



Mississippi Home Corporation  
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## EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT CARES (ESG-CV) PROGRAM APPLICATION NOTICE

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### APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE AND INSTRUCTIONS

The ESG-CV application submission date is **May 21, 2021- Until All funds are Committed**. An electronic version of the Excel application, along with a signed certification page and required attachments, must be submitted through email to [tamara.stewart@mshc.com](mailto:tamara.stewart@mshc.com) and copy to [erica.fell@mshc.com](mailto:erica.fell@mshc.com). **Email Subject: "ESG-CV2 Application". A hard copy of the ESG-CV application is not required.**

If your application is too big to submit electronically, consider sending the packet as an electronic compressed zipped folder.

### ALLOCATION/ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The 2020 CARES Act allocation allowed for the funding capacity through ESG-CV2 of 10,423,120. This allocation is from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

#### ESG-CV2 Allocation Categories

PROGRAM CATEGORIES	Activities
Emergency Shelters**	Rehab/Conversion Operation Hotel/Motel Supportive Service Activities Essential Services
Street Outreach	Engagement Emergency Health Services Supportive Services Activities
Rapid Re-Housing Assistance	Housing/Utility Assistance Supportive Services Activities
Homelessness Prevention	Housing/Utility Assistance Supportive Services Activities
HMIS	Required
Administration	Up to 10%
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$10,423,120

*\* MHC reserves the right to adjust the amount designated for any program category based on the*

**demand created by the applications and to meet programmatic budgetary requirements.**

**\*\* Emergency Shelter Category funds may be awarded to non-profit (sub-recipient) that does not own (or run) a shelter for the purpose of paying for hotel/motel vouchers when no appropriate emergency shelter is available with caveats.**

**\*\*\* No administrative costs are allowed for grant recipients.**

**\*\*\*\* There is no maximum or minimum grant size.**

#### Spending Timeline

Spending Milestone	Deadline Date
20% of Funds Expended	09/30/2021
80% of Funds Expended	03/31/2022
All Funds Expended	09/30/2022

**\*Applicants are expected to spend ALL funds before the September 30,2022 deadline.**

#### ESG-CV RECAPTURED FUNDS

The Corporation may recapture funds previously awarded to an ESG-CV recipient. The Corporation may reallocate any recaptured funds in any eligible category to any eligible applicant. Requests for supplemental funds will be considered on a case-by-case basis with funds granted only in those instances where the Corporation can readily determine that additional funding is justified.

#### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The three Continua of Care (Mississippi Balance of State (BOS) CoC, Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC, Central Mississippi CoC) and their member homelessness services provider organizations (to include faith-based organizations), and non-entitlement local units of government that operate existing homeless shelters, are eligible to submit applications in the ESG-CV Program. Non-profit agencies that are not members of the CoC but provide services to populations that are identified as low-income, homeless, or at risk of homelessness can apply for ESG-CV funding; however, these agencies will be expected to join their local CoC if awarded. Local units of government are not eligible to submit applications on behalf of non-profit agencies. MHC recognizes that the City of Jackson is an entitlement community that receives HUD and ESG /ESG-CV funding; therefore, MHC will work with the City Of Jackson to ensure that resources are provided that best fit the unmet need of the community. MHC will not duplicate funded programs in Jackson, which includes emergency shelter operations.

Pursuant to 24 CFR 576.406, faith-based activities, organizations that are religious or faith-based are eligible, on the same basis as any other organization, to receive ESG-CV funds. Neither the Federal Government nor a State or local government receiving funds under ESG-CV shall discriminate against an organization based on the organization's religious character or affiliation. Organizations that are directly funded under the ESG-CV program **may not** engage in inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization as part of the programs or services funded under ESG-CV. If the organization conducts these activities, the activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the programs or services funded under ESG-CV, and participation **must** be voluntary for program participants. Any religious organization that receives ESG-CV funds retains its independence from Federal, State, and local governments, and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, provided that the religious organization does not use direct ESG-CV funds to support any inherently religious activities.

## THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications submitted by a non-entitlement local unit of government must include a copy of the Resolution authorizing submission of their application. The Resolution must be adopted by the local unit of government and must be signed and dated by the local unit of government's Chief Elected Official.
2. Applications from private non-profit organizations that are considering shelter activities must provide a certification of approval from the unit of general-purpose local government for the geographic area in which those activities are to be carried out. 24 CFR 576.202 (2)

\*\*Requirements 1 & 2 will be collected retrospectively as a condition of contract for first time ESG/ESG-CV applicants.

3. Applicants **must not have any unresolved audit or monitoring findings associated with the ESG/ESG-CV program.**
4. Applicants **must disclose any loan or grant received from MHC for which MHC has issued a letter of findings associated with use of an MHC operated program.** Applicants must provide evidence that findings have been resolved. MHC may disqualify the applicant from consideration in funding based on this information. Findings may include, but is not limited to, failing to submit required reports.
5. Any application that has been prepared by an application preparer that is involved in a pending debarment or suspension proceeding before a state or federal agent shall not be reviewed until such time as the debarment proceeding has been finally resolved. No person who is involved in a suspension or debarment proceeding shall be allowed to administer an ESG-CV project until such time as the suspension or debarment process finding is resolved.
6. Homeless participation. If a sub-recipient is unable to meet the participation of homeless individuals' requirement in section 416(d) of the McKinney-Vento Act, the sub-recipient need not obtain approval of a formal waiver so long as the sub-recipient develops a plan to consult with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering and making policies and decisions regarding any facilities, services or other assistance that receive ESG-CV funding.

Section 416(f) of the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the HEARTH Act requires that projects receiving funding under the ESG-CV program must participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The data collected is essential to measuring what works and what does not. **Accurate HMIS** data will enable HUD to gain a more informed understanding of the problems of homelessness in our communities; the Continuum(s) of Care will assist in the participation of HMIS. Any applicant applying without the HMIS confirmation will be ineligible for the 2021 ESG-CV funding cycle, with no exceptions. Domestic Violence (DV) service providers and Legal Services Provider can use a comparable database that meets Data Standards and must collect all the Universal Data Elements. 24 CFR 576.400(f)

The CoCs are eligible applicants for any services that can be provided in all ESG-CV categories. ESG-CV applicants must be an active participating member in good standing of a Continuum of Care and documented as such in the application. Applications will be considered from agencies that apply for ESG-CV funds for the first time that are not members of their local CoC; however, these agencies will be required to join their local CoC if awarded funds. Consultation with the CoCs will occur through not only standard means of public hearings and public comment solicitation, but also one-on-one communications during the public comment period as well as throughout the year.

## APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

- A. Eligibility Prescreening Review  
MHC will review applications to determine if all required documentation is included in the

application packet. Failure to submit all required documentation by the deadline will result in elimination from consideration of funding.

B. Deficiencies

Applications that meet the prescreening eligibility requirements will be reviewed for completeness. Applicants may be contacted for clarification of the information presented in the application.

C. Ranking of Applications

Applications will be evaluated and scored based on the Grant Review Scoring Guide.

Site visits will be conducted to verify information submitted in the application. A site visit does not imply or denote that an applicant will be funded. MHC will make the final determination on the Habitability Standards of the shelter/facility. The shelters must meet HUDs' Habitability Standards to receive funding.

### SELECTION PROCESS

The ESG-CV funds will be awarded based on the final points of ESG-CV Grant Review Scoring Guide. **Applicants must score at least 75% out of 100%.** MHC reserves the right to adjust the amount awarded, based on the amount of funds available, and based on the demand created by the applications submitted. MHC will mail and email all applicants a letter with the funding decision. Proposed outputs and outcomes will be incorporated into contracts as performance outcome measurements for applicants selected as sub-recipients.