION OF  
9 THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM.

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11 WHEREAS the State of California (the "State"), Department of Housing  
12 and Community Development ("Department") issued a Notice of Funding  
13 Availability (NOFA) projected to be released in April or May 2017, under the  
14 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program ("Program"); and

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16 WHEREAS County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services is an  
17 approved ESG Administrative Entity; and

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19 WHEREAS the Department may approve funding allocations for the ESG  
20 Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program guidelines  
21 and requirements, and the Standard Agreement and other contracts between  
22 Department and ESG grant recipients;

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24 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 25 1. If County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services  
26 receives a grant of funds from Department, it represents and  
27 certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and  
28 in compliance with all applicable state, federal, and other

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: Neal R. Kipnis DATE: 5/17/17

1 statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines and laws ("rules and  
2 laws"), including without limitation all rules and laws regarding  
3 the ESG Program, as well as any and all contracts the County of  
4 Riverside may have with Department.

5 2. County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services is hereby  
6 authorized and directed to receive an ESG grant, in an amount not to  
7 exceed \$620,772 in accordance with all rules and laws.

8 3. County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services hereby  
9 agrees to use the ESG funds for eligible activities as approved by  
10 the Department and in accordance with all Program requirements, and  
11 other rules and laws, as well as in a manner consistent and in  
12 compliance with the Standard Agreement and other contracts between  
13 State ESG Administrative Entity and Department.

14 4. The Board hereby designates the Director of the Department of Public  
15 Social Services or its designee with the responsibility to apply for  
16 funding from HCD for the ESG Program and to execute the Standard  
17 Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as  
18 well as any other documents which are related to the Program or the  
19 ESG grant awarded to State ESG Administrative Entity, as the  
20 Department may deem appropriate.

21 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

22 ROLL CALL:

23 Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
24 Nays: None  
25 Absent: None

26 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly  
27 adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

28 KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk of said Board

By 

Deputy