



2017 ESG Prioritization Policy

Local Continuum of Care Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) “Need for Funds” Rating Criteria and Procedure:

As directed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), TCCoC will be recommending up to 2 (two) ESG applications for funding under the 2017 non-competitive Rapid Rehousing set-aside program and up to 2 (two) ESG applications from their service area to participate in the 2016 competitive ESG funding opportunity. To determine those applications that will be recommended to HCD, the TCCoC Prioritization Panel will be assigning points for the ‘Need for Funds’ rating category on all ESG applications received within their service area. The 2017 application rating and ranking will be conducted as follows:

RATING AND RANKING CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

TCCoC will review, rate and rank their applications; the designated Committee Contact will ensure that the process outlined below is followed. The current designated Committee Contact person(s) (subject to change):
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1. A neutral committee of three or more individuals will be appointed to rate and rank project submissions and assign point scores. Committee members should be familiar with housing and homeless needs and be willing to review projects with the best interest of homeless persons in mind (Neutral means individuals who are not employees, staff or otherwise have a business or personal conflict of interest with the applicant organizations).
2. Rating and ranking will be done by the individuals appointed to the committee; the rating and ranking (R&R) committee should select a lead facilitator. Final ranking and scoring for projects must be put into writing, and signed by all members of the R&R committee. The results must be submitted to the respective Committee Contact person listed above by **August 29, 2017**.
3. Final scored project submissions and rating and ranking materials will be reviewed for adherence to process by county chairperson or designee and signed in agreement with the terms stated in.
4. Reviewers must verify that the following is met:
 - a. Proposed project will operate, or facilities will be located, within the county service area.
 - b. Organization has the capacity to meet all Threshold Requirements set forth in the 2017 ESG NOFA released by HCD.
 - c. Project has allocated 15% of the total funding request to HMIS & Coordinated Entry.
5. **Leverage and Priority Alignment:** (50 point Maximum for each category)
Project proposals will be scored on two categories, Leverage and Priority Alignment; a project can receive a maximum of 100 points.
 - i. Projects will be awarded a maximum of 100 points:
 - ii. Project is in alignment with HCD’s Rating Criteria as well as local priorities. (50 pts maximum)
HCD’s ESG Rating Criteria is available on pages 20-21 of the Joint Federal Emergency Solutions Grant and California

Emergency Solutions Grant Program 2017 Notice of Funding Availability For the Balance of State Allocation, which can be viewed or downloaded at:

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/docs/2017ESGNOFAfortheBalanceofStateAllocation.pdf>

- iii. Project leverages ESG with other funding and services (50 pts maximum)
- iv. The following tables will guide point assignment:

Priority Alignment	Points (50 pts max)
Project is in clear alignment with local and HCD priorities	50 points
Project is very closely aligned with local and HCD priorities	40 points
Project is moderately aligned with local and HCD priorities	30 points
Project is not aligned with local and HCD priorities	0 points

Leverage	Points (50 pts max)
Project shows best leverage compared to other projects	50 points
Project shows 2nd best leverage	40 points
Project shows 3rd best leverage	30 points