

Oregon
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
July 27, 2012

This substantial amendment is submitted as an amendment to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 2012 Action Plan. For the Emergency Solutions Grant 2011 2nd allocation the state took the strictest approach to the 60% cap on shelter activities and no shelter activities were allowed. It was determined for the 2012 allocation the state would allow up to 46% of the total program allocation to be used for shelter activities as communities prepare to implement the HEARTH Act.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Oregon Housing and Community Services

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The State of Oregon is seeking public comment on a proposed substantial amendment to the 2012 Action Plan for the Emergency Solutions Grant program.

Oregon proposes to amend the 2012 Action Plan eligible activities and budget to include funding for Emergency Shelters under the new Emergency Solutions Program.

The State intends to allow expenditures for Emergency Shelters at 46% of program allocation to Community Action Agencies for the 2012 program year. The intent is to implement the HEARTH Act which goals are to:

- expand the scope of homelessness data collected and analyzed
- expand the types of entities and processes to be involved in planning
- expand and alter eligible activities
- require increased coordination with other programs and entities
- require more detailed performance reporting

The draft document can be found at:

<http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov/ohcs/pdfs/SA-2012-Action-Plan-ESG-Budget.pdf>

The public comment period for the program amendment begins Friday, July 27, 2012 and ends at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 27, 2012. Comments should be directed to Oregon Housing and Community Services, Attn: Ann Brown, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite B, Salem, OR 97301-1266 or by e-mail at: ann.brown@hcs.state.or.us. Persons needing copies in other languages should contact Ann Brown at their earliest convenience.

1. Summary of Citizen Participation Process

Summary of Process Used

To complete the ESG substantial amendment process, OHCS staff followed the Citizen Participation Plan as outlined in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan and in compliance with 24 CFR Part 91 as amended in the ESG interim rule.

Notice of the 30-day comment period and process was published in the only state-wide newspaper, *The Oregonian*, posted on the OHCS website, and directly e-mailed to more than 300 partners and other interested citizens.

Summary of Comments

There were three public comments submitted during the 30 day comment period.

Comments accepted:

Two of the comments addressed funding allocation at the local level:

In the current program design, and as required by Oregon Revised Statute 458.505, community action agencies are the designated delivery system for both federal and state anti-poverty dollars. Distribution of the relevant funding is channeled to these organizations via a long-held and complex funding formula.

Oregon Housing and Community Services intends to implement goals of the HEARTH Act as described in the ESG 2012 Substantial Amendment, which includes goals to:

Expand the types of entities and processes to be involved in planning, and

Require increased coordination with other programs and entities.

OHCS intends to provide training and technical assistance in the coming year to assist communities in working towards the HEARTH Act goals.

An additional comment addressed the issue of only funding shelters at 46% and would rather see the state use all of the funds towards Rapid-Rehousing.

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2012 Emergency Solutions Grant Budget

Grantee:	Grant Amount requested for each activity	Matching funds	% of Requested Funds
1. Total funds requested	\$1,744,893		
Administrative	\$130,867		7.5%
2. Amount to be disbursed to Sub-Grantee's (program funds only)	\$1,614,026		
3. Proposed ESG Activities:			
Rapid Re-Housing	\$395,872		23%
Rapid Re-Housing rental assistance:			
Rental application fees			
Security Deposits			
Last Month's Rent			
Utility Deposits			
Utility payments (24 months)			
Moving Costs			
Sub-Total			
Rapid Re-Housing relocation and stabilization services			
Housing search and placement			
Housing stability case management			
Mediation			
Legal Services			
Credit Repair			
Short-term and medium-term assistance			
Sub-Total			
Total Rapid Re-Housing			
Homeless Prevention	\$323,896		18.5 %
Homeless Prevention Rental Assistance			
Rental application fees			
Security Deposits			
Last Month's Rent			
Utility Deposits			
Utility payments (24 months)			
Moving Costs			
Sub-Total			

	Proposed Activities continued:	Grant Amount requested for each activity	Matching Funds	% of Requested funds
	Homeless Prevention relocation and Stabilization services			
	Housing search and placement			
	Housing stability case management			
	Mediation			
	Legal Services			
	Credit Repair			
	Short-term and medium-term assistance			
	Sub-Total			
	TOTAL Homeless Prevention			
	Street Outreach and Emergency Shelters	\$807,013		46%
	Street Outreach			
	Engagement			
	Case Management			
	Emergency Health Services (restrictions apply)			
	Transportation			
	Services for special populations			
	Sub-Total			
	Emergency Shelter			
	<i>Essential Services</i>			
	Case management			
	Child Care			
	Education Services			
	Employment assistance and job training			
	Outpatient health services			
	Legal services			
	Life skills training			
	Mental health services			
	Substance abuse treatment services			
	Transportation			
	Services for special populations			
	Renovation			
	Shelter Operations			
	Sub-Total			
	TOTAL Street Outreach and Emergency Shelters (this amount is actually 50% of funds disbursed to Sub grantee's after admin deducted, and is 46% of total 2012 allocation)			

	Proposed Activities Continued:	Grant Amount requested for each activity	Matching Funds	% of Requested funds
	HMIS	\$87,245.00		5%
	Eligible Costs:			
	Purchasing or leasing computer hardware			
	Software licenses			
	Purchasing or leasing equipment including telephones, fax machines and furniture			
	Obtaining technical support			
	Leasing Office Space			
	Payment charges for electricity, gas, water, phone service and high speed data transmission necessary to operate or contribute data to HMIS			
	Paying salaries for operating HMIS, including:			
	Completing data entry			
	Monitoring and reviewing data quality			
	Completing data analysis			
	Reporting to the HMIS lead			
	Training staff on using HMIS or comparable database			
	Implementing and complying with HMIS requirements			
	Paying costs of staff to travel to and attend HUD-sponsored and HUD-approved training on HMIS and programs authorized by Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.			
	Paying Staff travel costs to conduct intake			
	Paying participation fees charged by HMIS Lead			
	Victim services providers or legal services providers:			
	May use ESG funds to establish and operate a comparable database that collects client-level data over time (i.e., longitudinal data) and generates unduplicated aggregate reports based on the data.			
	Total HMIS			
	Total Amount Requested	\$1,744,893		100%