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



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#### **MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

FROM: PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS): Resolution No. 2018-146, Authorizing the Director of DPSS to Apply for the 2018 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program, Accept ESG Funding, Execute the Standard Agreement with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and Administer the ESG Program for the Riverside County Service Area, All Districts. [\$300,452 - 100% Federal]

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

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-146, authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Social Services, or designee, to
  - a. apply for the 2018 ESG Program for fiscal year 2018/2019;
  - b. accept ESG funding in an amount not to exceed \$600,904, if the County is awarded a grant of ESG funds;
  - c. execute the standard agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents which are related to the ESG Program or the ESG grant award, as form-approved by County Counsel and consistent with the Board's approval; and
  - d. administer the 2018 ESG Program in collaboration with the County or Riverside Continuum of Care, as the Administrative Entity for the Riverside County service area.

**ACTION: Policy** 

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries 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:

August 28, 2018

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**DPSS** 

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$300,452	N/A	\$300,452	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)			nts Budget Adjus	stment: No
			For Fiscal Ye	ar: 18/19

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

### **Summary**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the California Emergency Solutions Grant Program (CA ESG), with funds from the state's Emergency Housing and Assistance Program Fund.

ESG and CA ESG programs provide 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 these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents, (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

The Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) designated the County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) as the Administrative Entity (AE), to administer the allocation of ESG program funds. As the AE, DPSS is responsible for entering into an agreement with HCD to administer ESG activities and funding, in collaboration with the CoC for the Riverside County service area.

On February 1, 2018, a Solicitation of Interest was released by HCD to current AEs for recertification as an AE for the ESG Program. The estimated allocation to the County of Riverside for fiscal year 2018/2019 is \$996,600 (federal & state funds). However, on April 6, 2018, HCD announced the decoupling of the federal and state funds. As a result, two Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released for the 2018 State ESG program. This approval request is for the federal funds allocated to the ESG program.

On June 8, 2018, HCD issued a NOFA for the federal funds allocated to the ESG program. The federal allocation amount for the County of Riverside is \$300,452. However, pursuant to HCD's recommendation, Resolution No. 2018-146 includes a dollar amount that is double the amount currently allocated to the County of Riverside, because award amounts are frequently recalculated and subject to change. This will allow DPSS to accept a higher amount of funds, in the event the county is eligible to receive an increase in the allocation.

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As part of the application process and as the AE, DPSS 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. Upon completion of these requirements, HCD will execute a standard agreement with DPSS. When DPSS receives the fully executed agreement, it will enter into contracts with selected sub-recipients to administer ESG activities and funding, in collaboration with the County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC).

In anticipation of receiving this funding, DPSS issued a solicitation for bids, through DPARC-557 State ESG Homeless Assistance Program, on May 24, 2018 for the following eligible activities:

- 1. Rapid Re-housing
- 2. Homeless Prevention

HCD requires forty percent (40%) of the total county allocation be used toward Rapid Rehousing.

The Federal ESG Allocation breakdown is as follows:

Total amount	Admin costs (DPSS)	40% required for Rapid Rehousing	Total available for other activities
\$300,452	\$8,436	\$116,806	\$175,210

The CoC Board of Governance (BOG), composed of public and private entities, cities, agencies, and non-profits voted into office by the full CoC membership, evaluated/scored the applications and approved the awardees at a meeting on July 12, 2018. 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	Rapid Rehousing	\$116,806	Mid/Southwest County and
Mission (CVRM)			Desert/Eastern county
Catholic Charities	Homeless Prevention	\$175,210	Countywide

#### Impact on Residents and Businesses

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 2018/2019 competition.

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**ATTACHMENTS:** 

Attachment A: RESOLUTION NO. 2018-146

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APPROVED COUNTYCOUNSE

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, OR HER

DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR THE 2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM, ACCEPT

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS FUNDING, EXECUTE THE STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY

SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS THERETO WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND ADMINISTER THE 2018

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY OF

RIVERSIDE CONTINUUM OF CARE AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY FOR THE RIVERSIDE

COUNTY SERVICE AREA

WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State"), Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") for the Continuum of Care Allocation dated 06/8/2018, as amended with a first amendment dated 7/10/2018, under the Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") Program ("Program"); and,

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

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

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services desires to apply for the 2018 ESG Program, accept ESG funding, execute the Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto with

the Department, as approved as to form by County Counsel and consistent with the Board of Supervisors' approval, and administer the 2018 ESG Program in collaboration with County of Riverside Continuum of Care as the Administrative Entity for the Riverside County service area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, ("Board") in regular session assembled on August 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the meeting room located on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, that this Board hereby authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Social Services, or her designee, to apply for the 2018 ESG Program for fiscal year 2018/2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that if the County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services receives a grant of ESG funds from the Department pursuant to the above referenced ESG NOFA, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and laws, including without limitation all rules and laws regarding the ESG Program, as well as any and all contracts the County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services may have with the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that the County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services is hereby authorized and directed to accept an ESG grant, in an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand nine hundred four dollars (\$600,904.00), in accordance with all applicable rules and laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that the County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services hereby agrees to use the ESG funds for eligible activities as approved by the Department and in accordance with all Program requirements, and other rules and laws, as well as in a manner

consistent and in compliance with the Standard Agreement and other contracts between the County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services and the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that the Director of the Department of Public Social Services, or her designee in the event that sufficient evidence of designation is provided to the Department, is authorized to execute the Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents which are related to the Program or the ESG grant awarded to the County of Riverside, Department of Public Social Services, as approved as to form by County Counsel, as the Department may deem appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ROLL CALL:

15 Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley

16 Nays:

None Absent: None

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

EM, Clark of said Board