



## 2019 Action Plan Amendment: Outline of ESG-CV Funding

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Colorado was allocated \$33,247,674 through the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136) (ESG-CV) that will be allocated to DOH from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CARES Act provided for a supplemental appropriation of Homeless Assistance Grants under ESG as authorized by McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-77), as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-22) (42 U.S.C.S. §11371 et. seq.). The full amount of this funding will be awarded by the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Division of Housing (DOH) to help eligible recipients in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. The following outlines the allocation and prioritization process for this funding:

### *ESG-CV1*

In the first allocation of ESG-CV (ESG-CV1), DOH was awarded \$7,363,152. These funds were awarded to subrecipients on July 30, 2020. The following chart shows the breakdown of those awards by ESG component. This funding covers activities that have occurred from March 27, 2020 to the date this notice is published. It also covers activities that have not yet occurred at the date this notice is published through March 31, 2021.

Emergency Shelter	\$1,583,355.41
Street Outreach	\$198,998.30
Prevention	\$1,387,577.00
RRH	\$2,986,148.25
Data Collection	\$559,068.35

### *ESG-CV2 Funding*

In the second allocation of ESG-CV (ESG-CV2), DOH was awarded \$25,844,522. DOH intends to utilize ESG-CV2 to ensure that those who were sheltered during the COVID-19 pandemic are transitioned into housing or remain in emergency shelters that meet the safety guidelines set forth by the CDC and FEMA. DOH also intends to increase the homeless response system's capacity by increasing support for HMIS and data collection infrastructure, providing technical assistance and training to ensure best





practices are implemented, and expanding the partners who receive funds for any of the ESG eligible activities through DOH or Colorado's Continuums of Care (CoC).

### *Prioritization of Eligible Funding Activities*

DOH has engaged with homeless service providers and stakeholders across the state to ensure DOH's ESG-CV2 plans align with available funding through other federal, state, and local resources and meets the regional needs of the COVID-19 response. Programs funded through ESG-CV2 must have a focus on areas related to COVID-19 response, which can include but are not limited to: expanding emergency shelter capacity, improving program abilities to meet public health guidance in regard to COVID-19, and expanding housing for persons experiencing homelessness that are currently in emergency shelter settings. DOH will also utilize threshold criteria to ensure that funding is prioritized by geographic areas not currently covered by ESG funding, areas that have been most impacted by COVID, and an agency's capacity to administer funding and/or ability to increase capacity to meet the increased administration needs.

The ESG-CV2 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and additional information on applying for ESG-CV2 will be distributed to DOH partners and posted on the DOH website for agencies to access. As of the date this notice is published, the ESG-CV2 NOFA has not been released and these activities have not yet occurred.

